

Apocalypse

**Chapter 1761: Sequence...**

Gu Qing Shan only thought about it for a split second before he stopped.

I'm not good at naming things, and under the current emergency situation, it's no time to be slowly thinking about it.

"Warship, were you constructed in complete accordance with my specifications?" he asked.

The indifferent electronic voice answered:

[I was. This mechanical city was constructed exactly as you have designed, would you like to name the Immortal City now?]

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"Not yet"

Gu Qing Shan pondered briefly before speaking again: "Initiate the No.2 technical system and collect my gene, no need to create any clones, I just need a half-mechanical artificial intelligence substitute"

[Roger]

Several spinning rings appeared from his feet, and after circling around him a few times, they returned to the floor.

After that, an incubation chamber emerged from where the rings appeared.

[Currently incubation organism to adapt to mechanical apparatus]

[Prototype complete]

[Please examine]

The incubation chamber opened.

A semi-mechanical creature walked out.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at it and said: “Good enough”

The indifferent electronic voice continued: [Permission received, incubating final product]

Numerous tiny holes appeared all over the deck of the warship, from which tiny wires sprung out and began to weave themselves together into the skin of the prototype organism.

Very quickly, a second Gu Qing Shan appeared.

From the outside, it looked exactly like Gu Qing Shan, including its facial expressions.

“Say something” Gu Qing Shan said.

The other ‘Gu Qing Shan’ spoke up right away: “Say something”

Their tones were exactly the same.

[Please give an order] the system machine said.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly before speaking: “If I leave this place, the Heavenly Emperor would surely head into the Human realm to try and capture me, then my substitute would only have a single responsibility— be prepared to initiate warp at any moment”

He then started programming the system with a detailed set of orders.

[Orders received. The Immortal City will act with 'avoid contact' as its highest directive] the electronic voice replied.

Gu Qing Shan nodded in satisfaction.

A mechanical bracelet then floated to and started hovering in front of him.

[By activating this bracelet, you will immediately return to the warship]

Gu Qing Shan equipped the bracelet.

“Now send me to the Human realm, Huo Shui city” he ordered.

The electronic voice replied: [Coordinates confirmed, transporting]

Gu Qing Shan instantly vanished from the Immortal City.

The entire interstellar warship simply continued to float in the sky motionlessly.

A few moments later.

A flash of light could be seen at the edge of the horizon.

——the Heavenly Emperor's Immortal City.

As soon as the light appeared, Gu Qing Shan's Immortal City reacted without delay.

The substitute that had been standing blankly on the deck of the ship suddenly spat at the horizon:

“Idiocy, you think I’m going to let you catch up?”

As soon as he said that, the interstellar warship triggered its warp drive.

The giant warship that eclipsed the sky vanished.

It had directly warped over a hundred thousand kilometers away.

Time slowly passed.

After an unknown amount of time, some tiny fluctuations could be felt in the airspace around the warship.

The ‘Gu Qing Shan’ who was standing on the deck of the ship moved right away.

He muttered: “Concealment? But there were some energy fluctuations, regardless of what you are——”

In an instant, the interstellar warship had warped away again.

It was gone.

——this time, it warped a total of two hundred thousand kilometers away.

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On the other Immortal City.

The Heavenly Emperor was sitting on top of a throne shrouded in fog.

Below, heavenly beings stood waiting on him in two lines.

“Your Majesty, should we continue to pursue?” a heavenly official asked.

The Heavenly Emperor scowled but didn't say anything.

Gu Qing Shan is clearly standing on top of that interstellar warship, but refuses to fight.

—this fellow is as slippery as an eel, and without feeling sure of himself, he would definitely not clash against me directly again.

“A technological airship almost doesn't have to worry about energy, since they have more than one advanced method of recharging themselves, it'll be very difficult to pursue them if they insist on fleeing” another heavenly official added.

“This is troublesome... if we can't go within a certain distance, it would be impossible to seal off space around them” the first heavenly official commented.

The Heavenly Emperor felt a bit troubled.

—should I invoke the power of Miracles now?

While he was thinking that, someone came to report: “Your Majesty, for unknown reasons, 7-8 of our men have gone missing”

A Heavenly General who accompanied them added: “That's right sir, according to our casualty reports, they did not die during the previous battle, but they are still nowhere to be found”

“The situation is a bit eerie and everyone is feeling a bit uneasy, please give your judgment, Your Majesty”

The Heavenly Emperor paused, feeling a bit hesitant.

The past few times... I didn't manage to find appropriate opportunities...

If too many people go missing too rapidly, it would harm the morale of the troops.

The Heavenly Emperor silently sighed, then asked in return: "What's the state of repair for our Immortal City?"

"70%, Your Majesty"

"What about our Merit Stones?"

"There are more than enough to provide the Immortal City an upgrade and restructure"

"If that's the case, then let's have the Immortal City be upgraded and repaired first. Additionally, send out some people to investigate that Apocalypse and search for our missing men"

"Understood sir!"

The heavenly officials all responded in unison and quickly dismissed themselves.

The Heavenly Emperor continued to sit for a few moments before standing up from his throne and proceeding towards the opaque fog behind the Heavenly Palace.

He simply walked forward through the endless white fog.

Brilliant bursts of light gradually condensed into beautiful calligraphy behind his back---

This was a large-scale isolation formation.

Several dozen isolation formations in a row had completely quarantined this area off, making it impossible for anyone to see the Heavenly Emperor's whereabouts.

The Heavenly Emperor reached the deepest depths of the Immortal City.

There wasn't a single thing here, only emptiness.

The Heavenly Emperor paced around a few times while muttering to himself:

"...I keep having this bad omen... it seems I need to quickly resolve this problem!"

He finally made up his mind and suddenly stood completely still.

Numerous black threads emerged from his back in a single burst, which twisted and slithered like a horde of snakes.

The thickest and longest of them looked almost like a tube, which reached out and entered the void of space.

Bzzt bzzt!

The tube clearly stopped moving in the void of space, followed by a tiny noise as if it had just connected to something.

"It's me..."

"Yes, the Samsara Clash for Supremacy is proceeding as planned..."

"The other party is the Heavenly Emperor's disciple... the inheritor of the Samsara Dharma..."

"That's right, he definitely must not stay alive, otherwise, this weapon might trend towards him..."

"This lengthy plan has finally come to its final phase, help me kill him!"

"..."

"Then I can feel assured"

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Gu Qing Shan had returned to the Green Building.

The main hall was still empty as the evil creatures were still excitedly digging for Merit Stones.

Li An noticed his return right away.

『 You came back at the right time, your Shifu is gone 』 she hurriedly said.

“Didn’t she leave any sort of message?” Gu Qing Shan asked without feeling worried.

“There are some words written on the table, telling us not to worry” Qin Xiao Lou answered him.

“Let me take a look”

Gu Qing Shan followed Li An upstairs and entered Xie Dao Ling’s private room.

He saw her message.

“Book of the Sea, are there any issues with the Key of the Wind?” he asked.

[I can’t sense the Key of the Wind— it must have entered a different point in the timeline, don’t worry, that’s what it’s always been capable of] the Book of the Sea answered.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and understood.

Shifu must have gone out to investigate something.

She’ll be fine.

“Shifu’s busy with her own business, there’s no need to worry about her” he told Li An and Qin Xiao Lou.



— with the Key of the Wind in hand, the Heavenly Emperor would definitely not be able to capture her, so she must have gone to do something by herself.

Hearing him say that, the two of them also sighed in relief.

“Junior brother, want to try my new dish?” Qin Xiao Lou asked.

“Of course!” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Up until this point, he had always been the one who cooked for other people, only when he’s with Qin Xiao Lou would Qin Xiao Lou that would be the one cooking for him.

Gu Qing Shan would naturally not let this chance go.

“That’s great to hear, I’ll make a few of my newest dishes for you to try” Qin Xiao Lou said.

“Yeah, I’ll be looking forward to them” Gu Qing Shan happily replied.

Qin Xiao Lou left right away.

Something immediately occurred—

All of a sudden, the golden coin jumped out from Gu Qing Shan’s body.

It gave off a hurried metallic clanging noise.

“What’s the matter?” Gu Qing Shan was confused.

The Book of the Sea also flew out and sighed:

[Not good, I can feel it as well]

“What exactly happened?” Gu Qing Shan asked with a solemn tone.

The Book of the Sea answered: [Something has focused its attention on you— something that came from the Boundless Void outside the Samsara]

Gu Qing Shan’s expression changed: “How could that be!?”

The Book of the Sea tiredly explained: [There had never been any sort of rules for anyone to abide in the Boundless Void, and I didn’t think that things would actually come to this— to guarantee that the Four Saint Pillars don’t fall into unknown hands, I will now help the Coin of the Earth conceal its energy signature]

[—It will now utilize its true powers!]

The Coin of the Earth then jumped by itself into the air and flipped a few times before landing in Gu Qing Shan’s hand again.

Lines of bloody red text quickly emerged:

[The Coin of the Earth has released its true power]

[You’ve obtained the Earth Saint Pillar’s true power: Virtue]

At the same time, Gu Qing Shan sensed something—

He looked down at his bracelet and noticed a message: [Space has been sealed, warp ineffective]

I’ve been pinpointed.

Space has also been sealed off.

This is——

Gu Qing Shan became very pale, sensing an unprecedented sense of suffocation gradually descending upon him.

It felt like someone had their hands around his neck, and the feeling of approaching death coming from his Spirit Sense made him realize what the current situation was.

Bang!

Gu Qing Shan immediately flew through the roof and transformed into a lightning giant in the middle of the air, then quickly proceeded to flee outside the city.

It felt like a very long time, but everything occurred in the mere blink of an eye.

『 Gu Qing Shan! 』 Li An called out from behind him.

“Xiao Lou! Li An! Take everyone with you and run—— no, teleport away!” the lightning giant shouted without turning around.

His knees slightly bowed as he leapt forward and flew across an extremely large distance almost right away, nearly leaving the city right away.

[There’s no time, the enemy has already attacked!] the Book of the Sea hurriedly reported.

From deep above the sky, a blindingly brilliant ray of light descended upon the land.

All things and all beings turned to silence.

A wall of lightning above the lightning giant’s head was immediately crushed.

The blinding light enveloped the giant and began to spread in every direction.

Under this light, the entire Luo Shui city was erased.

The city no longer existed.

All living beings were dead.

There was now only a bottomless hole on the ground.

The lightning giant lay at the bottom of the hole, his entire body soaked in blood as he was on his deathbed.

He stared straight at the dark earth below him.

A few lines of bloody red text were continuously blinking there:

[You've suffered an unknown attack]

[That attack originated from a certain type of Sequence]

[Attention!]

[The other party is not an Apocalypse Sequence]

[...]

### **Chapter 1762: The Samsara's retaliation**

In the darkness.

Fresh blood flowed.

Lines of bloody red text continuously popped up one after another:

[Attention!]

[Under uncontrollable circumstances, the Coin of the Earth has made a decision]

[The Coin of the Earth has released its full power to help you invoke the true power of the Earth God: Virtue]

[Virtue: The true power of a Saint Pillar (unique)]

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[Description: By selecting a source of attack, all damage caused by that source will be jointly shared by you and your surroundings. You will gain the seed of that attack's power, then nurture it through the power of the Earth God until you obtain it as your own]

[To provide for all, nurture all, and grow all, such is the Virtue of the Earth]

[You must fully grasp one seed of power before you can invoke Virtue once again]

The lightning giant quickly skimmed through these notifications while lying at the bottom of the hole.

Bang bang bang bang bang!

The ground could be heard continuously rumbling.

The lightning giant laid motionlessly, but he was experiencing a miraculous sensation.

The ground around his surroundings—

No, this entire region itself.

The whole region had just received that previous attack together with him.

The all-destructive power from before is continuously flowing out from my body and is being absorbed by the ground, sharing the damage and force of that ferocious attack.

That's why Luo Shui city was erased in an instant.

And this damage sharing persists even now.

The injuries I suffered earlier are gradually becoming lighter and fading away.

Otherwise, I would have already died.

「 How ridiculous 」

The lightning giant seemed to have sensed something and took a deep breath before struggling to stand back up.

Once again, everything around him fell into silence.

All the noises had been removed.

「 GARRGHHHH! 」

The lightning giant uttered a resounding roar and took out a giant axe of lightning from thin air.

He tried raising the lightning axe as high as possible.

At almost the same time, from far above the sky, the blindingly brilliant light once again descended.

Like a giant pillar connecting heaven and earth, or perhaps a feat of god, the brilliant light crashed into the ground in a flash.

As the light came into contact with the lightning axe, the axe was instantly crushed, offering no protection as the lightning struck the lightning giant.

The ground around him completely broke apart.

The intense shockwaves rampaged across and through the land, scattering dirt and rock all over the place.

「 Want to kill me? Dream on! 」

The lightning giant roared.

His body was covered in terrifying wounds, but the wounds only appeared without actually spreading or becoming worse.

On the other hand, the entire region of land under his feet had been dug completely through.

However, the void of space around him seemed to be fluctuating as well, seemingly helping him share the damage.

The blinding pillar of light flickered and gradually faded away.

The lightning giant fell to his knee under the deep hole, unable to keep himself from breathing heavily.

Both the void and the earth had shared the full brunt of that attack with him.

This was the reason why he was still alive.

「 Hoh... hoh... hoh... 」

The giant continuously breathed heavily, blood dripping from the corners of his mouth.

Immediately after that, his surroundings once again fell into silence.

Silence.

Absolute silence.

The terrifying silence right before a tsunami hits.

The same attack is coming for the third time!

The giant's pupils become dilated.

Although the damage I suffered is only about 1/1000 of the attack's full power, I can't keep taking damage like this, or I'll eventually die to the infinite number of attacks.

Right at this point, a few lines of bloody red text appeared in front of his vision:

[Attention, the Sequence had used the remaining portions of its power to help you absorb the power of the Awaitings of Chaos, this process cannot be interrupted, so the Sequence will not be able to aid you]

[But you must persist]

[Persist!]

The lightning giant silently read these notifications.

He spat out some blood and coldly replied: 「 Nonsense... if I didn't persist, I wouldn't be able to surrender regardless 」

The giant uttered a battle cry and tried to stand up again.

He struggled to raise his hand and pointed up towards the void of space above his head.

Layers upon layers of glittering lightning began to manifest out of thin air, which stacked on top of one another all the way up.



[Domain of the Tribulation Lord]!

The giant shifted his body and spread his legs to form a defensive posture with his entire body.

At the very next moment.

The night sky once again became day.

A blinding pillar of light pierced through the heaven to crash upon the giant.

All the walls of lightning on the way were easily crushed and erased without leaving anything behind.

Bang!!!

The pillar of light once again struck the giant.

「 GAH! 」

The giant put up both hands in front of himself, trying to block as much as possible.

Under his feet, the ground continued to collapse, being reduced to fine dust as the intense shockwaves were being blown back into the air like a tornado.

The giant continued to be pushed into the ground by the descending pillar.

He was holding his breath while using every last ounce of strength he possessed to block the pillar.

The earth, the void, all things.

Everything was helping him share the damage he received.

But this level of attack wasn't something that the giant could resist.

Even after using his entire strength, he was still nearly dead.

Boom!

Right as his consciousness was about to fade, he felt his back touching something.

That something seemed to contain an infinite amount of Wind spirit energy, the sheer volume of which instantly took a huge amount of damage for him.

The giant's consciousness quickly returned and couldn't help himself from turning around.

He was standing in front of a bunch of Wind Spirit Stones that had been piled up at the center of a formation.

So this place was the Elements Purgatory!

At some unknown point, he had been struck so far underground that he had directly entered the Elements Purgatory!

As if it has been waiting for this, lines of bloody red text suddenly popped up in front of his vision:

[This attack has interfered with the progress of the Samsara's reset]

[Persevere for a bit longer, you will be saved!]

The giant gritted his teeth and continued trying to block the force of the light pillar.

At the very next moment.

Something unusual seemed to have occurred.

The entirety of the Elements Purgatory suddenly vanished.

The world was nowhere to be seen.

The giant had also left the main world.

The pillar of light that had been attacking him also vanished, no longer able to damage him.

The giant finally had time to catch his breath, his injuries were no longer worsening.

He sat down tiredly on the spot and looked around himself.

「 This is... a Phase Realm? 」

The giant confusedly muttered.

He was witnessing a scene, unlike anything he had seen before.

The entire world, from the sky to the ground, was composed of numerous caskets.

Caskets of varying sizes were lined up neatly next to one another, filling up his vision as far as it could go.

This entire world was filled with a sense of indescribable stifling eeriness, with countless sharp shrieking and moaning voices in the void of space that seemed to directly affect one's psyche.

If a normal person was here, they would go mad in a mere second.

The giant finally used up all of his power and returned to his human form, unable to maintain his transformation any longer.

It was Gu Qing Shan.

He dropped down to his knee, unable to care about the wounds all over his body and asked: “What exactly is going on here?”

A line of bloody red text appeared in reply to him:

[Do you remember what the Samsara is?]

“I heard it was the ultimate weapon of living beings” Gu Qing Shan replied.

[That attack earlier had affected the Elements Purgatory and interrupted the Samsara’s reset, so the Samsara is about to retaliate] the Sequence explained.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised and looked at the caskets around him, muttering: “It has only just reset, currently in its weakest state, and it still has excessive power to retaliate with?”

The Sequence answered: [Originally, I shouldn’t have been this nosy, but you need to have a better perspective]

[You underestimate it too much, everything it’s done so far has been to test the Chosen Saints – its future wielder]

[There is a reason... why it was recognized as the ultimate weapon of living beings]

[You only need to observe what comes next...]

After explaining this, the Sequence returned to silence.

Gu Qing Shan seemed to have sensed something and suddenly looked around himself again.

The caskets around him began to open.

Entities donning yaksha masks began to emerge from the caskets, both small and large.

There were male, female, humans, wraiths, Asura, and even non-Samsara entities as well as never-before-seen monsters among these masked entities.

These entities had different physiques, some were about the same size as a human, but there were also some as large as mountains, the only common point between them was the fact that they all had a yaksha mask on their faces.

“Are they all... entities that had fallen... to the Wraith realm?”

Gu Qing Shan muttered to himself.

A wraith wearing a yaksha mask depicting a grim expression stepped forward, seemingly the leader of this group.

It slowly looked up towards the void of space.

All the other entities mimicked its movement.

The wraith spat out a single word without a hint of emotion in its voice: 「 Retrieve 」

Its voice was empty and dead, its movements stiff and slow, but everything it did immediately resulted in changes.

Within this entire world.

All the caskets opened with a bang, from which numerous masked entities leapt out and into the sky.

Like a torrent, they rushed into the void of space and vanished from this world.

Enduring his aching wounds, Gu Qing Shan continued to observe this.

This is a secret of the Samsara, so if something so serious hadn't occurred, I wouldn't have been able to witness this.

Furthermore, all of them are wraiths.

Could it be because I'm the successor of the Wraith realm that the Samsara only utilized the power of this realm?

He didn't have to wait for very long.

The void of space fluctuated once again.

An eight-armed monster whose entire body was composed of light suddenly appeared out of nowhere.

The monster was several meters tall and immediately attempted to struggle as it appeared.

「 Release me! I am the Supreme Lord of Annihilation, you— 」

Before it could finish speaking, the void of space fluctuated again.

Numerous wraiths reappeared.

The monster hurriedly released a blinding pillar of light towards those masked entities.

Gu Qing Shan's expression changed.

It was that pillar of light that attacked me earlier!

He quickly shifted his gaze towards the masked entities.

Only to see that those masked entities either avoided the attack without much trouble or blocked it with a wave of their hand, even the ones who were struck simply halted briefly without being visibly harmed.

They didn't display any emotions or make any sort of reaction, instead simply surrounded the monster and continued to attack the void of space around it.

One after another, long tubes that were hidden in the void of space were made to appear, then ripped, destroyed, and cut off.

Originally, the tubes were all connected to the eight-armed light monster, but all of them were now destroyed.

The eight-armed light monster finally started to panic.

「 No! I didn't intend to attack the Samsara 」

It loudly explained itself.

But none of the masked entities reacted to it at all.

The ground gradually shifted with some loud noises.

A brand new casket had emerged from underneath.

The masked entities all moved forward to grab the eight-armed light monster and shoved it into the casket.

Slam.

The casket was closed.

Intense screaming and struggling could be heard from inside the casket.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

And the casket returned to silence.

It simply stood there, becoming one of the numerous other caskets within this world.

Gu Qing Shan observed this entire scene with considerable shock.

A few lines of bloody red text appeared:

[You are about to leave the current Phase Realm]

[The Samsara's retaliation has ended, no one will be so reckless again in the near future]

[Warning: You have sustained severe injuries, enough to die!]

Gu Qing Shan felt his vision becoming blurry.



In an instant, the world of caskets vanished in front of his eyes.

He had returned to a vast world of empty land.

The Human realm!

Gu Qing Shan coughed up some blood and collapsed.

“Hoh... hoh... hoh...”

He was breathing heavily and felt his consciousness quickly fading away.

I’ve been injured quite severely this time...

I wonder if Xiao Lou, Li An, and the rest managed to escape.

If they had all been sent into Huang Quan and I’m like this, wouldn’t the situation be really critical?

With the last of his consciousness, Gu Qing Shan took out the Reincarnation Gloom Orchid.

As the orchid started to hover, Gu Qing Shan fell unconscious.

Fortunately, [Moon Invitation] was successfully activated!

Numerous red threads had emerged out of thin air and weaved themselves into a gate.

The gate opened with a slam!

A feminine figure emerged from inside.

She crouched down and embraced Gu Qing Shan without hesitation.

[...Qing Shan...]

She whispered under her breath.

### **Chapter 1763: Her protection**

The city had already been reduced to empty land.

Even the mountainous region around the city had already been levelled, there wasn't even a hint of a cloud in the sky.

But the girl with the silver bob cut hair didn't pay attention to any of those.

She lightly placed her hand on Gu Qing Shan's chest and carefully examined him.

[Such severe injuries... it is too dangerous to keep him like this...]

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The girl muttered, then held Gu Qing Shan up in her embrace and lightly kissed him on the lips.

She gently pushed Gu Qing Shan's lips apart—

She was using the most direct method to apply her healing factor and evolution factor on Gu Qing Shan.

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After a few moments, Gu Qing Shan's wounds began to close.

The girl stopped her kiss.

After confirming Gu Qing Shan's situation, she gently stroked his face and said:

[This is only enough to make sure that you are temporarily not in danger, but I cannot keep going. I need to conserve my stamina to bring you to a safe location]

Her complexion turned a bit pale, but she displayed perfect composure in her expression.

Gu Qing Shan's injuries were caused by a form of attack that she hadn't seen before, unregistered within her entire database.

The only thing she could do right now was to stimulate his genes to repair themselves and hope that it was enough for him to overcome the injuries on his own.

—she hugged Gu Qing Shan closely and prepared to act, but suddenly stopped herself.

From the far distance, a figure was rapidly approaching them.

When the figure landed in front of the girl, they revealed themselves to be a girl in black clothes.

The black-clothed girl observed Gu Qing Shan and noticed that while his injuries were quite severe, they weren't fatal.

The one who truly had her attention was the silver short bob girl.

『 You are—- 』 the black-clothed girl asked.

The girl was also evaluating her in return and answered in a relatively warm tone: [I am Su Xue Er, Gu Qing Shan's blood-related younger sister]

Blood-related—- younger sister?

The black-clothed girl appeared a bit surprised.

Su Xue Er replied: [You might not know it, but I fell into hibernation because I reinforced an Order and was only temporarily summoned here just now—— right, who are you? A friend of my brother?]

The black-clothed girl answered: 『 Your brother and I are comrades in life and death, having gone through a lot together. Your brother was injured earlier in order to save me, so I immediately came back once I was out of danger 』

Su Xue Er revealed a bright smile and asked again: [Then how should I refer to you, sister?]

『 I am Li An 』 the black-clothed girl replied.

She closed her hands within her long sleeves and silently formed a hand seal, asking in return: 『 Are you really Gu Qing Shan's younger sister? 』

Su Xue Er calmly answered: [Of course]

Li An relaxed her hand seal and smiled a bit more brightly.

—she didn't lie.

『 We of the Tianma race have several methods to save people, hand your brother to me and I'll heal him 』 Li An said.

The corner of Su Xue Er's lips shifted a bit but didn't agree to it right away.

——this woman's expressions, gestures, and language are all causing alarms to ring in my head.

But she cares a lot about Gu Qing Shan.

I can tell that much even without checking the information factors constantly radiating from her body, my female intuition is all I needed.

Furthermore, this black-clothed girl isn't human.

From my database records, her actions, flying posture, and demeanour suggested that she is a Tianma.

I had to spend two seconds searching the records, examining all of the Tianma's soul signatures, and then spending three more seconds recollecting all 8000 Tianma techniques to find a loophole.

—the Tianma race can see through a person's emotions to discern their hearts.

Because of that, all I need to do is to retract all of my actual emotions and hypnotize myself to truly believe that I am Gu Qing Shan's younger sister for 30 seconds in order to deceive a Tianma.

This was what Su Xue Er did.

And succeeded at.

[I have not seen you ever before, I cannot trust you, so I cannot entrust my brother to you] Su Xue Er casually replied.

Li An felt a bit troubled.

It's natural for her to feel cautious like this.

『 But your brother is currently heavily injured, and only I am able to heal him right now 』 Li An said.

At this point, another person flew from a distance and quickly landed on the ground.

—Qin Xiao Lou.

“Third brother! How are you so heavily injured!” he exclaimed in shock.

Su Xue Er glanced at him, then gave him a closer look.

While this person looks normal at a glance, the portions and position of his facial features are exceptional.

This ratio is...

Su Xue Er spent half a second to map out his gene structure.

She closely embraced Gu Qing Shan again and said with a slightly panicked tone:

[Gu Qing Shan is my brother, but I do not know either of you, and I cannot feel assured handing him to you!]

Qin Xiao Lou glanced at Li An.

Li An nodded to confirm that she was indeed Gu Qing Shan's sister.

Qin Xiao Lou couldn't do anything as he said in a slightly troubled but caring tone: "But your brother is so heavily injured, even if you can't feel safe about us, his injuries would only become increasingly worse, how can we resolve this?"

Su Xue Er continued her calculations---

This individual's brain is exceptionally bright, but his shortcoming is how well coordinated his eyes are with his brain.

Whenever he sees something, his brain would automatically come up with a large number of distinct thoughts.

While this is a good thing, it would also hinder his evolution or growth.

Unless he practices a Buddhist path to close his mind's eye, his mind would continue to be led around by his eye.

While thinking this, Su Xue Er said: [I also have a way to save my brother, but I will need your help]

"What do you need?" Qin Xiao Lou hurriedly asked.

[To eat] Su Xue Er replied.

『 Eat? 』 Li An asked in surprise.

[That is correct, I have only just awoken and have lost all of my powers. I have even shared a part of my foundations with my brother, so now I need to replenish energy in order to evolve again] Su Xue Er explained.

Qin Xiao Lou loudly declared: “Wait there!”

He took out a formation plate and rapidly operated it with both of his hands.

In an instant, a table made of immortal jade was teleported here with a set of immortal jade utensils.

Followed by enough delicious food to fill the whole table.

Su Xue Er continued to hold onto Gu Qing Shan as she sat down in front of the table, starting with a bowl of porridge.

[Exceptional energy provisions!] she praised.

Qin Xiao Lou turned to look at Gu Qing Shan.

His body was soaked in his own blood, still unconscious.

[There is no need to worry about him] Su Xue Er explained, [He will not feel any pain for the next hour, and he will not be in any danger for the next 3 hours and 57 minutes]

Su Xue Er then picked up a meat bun and started eating it one bite at a time, quickly consuming an entire steamer’s worth of buns.

She then moved on to the next dish.

She was eating very quickly.

In no time at all, she had already finished an entire table full of food.

Su Xue Er closed her eyes.

— the amount of nutrition contained within this food was far above my expectations.

[Sister Li An] she called out as she closed her eyes.

『 What's the matter? 』 Li An asked.

[About 700 miles to the Southeast, there is a dangerous individual whose strength I cannot accurately discern. I suggest that you take a few people with you to see if you are able to eliminate them] Su Xue Er replied.

Li An looked at her in surprise.

『 How do you know that? 』

[That entity is too far away from us so I cannot accurately read their brainwaves, but I can sense that they carry murderous thoughts, which appear once every few dozen seconds. Additionally, they have been moving towards our location for the past while, so I judged that they might be an enemy] Su Xue Er explained.

『 Very well, I'll go take a look 』 Li An answered.



She leapt into the air and started flying towards the Southeast.

Watching her flying away, Su Xue Er's expression remained indifferent.

—if I didn't claim to be blood-related to Gu Qing Shan, that woman would not hesitate to ambush me.

But as I posed no threat to her, she was willing to listen to my words in order to protect Gu Qing Shan.

Regretfully, I've only just awoken, so I lack the strength to fight her head-on, for now.

Furthermore, my sixth sense has already begun to take effect.

Some sort of great danger is approaching Gu Qing Shan.

At this point, handing Gu Qing Shan over to anybody is a risk, since I don't have a lot of information, I have no idea what means the enemy might employ at all.

I have to be the one to protect Gu Qing Shan!

Deciding that in her mind, Su Xue Er casually asked:

[I am sorry, is there more to eat?]

Qin Xiao Lou was surprised: "You can still eat more?"

[Of course, I was born with a big stomach, it is usually my brother who cooks for me] Su Xue Er replied.

Qin Xiao Lou appeared to have realized something: "No wonder Qing Shan likes to cook so much, if I had a younger sister like you..."

His hands moved around the formation plate again.

The immortal jade table was instantly filled with delicious spirit cooking once again.

[I express my gratitude] Su Xue Er earnestly thanked him.

——this is all food that contains plenty of energy, a good basis for my next evolution.

“You’re welcome, since you’re Qing Shan’s younger sister, you’re also my younger sister. You can eat as much as you want!” Qin Xiao Lou patted his chest proudly.

Su Xue Er’s gaze stopped on his face, then remained there for a short moment.

This person... is trustworthy.

His relationship with Gu Qing Shan is truly amicable, and he’s earnestly treating me well.

Furthermore, he’s also Gu Qing Shan’s senior in his sect.

Gu Qing Shan’s master is Bai Hua Fairy, an indiscernible mysterious person.

A disciple she takes in would definitely not have a questionable origin.

In other words, this senior brother of Gu Qing Shan is a true ally.

Su Xue Er smiled and said: [Big brother Xiao Lou, please take care of me from now on]

“Ah, of course, don’t worry” Qin Xiao Lou replied without much thought.

Su Xue Er picked up her chopsticks and continued to eat.

After a while, she finished the entire mountain of food.

Qin Xiao Lou was stunned.

This is enough food for a banquet of 18 people, alcohol and all!

“Wai— wait here, I’m going to go make more!”

Qin Xiao Lou told her in a slight panic.

He activated his formation plate and vanished from Su Xue Er's vision.

While continuing to embrace Gu Qing Shan, Su Xue Er's expression gradually turned soft as she observed the ground and sky around her.

[Qing Shan, I only retained one ability, which is my evolution, but I... my nature itself is already that of an Apocalypse...]

Indeed, she was the same as Shroud, both of them were Apocalypses.

This meant she was in possession of an Apocalypse Sequence as well!

Su Xue Er's gaze coldly turned towards a certain part of the void of space.

Danger.

Great danger exceeding everything up to this point is approaching Gu Qing Shan.

And I need to protect him!

Su Xue Er clenched her teeth and gently tapped her finger towards the void of space.

Instantly, message popped up in front of her vision:

[Orders received, reinitiating the Apocalypse Sequence!]

[Personal storage space unlocked, personal quantum fluctuation signature password confirmed]

A deep hole opened up in the void of space.

After which, a bloody red box dropped out.

Su Xue Er caught the box and opened it.

Inside of the box was a full set of blood red Cards.

She gently stroked these Cards before drawing one of them.

The Card was then tossed forward.

Rumble rumble rumble—

A magnificent metal fortress emerged from the ground!

Su Xue Er's expression shifted a bit.

[The Tianma's enemy... there seems to be more of them than expected, they are quite impressive...]

She drew another Card.

The Card then transformed into a bloody red sniper rifle in her hand.

At the same time, notifications appeared in front of Su Xue Er's vision:

[Specific coordinates confirmed]

[Vitals locked-on]

[Countdown to attack:]

[5]

[4]

[3]

[2]

[1]

Su Xue Er pulled the trigger.

Bang!!!

A bright flare appeared from the muzzle of the sniper rifle, flew through the barren wasteland, and instantly vanished without a trace.

Su Xue Er waited for a brief moment before her eyebrows became relaxed again.

Safe, for now.

She looked down at Gu Qing Shan.

His injuries were very severe, but strangely, she could feel that he had already gotten accustomed to them and had entered some sort of miraculous state at the same time.

—it feels similar to a state of growth, or rather, a unique type of metamorphosis.

It's best that this state isn't interrupted...

Su Xue Er made her decision and muttered:

[Qing Shan... do not worry, I will definitely not allow anyone to harm you]

**Chapter 1764: Summoning reinforcements!**

Su Xue Er stood on top of the ramparts.

A magnificent metal fortress lay directly beneath her feet.

From the void of space, numerous streams of data cascaded like a waterfall as they continuously flew across her vision, constantly flickering within her eyes.

This speed of calculation was something that normal people couldn't even look at without feeling dizzy.

But Su Xue Er was easily able to understand it.

[So it was the Samsara's Heaven realm?]

She muttered to herself.

From above the clouds, a bullet rapidly flew towards her before hovering in front of her face.

An electronic voice sounded from the bullet:

[Target eliminated, corresponding biological factors collected]

The bullet was soaked in fresh blood.

— not only did Su Xue Er's shot from earlier help Li An with her tough battle, but it also collected the enemy's biological factors.

Su Xue Er ordered: [Recreate that organism once again and search for its weaknesses]

[Directives accepted]

The bullet then fell into a slot on the metallic ground and was instantly brought to an underground facility that was out of sight.

From the void of space, messages continued to appear:

[Spatial fluctuations detected, eight living organisms have appeared]

[They're rapidly approaching]

[—They've arrived!]

Su Xue Er looked up at the sky.

Only to see eight heavenly beings dressed in uniform.

These people glanced at Gu Qing Shan who was within Su Xue Er's embrace—— still unconscious.

“Who are you?”

「 Hand over the one in your embrace! 」

“Hurry up!”

“Wait a minute, you carry a mark of the Six Immortals! Admit it, you've killed a heavenly being, haven't you!?”

The heavenly beings shouted.

Su Xue Er just silently observed them without saying a single word.

Suddenly, a crystal the size of a fingernail emerged from the metal ground and hovered in front of her.

Some data scrolled across her eyes.

[...This kind of brainwave... relatively easy to destroy if necessary...]

Su Xue Er muttered to herself.

She then gently tapped the void of space with her finger.

A mass of relatively weak static electricity emerged from her fingertip, which instantly grew into an electrical storm that encompassed a radius of several dozen kilometers with her as the center.

As the electrical storm erupted, weirdly, the sky, the ground, the wind, the air, the metal fortress, none of them were affected.

But the heads of the eight heavenly beings began to swell intensely before exploding into masses of blood.

Their bodies fell down on top of the metal fortress.

A swarm of mechanical insects crawled out from the ground and carried these corpses underground.

Su Xue Er continued to observe the massive stream of data scrolling across her vision.

The glint in her eyes gradually turned cold.

Suddenly above the clouds, over a dozen heavenly beings manifested.

They were hovering in the sky a few thousand miles away from the metal fortress.

A heavenly being dressed in official clothing flew out in front of the group, observing the metal fortress from above.



His expression gradually became solemn.

The Human realm is still in its infancy, how does this woman possess such a technological city?

Not to mention, she isn't on the list of Chosen Saints.

But since she has the blood of heavenly beings on her hands, and is trying to shelter that successor of the Wraith realm, then——

Before he said anything, Su Xue Er had already spoken up from a few thousand miles away:

[Bring the gun]

The ground of the metal fortress rumbled as it opened up, revealing numerous cavities underneath in the shape of a bee's nest.

One of the holes slowly rose up to reveal the weapon inside.

——it was a gleaming automatic pistol.

Su Xue Er picked up the gun and turned her gaze towards the sky.

The heavenly beings noticed her actions right away.

「 Be careful, she's attacking! 」 the heavenly official shouted.

Everyone quickly utilized their defensive measures, encompassing themselves from every direction.

At the very next instant.

Su Xue Er pulled the trigger.

Tak tak tak tak tak!

A full magazine was emptied.

As soon as these bullets left the muzzle, they entered a state of long-distance warp and directly manifested in front of the heavenly beings' foreheads, easily penetrating them like tofu.

When the bullets entered their skulls, they instantly exploded into numerous fragments.

The heavenly beings were killed instantly.

Their bodies began to fall towards the ground, only for a group of concealed mechanical bugs to catch them mid-air and bring them back to the fortress.

If Gu Qing Shan was still conscious, he would recognize that form of attack.

——-instant-warp projectiles that bypassed all forms of power suppression.

This was the research result that Impartial Goddess had obtained through studying the Game of Eternal Apocalypse.

Gently stroking the automatic pistol, Su Xue Er had a nostalgic look on her face.

Impartial Goddess should also be a part of the Samsara, I wonder where she is now...

Su Xue Er quickly regained her senses.

She then gave out new orders: [Collect all biomass and resources in preparation for the Sequence's next step of awakening]

A mechanical voice answered: [Please determine priority]

Su Xue Er calmly responded: [There are no priorities, the only goal is to attempt connection with other Sequences and search for a specific slumbering individual]

[Please state the specifications for the slumbering individual]

[Once you've reached the activation requirements, I will personally be in charge of activating the program]

[Understood!]

The ground began to shake.

By observing from above, one could see that the metal fortress was continuously expanding with more and more landmass being turned into metal——

And that was only the beginning of the expansion.

Various different kinds of robots emerged from the ground and scattered in every direction, in search of minerals and plants before transporting them back into the underground hive base.

At this point, another group of heavenly beings approached from the sky.

There were more of them compared to before, all of which emanated a more powerful presence as well.

It was clear that they were cautious.

「 Be careful, we're approaching the battlefield! 」

Someone shouted.

Standing on top of the metal fortress a few hundred miles away, Su Xue Er narrowed her eyes.

[Is it done?] she asked.

The mechanical voice answered: [The Sequence has collected enough energy to perform one synchronized awakening, who would you like to awaken?]

Su Xue Er took out a blood-colored Card and placed it into the void of space, answering:

[Use this Card as a reference guide to search for a slumbering individual who possess the same kind of Card]

[Understood, searching now]

[Target discovered, that individual is reinforced with Worlds Apocalypse Online: Human Regiment, they can be awakened at any time]

[Awaken them!] Su Xue Er declared.

[Proceeding]

A bright red gate of light began to open from the void of space.

A dried-up skeleton emerged from inside.

He was wearing a red cloak with blood-colored light radiating from his body.

—Lord Bloodcloak!

[Master] Su Xue Er respectfully greeted him.

Lord Bloodcloak sighed and spoke: 「 The Order has informed me of the situation, but during my previous battle, all the Blood Sea Cards have already— 」

Su Xue Er handed him a blood-colored deck of Cards.

「 This is? 」 Lord Bloodcloak asked with a surprised tone.

[Don't worry, I've rescued all the heroic spirits of the Blood Sea through another Space-Time] Su Xue Er calmly told him.

Lord Bloodcloak accepted the Cards with trembling hands.

He didn't take a look at any other Cards and instead immediately drew 13 Cards in a row.

Releasing all of his power, Lord Bloodcloak rapidly placed the 13 Cards together with both hands.

He chanted with a silent shriek:

「 O' ever flowing deep sea of blood, even at the cusp of your destruction, you must aid me in summoning the Original Heroic Spirit 」

「 Come, call upon her! Let her nobility once again descend upon this land! 」

The 13 Cards turned around by themselves at the same instant, displaying a complete portrait.

A woman of absolute beauty stood at the center of the portrait, constantly radiating peerless charm that captured one's gaze.

Unfortunately, the portrait appeared to be unstable, almost as if it could disappear at any moment.

「Xue Er! Help me buy a little bit of time, I need to stabilize this technique and help the Lady descend!  
」 Lord Bloodcloak loudly called out.

Su Xue Er nodded and turned her gaze towards the distance.

——the dozen of heavenly beings she killed earlier had alerted them of her presence.

From the distance, she could see countless heavenly beings assuming military formations as they slowly marched towards the metal fortress.

As far as her eyes could see, there was no end to the army of heavenly beings, filling the entire horizon.

The Heaven realm was exerting all of its forces!

Su Xue Er frowned.

If I want to buy time for Master, I can only——

She ordered:

[Focus all resources on collecting unnatural genes, analyze their structure, then draft up the optimal formula]

[Manufacture living beings of the Heaven realm]

[And proceed to mass-produce them]

Rumble rumble— — —

The metal floor of the fortress split apart by itself to reveal numerous incubation chambers within its beehive structure.

One by one, humanoid heavenly beings emerged from the beehive chambers donning biological armors, all of whom were gazing at the sky.

There were a few thousands of them, which was nowhere near the number of heavenly beings in the sky, but this should be enough to stall for a short while.

[Attack] Su Xue Er ordered.

The artificial heavenly beings began to move.

They leapt into the sky and charged straight towards the gathering heavenly army.

A few moments later.

The sound of explosions from the clashing of the techniques could be heard resounding from a distance.

The two sides had already engaged in combat!

As soon as any heavenly being was killed in the aerial battle, their body would be pulled to the ground by 7-8 clones, where their bodies would be collected and disassembled within a dissecting tube.

However, overwhelming numbers trumped personal strength, and it wouldn't be long until their defeat was determined.

Su Xue Er's eyebrows slowly became knitted.

We can't keep this up.

Su Xue Er muttered: [It seems I have to—]

Another female voice suddenly interrupted her:

『 No, you cannot go. The other party's formation is hiding something quite dangerous 』

Su Xue Er abruptly turned around.

Only to see the woman in the portrait slowly walking out.

She gave the army of heavenly beings in the sky an indifferent look, then walked up to Gu Qing Shan.

『 Well done, I thought it would be much longer until it was my turn to be awakened 』

She then placed a blood-colored circle on top of his chest.

Su Xue Er's eyes become dilated and worriedly spoke: [Hall Master, you are—]

The Master of the Heroic Spirit Hall broke out into laughter and spoke: 『 The Chosen Saints who have great wisdom, as well as the forces behind them, all wish to take the initiative and obtain the Samsara for themselves, preparing various means ahead of time in hope of controlling everything in the palm of their hands— but they couldn't predict one thing in particular 』

[What is that?] Su Xue Er asked.

The Master of the Heroic Spirit Hall answered: 『 Gu Qing Shan and I had jointly fused the Twin Rivers of Life and Death into the Samsara. In other words, the Samsara is now the new Saint Realm Circle 』



The Master of the Heroic Spirit Hall began to chant an incantation under her breath.

Su Xue Er paused for a brief moment before her expression gradually became brighter and asked: [Then, you mean—]

『 Indeed, while the other forces had numerous preparations and plans, we too have prepared a reinforcement of our own, and quite the reinforcement they are— 』

『 The Devil of True Antiquity, Overlooker of Myriad Worlds! 』

### **Chapter 1765: Gu Qing Shan and the Divine Sword**

Cold.

Gu Qing Shan could feel himself floating.

—-at least, he initially felt like he was floating before gradually sinking underwater.

And he continued to sink.

Up until he reached a point so deep into the watery abyss that it never saw light.

There wasn't anything here.

Only endless suffocation and despair.

Am I going to die?

Gu Qing Shan silently felt surprised.

—-if this really the case, then the one I summoned must have not been able to heal my injuries.

Qin Xiao Lou and Li An must have been affected by the blast earlier as well.

They probably died in that attack.

Otherwise, they would have definitely tried to save me.

—what a terrible situation.

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit sorrowful.

He waited for a few more moments.

Suffocating, freezing, despairing, silence.

Such feelings constantly plagued him for a long while.

Strange, if I'm dead, why am I still here? Shouldn't I be heading into Huang Quan?

If I'm not dead, then what am I doing here?

Gu Qing Shan felt surprised again.

As soon as that thought crossed his mind, he suddenly felt that he could now move his eyes.

So he opened his eyes——

Only to find a mass of stifled darkness inducing a bone-chilling coldness and profound emptiness.

Gu Qing Shan opened his mouth and tried shouting: "Is anyone here?"

No sound.

——no sound escaped from his mouth at all.

This place seemed like a vacuum, but it also wasn't a vacuum.

His body was just floating there uncontrollably.

Suddenly.

From the distant darkness, a dim spark of light appeared.

That spark of light slowly headed towards Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't do anything except wait for the light to approach him.

And finally, it reached where he was.

A voice slowly spoke from within the dim light:

「 Gu Qing Shan, I need your help 」

Hearing the voice, Gu Qing Shan immediately recognized it.

——this was the Samsara Delimitation Divine Sword's voice.

“I can't even guarantee my own safety right now, so I'm not sure how I can help you” Gu Qing Shan wryly said.

The Divine Sword answered: 「 I need a power you possess 」

“A power I possess?” Gu Qing Shan asked with a confused tone.

「 That's right, you obtained the power of a certain Sequence through the power of the Earth God's coin, that power has now turned into a seed that remains with you 」 the Divine Sword explained.

“And you want this Sequence's power?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「 That's right, this Sequence's power is very strange, it can help speed up my recovery」 the Divine Sword answered.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and replied: “Alright, I have more than enough abilities already, so having one more or one less isn't an issue, take it”

「 Were you always such a generous person? 」 the Divine Sword asked.

“I should be thanking you right now—— both of the fragments you gave me had been very useful and helped me out plenty” Gu Qing Shan sincerely answered.

This sword knows everything.

It has seen the Earth God's Coin, the Key of the Wind, and the Book of the Sea.

But it hasn't said anything about that yet.

It has even given me the powers of [Govern Spirit] and [Repel Evil].

If not for [Govern Spirit] and [Repel Evil], I wouldn't be able to avoid the Heavenly Emperor's Miracles, not to mention accomplish many of the things that I've done.

I really am curious about what kind of power it would possess in its complete form.

The dim light began to grow brighter as it fully enveloped Gu Qing Shan.

The light then became so intensely bright that it gradually dispelled the darkness around him as well.

Gu Qing Shan started to feel a sense of protection.

The sensation of death had been warded away, replaced by boundless warmth and vitality that made him forget all about the pain.

Gradually, a transparent image began to appear on his back.

It was an extremely long length of ominous tubing.

The tubing was motionless, seemingly remaining in stasis as it was still inactive.

The light then began to flow more intensely.

The ominous tubing also started to lift itself up and became integrated with the boundless light, then rapidly split off into numerous tubes that appeared to extend endlessly into the void of space.

However, the warmth within the light abruptly transformed into a scorching heat as it rushed toward the tubes.

All the tubes immediately vanished.

It wasn't until a long while later that the light gradually became calm again.

At this point, the Divine Sword finally spoke again:

「 How great, so it was that Sequence... I've temporarily regained some of my power 」

「 As thanks, I believe I will be able to answer some of your questions. What do you wish to know? 」

Gu Qing Shan asked: "Your sword hilt— I remember it becoming lost within the Tomb of Myriad Beasts, how can we find it again?"

The Divine Sword asked: 「 Do you wish to help me find my hilt? 」

“That’s right, all the Samsara Divine Artifacts have been sealed within Huang Quan, but you aren’t—— I assume this is because you’re a broken weapon, so I want to help you find your hilt and reforge you back into one piece” Gu Qing Shan explained.

The Divine Sword answered: 「 But I must tell you this beforehand: As a Samsara weapon, you will not be able to gain control over me and my corresponding Deific Authority unless you give up on the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and the Samsara Mountain God Deific Authority 」

Gu Qing Shan replied without hesitation: “Then forget it, I absolutely will not let her go”

「 You should know that I am able to suppress many Apocalypses, the Deific Authority I can provide you is much higher than hers 」 the Divine Sword commented.

“That’s not the issue, I simply won’t give up on her” Gu Qing Shan answered.

「 Very well, then you can ask me something else 」 the Divine Sword said.

“No, I still want you to answer my previous question” Gu Qing Shan said.

The Divine Sword was surprised and asked: 「 If you’ve already insisted on choosing the Six Paths Great Mountain sword, why would you still try to search for my sword hilt? It’s impossible for you to become my wielder 」

“I know, but I don’t want to see a sword being left in a broken state. Just being able to return you to normal is already fulfilling one of my wishes” Gu Qing Shan replied.

「 But that won’t benefit you in any way 」 the Divine Sword refuted.

“It certainly would not—— but people don’t do things just because it would benefit them” after saying that, Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but think back to the comrades he had fought side-by-side with up to this point.

「 Then why? 」 the Divine Sword pursued the issue.

Gu Qing Shan appeared nostalgic and answered: “Back when I received the qualifications of the Wraith realm’s Chosen Saints, a Wraith of the previous era saw the Six Paths Great Mountain sword in my hands and said that I must be a true sword cultivator to have received this sword’s recognition”

“And then it gave me the Chosen Saints qualifications”

“That is simply how things are in this world, sometimes there are things that would bring us no benefit in any way, shape, or form, but it wouldn’t stop us from following our will and insist on certain matters”

Gu Qing Shan stared closely at the bright light in the darkness and said: “You have the capability of suppressing many Apocalypses, and have always done so, that is something that I must recognize”

The Divine Sword answered: 「 That is simply my duty 」

Gu Qing Shan nodded and continued: “If, in the future, you are able to find someone that you recognize and fight by their side, then they must be quite an extraordinary swordsman who would be willing to fight for the sake of living beings”

“——I’m not trying to reforge you just for your own sake, but also for the sake of many others”

He chuckled, then went on: “If I am able to meet the swordsman who is your wielder in the future, I would naturally have them invite me for a drink as payment to me for reforging you”

“And I’m more than willing to gain such a comrade-in-arms”

Hearing him, the Divine Sword went silent.

Some images began to appear within the light.

It was the Tomb of Myriad Beasts.

The great tomb.

Deep within the great tomb———

A single sword had been thrust into a grave on top of a river, which radiated invisible fluctuations that encompassed the entire tomb.

Within these fluctuations, none of the Apocalypses managed to escape from the confines of the great tomb.

Up until a certain moment.

It was when the people of the Wraith realm entered the great tomb.

Numerous Apocalypses were released because of them.

The sword immediately sensed this and instantly shattered itself.

The hilt floated with the waters of the river, sinking down onto the riverbed, and eventually fell into an indentation at the bottom of the river deep within the tomb.

「 Once you all have defeated the Apocalypses in the underside of the Human realm, the Human realm would be fully stabilized and begin to develop 」

「 At that point, the Beast King realm will become accessible. You must head towards this exact place at the bottom of the river within the great tomb, search for the indentation and retrieve my hilt from it 」

「 ——by the way, there is currently something unnatural that has attached itself to my hilt 」

Gu Qing Shan appeared to suddenly recall something and said: “Ah that’s right, it was a Wraith, it called itself the sword’s spirit”

「 You can make your own judgments regarding this matter 」 the Divine Sword replied.



“Hm” Gu Qing Shan mumbled.

「 Once you manage to completely reforge me, I will reveal a few of the Samsara’s true secrets to you  
」

“Secrets?”

「 Indeed. In reality, numerous Sequences are currently after the Samsara, coveting this supreme ultimate weapon among living beings Sequences 」 the Divine Sword continued.

Gu Qing Shan sharply asked: “If the Samsara is a living being Sequence, how could they obtain the Samsara?”

The Divine Sword explained: 「 Because living beings are the most foundational type of Sequences, within which any and every Sequence would be able to obtain treasures from 」

“And that’s why they want to steal the Samsara for themselves?” Gu Qing Shan followed up.

「 Correct 」 the Divine Sword paused briefly before continuing with an unsure tone: 「 In truth, I understand the kind of person you are after traveling with you for such a long time—— otherwise, I wouldn’t be telling you about this 」

“What are you referring to?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「 Remember well, it’s most likely that all the Sequences have made a mistake this time 」 the Divine Sword answered.

“Why?”

「 They failed to recognize a certain fact... 」

Gu Qing Shan didn't ask anything else and simply listened.

He could tell that the Divine Sword was about to reveal an incredible secret.

A secret so shocking that he couldn't maintain his calm and had to hold his breath in anticipation.

And then...

The Divine Sword continued: 「 The Samsara was actually broken by the Apocalypses on purpose... this was because it needed an opportunity to complete its evolution 」

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

「 All the Sequences are currently waiting for the Samsara to finish evolving, going as far as planting spies within the Samsara to participate in the Samsara Clash for Supremacy 」

「 Gu Qing Shan, you should know it as well, even Apocalypse Sequences have envoys concealed inside the Samsara 」

"I do" Gu Qing Shan nodded in confirmation.

The Divine Sword continued: 「 But once the Samsara has completed its evolution, those Sequences would no longer covet it, instead, they would try to avoid it as much as possible 」

「 Remember well, you absolutely mustn't reveal this to anyone 」

Gu Qing Shan appeared confused: "But then... for what reason?"

「 Because fear 」 the Divine Sword was clearly trying to say as little as possible.

As if he had just been struck, Gu Qing Shan became frozen stiff.

Various mysteries appeared in his mind one after another, many dots began to connect, and many questions were being answered.

The Divine Sword paused briefly before continuing: 「 Keep this in mind, this secret absolutely mustn't be arbitrarily spoken of, you cannot tell it to any living being, or even to any realms, just know that if you reveal it, the Samsara would not be happy 」

「 Child of Apocalypse and living beings, inheritor of the Heaven realm's Dharma, Death God from the Age of Immemorial, Blessed of the Saint Realm, Successor of the Final Dance, Gu Qing Shan—— 」

「 Are we clear? 」

### **Chapter 1766: Going on the offensive**

“I... understand a little” Gu Qing Shan answered.

Many of my identities had just been called out directly by the Divine Sword.

If the Divine Sword knew so many secrets, wouldn't the Samsara know even more?

The Divine Sword must have called out my background to imply this fact.

Many Sequences... had planted people into the Samsara to participate in the Samsara Clash for Supremacy, hoping to become the wielder of this ultimate weapon of living beings.

But the Samsara probably knows all about this.

It was broken by the Apocalypses on purpose...

So the one that had been in control since the beginning was actually the Samsara!

This is most likely beyond all the Sequences' estimations.

Combined with what the Divine Sword said earlier as well.

That the Sequences would be fleeing as far as possible from the Samsara once it finishes its evolution.

This proves that the Samsara's might is beyond anyone's predictions, capable of inciting fear within all.

In other words, from beginning to end, the Samsara has silently been observing as things occur.

It won't be until the very end that it will...

As Gu Qing Shan thought more about it, he felt a chill running down his spine.

“Divine Sword, if what you said is true, as I'm not a native living being of the Samsara, would I still qualify to participate in the Samsara Clash for Supremacy?”

—this must be made clear as soon as possible.

Otherwise, it would be too late once the Samsara decides to ‘clean up’.

The Divine Sword answered: 「 Any individual that has obtained the qualifications to become a Chosen Saint can participate in the Samsara Clash for Supremacy 」

“Then those other Sequences——”

「 Also qualified 」 the Divine Sword answered firmly: 「 In truth, it is like you’ve said before: just like how a person chooses their weapon, the weapon also chooses the person. The Samsara is willing to observe competitions and struggles, as doing so would allow it to evaluate the competing Chosen Saints—— among which it would select as its wielder and master 」

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and continued: “But if someone tries to interfere with the Samsara Clash for Supremacy...”

「 Just like how you saw before, they would be directly removed by the Samsara 」 the Divine Sword answered.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly then suddenly exclaimed: “In the beginning, I also attempted to stop the Samsara Clash for Supremacy because that Heavenly Emperor wanted to take advantage of my Shifu...”

During the initiating ceremony of the Samsara Clash for Supremacy, I said: ‘Begin my goddamn ass, fuck you, don’t begin!’

That must have been heard by the Samsara as well!

The Divine Sword replied: 「 No need to worry, that was an act of competition between living beings, a battle between the previous and present Heavenly Emperors, as well as a refusal to initiate the Clash in accordance to the predetermined rules of the Samsara—— the Samsara wouldn’t remove you for that reason 」

It thought for a bit more and continued:

「 You've done consistently well up to this point, always attempting to save the Samsara fragment worlds as well as their living beings, so even though you've made such a huge mess, the Samsara still forgave you 」

“What are you referring to?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「 Fusing the Twin Rivers of Life and Death with the Samsara 」 the Divine Sword answered.

“Is it... that serious?” Gu Qing Shan tried asking.

「 The Samsara is an extremely strict and closed-off system of 6 worlds with its own cycling mechanisms. This is the first time that another world system had been fused with it, so I suspect that the Samsara initially was wary of the changes, but now... considering its reactions so far, it has already accepted this change 」 the Divine Sword explained.

Gu Qing Shan: “...”

I didn't consider that far into the future, what I did at the time was only to give myself another point of leverage against the Heavenly Emperor.

If I knew that the Samsara was even more of a schemer compared to the dragon race, I wouldn't be caught dead making such arbitrary decisions!

「 Remember well, do not violate the rules of the Clash as determined by the Samsara, this is the only line you mustn't cross 」

「 Otherwise, no matter how much of a mess you all make, regardless of whether you are [Order] or [Chaos] or any other forces, the Samsara would not care and remain indifferent to the very end... 」

「 Up until the very last moment of the Clash! 」

After explaining this, the Divine Sword suddenly released a blinding light that fully enveloped Gu Qing Shan's body.

The coldness and darkness around him had also been thoroughly pushed back.

Once all the negative effects no longer affected him, Gu Qing Shan felt himself returning to his physical peak.

At this point, a voice sounded in his ears:

「 Take a look, he's waking up 」

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes.

This place was an underground cavern.

It was completely silent around him.

A man dressed in a red cloak was standing next to him.

“Lord... Bloodcloak” Gu Qing Shan slowly stood up and greeted him.

「 Don't worry, you are currently very safe 」 Lord Bloodcloak said with his arms crossed.

Gu Qing Shan examined himself to see that all of his injuries had healed.

Lord Bloodcloak explained: 「 The reason why you're here is that the Saint Realm had expressed its will, saying that you require an environment of absolute silence before you wake up 」

Gu Qing Shan was surprised to hear that and parroted: “The Saint Realm?”

「 That's right, the Hall Master performed a Saint Realm technique on you to communicate with the Saint Realm 」 Lord Bloodcloak said.

“In other words, I summoned the Master of the Heroic Spirit Hall?”

「 No, I was the one who summoned the Hall Master 」

“Then, I must have summoned you”

「 That isn't the case either, I was also summoned by someone else 」 Lord Bloodcloak answered.

Gu Qing Shan paused.

The will of the Saint Realm was summoned by the Master of the Heroic Spirit Hall, while the Hall Master was summoned by Lord Bloodcloak, but then Lord Bloodcloak wasn't summoned by me either.

...that's a bit complicated.

“If they could summon you... was it Xue Er?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

「 Indeed, she summoned me, I summoned the Hall Master, and the Hall Master summoned the will of the Saint Realm 」

Seeing the change in his expression, Lord Bloodcloak said: 「 Don't worry, she and the Hall Master have both evaded the Heaven realm's encirclement, they're currently clashing against the heavenly beings head-on 」

“Did the Heavenly Emperor show up?”

「 Not yet, the Hall Master said that that individual was caught in some trouble and had temporarily taken refuge without being able to show themselves; otherwise, the Hall Master said that we would only be able to flee 」

Gu Qing Shan's eyes shifted briefly before exuding overwhelming killing intent.

All of this was the handiwork of the Heavenly Emperor.

Not only did he take over the position of Heavenly Emperor by ambushing Shifu during her battle against the Apocalypse, but he's also trying to mess with me.

I need to think of a way to send him straight to the Nine Hells of Huang Quan!

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking this, lines of bloody text started appearing in the void of space:

[During the reset of the Samsara, all communication had been cut off]

[At the moment, the Master of the Heroic Spirit Hall had finished preparing the necessary energy and ritual]

[If you agree, you will begin to perform a ceremony to once again establish connection with the Saint Realm]

Gu Qing Shan remained silent.

He seemed to be making some sort of decision.

Noticing that, Lord Bloodcloak smirked: 「 I'm going to head out to help the two of them, you can join us at any moment 」

He handed a teleportation Card to Gu Qing Shan and turned around, his figure disappearing from the cave.

Gu Qing Shan put the Card away, then pressed a button on his bracelet.

He disappeared as well.

...

The underside of the Human realm.

Gu Qing Shan reappeared on the deck of the interstellar warship.



—at this point, he finally took a deep breath and spoke: “Begin”

As he said that, a single drop of blood emerged from the void of space and gently dropped in between Gu Qing Shan’s eyebrows.

His surroundings immediately cleared up.

Bloody mist began to swirl and boil in massive quantities, manifesting a gigantic blood-colored pillar that connected heaven and earth out of thin air.

The blood color gradually grew deeper and deeper; as the platform under his feet slowly piled up higher and higher, the sound of urging and cheering from all sorts of spirits could be felt from every direction.

“Finally, I have someone to help me...”

Gu Qing Shan muttered under his breath and placed his hand against the gigantic pillar.

His thoughts immediately took physical form, manifesting as a unique name.

Right at this moment!

Gu Qing Shan began murmuring with a heavy tone: “Please heed my summon and once again descend upon this land——”

“Devil of True Antiquity, Overlooker of Myriad Worlds!”

Instantly, a bloody shadow appeared on top of the gigantic pillar.

This bloody shadow was overwhelmingly large, constantly shifting its form while being on top of the gigantic pillar, manifesting ferocious creatures, unlike anything Gu Qing Shan had ever seen before.

「 So it turns out you were participating within the Samsara Clash for Supremacy... 」

The shadow observed Gu Qing Shan and commented.

Gu Qing Shan simply looked at the other party without saying anything else.

—this was a boss character beyond any doubt.

But Gu Qing Shan couldn't ask them for help by eliminating those heavenly beings.

—like the Divine Sword had said, he definitely could not violate the rules of the Samsara, as this was the line that the Samsara had drawn.

The monster that tried to attack Gu Qing Shan from beyond the world was an example of what would happen if someone tried to.

But the Samsara has allowed the members of the Sequences outside the Samsara to steal Chosen Saint qualifications for themselves.

In other words, they were allowed to keep their experience and knowledge.

This means knowledge wasn't part of the restrictions.

Gu Qing Shan said: "There is an Apocalypse that I would like you to take a look at for me"

「 Oh? Simply take a look at? 」 the Overlooker of Myriad Worlds replied.

Gu Qing Shan pointed towards the far distance.

A shroud of shadow was continuously creeping over the land, silently destroying everything it passed.

“I don’t need you to do anything, but if you can tell me what this Apocalypse is, it’ll save me a lot of time and effort, after that... I’ll help you look for some good food” Gu Qing Shan said.

In this place, the only rule established by the Samsara was ‘fight the Apocalypses’.

There weren’t any other requirements beyond that.

「 This Apocalypse, it is actually the destructive manifestation of an Apocalyptic gem, which works almost like a balloon—— you will need to find a way to break through its manifestation and go inside, then destroy the Apocalyptic gem from within 」

After the Overlooker of Myriad Worlds explained that, the blood-colored pillar began to fade away.

Its figure also gradually disappeared.

“You’re leaving already?” Gu Qing Shan asked with surprise.

「 Of course, it isn’t time for me to show up just yet—— once you and all of your allies have regained your original strength, and once the Samsara permits an all-out battle between all sides, I will be able to manifest again 」

「 At that time, there will be an abundance of good food... 」

「 I look forward to seeing you again 」

After saying that, the Overlooker of Myriad Worlds completely disappeared.

All the supernatural phenomena vanished with it.

Gu Qing Shan stood there thinking for a short while before he pulled out the Card from before.

...

A few dozen minutes later.

Su Xue Er, Lord Bloodcloak, the Master of the Heroic Spirit Hall, as well as Gu Qing Shan were standing on the deck of the interstellar warship.

The four of them were all staring at the shroud of shadow from the distance.

“Mark it” Gu Qing Shan ordered.

A ray of light was shot from the interstellar warship, which clearly marked out a region within the shroud of shadow.

[So we just need to attack that place with everything we have?] Su Xue Er gently asked.

“That’s right, to get rid of this Apocalypse, we must break through that point exactly” Gu Qing Shan replied.

『 Then what are we waiting for, let’s attack it in unison 』 the Master of the Heroic Spirit Hall said.

Everyone quickly took offensive postures.

Su Xue Er summoned a metal trunk that was as tall as three grown adults and then used the components inside to quickly assemble a hand-held cannon.

Lord Bloodcloak took out a Card that was glowing with blinding light.

The Master of the Heroic Spirit Hall prepared a small, intricate, grey mechanical crossbow.

—since they needed to attack with everything they had, of course, they were preparing the strongest forms of attack they could.

“On my count, get ready” Gu Qing Shan said.

He then jumped down from the interstellar warship, transforming into a lightning giant during his descent and began charging towards the shroud of shadow at full speed.

「 5 」

「 4 」

「 3— 」

The giant casually pulled out a giant axe clad in glimmering blue light as he ran across the wasteland.

He then began to speed up and sprint!

「 2 」

「 1 」

「 ATTACK! 」

The giant uttered a resounding roar and swung his lightning axe towards the shroud of shadow with all his strength.

At the same time, several ferocious attacks flew past him and struck the shroud of shadow at the same spot.

Bang——

A ground-shaking tremor reverberated as a crack was made on top of the shroud of shadow.

The lightning giant then swung his axe madly towards the crack until it turned into a large hole.

He then leapt inside with reckless abandon and rushed head-first into the darkness before suddenly jumping into the air and catching a gem that radiated destructive presence.

The giant then squeezed it with all his strength.

Crak crak!

The gem was crushed into fine dust, which the giant scattered in the wind.

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The gem that had been crushed to fine dust glittered like morning dew in the shadow.

The infinite power contained inside made them glow with even more splendor.

Just like that, the powder simply floated in the air.

At that point, a few lines of bloody red text appeared in front of the lightning giant's vision:

[The power of the Awaitings of Chaos has been fully absorbed]

[A little bit more energy is required for your low-level Apocalypse: Lord of Horror, to undergo evolution]

[Collect this Apocalyptic gem powder!]

[—It will provide the last bit of power required for evolution!]

The lightning giant quickly read these messages.

「 Why didn't you tell me that sooner? 」 he complained.

—more than two dozen Awaitings of [Chaos] wasn't enough for the Apocalypse to evolve?

I wonder what it would be like after it finally evolves.

Whatever, I just need to collect all this gem powder again to know the answer.

The giant then reached his hand out to grab the floating gem powder.

Suddenly—

A crimson mist manifested out of nowhere to instantly fill the void of space.

A certain blurred shadow could be seen within the crimson mist, which approached the gem powder—

Shuu—

With a single breath, the shadow sucked all the gem powder into the crimson mist.

「 Ah... it's been so long... such delicacies... 」

Such a murmur could be heard from within the crimson mist.

The lightning giant became stiff.

He naturally understood that this voice belonged to the True Devil of Antiquity, Overlooker of Myriad Worlds.

「 Hey, didn't you say you were leaving? 」 the lightning giant asked with an irritated tone.

「 I'm leaving now, I'm leaving now 」

A booming voice answered from within the crimson mist, seemingly feeling a bit guilty.

With a large gust of wind, the crimson mist all scattered away.

Together with it, the shroud of shadow also vanished without a trace.

His surroundings returned back to normal.

The sky, the ground, the clouds, everything looked just like the scene of a normal night.

—seems like it has left for real this time.

Standing in the middle of the barren wasteland, the lightning giant felt a bit regretful.

He complained: 「 Hey, you knew that I was asking for help from a glutton, why didn't you remind me to hold onto the gem beforehand? 」

A line of bloody red text appeared: [You can't blame me for that, I've only just finished absorbing the power of the Awaitings of Chaos, it was only after detecting that there wasn't enough energy that I notified you]

The lightning giant sighed after reading the answer.

It seems I'll need to find another way to absorb energy for the Apocalypse to evolve.

The layers of lightning began to break off from the giant's body, after which he started shrinking back down.

He had undone his transformation.

After returning to his original form, Gu Qing Shan quickly turned around to head back to the interstellar warship.

But he stopped.



At some unknown point in time, a silver-haired girl was already standing behind him.

She was silently looking at him with a smile on her face.

—-as if there wasn't anything else in her eyes except him.

It was Su Xue Er.

"Xue Er, you saved me" Gu Qing Shan looked straight at her and muttered.

[And you saved me. There is no need for us to mention such small details, right?] Su Xue Er tilted her head and happily answered.

"It's been too long since we've met one another, and there is so much that we haven't said, but I have always kept one thing in mind—- you must have suffered through a lot in order to become an Apocalypse, haven't you?" Gu Qing Shan said as he slowly approached her.

Su Xue Er lowered her face, her voice becoming a bit dejected:

[I destroyed many worlds, I think I've told you that already]

"But that conversation isn't finished—- destroying entire worlds and their living beings, it must have been really tough on you" Gu Qing Shan replied.

[Do you already know how it feels?] Su Xue Er asked.

"I know you" Gu Qing Shan answered.

Su Xue Er remained silent for a brief while before she spoke up again: [My tears have already dried up, and there's nothing left of my emotions. The only thought that remains in my mind is that everything I did, I've done to help you, and that is the only belief I have left]

At this point, while standing in front of Gu Qing Shan, she no longer seemed like a human girl that had reached the peak of evolution, nor did she bear any resemblance to an Apocalypse Sequence.

Gu Qing Shan took another step closer and reached his hands out to hug her.

But Su Xue Er pushed him away, then took a few steps backwards.

She insisted with force in her voice: [No, all of this was my own actions, it has nothing to do with you]

Gu Qing Shan just smiled in response.

He took another step forward and pulled Su Xue Er into his embrace with his hand.

Su Xue Er tried to struggle a few more times before finally hugging him tightly.

Their surroundings became silent.

A few moments later.

"Xue Er" Gu Qing Shan muttered.

[Hm?] Su Xue Er softly answered with a hum.

"Once this is all over, I'll accompany you back to the Reality Gate, we will try to save all the worlds that had been destroyed and revive the people that were killed, and then—"

[And then?]

“I will apologize to all of those people with you, we will ask for their forgiveness, together”

Su Xue Er tightened her embrace, tightly hanging onto his hands.

She finally stopped holding back and cried out loud.

[What if... what if we can't save them anymore... Qing Shan...]

Gu Qing Shan lifted her face up, but her tears couldn't stop flowing.

Gu Qing Shan gently told her: “It will be fine, I'll be with you, regardless of what the final results will be, you and I will accept them together, up until the very end”

Su Xue Er looked earnestly at him, trying to wipe her tears away.

After a long while, she sniffled and tried to make her voice sound calm:

[Regardless of the results, as long as you are here with me, I, Su Xue Er, will never regret my actions, not now or ever]

She kissed him softly.

The waxing moon emerged from between the clouds, illuminating their figures in the dark.

A light breeze blew past them.

[It's time] Su Xue Er told him.

“I’ll think of a way to bring you all into this world as soon as possible!” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Su Xue Er smiled sweetly at him.

She then faded right in front of him, returning to her [Order] and falling back into slumber.

It wasn’t just her, Lord Bloodcloak and the Master of the Heroic Spirit Hall who was standing on the interstellar warship also faded away.

They all returned to slumber.

[Moon Invitation]’s effects had ended.

The moon also disappeared into the night sky.

Only Gu Qing Shan remained by himself on top of the barren wasteland within the darkness.

After remaining silent for a while, he spoke up again:

“...Sequence”

[What is it?] the Sequence responded.

“I don’t want to evolve some Apocalypse anymore, can you come up with a way to somehow bring all of my comrades into the Samsara worlds?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

[To cancel the evolution of the Apocalypse and instead summon more of your comrades, is this your wish?] the Sequence asked.

“It is”

[Even if it will stop the evolution of the Supreme Sequence? This is your opportunity to become stronger]

Gu Qing Shan’s eyes radiated determination and answered: “I’ll always have more ways to become stronger, but they can only remain in hibernation like this. Everyone has already done their best—— this isn’t fair”

[Within this Apocalyptic era, you still insist on fairness?]

“No, perhaps I didn’t make myself clear enough. My wish is for them to live, to truly enter this world and experience life within the Samsara, a life full of glory and unknowns; no matter for what reason they fight or live, even if they fall to Huang Quan in death, it would still not be a waste of a life—— I don’t want them to survive in eternal slumber like this—— what difference is there between this and dying?”

[... To summon your comrades... will be an exceptionally difficult feat to achieve, I will need to collect a nearly infinite amount of energy, and you must also receive permission from the Samsara]

“The Samsara... I will think of a way, just be ready first” Gu Qing Shan replied.

[Then it is decided?]

“Hm, it is decided”

[You must understand, as the Supreme Sequence, my original job was to continuously evolve and awaken, what we’re attempting is considered slacking off] the Sequence said.

“I thank you in advance” Gu Qing Shan chuckled and replied.

At this time, the ground began to tremble.

The tremor was growing increasingly more intense, so much so that even Gu Qing Shan couldn't stand properly anymore.

"What's going on?" Gu Qing Shan exclaimed in surprise.

A line of bloody red text replied:

[Examining]

From the distance, a colorful cluster of light rapidly approached him.

—it was the Heavenly Emperor's Immortal City!

A single person could be seen standing on top of the Immortal City, continuously drawing light in the air with his fingers.

It was the Heavenly Emperor!

Gu Qing Shan narrowed his eyes to observe this for a bit, then suddenly said: "He seems to have lost control over his Immortal City— although I don't know what's going on, it's only correct to attack at this opportunity"

Gu Qing Shan immediately turned to his interstellar warship and shouted an order: "Come! Prepare for battle!"

But the interstellar warship also remained motionless.

It simply hovered in the air waiting for the Heavenly Emperor's Immortal City to arrive.

—Gu Qing Shan couldn't control his warship either!

An Immortal City and an interstellar warship.

Under the Heavenly Emperor's and Gu Qing Shan's watchful gazes, they suddenly became connected.

After that, they slowly descended from the sky and firmly planted themselves on the ground.

— at a glance, they looked like two distinctly different cities being forcefully glued together.

While facing one another in the sky, Gu Qing Shan and the Heavenly Emperor exchanged gazes, both realizing the confusion on the other's expression.

"Sequence!" Gu Qing Shan silently urged.

[Still examining, don't be impatient!] the Sequence answered him.

Right at this moment, a giant river that exuded a frigid gloomy presence began to flow across the barren wasteland.

After that, numerous islands and structures began to grow out from the ground, neatly lined up on the two banks of the river.

"The great tomb!"

Gu Qing Shan's expression changed.

He didn't expect the great tomb of the Tomb of Myriad Beasts to show up here!

This was a terrifying location that had buried many of the past Samsara's secrets, containing an unknown number of past Combatants as well as Apocalypses that couldn't be gotten rid of!

But we should be resolving the issues of the Human realm right now, so why—

Gu Qing Shan suddenly realized something.

Sure enough, lines of bloody text began to appear in the void of space:

[The main and mutated Five Elements have been established, and the Human realm is now stabilized]

[There are a total of two City Lords whose Immortal Cities defeated the Apocalypse, their Immortal Cities will fuse into one and act as the shelter for all Chosen Saints]

[The Beast King realm is about to emerge]

[Explore the great tomb, as the Samsara will observe the performance of every Chosen Saint]

[—Attention, this is the chance for Chosen Saints to regain their powers]

[The more Merit you accrue, the faster your strength would be unsealed]

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but ask: "Wouldn't the seal be undone all at once?"

[No, it will be split into parts] the Sequence answered.

Gu Qing Shan understood right away.

This is a race.

No matter how much strength you had in the past, if you can't undo your seal fast enough, you'd still be weak.

On the contrary, the Chosen Saints who managed to unseal their strength first or have unsealed more of their original strength would be the ones who would truly have the advantage during this trial.

Everyone will begin from the same starting line!

"This is a good chance... I've finally managed to wait for such a chance to appear" Gu Qing Shan's eyes glowed as he muttered.



Killing intent was clearly radiating from his body.

That's right, this is the perfect chance.

Whether or not I can get rid of the Heavenly Emperor once and for all depends on what I choose to do now!

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The two cities stood side by side on top of the barren wasteland.

From above the gloomy sky, two shining sheets of paper fluttered towards the ground.

One of them flew towards the Immortal City and landed in the Heavenly Emperor's hand.

While the other fluttered through the wilderness until it hovered in front of Gu Qing Shan.

Looking at the sheet of paper, Gu Qing Shan felt a sense of unprecedented sudden realization.

Almost instantly, he understood what the sheet of paper in front of him represented.

This was a form of communication that surpassed words and languages.

His soul instantaneously understood the authority that the paper represented.

And that the Heavenly Emperor within the Heavenly Palace had received the same kind of paper as well.

Gu Qing Shan reached his hand out to receive the paper sheet.

Immediately, lines of bloody red text began to appear in front of his vision:

[The Samsara's Beast King realm has become accessible]

[All Chosen Saints must leave the Human realm and make their way to the underside of the world in search of everything within the Beast King realm's great tomb]

[From this moment onwards, the faster and the more Merit one accrues, the more their strength would be unsealed]

[Attention: Within the great tomb, the only safe locations are the two cities]

[All Chosen Saints will be granted shelter within the two cities, where they would be allowed to rest, reorganize, and team-up before heading into the depths of the great tomb to fight]

[You are one of the two City Lords]

[Please bestow your Immortal City a name so that the Samsara can use it to notify all Chosen Saints of its existence]

As the messages appeared, Gu Qing Shan also received the same information from the paper sheet.

—so I have to name it.

And since all Chosen Saints are going to be notified of the city, I can't stall for any longer.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and suddenly asked:

"I want to know what the Heavenly Emperor's Immortal City is called"

Some fluctuations could be felt on the paper sheet.

Gu Qing Shan instantly understood what it was expressing.

— the Heavenly Emperor's city was called the Heavenly Palace.

"The Heaven realm hasn't become accessible yet and he has the gall to name his city the 'Heavenly Palace'?"

Gu Qing Shan shook his head and turned toward his city.

— it was a gigantic interstellar warship that had landed on the ground, temporarily shifting from its aerial form to its stationary form, which was outfitted with a few functions to make it more suitable to camp in the wilderness.

However, it was constantly maintaining a primed posture with energy flowing across its metallic surface, ready to abruptly take off at any moment.

Gu Qing Shan sighed and muttered: "In truth, I prepared this warship for the sake of a certain comrade who once had a home called the S.S. Divine Temple..."

"While 'Divine Temple' had a different meaning, it carried the same message as 'Heavenly Palace' — as a man of science, I believe that what truly deserves the respect of man isn't some divine authority, but rather boundless space, billions of stars, and the eternal truth of the universe"

"...This city, let it be known henceforth as the Star Gazer"

The paper sheet fluctuated briefly.

And then, the paper sheet released some fluctuations that shot above the clouds before merging with a similar wave of fluctuations from the other Immortal City and disappeared without a trace.

— they'd been transported to the Human realm.

The Samsara would inform every Chosen Saint of their upcoming trials, the way to unseal their strength, as well as —

The existence of the two cities 'Heavenly Palace' and 'Star Gazer'.

Time slowly passed.

After an unknown amount of time, the darkness around them slowly faded away.

Gu Qing Shan noticed that he was standing in the middle of the sky, while the Heavenly Emperor was standing a short distance from him.

There were countless visions below their feet.

Each Chosen Saint, no matter where they physically were, could instantly see both the Heavenly Emperor and Gu Qing Shan.

The paper sheets in Gu Qing Shan's and the Heavenly Emperor's hands then radiated some minute fluctuations.

They both understood the Samsara's will right away.

It was their turn now.

— — — the two City Lords must now introduce their respective Immortal Cities so that the Chosen Saints could choose between one of them to enter.

The Samsara didn't say what benefits this might bring them.

But being characters of their caliber, Gu Qing Shan and the Heavenly Emperor naturally recognized the implicated values.

The Heavenly Emperor took the initiative and announced to all Chosen Saints:

"My subjects, we have been through countless eons together, witnessing and suffering through the shattered Samsara, and now, I have finally created our Heavenly Palace!"

The giant city clad in colorful heavenly light appeared behind him.

The majority of Chosen Saints immediately cheered.

— — — all of them were those who had faked their deaths after the Samsara shattered, they all knew the strength of the Heavenly Emperor as well as the Heaven realm.

The Heavenly Emperor's solemnity had already been deeply ingrained in their minds!

"I will spare the meaningless formalities. Come to me and join the Heavenly Palace, receive your heavenly authorities and explore the great tomb together, we shall help the Samsara complete its evolution as fast as possible!"

After that, the Heavenly Emperor took out a badge.

He declared: "All Chosen Saints who have received a heavenly authority will be granted a Heavenly Badge, with which you will be able to receive your earnings, weapons, armors, pills, and necessities from within the Heavenly Palace's vaults!"

The badge was activated and released a bunch of lights.

The lights were revealed to be treasures piled up as high as a mountain, overflowing almost like the ocean.

Seeing this, Gu Qing Shan understood right away.

— — — I only managed to find a single warehouse before, inside of which there were numerous treasures hidden.

It's a mystery just how many similar warehouses did the Heavenly Emperor prepare ahead of time!

— he had already predicted this!

This time, all the Chosen Saints cheered with considerable vigor.

Seeing this, the Heavenly Emperor couldn't help himself chuckling boastfully.

While everyone's powers are sealed and their Divine Weapons have been taken away, all of these are the next best thing within the realms.

To explore the great tomb, a solid set of armor, sharp weapons, healing pills, and other supportive products are all necessities for any Chosen Saint.

"Gu Qing Shan, it's your turn now, but I suspect that no one would be willing to go to your city" the Heavenly Emperor said.

He stepped back with a boastful expression, clearly ready to watch things play out.

— it was Gu Qing Shan's turn now.

All the Chosen Saints turned their gazes towards him.

Gu Qing Shan could only step forward as his gaze landed on the countless Chosen Saints with the paper sheet in his hand.

The Heavenly Emperor has past authority, countless subordinates, and immeasurable resources, so others are willing to work for him.

— what doesn't the Heavenly Emperor have?

Gu Qing Shan remained silent for a short moment before speaking: "Star Gazer city was founded by and for, we who walk the path of Evil, so fellow brothers and sisters of Evil, I welcome you all, and our previous arrangements will be kept as promised"

Some sparse cheers could be heard from among the Chosen Saints.

In the end, compared to the entire Samsara, there were pitifully few people who followed the path of Evil.

Hearing that, the Heavenly Emperor coldly sneered.

Trying to go against the Chosen Saint forces of the entire Samsara with only Evil doers, what a joke!

Just as well, I'll be able to teach him a lesson with this.

At this point, Gu Qing Shan continued:

"Aside from those of the Evil path, we won't restrict any others who come to our city"

Everyone was briefly stunned, unable to understand what he actually meant.

Gu Qing Shan explained: "No matter who enters my city, I don't care about what you do, I don't care about what you obtain from the great tomb, I won't take anything from you, and I don't have anything that I need you all to do"

“I don’t care what you do as long as you don’t obstruct others”

“In summary, I don’t care”

“That’s it”

After saying that, he stepped back.

—complete silence.

The Chosen Saints all fell into thought.

Heavenly Palace city gave an extremely good offer, granting everyone a heavenly authority as well as supplies, basically everything one could ask for.

While Star Gazer city doesn’t offer anything at all, not even restrictions.

If I... seriously consider...

Taking Heavenly Palace city’s resources and carrying Heavenly Palace city’s official authority, wouldn’t that mean I need to work for Heavenly Palace city?

If I were to find something good, I might even have to hand it over to Heavenly Palace city.

Certain information and secrets are considered priceless treasures.

The Heavenly Emperor’s solemnity is unquestionable, so if he orders me to reveal such information, should I or should I not tell him?

Meanwhile, in Star Gazer city...

—the City Lord said that this was a city of Evil.

They literally don’t care about you.

I can do whatever I want, however I want.

Then...

Many people had already made their decisions.

At this point, the paper sheets in Gu Qing Shan and the Heavenly Emperor’s hands began to vibrate.

They were radiating invisible waves of summon.

The Chosen Saints could sense them right away.

A heavenly being loudly declared:

「 I’m going first, I was originally a Heavenly Official, and today I will return to the Heavenly Palace! 」

Instantly, his body turned into a reverse shooting star and shot into the sky, bypassing the limits of space to fly towards the Heavenly Emperor’s Immortal City.

In that moment, the Chosen Saints of the Heaven realm rapidly transformed into shooting stars one after another, descending onto the Heavenly Palace like a meteor shower.

On the other hand, waves of evil creatures sparsely flew into Star Gazer city, clearly outnumbered compared to the Heavenly Palace.

Seeing this, the Heavenly Emperor boastfully said: "Gu Qing Shan, the fact that you managed to construct a city is beyond my expectations, but your path has come to an end"

Gu Qing Shan ignored him.

He was focusing his attention on the two cities that stood firmly on top of the barren wasteland.

Gradually, more and more shooting stars began to head towards Star Gazer city.

Until so many of them were flying at the same time that the whole city looked like the head of a torch, brightly illuminated by the starlight.

Meanwhile, the shooting stars on the side of the Heavenly Palace were gradually becoming sparser, which made it seem inferior.

The Heavenly Emperor's expression changed.

"That's impossible... the heavenly beings and divine beasts had all entered the Heavenly Palace, could it be that the others..."

The Heavenly Emperor narrowed his eyes to quickly reconsider the current circumstances.

Meanwhile, a line of bloody red text appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan's vision:

[Your city's population has reached a certain threshold, the Samsara is utilizing its Origin Power to unlock a hidden function for your city, please wait a moment, it will let you choose]

Gu Qing Shan quickly skimmed through and silently nodded.

— as expected, a big population is necessary.

With more manpower, the city's development would be different.

At this point, the Heavenly Emperor had already realized what happened.

"So when you said that you'd ignore them, you were purposely offering the opposite of my offer" the Heavenly Emperor coldly said.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at him and casually replied: "Of course, between the two of us, one person will be heading into Huang Quan first"

The Heavenly Emperor coldly sneered: "If you ignore all those Chosen Saints like you said, I can see your city losing all order, the sky filling with miasma, and eventually falling into complete chaos, irreversibly ruining itself"

Gu Qing Shan looked at him in surprise and nodded: "I agree"

The Heavenly Emperor observed him briefly and continued: “So you wanted to create a city of sins from the very beginning. If that is truly the case, you’re not worthy of being considered my opponent at all, you will lose the upcoming competition without a doubt”

Saying that, he waved his hand and transformed into a ray of light to make his way back to the Heavenly Palace.

Only Gu Qing Shan remained standing in the air.

At this point, numerous shooting stars were still flying into Star Gazer city.

Gu Qing Shan continued to observe for a while, gradually displaying an uncomfortable expression on his face.

If someone were here, they would be able to recognize that he was feeling embarrassed.

Clearly, so many Chosen Saints had come to him——

Clearly, even the Heavenly Emperor was angered by his decisions and left——

So why was he feeling embarrassed?

But nobody was here.

So no one knew the answer.

Under the starry sky, only a weak murmur could be heard:

“The Samsara didn’t say anything about telling the truth...”

“... why did so many... actually believe that...”

## **Chapter 1769**

All the Chosen Saints had chosen a city to belong to.

The Heavenly Emperor had already returned to his Heavenly Palace, so Gu Qing Shan quickly returned to Star Gazer city as well.

Everything was now ready.

A gust of wind suddenly manifested on the ground.

Shan Hai Qi Xia and the Chosen Saints of the Tomb of Myriad Beasts approached Gu Qing Shan.

“It’s starting” Shan Hai Qi Xia commented.

“Indeed, I can already sense the seal around the great tomb undoing itself” Gu Qing Shan replied.

All the Chosen Saints residing within the two cities of Heavenly Palace and Star Gazer were looking outside.

Dooo— fooo— fooo— foooo—

A gradual low growl could be heard from the gloomy river within the great tomb.

The flow of the river became even more intense, accompanied by fog that rose to cover the surface of the river.

The fog gradually ascended and slowly condensed in the air to form a shape—

It was a skull with elongated cheeks.

Unlike humans, the skull’s cheeks were truly so elongated that it seemed eerie.

As soon as the skull manifested itself in its entirety, the river seemed to have come back to life.

With the skull as the epicenter, numerous strange and unusual entities began appearing, all of which were hurriedly fleeing, trying to escape as far as possible from the elongated skull.

“It’s that thing again!” Gu Qing Shan exclaimed.

『 You’ve seen it before? 』 Li An asked in a hushed voice.

All the other Chosen Saints in Star Gazer city also turned toward Gu Qing Shan.



Gu Qing Shan didn't try to hide the information and explained: "I ran into it once in the past. That is an Unfathomable Apocalypse, anything that enters within its vision will be permanently detached from the Laws of Time and Space, thus falling into eternal emptiness, where death is only the slightest hope for release"

Hearing his explanation, everyone silently shivered.

As the elongated skull slowly floated above the river, everything that crossed its vision was turned into nothingness.

Not a single thing could stop its gaze.

How would someone deal with such an Apocalypse?

Gu Qing Shan commented: "I've thought about it, and the only hope of staying alive is to not be seen by it— that's why the entities within the river all ran away earlier"

While he was speaking, the elongated skull turned towards the two cities.

Following its gaze, nothingness began to appear along the river bank and the ground, rapidly approaching the two cities!

In an instant, the paper sheet in front of Gu Qing Shan suddenly gave off a bright colorful light.

A line of text appeared on top of the paper:

[The operation shall now begin]

The paper sheet suddenly flew into the air and released its radiant light to envelope the entire Star Gazer city.

On the other side, another paper sheet took flight and enveloped the Heavenly Palace in bright, colorful light.

— — — the two cities with distinctly different styles stood firmly in the middle of the wilderness.

One of them appeared divine with numerous clouds and a heavenly aria surrounding it.

While the other was constructed from metal, jet-black in color emanating an indifferent coldness from its design.

The two cities were now a few hundred meters apart from one another, both of which were under the protection of the paper sheets.

As the elongated skull turned its vision towards the two cities, everything in its path was completely consumed.

But its gaze seemed to have been blocked out by the paper sheets, unable to harm the Chosen Saints residing within the two cities.

Gradually, the elongated skull seemed to have lost interest and turned its gaze away.

Everyone sighed in relief.

Under their watchful stares, the elongated skull finally floated past the two cities and continued along the flow of the river.

Someone suddenly called out: "My Merit is decreasing!"

「 Mine as well! 」

『 Why is mine decreasing as well!? 』

Everyone exclaimed in shock and confusion.

Gu Qing Shan realized something.

Could it be——

He turned to the paper sheet, and sure enough saw the explanation written on it.

——the two cities can prevent the invasion of the Apocalypses, but it will drain the Merits of its inhabitants.

Increasingly more people realized this and turned their attention to the paper sheet.

Soon, everyone understood what was going on.

The two cities could indeed stop the attacks of Apocalypses, but it would drain an average number of Merits from everyone in return.

Then, what would happen if someone's Merit was fully expended?

Quite a few people silently had the same thought.

“AEEK!!!”

A fearful scream could be heard.

A Chosen Saint was flung outside of Star Gazer city as if they were struck by something, quickly landing on the barren wasteland.

“Damn it, so what if I don't have enough Merits, I'll go earn some more!”

The person angrily shouted, then began to head deeper into the great tomb following the river.

Everyone remained silent.

Within that silence, the person slowly disappeared into the great tomb.

At this point, some more fluctuations could be felt from the paper sheet floating above the city.

It was sending information to everyone——

At this point, both City Lords have the right to select a function of their choice to be unlocked for the city.

The paper sheet continued to radiate its fluctuations, sending information directly to every Chosen Saint's mind.

——the paper sheet was the manifestation of the city's Laws, not only did it clearly display all of the city's Laws, but it could also display the Laws of the opposing Heavenly Palace city.

In other words, the functions and Laws of both cities were transparent to all Chosen Saints.

And Heavenly Palace city had just unlocked its first city function——

[Limited Elementary Long-distance Bombardment]

[Description: By focusing the power of all Chosen Saints in the city, unleash a single attack that will transform all destroyed objects into pure Origin Power that will directly support Heavenly Palace's evolution level]

[——This is an Immortal City's most basic form of attack, capable of being unleashed towards any targets]

[Usable once per day]

Seeing Heavenly Palace city activating such a powerful city function, the Chosen Saints of Star Gazer city all felt a bit panicked.

「 What function does our city have? 」

『 ——I don't see anything 』

『 So no function has been unlocked yet? 』

「 I'm not sure 」

“The City Lord is probably still making his choice”

“That's the only way to explain it...”

The Chosen Saints of Star Gazer city were openly discussing this matter.

It was clear that the two cities had a loose competitive relationship.

So now that one city had earned a weapon, the people of the other city would naturally feel uneasy.

——everyone was in a hurry to find out what ability the City Lord of Star Gazer city had chosen.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but explain: “There are more of us, so there are more functions that we can manifest compared to Heavenly Palace, I'm still waiting for the Samsara to provide me a list, but it's still not fully completed”

Hearing that, everyone felt a bit helpless, but this really couldn't be helped, and they had no choice except to simply wait.

Someone suddenly called out:

「 My heavens! 」

“They're taking an offensive posture!”

『 Look! 』

“Have the people of the Heavenly Palace gone crazy?”

The Chosen Saints standing in Star Gazer city all turned to look at Heavenly Palace city.

Only to see a large offensive formation gradually manifesting in the void of space outside Heavenly Palace city.

The runes that made up the offensive formation gradually glowed brighter while emanating a terrifying ferocious presence.

A giant hologram slowly manifested at the center of the formation.

——it was a battering ram in the shape of a five-clawed golden dragon, which was only a little bit smaller than the two cities.

“Aaaaaaa, it’s coming!”

Someone exclaimed.

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As soon as the battering ram appeared, it started accelerating and struck Star Gazer city in almost an instant.

A huge tremor could be felt.

The attack caused Star Gazer city to give off a thunderous metallic impact.

Several components were broken off from Star Gazer city and transformed into pure Samsara Origin Power before they were absorbed by Heavenly Palace city.

The heavenly light surrounding Heavenly Palace city grew a bit more radiant.

『 Has the Samsara not completed the list? If they attack Star Gazer city like this every day, Star Gazer city will eventually collapse! 』 Li An loudly called out.

“It’s done!” Gu Qing Shan answered her.

——he could sense the Samsara’s will.

Several options appeared in his mind, and as soon as he made the decision, one of the functions listed here would be unlocked for Star Gazer city.

Nobody said anything else.

They were unanimously quiet so that they wouldn’t disturb him.

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes and silently checked the options.

There weren’t that many of them that he could select, only a handful.

His options also included the one that Heavenly Palace city has chosen—— [[Limited Elementary Long-distance Bombardment].

But this was only an ‘elementary’ function.

Because Star Gazer city’s population was larger than Heavenly Palace city’s, its total Merit reserve was also greater, so aside from the various elementary functions, there was also an ‘intermediate’ function.

After examining them for a short moment, Gu Qing Shan chose it without hesitation.

The paper sheet on top of Star Gazer city also started to fluctuate.

It informed the Chosen Saints on both sides of the newly unlocked function of Star Gazer city——

[Intermediate Law: City Concealment]

[Description: By focusing the population's Merits, Star Gazer city will be completely concealed within the void of space, no entity or entities would be able to detect or attack Star Gazer city]

[——This is an intermediate-level defensive function of Star Gazer city]

[Usable once per day]

While the Chosen Saints were still reading, loud laughter could already be heard from Heavenly Palace city.

The Heavenly Emperor's voice echoed from the distance:

「 Gu Qing Shan, are you really stupid or are you just pretending to be? 」

「 What's the point of having such a concealment technique? 」

「 ——How would you know when I would attack tomorrow? And how would you use such a defensive function in a timely manner? 」

「 Are you planning on camping in the city and be on a constant watch for my attacks? Ahahahaha! 」

「 Keep waiting, you and all the traitors of the Heavenly Palace will head towards death in your despair!  
」

The Heavenly Emperor's voice slowly faded.

Everyone in Star Gazer city had their gazes locked on Gu Qing Shan.

——in truth, the fact that this 'Gu Qing Shan' individual managed to establish an Immortal City the same way that the Heavenly Emperor managed to do so has proven that he wasn't a simple character.



The Chosen Saints who had managed to make it this far naturally understood this as well.

So no one said anything and simply observed Gu Qing Shan.

He was the City Lord.

He had the responsibility to prove to everyone that his choice was correct.

—This was the only way for the morale of Star Gazer city to not drop.

Gu Qing Shan naturally understood the implications of their gazes.

He turned to Li An and asked: “Do you have anything that you don’t need anymore? — the heavier the better”

Li An thought about it briefly before making a strange expression.

『 Your second brother... gave me a mega-sized jade tag. It contains nothing but the various secret techniques that modern female cultivators use for self-maintenance... it’s very heavy 』

“Oh? Give it to me” Gu Qing Shan said.

Li An then took out a jade tag.

—calling it a jade tag was a bit of a stretch, as it was clearly a pure-white brick.

Receiving the brick, Gu Qing Shan estimated its weight and confirmed that it was especially heavy.

He couldn't help but praise: "Second brother's jade tag construction skills have improved. In the past, a jade tag needed to be the size of a small mountain in order to record so many techniques"

Li An was still worried: 『 What do you... intend to do now? After all, you chose a concealment technique, it won't be able to defend from the Heavenly Palace's attacks... 』

"Who said that I wanted to defend?" Gu Qing Shan asked her in return.

Li An was surprised.

Everyone else was similarly surprised.

Li An couldn't help but reply: 『 Then what are you—— 』

Gu Qing Shan said: "I'm a sword cultivator, as you know, but I've also trained in archery, so my aiming skills are quite decent. Just wait a moment——"

He held the brick tightly and took a deep breath.

He began with a running start before accelerating into a sprint, which he continued until he nearly reached the edge of the warship's deck before swinging his arm.

——and threw it forward with all of his strength!

In an instant, the brick was thrown away.

Everyone watched as the brick drew a beautiful arc in the air as it made its way towards the downstream of the river.

Bam!

A loud impact was heard from the distance.

The brick had just heavily struck the back of the elongated skull—

Enough to leave a tiny dent on it!!!

The elongated skull was stunned.

It had already ignored the two cities to head downstream.

And yet—

Somehow—

Somebody—

Actually dared to attack it from behind?

In all its time living in the great tomb's river, this was the first time something like this had occurred.

—-it knew this entire area like the back of its hand, so it recognized the only difference was the appearance of those two new structures!

I let you go because I couldn't be bothered, and you dare ambush ME?

「 Gakakakakakaka! 」

The elongated skull uttered a resounding roar of fury, then abruptly turned around towards the two cities.

At almost the same time——

Gu Qing Shan curtly ordered: “City Concealment”

Fshu!

In an instant, Star Gazer city vanished without a trace.

Only one city remained alone on the bank of the great tomb river.

Heavenly Palace city!

The elongated skull was charging toward Heavenly Palace city with the determination to kill!!!

This time, it was very evidently using its full strength, radiating the boundless emptiness from its body to consume everything around itself.

The night was silent.

Heavenly Palace city——

Had already used up its [Limited Elementary Long-distance Bombardment], so other than taking the attack head-on, it had no other method of retaliation.

At least, not today.

So the only outcome was...

Suddenly, the Heavenly Emperor's angered shout boomed across the whole region:

「 Gu Qing Shan, you malicious scoundrel, get out here! 」

「 You think you're so impressive pulling the rug under me like this!?! 」

「 Get out here and face this Apocalypse together if you're so good! 」

His voice drifted through the night sky, echoing into the distance.

But the void of space remained silent.

There was no answer.

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sorry for the lack of updates, I was sick for a few days

## **Chapter 1770**

The Human realm.

Luo Shui city had already been leveled to the ground.

There was nothing but barren land for miles in every direction.

On top of that barren land was a single table made out of Immortal Jade, on top of which there was a pot.

A pot that was steaming with spicy broth.

Qin Xiao Lou was sitting at the table with a bowl and chopsticks in his hand, cheerfully dipping some beef into the hotpot.

He was sweating from the spiciness and occasionally taking a sip of alcohol from his cup, seemingly having the time of his life.

“Third Brother is saved”

“Sister Li An said that the matter in the Human realm has concluded, and all Chosen Saints have gone to participate in the next round of competition—”

“In other words, I have nothing left to do!”

He picked up another piece of meat from the hotpot and happily ate.

I still have a large stockpile of spirit stones, regular money, and even various cultivation supplies.

The Human realm is now at peace, my junior sisters and brother are nowhere to be seen.

Shifu—

Is also not here.

I can finally head into a real brothel and immerse myself in music, art, and ladies— all sort of nice ladies!

Now that’s living!

With that in mind, Qin Xiao Lou couldn’t help but hum a melody: “Life is beautiful—”

Suddenly, a female voice interrupted him from behind:

“What happened here?”

“Whoa, Shifu! Why did you appear without warning, you almost scared me to death!”

A green gate of light had just opened up in the void of space, from which Xie Dao Ling emerged with a key in her hand.

“The city is destroyed... what exactly happened here?”

Xie Dao Ling frowned and asked.

Qin Xiao Lou swiftly prepared a set of utensils for her, led her to the host seat, then started explaining: "It was like this..."

He then recounted all the events so far.

Xie Dao Ling asked: "Do you still have a base in another city?"

"I do, I've set up a base in all the prosperous cities on the land. What does Shifu want to do?" Qin Xiao Lou quickly answered.

Xie Dao Ling sighed and sat down at the hotpot table.

Qin Xiao Lou waited for a while, only to see that she was very earnestly placing a flavoring pill into the pot, so he couldn't ask.

He then helped her add more coal for the fire, prepared more side dishes, dipped more meat, poured more alcohol, and carefully waited on her.

I thought that Shifu was just being herself like always, but something seems to be different this time.

Xie Dao Ling was simply seated there, not picking up any food, nor eating anything.

It was as if she was stumped.

This was a very rare state to see Xie Dao Ling in.

Qin Xiao Lou cautiously asked: "Shifu... does it not suit your taste?"

Xie Dao Ling regained her senses and replied: "That's not it, but I believe your Third Brother is stuck in quite a predicament... our situation isn't that much better either, so I'm trying to come up with a solution"

"What exactly is the situation?" Qin Xiao Lou worriedly asked.

Xie Dao Ling muttered: "I've always thought that it was a legend... but I didn't think that the legends were actually true..."

"Legend? What kind of legend?" Qin Xiao Lou asked.

Xie Dao Ling explained in a low voice: "During the previous era, there was a legend that spoke of three extremely secretive disciplines. It was said that if someone managed to cultivate these disciplines to the extreme, they would undergo an unbelievable transformation and sublimate to become supreme void arts"

"These three supreme arts... one of them was called the Parallel World Art, capable of creating countless realities within the River of Time, all of which would contain different living beings with different Fates, and the worlds within them would also actually exist, truly a profound mystical feat, hailed as the top defensive technique within the Boundless Void"

Hearing her explanation, Qin Xiao Lou couldn't help but feel mesmerized.

Creating an infinite number of parallel worlds, using billions of worlds and living beings to defend oneself, what an unimaginable technique!

Thinking about it for a bit, he couldn't help but comment: "I think I've heard Third Brother describe such circumstances before"

Xie Dao Ling replied: "Indeed, someone had performed this Art within the Reality Gate that we previously resided in..."

"Was it because Shifu discovered traces of this Art that you feel troubled?" Qin Xiao Lou asked.



“No—— in reality, I actually saw another of the supreme Void Arts” Xie Dao Ling answered.

“Another Art?” Qin Xiao Lou exclaimed.

Xie Dao Ling sighed and explained: “That’s right, our enemy possesses a supreme Void Art comparable to that of the Parallel World Art”

“In the legends, it was called the One Being Myriad Lives Art, the second of the three supreme Void Art”

Qin Xiao Lou pondered: “One Being Myriad Lives? Why does that sound similar to Shifu’s incarnation technique?”

“No, it is completely different, as it’s a type of offensive technique...”

While she was speaking, Xie Dao Ling abruptly slammed the table and sternly declared: “We have an emergency in our hands, we need to come up with a way for the other ‘me’ to find me as soon as possible”

“...Huh... huh?” Qin Xiao Lou couldn’t keep up with the pace and looked at Xie Dao Ling in shock.

——emergency?

Why did the situation suddenly become an emergency?

Xie Dao Ling stood up and stated: “Dear disciple, we need to head to the nearest city and open a restaurant to enact your ‘number one spirit cooking restaurant’ plan, only then would we be able to lead the other ‘me’ to us”

“Why can’t we simply go and search for her?” Qin Xiao Lou asked.

“There is a Miracle separating me and her, we wouldn’t be able to reach her no matter what, only the reverse is possible” Xie Dao Ling explained.

Her gaze appeared slightly heavier.

Not only does the enemy possess the Pendant of Fire, but they've also concealed themselves by wielding a supreme Void Art only heard of in legends.

—how are we supposed to fight against that?

“Don't worry, Shifu, your disciple will reopen the Green Building and become the number one in the realm as soon as we reach the next city!”

Qin Xiao Lou patted his chest with pride.

...

The underside of the Human realm.

Countless tombstones and graves could be seen dotting the ground, with a gloomy frigid river flowing between all of them on top of the barren wasteland.

A grand city stood firmly on the bank of the river.

Heavenly Palace city!

The elongated skull was charging towards this grand city—

From a distance, it had already unleashed its Apocalyptic Emptiness powers to attack Heavenly Palace city.

Dooo!

A heavy sound of impact could be heard from inside Heavenly Palace city.

The paper sheet floating above Heavenly Palace city was releasing light to shield it against the Apocalyptic power of the elongated skull.

『 Hah, let us see just how much Merit they can waste 』 Li An coldly scoffed.

All the Chosen Saints within Star Gazer city all had devious expressions on their faces.

—so you bunch of Heavenly Palace city attacked us earlier huh?

Good, I'd like to see if you can still act so high and mighty when Star Gazer's City Lord draws that horrifying Apocalypse towards you!

The barrier around Heavenly Palace city was glowing increasingly brighter, firmly shielding it from the elongated skull's attack without giving a single inch, allowing it to sit immovably on the bank of the river.

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「 They sure possess a lot of Merit 」 an evil creature commented.

But more of them were silently laughing.

Such mindless expenditure isn't going to resolve the issue.

After all, no matter how much Merit they have—

It'll eventually run out.

“They're definitely done for this time, aren't they?” Shan Hai Qi Xia asked Gu Qing Shan.

But Gu Qing Shan only showed a strange expression on his face.

Being a City Lord, he understood the power that the two cities possessed.

They were cities built by the Samsara itself, both containing unimaginable power within, but they needed to slowly unlock their functions and continuously evolve until they eventually turned into the ultimate shelter and weapon of war for living beings of the Samsara.

But during these early stages, the two cities are still very weak, requiring the protection as well as the support of Chosen Saints to mature.

And yet the Heavenly Emperor is remaining passive.

For what reason?

Gu Qing Shan's gaze became grim.

At this point, something finally occurred.

Layers upon layers of colorful heavenly light emerged from inside Heavenly Palace city, followed by four divine beasts that took flight above the clouds.

They were the Vermillion Bird, the Black Tortoise, the Azure Dragon, and the White Tiger.

They equally distanced themselves from one another before releasing a talisman.

『 Suppress! 』

The Vermillion Bird declared.

The form of a new world was derived from the four talismans, temporarily being summoned from the void of space.

“Ah, so it was a Phase Realm, what do they intend to do?”

Gu Qing Shan muttered to himself.

A ray of light suddenly emerged from inside that world, which traversed the distance to strike the elongated skull.

In an instant, the elongated skull was sucked into that world.

「Retrieve!」

The Azure Dragon declared.

The four talismans were then retrieved into the four divine beasts' mouths.

But the talismans were all radiating chaotic light, almost as if something was trying to struggle free from inside.

Without wasting a single moment, the four divine beasts immediately fled as far as they could.

They gradually went far enough that no one could see them anymore.

——Heavenly Palace city was safe.

The Chosen Saints were still a bit unsatisfied and turned to Gu Qing Shan again, wanting to see what else he intended to do.

Gu Qing Shan walked up to the edge of the warship's deck and shouted towards Heavenly Palace city:

“Oi! You might have managed to survive this time around”

“But if you tried to attack our Star Gazer city again, I'll be drawing more Apocalypses your way!”

His voice travelled far into the distance, reverberating across the night sky.

Only the Heavenly Emperor's scoff could be heard from Heavenly Palace city in reply, there was nothing else.

Gu Qing Shan turned around and declared to the Chosen Saints on his side:

"Alright, show's over, time to explore the great tomb"

The Chosen Saints all began to make their moves.

—-this was still the Samsara Clash for Supremacy, and now that the great tomb had just resurfaced, it was the best opportunity to earn Merit and unseal their strength.

Who wouldn't want to regain their powers as soon as possible?

Numerous rays of light streaked across the night sky before landing on the ground as the Chosen Saints scattered in every direction.

The same sight could be seen from Heavenly Palace city as well.

Nobody had the patience to worry about others, so they were all randomly picking a direction.

—-the exploration of the great tomb had officially begun!

Gu Qing Shan turned to those around him and said: "I'm going to rest a little bit, you all should head out as well"

"Alright" Shan Hai Qi Xia replied before taking her group with her.

Gu Qing Shan turned around, looked for a resting chamber and closed the door behind him.

He sat down directly on the cold metal floor.

The look of triumph that was previously on his face was gone.

It was now grim.

Li An flew directly through the door and silently sat down next to him.

『 What's the matter? 』 she asked with concern.

Gu Qing Shan took a short glance at her.

She is a descendant of the previous heavenly being race, she has made an unbreakable vow with me, and we've faced the two Unfathomable Apocalypses together——

“...Did you notice that things were a bit strange today?” Gu Qing Shan pondered shortly and asked.

『 What are you referring to? 』 Li An asked.

“The Heavenly Emperor didn't use the power of Miracles—— he usually prefers to use the power of Miracles to resolve his problems; but today, during such a crucial moment, right when it was time to make a show out of his strength for all to see, he had instead opted to not touch the power of Miracles” Gu Qing Shan commented.

『 Perhaps he had other considerations 』 Li An suggested.

Gu Qing Shan said: “I feel very disappointed...”

『 Disappointed? 』 Li An asked in surprise.

“That’s right” Gu Qing Shan continued: “I remember back in the Elements War Zone, he managed to prepare several traps far ahead of time, just to take my life—— and he almost succeeded”

“In the past, he had the patience to wait for the perfect moment to attack my Shifu and take the position of Heavenly Emperor for himself, so why did he attack so recklessly today?”

“I consider him an opponent who I can go all out against, and I’ve always faced him with everything I have, in what I consider the battle of our lives. And yet today, his choice to attack was so reckless that he couldn’t possibly be a worthy match for me, why?”

“How could a scheming and shrewd character possibly act so clumsily today?”

Li An was unable to respond at all.

She couldn’t answer any of the questions that Gu Qing Shan had posed.

Gu Qing Shan silently sat there, pondering for a long time before suddenly appearing shocked.

『 Have... you thought of something? 』 Li An asked.

Gu Qing Shan slowly stood up and muttered: “This opponent is one that prefers to devise multiple plans to be put into action, betting on more than one gate, so that no matter which choice his enemy made, it would always be him who would benefit in the end”

He continued: “Two cities... to achieve this, there should only be one reasonable strategy”

『 What strategy? 』 Li An asked.

Gu Qing Shan remained silent for a moment.

The sense of confusion and loss he had earlier had disappeared, instead replaced by determination and killing intent: “The real Heavenly Emperor is hiding in our Star Gazer city”



He finally said.