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Chapter 626

Gu Qing Shan's heart felt as cold as the Frozen Hell itself.

That indescribable feeling just now caused him a chill so bad that the back of his shirt was soaked in cold sweat.

Luckily, at the very last moment, he managed to remove the means for that entity to appear.

Otherwise, something even more unexpected might have happened.

After calming himself down a bit Gu Qing Shan wielded the Devil King Warden Rod again and left hell.

He quickly crossed the Forgetting River and found the nearest warp point to return to the small town from before.

"How was it, successful?" Barry asked.

Gu Qing Shan smiled bitterly: "At first it was quite successful, but I ran into some trouble at the end"

He told everyone what happened from start to end.

Hearing that, everyone was in shock.

"Damn, what kind of thing was that exactly?" Zhang Ying Hao asked.

"There are a lot of unknown and strange things in the 900 million World Layers, there's no need to be too alert" Barry reassured everyone.

Seeing Gu Qing Shan still sullen, he asked: "What is it? Do you still feel uncomfortable?"

"No" Gu Qing Shan slowly spoke, "according to what you said, the entire 900 million World Layers assumes that the entity is dead—but it was still alive, and currently hiding in God Institute, so it was obviously planning something"

Kitty agreed: "That is true, the people of God Institute went mad from their failed experiment, so most of the Lords we know tend to stay away from them or keep a certain distance in order to avoid contact, but at the same time empathizing with them. However, if these people weren't simply mad, but rather an organized evil organization, the Lords would definitely react differently"

Barry was then a bit interested and commented: "Ah, if that was the case, then it certainly is worth it for us to take actions"

He then turned to Gu Qing Shan and asked: "What are you thinking?"

Gu Qing Shan said: "I want to know if there are any central intelligence organization or structures within the 900 million World Layers"

"There is, the Spire Keeper Association is the most well-trusted and widely recognized intelligence organization. Their "Spire Intel" newspaper is very valuable and is subscribed to by many big wigs and Lords all around the 900 million World Layers"

A newspaper made by the Spire Keeper Association?

Gu Qing Shan then recalled how many people knew about him simply by being in the same shot as Barry when news of his recovery went on to become a headline.

“Do you think they’ll be interested in this piece of intel?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Barry answered: “Of course, they’re always interested in real-time news, and pay handsomely for it as well”

Gu Qing Shan then smiled and spoke: “That’s great, then we can sell this intel to them, not only will we get a bit of spending money, we can also cause the people of the 900 million World Layers to be truly cautious of God Institute, what do you think?”

“Perfect!” Kitty raised both hands and cheered: “The Spire always pays a lot, now that we don’t have any debt, we’ll even have enough for a small vacation!”

Barry also grinned.

Even someone who likes using IOUs like him wouldn’t reject an opportunity to earn some cash.

“Alright, let me contact them, this Barry’s reputation around the 900 million World Layers should be trustworthy enough for them” Barry said.

“Bro, you can sell the intel, but don’t mention anything about Gu Qing Shan. Before he fully matures, it’s better for those people to not feel threatened by him” Kitty reminded him.

“Don’t worry, I know what to do” Barry replied.

Taking out a blank old newspaper, he cleared his throat and spoke into the newspaper: “I’m from the Justice Iron Fist Club, Iron Fist Barry, requesting contact”

A few moments later, an old voice came: “So it’s Barry, congratulations, the Bramble Bird Empress had paid back your debt in full”

“Ahaha, seems so”

“So, what did you contact us for? Do you need travel services, or did you want to buy information?”

“Neither, instead I have a piece of intel I want to sell you”

“Ah?” the old voice raised slightly, “how rare for you to have information to sell, wait a moment then”

“Sure”

A little bit after, words began to appear in the newspaper.

Gu Qing Shan took a look to see that the words were written in the Spire Keeper Association’s language, the gist of it was simply a contract, things like guaranteeing that the intel sold must be true or trustworthy, the sold intel couldn’t be sold to any other organizations, where the intel came from, what rank it was, so on and so forth.

A quill jumped out from the newspaper and appeared in front of Barry.

Taking the quill in hand, Barry wrote the intel he was told about God Institute, then signed his name.

Hoh—

A small fire came from the newspaper.

The words on it were burnt to ash as the newspaper itself returned to being blank.

A few dozen seconds later.

The old voice came again: "According to the Law of Contract, your name and intel had made it through the lie detector"

"What shocking news, this can definitely make tomorrow's headline— no, we will immediately call our people to cancel today's headline and replace it with this one"

Barry grinned: "Seems like my intel was very well-received"

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"Of course! Barry, I really couldn't believe you'd get ahold of such a secret. Even our chairman was intrigued by this news"

"Then how much can I get for it?" Barry asked.

"The news is being ranked by the chairman himself so the amount is still being calculated, we'll wire it directly to your personal account once it's done"

"Great"

"Then it's settled, if there are any other news, feel free to contact us at any time"

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"No problem"

At this point, the voice disappeared from the newspaper.

Barry put the paper away and looked at Gu Qing Shan.

"You just made a killing" he said.

"We still don't know how much it is" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"Any piece of intel personally judged by the Spire's chairman himself has always been pricey"

Gu Qing Shan told them: "Consider it the Club's funds then, without you guys here, I would still be troubled not knowing how to deal with those people"

Barry and Kitty both nodded, unable to hold back the huge grins on their faces.

The Spire Keeper Association had always been a wealthy organization that paid handsomely for good work, Barry and Kitty had been living in debt for so long that it had been centuries since they made such a huge amount of money.

Barry thought for a bit and spoke: "From now on, you'll be in charge of the Club's finances"

This was the same as giving the money back to Gu Qing Shan, at the same time giving him a certain degree of power in the Club.

At the start, Barry had invited Gu Qing Shan to stay because he felt that he was a diamond in the rough.

But after the Bramble Bird's business as well as this time's matter, Gu Qing Shan abilities had been recognized by Barry.

—Gu Qing Shan was already a true diamond whose talents were perfectly displayed.

The only imperfection for now was that his strength still left a lot to be desired.

Asides from that, Barry and Kitty have already considered Gu Qing Shan their equal.

Thinking of the amount of money they're about to get, Kitty couldn't help but pat Gu Qing Shan's shoulder and smiled brightly: "Gu Qing Shan, well done, next time I'll bring you out shopping"

"I don't really like to go shopping though"

"Oh you will, there are countless equipment shops around the 900 million World Layers that you wouldn't even be able to imagine"

"That's sounds great then"

"Let's leave that for the future, what are we going to do now?" Barry asked Gu Qing Shan.

When talk came to business, Gu Qing Shan regained his seriousness.

"I need to ask something first— Impartial Goddess, where are you?"

[I'm here, sir] Impartial Goddess answered him.

"Does the North Pole's Interstellar Spaceship belong to the 9 Lords?"

[Indeed]

"How much do you know about that spaceship?"

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[All I know is that I was created there, other than that, I know nothing]

"Nothing else at all?"

[Indeed sir. Because that place is the holy land of the 9 Lords, besides the Guardian, no one is allowed entry]

"Including you?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

[Including me] Impartial Goddess confirmed.

"I remember you said that before her death, the Guardian gave you freedom?"

[She had indeed done so, but after those people killed the Guardian, they had taken over the North Pole, no satellite or drones I sent were able to access it, so I still haven't been able to enter the spaceship to search it up until now]

"Those people have already been killed, you can now dispatch drones to create a warp point on the North Pole, we'll make a trip there ourselves"

[Understood, sir. Please wait for 10 minutes]

Impartial Goddess answered.

Above the stratosphere of the North Pole.

At the nearest orbital station, numerous automatic doors that looked like honeycombs opened up.

Several hundred mini drones were shot out from the station, activated their thrusters in the air and quickly headed towards the North Pole.

As these drones landed, they began to act according to their programming and built a warp point.

With several hundred drones on the same job, the warp point was quickly established.

Gu Qing Shan's group quickly went through the warp device to arrive at the North Pole.

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The North Pole.

Through Impartial Goddess' instructions, everyone arrived at the small cabin at the top of the North Pole.

"The Guardian was killed here?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

[Indeed, sir, this was also the place where those people stayed so far] Impartial Goddess answered.

"Where's the spaceship?"

[The spaceship is currently sitting on the entire North Pole]

"...so big?"

[Sir, I can attempt to bypass the security of the spaceship in order for you to gain entry, would you like me to do so?]

Hearing that, Barry looked to Kitty.

"Don't look at me, bro. Yes, I can bring everyone inside" Kitty crossed her arms, "but a spaceship is a Technological creation, it won't do us any good just by going inside"

"I really don't understand technology at all" Barry mumbled.

Gu Qing Shan then spoke: "Impartial Goddess, you said you were created here?"

[Indeed, sir]

“Seems like the technology here must be really advanced” Zhang Ying Hao commented.

Impartial Goddess added: [It is not only advanced, there are a lot of technology here that goes far above the current era, but the Guardian had always prioritized safety in fear of being discovered from outer space, so she had kept them all sealed here without using them]

Hearing that, Barry commented: “In the current era, when the Apocalypse descends and civilizations compete against one another, every powerful civilization tries their best to become even stronger and take resources for themselves to ensure survival. While civilizations that only know how to hide within their presumed safety can only slowly fall to ruin”

Kitty agreed: “Indeed, perhaps this person had wanted to preserve the embers of their civilization, but such conservative methods would only keep their civilization from advancement and making them obsolete, slowly falling out of the race to survival”

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Gu Qing Shan then spoke: “Impartial Goddess, I hope that this world will obtain that advanced technology because the current situation is too unpredictable, no one could know what will come in the future”

[Do you want all the technology sir?] Impartial Goddess asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Yes, I’ll leave dealing with this spaceship to you, do everything in your power to grasp all of its secret”

[You can be assured, sir. I will complete this mission without fail] Impartial Goddess replied.

An intense engine sound could be heard from the sky.

The S.W. Divine Temple had already entered the North Pole’s orbit since a while ago, and now it was slowly descending.

The interstellar fortress contains Impartial Goddess’ central processing core.

It seems she was serious about this.

[I will need some time to locate the spaceship’s gate and control room, please take a rest for now] Impartial Goddess told them.

Following her words, large amounts of Mechs came out from the interstellar fortress.

These Mechs followed different directions and began to scout the vicinity of the North Pole for the spaceship’s structures.

At this time, Kitty seemed to have realized something.

She asked the void of space: “What is it?”

A voice came from the void of space: “Today’s newspaper has been printed and distributed, the news Mr. Barry provided has taken the front page, we have provided Mr. Barry 10 copies of today’s issue for free”

“Alright then, give me the newspaper, what about our pay?” Kitty said.

“I wanted to ask which type of currency would you prefer to be paid in”

“The Spire’s common currency is fine since a lot of high-ranking worlds accept it”

“Very well, we will prepare it immediately”

The voice disappeared after saying this much.

A stack of newspaper dropped down from the void of space, landing in Kitty’s hands.

“Let’s see what they wrote” Kitty smiled.

She casually swung her hand and a copy of the newspaper flew into everyone’s hands.

Everyone started reading.

“That’s great, they contacted quite a few heavyweights to form a team to investigate God Institute for this matter. Seems like they intend to do a serial report on this” Barry commented as he read the news.

“To be able to form such a huge team so quickly, the Spire Keeper Association is a very powerful organization” Gu Qing Shan commented.

Kitty smiled and explained: “It’s actually because of luck more than anything else, the Bramble Bird’s commendation had just finished, many people couldn’t help but thoroughly enjoy themselves during this rare occasion where they met each other, so news of God Institute must’ve come as a surprise to them all”

“And since the Spire was the one forming an expedition, knowing how well they paid, such a powerful scouting party could be easily formed”

“Originally, I was worried that God Institute might target Barry directly, but now it seems like they’ll have to worry about themselves first before anything else” Gu Qing Shan said.

While they were talking, loud noises could be heard coming from outside.

Gu Qing Shan left the room to check it.

He found that a large door had opened on the frozen ground not too far away from where they were.

Several different drones were busy with their work around the metallic gate.

Occasionally, some of the drones would unintentionally touch the collection of machines near the gates and instantly get turned into beehives by intense firepower from below.

Impartial Goddess’ voice came out: [Sir, I’m currently attempting to bypass the spaceship’s defense mechanisms and search for the ship’s central processing core]

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit and spoke: “If that’s the case, there’s no meaning in us coming down there at all, you can just keep up with the work”

[Very well, sir]

“If there are any emergency, you can contact us”

[Understood]

Gu Qing Shan returned to the small room.

He closed the door to block out the icy wind outside and heated up the fireplace.

The room became warm.

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Everyone had already heard what he said, so Zhang Ying Hao asked: "What are we doing now?"

"There's really nothing to do, so we'll just drink for a bit and chat"

He tapped his Inventory Bag to take out a few of his most precious liquor as well as some spirit cooking and fruits.

Everyone pulled their own chairs to sit around the fireplace.

Checking the bottles on the table, Zhang Ying Hao commented: "These are the liquor from another world, aren't they?"

"Hm, a cultivator's liquor" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Zhang Ying Hao stood up: "Then I'll go back to get some of our world's liquor. Gotta let our guests try a bit of local specialities as well"

"Good idea, use the warp device to return, and bring Liao Xing with you"

"You sure?" Zhang Ying Hao hesitantly asked.

His gaze fell on Kitty briefly before gesturing with his eyes to Gu Qing Shan.

Kitty herself was pretty and had a nice figure, as well as a pair of cute cat ears resting on her head, so she exuded both wild and innocent beauty, two completely opposite charm points.

If that pervert Liao Xing comes and does something inappropriate to anger Kitty, the aftermath won't be pretty.

Gu Qing Shan instantly understood what Zhang Ying Hao meant.

He tapped his forehead and answered: "Then don't let him come in here, just get him to go directly to helping Impartial Goddess breaking the ship's defense system"

Ye Fei Li also spoke up: "Good idea, if Liao Xing saw that spaceship outside, he'll probably be so excited he won't sleep for days"

He then stood up and followed Zhang Ying Hao outside.

"Why are you going as well?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"It's been a while since I returned. My wife is probably worried, so I need to go back and see her first before anything else" Ye Fei Li explained.

They both left.

Only Barry, Kitty and Gu Qing Shan were left in the room.

“That shy youngster, Ye Fei Li, what is your relationship with him?” Kitty asked a seemingly casual question.

“He’s a close friend” Gu Qing Shan answered.

Barry and Kitty exchanged glances.

Barry considers a bit before saying: “He seems to be an infant-stage World Destroyer”

“World Destroyer?” Gu Qing Shan doubtfully asked.

Kitty continued: “Yeah, his growth will be rapid, an ultimate World Destroyer is comparable to an Old God, although only one of them had ever appeared”

“Can you tell us more about him?” Barry kept going.

If it was anyone else asking, Gu Qing Shan would’ve reconsidered before answering.

But both Barry and Kitty were decent people, Barry’s questioning tone was also accompanied by a sense of caring and worry.

Without holding anything back, Gu Qing Shan carefully told them about Ye Fei Li’s circumstances.

“Even after losing his humanity, he was still able to care about his mother, I somewhat approve of him now” Barry praised.

“He even thought about going back to report his safety to his wife. If you had told me that a cold-blooded murderous World Destroyer would be so wife-whipped, I wouldn’t have believed you” Kitty commented.

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She then took out a book and wrote down Ye Fei Li’s circumstances.

“What’s a World Destroyer?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Barry explained: “High-ranked lifeforms who have lost their humanity that can use any other life form as fuel for their evolution. Such high-ranked lifeforms would usually lose their rationality and turn into a monster that only lives to kill”

“We used to have quite a few of these lifeforms in our world” Gu Qing Shan told him.

“You mean humans who were infected by the virus? Usually, humans infected that way can only siphon a tiny bit of energy from the lifeforms they kill, they’re hardly high-ranked lifeforms”

“But that friend of yours is very different. I can tell that he’s already reached the primary level of a World Destroyer, and he can even use Soul Points” while scribing in her notes, Kitty added without looking up: “High-ranked lifeforms like him have a lot of experimental values, various large organizations around the 900 million World Layers have put up bounties, hoping to get their hands on a World Destroyer specimen”

“Ye Fei Li still has his rationality and emotions, he’s not a monster that only knows to kill” Gu Qing Shan emphasized this.

Barry nodded: “I’ve been observing him, you are indeed correct, this truly is a rare occurrence”

“What does that mean?”

Kitty explained: “That means his existence is even more precious than a normal World Destroyer. Just think about it, while retaining his rationality or emotions, as long as he can keep on killing, he can siphon their soul’s power into himself to evolve his abilities and soul, how powerful do you think such an ability is?”

“He doesn’t need the [Demon King Order] or to work for anyone, by himself he can become stronger and stronger without end, the simplest and most brute-force method to become strong”

Barry followed up: “Countless organizations and forces will pay an astronomical price for that, they will crave to obtain Ye Fei Li, use his body and soul in order to research and experiment in hope of obtaining the same ability”

Gu Qing Shan looked at Barry, then at Kitty.

Both of them had calm expressions without anything but a bit of concern in their eyes.

Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief.

With their strength, this pair of brother and sister can easily capture Ye Fei Li to exchange for a huge bounty.

They will thoroughly escape the life of poverty.

But even after confirming Ye Fei Li’s situation, this pair of brother and sister only felt concerned for Ye Fei Li and nothing else.

Gu Qing Shan sighed again.

He suddenly realized the true reason why Barry and Kitty were poor.

“Then, what should I do in order to solve Ye Fei Li’s problem?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Kitty looked at Gu Qing Shan, then at Barry.

“Bro, what do you think?” Kitty asked this with some sort of clear intention.

Barry fell into thought briefly before answering: “That brat is a bit shy, but he’s done good things, I think it’s fine”

Kitty agreed: “That’s right, this is a World Destroyer we’re talking about, and a rare one as well. If we put him in the club, not only can we be assured, others won’t easily try anything against him either”

“And more importantly, he’ll soon reach the next stage of his evolution”

Chapter 628

The North Pole.

The icy wind howls.

At the mountain on top of the pole.

Barry, Kitty and Gu Qing Shan were sitting in the small log cabin.

With the fireplace lit, they all sat around the warm flame.

While drinking, they discussed Ye Fei Li.

“What would he be like after his next evolution?”

Gu Qing Shan asked.

Kitty explained: “Every World Destroyer evolves in a different way, that will depend on their talents, abilities as well as the types of lifeforms that they siphoned power from”

“Alright then, it seems I’ll have to hurry and give him the opportunity to mature again” Gu Qing Shan sighed.

“Why do I feel like you’re worried about something?” Barry asked.

Gu Qing Shan nodded: “Because I am, this world needs someone to protect it, but I still have so much I need to do— and I’m worried about my sect as well”

He gazed at the War God UI to see a few lines of glowing text floating there.

[You’ve returned to your original world without using the power of the War God System]

[The System has gathered enough power]

[You may now return to the cultivation world]

[When you need to, please notify the System to warp]

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help shaking his head.

After Qing Rou and Wan Er were transported to the cultivation world, he hasn’t heard anything from them.

It had been so long since I met Shifu, Xiao Lou and Xiuxiu, I wonder how they are now.

Unfortunately there was still a lot to be done in the original world, so Gu Qing Shan couldn’t leave just yet.

“Sect?” Kitty asked curiously.

“Yes, I’m a cultivator, so of course I have a foundation and inheritance where I originated from”

Gu Qing Shan then explained to them about the cultivation world and Shen Wu world.

Barry and Kitty were once again surprised.

“You shouldn’t be in too much of a hurry, there’s a lot of things that you simply can’t rush” Barry consoled him.

He then knocked glasses with Gu Qing Shan.

They both emptied their glasses.

Gu Qing Shan then said: “All in all, I hope that I will be able to end things here soon enough and return to check the situation”

Barry grinned: “I really didn’t think you’d be so much like me, thinking about the safety of several worlds— what do you think about the feeling of saving so many worlds?”

Gu Qing Shan sighed and answered: “Saving the world feels exactly like delivering takeout food”

“What do you mean?”

“It’s a lot of hard work, and until the very last moment, you can’t say that you’ve finished the job”

Hearing that, Barry laughed.

“Your analogy deserves another shot-full”

He then refilled the glasses for both himself and Gu Qing Shan.

They both emptied it all at once.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly recalled something and asked: “I heard that you can’t arbitrarily fuse worlds together in the 900 million World Layers, was it true?”

“It is; because stealing the Origin of another world and fusing it with your own will cause the beings of your world to become stronger, this is simply too good to pass up”

“But if everyone were to do that, the 900 million World Layers would be in a constant state of war and bloodshed”

“So to prevent this, the top Combatants of the 900 million World Layers had gathered and signed a joint treaty that says no one was allowed to fuse worlds without permission, besides a certain specially allowed quota, any violators will receive the strictest punishment imaginable”

Gu Qing Shan then said: “But I’ve already fused two worlds”

“You’re fine”

“Why?”

Barry answered: “Because you’re a member of the Club, our Club still has a few quotas left that we still haven’t used”

Gu Qing Shan then realized.

Barry was a Lord-class Combatant, and so was Kitty.

It was normal for them to have a few special privileges and authority.

“How many worlds have you fused?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Bro has been wounded for the last 1000 years so we couldn’t leave, and we couldn’t even take care of a daily meal, where would we find the energy to find a few worlds and fuse them?” Kitty smiled bitterly.

Barry continued: “However, fusing worlds truly is a good thing, it allows for one’s strength to increase very quickly— your girlfriend’s teacher had already fused a few God Chosen-type worlds and formed a large Bloodsea world” (1)

Kitty also spoke: “Before God Institute thoroughly became maniacs, they’ve also fused quite a few Mystic-type worlds”

“Mystic-type...” Gu Qing Shan muttered.

He recalled the Church’s Mystic-type skills, every one of them were exceptionally powerful skills.

I never knew it was possible for an entire civilization to advance and develop towards Mystic-type abilities.

At this point, Kitty’s attitude became serious.

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She reminded him: “Mystic-type worlds are all strange and mysterious, so under normal circumstances, very few are willing to offend them, you must also make sure not to purposefully mess with a powerful person with a Mystic-type ability”

Barry added: “Once you battle with a Mystic-type opponent, it becomes impossible to tell what exactly will happen in the process, so it’s a headache for everybody”

Gu Qing Shan nodded and empathized with him completely.

He then asked: “Do you have any plans to merge worlds together?”

Kitty explained to him: “Me and bro were born originally in a Magic-type world, so we had intended to fuse a few Magic-type with ours to gain more strength— unfortunately we still haven’t had the time or energy to do that yet”

“I actually want to continue fusing Samsara worlds” Gu Qing Shan said.

At this point, everyone went silent.

They all realized something.

Gu Qing Shan asked first: “Has there been anyone in the 900 million World Layers that did the same thing I did? Fusing Samsara worlds together?”

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“None” Barry answered right away.

“There is only a single Samsara world within the known 900 million World Layers, hidden in the Mystic Zones, even entering it is a problem, so never mind merging” Kitty also answered.

A Samsara world is supposed to be a closed-off cycle of worlds, so what would happen if the worlds of the Samsara were fused together?

Gu Qing Shan silently thought about this.

That strange 'God' discovered the waves given off by world tombs when the Huang Quan realm and human realm were fused together.

If fusing worlds caused such a thing to happen...

Would more clues be found if I fused more of the Samsara together?

Maybe I'd be able to locate exactly where the world tomb is, or even how to open it.

If that were true, the Samsara worlds must be fused together.

Kitty went silent briefly before asking: "If what you said was true, the world where your sect is was also a Samsara world?"

"Yes" Gu Qing Shan confirmed.

Kitty wondered: "Bro, that's so incredible, why would so many hidden Samsara worlds exist outside of the 900 million World Layers?"

Barry also said: "I'm lost as well"

Gu Qing Shan said nothing.

The Samsara world was a solution left by the Old Gods, but it was broken apart, scattering into fragments all over the Scattered worlds.

—-the War God System had emphasized over and over that he definitely can't tell this shocking secret to anyone, otherwise a series of unexpected events would occur.

Gu Qing Shan had good self control, so he kept silent here without saying a word.

Kitty then continued: "I really am curious about what would happen when the Samsara is fused together"

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and said: "You're already here so, how about we do it now?"

"Are you sure?" Barry asked.

"I'm sure"

Gu Qing Shan stood up as he spoke: "The entire 900 million World Layers was now undergoing change, and you guys found out about God Institute's secret at this place"

"If that strange 'God' of God Institute had paid attention to this place, I'm guessing that this world being found out is only a matter of time, as more and more people will discover this place"

"That's why this world needs to become stronger a bit faster, the people of this world also need to gain the strength required to stand alone as soon as they can"

Barry then stood up: "Alright, then let's go around and fuse the worlds of the Samsara all at once"

Kitty also stood up: "That's a very interesting matter you're proposing, so we're going to do it right now?"

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"Hm, let's go" Gu Qing Shan said.

The log cabin's door opened.

Ye Fei Li had just returned through the wind and snow.

Barry, Kitty and Gu Qing Shan exchanged glances.

"Gu Qing Shan, what's your opinion on this?" Kitty asked.

"Of course I have no objections, this is a good thing for him" Gu Qing Shan immediately answered.

"Then how about we decide his matter first before fusing the Samsara worlds?" Barry asked.

"Sure" Gu Qing Shan replied.

They all sat back down.

Their gazes all focused on Ye Fei Li.

Hearing their conversations and seeing them act like that, Ye Fei Li didn't understand at all.

He told Gu Qing Shan: "Impartial Goddess seemed to have something that needs Zhang Ying Hao to be there himself, so Zhang Ying Hao went with Liao Xing to Impartial Goddess' place"

Gu Qing Shan said: "Alright, ignore them for now, Fei Li, there's a really important matter that I need to tell you"

"What is it?" Ye Fei Li asked.

"I'll tell him" Kitty volunteered.

She looked at Ye Fei Li and solemnly spoke: "Do you want to become stronger faster?"

Ye Fei Li looked at Gu Qing Shan.

"Answer seriously" Gu Qing Shan told him.

Ye Fei Li answered: "Even while dreaming I still wish that I could become stronger"

Kitty then introduced: "We and Gu Qing Shan are like-minded comrades. Furthermore, we've built a club, are you willing to join our club?"

"Is Gu Qing Shan in this club?"

"He is"

"Then yes I'm willing" Ye Fei Li answered without hesitation.

"Deciding so quickly? Aren't you going to think about it?"

"There's nothing to think about. I trust Gu Qing Shan's decisiveness and choice, if he's already part of it, then I'm also willing to join"

Barry and Kitty both smiled.

"Very well, then I'll explain to you about the club and the structure of the infinite worlds" Kitty said.

She first explained what the Justice Iron Fist Club is, then explained to him the concept of the 900 million World Layers and how they are categorized.

Ye Fei Li was completely breathless and speechless.

He wasn't dumb so he quickly understood just what position the Justice Iron Fist Club stood among the 900 million World Layers.

But with such an opportunity in front of him, Ye Fei Li was somewhat vacant.

Not to mention, the concept of 900 million World Layers itself was just as shocking, capable of completely overturning a person's common sense.

The first time Gu Qing Shan heard about this, he was equally moved.

The three of them waited briefly for Ye Fei Li to slowly digest the knowledge he just obtained.

Barry then asked: "How is it? If there are no other problems, you are now a member of our Justice Iron Fist Club"

Ye Fei Li regained his sense and asked: "I have one question"

Barry was surprised: "Ah? What else do you want to know?"

Ye Fei Li gulped nervously, then asked: "Can I bring my wife with me?"

Note:

(1) "X-type" worlds: From this point onwards, more civilizations that are fully focused on a single ability type will appear, simply called "X-type worlds", with X being the ability type that that civilization focuses on. For example, Hazeden's Sky Haze Kingdom is a God's Chosen-type world, the cultivation world and Suspended worlds were Cultivation-type worlds. Please keep this in mind in order to not be confused when they are discussed in the future.

Chapter 629

The mountaintop small cabin.

Barry didn't expect the question to be as such, so he was stunned for a moment.

Seeing Ye Fei Li's expectant and serious look, Kitty chuckled.

"Of course there isn't any problem, you're all welcome" she said.

Barry lightly nodded and also smiled at him.

To think that he is still able to think of his wife, this youngster is really adorably sincere. Such a person is very suitable to be a member of the Club.

"Then it's decided?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"No problem" Barry answered.

They easily finished with Ye Fei Li's matter on the spot.

From now on, Ye Fei Li would officially become a member of the Justice Iron Fist Club.

“Then, what do I do while I’m in the club?” Ye Fei Li curiously asked.

What to do...

This question caused all three people to freeze.

Besides fighting and looking for food, the club doesn’t really do anything, does it? Gu Qing Shan silently thought.

Barry cleared his throat and asked seriously: “What’s your expertise?”

“Playing games, my world ranking is quite high” Ye Fei Li proudly answered.

“Playing games? World ranking?” Kitty asked in confusion.

Gu Qing Shan tried following up: “That doesn’t count, Ye Fei Li, think of something else.

Ye Fei Li scowled and thought for a while and finally answered: “I can stay at home for a very long time, if there’s no problem, even several years is fine”

“...” Gu Qing Shan.

He gave up on trying to help Ye Fei Li.

Kitty, on the other hand, happily clapped: “That’s actually a good talent, when we’re not at the club, you can manage the Super Dimensional path for me”

“Hasn’t the Super Dimensional path been managed by you all this time?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Yeah, for 1000 YEARS! I want a vacation! I want to go shopping! I want to go out and play too!” Kitty retorted.

Barry nodded in empathy.

“It’s also been a long time since I went to a casino or bar” he spoke emotionally.

The two of them observed Ye Fei Li closely from the top.

“Unfortunately, he’s still a bit too weak, and doesn’t know much about the 900 million World Layers, it’ll take some time for him to mature”

“Yeah, after merging all of the Samsara worlds together, we should take him on a trip and kill a bunch of stuff, let him evolve into the next stage”

At this time, Gu Qing Shan’s Holo-Brain lit up.

[Sir, I have something to report]

“Go ahead”

[The Frost Flame Wraith King of the Wraith realm is leading his subordinates to kidnap people in masses and convert them into Wraiths]

A scene was shown on the screen.

The Frost Flame Wraith King was inside his Wraith Fortress, loudly shouting his orders.

The humans kidnapped and gathered by the Wraiths were being rallied to a single plaza in order to go through a conversion ritual.

While watching, Gu Qing Shan asked: "Have they always been messing with the human realm this way?"

[Yes sir, the Wraiths caused the most harm to our world among all the worlds, those who refuse to obey are killed and eaten, only humans who surrender can temporarily live until they are subjected to the Wraith conversion ritual] Impartial Goddess reported.

Gu Qing Shan intensely scowled.

Killing intent rose from his body.

"Seems like we can get Ye Fei Li to kill a bunch of things right away" he muttered.

Kitty told him: "That's simple, just tell me the coordinates of that place"

Impartial Goddess put the coordinates on the screen.

"We're going"

Kitty loudly clapped.

In an instant, Barry, Kitty, Gu Qing Shan and Ye Fei Li all disappeared without a trace.

The Wraith Fortress.

The Frost Flame Wraith King was rushing to complete the large-scale conversion ritual.

Those people he met earlier were too terrifying, just by looking at them from afar, he already felt his powerlessness to resist them.

The Frost Flame Wraith King realized that he can't afford to stay in this world any longer.

After this large-scale conversion ritual was complete, he would immediately return to the Wraith realm and not return for a long time.

『 Very good, everything is prepared. Get into position, activate the conversion ritual! 』 the Frost Flame Wraith King ordered.

Not a single of his subordinates answered.

The entire Wraith Fortress fell silent.

The Wraiths were all locked in place, unable to move even if they used all their power.

Space around them had fully solidified, not even leaving them the space to open their mouths.

Noticing something wrong, Frost Flame Wraith King immediately wanted to activate his personal warp technique to escape.

Only to find that he couldn't lift a single finger either.

A flash of light appeared in front of him.

All the members of the Justice Iron Fist Club appeared on the plaza.

"Impartial Goddess, dispatch Mobile Mechs and a transport airship to take the people back" Gu Qing Shan ordered.

[Very well, sir]

Gu Qing Shan then looked at Kitty and asked: "Are you sure these Wraiths won't be able to move?"

"Of course they won't, I'll leave this place to you, that formation over there is more interesting, I'm going to take a look" Kitty replied.

She flew towards a large-scale warp formation.

——the one that leads back to the Wraith realm.

"Fei Li, go ahead" Gu Qing Shan said.

Ye Fei Li excitedly licked his lips and asked: "These ones here are all quite strong, it'll help my evolution a lot, are you sure I can kill them all as I like?"

"Don't leave a single one" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Ye Fei Li let out a battle cry and left a blood-colored streak of light behind as he flew towards the Frost Flame Wraith King.

The Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook gave off a faint light from its blade and lightly sliced across the Frost Flame Wraith King's neck.

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His head detached from his body.

The leader of the Wraith realm, the commander of the Wraith army that tried to take over the human realm, the Frost Flame Wraith King died without even being able to put up a fight.

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The blood aura around Ye Fei Li's body became more intense.

He had just absorbed the Frost Flame Wraith King's power!

"It's so refreshing! Is this what you call power-leveling?" Ye Fei Li purred in pleasure.

The khopesh flashed again.

Another powerful Wraith was beheaded.

Ye Fei Li's aura became stronger and stronger.

Barry stood with his arms crossed and asked Gu Qing Shan: "What is 'power-leveling?'"

"It's a gaming term, you can just ignore him" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"What do you plan to do next?" Barry asked again.

"Since we're already here, might as well go straight to the Wraith realm and fuse it with the human realm"

"And then what?"

"We'll keep going to the Heaven realm, Beast King realm and Asura realm as well, one by one"

Gu Qing Shan thought of something and spoke: "Well, we can be a bit less forceful with the Asura realm; since they and I have a bit of history together"

"That's easy then" Barry nodded.

Kitty returned: "I've finished checking the warp formation to Wraith realm, it's been rigged so that only Wraiths may pass through. But we don't need to use it since I already obtained the coordinates, I can take you directly there"

"Then let's wait a bit for Ye Fei Li" Gu Qing Shan said.

The three of them stood there and watched.

A few dozen seconds later.

Ye Fei Li had massacred every Wraith present in the fortress.

Kneeling on the ground, he was screaming in pain.

Ye Fei Li's aura had manifested as strings that slowly coiled and wrapped around him like a cocoon.

His cries and grunts of pain were slowly being blocked out by the walls of the blood cocoon.

"His evolution is beginning"

Barry commented as he watched.

"What's going to happen to him now?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"I'd like to know that as well, but there's no telling exactly what would happen, we'll have to wait until the end to see the results" Barry spoke in interest.

Kitty also smiled: "Not only will we get to go sight-seeing around the Samsara worlds, but we'll also learn about how a World Destroyer evolves, what a useful trip this is"

Gu Qing Shan was silently thinking.

After Ye Fei Li evolves, I can probably go confirm my thoughts.

One by one, we'll fuse all the worlds of the Samsara together and search for the secret of the world tomb in the process.

This would be a complicated and annoying process.

Luckily, with Barry and Kitty here, we'll save a lot of effort of having to go through large-scale wars over and over again.

Gu Qing Shan sighed to himself.

I'm really curious what could the Old Gods have hidden away in the Samsara world.

While thinking about it, he felt something deep within his mind.

Gu Qing Shan tapped his Inventory Bag and took something out.

The Tianma bell.

A small bracelet of bells from which cold air drifted out.

It was currently letting out clear chimes.

The sound of the bell travelled through the void of space and echoed to a world far away.

"Is she coming now?"

Gu Qing Shan doubtfully muttered.

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But soon enough, he understood what this was about.

I promised to give her a world as payment, but I still haven't actually given it to her after so long. —-she's probably here to collect the debt.

A few moments later, the void of space shook slightly.

"It's fine, it's an ally"

Gu Qing Shan told Barry and Kitty.

While he spoke, an attractive charming girl wearing black clothes descended from above.

She landed in front of Gu Qing Shan without saying a single word.

Barry and Kitty glanced at the girl, then slowly changed their expressions.

They could feel the power of the world's Laws slowly converging and feeding themselves to this black-clothed girl.

This was tacit consent, affection and support.

The world was welcoming her here.

"Sis, wouldn't this mean that girl is a Tianma who exists together with the Samsara world?" Barry sent his voice asking.

"Seems like it, how unimaginable, this type of lifeform is so rare" Kitty exclaimed silently.

Gu Qing Shan took out a crystal ball.

—this was the world Laura gave him.

It once belonged to Triste, but it was now in Gu Qing Shan's hands.

"This was what I owed you, so now the debt is settled"

Gu Qing Shan offered her the crystal ball.

Li Yang accepted the crystal ball and solemnly checked it.

This was the lost world of the Old Gods.

That alone made this world extremely valuable, with a lot more secrets to be found.

Gu Qing Shan sincerely told her: "The matter from before, I was really helped out a lot, hopefully we can continue to cooperate even more from now on"

Hearing that Li Yang lightly giggled.

It was now that she opened her mouth and spoke: 『 I'm not here to collect the debt 』

"Then——"

『 What? I can't come to see you without a reason? 』

"Of course you can"

『 That's fine, but I'm actually here because I have something to tell you 』

"..." Gu Qing Shan couldn't say anything.

He kept up his polite and sincere attitude, asking: "What could it be that you'd come here personally?"

Li Yang told him: 『 The situation at the Shen Wu world is currently quite urgent, the war between worlds is reaching its high point, so I felt like I need to at least tell you about it 』

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit heavy and asked doubtfully: "War? Why would there be a war?"

Hearing Gu Qing Shan's question, Li Yang couldn't help but recall that event, even now she still felt awe and respect towards that.

『 Because your Shifu had achieved an inconceivable accomplishment 』

She finally answered.

Chapter 630

When the Bramble Bird's battle had just ended.

On another side.

Somewhere in the 900 million World Layers.

A barren and desolate world.

No person or organization would ever feel interested in this world.

After countless years of confirmation, this world had been recognized as the most barren location.

—because this world didn't have anything, nothing could grow here, but it was also extremely tough and hard to be destroyed.

This world was also extremely small, only enough for several hundred people to stand on at once.

And today, there were several hundred cultivators standing here.

They all came from Cultivation-type worlds, and have just returned from a war campaign.

They were gathered here in order to discuss an important matter.

“Silence! Silence!”

An old man stood in the middle of everyone and shouted.

No one reacted to him.

The shadows of war still clouded their minds.

Many cultivators were discussing things among themselves, blaming one another for this and that, a few were even ready to fight.

Completely opposite from this, there were more cultivators who were dejected and dispirited, sitting still in place without saying a word.

Their eyes were vacant, their bodies stiff and unmoving, almost as if their souls had left, leaving only an empty husk behind.

The old man glanced around with a clear look of loss in his eyes.

But soon enough, he regained his spirit.

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—he can't act like them as well, otherwise the entire Cultivation Alliance will collapse.

The old man took a deep breath, circulated his spirit energy and shouted again: “All of you, SILENCE!”

This shout shook the entire world, even forming ripples in the void of space around it.

The cultivators' discussing voices slowly died down.

Taking this chance, the old man loudly declared: “I know everyone is dejected and fearful, but now isn't the time for us to be dispirited and lower our heads, there are more pressing matters for us to attend to”

Hearing that, a few cultivators already couldn't hold themselves back, wanting to lash out.

The old man put his hand up, glanced around the entire place and spoke in a low voice: “My wounds are also at the breaking point, don't you also think I also want to just give up, disband and leave right now as well?”

Hearing that, the cultivators didn't respond.

The planet fell silent.

The old man sighed exhaustively but felt a bit more assured in his heart.

“The situation is as you’ve heard, the Cultivation Demon Nation had sent us an ultimatum, asking for our immediate surrender”

“At this point in time, with so many forces at war and being unable to care for themselves, there is no one to extend a helping hand to us”

“But we’re true cultivators! No matter what, do you want to surrender to the fake garbage and become slaves to [Order]?”

“We will not!”

“Definitely not!”

“I’d rather die than become a slave!”

“You’re right!”

The cultivators all agreed with him.

The old man raised his voice and spoke again: “I need to make this clear to everyone, the failure of the war this time is my fault, it was my inability to take command and fight that caused our Cultivation Alliance to receive so much damage”

Another middle-aged cultivator couldn’t help but raised his voice: “Dao Lord Hao Ran, it’s not your fault, we all understand this well” (1)

Another cultivator sighed: “Indeed, even if we were the one who formed the Cultivation Alliance, when faced against those cultivators who surrendered themselves to the [Demon King Order], all we could do is passively endure their attacks”

“More importantly, they had also formed a cultivation nation, and with the [Demon King Order]’s help, as fellow cultivators, our cultivation speed can’t be compared to theirs at all!” someone shouted.

This was a simple undeniable truth.

The cultivators once again couldn’t hold themselves back and once again loudly discussed, or rather, bicker among themselves.

Dao Lord Hao Ran waved his hand and used a silence spell to forcefully stop the sound of discussion.

He struggled to speak: “I will die soon, but our Alliance is still under the pressure of war”

“The Cultivation Alliance needs a new leader, someone to lead everyone in war”

“You must all give your suggestions as soon as possible”

After saying so, Dao Lord Hao Ran sighed and undid the silence spell.

He waited for the group’s suggestion.

No one spoke.

Everyone remained silent.

Dao Lord Hao Ran sighed and angrily spoke: "It's because you aren't willing to become slaves to the [Demon King Order] that you stand here, but why can't you do such a simple thing as selecting a leader?"

A tiny voice consoled him: "Dao Lord Hao Ran, please don't be angry, we aren't willing to accept the situation, but we've only just lost a battle, even you..."

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Dao Lord Hao Ran instantly replied: "That's right, they're fiercer, stronger than we are, the [Demon King Order] is always ready to support them—— but rest assured, I will do something for you all before my death"

Everyone looked up in wonder.

Dao Lord Hao Ran laughed deprecatingly before speaking: "This old man only knows so many spells and techniques, so I won't be able to go against the [Demon King Order], but if this old man risks his own life, I can easily destroy half of their army!"

"That way, within the next short time period, the Demon Nation won't be able to start another war"

"What is why! You all! Right now! Have to take the time to elect a new leader!!!"

"Otherwise my sacrifice will be in vain!!!"

At this point, the Dao Lord's voice was already hoarse.

The cultivator group's expressions all changed

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To fight against the [Demon King Order], the Dao Lord had decided to give his all, only stopping after death.

His sacrifice would ensure the survival of everyone here, so what do they have to be dejected about?

Having escaped the heavy shadow of losing the war and regained their spirits for now, the cultivators began to seriously think about this issue.

A few sect leaders discussed among themselves before standing up and declared: "We nominate the Great Ling Ming world's ruler, Venerable Qing Yun"

A part of the cultivators quickly agreed to their nomination.

"Venerable Qing Yun is one of the strongest among us, he's also a man of character, swearing to stand against the Demon Nation from the start, we can all be assured with him as the leader of the Alliance"

"Indeed, Venerable Qing Yun is very reliable"

"I feel like that's a good idea"

People discussed among themselves.

But the majority of the people here said nothing.

Dao Lord Hao Ran looked towards a middle-aged cultivator and asked: "Venerable Qing Yun, what about your personal opinion?"

That middle-aged cultivator stood out and sighed.

He showed a bitter smile and spoke: "I'm grateful for your thoughts, but I know my place well"
"Within these moments of hardship where the [Order] approaches, I have no confidence to be able to lead the Alliance forward"

"In fact, even now I still don't know how to win against the cultivators who carry [Order]"

His words hit the bullseye.

Indeed.

Assuming the same realm and level, how would they fight and win against cultivators who have the help of [Order]?

This was the biggest obstacle.

If no one could move or get rid of the obstacle, the Cultivation Alliance would only keep losing until it was thoroughly destroyed.

This was already a predictable outcome.

This was the reason why everyone felt dejected.

A few moments later.

Another Venerable was nominated by a few other cultivation sects.

But this Venerable also gave up.

He stood up and told everyone on the spot: "I trust that many people the same realm as I am would have the same thought"

"Even Dao Lord Hao Ran had failed— I don't believe that I can compare to the Dao Lord or have the confidence to lead the Alliance to win against the Demon Nation"

"Please don't waste any more time nominating people like me, we all have to elect someone who can truly go against [Order] as our leader"

The people all agreed.

In the past, perhaps many would've been willing to take control of the Alliance, perhaps even fighting among themselves for that authority.

But they were currently in the time of war, a period when the Alliance could be destroyed at any time, and anyone could die on the battlefield.

Who would dare to take control of the Alliance in its darkest moments?

Who would dare to stand out and declare that they will save the entire Cultivation Alliance?

All cultivators on this little planet fell into long silence.

After a while, another voice came out.

"Perhaps, we can change the thought process and elect someone who performed excellently in the war?"

Everyone looked back to see the one who suggested that was an old man wearing a bloody Daoist coat.

He was the leader of a certain cultivation world, a fearless man who refused to back down in the war and almost gave up his life several times for it.

He was a respectable cultivator.

Someone agreed: "This is a good idea"

Venerable Qing Yun sighed bitterly: "The entire frontline of our Alliance lost horribly during this campaign, where are we going to find someone who performed excellently?"

Everyone went silent at those words.

The cultivators couldn't help but think back to the war.

"That's... not true" someone hesitantly spoke.

"Right, it wasn't a total loss"

"I remember one successful battle"

"I also remember"

"It was the only counter-attack we could manage"

"And it was a successful one as well"

"There were few casualties"

"The demonized cultivators were all killed by a single person"

"Yes, I read the battle report, they really were killed by a single person"

"Does such a person really exist?"

"They do, have you forgotten a certain world that recently joined our Alliance?"

"What? Who was it?"

"Ah, it was that person"

The cultivators all discussed this loudly.

Dao Lord Hao Ran thought for a bit, then looked back at the crowd and nodded very slightly that no one could tell.

The Dao Lord spoke up: "Now, please discuss this among yourselves, can this fellow daoist be nominated to become the new leader of our Alliance?"

"The one in question is the one who contributed the most in the campaign, Venerable Bai Hua – Xie Dao Ling"

"Please feel free to express your opinions"

Note:

(1) Dao Lord Hao Ran: in case you haven't noticed "Dao Lord" is a title, Hao Ran is the name. Please read "Cultivation Chat Group" to get a more detailed explanation of cultivation titles and Dao names.

Chapter 631

"Feel free to speak out your thoughts. After all, the new leader must be someone recognizable"

After saying that, Dao Lord Hao Ran went quiet again.

The rulers, sect leaders, elders of various cultivation worlds also fell into thought.

After a while, someone broke the silence.

“Xie Dao Ling— erm, I think she’s a great candidate overall, except that her cultivation is too low” an elder hesitantly said.

This opinion was shared by quite a few people here.

But then a few more people started to say otherwise.

“That’s not entirely correct” a sect leader spoke, “ever since joining our Cultivation Alliance, I’ve seen with my own eyes how she broke through over and over again, advancing through the realms like water flowing down a mountain, not even those demonized cultivators could catch up to her cultivation speed”

Another cultivator also added: “Everyone should also remember the strict screening process the Alliance enforced on Xie Dao Ling not too long ago”

“At the time, because of how quickly she advanced through the realms, everyone was suspicious enough that the elder council had her take a test to see if she was a demonized person”

“But the results? She had used nothing but her pure talents every step of the way”

Another elder commented: “I still remember when she had only joined the Cultivation Alliance, 88 cultivators had challenged her to an exchange of cultivation theory in an attempt to make a newcomer know of the vastness of the 900 million World Layers— but in the end after listening to her views of cultivation, 21 of them gained a new understanding and managed to breakthrough not long after”

“That cultivation speed and understanding of cultivation could be nothing but a gift from the Gods above sent to give us salvation”

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A martial cultivator stepped out and loudly declared: “What Xie Dao Ling needs is only time, as long as you give her ample amount of time, we will become stronger than anyone here!”

“Do you fancy her?”

“Of course, she’s a true fairy of a female, I have cultivated for several thousand years and seen countless cultivators who call themselves fairy, but none could compare to her peerless and graceful bearing”

“Ah, that is so”

“Indeed”

“I agree, her smile is bewitching, no charm techniques or spells could ever dream to achieve the same effect”

“If that’s the case, she must be quite the character”

Seeing the topic slowly veering off, Dao Lord Hao Ran hurriedly cleared his throat.

“Silence please!”

He waved his hand and loudly reminded everyone.

“We are here to discuss the serious matter of the next Alliance leader, not to pick out who is the best Dao companion, please don’t go off-topic”

Dao Lord Hao Ran then faced everyone and placed a question:

“Then, the current problem is that Xie Dao Ling’s realm is not high enough, unable to truly be an authoritative figure, is that correct?”

The first elder to spoke up answered: “Indeed, unless she could break through another realm—— because no matter what, cultivation realm and level has always been a crucial standard of consideration for us cultivators”

Sparse supporting voices came out.

But sure enough, a lot more dismissive voices loudly drowned out the supporting ones.

It was clear that a lot of people disagreed with this elder’s opinion.

Venerable Qing Yun stepped out and raised his hand to signal everyone to quiet down.

Both the supporting and dismissive voices went away.

As the first person to be nominated the new Alliance leader, he naturally had more than enough prestige to do so.

Venerable Qing Yun began to speak.

“Elder, if you think that Xie Dao Ling’s realm is not high enough, then I have one question for you”

“Go ahead” the elder said.

Venerable Qing Yun asked a single thing: “Would you fight against Xie Dao Ling?”

The elder thought of Xie Dao Ling’s multitudes of spells, techniques, the cruelty and mercilessness she showed on the battlefield, he couldn’t help but blurt out: “Ridiculous! Who would dare do such a thing!”

As soon as he said that, the elder realized.

Yeah, that’s right.

Even if her cultivation wasn’t as high as my own, I still wouldn’t be willing to fight her.

This was wariness that came from his spirit sense.

This was a natural reaction that came from a cultivator’s will to live.

As the others heard this, they fell into thought.

Even when her cultivation wasn’t very high, she could already make a cultivator from a higher realm be fearful of her.

Furthermore, she was the only one who fought the only winning battle of the entire campaign.

If everyone were to give such a person enough support, wouldn’t she be able to achieve even greater things right away?

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More and more began to nod in approval.

But the elder still hadn't given up: "Her cultivation is still a problem—— being at a lower cultivation realm will cause her to not have enough spirit energy to perform more spells"

"Even if I don't dare to fight her, her total spirit energy reserve would definitely not be as much as mine!"

After some consideration, a few nodded in agreement with him: "Being at a lower cultivation realm will indeed cause Xie Dao Ling to be unable to hold on for too long"

Someone else added: "Indeed, as the leader who commands the war at the frontline, her own spirit energy being unable to keep up would be ridiculous"

"If she runs out in the middle of the campaign, wouldn't that mean our leader would have to retreat first?"

"That would be a huge blow to everyone's morale"

A sect leader continued: "Unless she can breakthrough another realm—— but that is too hard, everyone knows that the difficulty of breaking through a realm will only become harder and harder, I won't believe that her advancement would be able to keep up the same speed as before"

Another Venerable chimed in: "Indeed, no one can possibly keep up such fast advancement speeds—— unless they are a demonized who rely on [Order] to cultivate, but it's clear that Xie Dao Ling isn't such a person"

The people who supported Xie Dao Ling began to loudly refute these claims.

Both sides couldn't convince the other.

Dao Lord Hao Ran naturally noticed this situation.

He simply waited for a bit more until everyone had fully committed themselves into the discussion of the matter seriously

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The argument was becoming more and more heated.

——a candidate had been decided that took everyone's attention, that's good.

Now I can stop this meaningless bickering and move on to the next phase.

Dao Lord Hao Ran swung his hand and activated the silence spell again.

The planet went silent.

The cultivators turned to look at Dao Lord Hao Ran.

He cleared his throat and began to speak.

"Now, we only have two questions left to answer"

"Firstly, is Xie Dao Ling willing to become the Alliance's leader"

"And secondly, we will all vote to see if the number of people who supports her being on this seat reaches 70%"

"So, let us first ask Xie Dao Ling of her opinion"

“Fellow daoist Xie?”

“Fellow daoist Xie, can you please give us a word?”

After saying so, Dao Lord Hao Ran waited for a while, but still, Xie Dao Ling never spoke up.

At this time, almost a thousand cultivators here who were bickering finally noticed the situation wasn't right.

They ignored all manners and quickly released their inner sights to search for Xie Dao Ling.

“She's not here”

“Strange, I clearly sensed that she arrived at this world?”

“Did she leave half-way?”

“Leaving in such a crucial moment?”

The cultivators around began to loudly criticize her.

At this point, a female cultivator stepped out and told everyone: “Please don't be alarmed, everyone, let me explain”

She carefully considered her words before speaking: “About that... at the start, fellow daoist Xie was indeed here”

“But she only stayed for a few moments before she returned”

The crowd was stunned.

“She returned? Why? Does she not feel the Alliance's meeting to be important enough?”

Dao Lord Hao Ran scowled and asked.

The female cultivator quickly explained: “It's not so, it was because she felt that she was about to breakthrough. And triggering the cultivation here wouldn't only be inappropriate, it would also delay the meeting, so she silently returned”

“She had told me to help cover it up for her, just in case”

After saying so, the female cultivator smiled bitterly: “I agreed to help her cover it up, but I didn't think the situation would become like this”

The world fell silent.

Everyone was completely speechless.

One moment later, Dao Lord Hao Ran realized something.

“Did you say— she was about to break through again?” he trembled as he asked.

“Yes, I was standing right next to her at the time, the spirit energy waves she gave off had indeed formed a tide, exactly like the signs of lingering on the border close to breaking through” the female cultivator explained in detail.

Everyone went silent again.

“Ahahahahaha!”

Dao Lord Hao Ran suddenly looked to the sky and laughed.

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The original world.

The North Pole.

Li Yang was informing Gu Qing Shan about the events that happened in Shen Wu world in detail.

“If that’s the case, wouldn’t that mean Shifu is currently the leader of the cultivation alliance?”

Gu Qing Shan smiled as he asked.

『 Indeed 』 Li Yang answered him.

“That’s a great thing then” Gu Qing Shan replied.

『 That is not the case 』

“Why? Are there any unknown matters?”

『 Through the various Fiend Kings that maintain contact with the Original Tianma realm, we found out a lot about that cultivation alliance. They have already gone through several campaigns with heavy losses, each of them ending in the previous leader dying in the battle 』

Gu Qing Shan’s smile slowly faded.

He thought briefly and commented: “If that is the case, there’s something I don’t understand—— my Shifu is a wise person, she wouldn’t easily accept to be in such a dangerous position”

『 She had no other choice 』

“Why not?”

『 Truthfully speaking, before I came here, your Shifu had already merged 5 worlds 』

“What!” Gu Qing Shan exclaimed in shock.

Li Yang nodded: 『 Including her own Samsara and the Shen Wu world’s Samsara worlds, there was a total of 11 worlds, and she had fused 5 of them together with the first one 』

Gu Qing Shan was surprised, then hurriedly asked: “Did anything paranormal happen? How did the beings of those Samsara worlds react?”

Li Yang showed a difficult expression and shook her head: 『 There weren’t any beings 』

She then explained: 『 Among the cultivation world’s Samsara, the Heaven realm was nowhere to be found, only the other 5 were left 』

『 Among the Shen Wu world’s Samsara, the human realm, Wraith realm, Asura Realm, Heaven realm and Beast King realms were all completely empty. Only the Huang Quan realm still has several quintillion dead people suffering in its layers of hell, unable to escape for a long time 』

『 Your Shifu had chosen to fuse the Shen Wu world’s Wraith realm, Asura realm, Heaven realm, Beast

King realm as well as its human realm to fuse together with your original cultivation world 』

『 Doing this, she managed to avoid clashing with the other beings of the Samsara world, so the entire process didn't cause any war or conflict 』

Kitty curiously cut in: "A Samsara world is supposed to be a complete closed-off system, isn't it? Aren't the beings within them supposed to enter a cycle of reincarnation and to repopulate each world? Why would there be a situation where several worlds have no living beings at all happen?"

Barry fell silent, then shook his head: "This is inconceivable, there's nothing I could think of to explain this at all"

Gu Qing Shan maintained silence.

Since it might be related to the Samsara's ultimate secret, he couldn't risk telling everyone his conjecture.

—perhaps the pieces of the Samsara linked with the Shen Wu world were affected in some way when they broke off from the Samsara.

The cultivation world was also the same, only five out of six worlds remain, the Heaven realm is nowhere to be found.

Could it be because the entire Heaven realm itself was destroyed when it broke apart?

Li Yang shook her head to Kitty, signalling that she didn't know either.

She continued: 『 After going through consecutive fusions, the human realm's Laws became significantly stronger and caused a boom in the cultivator's power 』

"Shifu is an unrivalled genius, so with the reinforcement of the world fusion, she would definitely become formidable" Gu Qing Shan commented.

Li Yang spoke: 『 But don't forget, having fused so many worlds without permission, your Shifu had violated a law of the 900 million World Layers, and a very serious one 』

『 Without any other solutions, she could only join the cultivation alliance of the 900 million World Layers— because there are still a few unused quotas within the alliance that she can spend 』

『 The price for that was that she had to fight against powerful demonized cultivators in the name of the alliance 』

『 And now, she's been elected as the leader of the alliance— not only is this the number one target for demonized cultivators to kill, your Shifu is also the one with the lowest cultivation among all leaders of history 』

『 Which is why she's currently in a very dangerous situation 』

Li Yang looked at him and softly spoke: 『 I felt that this information would be very important for you, seeing how the reason you first summoned me back then was to save your Shifu 』

"So you came here specifically to tell me this?"

『 Indeed 』

Gu Qing Shan slowly clasped his fist towards Li Yang and solemnly bowed.

“The news you brought was indeed extremely important, I have owed you another great favor— from now on, if there is ever a time you require help, please look for me, I will absolutely help you to the best of my abilities”

Li Yang glanced at him, then quickly lowered her gaze: 『 Do you care about your Shifu that much? 』

“Of course I do” Gu Qing Shan sighed emotionally, “truthfully speaking, the cultivation world is a place even more pragmatic than any mortal world, no sect would raise a bunch of useless disciples for no reason”

“At the time, I was nothing but a loose cultivator, someone who had just stepped on the path of cultivation at qi training realm without a single thing to my name”

“If I was lucky, I would receive recognition from one of the sects at the semester examination and join it”

“But even then, the disciples who joined a sect would continue to struggle here and there in order to receive cultivation resources, better scriptures, better equipment and weapons”

“Only by contributing greatly to a sect could you receive an equivalent amount of rewards”

“Some cultivators strive for their entire lives without being able to accomplish the requirements of the sect, unable to receive the necessary resources and unable to advance their cultivation”

“Even more cultivators couldn’t earn the best possible scriptures, techniques, the sharpest weapons, the strongest armor and end up dying in war”

Gu Qing Shan chuckled deprecatingly as his voice became warmer: “But Shifu accepted me into Bai Hua sect”

“She granted me the Earth sword, and personally taught me sword skills”

“Worried that I might be harmed, she taught me a movement technique Divine Skill”

“In her moments of danger, she even entrusted all of the sect’s resources, no, she entrusted the sect itself to me”

“But did you know? I have almost done nothing for the sect yet”

Li Yang silently listened, apparently digesting his words.

Gu Qing Shan continued: “Our Bai Hua sect isn’t at all like a sect, rather it is more akin to a home”

“And my Shifu is my family, so I definitely won’t let any harm come to her”

His voice was determined.

『 But I can see you still have a lot to do in this world, can you actually return? 』 Li Yang asked.

“I will finish everything I need to do today, then I’ll return”

『 Very well, then I shall wish for your success, if there’s anything you need, ring my bell 』 Li Yang said.

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“Hm, thank you for personally coming here” Gu Qing Shan sincerely gave her his gratitude.

Li Yang softly smiled at him, showing off all of her charm like an angel from above that happened to wander into the mortal realm.

She slowly stepped back as her body melted into the void of space and disappeared.

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Gu Qing Shan then looked to Kitty: "I might need to ask for your help a lot for what's coming up next"

"What do you need?" Kitty smiled and asked him.

Gu Qing Shan's speech just now and his attitude towards his Shifu had put Kitty into a good mood.

"We need to speed up, merge the Samsara and find the world tomb"

"No problem, I can quickly bring you to all of the Samsara worlds"

"Hm, before that, there's something we need to get first"

"What is it?"

"The people of God Institute hid something below the North Pole's spaceship, they called it the Divine Watch"

"It was thanks to it that they managed to locate this world tomb"

"Is that so?" Kitty was surprised.

She crouched down, placing one hand on the ground.

Ripples in space came from where her hand touched and quickly spread towards the North Pole.

Soon enough, the large spaceship sitting on the North Pole was completely surrounded by the space ripples.

"Hah!"

Kitty shouted.

In an instant, the North Pole disappeared.

No, not the North Pole, but rather the giant spaceship had disappeared from their vision.

There was now a large patch of missing land on the North Pole, making it seem a bit empty.

After moving the spaceship away, the only thing left there was the solid and frigid frozen ground.

Kitty's gaze fell below, carefully searching every inch of the earth.

"Found it, very clear energy waves, I can feel that it's a searching device"

While saying so, Kitty opened her palm and lightly lifted something up.

A second later, a small item appeared from thin air, falling into her hand.

Everyone looked to see that it was a small pocket watch.

"Now, I'll put the spaceship back"

Kitty reached out her other hand and clapped.

The spaceship once again appeared without a sound, squarely landing on the North Pole's frozen land. This translation is hosted for free at otaku.tl.blog.spot.com, check the page for the fastest daily updates

If they didn't see it with their own eyes, no one would believe that this giant spaceship resting on the North Pole had been moved at all.

Kitty threw the watch to Gu Qing Shan.

"Take a look, is that it?" she told him.

Gu Qing Shan caught the Divine Watch and carefully checked it.

A few lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI.

[Item name: Gods Treasure's Radar]

[Grade: (rare) Wondrous Item]

[Doomsday Chronicles: This rare item had never appeared in history, nor has it even been shown to the public's eyes, no historical events related to the item has been found]

[War God Skills: This item have performed the following skills:]

[Mystic-type Technique: Miracle Search]

The War God UI suddenly froze briefly.

Gu Qing Shan also froze.

What happened?

Without giving him time to think too much, a few more red glowing text appeared on the War God UI.

[You are the third person to have received the blessing of the Gods]

[Following your wish, the Gods' reinforced Causality Skill had granted you the Soul Key]

[Your soul's principle limiter has been removed]

[From now on, you may learn any Skills or Techniques disregarding any limits or restrictions]

[You can now learn the Mystic-type Skill: Miracle Search]

[To learn this Mystic-type Skill, 10,000 Soul Points is required]

[Would you like to spend 10,000 to learn this skill?]

Gu Qing Shan spoke without hesitation: "Yes!"

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Following Gu Qing Shan's choice, a new notification popped up on the War God UI.

[System notice]

[Your primary power source is: spirit energy]

[Spirit energy can only fuel cultivation-type techniques and scriptures, it cannot be used to activate Mystic-type skills]

[The only power within the infinite worlds that can activate all types of Mysteries, Spells and Skills are Soul Points]

[Because of this, when using techniques that isn't a cultivation technique, please spend Soul Points to use them]

Gu Qing Shan thought about it briefly and understood.

Spirit energy is the purest form of power present in heaven and earth, but it doesn't fit every type of skill in the infinite worlds.

Because of this, this was where Soul Points truly shines.

The System's special notice disappeared.

A new notification came out.

[You've spent 10,000 Soul Points]

[Remaining Soul Points: 86,000/600]

[You've learnt the Mystic-type Skill: Miracle Search]

[Miracle Search: When you activate this skill, you will form a connection to an Old Gods' creation and know where that creation is]

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded.

What a unique searching-type skill.

But when looking at his Soul Point value, he felt a bit doubtful.

86,000 Soul Points is certainly a reassuring amount to have, but isn't this maximum value a bit wrong?

Gu Qing Shan recalled when he fought against Qi Yan in the Shen Wu world, Li Yang had told him that she needed to borrow 600 Soul Points from him, saying that 600 is the amount that only Sainted realm cultivators would have.

But aren't I already a Projection realm cultivator now? Why is the maximum value still 600?

Did the System take it to use for something else?

So he asked the War God System.

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[Ting]!

After that chime, the War God System asked him in return: [The deduction of your Soul Points limit was to bypass the Soul Points limit that you can carry, is there a problem?]

[The Soul Points limit is a Principle Law of the worlds, something that can't be easily broken]

[It's fine if you want to regain the normal Soul Points limit, but that will also cause you to be unable to bypass the maximum Soul Points amount anymore]

The War God System solemnly asked him: [Do you really want the deducted Soul Points limit back?]

Looking at the 80,000+ Soul Points he currently had, Gu Qing Shan pulled back.

You kidding? Without this ridiculous amount of Soul Points, when I get even more skills from now on, how would a few hundred Soul Points be enough?

If that happened, wouldn't that be making life harder for myself?

He sternly answered: "I'm just asking, I actually don't really care about the maximum Soul Points limit, I don't want it"

The System ignored him without saying anything else.

The UI didn't change.

Looking at this 80,000+ Soul Points value, Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief.

He suddenly realized how crucial Soul Points would become for his battles from now on.

After checking the pocket watch for a bit longer, he gave it back to Kitty.

"This really is a searching item, next we should merge the Wraith realm with this world" he said.

"You think the clue to the world tomb will appear when you fuse the worlds together?" Kitty asked.

"We'll know soon enough, right now I'll look for someone to ask where the Wraith realm's Elemental Roots are" Gu Qing Shan told her.

"Who are you going to ask?"

"The Frost Flame Wraith King who died just now"

"You're going to the Huang Quan realm again? I want to take a look as well" Kitty spoke curiously.

"Ah, I'm sorry but, apart from me, I think only dead people are allowed to enter Huang Quan" Gu Qing Shan spoke apologetically.

He wielded the Devil King Warden Rod and activated its power to go directly to Huang Quan realm. This translation is hosted for free at otaku.tl.blogspot.com, check the page for the fastest daily updates

Not even 10 minutes later.

Gu Qing Shan reappeared.

"So quick?" Barry asked doubtfully.

"Hm, he killed too many people so he couldn't take the degree of torture in hell and quickly spilt the beans"

"Then you two should quickly go to the Wraith realm" Barry told them.

Kitty asked: "Bro, you're not going to go check it out?"

Barry pointed at the blood cocoon on the ground: "I'll stay here to watch over this world since God Institute has already gotten involved. Not to mention that the Ye Fei Li brat is still evolving, can't have him be disturbed"

"True, then we'll come back quickly" Kitty replied.

She took Gu Qing Shan's hand and teleported.

The two of them disappeared without a trace.

Barry pulled a chair over and sat down across from Ye Fei Li.

Perhaps feeling a bit bored, he took out a bottle of liquor from his pocket.

Opening the bottle and taking a whiff, Barry's eyes lit up.

He tilted his head up and started drinking straight from the bottle.

"So good, ahahaha"

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Barry laughed.

—this was the spirit liquor Gu Qing Shan gave him, brewed by using various types of fruits and herbs, not only was it refreshing to drink, but it was also beneficial to the body.

While drinking, Barry still paid attention to Ye Fei Li's state.

"A rare World Destroyer..."

"What kind of ability is he going to receive? I'm looking forward to finding out"

He muttered.

...

On the other side.

The Samsara, Wraith realm.

The sky was dim.

Occasionally a dark light would strike from above, destroying the ground.

The mountains were arduous.

The rivers were turbulent.

Broken rocks and stones of varying sizes littered the ground, only occasionally would you see the sparse structure or building.

They were the Wraith's mortuaries.

A few particularly poisonous wraiths could easily rot and pollute the earth after their death.

So the Wraiths had no choice but to create mortuaries like these to store them.

The Wraiths themselves had no concept of 'house'.

When they wanted to rest, the Wraiths would simply rest wherever they were and get it over with.

After all, during their lives, the Wraiths were always locked in constant competition and struggle for sparse resources to survive.

In the sky.

Gu Qing Shan and Kitty appeared.

Looking around for a bit, Kitty disappointedly spoke: "What a barren world, no wonder only the cruellest and most vile creatures would be able to survive here"

Gu Qing Shan agreed: "If it weren't to make the beings of the human realm stronger and to find the world tomb's secret, I wouldn't want to fuse with this world either"

"Tell me the coordinates, we're teleporting straight to the Elemental Roots" Kitty said.

"Alright" Gu Qing Shan then told her a list of coordinates.

The two of them disappeared again.

Metal, Wood, Water, Fire, Earth, these were the 5 main elements that make up the world.

When merging worlds together, the five Elemental Roots must be collected and combined in order to form a String of Law.

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Gu Qing Shan and Kitty quickly went from place to place collecting the Elemental Roots.

Whenever they saw a Wraith that wanted to interfere, they would simply send them away or hit them unconscious without wasting any time.

It was fortunate that he had Kitty with him.

Even when surrounded by a lot of Wraiths, Kitty only needed to teleport them away and there would be no more problems.

Moving around at such efficiency, all 5 Elemental Roots were quickly collected.

Gu Qing Shan released his spirit energy and put his mark on the Elemental Roots with his inner sight.

Then he used the method he learnt to stretch each Root out, weaving them together to form a string.

A 5-colored glowing string was quickly created.

Kitty stared at the String of Law, her pretty face was in awe of the beautifully glowing string.

"I've never fused worlds together before" she sighed, "Is this a String of Law? How pretty"

"Yeah, this is a String of Law, when I bring this back to the human realm, the Wraith realm will be pulled together with it and slowly merge with the human realm into a new world" Gu Qing Shan explained.

Kitty thought for a bit and asked: "If somehow you get unlucky and run into a patrol that asks you about fusing worlds here, do you know what to say?"

"What should I say?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Just tell them you're from the Justice Iron Fist Club, they won't dare to do anything to you"

"How would they know I'm actually from the Justice Iron Fist Club?"

"Did you forget? I've already registered you into the infinite world's database"

"Also, from now on, whenever you travel across the infinite worlds and need to pay for something, just tell them the Justice Iron Fist Club's name, I guarantee none of them will try to take a cent from you"

Kitty proudly told him.

Gu Qing Shan nodded without saying anything.

To be able to describe the act of owing people money so righteously, there's probably no one in the 900 million World Layers besides Barry and Kitty.

... maybe... I should try it out once as well?

At the crucial moment of fusing worlds together, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but have such an unrelated thought.

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Gu Qing Shan brought the Wraith realm's String of Law and returned to the human realm together with Kitty.

They returned to the snow mountain at the North Pole.

"This is the String of Law of a world?" Barry asked in interest.

"Yes, it connects directly to the Origin of the Wraith realm, we can use it to merge worlds together at will" Gu Qing Shan explained.

A few lines of glowing text appeared on his retina.

[You've obtained a String of Law]

[This is the String of Law from the Wraith realm of the Samsara world]

[If you bring it to the human realm, the Wraith realm will be pulled by the String of Law and slowly merge with the human realm into a new world]

Gu Qing Shan walked to the edge of the mountain and reached his hand out with the String of Law, about to let it go.

Then he stopped.

"What's the matter?" Barry asked.

"What are you waiting for?" Kitty also asked.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and told them: "I need to return to Shen Wu world as soon as possible to help my Shifu, so..."

"So?" Kitty urged him.

Gu Qing Shan turned around at the two of them: "Might as well do them all at once and directly eliminate the problem at the root"

The brother and sister were surprised, then quickly understood.

"So you want to deal with the problem once and for all huh?"

"Yes"

"That's great thinking alright"

Barry raised a thumb and praised him.

Kitty was also excited: “That sounds like a lot of fun indeed!”

“Let me arrange it”

Saying so, Gu Qing Shan took his Holo-Brain out and contacted Impartial Goddess.

[Sir, is there a problem?] Impartial Goddess asked.

“Have the Asura, Demi and Beast King realms left yet?”

Answering his question, three screens were projected on the Holo-Brain.

The Asuras were all gathered in one place, currently discussing something under the Asura King’s lead.

The Demis were quickly collecting their spoils of war and directing the captured human slaves towards a large-scale warp formation.

The Beast Kings were actually doing something different— they were heading to the North Pole.

Impartial Goddess explained: [The Asuras are currently discussing whether or not to go meet you, the Demis are preparing to leave, while the Beast Kings are preparing to surrender]

Gu Qing Shan asked: “Kitty, can you seal off space so that the Demis can’t leave?”

“That’s easy”

Kitty took out a staff and stabbed it into the ground.

“Imprison!”

She groaned.

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An invisible ripple spread from the staff, expanded outward until it covered the entire planet.

“Done, they won’t be able to leave now,” Kitty told him.

“Thank you, next, I’ll need to talk with them”

He gestured to Impartial Goddess.

[Sir, you want to use the same channels as the Murder Clown to make a live broadcast?]

“Correct”

[Please wait a moment, I will begin the necessary preparations]

Impartial Goddess began to make the arrangement.

On another side.

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The Demi’s base.

The Heavenly God loudly ordered: “Hurry! They’ve headed for the Wraith Fortress, the Frost Flame Wraith King might be able to hold off for a few more minutes, we need to hurry up and leave now!”

“Sir, the warp formation is ready”

“Activate the warp formation!”

“Yes!”

Very quickly, the Heaven realm’s large-scale warp formation began to vibrate intensely.

The formation had reached full capacity and started to warp towards a predetermined direction.

A screen of light appeared and enveloped everyone on the formation.

And then, they all disappeared.

A few moments later.

The formation lit up again.

Everyone reappeared as if they had never left.

“Well do— NO! What’s going on, why are we still here!?” the Heavenly God shouted in anger.

“Sir, space itself has been sealed, we can’t leave!”

“WHAT!?”

“It’s true sir, the entire world is being locked in place by a layer of mysterious power, no one can conduct long-distance spatial warp!”

The Heavenly God was first stunned, then his heart sank all the way down.

At this time, a Demi called out: “Look!”

Everyone looked up as he pointed out.

Countless mini flying machines appeared in the sky.

The machines began to arrange themselves in a unique pattern and turned on.

The light they gave off collectively formed a hologram in the sky.

The same thing happened where the Asuras and Beast Kings were as well.

The North Pole.

Gu Qing Shan silently sat waiting for several minutes.

Impartial Goddess’ voice came again: [It’s ready, sir. You can begin the broadcast at any time. When you speak, the entire world will be able to hear your voice]

“Then we’re going to begin now” Gu Qing Shan said.

Following his words, the screen of every device in the world turned on.

Humans, Asuras, Beast Kings, Demis, everyone was able to see Gu Qing Shan from a device near them.

[Hello everyone, how are you doing?]

Gu Qing Shan began to talk.

[I am a scientist of the Confederate, Gu Qing Shan]

[I believe many of you know me, especially our friends from the Demi, Asura and Beast King realms, as we've already met not too long ago]

[I'm here to make an announcement]

[The entire Samsara world is about to fuse together, please remain calm as various changes occur during this world-scale event]

[Attention human Professionals, you must all take this chance and quickly increase your strength]

[Friends from the Demi, Asura and Beast King realms, please proceed towards the North Pole and tell me the location of your world's Elemental Roots]

[Even if the Elemental Roots have been used or infused into your armors and weapons, they would not disappear, so go ahead and tell me everything you know about them]

[A reminder, this is, as I told you before, only an announcement]

[Which means, I'm only notifying you about this, none of you have any choice in the matter]

[Ah, and also]

[After the 6 worlds have fused into one, the government of each country and their laws will remain the same for human countries]

[As for Demis, Asuras and Beast Kings, you may all form your own governing states, or join the human world— feel free to do as you like, I won't stop you, and no one will be allowed to stop you]

[I have but a friendly reminder]

Gu Qing Shan raised a single finger and smiled: [I hope that our races can live in peace and harmony, as any actions that harm another race's life will be met with appropriate punishment from the law]

[Very well, now the races of each world may come to the North Pole and inform me about the location of your world's Elemental Roots]

[You have the right to choose to not cooperate, or even go against me, but I have the right to use other means to collect the information I want]

[Trust me, that will not be a pleasurable process]

[Another thing, for those 'friends' who may harbor any unnecessary thoughts]

[No matter what kind of ill will you hold, no matter what method you may think of using to cover your tracks, or any solutions you may think of to ruin peace in the human realm...]

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Gu Qing Shan clapped his hands twice.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword, the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook and Devil King Warden Rod all appeared from the void of space, lightly hovered behind his back.

The three Divine Armaments of Huang Quan.

The presence of Huang Quan Law they gave off made sure that those in the know understood what they were.

Gu Qing Shan continued.

[A very simple reminder, the Huang Quan realm is my turf]

[I can guarantee a single thing. The unsavoury characters that I mentioned before will not only receive untold torture and suffering of the worst kind, you won't even get the chance to reincarnate]

[That is all I wish to say]

Gu Qing Shan looked straight at the camera.

He was staring at everyone through the screens.

[One final thing I need to say to our friends of the other worlds, there is no need for any of you to feel grudgeful or hostile towards our worlds' fusion]

[The moment that you laid your eyes on the human realm and arranged all sorts of means to invade it, you should have already understood one thing clear]

He spoke very gently: [There's a price one must pay for their deeds]

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Gu Qing Shan's world-wide broadcast ended.

He turned off the Holo-Brain and returned to his chair.

Barry offered him a glass of liquor.

"After talking so much, a glass is just right" Gu Qing Shan accepted it and thanked him.

Barry also raised his own glass and praised: "The fusion of worlds would naturally bring a lot of problems, but all life should receive the same level of respect and protection; you did great, to be able to think so far ahead"

Kitty also added: "At a time like this, being firm is necessary; otherwise, a few people would think they might be an exception"

"I'll still need to watch over the aftermath for a bit more, if someone tries anything, it's better to kill one to scare off a hundred" Gu Qing Shan said.

"Don't worry, I'll help you if it's only that" Barry told him.

"Thank you" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The three of them emptied their glasses.

The Holo-Brain on the table lit up again.

Impartial Goddess reported the situation.

[Sir, following the Beast King realm, the Asura realm and Demi realm have also taken off and are moving towards the North Pole]

"How long until they're here?"

[Soon, it should only be 10 minutes at most]

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

The door of the cabin suddenly opened.

A few small robots arrived.

Each of them carried a plate full of various desserts and chilled liquor.

Impartial Goddess' voice came from one of the robots:

[These are the food and beverages Mr. Zhang Ying Hao had prepared, he's currently helping me, so I brought them here]

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the various types of food and beverage, then at Barry and Kitty.

The brother and sister's eyes were already glowing, but perhaps it was because they haven't gotten used to the cuisines of this world yet, they didn't know which one to pick.

Gu Qing Shan picked the strongest liquor for Barry, a large cup of iced azure orange lemon yogurt milkshake for Kitty together with a full plate of desserts, then selected one box of cigar and offered one to Barry.

He also helped himself to a bottle of liquor.

However, this time he didn't choose a particularly strong one, since there were a lot of things waiting for him to do.

In which case, it was crucial for him to remain sober.

Kitty first took a sip from the iced drink before choosing a dessert from her plate and tried it out.

While eating she praised: "It tastes great! Is the Samsara world's cuisine standard so high because the Old Gods favored the Samsara when they made it?"

Barry took a swig of the liquor and smacked his lips: "The liquor brewing techniques are also top-notch, I'm already in love with this bottle— although the beings of the Samsara aren't that strong, their standard of living is very impressive"

The brother and sister exchanged glances, having confirmed something.

—sure enough, there's a reason why Gu Qing Shan's cooking skills are that great. We're so lucky for our Club to obtain such a high-class chef.

At this time, Impartial Goddess' voice came again.

[Sir, the leaders of the Beast Kings, the Heavenly God and the Asura King have arrived]

"Where are they?"

[At the foot of the mountain]

Answering him, Impartial Goddess also projected a screen.

Three people were standing there.

The first was a humanoid with a lion's head, the leader of the Beast Kings.

The second was an attractive man with a weapon in his hand, the Asura King.

The third was a man in full armor, this expression showed solemnity and a certain level of majesty, the current Heavenly God.

Several cold and emotionless Mechs had blocked their way and kept them from moving forward.

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After taking a glance, Gu Qing Shan spoke: "Tell the Heavenly God to leave information of the Elemental Roots and leave"

Impartial Goddess answered: [It had been relayed, he asked if you would like to say anything else, sir]

"Tell them to take care of themselves— there's only a few hundred Demi in total with sparse breeding capabilities, after the worlds are merged, if they disobey the law, extinction won't just be a threat"

[Understood] Impartial Goddess replied.

The Heavenly God on the screen showed a focused expression as if he was listening to one of the Mechs speaking.

He stopped briefly, told Impartial Goddess the information before bowing and leaving.

Impartial Goddess spoke: [Sir, the leader of the Beast Kings and the Asura King are still waiting for you]

"Tell the leader of the Beast Kings to live however they like, but when hunting, they should make sure to consult you in order to stop the world's ecosystem from being damaged"

"And that he can leave after leaving the information on the Elemental Roots"

[Understood]

"Tell the Asura King that I respect their competitive culture, but they can't violate human laws when they compete from now on"

Kitty couldn't help but chuckle when she heard that, covering her mouth and asked: "The Asura can't break the laws? How are they going to fight then?"

Gu Qing Shan told her: "Us humans have numerous sporting events, like boxing, martial arts competitions, basketball, gymnastics and such, our World Cup ended not too long before this, so they can also take a look"

"It's fine if they want to fight for real, as long as it doesn't disturb other races, they are free to arrange survival battles to the death among themselves"

[Understood, I will relay your words now]

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On the projected screen, after seriously listening to the Mech, his expression turned indescribable.

After tilting his head in wonder for a while, he turned and left.

The mountaintop small cabin.

Information regarding the Asura realm, Heaven Realm and Beast King realm's Elemental Roots were neatly arranged on the screen.

Gu Qing Shan silently recorded all of them.

Taking another sip of her drink, Kitty sighed satisfyingly and asked: "What now? Are we going to get these Elemental Roots right away?"

Gu Qing Shan replied: "Let's go, the faster the better I think"

"Alright" Kitty stood up.

She was unable to help herself to another piece of the dessert before pulling Gu Qing Shan closer and used her Space magic.

The two of them disappeared from the room.

The Heaven realm was unbelievably huge, its Origin was also the strongest among those of the Samsara.

But because of how few Demi there were, although the scenery was heavenly, there were hardly any signs of people living here.

The Asura realm was divided into 4 separate sub-realms, so it was even bigger than the Heaven realm.

The Beast King realm wasn't very big, but it was divided into three environments of land, sea and underground, so it was actually much harder to search for anything here.

If anyone else wanted to find the Elemental Roots of these realms, they would have to spend an untold amount of time and effort.

But Gu Qing Shan had Kitty's help.

They simply teleported to each place, took the Elemental Root and left, the efficiency was crazily high.

When Barry had just finished half of his bottle of liquor, they had already returned.

"Everything went well?" Barry asked.

"Here"

Gu Qing Shan opened his palm.

Four Strings of Law lightly hovered above his palm.

"A memorable moment is coming" Barry stood up and commented.

Kitty's eyes were also glowing: "That's right, fusing four worlds at once, I already can't wait to see what would happen"

Gu Qing Shan raised his hand up.

The four shining Strings of Law gave off a colorful light before disappearing into the void of space.

They had merged with this world.

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Without a sound of warning, the world began to change.

Barry spoke emotionally: "Back when the 900 million World Layers still hadn't established its current laws, countless worlds were constantly at war for each other's Strings of Law"

"It was a bloody and chaotic era"

"Really? Many Combatants must've been born in such a time period huh?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Barry answered: "Many Lord-class Combatants were born in that era"

Kitty also nodded and answered: "It's because fusing another world brings huge benefit to living beings of your own world"

Gu Qing Shan's personal Holo-Brain lit up in his breast pocket.

Impartial Goddess' voice came out: [Sir, are you currently merging the worlds?]

"Yes" Gu Qing Shan replied.

[The world has already begun to expand and become larger, according to the model established last time when we fused with Huang Quan, more and more terrains and biomes will be formed]

Gu Qing Shan asked: "Will the world climate as well as our original structures and crops be affected?"

Impartial Goddess answered: [It will, the world climate will change to better accommodate mankind, the structures of human civilization won't be affected by the change in terrain, food and crop harvest will achieve and reach an all-time high compared to the past]

[Furthermore, depending on individual differences, normal people will become physically stronger, Professionals will experience another growth spurt with their strength]

"That's a good thing" Gu Qing Shan nodded.

Suddenly sensing something, he released his inner sight to check the area around the spaceship.

A handsome middle-aged man——

Well, it was actually Liao Xing after his cosmetic surgery—— was floating in mid-air with various machine parts surrounding him.

The parts quickly assembled following his hand movements and formed a long mechanical arm that rested on his shoulder.

"Impartial Goddess, I'm ready over here, what about you?" Liao Xing loudly asked.

[Thank you for your support, please replace the electrical components of the long-distance decoder number 3 and 4 that was damaged just now, and change the access passwords for them as well, we will attempt another in-operation decoding method] Impartial Goddess replied.

"Got it!" Liao Xing said.

He controlled the mechanical arm to replace the components of the 2 large decoders in front of the spaceship.

Gu Qing Shan was speechless.

To be able to apply things that he learnt through cultivation into mundane tasks like this, Liao Xing really was an exception within exceptions.

A few moments later, Liao Xing suddenly detached his mechanical arm and hurriedly ran away. While running, Liao Xing Shouted: “No good! I don’t know why but I’m going to break through to Golden Core realm right now, I need some private space—— Impartial Goddess, protect me!”

He looked for flat ground, sat down with his legs crossed and closed his eyes to prepare to break through to Golden Core realm.

Seeing this, Gu Qing Shan spoke emotionally: “It has finally begun”

Indeed, from this moment onwards, the 6 worlds would begin to merge into one.

An unprecedented world larger than ever before was slowly being formed.

At the same time, the power of the world fusion gradually seeped out.

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Gu Qing Shan wasn’t too assured with Liao Xing.

He released his inner sight and carefully checked Liao Xing’s current state.

And he quickly found the spirit energy tide flowing from Liao Xing’s body.

This was the sign of spirit energy overflowing and about to undergo a breakthrough.

For a cultivator, breaking through to Golden Core realm was both hard and not hard at the same time.

Because breaking through Golden Core realm didn’t require you to face the Lightning Tribulation.

This alone causes the difficulty to go down by at least 70%.

Liao Xing already closed his eyes, so he slowly sank into a state of non-thinking.

As time passed, a 5-eyed monster appeared from the void of space.

『 A cultivator, what delectable flesh 』

The monster was drooling as it gnashed its teeth.

Looking at the monster, Gu Qing Shan hesitated, not sure if he wanted to help him.

——indeed, advancing to Golden Core realm doesn’t force you to go through a Tribulation, but various creatures of the void would be attracted to the spirit energy tides.

This was one of the many challenges that a cultivator had to face.

He can help Liao Xing once, but not forever.

When it comes time for him to break through to Rejuvenation realm, Liao Xing will have to face everything on his own anyway.

A cultivator's breakthrough can only depend on themselves.

Let's just watch how Liao Xing will deal with this, I'll only help him when it truly becomes dangerous.

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan didn't attack the monster.

The monster in the air silently leapt out towards Liao Xing.

With both eyes closed, Liao Xing didn't move at all, instead, he quickly formed a few hand seals.

Gu Qing Shan's eyes opened wide.

Liao Xing's spirit energy converged and was infused into his hand seal and rippled across the void of space.

Hand seal formed!

Hand seal formed!

Hand seal formed!

Hand seal formed!

Hand seal formed!

Liao Xing had activated the same spell five times in a row!

A golden light shot to the sky, aiming for the 5-eyed monster.

The monster suddenly stopped in mid-air, opened its wings and glided to one side.

The golden light missed it.

But four other golden lights quickly followed and entered the monster's body.

It died.

The monster's body, limbs, head and wings were cleanly cut off and laid neatly on the ground.

Liao Xing's lips curved into a mocking smile as he spoke to the air: "Void monster No.7921, with a pair of crude wings, it can only use the most primitive aero maneuvers, jaw and grip strength is only ranked No.9635. With so little strength, it still dares to find death here"

"However, it did provide me with a specimen for my void monster adaptive thesis, which is a good thing"

After saying this, Liao Xing once again entered deep meditation.

Gu Qing Shan rubbed his temples, a bit speechless.

Liao Xing's cultivation methods... seems to have gone off the rails somewhere...

But Liao Xing was only the very first person to receive the newly-fused World Origin's blessings.

As time passed, the Samsara worlds were merging together faster and faster.

The people of the human realm would enter a growth spurt and become stronger rapidly.

At a certain point, Gu Qing Shan sensed something and looked in another direction.

Not too long later.

A green-scaled lizard several stories tall appeared on the empty snowy mountain.

Zhang Ying Hao stood on top of the lizard's head as he was smiling: "Hi boss, I didn't know why but apparently I summoned you by mistake"

The green-scaled lizard was hidden behind a poisonous mist that didn't disperse, only revealing a large vertical eye.

It spoke in a low voice: 「 Little Ying Hao, you still don't understand? Your God's Chosen power had accumulated enough power after receiving the world's blessing, you can now go to the next phase 」

"What? Next phase?" Zhang Ying Hao spoke in surprise.

「 Indeed, you can change your Profession from God's Chosen to Card User 」

Apparently afraid that Zhang Ying Hao might not understand the gravity of the situation, the green-scaled lizard emphasized his words and told him: 「 Right now, put everything excessive out of your mind and say nothing, come with me to create your first Hitman card 」

「 You will need to fully focus yourself on creating this Hitman card—— because it will decide whether or not you will be an average Joe or a true King of Assassins 」

Zhang Ying Hao's attitude became much more serious.

"If it has to do with my Profession, of course I will do my best" he spoke with a heavy tone.

「 Very well, you are now qualified to come with me to Hitmen's Hideout 」

The green-scaled lizard spoke.

Its body moved slightly and turned into a streak of black light as it brought Zhang Ying Hao through the void of space.

"This person will become an assassin-type card user in the future—— is he really your friend?"

Barry was a bit worried as he watched that happen.

"He is, don't worry, he's actually quite a decent person; I know for a fact that he has never killed people without reason" Gu Qing Shan assured him.

"Then it's fine" Barry nodded.

Gu Qing Shan's guarantee was enough to trust.

While they were speaking, waves of energy rippled from the cabin behind them.

Bright red light shined through the cabin's windows from the inside.

Gu Qing Shan, Barry and Kitty all went into the cabin.

The blood cocoon that Ye Fei Li had turned into before was now floating in the air, constantly changing shape.

“Does this mean his evolution is about to complete?”

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Gu Qing Shan put up one hand to block out the blinding red light and loudly asked.

“Don’t know, we need to watch a bit longer to see”

Kitty loudly replied.

The blood cocoon’s shape quickly settled.

It turned into a rectangular box that hovered in the air, then slowly stood still.

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At a glance, the cocoon had just turned into a casket.

Numerous beautifully carved complicated marks and patterns grew on the outside of the casket.

Mysterious runes silently manifested on the casket.

Gusts of wind kept the casket floating in the air, at the same time it blew outwards.

“I can see it, his evolution isn’t over yet” Kitty judged.

Gu Qing Shan felt tense and hurriedly asked: “Did something go wrong?”

“That’s not it, at least, nothing went wrong”

Kitty stared at the blood-colored casket and explained: “His evolution form has changed, apparently he’s evolving into a stronger and higher-ranked form than he was originally going to”

“The blessing of the World Origin had changed his evolution path”

“I think this evolution will most likely require more time than before”

“He will become even stronger!”

Kitty became more excited as she spoke.

The stronger the Club’s people were, the happier she felt.

Gu Qing Shan also sighed in relief.

All of a sudden, Gu Qing Shan himself also felt something coming.

The World Origin’s blessing is here!

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes and carefully sensed himself.

The spirit energy inside his Dantian began to grow uncontrollably.

Originally after breaking through to Projection realm, he didn’t even have time to solidify his foundation yet, only constantly battling and scheming.

So at this point, his spirit energy was still in a chaotic state that still hadn't fully settled down.

However, with the 6 worlds' fusion, with the World Origin's blessing to its inhabitants, Gu Qing Shan also benefited greatly.

He felt his body filled with spirit energy that kept on expanding, like the earth welcoming rain after a long period of drought.

The immense spirit energy flowed around his body nonstop and finally settled in his Dantian.

Gu Qing Shan put his hands forward and lightly formed a seal.

—within the Suspended world's collection of jade tags, there was one that explained clearly how to breakthrough for Projection realm cultivators.

Recalling the information he read, Gu Qing Shan activated his hand seal.

Bam!

Deep inside himself, something seemed to have been broken through.

Like he was infused with power, spirit energy flowed around his body and constantly increased bit by bit without end.

Gu Qing Shan felt that the spirit energy inside his body had turned into a large vortex that connected to the void of space, siphoning an inexplicable power from deep inside the world.

His spirit energy grew, and grew, and grew.

When everything had stabilized, Gu Qing Shan could already feel himself almost unable to restrain his spirit energy.

The spirit energy tides in his body were several times more intense than Liao Xing's.

In fact, as long as Gu Qing Shan was willing to, he could trigger his Tribulation right now.

—-he was already ready to break through to Tribulation realm!

Gu Qing Shan deeply sighed and told Barry: "Now I finally understand why everyone likes merging worlds so much"

Barry just grinned.

Kitty also smiled and told him: "Our Club still has quite a bit of quota, so you can use it without worry, but do you know what punishment awaits those who merge worlds without permission?"

"What is it?"

"Immediate execution"

"Then I'm really glad I was able to join the Justice Iron Fist Club" Gu Qing Shan smiled and commented.

Kitty's expression changed a bit.

She quickly took out a small intricate pocket watch.

——the Divine Watch from God Institute.

The watch's hour, minute and second hands were all moving wildly.

"Look, there's a reaction!" Kitty joyfully exclaimed.

Gu Qing Shan spoke in a serious voice: "It seems the world tomb really will only appear when the Samsara has all fused together"

A few moments later, the three hands on the pocket watch jumped out from the clock face and turned into three long lines of numbers.

"What is this?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Staring closely at the three numbers, Kitty quickly told them: "A very complicated spatial coordinates— — this is a very rare coordinates recording method that fell out of use about 900 years ago, fortunately, I still remember how to convert it"

"Can you pinpoint the exact location?" Barry also asked.

"Hm, I know where it is now"

"Gu Qing Shan, what about you?"

"Let's go check it out together— — Impartial Goddess, maintain vigilance and protect Ye Fei Li"

[Understood, sir] Impartial Goddess replied.

"Any other message you want to leave?" Kitty asked.

"Nothing"

"Then we're going"

She reached her hands out to grab Barry's and Gu Qing Shan's hands.

In a flash, the three of them disappeared from the North Pole.

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The original world.

A barren mountain range.

This was a place situated near a desert, due to its proximity, the climate year round was dry and intense sand storms would ravage the area yearly for six months. .

On this barren mountain range, besides the jagged rocks that were constantly under the heat, there were only sparse heat-resistant wild plants.

Under the intense burning sunlight, no animals could be seen.

In the sky.

Barry, Kitty and Gu Qing Shan appeared.

“The Samsara’s world tomb is hidden inside this mountain?” Barry asked.

Kitty replied: “According to God Institute’s locator, it should be”

Hearing that, Gu Qing Shan’s mind moved.

He silently activated the Skill: [Miracle Search].

The Soul Points value displayed on the War God UI dropped by a few hundred points.

——it was only a few hundred, Gu Qing Shan only glanced at it briefly before ignoring it.

He then felt a strange connection being formed.

He was now able to sense a particular type of energy wave from the void of space.

Following this connection in his mind, Gu Qing Shan quickly understood.

*Indeed, one of the Old God’s creations is here, I don’t know what it is, but it must be right here.
As for where exactly——*

Gu Qing Shan’s gaze fell downwards.

That item should be hidden right under this mountain.

Sure enough, Kitty pointed at the rocky mountain beneath them and said: “The place should be underneath this mountain”

Gu Qing Shan silently praised and stopped the skill.

[Miracle Search] isn’t a combat skill.

But with it, from now on whenever I want to find something left behind by the Old Gods in the 900 million World Layers, it’ll be much easier.

“Seems like it’s a bit deep”

Kitty roughly judged the distance and told them.

“My turn” Barry spoke.

He raised his hands and then chopped down.

Oom——

The earth rumbled.

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Sand and mud scattered.

The entire mountain itself was split in half.

Unable to handle such overwhelming power, not only did the mountain split in half, it even fell apart in opposite directions.

Something hidden deep underground showed itself to the three of them.

It was a huge face.

As the sunlight shined upon it, the giant face appeared to be very animated.

The three of them were shocked at first before slowly taking a closer look.

Kitty sighed: "So it was a statue of the Old Gods made from bronze, almost scared me to death"

Barry scowled: "It's very rare for the Old Gods to leave images of themselves behind, who would've thought there would be such a rare Old God statue here"

"I heard that the Old Gods created humans with the likeness of their image, but rarely showed their true selves in front of mortals, how do you know this bronze statue is depicting an Old God?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Because of his expression"

"Expression?"

"Indeed, according to the ancient records of the Spire Keeper Association, whenever an object is left by the Old Gods and depicts them, it would always show an expression of grief"

"Grief..."

Gu Qing Shan looked back at the bronze face.

The face itself was so animated it could be mistaken to be alive, displaying a deep expression of grief as it silently looked at the three of them.

Being looked at by the face, Gu Qing Shan suddenly got influenced by an irresistible emotion.

"Among all ancient objects found so far, the Old Gods have always had this facial expression" Barry continued.

"A lot of people say that this showed the deepest level of grief, proving the mercy of the Old Gods towards the life of mortals, but I've always felt something wasn't quite correct" Kitty commented.

"Why so?" Barry was a bit surprised.

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He had never heard his sister talk about this ever before.

Kitty explained: "I'm not sure. Personally, I feel that a grieving work of art should hold a lot of meaning and allure, but whenever I looked at pictures of those ancient artifacts or the real thing, the expressions of Old Gods on those statues have never influenced me before"

Gu Qing Shan suddenly chimed in: "Looking at these statues, you couldn't help but never want to look at it again"

"That's true" Kitty thought briefly before confirming that.

"I think these expressions are actually a type of negative expression—-- something like despair, suffering and fear, that's why you're subconsciously blocking them out, not wanting to be influenced by them" Gu Qing Shan said.

"People once suggested that to be the case, but it was quickly debunked" Kitty told him.

"How was it debunked?"

"Because the Old Gods created the infinite worlds, they created the living beings of those worlds. The Old Gods should be omnipotent; against mortals, any miracle they perform can easily change a mortal's common sense itself, so they wouldn't have any such negative feelings" Kitty explained.

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

That's true.

He stopped thinking about this and continued to look down.

He was observing the statue once again.

—this huge statue of an Old God was carved from a solid chunk of bronze.

Bronze?

Wait a minute, didn't I already see this material somewhere before?

He recalled the 100,000-year-old giant corpse.

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And then for some reason, Gu Qing Shan instantly thought of something else.

I found out a certain secret from the [War God Quest].

The Samsara world contains the most world tombs, they were the method of self-salvation left behind by the Old Gods for mortals.

Self-salvation...

The method of self-salvation...

Gu Qing Shan had a certain realization, but no matter how hard he thought about it, he couldn't quite grasp it.

"Let's slowly fly down, keep your eyes out for anything while we do" Barry told them.

"Alright" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Since Barry had already explored several world tombs already, his experience and opinion was invaluable, listening to him would be correct.

The three of them slowly descended towards the huge bronze face.

The closer they got to the face, the smaller the three of them were in comparison.

It was almost as if they were three leaves floating on a wide lake.

As they got closer, Gu Qing Shan noticed something incredible.

As they went down, the bronze face's eyes were also moving.

The face itself was also changing directions as if to observe the three of them easier.

"It's moving" Gu Qing Shan said.

"It is, an Old God's statue has a certain amount of sentience, they can even tell you about the details of the world tomb" Barry explained.

Kitty also told him: "Relax, the Old Gods have already left the 900 million World Layers a long time ago, this statue is nothing but a statue now"

Gu Qing Shan calmed down and carefully observed the bronze face.

All of a sudden, he noticed a shadow being reflected in the left eye of the bronze face.

"Barry, Kitty, look" Gu Qing Shan immediately told them.

The two of them looked towards the direction he pointed in.

"What do you see?" Barry asked doubtfully.

Gu Qing Shan answered: "Quickly take a look at its left eye"

In his vision, the shadow inside the statue's left eye seems to have noticed the three of them approaching.

It was banging on the bronze eye.

Almost as if it wanted to escape from the left eye of the statue!

Kitty stared at the statue's left eye and shook her head: "I don't see anything"

Barry also commented: "This pair of eyes is actually quite animated, in fact, it's the most life-like among all the statues I've seen of the Old Gods"

Gu Qing Shan glanced at them.

Barry and Kitty had normal expressions on their faces, not at all like they were lying.

The two of them were both Lord-class Combatants, so there's no need for them to joke with him about such a small thing.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly had a thought.

Could it be...

Only I can see that shadow?

He looked back at the bronze statue's left eye.

The shadow inside the eye had already calmed down.

It just silently stood there, unmoving.

For some reason, Gu Qing Shan felt that the shadow was actually looking through the bronze left eye, silently looking straight at him.

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The shadow stood still, it was looking through the bronze left eye of the statue silently staring at Gu Qing Shan.

But Barry and Kitty didn't notice it at all.

Barry kept on talking: "You guys should be a bit careful, sometimes strange changes will occur before a world tomb unseals itself"

"That doesn't really matter much though, with bro and my powers, we should be able to deal with it no problem" Kitty grinned.

The three of them kept flying down towards the bronze statue.

A few moments later.

They were standing on the bronze face's nose.

"Next, we should split up, to search and see if there's something special about this bronze statue" Barry explained.

"Usually, those special parts will be related one way or another to how to unseal this world tomb" Kitty explained to Gu Qing Shan a bit more clearly.

"That's right, so how about we get started now?" Barry spoke excitedly.

Regardless of what happens, this was still something left behind by the Old Gods, being able to explore it was already an adventure by itself.

Gu Qing Shan was indifferent.

He noticed that Barry and Kitty really couldn't see the shadow.

This pair of brother and sister, as he knew them, were righteous and easy-going.

—if they really were trying to deceive me and pretend not to notice that shadow, never mind Kitty, Barry would have already shown it on his face.

Which means something isn't quite right.

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath.

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He decided to remind Barry and Kitty again, this time using spells instead of just their vision.

With some help from magic, they might be able to discover that shadow.

Gu Qing Shan spoke: "Barry, Kitty, can you guys use some sort of spell to check that bronze face's left eye, I noticed—"

He stopped.

As soon as he said 'the bronze face's left eye', his surroundings had completely changed.

The scenery around him stretched endlessly and warped, then shattered in front of Gu Qing Shan's eyes.

The entire world turned pure white.

Gu Qing Shan noticed that he was hovering, then once again landed on solid ground.

He tried expanding his inner sight all around.

The four directions extended endlessly.

Besides a single color of white, there was nothing in this world.

And the place Gu Qing Shan was standing was a deserted island.

——in the blink of an eye; he was standing on a deserted island.

Kitty and Barry were nowhere to be seen.

He was the only person on this entire island.

The island was floating above an endless dark abyss.

This seemed very similar to the floating islands of the Suspended world.

But unlike the Suspended world, the only thing below the island was a bottomless abyss and not the realm demon.

Gu Qing Shan looked down and tried stomping the ground.

The ground was exceptionally hard and was slightly shimmering in a metallic bronze color.

——this was actually an island made completely from bronze.

After a bit of thinking, Gu Qing Shan coldly chuckled.

It is simply too hard to capture and transport two Lord-class Combatants away without causing a commotion.

Which means—— only I got affected.

“An illusory technique?”

Gu Qing Shan muttered and drew the Six Paths Great Mountain sword from the void of space.

This sword could break any Laws.

Fortunately, I can still move as normal, if I use all my power, I might be able to dispel this illusion.

He raised his sword——

“Please wait”

A familiar voice came out.

Hearing the voice, Gu Qing Shan almost froze solid, unable to even hold his sword properly.

As experienced as he was in battle, no matter how tough of a situation he faced, he could maintain a certain level of calm and rarely did he ever lose his focus.

But as soon as he heard this voice, Gu Qing Shan felt a cold chill run down his back.

“Who are you?”

Gu Qing Shan shouted with a threatening voice.

“Who am I? That’s not important”

A black shadow flew up from the bottomless abyss below the bronze island.

The shadow landed right in front of Gu Qing Shan.

It had no facial features or clear figure, the most he could do was barely make out that it was a black humanoid shadow.

—a very familiar one.

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath and barely maintained his calm.

“What kind of magic did you use to take me here?” he asked.

“Compared to what I need to say, these minor details are insignificant” the shadow spoke.

“Then tell me something else, what exactly are you?”

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The shadow replied: “I came from the Age of Old, once a shadow of a certain person. I managed to survive for so long without dissipating by using the sparse divine power left behind in the world tomb”

“I was left here all alone because that person felt that they needed to leave a piece of truth for the later generations, in the hopes that someone may find out one day”

“To make sure that this secret is only bestowed to those that can use it, that person had set up numerous levels of authorities, of which the specifics are unknown to me”

“My role is to simply relay his words to the one that fused the Samsara world together and unsealed the world tomb”

“Then go ahead” Gu Qing Shan spoke.

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The shadow spoke: “These words will only be spoken once, and according to that person, only you may know about this. You definitely cannot tell anyone else about this, otherwise, you will not have time to regret your actions”

The shadow’s voice changed into a lower, more serious tone.

「 I don’t care who you are but listen closely 」

「 The Old Gods had created a lot of worlds, with the Samsara being the pinnacle of them all, but it was still easily broken apart 」

I already know about this!

Without thinking, Gu Qing Shan hurriedly asked: “Who was it that broke the Samsara?”

The shadow answered: 「 I can't reveal that to you, but I can tell you this much, the Old Gods feared that type of existence 」

“Where are the Old Gods? Why can none of the Old Gods be seen anywhere in the 900 million World Layers?” Gu Qing Shan asked another question.

「 The Old Gods ran away 」 the shadow answered.

Its body was becoming thinner and dimmer as if answering these questions took a lot from it.

「 There is one other thing, you must listen well 」

「 Originally, there were a total of 9.9 billion World Layers, but one by one, they were destroyed and fell into the Doomsday Necropolis 」

9.9 billion Layers!?

If that was true——

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath and couldn't help but spoke: “I don't believe you if there were originally 9.9 billion World Layers, why has no one within the 900 million World Layers ever heard of this before?”

The shadow answered him: 「 If mortals have never even heard of the Doomsday Necropolis, then of course they wouldn't know how many Layers there originally were, and furthermore not how they were destroyed 」

“9 billion World Layers... how did so many get destroyed...?”

Gu Qing Shan mumbled, still in disbelief.

The shadow explained: 「 Because originally, the Old Gods created the infinite worlds for nothing but a single goal 」

“There was a reason why they created the worlds? What was the Old God's goal?” Gu Qing Shan pursued further.

「 To buy time 」 the shadow answered him.

Gu Qing Shan thought about that and slowly spoke: “Buying time is also a strategy, are the Old Gods trying to accomplish something? What do they need time for? To accumulate power and retaliate against those enemies?”

「 That isn't so 」

The shadow continued: 「 The Old Gods only wanted to escape as much as they could, to stay away as much as possible from that existence 」

“Why didn't they try to think of a way to fight back?”

「 Because they couldn't 」

Saying that the shadow became fainter.

「 The Old Gods ran away because they were afraid, they went mad with despair, they died because they tried to fight back, and they hid because of fear 」

「 This is the Worlds Apocalypse, the Apocalypse of the Old Gods, the Apocalypse of all living beings and all things! 」

Hearing this familiar voice, Gu Qing Shan couldn't contain his emotions anymore and roared: "Then what's the point of telling me about all of this!? I'm just a mere insignificant cultivator!!!"

The shadow slowly faded and finally disappeared into nothing.

Leaving only a single statement:

「 The Old Gods created a lot of things much stronger than themselves, because of that, before the infinite worlds are all destroyed, no one can really say whether or not something unexpected would happen 」

The voice also faded away.

Everything became silent again, around him everything returned to endless nothingness.

Gu Qing Shan's legs became limp as he collapsed on the spot.

He was breathing heavily, wiping the dripping sweat from his forehead over and over.

After a while, he slowly calmed down again.

Gu Qing Shan sat on the cold ground and silently fell into thought.

Compared to the System's Samsara secret, the shadow just told him a much more significant secret.

But Gu Qing Shan wasn't someone to panic when it really counted.

No matter how terrifying these secrets were, how much of a threat the 900 million World Layers were facing, they couldn't hinder his thought process.

Even if an Old God dropped dead right in front of him, he wouldn't panic.

The thing that truly made him feel the chill was that shadow's voice.

——because of how familiar that voice was.

Even if Gu Qing Shan became an idiot, he would still recognize that voice.

That's right.

It was his own voice.

Gu Qing Shan looked up, his eyes full of doubt and confusion.

I know for a fact, I was an orphan of the Confederate, my parents died in an accident.

When I graduated high school, because I got too close to Su Xue Er, I was framed by the 9 Lords' people.

After [Worlds Apocalypse Online] appeared, I started half a year later than everyone else and began my

journey between the two worlds.

After a lot of struggle and effort, I finally became a Sword Saint.

In the end, at Demon Clouds River, facing humanity's losing inevitability, I and all of my comrades used all of our powers for one last strike and killed that Demon Lord.

— and when I woke up again, I found myself lying among a pile of corpses.

This era was one when the cultivation world hadn't started to head towards ruin and when the demons had already begun their invasion.

Back in the original world, time was also rewinded to the day when I graduated high school.

Every step, every event, every phase was clear as day.

Then why did I meet a shadow from the Age of Old in this world tomb?

Why did it speak with the exact same voice as me?

It said it used to be a person's shadow, then who was that person?

There was no more time to think.

Within the completely empty space, the countless warped and endlessly stretched scenery return to its original space at unimaginable speed.

The scenery of reality returned in front of Gu Qing Shan's eyes.

He had returned.

"Alright, we're going to split up and see what kind of mechanism this statue has"

Kitty excitedly declared.

Barry had already moved towards the bronze statue's mouth.

He loudly spoke: "I bet that there's a pathway to the Samsara world's world tomb right inside the Old God statue's mouth"

Gu Qing Shan silently watched everything in front of his eyes.

— — — — *it seems no one except me knows about what happened just now.*

Gu Qing Shan fell into a long silence.

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TN: Suddenly, all that talk about "the Old God's method of self-salvation" takes on a completely different meaning.

Chapter 639

Barry and Kitty began to search around the huge bronze face.

Gu Qing Shan stood still, stunned.

He was being plagued by so many thoughts that he couldn't calm himself down.

For some reason, just looking at the bronze face reminded him of the giant corpse.

The giant corpse that was trapped on a bronze pillar in an enclosed world, unable to escape.

Could that bronze pillar have been made by the Old Gods as well?

Next time we meet, I definitely have to ask him about it.

The stranger thing was that monster.

It was eating the giant corpse's flesh.

It even called my name and immediately wanted to kill me.

Thanks to Laura's Sovereign armor stopping it, the Earth sword and I were able to use all of our power to kill that monster.

It said I was pitiful.

Pitiful...

Gu Qing Shan had nothing but doubts.

At the time, I was too weak, the armor's effect could only persist for a few breaths worth of time, and the Earth sword only had enough power for one strike.

Besides killing it, I had no way to capture or disarm it and slowly ask for more information.

So now all that is left now is a huge mystery.

With how much he knew right now, Gu Qing Shan couldn't make any guesses at all.

What a despairing situation!

Gu Qing Shan lowered his gaze and silently sighed.

Kitty then noticed Gu Qing Shan's expression to be a bit off.

She jumped back on the bronze face's nose and carefully observed Gu Qing Shan.

"Gu Qing Shan, what's wrong?"

She asked.

"It's nothing" Gu Qing Shan tried his best to smile, "I'm just thinking that the key to opening the world tomb might be in the statue's eye"

"Ah? So that's why you've been standing still over here, you were trying to think of a solution huh"

Kitty didn't quite expect to hear that.

Barry also heard Gu Qing Shan's words.

He couldn't find anything at the bronze face's mouth, so he stood up and asked: "You think it might be the eye?"

He moved towards the face's bronze eyes.

"The left eye" Gu Qing Shan reminded him.

Barry nodded and landed on the border of the face's left eye.

He crouched down and carefully touched the outer layer of the eye.

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After a while, Barry exclaimed: "There really is something here!"

"What is it?" Kitty asked from afar.

"This eye is loose, it can move"

Saying so, Barry pushed down on the eye.

Both of the statue's eyes slowly sank down, leaving two dark holes at the eye sockets.

A moment of silence.

Suddenly, two blinding lights shot from the face's eyes.

With this pair of shining eyes, the entire statue came to life.

The bronze statue opened its mouth and sighed in a deep and distant tone.

He stared at Barry, then Kitty, then Gu Qing Shan.

「 Were you the ones who woke me? 」 the bronze statue asked.

"Yep, it was us" Barry answered.

「 Very well done 」 the bronze statue praised, 「 This place was a unique world tomb set up by the Old Gods before they left 」

「 To unseal it, a certain condition must be met: to gather and fuse the scattered Samsara back into one world 」

「 The river of time has flowed for much too long, but today, someone had finally managed to merge the Human, Asura, Heaven, Huang Quan, Hungry Ghost and Animal realms together 」

「 Although we have long since left this place, we too, feel glad to know that someone was able to achieve this feat 」

Barry and Kitty exchanged surprised glances.

They were both veterans, so they naturally understood the key points that the bronze statue conveyed in its words.

"O' honourable God, why did you hope that the Samsara world would be fused again?" Kitty asked.

「 Because this was an experiment, one that we had hoped to be able to complete, but were unable to do it in time due to something unexpected happening 」 the bronze face replied.

Barry and Kitty were both confused, unable to understand what the statue was saying.

Was there something that the Old Gods were unable to do?

Gu Qing Shan, on the other hand, was shaken

He instantly realized.

—originally, the Old Gods created the Samsara world with the intention to fuse them all into one. But for some reason, this was found out by their enemies. The Samsara world was broken apart! That was why the Old Gods were unable to do it!

“Why did you not make it in time?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The bronze face stopped briefly.

「 That question is not yours to find out 」 the bronze face spoke.

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Gu Qing Shan immediately asked further: “Very well, then please tell me, what would happen after the Samsara world is fused?”

The bronze face stopped again.

He sighed deeply and spoke: 「 The fusion of the Samsara represents a certain possibility, but that is also not something you need to know about 」

The bronze face refused to answer any more questions and only stated: 「 Now, this unique world tomb will awaken 」

Barry asked in a low voice: “What do you mean ‘awaken’? I remember that world tombs were sub-spaces hidden all over the void of space, can’t we just go in?”

He also noticed something wasn’t right.

「 This is a unique world tomb 」 the face answered.

The three of them exchanged glances.

They couldn’t help but recall the people from God Institute.

They came to this world in order to find a unique world tomb for their God.

At this point, the bronze face continued: 「 You have fused the Samsara world— even though it is but the tiniest fragment, this is still an unprecedented advancement of mortals, so the world tower we hid here will be awakened 」

Following his words, the world began to tremble.

“Look!” Kitty exclaimed.

Several dozen meters away from the bronze face, a cold metallic tower rose to the sky.

—it was a tower made completely out of bronze!

It grew from the ground and kept growing towards the clouds, only after it had pierced through the layer of clouds above that it began to slow down.

Rumble rumble!

Despite the world's trembling, the tower itself stood tall in the middle of the world.

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It was majestic and grand, so much that any observer couldn't help but feel a sense of worship and respect.

Kitty exclaimed in shock: "Isn't that the Spire Keeper Association's Tower of Knowledge?"

The bronze face replied: 「 No, this is not the Tower of Knowledge, but rather the final creation of the Old Gods, the Tower of Infinite Worlds 」

"The Tower of Infinite Worlds?"

「 Indeed, within the Tower of Knowledge, mortals will gain the knowledge of the universe through various means, but within this Tower of Infinite Worlds, the Laws of trillions of worlds are complete, mortals may go through and complete its tests in order to become strong 」

「 The tests each individual face, when they enter the Tower, are different, and only after completing a floor can they enter the next 」

「 The higher the floor you reach, the more excellent the rewards 」

"What kinds of rewards are there?" Barry asked.

「 Secret techniques for advancement, crucial items for evolution, Skills, weapons, treasures, equipment, unique Professions, so on and so forth 」

「 Mortals may climb this Tower and evolve without stopping 」

「 This is the method of self-salvation that the Old Gods left for mortals! 」

Barry and Kitty silently listened, couldn't help themselves from glancing at the sky-high bronze Tower once again.

"Miraculous..." Kitty exclaimed.

Barry sighed: "The Old Gods really are merciful, creating such a thing to allow mortals to become stronger"

The bronze face spoke with a pleased tone: 「 The Old Gods love mortals, the Old Gods pity mortals, every life and creature that exists and grows stronger makes the Old Gods feel joy and happiness 」

Barry and Kitty couldn't help but nod.

The Creator Gods left such a Tower for living beings of the infinite worlds.

Besides grieving for living beings and hope that they can better survive, there couldn't be any other reason for doing this.

Gu Qing Shan silently listened and didn't say a single word.

As he now knew better, his heart became frigid cold.

Why did the Old Gods do so much to make sure that living beings become stronger?

They only want living beings of the infinite worlds to become a barrier, a shield that can stall for them

longer!

Such a cowardly and despicable plan was masked as a righteous and selfless act.

Gu Qing Shan felt furious.

But can the living beings of the infinite worlds give up on becoming stronger?

The threat was already forcefully left by the Old Gods for living beings to face and risk their lives against.

Only by becoming stronger can they actually have a single hope of survival.

—or perhaps there was no hope in the first place.

Even without the hope to survive, living beings are forced to become stronger and stop their enemies for the Old Gods.

What a tragic truth this was.

Could it be, there is no path for mortals to take where they can survive?

Do us mortals have no choice, but to be a defensive tool for the Old Gods to take advantage of?

Gu Qing Shan gritted his teeth.

A feeling of extreme unwillingness welled up in his chest, forcing him to do everything to hold himself back, as well as the despair and fury in his heart.

No!

My destiny, the destiny of all living beings in the infinite worlds should not be only that!!!

There definitely... must be a way...

Gu Qing Shan forced himself to regain clarity, focused his mind and began to seriously consider this question.

He then recalled what he saw before.

The final words that the shadow of Old left before it disappeared.

「 The Old Gods created a lot of things much stronger than themselves, because of that, before the infinite worlds are all destroyed, no one can really say whether or not something unexpected would happen 」

Those words were still echoing in his ears, fresh in his memory.

Gu Qing Shan carefully repeated these words over and over in his mind.

At some point, a sudden unprecedented thought appeared in his mind.

That's right, just like how the Old Gods had hoped, the living beings or the infinite worlds will keep becoming stronger.

But the reason for that isn't to better become the Old God's tools.

But rather—

The Old Gods created mortals, but who's to say that mortals can't surpass the Old Gods?

Only by becoming stronger than the Old Gods can living beings find a real path among the despair, a path towards true hope!

Only by surpassing the Old Gods can we deal with all obstacles and hardship!

This is the true path that living beings should tread!!!

Gu Qing Shan clenched his fist tightly.

At this time, he felt more courageous than ever before.

Chapter 640

Barry stared at the sky-high bronze tower with a worried look.

“A creation of the Old Gods at this level will probably cause a war and a lot of bloodshed” he said.

Gu Qing Shan asked: “Do you mean a lot of people will want to take over this world and obtain this Tower?”

Barry nodded: “That is exactly what I’m saying, according to the bronze face’s words, this Tower contains the complete collection of Laws of every world, capable of helping beings of every race become stronger. I’m sure once news of this gets out, it will cause a huge commotion”

Kitty added: “And then more and more trouble will follow, accompanied by various struggles, possibly ending in a fight between forces and organizations everywhere— this has already happened too many times to count”

“That is indeed a problem, especially when God Institute had already known about this” Gu Qing Shan commented.

The three of them were troubled.

At this time, the bronze face spoke.

「 There is no need to worry, the Old Gods have naturally already predicted this situation 」

The three of them looked at the bronze face again.

The face continued: 「 When the Samsara is fused and the Tower of Infinite Worlds shows itself, the Old Gods have also granted this world stable protection 」

“What kind of protection?” Gu Qing Shan looked down at the bronze face and asked.

The bronze face answered him: 「 When I disappear, the Laws that created me will change this world’s dimensional properties, turning it into a Super Dimensional world! 」

A Super Dimensional world!

As long as someone knows a Super Dimensional world’s coordinates, no matter where they are in any world, they can directly bypass the restriction of time and space to come to that world.

But only if the owner of this Super Dimensional world allows it.

Otherwise, a Super Dimensional world was an absolute safe room, no force from the outside would be able to infiltrate.

It was thanks to him having the Justice Iron Fist Club that Barry managed to survive with a wounded body for so long and endured until he could recover.

Without both his and Kitty's permission, no one would be able to enter the Justice Iron Fist Club.

Hearing the bronze face, both Barry and Kitty sighed in relief.

Gu Qing Shan also lightly nodded.

One can't help but admit that the Old God's method of protection was a very good one.

"Wait a minute, if this world is going to become a Super Dimensional world, who will be the Super Dimensional world's owner?" Barry sharply asked.

「 He who fused the Samsara will become the owner of this new Super Dimensional world 」 the bronze face replied.

He looked at Gu Qing Shan and spoke: 「 Unless I felt it wrong, you must be the one who fused this world together 」

"I am" Gu Qing Shan admitted.

「 You will require an item to contain this world's Super Dimensional jurisdiction 」

"An item?"

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Gu Qing Shan looked at Barry and Kitty.

He didn't understand this too well, but Barry and Kitty were owners of a Super Dimensional world.

Barry and Kitty had already been grinning.

Barry answered him: "That's right, both the Super Dimensional world beacon and path needs to be activated through something"

Kitty explained further: "This is where you must be careful, you need to choose an item that's related to this world, but wouldn't be damaged or broken easily to contain the Super Dimensional jurisdiction"

"You have to choose it seriously, otherwise if the container gets damaged, moving the Super Dimensional jurisdiction would become a very troublesome process" Barry added.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit and lightly grabbed something from the void of space.

He took out the Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

A beautiful blue figure rose from the sword.

"Gongzi, I'm worried that I might not be able to handle such responsibility" Shannu was a bit uneasy.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and told her: "It will be fine. If you can't do it, nothing else will be able to"

Shannu was surprised: "Why do you say so, gongzi?"

Gu Qing Shan explained: "You have [Invincible], [Law Breaker] and [Living's Wisdom] these three Thaumaturgies if one day I happen to not be here, you can take the Devil King Warden Rod, go through the Forgetting River, return to the Huang Quan realm and hide inside the Grand Tie Wei Mountain"

“That way, no one will ever be able to open this world’s Super Dimensional path”

“This world won’t be affected by any schemes, invasions or even destruction”

“It will be the final layer of protection I leave for this world”

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Shannu silently nodded: “I understand, gongzi”

She disappeared into the Six Paths Great Mountain sword again.

The bronze face silently watched over this conversation and asked: 「 Have you chosen? 」

“Yes, I have”

Gu Qing Shan put the Six Paths Great Mountain sword forward.

「 Very well, my mission is now complete, I can now finally enter the eternal peaceful slumber 」

Saying so, the bronze face began to crumble.

It slowly turned into an endless stream of light turquoise sand and gravel before swirling upwards to the sky.

The sand and gravel gave off an intense bronze light as they went in two directions.

Most of the gravel flew to the air and slowly disappeared.

As they did, the world once again started to quake and tremble intensely.

A smaller amount of gravel circled around the Six Paths Great Mountain sword at a really fast speed.

Then they were all absorbed into the sword’s body.

The originally autumn-like shining blue steel sword now carried an air of vicissitudes.

An air of authority drifted about the sword.

This was the power of the Old Gods, it was currently constructing the jurisdiction of a new Super Dimensional world.

A few moments later, the paranormal phenomenon all disappeared.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword returned to Gu Qing Shan’s hand.

A few lines of glowing text scrolled past the War God UI.

[Your sword has changed]

[This sword’s characteristics has changed, as displayed below]

[Six Paths Great Mountain sword, Worlds’ ceremonial sword, Divine Armament of Huang Quan Path]

[This sword is the manifestation of the Grand Tie Wei Mountain’s Law]

[Invincible: No powers of any world is capable of damage this sword’s body]

[Law Breaker: No Laws of any world is capable of affecting this sword]

[Living’s Wisdom: With your permission, Shannu will gain all your skills, abilities and knowledge, either using the Six Paths Great Mountain sword to fight for you, or fight with you by your side]

[Divine Protector: At the time of Huang Quan's birth, destruction and great change, these three important moments, the Six Paths Great Mountain sword may control the Grand Tie Wei Mountain]
[World Control: He who holds this sword can control a certain newly-born Super Dimensional world]

After Gu Qing Shan looked at them all, the text disappeared.

More lines of text appeared on the War God UI.

[The world is about to be transformed by the power of the Old Gods, estimated duration: 9 to 99 days]
[During this time period, the new world will gradually gain the characteristics of a Super Dimensional world]

[Three minutes later, the transformation will begin, all living beings will no longer be able to enter or leave this world]

[The War God System suggests that you attempt scaling the Tower of Infinite Worlds with all your power during this time period]

Gu Qing Shan looked at the information on the War God UI and silently fell into thought for a few breaths of time.

"Congratulations, Gu Qing Shan, not only have you become the ruler of your own world, you now own your personal Super Dimensional world!" Kitty congratulated him.

Barry also smiled: "That's right, not only does he own a Super Dimensional world, he also has this Tower of Infinite Worlds, seems like our Club won't have to go enter debt ever again"

"Yep!" Kitty excitedly clapped her hands: "From now on, countless people will be begging us to enter this world"

While saying that, Barry's expression turned serious: "Kitty, what happened today can only be known to you, me and Gu Qing Shan, us three. No one else can ever know about this"

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"Don't worry bro, before Gu Qing Shan fully matures, I'm not going to expose him or anything about this world" Kitty assured him.

Barry nodded: "Then after this Super Dimensional world fully forms, Gu Qing Shan can simply seal off the entry and from then on, as long as the three of us say nothing, no one will ever know about this"

"Gu Qing Shan, you can take advantage of this Tower of Infinite Worlds, you might be able to become stronger very fast"

As Gu Qing Shan listened to the two of them bouncing words back and forth, genuinely happy for him, he couldn't help but feel moved because of it.

He smiled and told them: "Barry, Kitty, I'm afraid I'll have to leave this world for the two of you to take care of for a while"

Barry and Kitty were stunned.

Gu Qing Shan continued: "You can try to climb the Tower, or travel this world, enjoy any cuisines or beverage that you like— Impartial Goddess, put all of their expenditures on me"

[Understood, sir]

Impartial Goddess' voice came from his Holo-Brain.

"Furthermore, you have to keep today's matter a secret as well"

[Don't worry, sir, I won't say a single word about this] Impartial Goddess confirmed.

"Wait a minute" Barry cut him off, "the way you're speaking, it's as if you want to leave, what's going on?"

Gu Qing Shan calmly told him: "I'm worried for my Shifu since she had only just become the leader of an Alliance, she'll need to be responsible for the war against the Demon Nation"

"War is always complicated, and she had only just took power, I'm afraid that there might be some internal strife and troubles"

"My senior brother doesn't like to cultivate, and my junior sister is still young, I'm also worried for them"

"I'll be more than relieved if there are two Lords here helping me to keep the peace"

"That's why I'll need to return to Shen Wu world right away"

"What do you say? Can you take care of this world for me a little bit? I'll owe you guys a favor"

Chapter 641

Barry crossed his arms: "Help you look over this world? I'd rather come with you over there and see what's going on with that cultivation alliance"

Kitty pulled her brother's arm and spoke: "Bro, we can't, I can already sense it, this world's space is currently stagnating, soon enough it will prevent both exit and entry"

"What? You mean once we leave we won't be able to come back?"

"Not permanently, but the spatial waves are fluctuating so badly we might not be able to go back for a few dozen days"

"Isn't that a good thing? No one can get in and no one can leave" Barry commented.

Kitty sighed and rubbed her temple as she explained: "Bro, did you forget about that 'God' of God Institute?"

Barry face-palmed himself for forgetting about it.

Kitty continued: "Before this, we were all fooled, thinking that it already died, but if that thing is really a God— and I'm talking about a God at the same level of an Old God, then before the Super Dimensional world thoroughly settles itself, the Law might have loopholes that could allow it to enter this world"

Barry nodded, finally understanding what his sister was suggesting.

"You mean— we should stay here"

"Yeah"

“While I’m fighting I can’t die, so I can stall in the frontline, while you will be able to bring everyone and escape with your Space magic”

“Exactly”

“Only after this world fully becomes a Super Dimensional world can the Super Dimensional path be fully closed-off, the world will become safe and only then will our job actually be over”

“You’ve improved a lot, bro, being able to think so far” Kitty found that unexpected.

“That’s why, can I count on you?” Gu Qing Shan asked them

He looked at the War God UI.

He had about one minute left before he warps away.

Barry and Kitty nodded.

“That’s fine, this one isn’t in any hurry to climb some Tower of the Infinite Worlds, I want to visit the best bars and the most professional casinos” Barry grinned.

“I want to go shopping— Gu Qing Shan, your savings is enough that I won’t have to go work a part-time job for money right?” Kitty asked.

Gu Qing Shan scratched his head.

“Impartial Goddess”

[Sir, I understand, you won’t need to worry about money at all]

“Alright, you’ll be in charge of making sure they enjoy themselves, I’ll leave it to you”

[I’m happy to serve]

Gu Qing Shan once again looked at Barry and Kitty.

They both smiled at him and nodded.

Gu Qing Shan finally felt assured.

A screen of light appeared.

Then he disappeared from this world.

After he left.

Barry and Kitty’s smiles went away.

“Sis”

“Hm, Gu Qing Shan might have found out something”

“Do you think he found out the same thing we did?”

“It’s unlikely, and we can’t tell him what we found out anyways, otherwise he’ll be dragged into the deep as well”

“That’s true” Barry spoke emotionally, “I didn’t think the situation would change so rapidly, even the Samsara could be fused into a single world, I’m starting to think that the Old Gods might have a lot more arrangements that we still haven’t touched upon yet”

“No need to think too much about it, we should focus on making it through this ordeal first” Kitty sternly told him.

“How is Bloodcloak’s side?”

“He’s still looking for the secret of the Doomsday Necropolis, so his whereabouts shouldn’t be exposed”

Barry was still unwilling to let it go and asked again: “Who else in the organization can help?”

“There isn’t anyone, the big rooster is still recovering, the automatic machine gun already went to God Institute— we can only hope that the Spire Keeper Association’s search squad can make enough trouble for God Institute, otherwise we might have to directly face that thing” Kitty answered him.

Her words reminded Barry.

He took out an empty newspaper and opened it.

“Today’s news” he spoke to the paper.

Images and words began to fill the empty newspaper.

“Hm? This news... sis, take a look!” Barry told her.

“What is it?” Kitty asked.

She also pulled out a newspaper of her own and opened today’s news.

The picture on the front page was the automatic machine gun.

He was currently firing in full power at a grand structure.

The headline on the front page reads: [The Super Dimensional world’s search squad have reached God Institute!]

The pair of brother and sister quickly finished reading the article on the front page.

“The automatic machine gun is already using his full power, seems like the situation over there is quite intense” Barry commented.

“At least for us, this is good news, I just hope that they can stall for a bit more until this world thoroughly transforms into a Super Dimensional world” Kitty also said.

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“That’s true, with such an amazing treasure here, if the outside world knows about this, many of them will go crazy for it”

The two of them couldn't help but look towards the Tower of Infinite Worlds.

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The tower made from bronze silently stood there.

This was the method of self-salvation left behind by the Old Gods for mortals.

"That is a good thing, we should also protect this world well" Barry clenched his fist.

"Then we'll wait right here" Kitty sighed and spoke.

At this point, the sounds of a flying machine could be heard descending from above.

An interstellar warship had arrived.

The door to the ship opened as a Mech more slender than normal fell from the sky and landed in front of the pair of brother and sister.

Impartial Goddess' voice came from inside the Mech.

[Nice to meet you, I am here to serve you according to Gu Qing Shan's wishes]

The Mech reached out its hand and offered the two of them each a tiny thin SD card.

"What can this do?" Barry asked.

[It is a payment card with unlimited balance] Impartial Goddess answered him.

Barry received the card.

"What else can it do besides paying?" Kitty asked.

[It will serve as a universal passport that offers unrestricted travel, you can also contact me directly through this card and search for every available bar, casino, travel destinations and resorts on the planet]

"Are there any places to go shopping?"

[There are detailed descriptions and markings of shopping districts across the world in that card, however since a war had just ended, most markets are devoid of people]

"That doesn't matter, the fewer people there are the better"

After saying so, Kitty also received her card.

"Bro, how about we relax for a bit first?" Kitty asked.

"Sure" Barry agreed.

Impartial Goddess asked: [What would you like to do first? Whether it's dining or an outing, I can suggest locations with services of the highest quality]

"We want to eat the most expensive meal in the world!"

Barry loudly declared.

Impartial Goddess had several coordinates displayed on the two cards.

[These are the coordinates of this world's most famous restaurants] Impartial Goddess explained.

Kitty glanced over them and spoke: "I already chose one of them, let's go, bro"

"I want to ask one more thing—-- can this card really be used without limit?" Barry couldn't help but ask that again.

[Indeed, sir, feel free to use it as you like] Impartial Goddess told him.

"Alright, let's go then" Barry said.

Kitty took Barry's hand and was about to teleport.

Then she stopped and asked the Mech with a curious expression: "Who are you exactly?"

[I am Impartial Goddess, a friend of sir Gu Qing Shan, nice to meet you] Impartial Goddess answered.

"Your name is Impartial Goddess? Then you're a girl right? Then how about you come with us to go shopping and try out various outfits with me? I still haven't made a friend in this world" Kitty smiled at her.

The Mech remained silent without answering.

"Let's go, we should taste this world's cuisine first" Barry urged her.

Kitty didn't ask further.

She only left a reminder: "Impartial Goddess, if any of the living beings of the Samsara tries to break any rules, you can tell us at any time"

[Very well, I thank you both on behalf of Gu Qing Shan] Impartial Goddess replied.

Kitty lightly nodded at the Mech and teleported away.

The pair of brother and sister disappeared.

But the Mech remained still.

It stood in silence for a long period of time.

On another side.

The North Pole.

The S.W. Divine Temple Interstellar Fortress had come down.

It hovered above the 9 Lords' spaceship, currently still in the process of decoding and extracting the ship's secret data.

At a certain point.

Deep inside the S.W. Divine Temple.

On a large screen of light, all the madly flowing data suddenly disappeared.

Replaced by a few lines of text.

[Starlight Kingdom's central military plan has been decoded]

[Obtained the following cutting edge scientific research results:]

[Research: Optimal artificial human gene arrangement plan]

[Obtained experiment database]

[Obtained Starlight royal family's gene database]

[Obtained all relevant technology]

[Through consulting related experiment database, determined that this technology is immature, currently missing necessary specimen data]

[Research state: Sealed]

[Reason for being sealed: Due to the Interspace Republic and Allied Star Federation's sudden invasion, all experimental specimens were destroyed before awakening]

[The 9 Lords henceforth went into exile]

Impartial Goddess remained silent shortly.

No one knew what she was thinking at this time.

A few moments later, another line of text appeared on the screen.

[Decision: Optimal artificial human gene arrangement plan will be restarted immediately]

[Begin utilizing all available resources to continue the corresponding experiment and collect data to improve the artificial gene arrangement technology]

[Protect secrecy level: Top-secret]

[Notified personnel established: Gu Qing Shan]

[To reduce research period, improve research efficiency, research target will be simplified]

[Among the 2 research targets, simplified research targets are as follows: Male gene arrangement optimization]

[Current research target established: Female gene arrangement optimization]

[Due to this, research project name will be changed]

[Current project name: Goddess' Awakening]

[Extracting gene database, using previous research results to arrange current most optimized gene arrangements]

[Culture tanks prepared]

[Beginning research!]

Chapter 642

The Fuxi Empire.

The capital.

Ruled by Monarch Varona's iron fist, the place remained as orderly and prosperous as it always was.

The Empire's most famous, best-received sky garden restaurant.

Barry was sitting there alone, enjoying a table full of delicious cuisine.

“Praise the Old Gods for creating such a world”

“This grilled meat is really good”

“Hah, what’s in this rice? To think this great one couldn’t tell—— waiter! Give me another portion of this!”

“This soup is really refreshing”

“Is this the desert? Hm, nice”

“I swear I won’t eat another space monster ever again, I’ll definitely frequently visit this place in my free time”

“Please give me another portion of this”

While eating, he couldn’t help but exclaim full of emotions.

One hour ago, Kitty had already left the restaurant.

She cleanly wiped her mouth after her meal and left without any hesitation.

A few of the shopping streets Impartial Goddess suggested sounded so good that Kitty couldn’t hold herself back anymore.

So Barry had been sitting here and eating by himself for an hour.

Since this was a private booth, there wasn’t anyone here to watch him eat.

The restaurant’s chef and staff has received a certain vague reminder beforehand.

They knew that two respectable Professionists would come here to dine.

That was why, even with how much Barry had gorged down for an hour straight, the staff wasn’t at all shocked.

——Professionists were well-known to be different from normal people.

The head waiter quickly brought new dishes up for Barry while cleaning up the empty plates and containers he left behind.

His movements were skilful and swift in order to not bother Barry’s meal in the slightest.

But since Barry’s mood was on cloud nine, he wouldn’t have minded these minor details in the first place.

The used plates and bowls were brought to the restaurant’s washing racks and neatly left there as per normal protocol.

Like always, it wouldn’t be until after closing hours that this restaurant would proceed to do a complete washing and sterilization process.

Every step had its own machine, so it wouldn’t take too much time.

Another half an hour passed.

Barry was finally full.

He gave his card to the waiter.

“Take a small tip for yourself as well, no need to be reserved” he generously said.

The waiter smiled, quickly completed the payment process and returned the card to Barry with both hands.

“Sir, your bill has been processed, thank you for your patronage, we hope to see you again” the waiter respectfully told him.

Barry nodded, took back the card and grinned satisfyingly as he left the restaurant.

Up next, he would be going to a casino and staying there until midnight.

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After he is done with gambling, he intends to go to a bar and enjoy the liquor they offered, killing time in the process.

After Barry left the restaurant.

When he arrived at the casino and was about to gamble his heart out.

Two waiters came to the washing racks and carefully picked out a few hundred used eating utensils and placed them aside.

—these were all Barry’s and Kitty’s used utensils.

The two waiter’s movements were swift.

The utensils were all placed into a large trunk and were sealed away.

At the restaurant’s back door, a large delivery shuttle that had already finished its rounds for the day had been waiting there for a few hours.

The sealed trunk was then placed into the shuttle’s back.

The large delivery shuttle started to fly according to its predetermined course and stopped at the outskirts of the Empire’s capital.

This was a warp center.

After the first time the world was enlarged, Impartial Goddess had established warp centers near every human city in order to settle any situation in a timely manner.

The sealed trunk was warped away.

No one knows where exactly this trunk was heading.

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Except---

Deep inside the S.W. Divine Temple, data began to show up on the large screen of light.

[Beginning saliva collection]

[Through 25 collection methods, confirmed that the female individual: Kitty didn’t leave any traces of

herself on the utensils, only Barry's saliva could be collected]
[Begin extraction of mouth cavity cells from the received saliva samples]
[Extraction failed]
[Extraction failed]
[Extraction failed]
[Extraction failed]
[Extraction successful!]
[Successfully isolated DNA from the extracted cells]
[Obtained DNA of male individual: Barry]
[In consideration of their personal strength, DNA marked as a key sample and recorded in gene database]
[Second phase begin]
[Attempting to collect Kitty's personal gene]

...

On another side.

A large and bustling main street.

Mo family's clothing store.

After shopping for a while, Kitty had already changed her entire outfit from head to toe, and was also carrying an exquisite new designer purse on her shoulder.

She was currently applying a lipstick sample on herself carefully in front of a mirror.

A few moments later, she smiled satisfyingly.

"Please wrap this, this, this and this for me, I'll take them all" she pointed at the clothes she had tried on before.

"Right away, esteemed miss, that will be 128,000 Credits in total" the clerk told her.

Kitty gave her the card.

The clerk received the card and carried out the transaction process.

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Because of how much she bought, Kitty became the shop's VIP customer in one go, she even got a VIP card for it.

She curiously received the VIP card, but then quickly threw it together with her newly bought clothes into the void of space.

—when she was 11 years old, she had already made a personal sub-space for herself to use as her wardrobe.

Unfortunately, this subspace had only ever contained a few outfits.

But now...

"My wardrobe is almost full already, that's so annoying" Kitty mumbled in a low voice.

But her mumbling voice didn't contain a single bit of dissatisfaction.

"Oh well, I'll just open a second personal subspace later on"

Kitty tilted her head in thought and happily decided that.

"Miss, the transaction is done, here is your card"

The clerk respectfully returned the card to Kitty.

Kitty received the card and carefully put it back into her little purse.

She couldn't help it, this card had allowed her to enjoy the best treatment, unlike anything she's ever gotten before— there was no need to put things on a tab, and no need to bear with the people's annoyed expressions

Everyone was extremely respectful and willingly served her without complaints, making the entire shopping process enjoyable and refreshing.

So this is how good it feels to spend money.

Yep, this isn't paying by IOUs anymore, this is spending money.

THIS IS HOW SPENDING MONEY SHOULD FEEL LIKE!!!

Kitty felt like she had completely fallen in love with this world.

Leaving the clothes store, Kitty continued her stroll.

So far, Impartial Goddess' suggested shopping route has been extremely useful, making Kitty's shopping spree so enjoyable that she still wasn't satisfied.

Following Impartial Goddess' directions, Kitty headed for a certain place.

This was one of the top three personal styling salons in the world.

Kitty quickly arrived.

She looked up at the shop's advertisement.

On the large billboard, a beautifully graceful girl was smiling with elegance and confidence.

"This isn't a cosmetic surgery place, is it?" Kitty asked worriedly.

[Please don't worry, that is not the case]

Impartial Goddess' voice answered her: [This shop is most famous for personal styling and maintenance, you can first enjoy a deep skin-cleaning, followed by a tender water light massage, as for styling— I have arranged 6 stylists of various specialties to help you style everything from your hair to your overall figure to exactly how you would prefer it]

Hearing that, Kitty couldn't help but stroke her hair a bit, then her cheeks.

That's right, I can't even remember the last time I gave my skin some maintenance at all.

My hair has already grown out so much, I still haven't had the time to cut it.

Just what kind of state have I been living in...

Kitty entered the shop.

“Welcome”

“Ah! You must be the esteemed guest that had made an appointment today, please follow me”

Two hours later.

Impartial Goddess had obtained Kitty’s cut hair.

[Successfully obtained DNA of female individual: Kitty]

[In consideration of their personal strength, DNA marked as a key sample and recorded in gene database]

[Combined with the Starlight royal family’s optimized female genes, begin preliminary culture and experimentation]

[Gene collection plan in progress]

[Extracting all gene specimen of this world’s most prominent figures]

[The 9 Lords’ Starlight genes collection is complete]

[Through analysis, recognized that the Medici family’s gene contains considerable particularities]

[Phase two in progress]

[Attempting to collect the Medici family’s genes from Monarch Varona]

[Begin implementation!]

Chapter 643

Midnight.

This was a secluded high place that had very few visitors.

A large lake resided within the encirclement of the mountain range.

A layer of clouds that were even darker than the night sky itself had gathered, covering the entire lake.

Various glittering bolts of lightning appeared from the cloud and struck down at the surface of the lake one after another.

From afar, it looked as if beads of pearls hidden among the clouds were falling to the ground, a pretty sight to behold.

But as soon as these pearls struck the surface of the lake, they were sliced apart by an intense sword slash, leaving electrical snakes that slithered across the sky.

The sound of loud thunder resounded over and over.

The intense rain of lightning became thicker bit by bit.

Tribulation Lightning struck towards the lake from every direction like a meteor shower.

The plasma reflected off the surface of the lake, making it look as if the entire world itself was filled by lightning.

At the very center of the lightning strikes— as well as the center of the lake, stood a single tiny human cultivator.

Each strike of his sword ripped the boundless sea of lightning apart more and more.

This cultivator dual-wielded two swords as he went against the power of heavenly lightning by his own power.

The sound of thunder continued for almost an hour before it slowly went away.

But the world didn't return to peace.

An intense wind blew across the surface of the lake.

The various screeches and cries signified the gradual arrival of countless unknown creatures to the world.

For a while, the howls and screams of various creatures resounded through the area.

Strange beings from various Fiend realms and Devil realms began to manifest within the wind.

Killing intent filled the air.

Surrounded by evil creatures on all sides, the cultivator facing his Tribulation suddenly put his sword away.

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He then clasped his fist, smiled and started talking to the void of space.

If there were any cultivator who saw this, they would definitely have a shocked expression on their faces.

Because following the Lightning Tribulation to break through to Tribulation realm, 18 Seats of Tribulation would be provided for 9 Devil Kings and 9 Fiend Kings to take, to lead their subordinates here and kill the one facing the Tribulation.

This was an adversity that every cultivator would have to face, something that all cultivators were expected to use all they had to survive.

But this person was actually greeting the devils and fiends inside his Wind Tribulation.

Even stranger than that was that it actually worked!

Within the intense howling wind, the screeching and screaming slowly stopped.

Followed by various voices of discussions.

As time passed, these voices became friendly and amiable.

More and more evil creatures showed up.

They gathered and excitedly discussed something within that cultivator's Wind Tribulation.

As time went on, they were getting along better and better.

The Tianma who took the Seat of Tribulation was already sticking close to the cultivator.

Several Devil Kings were grinning or laughing in joy.

The Fiend Kings were racking their brains thinking of how to get to know this cultivator.

A few evil creatures who didn't quite understand what was going on went forward and asked about what happened before.

That famous event.

—-the business deal of 2 million souls that cost them nothing.

Every Fiend King and Devil King who participated at the time made a killing.

And the person who orchestrated that business deal was standing right in front of them.

Every evil creature who knew about this wanted to get acquainted with this man with the golden hands.

As for defeating him or killing him—- that was impossible.

Evil creatures aren't idiots, they already knew full well who he was when they were introducing themselves.

The third member of the Justice Iron Fist Club.

The Huang Quan Devil King of Samsara.

—-this guy is, without a doubt, a merciless character, offending him would cost you more than you would ever could gain from it.

The Devil Kings who participated in this previous Wind Tribulation had already told stories of his exploits.

They heard that he killed an entire hell's worth of people – at least a quadrillion – without batting an eye.

And then, during another battle, he released his subordinates to have them devour all of the invading demons.

And so...

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It was better to get acquainted to do business with him.

The more friends you have in life the better off you would be.

This was the evil creatures' thoughts.

And so, the atmosphere during this Heaven's Tribulation was unnaturally harmonic and friendly. This translation is hosted for free at otakutakutal.blogspot.com, check the page for the fastest daily updates

But time always flies.

And soon enough, the Wind Tribulation was about to reach its end.

Everyone briefly exchanged contact information.

Everyone exchanges promises of meeting up for a drink and talk about official business.

After that, the Devil Kings and Fiend Kings drew their weapons to bid the cultivator farewell.

Clang clang clang clang clang clang clang clang!

Clang clang clang clang clang clang clang clang!

18 consecutive chimes rang out as their weapons struck the cultivator's sword within the Wind Tribulation.

Everyone said their goodbyes.

The wind slowly stopped.

The Heaven's Tribulation had ended.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and waved goodbye to each evil creature as they left.

After all of the evil creatures had returned to their worlds, Gu Qing Shan could finally lower his aching hand.

He felt a bit troubled.

Facing the Devil Kings and Fiend Kings of 18 Seats of Tribulation, he had to respond to each and every one of them equally, not only did he had to make sure not to leave anyone out, but he also had to be a bridge to introduce the devils and fiends who were not yet acquainted to each other as well.

And then he had to listen to everyone's opinion on a future business deal, splitting a bunch of empty promises of future business.

Hah, really—

How did I reduce Heaven's Tribulation to this miserable state?

Rather than this, I'd rather fight them like a normal person, at least that way I'll get a bit of Soul Points out of it, right?

But now that he has established relations with them, seeing the evil creatures who smiled at him in a friendly manner, he couldn't just slash them with his sword.

That just is not how he is as a person.

And then there was the Tianma—

Perhaps Li Yang was busy or some other reason, she wasn't the one to take the Tianma Seat of Tribulation this time around.

The one who arrived was one of her sisters.

This sister of hers had literally tried every trick in the book in an attempt to seduce him.

Gu Qing Shan almost couldn't restrain himself—

His hand was already close to grabbing his sword several times as he had to hold himself back from slashing her in two.

It was only after careful consideration that it wasn't easy to establish relations with the Tianma, and that Li Yang treated him well, as well as the fact that the Progenitor Fiendess wasn't someone to be trifled with that Gu Qing Shan managed to hold himself back.

Luckily, all that was over now.

Gu Qing Shan deeply sighed as he looked towards the War God UI.

Several lines of glowing text scrolled past one by one.

[This Tribulation is over]

[Thanks to the blessing of the World Origin after its fusion, you have successfully broken through to Tribulation realm]

[You have become a Tribulation realm cultivator]

[Special attention please, breaking through Projection realm, Tribulation realm and Virtualized realm will not bring any opportunities to awaken a new Thaumaturgy. You can only awaken another Thaumaturgy after breaking through Cryptic realm]

Gu Qing Shan asked: "Is this just me, or is everyone the same way?"

[This is a common rule for cultivation realms, every cultivator is the same] the System answered.

"Alright, then remind me at that time"

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes and carefully sensed the changes in his cultivation.

As expected of a blessing from the World Origin, his spirit energy was completely calm and settled without any sign of possibly being out of control.

My understanding of Laws has also improved greatly.

As for my total spirit energy—

I've increased my spirit energy by another 40%, eclipsing myself from before.

This meant my fighting tactics can be even more varied and I can fight for longer.

From now on, I can consecutively perform powerful sword arrays without stopping.

This is a good thing.

"As expected, becoming stronger is still the best feeling ever"

Gu Qing Shan muttered to himself.

Then, he took out a pill and swallowed it, sitting down cross-legged on the surface of the water.

Although he didn't use up any stamina in the Wind Tribulation, the Lightning Tribulation he faced was still very real.

Shen Wu world has been merged with the cultivation world, as well as several others.

Shifu had also entered the cultivation alliance with everyone else in this world.

Never mind the changes in geography, a lot of changes must've also happened to people of the world in general.

That was why, the closer he got to returning to Bai Hua sect, the less hurried Gu Qing Shan was.

He was making preparations to be as careful and cautious as possible.

Time quickly passed.

After a while, Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes.

His body has returned to its peak state.

He stretched his back and slightly stood up on the water.

He was now ready to deal with anything he needed to.

Chapter 644

While lingering at the bank of the lake, Gu Qing Shan carefully considered his options.

It had been a long time since he had been this cautious.

And no one could blame him for it, after all, he had just reached a mysterious realm—— Tribulation realm.

Very early on, while he was in Shen Wu world, the Wild Flame Raging Armor had already explained to him briefly about these higher cultivation realms.

He could still remember the Wild Flame Raging Armor's words at the time.

「 The limit of your world is Sainted realm, but above Sainted, there are still three more realms which are Projection realm, Tribulation realm and Virtualized realm 」

「 Among them, Tribulation realm is the strangest one, cultivators in this realm will have to face adversities one after another, all the way until you break through this realm and achieve Virtualized realm 」

And so, a cultivator at Tribulation realm will no longer be facing the Wind and Lightning Tribulation that they were used to, but various others of all shapes and sizes.

Once a cultivator manages to make it through everything, they will naturally advance to Virtualized realm.

A certain point of view was commonly accepted in the Suspended world—— that a Tribulation realm cultivator is constantly facing a Tribulation.

This view was shared with the cultivators of Shen Wu world.

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However, cultivators of the Suspended world had a more profound understanding of this realm.

They believed that the adversity faced by a cultivator directly correlated to their karma, good or bad.

Cultivators who had a lot of blood on their hands would be soaked in the sins of their past as karmic adversities caught up to them.

There was once an evil cultivator who had to go through a total of 8963 adversities during his Tribulation realm.

He died when he was going through the final adversity before advancing to Virtualized realm.

That adversity came from his junior brother.

Years before, when this cultivator had only just joined the sect, during a campaign when they invaded a certain world, he sold out one of his junior brothers.

That junior brother was tricked and trapped inside a dangerous ruin and was never heard from again.

This evil cultivator then went on to harass and court his junior brother's fiancée until she finally caved in and became his.

This was supposed to be a long-gone history.

But who would've thought that his junior brother was blessed and actually stumbled across an opportunity left behind by someone else, who then went on to cultivate in seclusion for 10 years until they could escape the ruins.

The time this junior brother came back was also when that evil cultivator was about to advance to Virtualized realm.

Taking the chance at the last few moments before he broke through, the junior brother ambushed and killed him.

That was why in the Suspended world, many cultivators weren't at all wary of the Virtualized realm Tribulation but were deathly afraid of the karmic adversities of the Tribulation realm.

After all, the cultivators of the Suspended world were constantly committing sins of various degrees, there were never short of karmic adversities for them to face.

Tribulation realm cultivators...

Are constantly... facing a Tribulation...

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but felt a bit of a headache as he rubbed between his eyebrows.

He tapped his Inventory Bag and took out a jade tag.

This was one of many scriptures that he obtained from Guang Yang sect's grand elder Wang Hong Dao's Inventory Bag in the Suspended world.

At the time, right after Gu Qing Shan killed Wang Hong Dao, Shannu quickly took his Inventory Bag.

As a Cryptic realm grand elder, the items in Wang Hong Dao's Inventory Bag were the best of the best.

And now they all belonged to Gu Qing Shan.

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As he took the jade tag in his hands, lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI.

[Item name: Tribulation Karmic Sensing Secret Art]

[Type: Scripture]

[War God Skills: Practicing this scripture will allow you to sense how many adversities you will need to face during Tribulation realm]

[Attention: This is a Secret Art scripture devised by cultivators of the Suspended world specifically for Tribulation realm. While it may help you determine how many adversities you will have to face, there is no way for you to know the exact timing of those adversities]

[Note: Learning this scripture will cost you 200 Soul Points]

[Doomsday Chronicles: none]

Since he had over 80,000 Soul Points left, Gu Qing Shan paid the 200 Soul Points right away.

He closed his eyes with the jade tag in hand.

A warm flow came from the jade tag into his finger, following his arm up and into his Thought Sea.

Very quickly, Gu Qing Shan comprehended everything that he needed to know about this Secret Art.

He formed a hand seal and infused it with spirit energy.

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Right away, the world harmonized with him and showed both the good and bad karma he had accrued in his life so far.

The number of karmic adversities he had to face quickly appeared.

In total...

Three times.

Once each during the early, middle and late stages of Tribulation realm.

After that, he would advance to Virtualized realm.

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes and was a bit surprised.

Three was the base number of adversities, every cultivator would have to face at least three adversities during Tribulation realm.

—do I really have so little bad karma?

Now that I think about it, I have saved a lot of people...

Regardless, there are only three adversities, I'll be able to pass them if I'm careful enough.

This is worth being happy about.

Gu Qing Shan's mood quickly became better.

Now that this is dealt with, I'll contact Shifu.

And then, I'll have to see the sect's situation and act accordingly.

He tapped his Inventory Bag and took out a unique talisman.

This was the Universal Talisman that Shifu gave him before.

As long as the distance between them wasn't too far, one person could take an item placed into a Universal Talisman by another.

Gu Qing Shan also took out one of Bai Hua Fairy's communication talismans, recorded a few words into it before putting it into the Universal Talisman.

Almost immediately, he could sense that communication talisman disappear.

Bai Hua Fairy had already taken the talisman out!

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed.

It has been a really long time since I last saw Shifu.

When I went to the Suspended world, I once tried to use the Universal Talisman, but perhaps because the distance was too great, the talisman wasn't usable.

Now that I'm back in Shen Wu world, even though this place has become a lot more vast than it once was, the Universal Talisman can be used again.

A few moments later, a communication talisman appeared inside the Universal Talisman.

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Gu Qing Shan took it out and infused it with spirit energy.

With a concerned tone, Bai Hua Fairy's voice came from the talisman: "Qing Shan, someone tried to impersonate you lately, even though I've dealt with them, you shouldn't run around too much in order to prevent any unnecessary misunderstandings. Wait there for your two junior sisters to pick you up"

Tried to... impersonate me?

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

But he quickly understood.

No one that wasn't a sword cultivator could impersonate him.

And there shouldn't be anybody capable of doing that in this world.

Which means it must be a cultivator from another world— perhaps even from the cultivation alliance.

Whoever did this must have investigated the matters regarding Qi Yan's invasion of Shen Wu world thoroughly.

At that time, Bai Hua Fairy and the Great Monk of Sorrow had cooperated and used everything they had to fight against Qi Yan. In the end, Gu Qing Shan brought hundreds of thousands of Tianma to help them and sent Qi Yan to the Tianma realm.

But at the cost that Gu Qing Shan himself was sent to the Suspended world.

The entire cultivation world stood witness to this event.

Gu Qing Shan scowled.

Obviously, the person who orchestrated this knew about Gu Qing Shan's exploits.

They also knew that the person called Gu Qing Shan had left this world.

If someone were able to use my identity to travel the world, they would definitely be able to gain a lot of intel on this world.

But Shifu is here, why did they dare to——

That's not true!

To obtain the world fusion quota, Shifu had to join the cultivation alliance.

She must have frequently left this world in order to participate in the alliance's wars.

If she wasn't here, and someone had indeed purposefully tried to impersonate me as best as possible, they might have actually succeeded!

The saviour of Shen Wu had returned from a faraway land.

This impersonator would've been treated with gratitude by everyone that knew him.

It's likely that the impersonator had already managed to obtain crucial information and secrets of this world.

The reason Shifu told me not to move around carelessly was most likely to prevent paranoid cultivators who were already deceived once from attacking me.

Gu Qing Shan went silent briefly before smiling bitterly.

I went to the Suspended world to impersonate Qi Yan, and someone came to Shen Wu world to impersonate me.

Is this what they mean by 'you reap what you sow'?

Fortunately, Shifu had already known and dealt with this.

However....

What did Shifu mean by 'my two junior sisters'?

Chapter 645

Shifu said I had two junior sisters, did the sect accept more people?

Unable to come up with anything, Gu Qing Shan could only stand and wait as his Shifu instructed.

Not too long after that, an airship appeared at the horizon.

The airship arrived quickly, with several fully armored cultivators standing guard on either side.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised to see this.

Normally whenever they went out, he and Xiao Lou would always be sneaky to find a place to get a drink or two.

Since when did our sect act this high-profile?

While the airship was still a bit away, a voice had already reached the lake.

"Who are you!? Why did you face a Tribulation without any contact or notification in our world?"

Gu Qing Shan immediately realized that he had misunderstood.

These were most likely patrolling cultivators who came on duty, not people of his sect.

Gu Qing Shan then replied: "I'm a disciple of Bai Hua sect, the Tribulation came down as soon as I got here so I couldn't contact anyone. Hopefully, you'll let this go"

"Bai Hua sect? Who are you?" the opposing voice was suddenly raised.

"This humble one is Gu Qing Shan"

As soon as he said this, the other side went quiet.

Even the airship stopped in place without getting closer.

The voice from before shouted: "Send the signal!"

"Yes!"

Two cultivators shouted in reply.

An emergency military flare was shot to the sky, howling all the way.

As the signal was sent out, the people sighed in relief and no longer got any closer, instead opting to take a defensive stance.

Gu Qing Shan quickly understood their actions as soon as he saw it.

These people were alerted when I faced my Tribulation, so they came to check it out.

And now they're probably assuming that I'm an impersonator.

No wonder Shifu warned me not to go anywhere!

In the short time that he was in thought, the situation suddenly changed.

Over a dozen cultivators came flying from afar with formation plates in their hands.

They went in front of the airship and began to arrange a formation aiming towards Gu Qing Shan.

Various layers of light came out from their formation plates, forming mysterious runes that melted into the void of space.

Gu Qing Shan scowled as he saw that.

Such a slow and inefficient method of arranging formations wasn't much trouble for him.

Originally, the cultivation world's main characteristic was the richness of resources, while Shen Wu world's characteristic was their excellent Smithing techniques.

But the Suspended world where Gu Qing Shan went to was a place that relied completely on formations to exist.

The greatest crystallization of the Suspended world's culture was their formations.

And after his battle in that world, Gu Qing Shan had used his Soul Points to max out his understanding of formations in order to leave.

His current level of comprehension of formations could be considered the best even in the previous Suspended world.

And so, now that he was facing the cultivation world's old formations, Gu Qing Shan didn't mind them at all.

Every formation user's gestures, every detail of their formation was quickly analyzed and decoded by him.

—this was a large-scale binding formation whose main use was to trap enemies and prevent them from using spirit energy.

The formation was already half-done and will be completed in a few more breaths of time.

At that time, things would become troublesome.

Gu Qing Shan didn't think much about it and tapped his Inventory Bag to take out a formation plate.

—-one that came from the Suspended world.

He quickly operated the formation plate.

Whether or not this was a misunderstanding, how could he just stand there to be captured?

If it really was a misunderstanding, he'll just have to resolve it later on.

If it wasn't, then he definitely can't let himself be put into a situation where he couldn't fight back.

And so, both sides arranged their formations.

When the formation users on the other side finished their formation, so did Gu Qing Shan.

They both activated them at once.

""Four Corner Anti-spirit Demon Trapping Formation, activate!""

The formation users shouted all at once.

The light of the formation slowly rose up.

Gu Qing Shan also put this hand on his formation plate and infused it with spirit energy.

A light came from the formation plate.

Ten Thousand Spirit Melting Dispel Formation, activate!

Two intense lights clashed with each other in the sky.

This was a fight between formations.

—*rumble rumble!*

The two lights clashed against each other, neither one giving up until they both eliminated each other and disappeared.

The expressions of every cultivator there changed.

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Their side began arranging their formation first, yet they couldn't trap him.

The other side only began half-way through, and he was alone, using a formation that they never heard of before.

Yet this formation managed to dispel their large-scale formation that took over a dozen people to arrange.

What a high-level formation user!

They immediately understood the situation.

Another flare was instantly shot to the sky.

This time, the flare was bright red, signalling a dangerous situation.

They all angrily shouted.

"You are not Gu Qing Shan!"

"That's right, Gu Qing Shan doesn't know how to use formations!"

"Gu Qing Shan is a sword cultivator, not an impersonator like yourself!"

"He clearly got spooked, immediately revealing his identity of being a formation user when he was about to be captured"

"Villain, which world did you actually come from, confess!"

Being rained with jeers and shouts, Gu Qing Shan couldn't do anything but chuckled bitterly, feeling a bit helpless.

Sure enough, Shifu's worries were warranted.

I didn't go anywhere, but my Tribulation caused such a huge commotion as soon as I returned.

I forgot to mention this to Shifu.

Gu Qing Shan had to put a hand up and loudly declared: "Please wait a minute, I can explain"

From afar, a cold female voice came.

"Explain? He has never practiced formations to such a degree before, so you don't need to explain anything"

Following this voice, the crowd of cultivators appeared glad.

"It's the General!"

"The General came here herself!"

"Brat, you're not going to get away this time"

Amongst the shouting, a streak of light shot across the sky, heading towards Gu Qing Shan.

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A second later.

Gu Qing Shan realized something.

“Not good!”

He silently told himself.

At the same time, a sharp ripping noise came from the air.

A shining snow-white Blade gleamed at him.

Wherever the Blade passed through, the air itself was being sliced apart, leaving behind a black crack in space.

The snow-white Blade drew a long black crack as it fell on him from above.

The Blade was heading for Gu Qing Shan’s head!

—what a fast strike!

What fierce bladesmanship!

This is a strike that forgoes all room for retreat, one that would kill the enemy even at the cost of their own life.

Gu Qing Shan knew how strong this strike was.

In the blink of an eye, he took the Six Paths Great Mountain sword in hand.

Secret Art, [Crescent Slash]!

A light blue glow enveloped his sword as he received the Blade.

Bang—

The sword and blade clashed, giving off ear-piercing metal screeches.

The world itself shook.

Several formation users whose cultivation weren’t too high couldn’t help but quickly back off.

They were almost at their limit merely by being near the shockwaves of the clash.

“Ah?”

The cold female voice was a bit surprised.

Her strike was stopped.

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She couldn’t help but appear from the void of space.

Gu Qing Shan took a good look at her.

The female was wearing a metal mask that shielded her face, preventing even inner sight to pass through.

Her slender but plentiful physique was perfectly enclosed by a suit of armor.

A Blade was held in her hand.

Her entire body gave off a cold and sharp killing intent.

Ning Yue Chan! (1)

There was no one but her in the entire cultivation world with this presence.

Gu Qing Shan deeply sighed and spoke: "Hah, so even you don't recognize me now? I'm the real one here"

Ning Yue Chan ignored his words and coldly spoke: "There are too many methods in this world to allow a shameless bastard to disguise as him"

"Since you've managed to stop my strike, prepare to die even more gruesomely"

Gu Qing Shan could tell, her voice was calm, but it masked intense fury.

She was serious!

Seeing Ning Yue Chan raising her Blade about to attack again, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but quickly shouted: "Wait! You ambushed me before, now it's my turn to attack first!"

Ning Yue Chan was stunned for a brief moment.

Taking advantage of that, Gu Qing Shan shamelessly took a large distance from her.

Don't be ridiculous, this girl always fights without minding her own life, I'm not going to fight THAT!

He quickly wracked his brain to quickly come up with a solution.

Fortunately, he had been in enough life-threatening situations that he was already a veteran in that field, so his mind actually moved faster under these circumstances.

As soon as Ning Yue Chan reacted and raised her eyebrows, Gu Qing Shan already came up with a solution.

Her Blade flashed.

Ning Yue Chan pursued him!

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly retreated again while tapping his Inventory Bag to take out something.

He shouted: "Take a good look at this!"

—-he was holding a small white flower in his hand.

This was a Dragon's Tear Flower, a herb that was beneficial to the soul vessel, its fragrance was light but lingered for a long time, a favorite among female cultivators.

Unfortunately, this type of flower was so rare that it was hard to find even in the cultivation world with its abundance of resources.

However, there were a few branches of them growing in Bai Hua sect.

This was thanks to Bai Hua Fairy spending untold efforts searching through the entire cultivation world for them.

Because of Xiuxiu's soul vessel being wounded since she was young, Bai Hua Fairy frequently gives her this flower as food, hoping that she would recover soon.

After Bai Hua Fairy's collection of them, Dragon's Tear Flowers became even rarer in the cultivation world.

And there was a reason why Gu Qing Shan took out this flower.

In the past, during the spirit beasts' betrayal incident, Ning Yue Chan had secretly accepted Gu Qing Shan's request and brought him back to camp from the wild.

At the time, Gu Qing Shan gifted Ning Yue Chan a Dragon's Tear Flower while riding on her airship. (TN: ch154)

Only the two of them know about this.

Even if people from the cultivation alliance caught masses of cultivators from this world and performed [Soul Reading] on them, they still wouldn't know about this.

Someone of Ning Yue Chan's caliber would definitely understand what this flower meant.

This flower was more than enough to prove that Gu Qing Shan wasn't a fake!

A split second later——

The Blade stopped.

The overwhelming Blade spirit that never backed down dissipated in front of this small white flower.

The Blade then softly touched the petals of the flower, as if it was a shy girl in love.

Ning Yue Chan pulled back her Blade and undid her mask, revealing her familiar stunning beauty.

The killing intent from before had all gone away without a trace.

A pair of clear apricot eyes faced Gu Qing Shan straight on as if it had countless words to say.

But their current situation didn't allow the two of them to carefully do such a thing.

She only looked at the Dragon's Tear Flower and lightly asked: "This break on the stem, could they be from the same branch?"

"Hm, the flower I gifted you that day, this is certainly another of the same branch" Gu Qing Shan replied.

After some brief thinking, he continued: "And I'll gift this one to you as well"

The small white flower gave off a faint fragrance that calmed the mind.

Ning Yue Chan put her Blade away.

She came forward, carefully received the flower and gently sniffed it in front of her nose.

“Then I’ll have a complete pair to take care of now”

She muttered.

Note:

(1) Ning Yue Chan: I might have forgotten to announce this before, but her name was mistranslated before as Ning Yue Xi, from now on it will be Ning Yue Chan

Chapter 646

In the sky.

Countless communication talisman turned into flames as they flew in different directions.

The real Gu Qing Shan had returned!

The news spread like wildfire across the entire world.

But the person in question himself wasn’t concerned with that at all.

He was standing on the lake together with Ning Yue Chan, talking about recent events.

“Which means, although you’ve merged several worlds together, you still haven’t seen any living beings?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Ning Yue Chan confirmed: “That’s correct, even now, the only people in this world are those of the cultivation world. This was very strange, but besides your Shifu, it’s likely that no one really knows what exactly happened”

Gu Qing Shan briefly fell silent.

The Samsara world was broken.

Being struck by a force strong enough to do such a thing, it was likely that many of the fragments were more or less affected.

One interesting thing that Gu Qing Shan noticed, even after being broken apart, the Samsara world fragments were still a Samsara.

Shen Wu world, the cultivation world, his original world, they were all formed by 6 separate worlds.

The only exception was the cultivation world’s Heaven realm that was missing.

Did it get completely destroyed?

Gu Qing Shan pulled back his thoughts and continued to ask: “All I did was face a Tribulation, why did that cause you to gather so many people here?”

Hearing that, Ning Yue Chan’s expression turned serious as she answered: “Because we’ve forbidden the entry of all outsider cultivators into our world”

“Why is that?”

“Your impersonator managed to collect a lot of intel on our world, only after meeting me and your two junior sisters was he seen through”

“So you arrested him on the spot?”

“We didn’t, we were wary that other worlds might have abilities or means that we don’t understand that he can use to escape, so we didn’t tip him off and only waited until your Shifu returned to report to her”

“And Shifu acted herself?”

“Indeed”

Gu Qing Shan curiously asked: “Was that person really that similar to me?”

Ning Yue Chan rubbed her chin in thought: “His organization really went all out, even his weapons seemed like exact copies of yours, there was even something that seemed like the ‘Night Rain’ bow—— but he very rarely took it out. Of course, no one would really take notice of that, not even I noticed it”

“Then how did you see through him?”

“Compared to you, he was too perfect, he was careful, considerate, his words and actions all managed to cause people to feel pleased to interact with him”

“...did you just criticize me?”

“That’s not—— hm, well it’s true that you were a bit lacking compared to him”

Ning Yue Chan giggled as she told him.

Recalling something, she added: “Your junior sisters Qing Rou and Wan Er personally told me that the person looks a lot like you at a glance, but they were suspicious that he wasn’t you”

Gu Qing Shan finally realized.

So Qing Rou and Wan Er joined Bai Hua sect after they returned from the Suspended world.

They used to be peerless geniuses, people with power and status in their own worlds; they, unfortunately, were captured when the Suspended world invaded, from then on their fate became rocky and uncertain.

The two of them fought by Gu Qing Shan’s side and faced many struggles together.

In that process, Gu Qing Shan also slowly recognized these two girls.

And now, the fact that they were also accepted by Bai Hua Fairy to join Bai Hua sect made Gu Qing Shan happy for them.

However...

——that person must’ve gone through meticulous preparations to have absolute confidence that he could impersonate me, his organization must’ve also tested him over and over to make sure that he wouldn’t make a mistake too obvious before he was sent to this world.

But even after deceiving so many people, these three girls managed to see through him easily. That by itself is strange.

“How did they know that person wasn’t me?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

Ning Yue Chan didn’t answer him.

Recalling what Qing Rou and Wan Er said at the time, she couldn’t help but smile a bit.

As she looked at Gu Qing Shan, Ning Yue Chan’s gaze contained a faint sense of gentleness.

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She didn’t answer him, but said: “At the time, that person was a lot like you, but I also felt that he wasn’t you”

“I don’t know how I noticed that he wasn’t quite right either”

“But now that the real you have returned, I can kind of understand”

“So you’re criticizing me again?” Gu Qing Shan asked unhappily.

Ning Yue Chan shook her head and spoke to herself: “In truth, in the short battle just now, when you shouted about me ambushing you while retreating, I already felt that the real you have returned”

“When you pulled out the Dragon’s Tear Flower and hurriedly to try flatter me, I finally confirmed that it was actually you”

“You think I was flattering you?”

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Ning Yue Chan gently told him: “Of course, you were afraid of my Blade spirit—— my Blade that doesn’t back down. You purposefully avoided my Blade spirit when receiving that first strike—— you were afraid that you might actually hurt me”

Gu Qing Shan went silent for a while and couldn’t help but shook his head: “No wonder that person couldn’t fool your eyes”

At this time, an airship arrived from the horizon.

This ship was a lot more eye-catching than the previous one, carrying beautiful calligraphy of the character ‘Lou’ painted in green on the outside.

Seeing that ship Gu Qing Shan smiled: “That’s my senior brother’s ship, so they’re finally here”

Ning Yue Chan nodded: “If the people of your sect have come then I’ll excuse myself”

“Where are you going?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I still have my duty to patrol and make sure that no outsider cultivator enters our world in the next two days”

“The next two days?”

“Yes, the Elder assembly of the infinite worlds’ cultivation alliance is currently being held at your sect, we’re responsible for protecting our world”

The cultivation alliance’s elder assembly!?

Gu Qing Shan quickly thought about the implications of this.

“If you have a duty to fulfil then go ahead and get back to work, we can talk more tonight” he said.

“Hm”

Ning Yue Chan stared at him for a while before leaping upwards and flew away.

She left together with the patrolling cultivators.

As one airship left, another slowly came closer.

Qin Xiao Lou was nowhere to be seen.

Instead, two stunning beauties slowly descended and landed on the calm surface of the lake.

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The calm and soothing Qing Rou, the active and energetic Wan Er.

Gu Qing Shan smiled as he saw the two of them.

With so many things happening recently, the events at the Suspended world seemed like they were ages ago.

And it had certainly been a long time since he saw them.

When Gu Qing Shan was about to talk, the two girls already took the initiative.

Wan Er lightly glided in front of him, took his hands and innocently asked: “Young master, it’s been so long since you returned, I miss you so much”

Qing Rou also glided near, softly clutched the sleeve of his shirt and looked at him with a slightly wet gaze.

She also muttered: “Young master, did you miss me and little sis Wan Er as well?”

Gu Qing Shan awkwardly backed off in confusion and asked them: “What happened with the two of you?”

The two girls flinched and exchanged glances as their expression became calm again.

Qing Rou smiled sincerely and told him: “So it really is you! I’m sorry, we were just probing you a bit just in case that it might be another impersonator”

“Ehehe, now we should be calling you senior brother” Wan Er also smiled..

Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief.

Then he recalled something.

“Did you two probe my impersonator the same way as well?” he asked with a mixed expression on his face.

“That’s right. After he returned, little sis and I kept feeling that there was something wrong with him” Qing Rou answered.

“So when we came up with a little play and teased him a bit, we immediately confirmed that he was a fake” Wan Er continued.

Gu Qing Shan asked worriedly: “You weren’t hurt, were you?”

“Don’t worry, we know better than anyone else how to take care of ourselves” Wan Er answered.

“How was his reaction different from mine?” Gu Qing Shan asked, intrigued.

Wan Er happily smiled as she told him: “From his words and actions, he probably wasn’t a——”

Qing Rou coughed and pulled on Wan Er’s sleeve.

Wan Er instantly shut up.

But her eyes were clearly smiling at Gu Qing Shan.

“He wasn’t a what?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Little sis Wan Er felt that he wasn’t a decent person at all” Qing Rou followed up.

“Yep, not a good person” Wan Er nodded.

Chapter 647

On the lake.

Qing Rou’s and Wan Er’s attitudes became a lot closer.

If it weren’t for the man that stood in front of them; never mind obtaining freedom, it might have been hard for them to even survive.

During the time they spent together, he had gained their respect and trust.

Wan Er couldn’t wait anymore and asked: “Young mas—— no, senior brother, did you come with the white fox to its world after we parted ways?”

Gu Qing Shan smiled bitterly.

The white fox?

Just how many seconds did that white fox live in front of Xiao Die?

Who could actually tell what would happen even a second later in the vast 900 million World Layers?

At the time after Qing Rou and Wan Er left, the situation changed so rapidly and unexpectedly that it was impossible to tell them right here.

“I had to compete with someone, then a series of unexpected things occurred, it’s a long story”

“It’s fine, senior brother doesn’t seem to want to tell the story for now, we can slowly talk about it later on” Qing Rou spoke in consideration for him.

“It’s not that I don’t want to tell you, but rather because that I wouldn’t be able to, for now it’s better that you tell me about what’s happening in this world first, I’ll slowly tell you about my story later” Gu Qing Shan told them.

The two girls nodded.

Gu Qing Shan then asked: “How was my impersonator dealt with in the end?”

Wan Er replied: “He was captured by Shifu—— the elder council of the alliance came here this time specifically to bring him back”

“So they still have the gall to come bring him back?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“They do, their official reason was that they sent someone here to test the newly appointed leader candidate of the alliance” Qing Rou explained.

“Specifically choosing someone to impersonate me and secretly probe Shifu’s personal matters, what a good excuse that is”

Gu Qing Shan smirked coldly, his tone already contained a bit of killing intent.

Qing Rou continued: “Shifu had already used a lot of means against that person, she found that he came from the cultivation alliance, and that he represented the alliance’s elder council”

Wan Er also added: “If she didn’t need to be wary of a few things, he would’ve already been killed”

“What did those people want to do?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Investigate everything about Bai Hua Fairy, understanding the characteristics of this world’s cultivators, collect the relevant information on our weapons, armors and even formations”

“Ah?” Gu Qing Shan chuckled without smiling and asked: “Which means, they’re trying to find a way to threaten Shifu or to find her weakness?”

“That is indeed the case, now that you mentioned it; that impersonator actually tried to do a certain thing”

“What was it?”

“He tried to bring Xiuxiu outside”

Gu Qing Shan’s heart skipped a beat.

Seems like the other party had already found out about Shifu’s weakness.

Back then, Xiuxiu was captured by Shifu’s mortal enemies, but even after receiving all sorts of torture, she still never revealed a single word about Shifu, which allowed Shifu to escape.

After reaching the realm of Saint, she finally got her revenge, only to find that Xiuxiu was barely alive during her time being captured.

Xiuxiu was Shifu’s master’s sole daughter.

And Xiuxiu saved Shifu's life.

Which is why Shifu would definitely never allow anything to happen to Xiuxiu.

If Xiuxiu was really captured, Gu Qing Shan couldn't even imagine what Shifu would do.

"Is Xiuxiu ok?" Gu Qing Shan hurriedly asked.

"It was quite a coincidence but at the time, we had just returned from the Suspended world and followed your instructions to find Bai Hua sect"

"When we came into Bai Hua sect, your Shifu and first brother were both out, second brother Qin Xiao Lou saw that we were related to you, so he took the initiative to let us stay in the sect and wait until Bai Hua Fairy returned to make her decision"

"And then—"

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"Yes, we happened to be involved in the attempted kidnapping. Thinking that you couldn't have returned so quickly, we managed to confirm that he was a fake. Since Xiuxiu was your junior sister, we decided to poke where it hurts and stopped him"

"How did you poke where it hurts?"

Qing Rou covered her mouth as she explained: "We exclaimed that he was a pervert, wanting to take your junior sister out because he was trying to do something to her"

Wan Er smiled: "Because of our previous run-in when we tempted him, his hands really got a bit grabby, so he believed that we really thought that way and gave up on trying to bring Xiuxiu out"

Qing Rou sighed: "Fortunately, in order to impersonate you well, the person's cultivation wasn't too high, he couldn't actually win against us even if he tried"

Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief: "It's fortunate that I managed to dispel your shackles before you returned"

The two girls both nodded.

As Tribulation realm cultivators, it was quite easy for them to win against a Projection realm cultivator.

"And then your Shifu returned" Qing Rou continued.

"Since your Shifu already knew us, she immediately asked us about you"

"Because someone had already tried to impersonate you, we decided to let her use Soul Reading on us to find out everything and avoid any unnecessary misunderstandings"

"Your Shifu was grateful for us saving Xiuxiu as well as when we betrayed Qi Yan in the battle before, so she asked us if we were willing to stay"

"We didn't have anywhere to go and since both you and your Shifu were decent people, we decided to stay"

Gu Qing Shan joyfully spoke: "You're certainly welcome here and truthfully, staying at Bai Hua sect might have been the best for both of you"

"I was thinking the same thing" Qing Rou replied.

“Compared to before, every day right now feels like heaven on earth” Wan Er emotionally commented.

Qing Rou waved her hand.

The airship slowly descended to the surface of the lake.

“Senior brother, let’s go, we should return to the sect now” she said.

“Yeah, we’ll bring you back as support” Wan Er also said.

“Support?” Gu Qing Shan asked again.

He has asked more questions today than any other.

Because it had really been so long since he left this world that he had to quickly learn every usable information.

Qing Rou explained: “Shifu had only just become the leader of the alliance, so a lot of people are still unsatisfied with her and were attempting something”

“Are those people still at Bai Hua sect?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“That’s right, the elder council and Shifu are currently discussing how to deal with your impersonator and they came prepared”

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes and asked: “With Shifu’s personality, if someone tried to impersonate me, she would’ve killed him, if someone tried to try something against Xiuxiu, she would’ve made them wish for death”

He then asked: “Why would she be discussing this with those people at all?”

Qing Rou answered: “We aren’t so sure, apparently Shifu had to rely on them for the matter regarding the world fusion”

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“Yeah, Shifu seemed really helpless regarding that matter” Wan Er also confirmed.

Gu Qing Shan silently nodded.

That’s true, Shifu has fused a few worlds, so she needed the cultivation alliance’s quota in order to not violate the rules of the 900 million World Layers.

According to Kitty, without having any quota, fusing two or more worlds together will result in immediate execution.

The two girls exchanged glances, then Qing Rou looked at Gu Qing Shan and spoke seriously: “At a time like this, Wan Er and I both believe that you have to be here in order for us to feel secure”

“You trust me that much?” Gu Qing Shan smiled.

Wan Er also smiled sweetly: “The situation in the Suspended world was much scarier, but senior brother managed to deal with that, so as long as senior brother is here, we’re sure you’ll be able to support Shifu”

Qing Rou confirmed: "Exactly"

"Alright then, let's go back and meet with these people then" Gu Qing Shan told them.

The two girls both replied: ""Yes, senior brother""

The airship turned into a green streak as it flew across the sky towards Bai Hua sect.

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Bai Hua sect.

The grand audience hall.

Bai Hua Fairy Xie Dao Ling was wearing a bright green traditional dress as she sat atop her Throne of Ten Thousand Flowers.

A cultivator was shackled by several chains, kneeling in a corner of the audience hall.

His current appearance was exactly the same as Gu Qing Shan.

In the middle of the hall, 8 old men were arguing with Xie Dao Ling.

They were all elders of the cultivation alliance, people of authority who had been taking care of the alliance's various matters for countless years.

Even the alliance's leaders have to rely on them to accomplish a lot of specific tasks.

One of the elders spoke: "Xie Dao Ling, you are the noble leader of the alliance, do you have to be so petty with an insignificant cultivator like this?"

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Xie Dao Ling coldly answered him: "He disguised himself as my disciple and looked into the secrets of my world, and you're still telling me to forgive him?"

Another elder explained: "That is not the case, he was sent by the alliance to investigate whether or not you were related to the Demon Nation in any way. The alliance only did this to ensure that their leader is clean, I hope you can understand"

Xie Dao Ling nodded: "I understand but I've read his soul, there are fragments of his memories that were sealed away so that I can't see them but I was clearly able to see that he attempted to take Xiuxiu away"

Xie Dao Ling's voice turned cold: "Attempting to kidnap my disciple, is this also the alliance's will?"

The elders were embarrassed and went silent.

This thoroughly ripped the veil apart, revealing their plan.

"Xie Dao Ling, we weren't trying to influence you or anything of the sort, we just wanted to understand you better through your disciple, she would have been sent back sooner or later" one of the elders explained.

Another elder spoke: “Back then, when the Dao Lord of Tai Hao Immortal Country became the alliance’s leader, he actively sent his son to my sect to cultivate as my direct disciple, you might want to consider learning from your predecessor as well”

“That’s right that way, everyone will be united and there will be no discord among us” another elder vaguely reminded her.

“That’s right, that is indeed so”

“Very reasonable”

Xie Dao Ling shook her head: “If that was the case, I don’t need to be the leader of anything, I won’t even be part of the alliance anymore, you should all go back!”

The elders exchanged glances.

Who would know that the situation would turn to this?

Can’t this Xie Dao Ling even discuss this for a bit?

But more importantly, if Xie Dao Ling doesn’t become the alliance leader, who would?

The alliance is already crumbling apart.

If she left, her supporters will definitely turn to her side and use this as a tool to use against us.

That cannot be the case!

Definitely not!

Today, we have to persuade this woman one way or another!

An elder spoke with a serious tone: “Xie Dao Ling, you won’t be able to gloss over this so easily. We might be able to compromise with you on many things but I hope you understand something clearly—the world fusion quotas allotted to the alliance are all held in the elder council’s hands”

Xie Dao Ling scowled.

Indeed, this was her biggest problem for now.

To become stronger, she had fused several worlds together, only finding out that doing so would cause a lot of trouble for both herself and her world later on.

Without the quota from the alliance, everything will have been for naught.

After a while.

Xie Dao Ling asked: “Then, what about this one who impersonated my disciple?”

“You have to give him back to us, because he’s someone on our side, he can’t die here” the elder left no room for negotiation.

When Xie Dao Ling wanted to say something else, her expression changed.

The 8 elders also stopped.

They all turned to look at the entrance of the audience hall.

A young sword cultivator stood there, curiously looking inside.

Gu Qing Shan!

The real Gu Qing Shan!

At this crucial point in time, the last disciple of Bai Hua sect had returned to this world!

“Have you met your two junior sisters?” Bai Hua Fairy smiled and asked.

“I did” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Do you have any objections to my decisions?”

“They are pitiable girls, but both their talents and their minds are top-notch, I have no objection to them joining our sect” Gu Qing Shan answered her.

He slowly walked into the hall and respectfully bowed to Bai Hua Fairy.

“Shifu, I’ve returned”

“Hm, you can go rest, I still have something to discuss here, we can talk more later tonight”

“The matter Shifu wanted to discuss was regarding that spy?”

Gu Qing Shan pointed at the corner of the hall.

His impersonator was still tightly bound on the spot, unable to move even a finger.

Hearing that, Bai Hua Fairy recalled how this disciple of hers always had a few of his own ideas, so she decided to follow up and asked: “That is indeed the case, Qing Shan, how do you think we should deal with this?”

“I personally feel that this isn’t a big deal at all, there is no need to think too much about this” Gu Qing Shan answered.

He continued: “They only wanted to know more about Shifu so that they can get along with Shifu better, this is a good thing—— wouldn’t you say so?”

Half-way through, he turned to ask the 8 elders.

The elders were surprised, but quickly nodded and praised him: “That is indeed true”

“Very true”

“That was our intention from the start”

“Gu Qing Shan, you really should advise your master to do the right thing”

Gu Qing Shan nodded to the elders, gesturing that he understood.

He continued to advise Bai Hua Fairy: “Truthfully, when staying in an organization, only when everyone’s benefit are unified can they get along well with each other and accomplish a common goal:”

“I trust that everyone’s actions started from goodwill, so there’s no need for you to make this such a big deal, Shifu”

“Ah? Do you really think so?” Xie Dao Ling asked.

“I do, Shifu, everyone being able to cooperate and get along in the future is always the best, wouldn’t you say so?” Gu Qing Shan replied.

After saying that, he slowly walked towards the impersonator.

“Shifu, there is no need for you to tie this cultivator up so tightly, if they feel grudgeful or mistreated, words might come out that our Bai Hua sect doesn’t know how to treat our guests”

He was talking as he walked closer.

Bai Hua Fairy was stunned.

The elders were loudly praising him.

“Xie Dao Ling, you got a very good disciple”

“Someone who understands the subtleties, a splendid young man”

“Such a person is truly someone who can support a sect”

Still stunned, Xie Dao Ling said nothing and only stared at Gu Qing Shan.

At this point, Gu Qing Shan had already stood in front of the impersonator.

He looked at him with an apologetic smile: “Being bound by all these chains must feel very uncomfortable, right? I apologize to you on behalf of Shifu, truthfully, our Bai Hua sect shouldn’t have treated you like this”

Seeing how easy he was to talk to, the man sighed in relief and smiled: “I’m sorry if I offended you, I really needed to borrow your identity in order to get to know the alliance’s new leader better”

“It’s fine, it’s fine, everyone has their job to do”

Gu Qing Shan patted him on the shoulder, apparently not minding it at all.

“Thank you for being so forgiving, you truly are a broadminded person, I truly respect you” the man told him.

Hearing that, Gu Qing Shan looked somewhat embarrassed.

“You praise me too much. You really shouldn’t have, after all——”

Sha!

A sharp gleam of the sword suddenly came.

The man’s head was lopped off with a single slash, flew towards the middle of the audience hall and rolled towards the elders’ feet.

Blood came out from the headless corpse as it remained straight up for a few moments before finally collapsing.

Clang clang!

The chains that were binding the corpse gave off clear chiming sounds as they hit the cold, solid ground.

“——after all, you’re already dead. Our Bai Hua sect have always been broadminded, we wouldn’t be petty against a dead man”

Gu Qing Shan lowered his sword and whole-heartedly spoke.

Chapter 648

TN: “Pulling firewood from under the pot” is an expression that means “to take advantage of an enemy’s weakness”. The story goes that an Immortal Alchemist in the heavens once spent 9 years to brew a single pill in his pot, but on the day that the pill was supposed to be done, a strong wind blew over the fire source, causing the flame to be more intense than he had intended and the pot to boil over, almost ruining the 9 years of effort. But one of his servants was quick-witted and removed one of the pieces of firewood burning the most intensely from under the pot, lowering the temperature back to normal.

—————

The head flew a long-distance away and rolled across the hall, stopping squarely beneath the feet of the 8 elders.

Their smiles froze over.

The man they insisted on protecting was killed without them being able to react, this was an unacceptable result.

This wasn’t just related to their dignity, the man also held a lot of intel on this world that they needed to know, that was why he had to be saved.

But everything happened so suddenly, Gu Qing Shan stood too close to the impersonator—— at that distance, no one would be able to stop a sword cultivator from suddenly killing their target.

Even with the 8 elders’ mental fortitude, they were still frozen for a brief moment under such circumstances.

Gu Qing Shan put his sword away and smiled amiably at the 8 elders.

He spoke with a joyful tone: “There, everything has been resolved properly, I hope we will all be able to get along and work together”

Pfft!!

Hiding behind a screen, Wan Er couldn’t hold in her chuckle.

This chuckle seemed to have some sort of power.

On the Throne of Ten thousand Flowers, Xie Dao Ling’s lips also curved into a smile.

The very next moment, she disappeared from her throne.

——at the same time, 7-8 streaks of light that carried intense killing intent shot towards Gu Qing Shan.

Bai Hua Fairy stood in front of Gu Qing Shan, casually swung her sleeves to dismiss all of these attacks.

“YOU!”

“You dare to kill my people in front of me!”

“Xie Dao Ling, don’t you dare protect him”

“Gu Qing Shan has to die!”

“Don’t even THINK about escaping today if you don’t give us a reasonable answer, Xie Dao Ling!”

The 8 elders all shouted.

Xie Dao Ling’s tone was cold: “You want to kill my disciple right in front of me, do you think this Xie Dao Ling is easy to mess with?”

“If I keep letting you do however you like in front of me, what kind of cultivation will I be doing from now on!”

While she spoke, an air of vicissitudes emerged from her body as her green hair slowly lost their color and turned silvery white.

A long vine whip full of thorns appeared in her hand.

Whoosh—clak!

As the whip was swung, the sound of the air snapping could be heard, as if something was being summoned here.

Countless flowers appeared from the void of space, turning the atmosphere into a solemn funeral scene. This translation is hosted for free at otakutl.blogspot.com, check the page for the fastest daily updates

The magnificent sight made the 8 elders feel like their throats were being clutched.

Someone shouted:

“No! She used the Asura Causality Divine Skill, [Vijaydhra]!”

As soon as this was called out, the elders all quickly backed off.

Xie Dao Ling became famous because of one campaign.

During the previous losing campaign, the reason why she managed to go against all odds and won against the demon army was mostly because of several notable Divine Skills.

This one, [Vijaydhra], was one of the two most fearsome Divine Skills that Xie Dao Ling possessed.

The elders were all bewildered.

Does she really intend to fight?

How dare she?

The leading elder stepped forward and spoke in a low voice: “Xie Dao Ling, you are insane, now I know that the Dao Lord shouldn’t have selected you to become the new alliance leader”

Xie Dao Ling replied: “That was the Dao Lord’s and the entire alliance’s will, it had nothing to do with the 8 of you”

“No, the reason why they chose you was based on a certain prerequisite” the elder shook his head.

“A prerequisite?”

“Indeed, that is ‘when in the alliance, do as the alliance do’, everyone believes that you will at least understand the most basic rule of operation in the alliance”

The elder sighed and shook his head: “Truthfully, what your disciple said just now wasn’t wrong, in an organization, only when everyone band together for a single unified benefit can all the gears of the said organization run at its maximum efficiency”

“We sent that person here, half to understand more about your past, while the other half was hoping to form a treaty with you”

“In fact, right now the smartest thing for you to do is to give Xiuxiu to us”

“As long as you have the tact to hand over your disciple, how could we do her any harm?”

“And you will also receive our full support, becoming the true leader of the alliance”

Xie Dao Ling lowered her gaze slightly and asked: “Did the Dao Lord do the same back then?”

“He did, and not only him, but every leader before him did the same thing”

“Only that way could he gain the trust of everyone”

“Xie Dao Ling, everyone expects so much from you, but why do you have to go against us!? Why do you want to break this balance! Do you know the safety of how many cultivation worlds is related to the alliance?”

“Millions of cultivators, all hoping that you can lead them forward, unite the alliance and win against the Demon Nation”

The old man raised his voice: “But now, you aren’t willing to even give up the most basic personal benefit, you only know to care about yourself, this old man can’t imagine just how badly you will actually lead the alliance! You disappoint us!”

“Did you just say— benefits?”

Saying that, Xie Dao Ling couldn’t help but laugh.

She casually raised her whip and spoke: “The one who doesn’t understand anything is you”

She also raised her voice: “Today, I will use my own actions to prove to every cultivator of the alliance, the people they care about, the people they want to protect, the people that they would gladly die in battle for, will not be used by any organization or for anyone to threaten them”

“From now onwards, the alliance will no longer be a collaboration of benefit”

“If tomorrow, we die in battle at the frontline against the Demon Nation then that will be because we have a unified will”

“That’s right, we will die because we have something that we want to protect even if we have to risk our lives”

“Every living being cultivates, not because of benefits, but because of their own conviction!”

“Your very sense of courage to lay everything on the line to surpass the limit of life and death has been eroded, your Dao hearts have fallen, all you have left is immense greed that clouds your eyes with nothing but ‘Be-Ne-Fits’; that is the reason why you can’t advance in your cultivation!”

“In this place, you have attempted to take Xiuxiu away and now you even want to kill Qing Shan, I will definitely not allow you to leave this place alive!”

Xie Dao Ling swung her whip.

The countless flowers gathered, quickly formed into a crown of flowers that manifested a faint rune.

The spell was cast!

From the void of space, an ancient entity statue with 1000 eyes, 999 hands, 8 feet and was spitting fire from their mouth manifested.

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As soon as the ancient entity statue appeared, a sense of solemnity filled the audience hall.

Together with killing intent!

Xie Dao Ling raised her voice: "We are done talking, receive your deaths!"

Standing across from her, the 8 elders recognized that it was now the most dangerous time.

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They have already linked hands as they shouted in unison: "900 million World Layers, World Referee!"

Hanging in front of each of their chests was a single medallion.

These medallions floated upwards to form a small badge.

The badge shook the void of space, giving off a short but constant loud ring.

Right away, an impatient voice came from above the bars on the ceiling.

"Who called me!?"

Following this voice, the figure descended.

It was a man whose face was full of stumbles and vicissitudes.

When he came down, he still had a playing card in his hand.

From the looks of it, he came directly in the middle of a game.

The man put the card away, looked at the ancient entity statue with intrigue before turning to look at the 8 elders with a sharp look in his eyes.

"The World Referee isn't someone you can arbitrarily call upon, if you ruined my game just to save your own lives, I will kill all of you first" the man told them.

The leading elder gave him a flattering smile and spoke: "Great sir! Please don't worry, we did not call upon you for our personal matter, we really had something we needed the World Referee to settle"

"Say it, don't waste my time" the man spoke.

The elder then pointed at Bai Hua Fairy Xie Dao Ling and grinned: "Sir, this woman here merged 5 worlds together, heavily surpassing her own quota of 2 worlds, so we request you to execute her"

"Ah? That's not right, last time her matter was reported, wasn't it decided that your cultivation alliance will provide the quota?" the man was surprised.

"But now we're no longer willing to provide it" the old man replied.

The other elders all nodded.

“Sir, the alliance quotas are all held in the hands of the 8 of us here, so we will make an official announcement on behalf of the alliance that our quota will definitely not be provided for her to use” one of the old men spoke with conviction.

The leading elder looked at Xie Dao Ling with a cruel look on his face: “Now, please pass your judgement on his woman who arbitrarily fused worlds together, sir”

This was pulling the firewood from under the pot!

No matter how many people supported Xie Dao Ling in the alliance, no matter how strong she was in battle, as long as they can take advantage of the fact that she surpassed her quota of fusing two worlds, she can be sent to her death at any time!

“There’s nothing to judge, if she has no quota to use, she will die” the man answered without much thought.

The World Referee looked at Xie Dao Ling, a bit regretful: “You get to decide, are you going to do it yourself, or should I?”

Xie Dao Ling sensed the immense power coming from him and quickly estimated.

—impossible, even with everything she had, it was impossible.

The difference in strength is too great, if I ignore everything else and use [Forgetting River], that might bring even more Lord-class Combatants instead.

If that happens, this world itself would be destroyed.

She silently sighed and bowed: “I can die, but can you give me some time to settle matters after my death?”

The man responded: “The 900 million World Layers World Referee doesn’t allow any world or any person to resist, but we do allow the minimum level of human emotion. I can give you time to settle matters, but make it quick”

Xie Dao Ling answered: “Thank you very much”

Her spirit energy began to boil.

Oom!

In the void of space, all the flowers turned to dust as the ancient entity statue slowly opened its eyes.

Xie Dao Ling’s killing intent locked onto the 8 elders.

The elders hurriedly shouted: “Sir, you can’t let this happen, she’s not settling matters after her death, she intends to commit suicide with us!”

The man scowled, a bit troubled on what to do.

At this time, Xie Dao Ling quickly used her inner sight to send her voice and settled the remaining matters with Gu Qing Shan.

“Qing Shan, what you did just now was correct, do not blame yourself”

“After I die, bring everyone, escape and survive, don’t get involved in the alliance’s matters anymore”

“I have a Secret Art that can hide our world temporarily, it’s hidden in—”

But she was cut off by Gu Qing Shan.

“Shifu, you won’t die” Gu Qing Shan told her.

“Hm?” Xie Dao Ling raised her eyebrow.

“That’s right” Gu Qing Shan smiled, “nothing will happen to us”

He walked past Bai Hua Fairy towards the man.

The man glanced at Gu Qing Shan, originally not paying much attention, but then he recalled something and carefully looked at him again.

The man spoke in surprise: “Ah? Why are you here? Where’s that gambling addict Barry?”

Chapter 649

“Hey, Chen Wang. I didn’t think I’d see you here” Gu Qing Shan smiled and greeted him.

Back in Aboul, when the Combatants received an audience with the Bramble Bird Empress, Barry brought Gu Qing Shan and introduced him to his circle of friends, getting acquainted with each of them.

At the time, this man, Chen Wang was one of them.

Barry was always a boss figure even among the Lord-class Combatants, so when he brought a protege to introduce to everyone, of course, no one refused.

As the newcomer, Gu Qing Shan wasn’t at all flustered, plus the fact that his strength was top-notch among his peers, and his base of knowledge made him a fun person to talk to, so he got along well with the group.

This left a good impression of Gu Qing Shan on every Combatant at the time.

And Gu Qing Shan naturally entered Iron Fist Barry’s circle of acquaintances.

The man called Chen Wang spoke: “I haven’t seen Barry at the casino recently, I heard that he and Kitty followed you on a vacation?”

“Yeah they did, my place doesn’t really have anything that good but the food suits their taste, so they’re happy staying there for now”

Saying that, Gu Qing Shan turned around slightly and gestured with his eyes to Xie Dao Ling for her to not do anything rash.

“They’re giving everyone IOUs again?” Chen Wang smirked.

“Of course not, I’m paying for everything” Gu Qing Shan patted his chest.

“Ah? Is that right? When are you going to invite me as well then?”

“Ahaha, naturally, the next time when there’s time for a vacation, I’ll definitely invite you as well”

Chen Wang nodded and complained: “I got summoned as a Referee, so annoying, can’t even play a set without any trouble—— but what are you doing here?”

Gu Qing Shan answered him: “After Barry and Kitty settled in, I was a bit worried for my Shifu, so I came to see her”

“Your Shifu?”

Chen Wang glanced around a bit and sharply focused his gaze on Xie Dao Ling.

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Gu Qing Shan then introduced him: “That’s right, this is my Shifu, Xie Dao Ling—— Shifu, this is the ruling Lord of World Layer No.390 to No.666, a Lord-class Combatant, as well as our Club’s regular, Mr. Chen Wang”

Xie Dao Ling put her whip away and clasped her hands: “Nice to meet you”

This time, Chen Wang also replied her greeting in a respectful manner and spoke amiably: “Excuse me for any uncouth actions just now, my apologies!”

He complained a bit: “Qing Shan, you brat, why didn’t you tell me this beforehand, I even had to prepare some unnecessary things”

He then tapped several points in the void of space.

After a few moments, countless black shadows that formed thick strings began to manifest all around the audience hall.

Even more terrifyingly, these black strings had attached themselves to Xie Dao Ling and the 8 elders’ limbs and body without any signs or warnings.

Xie Dao Ling and the 8 elders were all shocked to see these eerie glowing black shadows.

Even when they tried to think about it, they couldn’t tell when they attached at all.

As Chen Wang tapped them, the strings that surrounded Xie Dao Ling detached themselves and were sucked back into his finger without any remains.

While pulling them back, Chen Wang explained: “I don’t care about those 8 rice pots over there, but your Shifu’s technique is a Causality Divine Skill that can cause damage whilst ignoring the difference in power, so I can’t help but take some precautions”

“I’m so sorry, I had caused you unnecessary trouble” Xie Dao Ling apologetically told him.

“Ah, that’s not so, in fact it’s me who caused you trouble”

Chen Wang continued his explanation, “My strings of despair might leave some lingering power all around this place and yourself for about 1-2 hours”

“During this period, you might have a few gloomy thoughts—— but with a cultivator’s mental fortitude, it shouldn’t be too hard to resist it”

He then turned to Gu Qing Shan and complained in an annoyed tone again: “Why didn’t you show up a bit earlier”

Gu Qing Shan was speechless.

You’re the one who acted cool and only noticed me after I stepped out—— but I’m the one to blame?

Of course he didn’t say that and only smiled: “Regarding the referee matter, how does brother Chen think?”

Chen Wang fell into thought for a bit and said nothing.

Seeing him a bit troubled, Gu Qing Shan tried following up: “If the cultivation alliance won’t give my Shifu the quota, then you can deduct it from the Justice Iron Fist Club”

“That’s also not really appropriate” Chen Wang sighed.

“Are there any problems?” Gu Qing Shan became serious.

Chen Wang sighed again and explained: “Today’s matter was mostly because I’m in a hurry to go back to playing cards that I’m not doing my job properly”

Gu Qing Shan was confused.

Chen Wang continued: “Truthfully speaking, who doesn’t know about the cultivation alliance’s matter? Since your Shifu is involved in this, I’ll tell you all about it so that you understand”

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He then began: “The cultivation alliance—— finally got the first Dao Lord in dozens of years who had some hope to become a Lord but when the alliance was in danger, he was unanimously voted to guard the frontlines, forced to face countless demonized. Naturally, he couldn’t overturn the situation and instead became the focus of attack, crippling him”

“But the Dao Lord was smart, he picked out a successor then resigned and volunteered to face the demonized army by himself with a suicide attack, this way no one can try anything against his descendants and he gets to escape with his soul”

“So, the Demon Nation was forced back then the alliance voted for a new leader. I thought the new leader would only be a puppet to be used and discarded again, so if they ever met the [Demon King Order] they would be dealt with so horribly that even their soul might be taken away, so I thought I’d kill them right here and give them a chance to reincarnate”

“Who knew... that the new leader would be your Shifu”

With these words, the final piece of flimsy tape masking the truth of the cultivation alliance was peeled off as well.

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Gu Qing Shan just silently smiled.

It was nothing new in this world.

There have and always will be countless organizations and forces that cover themselves in a pretty coat of paint but are always doing all sort of unsavoury things behind the scenes

Gu Qing Shan spoke: "Thank you for telling me, I will convince my Shifu to no longer care about the cultivation alliance's matters from now on"

Chen Wang patted him on the shoulder and spoke: "That's right with you, Barry and Kitty, there is no shortage of places to go in the 900 million World Layers, there's nothing to miss with this garbage cultivation alliance, truly excellent cultivators have all left them a long time ago"

"Then the matter with my Shifu..." Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Don't tell Barry about this, otherwise my face is too thin to take it" Chen Wang solemnly told him.

"What about the quota?"

"I'll just give a few to your Shifu— there's no need to go through the normal process, I'll deal with it right now"

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly stopped him: "That's not really necessary, I know a world fusion quota is very precious, we can't—"

"It doesn't matter" Chen Wang cut him off: "Just leave this to your brother Chen, or do you think I'm not trustworthy?"

Gu Qing Shan gave up and clasped his fist: "Thank you, brother Chen"

Chen Wang nodded satisfyingly.

He took out a notebook, opened it and searched to find where Xie Dao Ling's name and the amount of used quota was written.

"Right here"

Chen Wang mumbled, took out a pencil and scribbled on that spot:

"Paid for, by Chen Wang"

Then he signed his name.

"There, that's done"

He put the notebook away and told Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan silently sighed.

5 world fusion quota— this should be worth an astronomical amount within the 900 million World Layers.

Who knew he would give them away so easily.

"It must've cost brother Chen a lot"

Gu Qing Shan was still a bit concerned.

Xie Dao Ling also understood what happened and clasped his fist to bow: "Thank you for helping me"

"Don't mind it, I didn't really lose anything anyways" Chen Wang spoke as he pointed at the 8 elders who were already scared stiff.

"They've done so much shady stuff over all these years and lined their own pockets with so much wealth and treasures that even I can see a few that I like"

"I'll just get my subordinates to collect all of their wealth and make up for my lost"

"As this matter stands, we are all happy" Chen Wang grinned.

The 8 leaders were extremely shocked.

—no matter how much they racked their brains, they couldn't have possibly thought that their well-crafted plan would turn into such a mess.

The leading old man's expression turned grim and spoke in a low voice: "World Referee, sir, what do you mean by that? Are you going to arbitrarily invade our world like that?"

"We won't stand for this, we will appeal!" another old man shouted.

"That's right, we're not afraid of you!"

"Sir, you shouldn't be unreasonable"

They all loudly objected.

Chen Wang appeared impatient and simply tapped the void of space behind him without turning around.

"I am Chen Wang. If I'm in a good mood I'll listen to what you say; when I'm not I'll come and kill you, I'm not a reasonable person—keep that in mind and go get your next lives"

As he said that, the countless black strings entered the bodies of the 8 elders'.

The elders immediately pulled their weapons and attacked the one closest to them.

Without using any spirit energy, as if they already lost their minds, they only knew to kill each other in a frenzy.

The audience hall quickly fell silent again.

The 8 elders were lying on the ground.

They were already dead.

Chapter 650

Chen Wang glanced back at the corpses of the 8 elders.

He scowled and spoke apologetically: "Sorry about that, my way of killing people has a big flaw that it leaves the floor really dirty"

"We don't mind, we still have to thank you for helping us with this huge problem"

Xie Dao Ling softly thanked him.

“Ah, if you don’t mind then it’s fine, now let me put this matter to rest”

Chen Wang reached his hand up and pulled something from the void of space above his head.

He took out an old-fashioned tube phone.

Clearing his throat, he spoke into the phone: “This is Chen Wang, get the old man on the phone”

At first, it was only static, but it quickly turned into a pleasant ringtone.

With the music playing, a mechanical voice answered: [This is the World Referee council’s chairman office, the chairman is currently out to see a concert, if there’s something urgent please call again in one hour, if it’s an emergency please deal with it yourself, thank you]

Beep!

Chen Wang continued speaking into the phone: “This is Chen Wang reporting”

“The 8 elders of the cultivation alliance has unanimously requested me to give authority of the world fusion quota back to the new leader of the cultivation alliance”

“Seeing how determined their attitude and stance were, I’ve decided to accept their request and will turn in the appropriate files and documents later”

“Old man, when you come back, pass this through the examination”

“Report finish”

Chen Wang let go.

The old tube phone flew by itself above his head and disappeared.

“How about that, what do you think about brother Chen’s work?” he smiled towards Gu Qing Shan.

“Thank you very much, brother Chen, let’s have a drink next time” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“I heard your cooking is quite good, enough to be praised by the Gourmet Soup Kitchen’s chef?”

“It’s only so-so”

“It’s decided then, next time I go to the Club for a fight with Barry, I’ll look forward to trying out your skills”

“No problem, you’re always welcome” Gu Qing Shan smiled.

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Chen Wang nodded, then greeted Xie Dao Ling before he left: “Alright then, farewell”

“Farewell, brother Chen”

“Farewell, sir”

Chen Wang flew up towards the ceiling and disappeared without a trace.

Only the master-disciple pair were left standing in the audience hall.

However soon enough, Xiuxiu, Qing Rou and Wan Er all came out from a screen behind the hall.

A big white goose walked grandly at the back of them all.

“Third brother!” Xiuxiu joyfully called out.

“Ahaha, Xiuxiu, long time no see, come!”

Gu Qing Shan casually greeted her.

He crouched down, picked Xiuxiu up with one hand and habitually placed her on his shoulder.

Xiuxiu was surprised at first but quickly appeared happy.

When I was younger, I had to go through a lot of suffering. After growing up a bit more, there wasn't anyone my age in the sect, plus the entire sect itself only had a few people, so I was lonely.

After so long I finally got another senior brother who was Gu Qing Shan, but war broke out, so both Qing Shan and Xiao Lou went to the frontline.

There was no one else to play with me.

As a senior brother I truly respected, Gu Qing Shan once again resolved the sect's trouble as soon as he returned.

And even though they haven't seen each other for a long time, senior brother still treated me the same.

Furthermore, the sect now has two new members— my junior sisters.

So it is a lot less lonely now.

Xiuxiu happily spoke: “Wow, senior brother's shoulder is so comfortable”

“Of course it is, senior brother went through special training for it— haha, greetings, first brother”

“Hm, you've finally grown up, very good” the white goose looked up and praised him.

Gu Qing Shan looked around, but couldn't find Qin Xiao Lou anywhere.

“Ah? Where's second brother?” he asked.

“Your second brother is currently cultivating in seclusion”

“Seclusion? Cultivating?” Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

Qin Xiao Lou was a peerless genius who mastered all of the 6 arts, but hated cultivating.

That was why, when he went out to flirt with a female cultivator of another sect, if not for his status as a disciple of Bai Hua Sect, he would've been beaten up too many times to count with his cultivation.

Using his status also had its merits, as others will just pull away and ignore him instead.

Because currently, Bai Hua Fairy was the leader of this entire world, and during the previous war in Shen Wu world, Gu Qing Shan managed to save everyone.

The Bai Hua sect name was still one to be respected.

“He is indeed in seclusion, because last time, Xiuxiu was almost taken from the sect by your impersonator, but he was too weak to notice anything, only after Qing Rou and Wan Er acted that he slowly understood”

Bai Hua Fairy appeared pleased as she explained: "From then on, he began to enter seclusion, this would also be the first time that he truly went into seclusion, so I hope he'll achieve something from it"

"What realm is second brother currently at?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Rejuvenation"

"..."

"Because all of his peers were no longer Golden Core, his pride couldn't take it, so he cultivated for two days and broke through to Rejuvenation"

"Two days?"

"That's right, only two days"

"Then why didn't he continue?"

"He felt that Rejuvenation was already enough, he claimed that if he cultivated any more, he would feel tired and would get in a bad mood and couldn't sleep well at night"

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"..."

Gu Qing Shan was speechless again.

Ever since returning here, I think I've become speechless a lot more than before.

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He thought briefly and spoke: "Thanks to Xiuxiu's matter this time, he should have already received a warning. In the first place, with his talent and wits, as long as he truly puts his mind to it, breaking through would be as easy as pouring water for him"

Everyone nodded in agreement.

Qin Xiao Lou had too many strange and weird ideas, his normal conducts were also out of the ordinary. If not for that, he would have already become a prominent figure in the cultivation world.

A flame talisman came flying into the hall.

Bai Hua Fairy received the talisman and infused it with her spirit energy.

An encrypted message was relayed to her through her inner sight.

Bai Hua Fairy thought briefly and told her disciples: "The Great Monk of Sorrow wants to find me for an important matter, I'll return soon, so go ahead and enjoy the reunion among yourselves for now"

"Bai Ying Tian"

"I'm here"

"You're the first brother, make sure to keep everyone in check"

“Understood!” the white goose answered in a serious tone.

Bai Hua Fairy lightly leapt and disappeared from the hall.

The atmosphere instantly became much more relaxed.

——Shifu’s cultivation was always high, and she was now the leader of thousands of worlds, so an air of solemnity always exists around her.

Shifu treats everyone like family, but Shifu is still Shifu.

Even Qing Rou and Wan Er, after joining the sect for just a few days, already became similar to Xiuxiu, always a bit nervous around Bai Hua Fairy.

But they were already Tribulation realm cultivators!

This couldn’t be explained by mere logic, only that the relationship between people is a miraculous thing.

And so, now that Bai Hua Fairy had left, everyone felt a lot more relaxed.

The white goose sighed in relief and spoke: “Shifu is normally too strict, now that she’s not here anymore, we can all gather and talk normally”

Hearing the white goose, Xiuxiu, Qing Rou and Wan Er couldn’t help but nod.

They all calmed down.

Gu Qing Shan, however, didn’t nod, nor did he relax.

He was staring a hole into the ground, feeling like 10,000 horses stampeding in his mind.

——Shifu, are you having fun doing this?

Gu Qing Shan silently thought that.

The white goose looked around and smiled to everyone: “To celebrate the sect’s troubles being over, as well as congratulating Gu Qing Shan’s return, I suggest we take some of the desserts we’ve been putting away for everyone to eat and have a small tea party”

“Wow! We can have dessert now!” Xiuxiu put both hands in the air and cheered.

Qing Rou and Wan Er also smiled.

The white goose then emphasized: “But everyone shouldn’t eat too much, only one piece per person since we don’t have much dessert leftover”

“Yes!” the three girls all replied.

“Wait—— why are you all so happy to be able to eat dessert?” Gu Qing Shan asked in confusion.

Xiuxiu explained: “Senior brother, you don’t know this, but ever since second brother went into seclusion, we’ve been starving”

“How is that possible?” Gu Qing Shan exclaimed in shock.

The white goose continued: "Because our daily food is usually prepared by Qin Xiao Lou, now that he's in seclusion, of course we have nothing to eat"

"Then you——"

"We've been surviving on pills and drinking dew every day" Xiuxiu sadly complained.

"Why don't you buy something from the outside?"

The white goose shook his head and sighed: "After eating Qin Xiao Lou's personal cooking every day, how could we stand eating food from outside? Not to mention, as the number one sect in the world, don't you think it's humiliating having to buy food from outside every day?"

Gu Qing Shan was speechless.

You're clearly a glutton but insist on being prideful, you brought this on yourself.

He glanced at Qing Rou and Wan Er.

Qing Rou smiled: "We're already very satisfied with the current situation, but——"

Wan Er followed up: "It really has been a long time since we get to eat some freshly cooked, warm spirit cooking"

As they said that, they all looked at Gu Qing Shan expectantly.

Gu Qing Shan slowly realized something.

——there's probably no such thing as someone looking to discuss anything with Xie Dao Ling.

She purposefully went away.

The goal was to...

Gu Qing Shan sneaked a glance at the white goose.

Only to see that the white goose had an encouraging expression, silently nodding to Xiuxiu, signaling her.

Xiuxiu mustered her courage and hesitantly spoke: "Senior brother Gu, earlier when we were hiding behind the screen, I heard the strong man said that your cooking skills are really good"

The white goose acted surprised: "Ah? Even a Lord felt that Gu Qing Shan's skills were great? Then we really have to try it out today!"

Gu Qing Shan: "..."