

## Apocalypse 416

### Chapter 416: Voices of the dead

Samsara world.

Huang Quan.

The dead were all looking up as the number above their heads were quickly rising.

Very quickly, the negative sign in front of the numbers disappeared.

Their Merit reached 0.

Then quickly went into the positive.

And the numbers were still increasing!

Saving six worlds, with how astronomical an act it was, the amount of Merit they got was equally astronomical!

Even if there are over a quintillion dead people to share it all, the amount each of them receive in the end is still enormous.

The numbers above each of the dead were still quickly increasing.

When all the dead's Merit number reached positive, a miracle happened.

All the terrible torture of the 18 layers of hell temporarily stopped.

In the Blood River Hell, the thick, musky blood turned a deep blue, the shadowy monster eating away at the dead from below turned into friendly fishes that swam around minding their own business.

In the Frozen Hell, various warm rooms manifested from below, with a sizzling hot fireplace and a ready-made hot meal prepared on a long banquet table.

Each and every hell, the burning fire stopped, ice thawed, shackles were broken and the mountains of blades collapsed.

Whatever it is that was torturing and bringing suffering to the dead disappeared.

As the leaders looked at their own Merit as well as the Merit above each other's heads, they all appeared joyful.

"Ahaha, no more torture! I can finally be free!" the old human man cheered like mad.

"Awoooooo —" Wolf King howled to the sky.

The male Asura was dancing in singing in celebration.

The giant was jumping around in joy.

Seeing this, even Gu Qing Shan was smiling.

Of the 7 leaders of hell, only the female Asura wasn't here.

But no matter, regardless of where she was, her Merit would increase all the same.

All the dead will be settled to various realms like the Heaven realm, Asura realm and human realm to reincarnate and be born anew.

"When can they reincarnate?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook smiled and answered: "After they've served their suffering in hell, the dead gets half a day of rest for them to clean up and repent, after that they'll officially reincarnate to the next realm"

One of the leaders of the dead spoke dejectedly: "This place has become so comfortable that I don't want to reincarnate"

The dead all merrily laughed.

But a few of the dead were actually tempted by that.

Reincarnation means they'll forget the memories of this life.

In the next life, it's exceptionally hard for anyone to recall how they lived before unless they get an extremely great coincidence.

Many dead aren't willing to part with the memories of their entire lives.

And now that the tortures of hell are fully gone, being able to remain here and live isn't such a bad choice.

The Merit Accountant Machine's voice suddenly came out.

[Rejected! If you remain in hell after your time of reincarnation has come, your Merit will start to decrease rapidly, and when it reaches negative, you'll be forced back into hell to suffer again!]

Its voice was firm and cold.

The Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook also spoke: "Huang Quan isn't worth remaining in, you should all continue on the next leg of your journey"

Hearing even the Divine Armament saying that, the dead finally gave up on the idea.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly remembered something and asked: "Will the fusion of the 2 worlds affect Huang Quan in anyway?"

"Wait a minute" the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook spoke.

It then released an eruption of light that scanned across the entire world of Huang Quan.

After a while, the khopesh answered: "Although the majority of benefits goes to your human realm, the origin Laws of Huang Quan also got reinforced —this reinforcement will belong to the newly fused world later on"

"Are there any specific outward expressions?"

“Using the power of the Laws born from the two worlds fusing, the Huang Quan machines are quickly being repaired”

“Ah? So the 88 machines will all be fixed?” Gu Qing Shan asked in interest.

“That’s right, very fortunately ——Huang Quan already doesn’t have anyone else to manage it, so it’s fortunate that we have them” the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook commented.

Shannu agreed: “It truly is fortunate, thanks to these machines, after the worlds finish merging, order will be maintained at least in the area of Huang Quan”

“That’s good to hear” Gu Qing Shan said.

He sighed: “Hell is now empty, Huang Quan’s troubles are thoroughly dealt with and the human realm also returned to peace, what a long battle it has been”

Recalling everything that’s happened so far, Gu Qing Shan felt a bit emotional.

If it weren’t for him becoming Bai Hua Fairy’s disciple, he wouldn’t have been able to learn the two Secret Arts of [Sealed Body Yin Shift] and [Soul Comes Soul Goes].

Without these two Secret Arts, he wouldn’t have been able to go to Huang Quan to find out the truth about the disaster.

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Which would lead to an irreversible eventual end of the world.

What fortune it has been!

Recalling his Shifu, Gu Qing Shan felt a bit loss.

Shifu was only stuck because of the limitations of the cultivation world, now that Shen Wu world is there, she would definitely become stronger much quicker.

Perhaps, she has already fused the cultivation world with Shen Wu world.

Which means the average power of cultivators would increase again.

But me, I’m still stuck in the space vortex, about to travel to a dying world.

—just when can I go back to travelling between two worlds again?

Alright, let’s just leave that for now, the more important thing is to survive during the next time I travel to the other world.

While he was thinking, the leaders of the dead came.

“What is it?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Hmm —everyone wants you to make a speech” the human old man spoke.

“You mean you?”

“No, everyone”

Gu Qing Shan casually accepted: “Alright then, we’re about to part ways so I’ll just say a few words of goodbye”

Saying so, he raised the Devil King Warden Rod.

In all 18 layers of hell, the dead sensed his presence.

「 Congratulations, today you've gotten out of the sea of suffering and about to be reborn 」 Gu Qing Shan smiled and said.

“Yeah!!” the dead all cheered.

“Devil King! Thank you!” a few dead were crying from joy.

Thunderous applause and cheers came.

“Stop! Stop! Stop!” Gu Qing Shan spoke.

The dead slowly became silent again.

“The last thing I want to say is, be a good person in your next life and don't come to hell, I don't want to see you again” Gu Qing Shan said.

He then placed the Devil King Warden Rod down.

Without any warning — —

“Salute the Devil King!”

“Hail the Devil King!”

“Long live the Devil King!”

In the end, perhaps feeling that their cheers weren't uniform, they decided to stick to a single one.

“Long live the Devil King!”

“Long live the Devil King!”

“Long live the Devil King!”

They chanted rhythmically.

The loud thunderous cheers shook the entire 18 layers of hell.

Gu Qing Shan blocked both ears with his hands, scowling: “That's strange, I've already stopped using the rod, why can I still hear them?”

Shannu couldn't help but laugh.

The girl who was forever indifferent wasn't only just happy, she was actually laughing loudly in genuine joy.

Perhaps feeling that she was a bit unbecoming, Shannu hurriedly blocked her mouth with her sleeves.

“What are you laughing for?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Gongzi, the 18 layers of hell are all cheering, everyone on the Grand Tie Wei Mountain can hear it, so even if you cut off from the rod, you'd still be able to hear them with just your ears”

“So that's why” Gu Qing Shan let go of his ears.

“So many unbelievable things have happened in the last two days that I couldn’t even think of before” Shannu sighed.

Sneaking a glance at Gu Qing Shan, she found that he was thinking of what’s to come.

“I’ll leave this place to the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook and the other weapons, contact me if anything happens” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Very well, after the worlds finished fusing, we’ll meet again” the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook spoke.

Gu Qing Shan smiled: “Then I’ll leave this rod here as a pillar for hell”

“Alright! I’ll help you look over the Devil King Rod” the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook assured him.

Gu Qing Shan then stabbed the Devil King Warden Rod right down in place.

Since hell is about to become empty, this rod won’t be useful for a while. So it’s better just to leave it here.

It isn’t a sword, and it’s an item of hell, just let it look over hell.

His signature presence is still on it so no one else can use it either way.

Perhaps a long while later, I’ll return to hell for this rod.

But that’ll be a new journey.

“Let us go, Shannu” Gu Qing Shan spoke.

“Yes, gongzi” Shannu answered.

They jumped up and flew away towards the direction of the dark tunnel.

Looking at their backs leaving, the small white bird snickered.

“What’s with you?” the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook asked in surprise.

“It’s regretful, so regretful that he doesn’t need a Blade” the small white bird said.

“Don’t worry, after the worlds fused, you can probably go to the human realm and find a companion that’ll accompany you”

The Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook then looked at the rest of the weapons and spoke seriously:

“Although the demons were all killed, the fact that they appeared means that the demons have their eyes on our Samsara world”

“After the worlds finishing fusing, let’s not go back to sleep, let’s go out in the world”

“But there’s no longer any Divinities in Huang Quan, what should we do?” a spear asked.

“Go to the human realm, find someone that is suitable to hold yourselves, help them grow and become stronger. Perhaps in the near future, the world will require your protection again” the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook replied.

“Yes!” the weapons all replied.

### **Chapter 417: Heaven realm’s plans**

“Why!? Why can’t I contact the Devil King!?”

The Shrine of Reincarnation.

The female Asura’s voice echoed from inside.

She ran out from the Shrine of Reincarnation, rushing towards hell.

Seemingly frightened by something, her expression was that of utter dread and fear.

“Quickly, quickly, I have to tell this to the Devil King as fast as possible!”

Due to the fear, she was soaked with cold sweat.

She was also running as fast as she possibly could.

After a while, she tripped and fell, rolling forward a few meters.

But the female Asura ignored this completely and kept rushing ahead.

Faster!

I have to be faster!

I have to make it to where the Devil King is!

When she got to the Blood River Hell, Gu Qing Shan was already nowhere to be seen.

Only the 6 leaders were there, merrily discussing something.

When they noticed her approaching, they greeted her.

“Where have you been?”

“We can already reincarnate in just half a day”

“Yeah, which world do you want to go to?”

The female Asura breathed in deeply and shouted: “Shut up!”

The 6 others were stunned.

It was now that they noticed the female Asura was shaking and her complexion was exceptionally pale.

“What —- happened —-?” the giant asked.

“Where’s the Devil King?” the female Asura asked.

“Since everything is over, he already left just now” the human old man told her.

“Where did he go?” the female Asura hurriedly asked.

“The human realm”

It’s over!

The female Asura's body became limp as she slumped down on the spot.

"Just what exactly happened? Just say it and we can all help you" the Wolf King spoke in its low voice.

"It's useless!"

The female Asura sighed in desperation.

Then she recalled something and spoke a bit incoherently: "No, maybe there is, there maybe away!? Divine Armament, Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook! I can tell it!"

"I'm here"

The Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook appeared from thin air.

"The Shrine of Reincarnation! Inside the Shrine of Reincarnation! Quickly take a look!!" the female Asura was practically screaming.

The khopesh spoke with a bit of a smiling tone: "Alright, let me see what it is ---"

It's voice cut off.

After a while, it finally spoke up again.

"It's over, it's all over"

The khopesh's voice was dejected, at the same time contained a hint of stifled anger.

The female Asura hurriedly: "Quickly go to the human realm and tell our Devil King the truth"

The Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook replied: "It's useless even if we tell him, he's only a single person in the end, there's no way for him to go against the schemes of the Heaven realm. Not to mention with how long they've been planning, it might be already too late to stop it"

"What is actually going on, tell us so that all of us can at least look at it together" the Wolf King walked over and asked seriously.

The other leaders also nodded.

Their expressions of joy were already nowhere to be seen.

From how panicked the female Asura was, something unknown must've happened.

The Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook spoke: "Put your hands on me, I'll let you see the conversation just now"

The leaders of hell put their hands on the khopesh's handle, an image began to form in front of their eyes.

Inside the Shrine of Reincarnation.

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The No.33 machine was giving off sparks as well as a thick smoke rising from its body.

But at the very least, its body was now reassembled, capable of some basic functions.

From the looks of it, speaking shouldn't be an issue if it's only for a short time.

Not just it but the rest of the machines were also beginning to repair themselves thanks to the merging of the two worlds.

"Hook, it's good that you're here, so good that you're here!" the machine spoke.

"Emergency Recording Machine, it looks like you have something you want to tell me?" the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook asked.

"Come and --look, quickly, I have to tell you the truth" the Recording Machine told it.

A scene appeared from the Recording Machine's projection apparatus, like a 3D image that floats in midair.

In the image, 8 different-looking Divinities were standing at the deep end of the Shrine of Reincarnation.

The 8 Devas of Huang Quan, the absolute authority of hell.

They were discussing in a low voice.

"It is already time?"

"It is"

"Let's go, the gate to Heaven realm is already opened and is waiting for us"

"How unfortunate, having to give up Huang Quan"

The 8 Devas went silent for a while.

One of them spoke: "We've already discussed this, the world of Huang Quan will be used as bait to keep the demon's attention, after they're done with everything and it's time to leave, they'll bring us with them"

Another Deva sighed: "Let's go, even the Heaven realm couldn't resist against that spear, what chance do we have"

"That's right, the 7-colored spear is too terrifying, no one is a match for it"

"This isn't us running away, we are simply out of options"

The 8 Devas all agreed on that and nodded.

They were ready to believe their own excuses.

One Deva then sighed again: "How pitiful after Huang Quan will be the human realm"

Another Deva spoke: "This is also unavoidable, to make sure that the demons don't attack us when we retreat, the Heaven realm can only actively dispel the human realm's protective barrier beforehand"

"That's right, using both Huang Quan and the human realm as bait for the demons, that is the only way us Divinities can retreat without any worries"

"Let us go"



“Wait a minute, let’s destroy the recording device on the way out”

“The Six Paths Great Mountain sword must be destroyed as well, it’s too powerful, not to mention it exists as one with the Grand Tie Wei Mountain, it might create disadvantageous variables for us”

“This Divine Armament is a manifestation of the Grand Tie Wei Mountain, it’s impossible to destroy”

“There’s no need to destroy it, it’s enough as long as the weapon spirit is wounded so that it can’t be used for a while”

“Wounding the weapon spirit? That I can do”

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All the images disappear.

The 7 leaders of the dead fell silent.

The Fiendkind’s glowing aura was fluctuating.

It angrily gritted its teeth: “So the Divinities of Huang Quan betrayed both worlds just to escape!”

Wolf King was a bit more calm: “All the Divinities of Huang Quan came from the Heaven realm, so it’s actually the Heaven realm that sold out the two Samsara worlds”

“And following this, the human realm is about to come under attack by a large amount of demons”

Wolf King looked at the human old man and asked: “In your world, are there many powerful individuals on the same level as the Devil King?”

The human old man laughed bitterly: “If only that was the case, unfortunately he’s the first person I’ve seen to be that powerful”

Wolf King fell silent: “Us dead are able to revive over and over, together with our large numbers that doesn’t pale in comparison with the demons that we barely managed to stop the demons from interfering with hell”

The human old man continued: “Compare to that, not only are there very few combatants in the human realm, they are also exceptionally weak, they’ll most likely be killed just by the demon’s scouts”

“Then the human realm really is done for”

As they spoke, the earth began to shake.

The Merit Accountant Machine appeared above every dead person’s head.

[Cleanse your body, wash away your old selves and repent on your previous crimes, once you are done, your reincarnation shall begin]

A rain of elixir began to pour from above, washing away the blood and grime on the dead’s bodies.

This felt exceptionally pleasing, as if the very core of their souls were being purified.

The dead gladly stood under the rain.

This was also a use of their Merit, the moment for them to enjoy the fruits of everything they've went through.

The 7 leaders also stood to enjoy this good karma, waiting for their reincarnation.

The Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook shook a bit then sighed: "I should go to the human realm, to at least tell him about the truth of everything"

Saying so, it disappeared from sight.

### **Chapter 418: They came prepared |**

The human realm.

The Confederate.

The mountaintop mansion.

Space itself broke open.

An elegant blue-dress palace maid appeared from thin air.

She looked around curiously, asking: "Gongzi, is this the human realm?"

As she appeared abruptly, a sense of chill and irresistible sharpness was drifting from her body.

Both Ye Fei Li and Zhang Ying Hao stood up in absolute caution.

Anna walked forward to block in front of Gu Qing Shan.

"Who are you?" Anna shouted to ask.

Shannu slightly tip-toed to see Gu Qing Shan's body behind Anna.

She lightly curtsied: "You must be gongzi's friends, I am gongzi's personal sword"

Gongzi?

Sword?

Everyone were confused to no end.

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes.

He stretched, then commented: "What a long battle that was"

Anna asked first of all: "That girl over there said she was your sword, was does that mean?"

"What's the situation in hell?" the President asked.

"What's Huang Quan like? Are they strong?" Ye Fei Li asked.

"We got a report that hell is gone, will they be appearing again?" Zhang Ying Hao asked.

Monarch Varona just shrugged with her arms crossed, saying nothing.

“Long story short, everything is dealt with, the human realm is safe now” Gu Qing Shan smiled and answered.

Everyone exhaled from relief.

“Call Liao Xing back, there’s no need to prepare an escape spacecraft anymore” Gu Qing Shan said.

[Understood, sir] Impartial Goddess’ voice answered him.

Anna pointed at Shannu and insisted on asking: “Who is she?”

“Let me introduce you, this is a sword spirit, a sentient sword spirit, she’s called Shannu” Gu Qing Shan explained.

Shannu once again curtsied to greet them: “It’s a pleasure to meet you all”

“Ah... hello”

“It’s our pleasure”

Everyone replied.

“Sword spirit? Hmph, looking like that...” Anna mumbled in a low voice.

At this point, the sky outside darkened.

It was only noon at the moment, but the sky went almost completely dark.

“I’m sensing an unprecedented amount of essence of death that’s pouring into the world, what’s going on?” Monarch Varona frowned and asked.

As a Wood Elementalist, she’s the most sensitive when essence of death appears.

“It’s probably because Huang Quan is currently fusing with our world ——” while Gu Qing Shan was explaining he was cut off.

The Holo-Brain in his breast pocket lit up.

Impartial Goddess reported: [Sir, the entire world is being drowned in darkness, terrifying monsters had appeared in the sky, please take a look immediately]

A screen was projected.

At various locations in the world.

The sky went dark.

Countless strange and weird monsters appeared above.

They were looking down at the human cities below, roaring in excitement.

The monster seemed like they already couldn’t wait anymore, but because they were blocked by something, they couldn’t enter the human realm at all.

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

These are demons.

“What’s going on? Huang Quan and the human realm is merging, the world should only get stronger, shouldn’t it?” he muttered.

On the various screens showing places around the world, he even noticed a Demon Lord waiting in the air.

Out of nowhere, lines of blood-red text flashed in his vision.

[Warning!]

[The human realm’s protective barrier is weakening, the barrier is estimated to disappear in 1 hour]

[After one hour, the demon army will invade the human realm]

[The human realm is about to be destroyed]

Gu Qing Shan was completely shaken.

“No, this shouldn’t be!” he muttered.

From the void of space, a blurred flash of light came.

The Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook appeared.

“Why did you come here?” Shannu asked in surprise.

“I’m here to report something” the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook sighed as it spoke.

It quickly told them about the Divinities’ scheme.

“You mean, the gods have given up on the world and the human realm is about to be destroyed?” the President muttered in a hoarse voice.

“These pieces of trash Divinities!” Ye Fei Li angrily roared.

“What about Huang Quan? Is it still fusing with the human realm?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“It is, but there’s not much meaning in that”

“Why?”

“After countless ages, the dead of all 6 Samsara worlds combined only managed to be a match for the demons. After this, even if all the humans in the human realm were to be turned into dead soldiers, there are simply not enough numbers, and they are too weak to fight against the demons”

“The world of Huang Quan is about to be empty, so we have no men to use”

“Can the protective barrier of the human realm be turned back on?” Gu Qing Shan hurriedly asked.

“Because of the Divinities’ plan to get rid of the human realm’s protective barrier, the barrier is about to be gone”

“Thanks to your efforts of fusing the two worlds, a new barrier will form. This process usually requires 7 days, but because there’s nothing in Huang Quan retaliating against it, it should be shortened to about 7 hours”

7 hours!

This was a depressingly long period of time.

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As soon as the world's protective barrier disappears, the demon army can immediately swoop into the human realm.

After 7 hours, when the new barrier is formed, the world itself will have already been destroyed!

Are there no other ways?

Looking at the screen, Gu Qing Shan clenched his fist tight.

In the sky, more and more demons were gathering, their screeches and screams went through the world barrier, echoing to become louder and louder.

Until a certain point when the sounds of the demons were resounding all over the world.

Every human looked at this in despair, stunned and unable to do anything.

Riots and discord began to ripple across the world.

In just one hour, the world barrier will disappear.

There's no time left to do anything.

Who would've thought, all his efforts up to now would end like this.

The President walked over and patted Gu Qing Shan's shoulder.

"You did your best, let humanity take care of the rest"

"Sir, you mean?"

"Everyone has a duty to fight for their own right to survive, I'm going to give a national speech to encourage everyone to fight to the bitter end"

"Indeed, I'll have to prepare to encourage my subjects as well" Monarch Varona tied her hair up.

Gu Qing Shan fell silent.

Humanity is still too weak, they are no match for the demons.

If war breaks out, it will be nothing but a one-sided massacre.

Are there any other ways?

Gu Qing Shan tried to think of some countermeasures.

Useless.

Everything is futile.

There's already a Demon Lord looming above the sky.

Don't make light of the Demon Lords just because they were easily killed by the Forgetting River and 7-colored spear, in a normal war situation, a Demon Lord is unbeatable.

—even a Demon Lord is about to come out, who in this world can match up against a Demon Lord?

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

At this time, some glowing text scrolled through the War God UI.

[User attention please, in 5 minutes, the world of Huang Quan and the human realm will fuse]

[User attention please, reinforcements from Huang Quan are coming]

[Due to your great deeds in both the human realm and Huang Quan, reinforcements will first seek you out]

Gu Qing Shan muttered: "Reinforcements from Huang Quan..."

At this point in time, seeing the worlds 'reinforcements from Huang Quan' again, Gu Qing Shan really doesn't know whether to laugh or cry.

Thinking for a bit, he tried hopefully asking the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook: "Will Huang Quan give the human realm a hand?"

The Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook answered: "The weapons think that they should at least give as much effort as they can, they'll come here when the fusion is done"

It added: "Right, a few of the repaired Huang Quan Machines will also come"

Gu Qing Shan's eyes lit up, asking: "Are there any special machines that can go against the Demon Lords?"

"There isn't. Demon Lords are too powerful, no regular power is not enough against them"

With his fantasy broken, Gu Qing Shan fell silent again.

Even if he's lived through two lives, even if he was the supreme commander of humanity's army, even if he already found the secret between the worlds, he doesn't have any solution to this.

He has ran out of ideas.

This is true despair.

All of a sudden —

Dong!

A sound came from the void of space.

Gu Qing Shan looked around.

There's nothing.

How strange, there clearly was a sound.

Dong! Dong! Dong!

It sounds a lot like someone pounding on the door.

—no wait!

This sound is coming from the space around the room.

Gu Qing Shan looked back up.

Since moments unknown, the world had fallen into silence.

Gu Qing Shan's eyes swept across the room.

The President was scowling with his hand on his chin, as if he was thinking of the proper words to use.

Monarch Varona was holding a mirror, fixing her appearance.

Ye Fei Li appeared to be furious, but more so at a loss.

Zhang Ying Hao has kept his calm, currently doing something on his Holo-Brain.

Anna was staring at Shannu full of caution and questions.

But they were all frozen.

Their expressions were frozen, their bodies stood absolutely still, unmoving.

Only the black dog could move.

It silently went in front of Anna and sat down.

The black dog seems to be on extreme alert.

But from the looks of it, it had decided to protect Anna.

“Gongzi, the flow of time has been stopped” Shannu came next to Gu Qing Shan and whispered.

“[Time Stanch]?” Gu Qing Shan realized something and asked.

“Indeed, it's [Time Stanch]”

“Why can I still move?”

“It was on purpose, seems like they came prepared”

At the same time, the two cards inside Gu Qing Shan's Thought Sea started to vibrate.

Vengeance Deck, Great Ghost General.

Vengeance Deck, Asura King.

### **Chapter 419: Heavenly God and the 13 skeletons**

Divine Skill, [Time Stanch]

Gu Qing Shan started recalling the battle he saw in the dreamscape.

Two people's figures appeared in Gu Qing Shan's mind.

The card user Soft Note and the red-robed Demi.

Within the bar dreamscape, the 3rd dreamscape: Devil King Warden Rod had showed him the scene of the Demi killing the girl.

At the time, the Demi had sacrificed the other leaders of the 4-realm alliance to summon an ancient Divinity and used this Divine Skill.

—where is Haze?

Is he watching this right now?

Gu Qing Shan's mind noticed something.

He released his inner sight to look at his Thought Sea.

A card was there.

A card from the Vengeance Deck: Asura King.

[Asura King, a Vengeance deck spell card, once activated, the Oath of the 4 Realms from 10,000 years ago will once again goes into effect]

[Oath of the 4 Realms: the Demis, Demons, Asuras and Beast Kings must provide each other help and never betray each other, the rulers of the 4 realms have sworn upon this]

[Those who betray the Oath will receive total retribution from the 4 rulers]

The Asura King looked at Gu Qing Shan from the card with absolute seriousness.

“Do you still remember what we discussed with Haze?” the Asura King asked.

“Of course, I've already received my payment, what do I need to do now?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“The red-robed Demi has come, keep him busy, I need some time to activate the Oath of the 4 Realms” the Asura King told him.

“For how long?”

“As long as possible”

Another card then appeared.

Great Ghost General.

[Great Ghost General, Vengeance deck summon card, top-level fighting power]

The Asura King looked at the Great Ghost General: “Are you prepared to fight?”

The Great Ghost General broke into a laugh, but at the same time it sounded like him crying.

“I've desired this battle for 10,000 years!”

The Asura King looked back at Gu Qing Shan and spoke: “This is our only chance, please buy as much as you possibly can!”

Saying so, he clasped his hands together and began to chant the ancient Oath of the 4 Realms.

“Very well, I'll do my best...” Gu Qing Shan answered him.



Holding the Six Paths Great Mountain sword in hand, he felt a bit more reassured.

Since this sword is unaffected by any Law, it'll be the key to dispelling the opponent's Divine Skill.

"Shannu, if I happen to be affected, it'll be your turn —you may use all my experience and skills to fight"

"Understood, gongzi" Shannu was a bit nervous.

Dong! Dong! Dong!

The sound of knocking on the door came again.

This time, a voice also came from the void of space, speaking in an exceptionally polite tone.

"Excuse me, is the Devil King here?"

"I am" Gu Qing Shan answered.

"Excuse my sudden visit, but if you're free, I would like to have a little talk with you face to face. Do you mind?"

"Please"

"I'm honored"

A black glowing dot came out from the void of space.

The dot quickly expanded and became a faint humanoid figure.

At first glance he seems to be an amiable old man.

Silver white hair and a luxurious red robe, the old man held a scepter in hand as he descended from the air.

While Gu Qing Shan stared at this intently, his expression was calm.

Inside his Thought Sea, a bloody skeleton appeared next to the Asura King.

Noticing Gu Qing Shan's inner sight, the Asura King took some time to explain: "This is nowhere near enough, in order to summon the ancient Divinity, the red-robed Demi had betrayed the ancient Oath and sacrificed 13 highest leaders of the allied army"

"I have to activate the power of the Oath in all 13 leaders to wake up the soul contracts that have been silent for 10,000 years"

"Whether this succeeds or not depends on you being able to buy his time"

After explaining so, he went back to chanting.

Gu Qing Shan pulled his inner sight back and looked at the red-robed Demi.

This is indeed the Demi that killed Soft Note.

I'll have to keep him busy...

Gu Qing Shan smiled: "I didn't expect to have guests at this time, not to mention one who can manipulate time"

Hearing that, the red-robed Demi smiled amiably: "I came in quite a hurry, hope you won't mind"  
"This time I came here to ——"

While the red-robed Demi wanted to say something else, Gu Qing Shan waved his hand gestured him to sit down.

"Please have a seat, it's not my hobby to receive a guest while standing"

The red-robed Demi was a bit surprised.

"Ah, that is indeed the case, quite well, quite well, let us have a seat"

Saying so, the red-robed Demi sat across Gu Qing Shan on the sofa, squinting his eyes to evaluate him.

A second later, the red-robed Demi was about to talk again.

Gu Qing Shan abruptly stood up and came over to the shelf, opening it.

It was Zhang Ying Hao's personal wine collection.

"Would you like something to drink?"

"All the best liquors and wine of the human world are here, you're welcome to choose"

Gu Qing Shan smiled and asked.

The red-robed Demi glanced at the wine shelf and couldn't help but ask: "Do you already know who I am?"

"I do not, but everything around me seems to be frozen"

"I've never even heard of such a power in my entire life"

"Following that line of thought, you must be an exceptionally noble personage"

Gu Qing Shan kept smiling as he took out two beautifully crafted crystal glasses: "And when receiving such esteemed guests, it's our human culture to welcome them with a drink"

As the red-robed Demi seriously listened to him, he slowly smiled.

"What an exceptional character indeed, no wonder you were able to become the Devil King" he praised.

Gu Qing Shan didn't follow up on that.

He only took out two bottles of liquor to show.

"100-year Imperial Deer, a specialty of Fuxi. Famous throughout the lands, only royalty can get their hands on one of these 100-year old bottles"

"As for this, this is the Confederate Aria of Freedom, a rare treasure of the 9 Lords from 700 years ago. Normally this is only kept as a decoration, a symbol of status, because no one is actually willing to waste it by drinking"

Saying so, Gu Qing Shan's inner sight passed through his Thought Sea.

The 2nd bloody skeleton had just manifested.

A total of 13 skeletons need to be summoned to succeed, so there was still a while to go.

The red-robed Demi was fully focused on his antics and answered after some thinking: "Then the second bottle, please"

After a short pause, Gu Qing Shan very generously unsealed the bottle.

The fragrance of liquor drifted everywhere.

Zhang Ying Hao, your beloved treasure is being used for a very crucial occasion, please don't be sad.

Gu Qing Shan silently muttered.

The Demi closed his eyes, taking in the smell.

His expression mellowed out in satisfaction as he softly spoke: "Indeed, this is a very exceptional liquor. I would sometimes come take a look down here, but never have I gotten such great liquor before"

"Would you like some ice?"

"Better not, this type of liquor is best drunken clean"

Gu Qing Shan then poured a glass full, passing it to the red-robed Demi.

He also didn't hesitate to pour himself a glass as well.

The two of them sat across each other on the sofa.

Gu Qing Shan stared straight at the old man gulping down his glass.

The 3rd skeleton manifested.

10 more.

The Demi placed his glass down, sighing: "I have to say, you humans are very well-versed in enjoying yourselves"

Gu Qing Shan also raised his glass and took in a gulp.

Cool and refreshing.

If these were the last moments before the apocalypse, this was fully worth it.

After finishing his glass, he poured another glass full for both the Demi and himself.

"To you, sir" he said.

"Thank you for your hospitality" the Demi replied.

They both finished their glasses.

When Gu Qing Shan wanted to pour some more, the Demi waved his hand to stop him.

"No need, right now, I want to talk to you"

Gu Qing Shan placed the bottle of liquor down and got himself ready to listen.

The 4th skeleton manifested.

“Devil King, your method of doing things are quite excellent, even though I only noticed after all the demons in Huang Quan were wiped out”

The red-robed Demi leaned back on the sofa and slowly explained.

“Next, every step of the way you had managed to overturn the demon’s schemes, it wasn’t until you reached my well-made preparations that you were finally helpless”

“I have to say that I’m very pleased with you, except for one thing that I think you’re sorely mistaken in”

“Ah? Please open my eyes” Gu Qing Shan asked.

In his Thought Sea, the 5th bloody skeleton had manifested next to the Asura King.

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“Do you still not get it? You gave Merit to those fleas in hell, giving them a chance to reincarnate. Your actions caused hell to become empty”

The red-robed Demi now completely leaned on the sofa, casually explaining: “Mr. Devil King, that, is your greatest failure”

“Failure?” Gu Qing Shan questioned with a wondering look.

“That’s right, hell is empty, you have no one that you can use”

“You’ve become just a single person, get it?”

The red-robed Demi sighed full of regret.

“That’s why, you now only have ——”

“That’s not true! Only that method of mine could go against that spear” Gu Qing Shan cut off what he was saying.

He explained: “From what I know, even the Divinities of Huang Quan couldn’t go against that spear, without what I did, there would be no way to deal with the problems brought by the spear”

The 6th skeleton manifested.

The red-robed Demi shrugged: “Why bother with the spear at all? As a king, you should be more worried about the authority you hold”

Gu Qing Shan answered: “They did their work, the Merit is simply their pay”

“No wonder why you fell into such a situation. You still don’t get it, a king should hold authority over all, that is your dignity and your power” the red-robed Demi commented.

“You and I have a very different opinion on this” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Ah? Then do tell”

“I need to have them truly desire to do something in order to trigger their full potential, thus succeeding on doing what I needed them to do”

The 7th skeleton manifested.

6 more to go.

The red-robed Demi looked at him and fell silent.

It was as if he was looking at a strange creature.

After a short pause.

“Alright, say what you like, there’s nothing you can do to change the future I’ve prepared for this world”

The red-robed Demi continued: “And so, what I want to say is ——”

Gu Qing Shan then instantly cut in: “Pardon me but, what is your name?”

The old man looked at him questioningly.

Gu Qing Shan explained: “I can’t keep continuing without even knowing your name. It is rude and unprofessional to keep calling you ‘you’”

The red-robed Demi stopped for a bit, as if thinking about what he said.

The 8th bloody skeleton manifested.

“My name when uttered will cause a lot of existences to take a peek, this private conversation will then turn into an open discussion” he seems to be bothered with that.

“You can just call me Heavenly God”

“That is to say, you are the ruler of the Heaven realm?”

“Indeed”

Gu Qing Shan’s expression became excited.

“A noble personage such as you personally appearing at this moment of the human realm’s fall into the apocalypse, could it be to save humanity?” he asked.

“No, I think you’ve misunderstood” the red-robed Demi tapped the wooden table with a regretful expression.

The 9th skeleton manifested.

The red-robed Demi explained: “I think I’m expressing myself very clearly here, this is also what I’ve been trying to tell you”

“Ah? Please do tell me” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The red-robed Demi slightly smiled, saying: “I’m here to enjoy the desperate struggle before death of those that have failed”

“I believe it’s not to the point of total desperation yet” Gu Qing Shan refuted.

The red-robed Demi spoke: "This is why I'm pleased with you, as well as the joy of this whole situation" "The army of the demons are currently marching into the Samsara world, and I need to bring the Divinities to leave soon, so I'll make this brief"

"I'm all ears" Gu Qing Shan said.

He sent his inner sight into his Thought Sea again.

10 skeletons have manifested, only the last three left to go.

The Asura King's body was glowing in a divine light, chanting the incantations of the Oath.

The Great Ghost General told Gu Qing Shan: "Nicely done so far, keep up for just a bit more, we're nearly done!"

In the living room, the red-robed Demi finally spoke of his intentions for coming here.

"Hell is empty, the human realm is weak, both these worlds are no longer salvageable, but your talents are excellent, I hope that you will be as smart as you seem and join me"

"Join you?"

"That's right, I've killed a Devil King before, now I hope to enslave the next"

"You've killed a Devil King? That's not possible" Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

"How would it be impossible?" the red-robed Demi casually asked.

"There is only a single Devil King Warden Rod in Huang Quan, and the only Devil King is me"

"That is true, but what I'm talking about is 10,000 years ago"

The self-proclaimed Heavenly God started to reminiscent.

That plan of 10,000 years ago was the biggest risk he ever took, even now, his heart still beat fast whenever he thought about it.

Furthermore, because the plan was successful he felt a sense of accomplishment whenever he recalled that time.

The Demi smiled faintly.

11 skeletons.

Only two more.

The Demi regained his senses.

He felt that he didn't need to keep acting amiable, let's just directly spell it out for this Devil King here.

Then he heard Gu Qing Shan asked: "There must be a reason why you've come to invite me"

"Of course"

"What do you want from me?"

“Your unique spell ——you were able to project your soul from your body to go to Huang Quan, and then return”

“Furthermore, your ability to turn into a dead person to become the Devil King, this is such a miraculous technique that even I have never even heard of before”

The red-robed old man’s beady eyes now started to glow.

He leaned forward, staring straight at Gu Qing Shan and said: “Give me that technique, I will allow you to become a servant of the Heaven realm and bring you to escape from this Samsara world”

“This is the only hope of survival” the red-robed old man smiled: “Think about it, endless waves of demons and Demon lords are about to enter this world, and you are only a single person without any subordinates ——you can only wait for your own death in despair”

“I’ve observed you for a long time. I know you’re a smart person, and I believe you know what choice is best”

Gu Qing Shan lowered his head, acting like he’s contemplating deeply.

12 skeletons were now ready, they all knelt before the Asura King, summoning the last skeleton.

“Can I have a minute to consider?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Unfortunately, you have to make the choice now ——I’m refraining from attacking you right now purely because of that hospitable bottle of liquor from before, so I hope you understand that point well” the Demi spoke.

“Very well, but you made a mistake, I’m not going to wait for my own death in despair” Gu Qing Shan continued to speak.

The red-robed Demi smiled unexpectedly.

“Where would I be? There aren’t that many powerful people in the human realm, even true soldiers are few and far between, even I couldn’t possibly hope to do anything in that situation, what hope do you have?” he asked in intrigue.

“The human realm has already fused with Huang Quan”

“That’s right, but so what? I’m certain that the world barrier isn’t going to reform in time, what can you hope to go against an endless horde of demons?”

“I’ll probably be the first to die in battle” Gu Qing Shan spoke.

“First to die?” the red-robed old man didn’t quite understand.

“First to die, first to become a dead person, no longer afraid of death, forever fighting and killing demons in this world”

Gu Qing Shan’s voice gradually slowed, his expression was calm, like he was talking about something completely unrelated to himself.

“1 year, 10 years, 100 years, 1000 years, 10,000 years, I’ll keep reviving, keep going against the demons, I’ll see for myself whether the demons know the word fear”

Hearing him explain, the red-robed Demi's smile slowly disappeared.

"I thought you were a smart person, but you truly are just a Devil King" the Demi commented.

"I'm actually looking forward to the daily battles from now on" Gu Qing Shan answered.

The Demi's tone became harsh and angry: "Do you not understand!? A dead person will be bound by the Law of Huang Quan, forever trapped in this land together with the endless horde of demons that takes over, you will never be able to reincarnate!"

"So what?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The Demi was stunned.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit: "Truthfully speaking, this sounds like it'll be a very enjoyable thing, you know?"

As if he has thought something through, his expression slowly became calm.

That's right, he already didn't care anymore.

Unrelenting, uncompromising battles forever.

This was his final will.

The red-robed Demi also realized this.

He fell silent for a while.

"You're mad..." the red-robed Demi muttered.

He then suddenly stood up: "No, you are too dangerous an existence, I should kill you right here and now, even your soul should be destroyed on the spot"

He swung his scepter.

Overwhelming power flowed from his body and poured into the scepter.

At the same time, in Gu Qing Shan's Thought Sea.

All 13 skeletons had manifested, roaring in unison: "Ven...geance..."

The very next moment, the skeletons disappeared from Gu Qing Shan's Thought Sea and manifested in the living room.

"—Enforcers of the Oath!" the red-robed old man's expression shifted.

He raised the scepter in his hand, shouting: "That's impossible, you're already dead!"

A glorious light came from his scepter, enveloping the red-robed old man, wanting to escape into the void of space.

The Asura King also appeared, whispering: "With this body as living proof, I hereby enforce the Oath, Barrier of Retribution, [Absolute Shackles]!"



The 13 bloody skeletons quickly surrounded the red-robed Demi.

He was forced back.

#### **Chapter 420: Reinforcements from Huang Quan**

In the split second that the Demi was forced back.

The Asura King shouted: "Barrier of Retribution!"

The 13 skeletons jumped into the air, splattering the blood on their bodies all around.

The entire room was dyed in a deep red light.

The next moment, both the red-robed old man and the 13 skeletons all disappeared without a trace.

Where they disappeared, a red-glowing irregularly-shaped entrance appeared.

The Asura King kept up chanting the Oath to maintain the entrance.

Space started to distort.

The Great Ghost General appeared, wearing his jet black armor and holding a jet black blade.

"How long can you hold him?" the Great Ghost General asked.

"If you can keep him busy enough to not cast a spell, he'll be stuck there for a very long time" the Asura King stopped a bit to answer.

The Great Ghost General laughed in a frenzy: "Leave it to me, I'll make sure he's unable to pay attention to anything at all"

Then he jumped into the entrance.

"Just you alone might not be enough..."

Saying so, the Asura King also went in.

As soon as he did, the red light disappeared together with the entrance.

A black-robed man appeared.

Haze.

He seems excited enough to cry.

"The Heavenly God has been trapped, this is the first and only chance for 10,000 years, I'll go save Soft Note in the Heaven realm now!" he told Gu Qing Shan.

One second later, he would disappear into the void of space.

"Wait!" Gu Qing Shan shouted.

"What? What else is there? I've already given you your payment"

Haze stopped and asked in confusion.

“You’re going to go save her just like that?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“The Heavenly God has already been trapped, what other problems would there be?”

“Seems like you didn’t understand what Soft note wanted to say, “Gu Qing Shan quickly explained, “the Great Ghost General and Asura King are the key to trapping the Heavenly God, but the 3rd card showed the scene just before her death, it tested the ability to fight against [Time Stanch] — you still need a method to overcome this Divine Skill!”

“No, the red-robed Demi is the only Demi capable of using [Time Stanch]!” Haze loudly refuted him.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head: “You still don’t get it, what she meant is that you have to both trap the Heavenly god as well as figure out a way to resolve [Time Stanch], both conditions must be met in order to save her!”

Hearing that, Haze froze.

Gu Qing Shan spoke: “Shannu”

“I’m here” Shannu appeared.

“Go and help him, you can use my skills and experience as you wish”

“Understood, gongzi”

Gu Qing Shan then told Haze: “This sword of mine can cut off all Laws, the key to solving [Time Stanch], in the card it was also her that managed to solve it, take her with you”

Haze stared at Shannu, then at Gu Qing Shan and inhaled deeply.

“Thank you, I will never forget this favor” Haze said.

Haze walked next to Shannu and took out a card.

The card turned into light, enveloping both Haze and the Six Paths Great Mountain sword, disappearing into the void of space.

After they left.

The second hand of the clock finally ticked.

One second later.

Everything returned to normal.

The President was still contemplating.

Monarch Varona was still fixing her appearance.

Anna, Zhang Ying Hao and Ye Fei Li all continued their original actions.

No one in the room noticed what happened just now.

Only the black dog fell into thought.

“The Heavenly God is trapped in a powerful Oath Barrier, the man who appeared later on went to the Heaven realm, what about you? Do you plan on going as well?” the black dog suddenly spoke up and asked Gu Qing Shan.

“I can’t go, and I don’t want to” Gu Qing Shan shook his head.

Roar!!

The demons outside the mansion in the sky were roaring.

Gu Qing Shan stood there alone, listening to the noises outside.

“I can only hope that they succeed. I already did everything I could, there’s nothing else I can do to help, the only thing left for me to do is to prepare for the end of the world” he sighed deeply.

“That’s true, this world is about to meet its end” the black dog spoke in a low voice.

Gu Qing Shan then noticed two notifications on the War God UI.

[The human realm and Huang Quan have further fused]

[Also, the reinforcements from Huang Quan are here]

Gu Qing Shan shook his head and smiled bitterly, sighing again.

No matter if it’s the weapons or the machines, there’s no way for them to save this world from the unending horde of demons.

Dong! Dong! Dong!

The sound of knocking on the door.

However, everyone noticed it this time.

Because the sound came from the door, not the void of space

Gu Qing Shan knew that the weapons of Huang Quan were here.

But he didn’t even want to move anymore.

He was too exhausted to care.

He has done so much, only to get such a result.

He doesn’t even want to think anymore, wanting to let himself go a little bit.

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Taking the bottle on the table, he poured himself a glass.

“Hm?” Zhang Ying Hao looked over.

He froze a bit.

“Fine, at least this liquor is worth to be the last before the end of the world”

Zhang Ying Hao came over and poured everyone a glass.

The President raised his glass: "Thank you for the liquor, in the final moments, I can only hope that we die in battle, together"

Monarch Varona downed the entire glass in one gulp, saying: "I just hope my death won't be too painful"

Gu Qing Shan took another sip, not saying anything.

Anna came over and knocked glasses with him.

"It's fine, I'll be by your side until the end" she softly declared.

Ye Fei Li stood up and opened the door.

Very quickly, he returned with an expression of fright.

"What? They're the machines and weapons from hell, don't worry" Gu Qing Shan noticed his expression and said.

"No! I think you should see this" Ye Fei Li said, "a woman brought a lot of people, saying that she has something to give you"

"A woman?" Anna stood up before anyone else.

"Something to give me?" Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

"Hm, she said she originally wanted to have a match against you, but it seems like there's no chance for that anymore"

A match...

Gu Qing Shan's expression changed, rushing to the door

Anna followed behind him.

The black dog followed after her.

Zhang Ying Hao also noticed Gu Qing Shan's expression and went out with him.

The President, Monarch Varona and finally Ye Fei Li.

Everyone went out to see what was going on.

Gu Qing Shan pushed the door open.

It was a stunningly beautiful woman holding a Blade in her hand.

The gorgeous female Asura.

With her in the lead, 7 powerful dead were standing outside in the empty yard.

Gu Qing Shan froze.

“Why are there so many people?” the President asked in a low voice.

“They are dead people” Gu Qing Shan answered.

“Why are there so many...” Zhang Ying Hao couldn’t believe his eyes.

Behind the 7 leaders of hell immeasurable numbers of dead stood, on the mountain, the meadow below, the road and even city further away, nothing but dead people in their vision.

They silently stood there, unmoving.

It was like they had covered the entire world.

It was now that Impartial Goddess’ voice came: [Sir, the planet is still currently growing bigger, but billions of dead people are also appearing out of nowhere]

Gu Qing Shan still couldn’t regain his composure just yet.

The 7 leaders exchanged glances.

“I heard a war was coming” the human old man smiled.

“So —we —give —last —thoughts” the two giants spoke with their thunderous voices.

“They’re only demons, without being able to revive, there’s no need to fear” the male Asura scoffed.

“We’re here to show the demons just what the villains of this world are capable of” the Fiendkind spoke.

“Demon meat is quite good, one last meal before leaving isn’t a bad idea at all” Wolf King said.

The female Asura laughed and said: “We were thinking that we can’t leave just like that”

“There’s still a few free hours left”

Saying so, she stepped forward and knelt on one knee before Gu Qing Shan.

She raised something with both hands, offering it to Gu Qing Shan.

A jet black shaft and a horned skull on top, covered in a faint black mist.

It was the Devil King Warden Rod.

The female Asura had brought the Devil King Warden Rod to Gu Qing Shan.

“Why?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The female Asura looked at Gu Qing Shan with a rare soft expression.

“Devil King, you’ve helped us all, hell no longer tortures us, and we didn’t want to reincarnate right away”

“When the time comes for you to reincarnate, if you don’t enter the Samsara, your Merits will be deducted” Gu Qing Shan reminded her.

“It isn’t time yet, not to mention since the apocalypse is eating at the Samsara worlds, we can use this to get a bit more Merit can’t we?”

“Not only will we earn more Merit, we will also have the Devil King owe us a favor, who doesn’t want that?” the female Asura smiled.

Hearing that, Gu Qing Shan’s serious expression loosened.

“Command us, Devil King!” Wolf King said.

“...You’re no match for even a single Demon Lord, even I am no match for them” Gu Qing Shan said.

The female Asura insisted: “We won against the 7-colored spear —we can’t die, no matter how powerful a Demon Lord is, it’s still not equal to the 7-colored spear, it can die”

Gu Qing Shan went silent.

He extended his hand and took the Devil King Warden Rod.

The female Asura stood up and backed down.

Holding the Devil King Warden Rod in hand, he faced all the dead.

Inhaling deeply, he then connected telepathically to all the dead.

「 Thank you all of you for helping the human realm... 」

Before he spoke another world, the planet echoed a unified chant.

“Long live the Devil King!”

“Long live the Devil King!”

“Long live the Devil King!”

The chant became louder and louder, until it became a roar that rocked the mountains and seas.

All the dead were cheering, greeting him.

They, were the reinforcements from Huang Quan.

#### **Chapter 421: (Unnamed)**

In the sky, a Demon Lord uttered a thunderous roar.

It was a green-flamed 3-headed black snake, taking up a huge portion of the sky with its humongous body.

Its three heads were a skull, a goat and a woman.

The green flames that drifted about its body were burning eerily, prompting the other demons to stay away from it.

This Demon Lord was already too impatient to wait anymore.

That’s right, there were indeed a lot of enemies below, but so what?

Both their flesh and souls were nothing but food.

The Demon Lord’s goat head tried piercing the weakened world barrier with its horn.

Perhaps it contains some sort of space-type ability, as an invisible distortion began to ripple from the horns.

A few moments later, the black snake Demon Lord actually passed through the barrier and went into the world below.

It actually had the ability to break through the world barrier!

With such a terrifying power, it must be quite the character even within the rank of Demon Lords.

The 3-headed black snake stared at the world below, roaring loudly.

The 7 leaders looked up at it.

All the dead looked up to the sky.

The 3-headed Demon Lord began to descend.

This was the first Demon Lord to enter the human realm.

Its presence was unmistakably powerful.

The Demon Lord's woman head started to drool and spoke full of desires: 『Living beings, you shall fill my stomach! 』

This seems to be a declaration.

It was telling the human realm that the end of the world has come.

For a few moments, all the people on the ground were speechless.

Gu Qing Shan held the Devil King Warden Rod and connected too all the dead.

「Did you hear that? It said... living beings...」 Gu Qing Shan said.

Pftt!

The female Asura sneered.

The other leaders broke out laughing.

As if it was contagious, laughter began to spread among all the dead.

It was like they had just heard the biggest joke of the century as everyone were clutching their stomachs and banging the ground laughing.

“Living beings, bwahahaha, asides from the Devil King, who's alive!?”

“Before this great one reincarnates, I'm still a dead person”

“What a funny guy!”

“This bastard must be so hungry that he's delirious!”

The laughter spreads around the entire planet.

Then it abruptly stopped.

Because Gu Qing Shan had sent his thoughts to all the dead through the Devil King Warden Rod.

They confirmed their understanding.

Then Gu Qing Shan began to act.

In the blink of an eye, he disappeared and reappeared on a wide plain.

The countless dead quickly scattered, making space for their Devil King.

Gu Qing Shan looked up at the quickly approaching 3-headed Demon Lord.

“I’ll help you get down here, make sure to enjoy the hospitality of hell”

He muttered.

As soon as he said so, he disappeared where he stood.

Divine Skill, [Shadow Shift]

Gu Qing Shan reappeared in the air as the 3-headed Demon Lord took his place on the ground.

The 3-headed Demon Lord was stunned for a second.

In that split second, the countless dead waiting around roared in unison.

“Killlllll — ittttt!”

They charged at it with disregard for life, climbing onto the Demon Lord’s body.

The countless dead crawled like ants around candy.

There were so many of them that they managed to completely cover the Demon Lord in just a few moments.

Roar!!

The 3-headed Demon Lord roared to the sky in fury.

The green flames erupted from all over its body.

A series of sizzling sound.

All the dead that latched onto the Demon Lord’s body caught on fire.

In just the blink of an eye, the Demon Lord had killed over 100,000 dead!

『 Insignificant insects, how dare you do that to me! 』

The 3-headed Demon Lord was screaming nonstop.

It squirmed on the ground with its humongous body still engulfed in flames, sweeping across the entire plains.

The dead died in large troves.



Millions of corpses covered the wide plains.

Seeing that, Gu Qing Shan waved his Devil King Warden Rod right away.

He had activated [Dead Essence].

Right after, an unbelievable thing happened.

Across the wide plains, the millions of dead bodies that were lying still just moments before started to open their eyes.

The dead began to stand back up.

One of them spoke in surprise: "Wait, why am I not back in slumber?"

Another dead looked over his body and joyfully declared: "My wounds are healed"

The dead all exchanged confused looks until they finally realized.

They had directly gotten back to life!

How was that possible!

According to the Law of hell, if the dead died they would have to return to their respective hells and slowly raise back up from their sleep.

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This was to make sure that the dead would be in constant torture without end.

But now, the dead directly got back up from where they died.

This has broken the governing Law of hell they've always known!

The 7 leaders were also surprised.

Wolf King suddenly called out: "I know!"

"What happened?" the female Asura asked.

"We are still part of hell, but our sins have been atoned for, we're about to reincarnate!"

"Yeah, and so what?"

"Hell doesn't have anymore reasons to torture us, so when we revive, there is no need for us to go back to our respective hells"

"If that's the case..."

"That's right, as long as the Devil King uses [Dead Essence], we can immediately get back up right where we die!"

The 7 leaders looked up at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan raised the rod as a signal.

「Do as you like and leave the reviving to me」 he said.

The male Asura started laughing like mad: “Ahahaha, that’s so good to hear! I don’t care about all of you, I’m going to get a good fight out of that Demon Lord!”

He drew his weapon and flew directly at the Demon Lord.

Unable to die.

Immediate revival.

This was unparalleled power above all else.

The Devil King Warden Rod, plus astronomical amounts of Merit, the Law of hell, the fusion of the two worlds, the brief period of being sinless before their reincarnation, all these factors had combined to make this short and miraculous moment.

All the dead went into frenzy.

“The Demon Lord isn’t anything special after all!”

“What a useless flame, this isn’t even as painful as the Frying Hell!”

“We’re not going to die!”

“Take out this huge piece of trash!”

They were yelling, screaming, cheering.

More and more dead began to charge towards the 3-headed Demon Lord.

They jumped on the Demon Lord’s long winding body, scratching, punching, biting, trying everything they could think of.

The 3-headed Demon Lord was quickly becoming covered in dead people again.

Until the very end when the Demon Lord’s body was completely covered, no one could make out its original shape anymore.

From afar, all you could see was a mountain made from countless dead people piling onto one another.

The mountain was moving.

Roar!!

The Demon Lord roared in anger as its green flames rose all the way to the sky.

It was doing everything it could to kill the dead, but none of the dead could actually die.

The flames were able to kill them, but they quickly revived and came back from the dead the very next second.

They were constantly shifting between being dead and revived, until a moment when even that couldn’t stop them anymore.

They were attacking the Demon Lord without regards of being dead or revived.

Suddenly!

A large-bodied Beast King howled to the air: “Delicious! How delicious! This monster’s flesh is so goodddd!!!”

All the dead were shaken for a split second.

When that was over...

A uniform thunderous cry echoed across the plains to the sky.

“Eattttt — itttt!!!”

The dead became even more frenzied.

The 3-headed Demon Lord began to scream in desperation.

A few moments later.

The screams were becoming sparse.

Until the screams disappeared completely.

The dead on the plains were still unsatisfied.

The 3-headed Demon Lord’s humongous body was already stripped bare to the bones.

“Delicious!”

“It was so delicious!”

“Being able to eat such a good meal before reincarnation, I already have no more regrets!”

The dead were speaking to each other through the Devil King Warden Rod.

But then —there were still over a hundred quadrillion dead people that still haven’t gotten to eat anything yet.

What now?

All the dead in the world instinctively looked up to the sky.

There’s food there!

—delicious food!!

The looks in their eyes changed.

“Get down here!”

“Get down here!”

“Get down here!”

The dead were calling out full of desires.

In the sky, the demon’s screams started to subside.

A few Demon Lords were cautiously staring at the commotion below.

As weapons of war that have been through too many worlds to come, they've already understood what kind of existence those loud creatures below were.

You kill and they revive,

Kill and they revive,

Kill and they revive,

Kill and they revive,

—the dirtiest creatures of the Samsara world, dead people from hell.

And now they don't even need to sleep, they can immediately revive on the spot!

The Demon Lords' overwhelming killing spirit slowly retracted.

All the demons in the sky also slowly became silent.

Because they were facing an exceedingly irritating problem.

They were originally looking forward to eating a wonderful meal after the world barrier was gone.

But now, at this very moment it seemed... they were the side that were going to be eaten instead...

#### **Chapter 422: Demon Lords came again**

Everywhere around the world.

Several hundred quadrillion dead were all looking up in anticipation.

At a certain spot in the Confederate desert, the situation changed.

The world barrier was broken for only a split second.

A few dozen demons immediately dropped down.

The dead that filled the desert have been waiting for this.

As soon as they noticed the change in the sky, the dead stepped over each other, piling on to become a mountain of flesh as they tried to overtake the next person to get their food.

Before the demons even fell to the ground, they've already been eaten to bare bones by the dead.

Those dead that didn't manage to get a scrap of meat all appeared regretful.

But they looked back up to the sky.

And kept waiting.

The dead continued to wait.

But then, a few dog-type Beast King shook off the other dead and came to where the bones of those demons fell.

"What are you doing?" a dead couldn't help but ask.

The dog-type Beast Kings smirked coldly: “You peasants, true deliciousness ——comes from the marrow of the bones!!”

They quickly crunched and devoured even the bones of the demons.

The sound of satisfied chewing and sucking of the bones could be heard.

A few moments later.

The weak world barrier once again opened up, letting a few hundred demons inside.

The dead continued their joyful frenzy.

In mere seconds, the hundreds of demons were eaten clean.

This time, not even bone scraps were left behind.

Within the sea of dead, a few appeared very irritated.

The demon that they managed to wrestle away couldn't be eaten.

The Confederate.

The capital.

The empty ground in front of the mountain.

The male Asura has already left, so there were only 6 leaders left here.

They all exchanged looks, seeing the same thoughts in each other's eyes.

“Devil King, before reincarnating, we're going to fight for a bit as well”

“Go ahead” Gu Qing Shan told them.

The 6 leaders scattered in different directions.

Gu Qing Shan looked up at the changes in the sky.

——the world barrier wasn't going to collapse all at once.

To the very moments before its inevitable collapse, it was still doing its job to stop the demon's invasion.

This was a miraculous sight to behold.

The current state of the world barrier was like that of a faulty light bulb, it might be bright one second, but flicker and lose its effect the next.

At least for the next hour, the world barrier will not completely disappear.

In the next hour, the demons can only drip into the human realm through the occasional cracks, a few at a time.

A few hundred, thousand, at most a few ten thousand demons were breaking through the world barrier to enter the human realm.

—-but right below, waiting for them were several hundred quadrillion dead people.

The dead were waiting for them like death row inmates waiting for their last meal.

As their last meal in the Huang Quan Path, the dead were all looking forward to the most savory and memorable dishes offered.

At various places around the world, you could occasionally hear the dead's cries of excitement as more demons fell down where they were.

The countless dead were like frenzied, hungry flesh-eating ants!

This meal of theirs lasted for about half an hour.

It was now that the smarter Demon Lords among the demons realized what was happening.

They ordered retreat without hesitation.

Against unkillable targets, war was a futile and meaningless act.

No matter how strong they were, no matter how many dead they killed, if they entered the world below, they would only become the dead's food.

Even if they can avoid being eaten, the only thing waiting for them was a drawn-out battle.

The kind of battle where not a single enemy can be killed.

It was so meaningless it was funny.

The Demon Lords retreated without a hint of hesitation.

A few giant demons followed them.

Next was a few strong and smart demons.

Then finally the imps and spawns that only know to follow the strong.

Less and less demons were waiting in the sky.

The only demons that remained were non-sentient ones that only knew to kill and kill until they were dead.

Another 20 minutes passed.

The world barrier was finally completely gone.

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The few demons that remained started dropping down from above.

The dead resumed their joyous roars.

A gluttonous banquet began.

...

Gu Qing Shan looked below from the mountain.

The dead's banquet was still ongoing.

"Impartial Goddess, how are the various places in the world?"

[A few demons manage to harm some living people, but they were quickly defeated by the dead, the majority of demons have already been killed]

Gu Qing Shan checked the time.

There was still 5 more hours until the world barrier reformed.

Gu Qing Shan took hold of the Devil King Warden Rod and asked: 「 How long do you have left? 」

"From what we can sense, there should be about 5 hours left" the female Asura answered.

Gu Qing Shan felt tense.

If the dead are forced to reincarnate early when the world barrier still hasn't reformed yet then the world will be defenseless.

He called everyone and told them the situation.

The President spoke: "The most crucial thing now is to see whether or not the dead can keep it up until the world barrier completely reforms"

"That's right, if the dead disappear before the barrier reforms, those Demon Lords will probably return without hesitation" Gu Qing Shan said.

Anna clasped her hands together and prayed: "O' God above, please let the barrier fully reform before the dead have to reincarnate"

Black Hound whispered: "Your God has just been snatched away to another world"

Anna immediately fixed her worlds: "I'm praying to the Death God"

Black Hound was satisfied: "That's the way it should be"

"—then all we can do now is wait" Ye Fei Li spoke with an irritated expression, "having to rely on those villains to save the world makes me feel a little annoyed"

Gu Qing Shan patted him on the shoulder, saying: "Keep cultivating, we have no one but ourselves to rely on in the future"

Ye Fei Li nodded.

Time slowly, but quickly passed.

These were the longest few hours of Gu Qing Shan's life.

The President and Monarch Varona had contacted the world leaders, notifying all humans to go into hiding and not show themselves.

Impartial Goddess had taken over all the machines in the world, helping transport the dead to where a lot of demons gathered.

Everything was quickly being carried out.

But none of this could decide the ultimate fate of the world at all.

The ultimate fate of the world rests on when the dead will have to reincarnate, and when the world barrier reforms.

The only way for everything to work out was if the dead reincarnated after the barrier reforms, or if their times weren't too far apart.

Otherwise, if and when the Demon Lords noticed and return, the world would still head to its end without question.

They were anxiously waiting.

Time slowly passed.

The final hour.

This were the most crucial moments

Gu Qing Shan's gaze fell onto the War God UI.

A glowing line of text was floating there.

[The fusion of two worlds will cause the world barrier to reform. Estimated time until the world barrier automatically reforms 00:37:29]

There's only 37 minutes left until the barrier reforms!

Gu Qing Shan looked at the time, then at the plains outside.

The dead are can still be seen outside.

You have to keep up.

Suddenly —-

A giant string of light descended from above.

This light was like a waterfall, sweeping through the sky and kept expanding outwards.

The dead who bathe within this light all had an expression of understanding.

It's time for their reincarnation.

Now was their time to be reborn anew.

According to the words of the Merit Accountant Machine, if they keep staying here, their Merit will rapidly be deducted until it reaches negative and they're forced back into the suffering of hell once again.

But! But!

There's still 37 minutes more until the world barrier can reform!



Why did the dead have to reincarnate at such a crucial moment!  
The previous barrier is gone, the dead are gone as well, the world is about to be completely defenseless.

Roar!!!

Far above the sky, a few terrifying Demon Lords have already returned.

They were screaming, screeching, anxiously waiting for the dead to leave.

36 minutes, 59 seconds.

A despairing amount of time.

Once the dead all reincarnates, the Demon Lords won't waste even a minute to swoop in and invade.

Suddenly, a loud laughter erupted from within the dead.

"Ahahahaha, Devil King, I've been waiting for this very moment!"

"You're finished!"

Sensing through the telepathic link, they noticed it was the female Fiendkind of the 10 opposing leaders of hell who laughed.

She was laughing triumphantly: "Good bye, Devil King, I wish you and your world a happy destruction"

Saying so, the female Fiendkind disappeared within the screen of light.

She had reincarnated.

### **Chapter 423: A new life**

Following the female Fiendkind's departure, the dead started becoming even rowdier.

Some of the dead were still thinking, some other went into the screen of light without hesitation and disappeared.

The smartest and most cunning dead have already reincarnated even before the female Fiendkind spoke up.

At this time, another of the 10 opposing leaders of hell stood out and declared loudly: "Everyone, why are you still here, it's time to reincarnate, if we stop here anymore, our Merit will be deducted!"

He then called out: "Merit Accountant Machine!"

The Merit counter appeared above his head, decreasing at a stable rate.

"Take a look, this is the Merit I got in exchange for dying countless times"

"Why should I throw away the Merit I spent countless deaths to get for the world of the living?"

"Think about it carefully"

After he finished, he looked at Gu Qing Shan with an unsmiling smile.

"My apologies, Devil King, I need to look out for myself first"

He went into the light screen and reincarnated.

Another of the 10 stood out, laughing in a frenzy: “Only endless destruction could bring endless joy, Devil King, I thank you very much for giving me such joy before my reincarnation”  
“So die! Let the world be destroyed! This is my most favorite scenario!”  
“I’m going now, the rest of you ——can just die!”

Saying so, he also went into the endless screen of light and disappeared.

Another of the 10 spoke up: “Think carefully everyone, at the very moment of your reincarnation, a world will be destroyed with your leave, just how joyful and enjoyable such a thing would be? Join me!!”

He disappeared into the light as well.

The rest of the 10 more or less mocked and laughed at Gu Qing Shan before going away.

They all left.

After some thought, some of the dead muttered: “Merit Accountant Machine”

When they saw their Merit decreasing with their own eyes, they were frightened.

Very quickly, they went into the screen of light as well.

A few normal dead people who have the same thoughts as the 10 opposing leaders also mocked Gu Qing Shan before reincarnating as well.

This can’t be helped.

The Devil King Warden Rod can’t control these dead people anymore.

Because through the act of reincarnating, they can cut off their ties with hell.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head knowing that he already lost the big picture.

He turned around to his friends, telling them to ready the final preparations.

“Impartial Goddess, activate all the weapons of war, we’re going for broke”

“Sir President and your majesty, you might want to consider rallying the troops right now”

The leaders sighed and nodded.

Gu Qing Shan continued in a low voice: “Next, we’ll ——”

“Wait a minute, we still haven’t left!”

A voice cut him off.

Wolf King.

It was Wolf King that spoke.

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

He then reformed the telepathic connection to observe the dead.

The 7 leaders were still in the connection.

A few minutes went by.

A lot of the dead had already disappeared and reincarnated.

But the majority of them remained.

He found that about 80% of the dead were still connected to the Devil King Warden Rod and still haven't gone into the screen of light.

They hadn't left.

Gu Qing Shan squeezed the head of the Devil King Warden Rod, connecting to the dead.

「 Why haven't you reincarnated yet? 」

He asked in confusion.

The dead stayed silent without saying a word.

They exchanged looks, seemingly not knowing how to answer.

The female Asura answered for the rest of them: "Devil King, please take a look where I am"

Everyone followed the telepathic link and looked at her.

The female Asura was guarding the hall of a hospital.

The 7 leaders had scattered earlier, looking for their own battles to fight, and this was where the female Asura ended up in.

A particularly large demon had fell down and caused over half the hospital to collapse.

Noticing this purely by chance, the female Asura came down to battle the demon.

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She protected this place.

At this moment, she was standing in the now-open hallway, carrying a newborn baby near her chest.

Her expression was soft.

"This is a new-born life"

Saying so, she showed the baby for the dead to see.

Apparently sensing that, the baby opened its eyes looking around curiously.

Of course he couldn't possibly see the countless gazes from the void of space.

After a few moments, the baby had already felt tired and closed his eyes, going back to sleep.

The dead couldn't help but speak among themselves.

"Tch tch, how easily he slept"

"This little brat probably doesn't know the world is about to end"

“Fool, such a young life of course wouldn’t understand those things”

“The world is done for, he’ll be done for too”

“Bitch, this great one is still here”

The dead were arguing.

The female Asura spoke: “—I didn’t think about saving the world or anything that grand, I only came to the human realm to have the Devil King owe me a favor, earning a bit more Merit on the way”

“But I happened to stumble upon this new life”

“Now I just hope that both this baby and his mother can live and survive, together”

The female Asura was speaking through the telepathic link.

“After all, I’m already used to being in hell, going there once again isn’t that much of an issue”

She then looked towards Gu Qing Shan’s direction and asked softly: “Devil King, if I fall into hell, are you willing to give me salvation once again?”

The voices of the dead all stopped.

Dead silence.

They were all waiting for Gu Qing Shan’s answer.

Gu Qing Shan held the Devil King Warden Rod even tighter: “Even if I have to destroy every hell, I’ll get you out”

The female Asura nodded as her expression became normal again.

She loudly asked out of nowhere: “What about you lot? What are you thinking? Since you’re in hell, none of you are originally good people, but why did you stay behind?”

The dead were whispering among each other, but didn’t declare anything to all the dead like she did.

Or perhaps they didn’t know what to say.

“With counting the killing I did in battle, it was truly the bad karma I committed while in life, this I admit” the male Asura mumbled, “but if I leave now, I keep feeling it wouldn’t be fine at all”

Wolf King continued: “Once I leave, billions of life will die with me... this really make me hesitate”

“Even if I had killed countless enemies while alive, I believe this must be a first for everyone here, such an unprecedented choice”

The villains of hell couldn’t help themselves nodding.

“Then why haven’t you left yet?” the female Asura asked.

“I need to seriously think about this ——should I let these billion of lives die at the hands of countless demons, or should they be saved” Wolf King said.

“You’re still thinking about that? You do know that your Merit is being deducted every minute that passes right?” the Fiendkind leader cut him off.

At this time, the cries of a baby came.

Everyone looked back.

The female Asura was hurriedly returning the baby to a human woman.

She was smiling.

Since the female Asura has been protecting both her and her child, she wasn't scared of her at all.

She didn't even know that she was a dead person, or an Asura, only that she was very powerful.

The woman was only nervous as a new mother would be to see her baby cry.

But she quickly hugged the baby and calmed him down.

It seems the baby was hungry.

The mother looked at him, turned around and began to breastfeed.

The dead could still see her expression from this angle.

She appeared at peace and satisfied, having the shine of a mother.

The dead all stared at this.

They remained silent even after a while has passed.

Wolf King suddenly sighed: "What a headache, to leave or to stay, this one will probably need some more time to think"

"How much longer do you want to think?"

"Devil King, how much time left until the world barrier reforms itself?"

Gu Qing Shan answered: 「 29 minutes 17 seconds 」

Wolf King nodded: "Then give me about 29 minutes and 17 seconds"

Saying so, it went silent.

The telepathic connection of the hundreds of quadrillion people here slowly became silent as well.

No one was speaking.

Also.

No one was leaving.

## **Chapter 424**

In the sky.

The brilliant gold light that stretched across the world looked as if it was a waterfall that cascaded from the sky.

The dignified light came from the Law of Huang Quan.

It was bringing the hundred quadrillion dead people present here to their reincarnation.

According to the Merit and karma they accrued in this life, it will reincarnate these people to the other 5 worlds of Samsara.

The reincarnated people will appear at the worlds in ways that the living cannot possibly imagine.

For example, if they went to the Heaven realm, they might reincarnate from a lotus, or from a mountain of iron, or hard, ancient wood.

If they reincarnate to one of the Asura realm's 4 tribes, they might grow from another's back, from water, from fire, from metal, or born from a flower petal.

Both the Heaven realm and Asura realm were superior realms in Samsara, so there wasn't much difference.

If the dead reincarnated at the Beast King or Demon realm, then it wouldn't be too much different from reincarnating as a human, but besides from being born like normal, there was also being born from eggs, outside fertilization, asexual reproduction, colorless, colorful, sentient, non-sentient, all sorts of different ways to be reborn.

The world of Huang Quan and the human realm were still quickly merging.

The Law of reincarnation manifested as the screen of light that draped down like a curtain, covering the dead.

But below, the dead haven't left yet.

They were still waiting for the world barrier to actually reform.

A new world was about to be born.

Above, the countless demons and even Demon Lords were screaming, roaring while they waited.

But below, it was absolute silence.

The hundred quadrillion dead stared straight up at the sky, looking out for any demons that might come down.

Gu Qing Shan had contacted and told Impartial Goddess to open all gears to record as many types of demon as she could.

This was the first time that humanity met demons face to face.

So their appearance, species, characteristics or even their habits were precious intelligence gathered for the future.

Gu Qing Shan stared straight at the screen without blinking for 10 minutes straight.

Finally, he breathed out.

*—how fortunate, there isn't a True Demon Lord here.*

Perhaps the human realm was too weak that most of those sent were only Remodeled Demon Lords.

The 3-headed snake Demon Lord was clearly a Remodeled Demon Lord.

With it serving as an example, none of the other Demon Lords dared to come down to earth.

Even the two only Chaotic Demon Lords among them didn't want to come down.

They were silently waiting, hoping that the dead quickly left.

The dead stayed.

Time passed by.

The final second went by.

The sound of thunder echoed in the sky, as if countless invisible arcs of lightning were striking each other.

An invisible force followed by a rhythmic galloping shook the entire world.

The next moment, the demons that lurked close started to scream.

The powerful Demon Lords hurriedly back off.

The new world barrier was being reformed!

All demons that was touched by the barrier got burnt to ash.

The Demon Lords couldn't possibly fight against the force of an entire world – let alone two.

Screaming and screech in unwillingness, they were forced to leave the human realm.

The sun rises.

Everything was once again bathed in the warm, familiar sunlight.

The sky was deep blue, not even a cloud was in sight, and certainly no demons.

“Is it over?”

Gu Qing Shan muttered.

He checked the War God UI.

Two lines of glowing text were still there.

[The two worlds are still fusing]

[The new world barrier has been fully erected]

*Success!*

*7 hours had passed, the demons still couldn't invade the world!*

Gu Qing Shan looked at the dead.

Their Merit have all became negative.

Although this was their own choice, such a result still made them depressed.

「 Everyone, I'm sorry... 」

Before Gu Qing Shan could say anything else, he was cut off.

The Merit Accountant Machine's voice came into everyone's ears.

[Attention all dead people]

[Attention all dead people]

[I will now begin adjusting your Merit]

The dead all looked up and listened.

The Merit Accountant Machine continued: [Now that the 6 worlds have regained its stability, the Merit you could receive has been recalculated, now begin final distributions]

[The battle of Huang Quan, you did not manage to stop the demons from destroying the world, nor did you stop the Heavenly God's scheme, the survival of the Samsara world was still undecided]

[Furthermore, the fusion of the two worlds were done by the Devil King]

[Conclusion: the dead did not save the Samsara world, the great Merits gained from that deed has been cancelled, leaving only the small Merits for obtaining the Earth elemental root and Wood elemental root]

[Special note]

[The dead who had chosen to reincarnate early revealed their own vile nature in their final moments, showing unquestionable hostility towards the world, together with their riling actions that could've caused the destruction of the world]

[Conclusion: this behavior is similar to seeing a person in need, being capable to help but choose not to, ignoring the preventable, thus their Merit shall be deducted]

[Final calculations: the dead who reincarnated had small Merit for obtaining the elemental roots, the dead who reincarnated committed the Sin of leaving early and provocation. The Sin and Merit cancels each other out]

[Judgement: the reincarnated dead Merits shall become 0]

Saying that, the Merit Accountant Machine stopped for a bit.

All the dead had indescribable expressions on their faces.

The 10 opposing leaders of the dead have already reincarnated, but their final hostility towards the world seemed to have caused this act of revenge from the Merit Accountant Machine.

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Then it continued.

[All the dead who haven't reincarnated saved the combining two worlds]

[The new world has finished forming a new world barrier]

[The new world barrier had caused the barriers of the rest of the Samsara world to strengthen]

[The Samsara world has been saved]

[Conclusion: the dead who haven't reincarnated saved the Samsara world]



[Merit from saving the Samsara world has been calculated, distributing between the dead who haven't reincarnated, now]

A number counter appeared above all the dead people's heads.

They looked up at it.

The negative number quickly became 0, and 0 started to become positive.

The positive number was increasing.

Their Merits were skyrocketing.

The dead couldn't help but start to cheer.

Staying in the world should've caused them to lose Merit, but who could've thought, the Merit they got from it was even more than before!

When the numbers above the dead people stopped, they were already values that would please anyone.

The Merit Accountant Machine once again declared.

[The dead please prepare to reincarnate according to your Merit]

[The dead will forget everything from their past life as well as what just happened, welcoming a fresh start]

[Warning, if you stay at the human realm again, your Merit will rapidly decrease until you're forced back to hell]

[Caution is advised]

After saying so, the Merit Accountant Machine stopped and went silent again.

The waterfall-like golden light once again flowed down to the surface.

The dead were all cheering.

"Thank you Devil King!" someone shouted.

Gu Qing Shan laughed and shouted back: 「 No! You are the ones who saved this world, this is what you deserve, I am the one who needs to thank you! 」

The dead erupted into a cheer again.

"We saved the world!"

"Long live the Devil King!"

"Those bastards who went first, ahahaha, I wish I could see their faces right now!"

"Me as well!"

The dead were saying their final goodbyes.

Inside a Confederate hospital.

"I have to leave" the female Asura looked at the sleeping baby and his mother.

“Can you leave some contact information? I want to thank you with a meal” the mother said with gratitude.

“No need, we will probably never meet again” the female Asura smiled and said.

She flew away, towards the direction of the mountaintop mansion.

On the empty yard in front of the mansion.

The 7 leaders stepped forward one by one, giving Gu Qing Shan a goodbye hug.

They were sad, but entered the screen of light and left the human realm one by one.

The female Asura was the last.

It wasn't until the other 6 had entered the screen that she walked in front of Gu Qing Shan.

“I can't go just yet” she said.

“Why?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“You agreed to a match against me” the female Asura said.

She then explained: “As an Asura, if I miss the chance to fight such a wonderful opponent as yourself, I'll regret it forever”

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded.

*That's right, the Asura were a belligerent race, to them fighting was also a kind of pleasure.*

Having been through so many things, everything that the female Asura did prove that she is a worthy friend.

Gu Qing Shan took out the Chao Yin sword and sincerely spoke: “Very well, we'll make this quick, I don't want your Merit to be deducted”

The female Asura drew her Blades from her back, declaring with a battlecry: “I won't hold back!”

Her body flashed as countless Blade slashes came straight at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan received them with his sword.

Both sides changed their stance and movements constantly, several bouts had passed in just a few moments.

The female Asura's Blade stance was fierce, every attack she made held the resolve for mutual destruction.

Even Gu Qing Shan found it hard to not be serious.

Very quickly, Gu Qing Shan found a gap and stabbed his sword forward.

This strike aimed directly at the female Asura's chest, if she won't pull back to defend, it'll be her death.

But the female Asura seemed undeterred and still swung her Blade forward at Gu Qing Shan.

It was as if she didn't notice Gu Qing Shan's strike, or she had no intention to stop it.

Very quickly, the sword was about to stab her.

"You..."

Gu Qing Shan used all his strength to change the course of his sword at the end.

The female Asura took that chance to step in.

The cold gleaming Blades were already thrown on the ground.

She hugged Gu Qing Shan.

She leaned her head on his shoulder.

"I really... don't want to forget about you..."

She spoke softly.

The screen of light came from above and enveloped her.

Leaving a single drop of tear, she smiled at Gu Qing Shan one last time.

A breeze blew past.

She was no longer there.

## **Chapter 425**

Not too far from there, Anna silent watched as all this happened.

At some unknown moment, she had already turned around without a sound.

Black Hound asked: "Just now, you clearly were about to attack, why did you stop?"

Anna lowered her head: "They were her final moments, I couldn't do it"

The corners of her eyes were a bit red.

The female Asura already left.

More and more dead entered the screen of light and left, following her.

Once all the dead people in the world were gone, the screen of light that stretched across the entire planet slowly pulled back up, disappearing into the sky.

Hell was now empty, quintillions of dead, all reincarnated.

"That was crazy wasn't it?" Zhang Ying Hao couldn't help but say.

"If being dead is that powerful, shouldn't I have let my girlfriend go to Huang Quan? Did I actually harm her by making her stay in the human realm?" Ye Fei Li asked hesitantly.

"You actually saved her" Gu Qing Shan patted him on the shoulder, "when I went to Huang Quan, the entire tunnel entrance to Huang Quan was filled with demons, she would definitely not make it and be

eaten by the demons instead”

“Not to mention, those dead people have just reincarnated —when I connected to the people of the dead, I found out that the four tribes of Asura each have a world to themselves, each of them are as endlessly vast that no one has even found their borders”

“Heaven realm is even bigger than that, containing paths that lead to other worlds”

“Not to mention the Beast King and Demon realms, they also have their own secrets, but both of these worlds are full of killing and fighting, every new life that wants to grow, goes through too much cruelty and bloodshed for them to even recall”

Gu Qing Shan’s expression seemed lonely.

“That’s why once your girlfriend reincarnates, you probably won’t find her again —do you want to see her leave?”

“No! Definitely not!”

Ye Fei Li instantly replied.

Hearing what Gu Qing Shan said, he was finally able to let out a sigh of relief.

Suddenly, Gu Qing Shan’s expression changed a bit.

He stared at the void of space in front of the mansion.

The rest of the combatants here also noticed the distortion.

Everyone became cautious.

All of a sudden, a crack in space opened.

A blue-dress girl with an indifferent expression held the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and appeared in front of everyone.

Shannu.

“How was it?” Gu Qing Shan quickly asked.

“We saved her” Shannu answered.

Behind her, the black-robed man held a glowing card with both hands, softly landing on the ground.

It was Haze.

He was treating that card so carefully like it was the most precious thing in all the worlds.

In the card, a young girl wearing thick ground glasses was looking outside curiously.

Gu Qing Shan smiled: “Congratulations, you finally saved her”

Haze was very excited.

“There really was a hidden trigger for [Time Stanch] where Soft Note’s soul was being sealed”

“If it weren’t for your sword stopping a fatal attack, it wouldn’t have been this easy to rescue her”

“Now, I have to prepare something”

Saying so, Haze took out a card.

It was the only spatial coordinates card in the “Soft Note’s Salvation” card deck.

Haze threw the card out.

The card flashed and turned into a small white shining string, one end held in Haze’s hand while the other went into the void of space.

Haze tugged on his end of the string.

Very quickly, the other side also tugged back.

It was now that Haze finally calmed down.

He looked up at the sky, smiling.

“I didn’t think the end of the world would already be over, seems like my kingdom doesn’t have to enter this war”

“Gu Qing Shan, I have to say this, thank you very much for your help” he spoke seriously.

“No need to thank me, I’ve already gotten my payment, so this was a fair trade”

Gu Qing Shan raised the Devil King Warden Rod in his hand.

“No, you did not have to have your sword help me, but you still did, so I still have to thank you” Haze said.

“Thank who?”

A dignified male voice came from the void of space.

Some distortion appeared where the white string entered the void of space.

Then a crack opened up where it was.

Rows of uniformed men holding card binders in their hands came out from the crack.

They were quick, silent and orderly, quickly went into formation as they appeared on the empty yard outside the mansion.

More and more men came out, filling up the road that led down the mountain.

After that, space started to shake even more.

Like something was trying to get into this world.

Haze smiled.

He raised his hand and threw the card that held Soft Note’s soul towards the crack.

After flying for a bit, a hand came out from the crack and caught it.

Sensing something, Soft Note smiled.

Another black-robed man came out from the void of space.

He looked exactly like Haze.

But he was older, and appeared much more mature.

Rubbing his beard, he appeared dignified.

“Finally, I saved you, Soft Note” the man said.

Soft Note bowed down and curtsied, smiling as she spoke: “Thank you, my king”

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On the other side, Haze nodded at Gu Qing Shan before flying towards the man.

On the way, his body started to become faint.

When the dignified man saw him coming over, he sighed: “Finally, my soul can be whole once again, no need for me to experience the same searing pain day and night”

Haze slowly went into the dignified man’s body.

Such a miraculous sight caused Zhang Ying Hao, Ye Fei Li and the rest of them to open their eyes wide.

The dignified man closed his eyes.

After a few moments, his scowl went away as his expression relaxed.

The dignified man appeared much more spirited, like someone who had been suffering from a disease for a long time that was finally cured.

He muses: “So that is what”

Looking at Gu Qing Shan, the man appeared grateful.

“Let me introduce myself again, I am the Emperor of Sky Haze kingdom, Hazeden”

“Haze came from your soul?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“That is correct, he is me, and I am him”

Hazeden continued: “Thank you, sword cultivator of the Samsara world, if it weren’t for you, my queen wouldn’t have been rescued”

“There is no need to be so formal, you’ve helped me a lot, I’m only repaying it” Gu Qing Shan answered.

“Now, I’ll be taking a ‘god’ from your world —that is, if you don’t mind” Hazeden spoke.

“Who?”

“The red-robed Demi”

“Be my guest”

“Thank you, the Great Ghost General couldn’t kill him, so I’ll be taking revenge for my queen”

Saying so, Hazeden took out a golden scepter that shined in all the colors of the spectrum.

Waving it, he muttered: "Barrier appear"

13 red glowing figures appeared in midair.

They were the 13 skeletons' shadows.

They've completely surrounded a certain part of space, circling it while releasing the red light.

Inside the area of the red light, the Great Ghost General and the red-robed old man could be seen locked in combat, moving back and forth.

The Asura King stood at the end, maintaining the Barrier of Retribution as well as the movements of the 13 skeletons with one hand.

As for the other hand, he was holding a Blade, occasionally attacking with it when given the chance.

Looking at the red-robed Demi, Soft Note had nothing but hatred in her eyes.

"Your Majesty, please avenge me" Soft Note said.

"Don't worry"

Saying so, Hazeden waved his hand.

72 card users all brought their card binders and stood surrounding the red barrier.

They all took out a card from their binders, aiming for the barrier.

But all their cards had the exact same pattern on them.

A metal giant who stood in an empty plain.

An unbelievably giant hand reached down from above, grabbing the giant.

No matter how much the giant tried to struggle, it couldn't escape.

The card users flicked their wrists.

72 copies of the same card flew out at once and disappeared.

In the barrier, the Heavenly God's movements suddenly stopped.

A shining hand reached down from above, grabbing the Heavenly God.

He tried his best to struggle.

Roaring in fury, he used everything he could, even the red barrier was shaking from his might.

But the shining hand caught him all the same.

This was the 9th rank large-scaled card of Sky Haze kingdom's War Deck—[Dimension Seeker].

Its ability is to surpass the limits of space to catch a determined target.

The more powerful the target, the more [Dimension Seeker] cards are required to lock onto them.

On another side, 12 card users drew the same copy of another card and threw it into the air.

12 cards disappeared.

Space was broken open.

—like a hole in the wall, everyone here was able to see what was on the other side.

A magnificent palace.

On the high throne at the top, numerous golden cards were attached.

Over a dozen differently-dressed card users were looking to this side.

“Do it” Hazeden casually ordered.

Receiving their orders, the card users on the other side drew their own cards to form a chain of shackles.

This chain quickly wrapped around the Barrier of Retribution.

The glowing barrier of red was quickly pulled into the other world.

The legion of card user soldiers on the mountain orderly followed the chains and barrier back into their own world.

The only person left here was Hazeden, as well as Soft Note’s soul in the card on his hand.

“What are you going to do to him now?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I still haven’t thought of that yet” Hazeden wondered, “he imprisoned Soft Note for 10,000 years, so I have to think of several ways to ease Soft Note’s inner pain first”

He then looked at Gu Qing Shan: “But before that, I should be thinking of how to repay you for helping me at the final and most crucial moment”

## **Chapter 426**

Note: There might be some unfamiliar concepts mentioned in this chapter, this was because I decided to change the translation of a few already known concepts in order to help better visualize them.

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Hazeden scowled greatly, wracking his brain to think of how to repay Gu Qing Shan.

“Wait a minute, let me take care of that”

Soft Note inside the card spoke.

She pulled a thick card binder out of nowhere, drawing a card from it.

A large eye was depicted on the card.

A thin faint mist flowed from the eye, erupted then turned into an intense spiral.

This was the rare Divination card she owned.



“Despite having such a rare and powerful card, I still fell into the situation I did, meaning I was not suitable to have it”

Saying so, Soft Note threw the card to Gu Qing Shan.

“I’ve removed my soul signature from it. Please treat it well from now on”

She sounded unwilling, but also firm.

Gu Qing Shan received the card.

A long explanation appeared on the War God UI.

[Predictor of Fate, rare card]

[In moments of hesitation, you may observe this card in order to see a possibility of your own fate]

[Note: Only the most talented card users will know how to use this card, the unworthy others will only be fooled by it for trying to take a peek into fate]

[Special note by the system: This is a rare and precious card, you will be able to trade it for anything your heart desires in many worlds]

Gu Qing Shan wondered something: “I heard that the cards are all your God’s Chosen Skill, you can give your God’s Chosen Skill to someone else to use?”

Hazeden and Soft Note exchanged looks.

“Since you’re the one asking, I don’t mind telling you”

Hazeden spoke full of meaning.

“Cards don’t necessarily have to be your own God’s Chosen Skill, it can be someone else’s as well, as long as a card user is competent enough, they can completely remove their soul signature on the cards”

Gu Qing Shan understood immediately.

Su Xue Er once gave him a card. (1)

Only a powerful God’s Chosen can give their ability to others for use.

He nodded in understanding.

“So that’s why, thank you”

“There is no need to, if you have time, you’re always welcome to be our guest at Sky Haze kingdom”

Hazeden said before throwing him a medal.

Gu Qing Shan received the medal and found that it depicted a great tree where countless glittering cards of different colors were hung.

“Take this, it contains our world’s coordinates and space tunnel, if you come to my kingdom one day, you will be able to see me directly with this medal” Hazeden smiled and explained.

“Great, you are also welcome to our world whenever you’re free” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Hazeden and Soft Note nodded and smiled.

He waved to Gu Qing Shan for the last time before going into the crack in space.

Space was quickly repairing itself.

Everything became normal again, as if the world on the other side never existed in the first place.

The human realm returned to peace.

The afternoon sunlight shined upon the earth.

Then in the sky, a bit further away in the opposite direction, three moons were visible.

The world of Huang Quan was a pure Yin-attribute world, so after the worlds fused, to balance the Yin and Yang attributes, a portion of the world's Origin power had formed two new moons.

As everyone looked up to see the moons in the sky, they finally realized that the world was now different.

Some breeze came blowing from afar, giving off a refreshing sense of coolness unlike ever before.

Feeling the air, Gu Qing Shan muttered: "Natural energy has become more abundant..."

The two worlds fusing had caused the Core of the world to become stronger.

From now on, those who cultivate will find it easier to advance through the stages.

The ground started to tremble slightly.

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The entire planet was trembling.

Out of nowhere, glowing lines of text scrolled pass his vision.

[The world's outer changes are complete]

[The two world's inner Laws will begin to fuse]

[The fusion of the worlds inner Laws will cause great disturbance in the world's Core]

[Please leave this world within 10 minutes to avoid having your personal timeline affected by the fluctuations in Origin power]

Gu Qing Shan froze.

The last time this happened was when the Game of Eternal came.

During that time, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but be forced to hide away in the cultivation world.

"Why is it that I have to avoid it every time that the world undergoes a great fluctuation?" he had to ask.

The System responded: [You and I are both refugees who sneaked their way back from the end of the world, so from a timeline standpoint, we are unique entities from other living beings]

[Whenever the world's Laws changes greatly like this, the chaotic space-time fluctuations on your body will be revealed, like a shining beacon in the night, attracting the attention of both powerful Gods and Demons]

[They are very interested in such things]

Gu Qing Shan still couldn't understand: "But I've already given up my memories as a sword saint — didn't I already return completely?"

[That is indeed the case, but the chaotic space-time fluctuations on your body will only gradually disappear, not go away all at once]

"How long does it take for it to fully go away?"

[1 month at the earliest, half a year at the latest]

Gu Qing Shan exhaled.

*It's fine as long as it will go away eventually.*

*Otherwise, it isn't a good feeling having to run away whenever the world changes too much.*

Two more lines of glowing text scrolled past the War God UI.

[We are about to return to the space tunnel connecting Shen Wu world and an unknown world]

[9 minutes remaining, please prepare carefully]

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

He looked at his comrades and spoke: "I have something I want to tell you"

...

In a few minutes, Gu Qing Shan explained everything except the fact that he returned from the future in a way that everyone can understand.

"You mean, you've always had the ability to go to another world?" the President asked.

"That's right, the cultivation scriptures were all brought back from that world" Gu Qing Shan answered.

"What level are you considered to be at in the other world?" Ye Fei Li asked.

Gu Qing Shan recalled Bai Hua Fairy.

"Apart from my Shifu, I'm probably the strongest" Gu Qing Shan answered

Everyone sighed from relief.

*That's good, that's good.*

*This frightening guy not only messed up the world of Huang Quan, he also pushed the 'Heavenly God' to his demise.*

*If even Gu Qing Shan isn't much in the other world, then everyone here would be under too much pressure.*

While everyone calmed down, Gu Qing Shan continued.

"That reminds me"

"I forgot to mention, but there's actually another world, they are probably a few times stronger than the cultivation world, my level of Ascended realm late stage is probably nothing over there"

*There's another world!?*

Everyone was shocked.

Zhang Ying Hao carefully asked: "How strong are they?"

"There used to be a person in that world that wanted to refine an entire world for himself"

Zhang Ying Hao had nothing to say to that.

Gu Qing Shan continued to explain: "After Ascended realm comes Sainted, Sainted was already the strongest of the cultivation world. But in the other world, above Sainted there were still 4 other realms of Projection, Tribulation, Virtualized and Cryptic"

"The guy who wanted to refine the world to himself was only a Tribulation realm, but later on he became a Virtualized realm"

This time, everyone was thoroughly speechless.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the War God UI.

3 minutes left.

He has been thinking of how to explain his leave.

Now, he finally has a good enough excuse.

"Since the two worlds are fusing, there will be exceptionally powerful existences that try to pry into our world. Thanks to the world barrier, they won't be able to come in, but they'll find out about my ability to travel between worlds"

"What do you mean? Will they try to catch you?" Anna hurriedly asked.

"Don't worry" Gu Qing Shan assured her, "as long as I go to the other world to avoid them during the fusion process, I won't be found"

Note:

(1) Yes, it was supposed to be a scroll, but the author wrote "card" here, it's a plot hole that will be retcon-ed later.

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"You talk too much!"

"Come up here" Black Hound ordered.

Anna jumped onto Black Hound's back.

Standing on Black Hound's back, Anna told Zhang Ying Hao, Ye Fei Li and the rest of the people below:  
"If he comes back, tell him that I'm going away to train"

Black flames began to rise from Black Hound's body.

With a slight jump, he began to run on the air towards the sky.

Varona loudly shouted: "Wait a minute! Anna, the Holy Empire is still waiting for your reign!"

Black Hound stopped in mid air.

"I'm sorry auntie, my father's death has been avenged, so I no longer have any worries, please take care of the country for me" Anna said.

"Only the truly powerful can protect their most precious thing in our current world"

"I'm going now"

Black Hound began to run towards the sky again.

"But where exactly are you going?" Varona hurriedly asked.

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"Although we haven't known each other for too long, your talent and potential is the greatest I've seen for the last few thousand years"

"You've been sleeping for the last few thousand years"

"You talk too much!"

"Come up here" Black Hound ordered.

Anna jumped onto Black Hound's back.

Standing on Black Hound's back, Anna told Zhang Ying Hao, Ye Fei Li and the rest of the people below:  
"If he comes back, tell him that I'm going away to train"

Black flames began to rise from Black Hound's body.

With a slight jump, he began to run on the air towards the sky.

Varona loudly shouted: "Wait a minute! Anna, the Holy Empire is still waiting for your reign!"

Black Hound stopped in mid air.

"I'm sorry auntie, my father's death has been avenged, so I no longer have any worries, please take care of the country for me" Anna said.

"Only the truly powerful can protect their most precious thing in our current world"

"I'm going now"

Black Hound began to run towards the sky again.

"But where exactly are you going?" Varona hurriedly asked.

A dark tunnel created from burning black flames opened up in the void of space.

Black Hound jumped inside, leaving only a short answer.

"The world of the Death God"

### **Chapter 428: The beginning**

TN: Chinese New Year celebration lasts for about a week, so normal upload schedule will return after 2 days, thank you for all your kind words

In the sky, the flaming dark tunnel slowly disappeared.

Both Anna and Black Hound were already gone to places unknown.

Then a small-sized Interstellar Warship landed.

Liao Xing returned.

“What a majestic and awesome battle that was, I saw everything from space!” he shouted with undeniable glee.

“You’re a scientist, what do you think we should do next?” Zhang Ying Hao asked.

“Cultivate! We have to cultivate! I’ve decided, I’m going to study cultivation as the main research topic for the world for the next few years” Liao Xing declared.

“That’s right, I need to go all-in on cultivating as well” Ye Fei Li sighed.

The President mused: “We have to quickly get everyone to enter a state of cultivation, that way if some sort of disaster strikes, everyone will be able to save themselves”

“That’s the way it should be, let us come and plan out a policy” Varona agreed.

Suddenly, the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook appeared from the void of space.

Behind the Divine Armament of Huang Quan, several dozen other weapons appeared hovering in the air as well.

The Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook spoke: “Please be assured, after the world fuses, us weapons of Huang Quan will also help”

“Us as well, we will make sure that this world is at peace” the Prayers Trial Machine also said.

Behind it, a lot of machines with different shapes and sizes followed.

“Seems like we’ll have quite the miraculous world from now” Liao Xing commented full of spirit.

Suddenly, a commotion was heard inside the mansion.

“Who’s there!?” Zhang Ying Hao questioned cautiously.

Just as he spoke, the door was opened from the inside.

Everyone quickly looked over.

It was Su Xue Er at the door, wearing a pure white robe with a scepter in hand.

She was smiling as her gaze passed over everyone here.

She didn’t see Gu Qing Shan.

“Hm? Why is Qing Shan not here?” Su Xue Er asked, clearly confused.

She couldn’t help but check the watch on her wrist.

She also didn’t have much time here this time either.

Since she came back to Fog Isle directly from here, she didn't have to waste time travelling from far away like the last.

She had 1 hour.

Looking around again, she still couldn't find Gu Qing Shan's figure.

Su Xue Er took out her Holo-Brain and tried calling Gu Qing Shan.

Everyone exchanged looks.

Zhang Ying Hao patted himself on the chest, whispering: "We're lucky that the other one just left, otherwise the world might be in a crisis again"

"That's right" Ye Fei Li whispered back, "this time, not even Gu Qing Shan could save the world --hell, he probably won't be able to even save himself"

"Hm? What are you whispering about?" Su Xue Er asked.

She had already put her Holo-Brain away.

It wasn't away to connect to Gu Qing Shan's.

"Pardon me asking but, do you know where Gu Qing Shan is?" Su Xue Er asked courteously.

Zhang Ying Hao looked at Ye Fei Li, Ye Fei Li then looked at Liao Xing.

Liao Xing was still stunned by Su Xue Er's beauty and muttered: "So pretty... ah, no, I mean he already left"

"Where did he go? Did something happen to him?" Su Xue Er pursued.

Her grip on the scepter was noticeably tighter.

"He's fine, haven't been better" Zhang Ying Hao quickly added.

"Alright then, where is he now? I want to see him right away"

"...You won't be able to find him now" Liao Xing was still staring at Su Xue Er as he answered.

"Why not?"

"It'll take too long to explain, it's a really long story"

"Then please tell me everything from the very start, thank you very much!"

Su Xue Er very sternly insisted.

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Liao Xing then told her everything that happened with Gu Qing Shan recently.

At the same time, Ye Fei Li went into the mansion and took a jade tag to give to Su Xue Er.

As Su Xue Er took the jade tag, she trembled slightly.

"Travel between two worlds? No wonder I saw such a future..."

She sighed, a bit distracted.

“If he isn’t here then I’ll go visit home for a little bit”

“Everyone, see you later”

“See you”

Everyone said goodbye.

Right as Su Xue Er was about to leave, she stopped as if she just remembered something.

Her expression seemed grim, like she wanted to ask but at the same time didn’t.

“Ah? Is there anything else you need, pretty girl?” Liao Xing smiled and asked.

“My apologies, this is actually a bit unrelated, but I still want to ask...”

“What is it?”

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“Where is Anna? Where is she now?”

Saying so, Su Xue Er’s gaze became a bit undetermined.

“Ah, about that...”

Liao Xing was about to answer but then stopped.

—what am I supposed to say here?

He looked around himself.

The President was already going back into the mansion.

Zhang Ying Hao was even quicker than the President already nowhere to be seen.

Ye Fei Li had jumped to the sky, flapping his wings to fly at a random direction.

Monarch Varona seems to be thinking about something, but muttered under her breath: “The young’uns these days...”

She was heading to the mansion as well.

Seeing their reactions, Liao Xing decided against it.

“I’m really sorry but, I don’t know Anna—”

At this time, a small white bird appeared from out of nowhere.

It landed on Liao Xing’s shoulder, asking Su Xue Er with a high-pitched voice: “Anna? Are you talking about the woman who hugged Gu Qing Shan, or the one after who grabbed his arm and refused to let go?”

Silence, all around.

A sense of dread began to fill the air.

The thick killing intent was almost drowning Liao Xing.

“Ah? Seems like there are still a few things that I don’t know about”

Su Xue Er smiled as she slowly asked.

Abruptly, a thunderous echo, like some sort of immense force that broke the air.

The scepter in Su Xue Er’s hand was giving off a pillar of holy white light that seemingly reached all the way to heaven.

This force was so great that the clouds above were pierced through, forming a hole right in the middle.

The great holy light seemed almost like an act of god, making people who saw it couldn’t help but feel a sense of worship.

“I’m sorry, I’m still not used to controlling the scepter yet”

Su Xue Er lowered her head in apology.

She then swung the scepter, dismissing the power.

“Please tell me everything about those two women you just mentioned”

Su Xue Er asked with a tone that forced you to answer.

Liao Xing’s lips were trembling.

He couldn’t find the words.

Why are all the pretty girls these days... every single one of them...

The small white bird stood on his shoulder as it watched all this.

All of a sudden, it turned its head to one side, asking Liao Xing: “Old man, what are you shaking for? You cold?”

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Gu Qing Shan appeared inside an area of space vortex.

He looked at both sides.

Qing Rou and Wan Er both looked exhausted, their eyes full of worry.

Quite a distance away, at the end of their gaze, a faint glowing gate could be seen.

There was so much excess natural energy coming from it that they could feel it all the way here.

“This spirit energy is coming from their formations, try and absorb as much as you can” Qing Rou told WanEr.

WanEr quickly nodded.

“It seems we’re close—— how much longer do we have?” Gu Qing Shan asked.



“We will reach that world in at most 5 minutes” Qing Rou answered.

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

The Zishan young master, Qi Yan, should have already died now in the Tianma world.

Qi Yan’s father was a Virtualized realm late stage cultivator.

This extremely powerful cultivator was currently facing the tribulations.

Once he succeeds and advances to Cryptic realm, he will become the strongest man in all of Guang Yang sect.

Even the Elder who has been competing against him all this time wouldn’t be his match.

The Elder is also a Cryptic realm cultivator, but he still hasn’t healed from when he got attacked by the terrifying demonic god.

The gate of light was getting closer and closer.

Not too long after this, Gu Qing Shan will be facing the Zishan young master’s father.

At this time, lines of glowing text were scrolling past the War God UI.

[Destiny Quest: Battle of the collapsing world]

[Quest description: In the times of the world’s irreversible collapse, you managed to go to Huang Quan and find out the cause of the calamity, giving the world a tiny and improbable chance of overturning the situation]

[Quest objective: Do everything you can to save the world of Huang Quan and the human realm]

After Gu Qing Shan read through them, the words crumbled away.

[You have completed the Quest]

[You’ve received special storyline reward: War God Thaumaturgy (Sainted realm)]

The War God UI then turned a grim, dark color.

“Hah? What happened?”

Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

More glowing lines of text scrolled past the dark screen.

[This world used to be a very powerful cultivation civilization, but also a world heading towards collapse]

[The awakening of a Thaumaturgy is tied directly to the Laws of the current world]

[Your previous awakened Thaumaturgy— Shadow Shift, was also born from a connection with the Shen Wu world, using that world’s Origin powers]

[Learn more about the Suspended world and understand its make-up]

[Once you’ve understood enough about the Suspended world, the Quest will begin]

After Gu Qing Shan read through them, the explanations disappeared.

The War God UI returned to darkness.

## Chapter 429: The Suspended world

Gu Qing Shan stared at the patch of darkness and started to recollect.

The battle back in Shen Wu world wasn't just epic and grand, it also had a lot of small details that would be crucial to what he was about to do next.

At the time, he used Soul Reading on some cultivators from this other world.

A few of the mysteries back then now appeared in Gu Qing Shan's mind.

Qi Yan's father, Guang Yang sect's master, Qi Ruo Ya was facing this tribulation at the time.

Even Qi Ruo Ya doesn't know what his son has really been up to.

All he did was give Qi Yan what he asked for.

— and Qi Yan has always been one to scheme for his own benefits.

If Qi Ruo Ya manages to breakthrough and become a Cryptic realm cultivator, Qi Yan would gift the two worlds to his father as congratulations.

But if Qi Ruo Ya fails, Qi Yan will immediately take both worlds and leave Guang Yang sect, leaving their original world.

Afterall, the people from the Great Elder's faction wouldn't let him off the hook if that's the case.

Qi Yan's plan was flawless.

Unfortunately, everybody he brought to Shen Wu world was killed by the Tianma Empress.

Even Qi Yan himself was brought to the world of the Tianma, most likely already dead.

Gu Qing Shan recalled briefly about one of Qi Yan's aides, someone called Wu San.

Wu San stayed behind at Guang Yang sect and didn't go to Shen Wu world.

Wu San knows about everything!

Gu Qing Shan immediately asked the System: "I remember that I still have a Quest from before, can I see it now?"

At a small corner of the War God UI, a line of small text quickly appeared.

[Special Quest: Wu San must die]

[Quest description: User attention please, there is only one person left who knows about the Shen Wu world and the cultivation world in the unknown world]

[Kill him and no one else will know about the existence of these two worlds]

[This is related to the ultimate fate of the cultivation world as well as Shen Wu world, the user is advised to use absolute discretion when approaching this]

[Quest objective: Before anyone else finds out about the secret, kill the last person who knows about this]

[Quest reward: The user can pick another Quest and immediately complete it]

Gu Qing Shan fell into contemplation.

This means that unless I kill Wu San, Shifu and the rest will not be truly safe.

The wind inside the space vortex was still picking up, but the force of the wind was already dying down.

Gu Qing Shan looked ahead.

They were very close to the gate of light.

Gu Qing Shan tapped his Inventory Bag and took out a leather briefcase.

Inside the briefcase were 2 rows of genetic modification drugs.

Gu Qing Shan took out one of them and injected himself with it.

“What are you doing?” Wan Er asked in surprise.

As soon as she did, she covered her mouth in shock.

Gu Qing Shan’s outer appearance was slowly becoming Qi Yan’s.

“Big sis Qing Rou, look!”

Wan Er urged Qing Rou to look.

Qing Rou turned over and observed Gu Qing Shan.

They looked exactly the same!

“How did you do that?” Qing Rou was surprised.

“The power of science”

“What is... science?”

“You can think of it as a type of magic treasure”

Qing Rou then understood.

“So that’s why you were so confident, you have such a magic treasure, which means you’ve already planned this far ahead”

“But then, your cultivation is still too low, it’s only— huh? Ascended realm late stage?”

Qing Rou was shocked again.

In the battle just before, he was only a Rejuvenation realm.

How did he already become Ascended realm?

Because he hid his true strength?

“So what if I’m Ascended realm late stage, that’s still very away from Virtualized realm”

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

He took out a large-brimmed hat.

This was one of the items he got the first time he met and killed other-worldly cultivators back in Shen Wu world.

Every cultivator in Guang Yang sect is given such a hat in order to hide their presence.

At the time, everyone concluded that the other-worldly cultivators needed such hats due to them living in an environment where constant caution was needed.

Seeing the hat, the two girls' eyes lit up.

"Whoa, that's a good idea, with the hat, no one will be able to tell your true cultivation" Wan Er clapped her hands.

"Qi Yan is someone who likes to keep appearance, he's never worn this type of hat" Qing Rou refuted.

"I've read the information and did notice that point, then—— how about this?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

He drew his sword.

The sword flashed just once and disappeared.

A few deep cuts were carved onto Gu Qing Shan's face.

Qing Rou stared straight at him.

His expression was calm, not even a slight hint of discomfort despite what he just did.

Qing Rou sighed: "I have to give it to you, sword phantoms are too powerful and too sharp, the sword qi that remains in a wound can easily cause them to be unable to heal properly right away. Someone that minds appearance as much as Qi Yan would certainly do everything he could to hide the wounds on his face"

"And the most convenient thing to do that with is the sect's hat" Gu Qing Shan continued.

Qing Rou thought for a bit, took out a handkerchief and went to carefully wipe off the blood on Gu Qing Shan's face.

"There's no need——" Gu Qing Shan tried to stop her.

"Don't move" Qing Rou glared at him, "Wan Er and I are both Qi Yan's personal maids, you have to get used to us serving you up close"

"Big sis is right, you can't be avoiding us like this" Wan Er said.

She took out a healing pill, bringing it to Gu Qing Shan's mouth with her jade-like white hands.

"My bad" Gu Qing Shan said sorry.

He then ate the pill.

For now, he has to play the part of Qi Yan as perfectly as possible.

Once he enters that world, his every move will directly affect their survival, so he can't afford to do this half-baked.

If he slipped up even just a little bit, the only thing waiting for them might be a fate worse than death.

“Is there anything else that indicates that I’m different from him?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Standing there, his physique and gestures were exactly the same as Qi Yan.

He was even giving off a sense of dignity extremely similar to that of Qi Yan’s.

This sense of dignity was unique to those who were used to living in power, exuding absolute confidence with their every word and gesture.

Qing Rou and Wan Er carefully observed him for a bit and silently found it odd.

They didn’t think he would be able to imitate even this.

“Everything else is correct, there’s only a slight difference in your idiosyncrasy” Qing Rou answered as she muses about it.

“Yeah, I also feel something like that” Wan Er agreed.

“What’s the difference?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Qi Yan isn’t a tolerable person, he’s cruel, merciless, indifferent and unempathetic, you lack this sort of cold idiosyncrasy” Qing Rou told him.

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes.

His body twitched a bit, walking a few steps back and forth and the air he gave off quickly changed.

Faint killing intent was wafting from his body, giving everyone a slight sense of discomfort.

At this very moment, Gu Qing Shan gave off the feeling of a poisonous snake that’s always ready to bite.

“That’s exactly it, how did you do that?” Qing Rou praised him.

“As long as I’m constantly thinking of how to kill the two of you in a single strike, this feeling will appear” Gu Qing Shan explained.

“Even then, it’s hard to imitate it to this degree” Qing Rou sighed.

“I took a special class for acting”

After saying so, Gu Qing Shan drew another sword.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

A blue-dress girl flew out from the sword.

Her body was slender with beautiful facial features, sharp brows and an expression of faint indifference.

“What a beautiful sword spirit” Wan Er exclaimed.

Qing Rou’s attention was also taken by Shannu’s presence, muttering: “A humanoid sword spirit, how rare, what kind of sword would be able to give birth to such a miraculous sword spirit?”

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Both of them were great cultivators at Tribulation realm, originally in their respective worlds they were considered the cream of the crop, so their eyes were without any doubt first-rate.

Not to mention they directly saw how Shannu flew out from the sword, unlike Gu Qing Shan who only saw Shannu without the sword body at the bottom of the Forgetting River during their first meeting.

That's why they managed to guess who Shannu was right away.

"You called, gongzi?" Shannu asked.

She was holding a jade tag.

"Did you read all the information yet?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"I have, I basically understand the current situation now" Shannu answered.

"Because what comes next will be exceptionally dangerous, I must avoid every chance of someone seeing through my disguise. So I need your help"

"With what?"

"Distract other people's attention for me"

Gu Qing Shan continued: "The son of the sect's head returning will definitely cause a lot of commotion, since I haven't fully adapted to Qi Yan's identity yet and I can't make any mistakes that will cause me to be found out, I need a way to take their attention off me, and transfer it to you"

"Transfer it to me?"

Shannu couldn't understand and tried asking: "What should I do then?"

Qing Rou reminded them: "Qi Yan is a known womanizer— — so if you just want to make her act as your maid, a lot of people will just feel like that's to be expected and not pay too much attention to her"

"That's right, so Shannu, you will be acting as my disciple" Gu Qing Shan spoke.

"A person like Qi Yan would actually return with a new disciple, this will cause a lot of commotion and shock"

"They will definitely pay close attention to you to see who you are, and why you were chosen to be my disciple"

"That way, most of their attention will be on you, not me"

"You're right, gongzi" Shannu nodded.

"Wait a minute, she's a sword spirit" Qing Rou couldn't understand, "a sword spirit is very easily recognized by any Tribulation or Virtualized realm cultivator"

"That won't be an issue" Gu Qing Shan said.

The sword flashed again.

He had cut his wrist and was holding it out for Shannu: "Here"

Shannu came forward, catching the fresh blood that was dripping from Gu Qing Shan's wrist with both hands.

After a few seconds.

"It's enough" Shannu said.

"You sure?"

"I am, it's enough"

Gu Qing Shan then closed up his wounds and said: "Now you can use 'that'"

"Yes, gongzi"

Shannu closed her eyes and started to use [Mystery of All Beings Equal] with Gu Qing Shan's blood.

Thanks to the Six Paths Great Mountain sword's thaumaturgy [Living's Wisdom], she was able to use all of Gu Qing Shan's skills and experience.

And since her power comes from the Divine Mountain, she doesn't need Soul Points.

She was as strong as however strong Gu Qing Shan is.

[Mystery of All Beings Equal: You learn the most basic composition of any creature's make-up, obtaining the ability to change yourself into that creature]

[Note: You have to collect parts of that creature's body to learn its special characteristics and Laws in order to disguise as that creature]

And fresh blood was the most important part of a human body's composition.

After a few seconds, Shannu had taken Gu Qing Shan's appearance.

And Gu Qing Shan had taken Qi Yan's appearance.

It was a bit chaotic...

'Gu Qing Shan' then lightly curtsied to 'Qi Ya' and asked: "Gongzi, what do you think?"

'Qi Yan' froze for a bit, then spoke with a complicated expression: "You did well... but please avoid too feminine gestures"

"Yes"

Shannu realized what she did, recalled Gu Qing Shan's daily gestures and stood up, puffing her chest out.

'Qi Yan' thought for a bit, then continued: "Call me master from now on"

'Gu Qing Shan' clasped her hands a bit awkwardly and spoke: "This disciple welcomes you, master"

'Qi Yan' appeared pleased: "Hm, very good, that'll do"

Shannu was still a bit nervous, asking: "Will this be ok? I don't really act like you at all— how about gongzi teach me the skills to act as well?"

“It’s fine, no one in that world has seen me yet, so there’s no need for you to copy my gestures, as long as you avoid using feminine gestures, it’ll be fine”

Shannu calmed down and nodded: “That I can do”

Qing Rou and Wan Er stood stunned as they watched everything.

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Night.

The night was cold.

The world was silent, dead silent.

The sky was filled with stars, as well as islands suspended in midair.

The moon of this world had already disappeared without a trace long ago, leaving the world in darkness.

At a certain moment.

On an unassuming suspended island, a few hundred dirty rocks began to move.

Without making a sound, the rock was arranging themselves into an intricate formation.

The formation was formed.

Oong!

Something broke through the void of space, lightly falling to the ground.

It was a small formation plate.

As it touched the ground, the plate instantly broke into fine dust.

The formation plate was now broken.

A few moments later.

Four figures appeared from the void of space, slowly descending onto the formation.

A female voice came:

“The quarantine formation is working normally”

Another female voice spoke: “Everything around is normal, we’ll be safe for now”

Following this, the air returned to silence.

“Wan Er, please check the time for me” Gu Qing Shan’s voice came.

He was hanging onto the brim of his hat, observing this foreign world.

Wan Er tapped her gem ornament and took out a black talisman.

She infused it with her spirit energy.

Two shining words appeared on the talisman.



“Xiong” and “Ji” (1)

The two words started alternating, until the word “Ji” disappeared completely.

“Xiong” then began to grow bigger until it took up the entire talisman.

“Young master, it’s currently Danger Hour” Wan Er told him.

“In order words, we have to wait inside this quarantine formation until Danger Hour passes, only then can we return to the sect?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“That’s correct, we shouldn’t go out at this time, otherwise there’s a very high chance of death” Qing Rou told him.

Shannu muttered in a low voice: “What a dangerous world”

She was now in Gu Qing Shan’s appearance.

“That’s right, this world will soon come to an end” Wan Er nodded.

“We’ll just wait for a bit then” Gu Qing Shan said.

Taking out a few cushions for everyone to sit on, he himself also took a seat.

This small suspended island was quite safe during Danger Hour, mostly thanks to the quarantine formation.

“I’ve read your reports, but what kind of creature is it exactly?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“We’ll see it soon” Qing Rou told him.

“Right now, we can see a few unconscious offshoots first—— look, young master” Wan Er said.

She took a small rock on the ground, circulated her spirit energy to throw it outside.

The rock quickly turned into a faint image as it was flying outside the formation.

Thanks to being infused with spirit energy, the rock’s momentum didn’t slow down at all and kept going until it left the suspended island.

Out of nowhere, a large black mouth appeared from the void of space, chomping down on the rock.

Crick crack! Crick crack!

The mouth carefully chewed the rock loudly for a while until it went away again.

“So the time that it’s awake is called Danger Hour, and no cultivator can use their spirit energy?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Yes, this is only an unconscious offshoot that comes to eat whenever it senses spirit energy” Wan Er explains.

“If it meets enough resistance, the unconscious offshoots will disappear, replaced by the realm demon’s conscious will, then if still can’t win against the resistance then, the realm demon’s main body will come”

“Is anyone able to win against its main body? Like a Cryptic realm combatant for example?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Qing Rou and Wan Er exchanged looks, then shook their heads at the same time.

Note:

(1) Xiong and Ji: They literally means “fierce” and “lucky”, it’s a concept of Chinese divination where the “good” hours of the day/month/year are called “ji”, where whatever you do will be easy and works out in your favor, and the opposite will happen with “xiong”. There is no in between.

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Even a Cryptic realm cultivator wasn’t a match.

If that was the case, the realm demon’s power is insurmountable.

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking, he noticed something.

The chains that bound both Wan Er and Qing Rou were starting to tighten.

Both of these beautiful women scowled in pain as the shackles squeezed them.

Their restraints just got empowered.

“What’s going on?” he asked in a low voice.

“Because it’s currently Danger Hour, the cultivators of this world are most afraid of us slaves rioting at this time” Qing Rou answered.

Wan Er added: “During Danger Hour, no matter how powerful they are, they can’t use spirit energy to fight back, otherwise it’ll attract the realm demon”

“Which means mutual death” Gu Qing Shan nodded in understanding.

He does recall reading something like that in the information he was given.

The slaves who didn’t want to endure torture anymore suddenly rioted during Danger Hour, taking over a dozen cultivators to be eaten by the realm demon with them.

This caused cultivators of this world to become much more cautious.

The result of that were these restraint shackles that automatically binds the slaves tighter during Danger Hour, ensuring that they weren’t able to use any power at all.

These shackles were very intricately made, even Bai Hua Fairy had said that she wasn’t able to resist or undo them.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly realized something.

“When Danger Hour comes, does the cultivators not have any way to survive except going into the quarantine formations in time?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“You can use Presence Concealment Techniques to ensure that not even a single bit of spirit energy escapes, otherwise if you’re noticed by the unconscious offshoots, there’s only death waiting” Qing Rou answered.

Shannu who has been silently listening on one side now appeared to be a bit anxious.

She asked in a low voice: “Gongzi, this world is too dangerous, do you really want to think of a way to save this world?”

“Save this world?” Gu Qing Shan was surprised, “why would I want to save it?”

Shannu looks at Qing Rou and Wan Er and answered: “Because of what you’ve always done, so I thought you’d do the same here as well”

When Gu Qing Shan heard that, he smiled: “First of all, I probably don’t have the ability to do that”  
“Second, I’ve already understood the nature of this world, the people here only respect killing and slavery”

He gestured to Qing Rou and Wan Er with his chin.

“Useless people are killed, as for them—— only beautiful women like them are taken in as slaves and left alive, if only for a while”

“I have killed a lot of people, but I abhor this type of behavior”

Gu Qing Shan’s tone became indifferent: “Such a world should just be left to die”

Shannu nodded as she fell into contemplation.

Gu Qing Shan’s gaze fell downwards as he lightly touched the rocks on the ground.

“This quarantine formation is the most precious thing in Qi Yan’s entire private island?” he asked in thought.

“That’s right, formations like these are extremely valuable, the most valuable thing in this entire world” Qing Rou told him.

After hearing his words, her expression became slightly warm.

Although his cultivation wasn’t very high, but the things he did back in Shen Wu world were nothing but extraordinary.

The Tianma were well-known man-eating monsters, but they were still able to cooperate, and he was the proactive side.

At the time he was only at Rejuvenation realm.

And the Tianma he worked with was a Tianma Empress.

With that in mind, there was no way Qing Rou was going to underestimate this man in front of her.

Wan Er also actively replied: “Without Qi Yan’s permission, no one is allowed to be on this island, anyone that dares to will become a wanted person by Guang Yang sect itself”

“A quarantine formation... no wonder the cultivators of this world have to wear the large-brimmed hats.

Gu Qing Shan looked around.

The world was in darkness and silence.

None of the floating islands in the sky held any signs of life.

And it was now Danger Hour, so nothing could be done.

Gu Qing Shan spoke: "Since it's like this, I'll take a short rest, please wake me up after Danger Hour passes"

"Yes" Qing Rou replied.

Gu Qing Shan then sat down cross-legged, closed his eyes and slowed his breathing.

His expression slowly loosened, even the scowl at his eyebrows was going away.

Very quickly, his breathing became calm and periodical.

He fell asleep.

Qing Rou and Wan Er exchanged looks of understanding.

*That's right, he just went through a very tough battle.*

*He had to use everything he had, including his life, in order to lure the Virtualized realm Qi Yan into the world of Tianma, he's worked hard.*

*He should get some rest .*

But they didn't know that Gu Qing Shan went through much more than just that.

After returning to Reality, the only time when Gu Qing Shan managed to relax was for a brief moment at the bar.

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Right after that, he went with Ye Fei Li in the capital incident, then broke through Ascended realm in the desert, then came to the Fuxi Empire's desert palace villa to find the Emperor's secret, found the hints about the Frozen Hell's coming, return to the Confederate to reveal the Emperor's plans, stopping the world war, defeating the black-cloaked skeleton, help Empress Varona coronate and become Monarch, killing the Pope, welcoming the machines of Huang Quan, then at the last moments before the end of the world, he had no choice but to travel to Huang Quan alone...

Considering how rapid everything went, he barely had the time to stop and catch his breath.

At this very moment, he was trapped inside the quarantine formation, unable to leave for the time being.

But this had instead become the only chance for him to rest.

The world was silent.

Countless suspended islands floated in midair, like black shadows that populated the darkness of night.

Time slowly passed.

15 minutes later, a deep sigh could be heard from the ground below.

This sigh echoed across the sky, reaching all the way to places unknown.

Wan Er looked down at the talisman in her hand.

The “Xiong” character had disappeared, replaced by the “Ji” character”

“Young master, Danger Hour has passed” Wan Er called out.

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes.

Stretching his back, he commented: “What a long nap that was, it’s been so long since I’ve slept so well”

“Gongzi, you only slept for 15 minutes” Shannu corrected him.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised: “Really? Why did it feel like I slept for very long?”

“You’re too tired” Shannu stared straight at him and said.

Suddenly, everyone went silent.

A large island was passing by the small island where they were.

Gu Qing Shan looked up to observe them.

The underside of the island was full of holes, just like a bee’s nest.

Each of those holes shined with different colored lights, occasionally a figure could even be seen.

Light drifted about the island, illuminating it like a star in the sky.

The island floated by without a sound and kept flying further away from them.

Danger Hour had passed.

Change began to appear in the sky.

Within the blanket of night, various islands began to light up with shining lights.

Their light spread across the sky above.

In just a few moments, the dim night sky had turned into a sea of stars.

“How majestic, this is the cultivation civilization of the Suspended world?” Gu Qing Shan praised.

But as he silently observed them, he started to scowl.

All the floating islands suddenly lit up at night made it seem like they were very bright.

But the closer you look, the duller you would find the islands to be.

“The light is dim and inanimate, why is that...?” he muttered.

“Because the ground no longer exists, there is no way to replenish spirit stones anymore” Qing Rou answered.

“All spirit stones must be used to maintain the floating formations during normal time, then adding another large-scale quarantine formation during Danger Hour”

“Because of that, normally the formations are only used at the bare minimum necessary to avoid waste” Wan Er added.

“If there’s no way to replenish spirit stones, would there be any sects that use up their spirit stones?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Qing Rou and Wan Er exchanged looks.

“Very frequently” Qing Rou muttered.

“Low-ranked cultivators of such sects will be discarded or killed, only formation users and top-level cultivators are kept and absorbed by the other sects” Wan Er explained.

Gu Qing Shan nodded, then realized a very crucial detail.

“The people of this Suspended world should have conquered a lot of worlds, did all those worlds get fused with the Suspended world?” he asked.

“They did, but now all the fused worlds belong to the realm demon” Qing Rou answered

Wan Er was clearly scoffing at them: “They conquered every world that they saw, only to benefit the realm demon in the end, what a joy that was to know”

“They couldn’t find any new worlds anymore?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“For the past few ten thousand years, every world that they managed to find was fused with this one”

“But Qi Yan had a way to refine a world all to himself?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Qing Rou laughed: “That is a new refinement technique developed in the past few years, originally made to escape from this world...”

Wan Er also laughed: “But unfortunately for them, they already can’t find anymore new worlds to use it on”

After explaining that, both women had a look of clear satisfaction.