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Chapter 443: Tribulation in the space vortex

On the other side

With the tag for the formation in his hand, Gu Qing Shan was quickly going to the warp formation for breaking through.

Shannu had used [Mystery of All Beings Equal] to turn into Qi Yan and buy time for him there.

But she won't be able to buy too much time.

Gu Qing Shan has to break through as fast as possible and quickly return to change places with Shannu.

The Sainted realm tribulation wasn't that long.

This was also why Gu Qing Shan decided to breakthrough on the spot.

The hardest part about the Sainted realm tribulation was from the strength of its lightning.

While Ye Ying Mei was busy getting the treasure tools and Wang Hong Dao hasn't returned yet, he needs to advance his cultivation to Sainted realm.

Gu Qing Shan was racing against time!

Furthermore, Rakshasa's Daughter now knew about the existence of Shen Wu world.

But Rakshasa's Daughter doesn't know that her disguise had been found out by Gu Qing Shan thanks to [War God Skills].

That was why she was still patiently waiting to see what the three Hallmasters planned to do.

No matter if it was Wang Hong Dao, Rakshasa's Daughter or either of the two Hallmasters, they were at least 3 levels of cultivation higher than Gu Qing Shan.

The current situation was very dangerous.

Gu Qing Shan had to think of a way to make sure this person doesn't get any closer to the cultivation world and Shen Wu world.

And he still has to think of a way to escape from this world!

This was such an unprecedentedly dire situation.

The sect's group of formations were located near the bottom of the floating island.

Gu Qing Shan quickly arrived here.

The black formation was very easy to make out from the 10 different-sized formations.

Gu Qing Shan carefully looked at each of them.

The one letting out a faint yellow glow was the Ascended realm tribulation formation.

Everyone below Ascended realm can use this same formation to go to the space vortex.

Guang Yang sect had used this formation as a link to quarantine a small area in the space vortex and set up a few tribulation formations.

Using these linked formations, they can still trigger the lightning tribulation of the Suspended world without alerting the realm demon.

Any cultivators below Ascended realm can face their tribulations there without worries.

Such an advanced level of formation was really impressive.

Gu Qing Shan turned away.

The one he needed to use was the black formation.

The lightning from the tribulation of Ascended realm advancing to Sainted realm far surpasses the limit that the previous formation can handle.

Gu Qing Shan needs to breakthrough using this black formation.

Aside from that, there were two other formations.

The Virtualized realm formation.

And the Cryptic realm formation.

One used specifically to breakthrough to Virtualized realm, the other specifically for breaking through to Cryptic realm.

Gu Qing Shan's gaze fell onto the Cryptic realm formation.

This was the most powerful formation they had.

Activating this requires about 169 spirit stones.

In the barren Suspended world, this amount was already considered an extraordinary expenditure.

But that wasn't what Gu Qing Shan focused on.

A mere 169 spirit stones was able to open the most powerful tribulation formation in the space vortex.

This was completely unheard of for Gu Qing Shan since the beginning of his cultivation.

Even the strongest formation expert Gong Sun Zhi of the cultivation world couldn't possibly set up such a large-scaled formation that required only 169 spirit stones.

Gu Qing Shan slowed down and stopped at the border of the Cryptic realm tribulation formation.

He also put away Zhao Wu Chui's tag.

He was supposed to use the formation and go to the space vortex as soon as possible, using every second he had to breakthrough, but Gu Qing Shan didn't seem to be in any hurry.

He took out 169 spirit stones and put them into the Cryptic realm tribulation formation.

Oong!

The formation was activated!

This was the highest-levelled formation of this world, the Cryptic realm tribulation formation!

Gu Qing Shan took out an Inventory Bag.

Without taking too much time, he brought the Inventory Bag and went directly to the center of the Cryptic realm tribulation formation.

Once the formation sensed his spirit energy waves, it began to move.

Countless runes appeared and started to arrange themselves into a mystical pattern.

The formation triggered.

Gu Qing Shan abruptly used [Ground Shrink]

In the blink of an eye, he reappeared outside the formation.

But the Inventory Bag was left inside the formation and was transported away.

Gu Qing Shan didn't use the tag.

—without the tag to control it, the formation will only transport those inside to a random place.

Because of how powerful the Cryptic realm tribulation formation was, and because Gu Qing Shan had put in all the spirit stones required, the range of this random transportation will be very large.

The Inventory Bag was transported to somewhere completely unknown.

The poor Rakshasa's Daughter who turned herself into the mask being stored inside the Inventory Bag was completely clueless about this.

She was still waiting for a chance, staying by Qi Yan's side to find out about the secret of the new worlds that not even the two Hallmasters know.

The light of the formation slowly faded.

The transportation was complete.

All 169 spirit stones turned to dust.

Gu Qing Shan's expression loosened.

He had never heard of anyone who was put inside an Inventory Bag being able to get out by themselves.

Of course, Rakshasa's Daughter would probably have a way.

Otherwise she wouldn't have dared to turn herself into a mask.

I can only hope that I'm lucky and the formation transported her far away enough to temporarily not be able to return.

And that Rakshasa's Daughter was a decently patient person.
—the more patient she was, the longer it will take for her to realize her actual situation.

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Gu Qing Shan turned away and went in front of the black formation.

After putting in enough spirit stones around the formation, he went into it.

Tapping his Inventory Bag, Gu Qing Shan took out the transportation tag.

Next is to breakthrough.

As the black formation activated, it sensed the tag in Gu Qing Shan's hand and erupted into light, covering him inside.

Gu Qing Shan disappeared.

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This was an enclosed part of the space vortex.

Because of Guang Yang sect's arrangement here, the winds of flow couldn't enter this place.

The monsters hidden inside the space vortex also couldn't enter this place.

As soon as they try to, an arranged warp formation will be activated.

The arranged warp formation will transport them directly in front of the realm demon.

No matter how mysterious and strange the monster was, it'll still be only food to the realm demon.

This was also part of the art of formation.

Standing afloat in the void of space, there was nothing below Gu Qing Shan's feet.

Everywhere around him was endless darkness, only an occasional light could be seen.

A line of glowing text appeared in his vision.

[The Sainted tribulation is about to begin]

Glancing over it, Gu Qing Shan's began to concentrate.

With a single thought, the Earth sword and Chao Yin sword appeared from the void of space on his left and right.

"We're about to begin"

Gu Qing Shan muttered.

Once I advance to Sainted realm, my strength will increase exponentially.

Together with the rewards for finishing the Special Quest [Wu San must die], I can immediately receive a Sainted realm thaumaturgy as well.

In a crucial situation like this, even a little bit more strength can produce vastly different outcomes.

「 You're about to breakthrough? 」

The Earth sword's heavy voice echoed.

“That’s right, and I have to do it a bit quickly this time” Gu Qing Shan answered.

「 When have you ever been slow? 」 the Earth sword answered.

Back in Shen Wu world, Gu Qing Shan used the Rejuvenation realm tribulation to dissolve the demon’s ranks.

Back in Reality, Gu Qing Shan had to watch out for the desert hail while facing the Ascended realm tribulation.

And this time, it was the Sainted realm tribulation.

No player ever got remotely close to this level.

—–the astronomical amount of EXP required made everyone fall into despair.

Thinking back on it, that made no sense at all.

Gu Qing Shan felt a sense of unease.

Then he sighed, quickly regaining his composure.

As a human from Reality, this was an important milestone for him to cross.

Gu Qing Shan intended to face it with all his powers.

He first checked the Sainting Pill Zhao Wu Chui gave Shannu before swallowing it.

Gu Qing Shan took his swords in both hands.

The spirit energy inside his Dantian was quickly rising without stopping.

—–seems like the Sainting Pill was genuine .

Distracted for only a split second Gu Qing Shan became focused again.

His eyes were keen.

「 Using a formation to breakthrough inside the space vortex, I’ve never seen such a wondrous formation before 」 the Earth sword praised it.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “This world doesn’t have the Tianma or any other monsters to interfere, so we can speed things up a bit and do it faster”

「 Then you won’t be able to listen to music 」 the Earth sword sincerely told him.

The Chao Yin sword also vibrated in agreement.

“Then I won’t, we’ll begin right away”

Gu Qing Shan said.

He triggered the spirit energy inside his body and began to breakthrough.

Immediately, a layer of formation reacted to the change in his body and formed a miraculous connection.

This was the link between man and heaven of the Suspended world, directed here to the space vortex by the formation.

Bits and pieces of lightning began to appear from the void of space.

Before they managed to gather, the lightning was already destroyed by Gu Qing Shan's sword.

But the lightning was like water in a flood, flowing here from the Suspended world without stopping, gathering and forming powerful streaks of lightning.

The streaks of lightning came at him from all sides.

“Go!”

Gu Qing Shan yelled out.

The Earth sword flew about, dancing through space.

Being hit by the Earth sword, the lightning was quickly scattered.

The remaining sparks of lightning fluttered down like a shower of light.

Perhaps sensing the dissipating power of lightning, another layer of formation was activated.

The broken streaks of lightning were quickly forced out of this area by the formation, unable to reform.

“How incredible that they're able to do so much using nothing but the art of formations” Gu Qing Shan praised.

The Suspended world's cultivation civilization depended greatly on their transcendent understanding of formations to be able to survive from the realm demon.

This was the strength of a civilization.

Unfortunately, in the face of a True Demon Lord, it still wasn't enough.

Holding the Chao Yin sword in hand, Gu Qing Shan dashed straight into the gathering lightning.

Layers upon layers of sword phantom bloomed, accurately striking every streak of lightning that formed, dancing elegantly in the air.

Gu Qing Shan was using his full power.

None of the gathered lightning managed to survive even one of his attacks.

1 strike, 10 strikes, 100000 strikes.

He was very seriously going against the lightning tribulation, not giving it a single chance to gather and build up strength.

「 It's been a long time since I saw you this serious 」 the Earth sword commented.

“The environment forced me to”

Saying so, Gu Qing Shan was still swinging his sword.

All the lightning in the sky was being struck down.

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The lightning glittered like stars in the sky.

Millions of stars, whirling around in the space vortex.

Standing at the eye of the storm, Gu Qing Shan raised his sword.

Sword phantoms erupted to strike at the stars.

Stars fell like rain.

Such a treatment seemingly angered the stars.

Each star grew to become a large monster of lightning, filling the inside of the tribulation formation with blue light.

Gu Qing Shan tried slashing one of them

—boom!

The lightning scattered into countless lightning snakes coming at him.

Without much time to prepare, Gu Qing Shan turned into a blinding white crescent moon, slashing forward.

As the white crescent moon slashed through all the lightning snakes, he reappeared at the other side of the formation.

The Chao Yin sword vibrated worriedly.

“That’s right, I didn’t think it would be so hard to deal with either” Gu Qing Shan replied as he stared at the multitudes of layers of lightning.

There were too many of them, and each was stronger than any lightning he ever saw before.

After being destroyed, the streaks of lightning could even scatter into lightning snakes that attacked a second time.

Countless cultivators fall under this barrage of attacks.

This was the Sainted realm tribulation.

In the entire cultivation world, only the three Saints managed to pass it.

Over a hundred streaks of lightning came at him at the same time.

As if sentient, they were circling around Gu Qing Shan, looking for an opening.

But Gu Qing Shan didn’t wait for them to attack and took the initiative himself.

“Go!”

A sword phantom flashed and disappeared.

The Chao Yin sword attack caused all the streaks of lightning to explode.

The very next moment, countless lightning snakes fell down on him like a tsunami.

Looking at the tsunami of lightning, the Earth sword suddenly commented: 「 Didn't you forget something? 」

“What?”

「 You forgot your equipment 」

Gu Qing Shan face-palmed himself.

— I actually went silly from being busy.

A second later, a full plate for golden armor was donned on his body.

He also switched his War God title to [You Ji General]

Just like that, both his speed and defense increased.

Receiving the tsunami of lightning, Gu Qing Shan slashed them away.

His movements were quick and efficient, not wasting a single breath or showing any hesitation.

For a short while, his sword phantoms were practically weaved together.

Gu Qing Shan decided to just entered the lightning formation directly and used Secret Art, [Drawn Shadow]

One time.

Three times.

Ten times!!

He activated it a total of ten times.

The sword phantoms erupted, slashing through all the gathering lightning in this area of the space vortex.

The lightning then split into electric snakes that went after Gu Qing Shan in a frenzy.

Gu Qing Shan was using his full power with all his Secret Arts.

The sword phantoms flowed like a torrent or a wave crashing down on itself.

Two strikes of [Torrent] interweaved, forming a giant tsunami that swallowed the lightning whole.

The tsunami was screaming as it crashed down.

Everything in the void of space was decimated.

This was the decisive strike.

Following this exchange, less and less lightning appeared in from the void of space to attack.

The pressure Gu Qing Shan felt was slowly decreasing, until no more lightning appeared.

Gu Qing Shan waited for a bit more.

Sure enough, no monsters or Tianma showed up at all.

A line of glowing text showed up on the War God UI.

[Sainted realm tribulation, completed]

Gu Qing Shan's spirit energy began to rise.

This was an exponential increase unlike anything ever before.

He was now a Sainted realm cultivator.

Closing his eyes, Gu Qing Shan silently felt the change inside his body.

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His maximum Soul Points became 400.

His spirit energy doubled.

His lifespan increased to 1800 years.

His thoughts became clearer than ever before—— as if his previous mind was always clouded.

He began to mysteriously sense a few things about the world, particularly a faint feeling of what consequences his previous actions would result in.

This was his power increasing enough for him to feel close to reaching a Law or Mystery.

As time passed, the mystical feeling also started to go away.

“Sainted realm...”

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

Finally, I've reached a height that I never could in my previous life.

Taking out the tag, Gu Qing Shan infused it with spirit energy and flung it towards the formation.

A second later, he was transported back to the Suspended world.

The meeting platform.

Qi Yan's expression slightly twitched as he opened his eyes and stood up.

Seeing that, Zhao Wu Chui couldn't help but ask: “Where are you going?”

“My disciple” Qi Yan answered.

Zhao Wu Chui was surprised.

“How could the Sainted realm lightning tribulation be that fast? Unless he failed—— it couldn’t be, with that brat’s strength...”

He released his inner sight to scan across the entire floating island.

With his vast and overwhelming inner sight at Virtualized realm, he found Gu Qing Shan almost immediately.

The spirit energy waves on Gu Qing Shan’s body was sure enough different from before.

Unable to believe it, Zhao Wu Chui observed him again with his inner sight.

He really did advance to Sainted realm.

Zhao Wu Chui was speechless.

After a while, he sighed: “The young can’t be underestimated”

Gu Qing Shan started to fly towards Qi Yan’s villa.

While flying, he glanced at the War God UI.

I shouldn’t wait anymore and just deal with this now.

“System, I want to use the Special Quest reward to complete the Sainted realm War God thaumaturgy mission right away” Gu Qing Shan said.

[Ting]!

[Special Quest: Wu San must die. Quest reward: Choose one Quest and immediately complete it]

[Following your request, this reward will be used to receive the Sainted realm War God thaumaturgy]

[Quest reward used]

[The System is currently connecting to the world origin to receive the thaumaturgy]

[Please wait]

The System went silent.

Even after Gu Qing Shan waited for a while, the System didn’t say anything else.

During that time, he had already made it back to Qi Yan’s villa.

Wan Er was waiting for him in front.

“Has my master not returned yet?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I’m here”

From above, Qi Yan brought Qing Rou flying back.

The four of them went back inside.

Inside the villa.

Qi Yan’s appearance slowly changed and turned into an indifferent looking blue-dress girl.

“Congratulations, gongzi, you’ve advanced to Sainted realm” Shannu said

“How’s the situation on your side?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I acted like you told me and directly went into meditation to heal, the man named Zhao Wu Chui didn’t suspect anything”

“That’s good to hear” Gu Qing Shan sighed from relief.

“What do we do now?” Shannu asked.

“We change back, you become me, and I’ll become Qi Yan” Gu Qing Shan answered.

Shannu nodded and used [Mystery of All Beings Equal]

In a split second, she turned into Gu Qing Shan again.

The only difference is that this time ‘Gu Qing Shan’ was already a Sainted realm cultivator.

The stronger Gu Qing Shan was, the stronger Shannu became.

This was the effect of her ability [Living’s Wisdom]

Gu Qing Shan tapped his Inventory Bag, took out another vial of genetic modification drug and injected himself.

His appearance slowly changed to that of Qi Yan.

Truthfully, Shannu’s personality was just too cold, even if she had Gu Qing Shan’s mastery of the acting skills, she couldn’t use it as well as Gu Qing Shan could.

To be natural and calm in front of the two Hallmasters as well as being capable of making quick decisions required more than just basic acting skills.

That was why when it comes to the two Hallmasters, Gu Qing Shan didn’t dare to leave it all to Shannu.

He could only do it himself.

“Good, now we have to go to the meeting platform right away to prevent changes from getting out of hand” Gu Qing Shan said.

Qing Rou once again opened the door as the four of them left in order.

Gu Qing Shan glanced over the War God UI.

The entire UI was silent without a single sound.

How strange.

This had never happened before.

What’s going on with the System?

Back when he received the skill [Shadow Shift], the System had also connected to Shen Wu world’s origin.

That time the available skills showed up right away.

So what happened to the System now?

