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Qin Xiao Lou then smiled: "Ah, it's not a matter of hard or not, all we have to do is show up there, the only problem is that I already went last time so I can't go again, so we'll need you and third brother this time"

Xiuxiu looked at Gu Qing Shan anxiously, as well as anticipation and asked: "Will we be alright?"

Since they've only just met, the little girl being a bit on guard against him is understandable.

Gu Qing Shan smiled: "There's no problem, you can relax"

As everyone is here, Qin Xiao Lou started to set up the table.

While doing that, he was also complaining: "Qing Shan, you don't know this, but first brother is a demon beast, while I don't particularly like cultivating, Xiuxiu is still small, so in our whole sect there isn't a single normal cultivator to keep up reputation"

Gu Qing Shan smiled: "No worries, I'll do my best"

Qin Xiao Lou was very pleased with his attitude and put his hand over his shoulder: "That's right, we'll be depending on you from now on"

"You just want to slack off" Xiuxiu squints her nose and muttered.

Qin Xiao Lou acted like he didn't hear it and pushed them to eat.

His cooking really was exceptional, completely fitting for his reputation of being an expert in all the 6 arts.

Gu Qing Shan and Xiuxiu just sat and ate without saying much.

After lunch, when she heard they wanted to go get monster parts, Xiuxiu left.

Qin Xiao Lou brought Gu Qing Shan to a barren mountain area.

"Monsters stink very badly when they're alive, and even worse when they're dead, so we put all of them here" Qin Xiao Lou said.

Gu Qing Shan extends his sight.

This is a completely barren, dead mountain without any signs of living beings for thousands of miles.

Looking at the bottom of the mountain, you can see all sorts of strange things laying everywhere.

A giant stone ball as big as 7 people, a white stone monument, a bruised bronze wood coffin, a bloody doll.

All these items that you can't quite explain, everywhere, filing the entire mountain.

Qin Xiao Lou said: "These things are all a bunch of corpses and other boring stuff, let's go, there's more at the top"

“Yes” Gu Qing Shan answered.

As they walked along the stone path, they very quickly ascended the mountain.

Along the way, Qin Xiao Lou picked up a broken Longsword, muttering: “Strange, last time I didn’t see this thing here”

Before he could even finish, a phantom of a middle-age man flew out from the sword.

“Young one, you’re blessed, I’m a Tian Wang realm cultivator, due to being wounded too badly I can’t not hide in the sword to save my strength, take me out of here and I’ll teach you how to cultivate” the middle-age man’s phantom said.

“Ah? You’re in Tian Wang in which age?” Qin Xiao Lou asked with interest.

The middle-age phantom was stunned as he didn’t expect to get this kind of reaction.

He thought for a bit, then: “3000 years ago...”

“You’re already out of date, old man”

Qin Xiao Lou didn’t wait for him to finish, only put the sword back in the sheath and threw it on the ground.

As the sheath glowed, the sword inside struggled twice before becoming silent again.

“Bullshit Tian Wang realm, never heard of it before”

“Even dared to try taking over this young master’s body, I’ve only let you go because you’re a property of our sect”

As Qin Xiao Lou said that, he kept going.

“Wait” Gu Qing Shan suddenly picked up the broken sword “Can I take it?”

“As long as you have a use for it” Qin Xiao Lou answered.

Gu Qing Shan tapped his Inventory Bag and put the sword inside.

This would be a Huang Quan type, and quite the unique one as well.

Gu Qing Shan was very happy to find it.

After that, he found a duo-horned Grey Dragonewt claw, a monster skull with ten eyes, and a corpse piece that’s covered by a small cloud on the mountain.

Gu Qing Shan was convinced that there’s nowhere else that’s easier to get monster corpse parts than here.

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The broken sword is a unique Huang Quan type, the duo-horned Grey Dragonewt is a Chaos type, the ten-eyed monster is an Abyss type, and the cloud-covered corpse piece is an Unknown type.

The only one left is Space type.

This world doesn't have any Space type, so Gu Qing Shan will have to find one after he returns to Reality.

This Quest would be at least 100 times harder to complete if he weren't Bai Hua Fairy's disciple.

Gu Qing Shan looked a bit in his Inventory Bag, confirming that all the parts he picked were also high quality.

He breathed out in relief.

The Quest is already more than half-done; Gu Qing Shan is itching to know what kind of Thaumaturgy will he be able to get.

While they went down the mountain, Gu Qing Shan looked at all the corpses and couldn't help but ask: "Who killed all these? Shifu?"

Qin Xiao Lou shrinks his neck, a rare sight, and said: "Shifu isn't that free, all this is the goose's doing"

So it IS her.

Gu Qing Shan silently said in his mind.

Where they got off the mountain was conveniently not too far from the green rock.

Around the green rock, hundreds of cultivators were sitting down, silently meditating, a very magnificent sight.

This was the Saint's territory, so no one dares to riot of complain.

Since there's no one here mediate the Bai Hua list attempts, and they didn't want to just leave, they all decided to just sit and meditate on the spot.

Qin Xiao Lou: "Ok, I'll have to replace that goose with choosing the people to attempt the lists, are you going to wait for me or go back first?"

"I'll wait"

Gu Qing Shan answered, since Qin Xiao Lou already went with him to pick out corpse parts for so long, if he were to leave right now that'll be rude.

"Ok then, if you feel like you can't wait you can just go back to Bai Hua palace first, the goose is probably almost done anyways"

"It's fine"

As they finished speaking, Qin Xiao Lou flew upwards, landing on the green rock.

He shouted: "Now! Bai Ying Tian have business to attend to, for the rest of today, I, Qin Xiao Lou, will be picking people for the lists"

Numerous cultivators stood up, saying: "Then please give us the test, fellow Dao seeker"

"Hm, that's right, the test for today, let me think" Qin Xiao Lou thought for a bit.

While every cultivator was tensely waiting, he clapped his hand and said: "Right"
"The test for today, is to make me pleased"

All the cultivators were speechless.

Qin Xiao Lou looked happy beyond compare, as if he was so proud of what he had thought of: "All of you line up, if you can please me in any way at all, you can go left and attempt a list!"

"Fair warning, no seduction allows, and I don't need spirit stones!" he thought a bit more then added.

As Gu Qing Shan saw this, he was completely flabbergasted.

He knows from history that Qin Xiao Lou was a person with a free spirit. But having lived 2 lives, this is the first time he knows that someone can be this free-spirited.

"See, clearly unacceptable right? That's why we urgently need a normal human cultivator" a voice was heard from behind him.

As Gu Qing Shan turned around, it was the white goose, Bai Ying Tian.

Could it be this is the real reason why Bai Hua Fairy took me in as a disciple?

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but think that.

"Let's go, no need to watch his antics, your place is already settled, I'll guide you" the white goose said.

Gu Qing Shan clasped his hand: "Thank you first brother"

The white goose nodded and took Gu Qing Shan flying.

"If you can, try to take care of your junior sister a bit more" the white goose said.

"Ah? Ok"

Even though Gu Qing Shan wasn't very clear why, but since Bai Hua Fairy said so, he just agreed.

As the white goose was afraid Gu Qing Shan wouldn't understand, he continued to explain: "She was an old acquaintance of the Saint"

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"In the past, when the Saint was still young, after her sect was destroyed, the Saint was chased by her enemies. At the time, only Xiuxiu knew where the Saint was"

"Why does Xiuxiu knows?" Gu Qing Shan asked, noticing this matter to be very serious.

"Because Xiuxiu was the sect master's daughter, the one that personally helped the Saint escaped" white goose answered.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

"Even after she was caught, she never said a single thing about where the Saint was"

“Even after she got all 5 senses stolen from her, imprisoned inside a Spirit Beast Bag, spending every second struggling to breath, she still didn’t say anything” the white goose had a look of sorrow as he explained.

Gu Qing Shan praised her: “She’s really a good child”

The white goose continued: “When the Saint had finally killed her enemy and saved her from the Spirit Beast Bag, it has already been 5 years”

Gu Qing Shan was shocked: “She withstood such torture for 5 whole years?”

A normal person wouldn’t be able to stand even 10 minutes of such pain, yet an 8 years old child had to silently take it for years on end.

Gu Qing Shan unconsciously held a feeling of respect for her.

“That’s right, at the time both her soul and body were already on the verge of collapse” the white goose lowered his head as he spoke: “The Saint had to spent so much effort, healing her bit by bit to finally get her back”

“As the timeflow inside the Spirit Beast Bag was frozen, when she was saved she was still only 7 years old”

“No one have had to suffer such torture in the entire cultivation world before, so the only choice was to let her keep being 7 years old until both her body and soul are fully healed”

Gu Qing Shan was speechless, then said: “Rest assured, since she’s my junior sister, I will do my best to take care of her”

When the goose looked at Gu Qing Shan, he nodded with determination.

“Then that’s good, we here don’t have many other rules, just that we all take care of each other and cultivate ourselves, that’s already fulfilling Shifu’s biggest wish” the white goose said

If any other sects were to hear that Bai Hua Fairy’s sect was founded with such a pure wish, not many would believe.

But Gu Qing Shan, having been through today with them, could honestly believe it.

He felt a sense of warmth in his heart.

“Bai Hua Fairy’s cultivation is higher than any other, but she really doesn’t mind managing her sect as much” Gu Qing Shan silently thought, “this isn’t like a cultivation sect at all, more like she’s building a home...”

“Come! Let’s go see your home from now on!” the white goose flapped his wings and flew.

“Yes!”

Since Gu Qing Shan still can’t fly yet, he can only glide after the white goose.

They went deep into Bai Hua Palace, passing many buildings and finally arrived at a large building.

On its name plate were two large words:

“Orchid Hall”

As Gu Qing Shan saw those two words, he couldn't help but turned and asked the white goose: “This is where I'll live?”

“That's right” The white goose nodded.

Gu Qing Shan lightly frowned.

Isn't that name a bit too girly for where I'll live?

“Can I change the name?” he asked.

“You can't, the Saint herself wrote that name so why would you need to change it” the white goose sounds a bit annoyed.

Gu Qing Shan could only give up.

Then he remembered and asked: “What's second brother's place called?”

The white goose answered: “Cherry Blossom Palace”

Gu Qing Shan felt there really was fairness in the world.

A person and a goose walked into the Hall.

As Gu Qing Shan extends his sight forward ———he really was “extending his sight”, as the interior of the hall was quite large, about as big as two football fields.

“This is really my place?” Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but ask again.

This place is big enough to hold a concert.

The white goose answered: “That's right, your place”

“Just for me?” Gu Qing Shan again.

“Just for you” the white goose answered.

“For you”

“-or you“

“you”

“ou”

“uuu...”

The sound echoed across the entire hall.

Gu Qing Shan: “...”

White goose: “...”

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“Ehem” the white goose was a bit embarrassed and explained: “Before, when it was built, the Saint thought that the bigger she built everything, the easier it would be to make others feel a sense of respect”

“...Truly it will make others feel a sense of respect” Gu Qing Shan reluctantly said.

“Rest up, at night we’ll all have dinner together, to congratulate you joining our sect”

As he said that, the white goose turned around and flew away.

Gu Qing Shan just stood there for a while at the door before entering Orchid Hall.

He walked around the entire hall once.

After only circling it once, he already feel his body warmed up and a bit of sweat on his back.

It’s like he had just done some exercise.

Orchid Hall...

Ok, at least it’s big enough, Gu Qing Shan convinced himself.

In a corner of the hall, lots of cultivation resources are neatly left there.

Gu Qing Shan picked up one of the pill bottles, opened and smelled it.

The excess spirit energy went into his nose, making the entire 30.000 pores on his body felt alive.

Such excellent pills!

Gu Qing Shan silently praised it, then went around to check the rest.

After all is said and done, the treatment in Bai Hua Palace really is without equal, everything he gets is first-rate, and whatever he wants to get are all top-notch.

You could see that Bai Hua Fairy treats her disciple very dearly.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit, then took out a spirit thread cushion, randomly placed it on the air in the hall and sat on it.

Then he closed his eyes and started meditating.

Night falls.

Cherry Blossom Palace.

Two male, one female and a goose was sitting together.

The table was full of fantastic dishes and drinks, still warm to the touch.

Qin Xiao Lou pridefully said: “Help yourself, all of these are my best signature dishes, be careful with your tongue”

As he saw the goose glared at him, he reluctantly: “Fine, then let our first brother speak first”

The white goose cleared his throat, speaking seriously: "Today we welcome Qing Shan and Xiuxiu into our sect. From now on, I hope we can become like true brothers and sisters while living together"

Xiuxiu softly asked: "Shifu isn't coming?"

The white goose said: "Shifu is a Saint, she's always busy with something, so we can just do this kind of celebration on our own and not disturb her"

But you're already here.

Gu Qing Shan rolled his eyes.

Xiuxiu was a bit disappointed.

Qin Xiao Lou glanced at her and said: "Junior sister Xiuxiu, from tomorrow onwards, Shifu will be teaching you cultivation every day, so tonight will be the only night happy night that you get to escape her evil grasp you know"

Then he used chopsticks to grab and put a drumstick in Xiuxiu's bowl, saying: "Here, I marinated this chicken drumstick for very long, guaranteed you'll like it"

Xiuxiu smelled it, then happily said: "Then I won't hesitate"

The white goose jumped up, stood on Qin Xiao Lou's shoulder and used his wings to hit him while angrily saying: "Evil grasp! What do you mean evil grasp! Come on, say it! How dare you talk about Shifu like that"

"First brother please spare me; I've prepared for you a lot of wine you know!" Qin Xiao Lou begged to be forgiven.

"Hmph, then why haven't you brought them out yet?" As the white goose hear that, it flew back to its seat.

Qin Xiao Lou fixed his hair in annoyance, then tapped his Inventory Bag and took out more than a dozen different bottles.

"Qing Shan, come, taste these drinks that I brewed myself" he called out, ignoring the white goose.

"Yes" as Gu Qing Shan saw so many kinds of wine, he also couldn't help himself.

Xiuxiu only looked up, then continued chewing on her chicken.

The white goose scoffed, then took a bottle for his own.

"This shot is for first brother" Gu Qing Shan held up his cup and said.

The white goose also brought up his own cup, pleased: "Hm, that's right, then bottoms up"

"Yes" Gu Qing Shan said.

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After three shots of alcohol, the atmosphere started to become cheery.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly took a few shot glasses, saying: "I've tried all of these, a few of them I think I can do something like this..."

His hands worked quickly, mixing a few kinds together to make a total of three shots.

Then Gu Qing Shan took a shot for himself, tasting it.

"Hm, still a bit lacking"

As he said that, he already took another bottle, poured it in and lightly shook it.

Gu Qing Shan took another sip, nodded in satisfaction and also mixed the other two shots.

"Here, you can try" he gestured to them.

Qin Xiao Lou opened his eyes wide, waiting until Gu Qing Shan finished to slap the table and said:

"Junior brother, you mix all these kinds of wine together, wouldn't it make the flavor chaotic?"

"Sometimes chaotic actually makes it better" Gu Qing Shan nodded to him, smiled and said: "You can try it"

Qin Xiao Lou looked at his glass, a bit hesitant: "Junior brother, before, have you ——"

"I've also brewed alcohol before" Gu Qing Shan answered.

Finally, Qin Xiao Lou braced himself and took a sip from the glass.

After just one sip, he didn't say anything else and downed the whole thing in one gulp.

"So junior brother was also a kindred spirit"

The way Qin Xiao Lou looked at Gu Qing Shan changed a bit.

Then he wanted to take the other glass as well.

"Do you want to be punished!?" the white goose knocked his hand away and grabbed it: "This one is mine"

As the white goose slightly gulped, the entire glass was finished.

"Hm, that does taste good, another one" he licked his beaks and said.

"Another one for me too" Qin Xiao Lou also quickly said.

Gu Qing Shan mixed them once again, this time the three of them cheers before downing it all in one gulp

"Another one" the white goose.

"There are other ways to mix them, wait a minute" Gu Qing Shan smiled.

Then another mixing test was done.

This time both white goose and Qin Xiao Lou looked at him with interest.

Xiuxiu who was busy eating her chicken also looked up.

Two minutes later.

Qin Xiao Lou was already a bit tipsy, hung onto Gu Qing Shan's shoulders and spoke loudly: "Junior brother, I have to tell you, all these years, Shifu really has done so many things to complain about, but the fact that she accepted you into our sect is definitely not a mistake"

As the white goose heard that, he squints his eyes and silently drank another glass.

Gu Qing Shan was silently wishing Qin Xiao Lou luck in his mind.

"I have a spell here, I'll give it to know as a first meeting gift" as Qin Xiao Lou said that, he took out a jade tag and gave to Gu Qing Shan.

As soon as Gu Qing Shan received it, a line of text appeared on the War God UI.

"Discovered Long-ranged Spirit Energy Massaging Method, would you like to spend 1 Soul Points to comprehend it?"

Gu Qing Shan eyes were sharp, as he saw the white goose already stood up to knock the jade tag out of his hand, he already chose.

"Comprehend it"

"Consumed 1 Soul Points, comprehended Long-ranged Spirit Energy Massaging Method"

"Current Soul Points: 650/7"

Just a second after, the jade tag was knocked down to the table by the white goose.

"You can't look at it" the white goose swiped and took the jade tag away.

Qin Xiao Lou opened his eyes wide, saying: "This is only a method to train his spirit energy, why can't he learn it?"

The white goose laughed coldly, asking: "Just training spirit energy? You sure?"

He only glared at Qin Xiao Lou and said nothing else.

Being glared at, Qin Xiao Lou lost his confidence and also said nothing.

Gu Qing Shan also didn't say anything, only silently studied the spell.

It's quite strange.

What Qin Xiao Lou said wasn't wrong, this is simply a method to expand your spirit energy outwards, using it to touch another person and help them remove mental and bodily fatigue.

This spell is extremely simple, but also ingenious, since it's not something anyone can just think of.

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Dismissing the small incident, they all returned to drinking.

While everyone was in high spirits, a shy timid voice asked: "Can I also drink this?"

Xiuxiu's eyes were full of anticipation and said: "I also want to cheers with brothers"

Gu Qing Shan and Qin Xiao Lou looked at the white goose.

"First brother?" Qin Xiao Lou asked.

The white goose reluctantly shook his head and silently sent his voice: "She can't drink yet, the wound on her soul vessel hasn't fully healed, and her body is still in treatment, she can't drink alcohol or there might be problems" (1)

When Xiuxiu saw first brother shook his head, she sorrowfully lowered her head.

The two men and a goose looked at each other, feeling a bit awkward.

Gu Qing Shan then thought a bit, smiled and said: "Xiuxiu, I actually have something here that you could drink"

He grabbed a few spirit fruits on the table, threw them all in the air and shouted: "Secret Art!"

Both the white goose and Qin Xiao Lou became serious, expand their inner sight to see Gu Qing Shan's movements.

Only to see Gu Qing Shan made a single hand seal and said: "Juicer!"

As spirit energy escaped his body, it crushed and squeezed the fruits flat.

When the juice flowed out, it was caught and guided by the spirit energy into an empty cup on the table.

A refreshing cup of juice was made.

This is one of many daily skills that players made after spirit energy became commonplace.

"This is a juice mix" Gu Qing Shan held the cup and put it in front of Xiuxiu, "I remember these fruits taste quite good together, you can try"

Xiuxiu's eyes lit up as she extends her small hands to hold the cup and drink.

Once started, she didn't let go, as a gulping sound was continuously heard from behind the cup.

Xiuxiu drank the entire cup in one go, placed it down on the table and cheerfully said: "Third brother, I want another one!"

Gu Qing Shan smiled and said: "Here, I'll teach you how to, then you can change the flavor yourself"

On the other side, both the white goose and Qin Xiao Lou had already made their own cups of juice.

This type of simple spell, they only need to look to know how to use.

However, this world has only ever known to eat fruits, no one has ever thought of the concept of drinking the juice from them before.

Xiuxiu also very quickly grasped the spell, made her own cup of juice and knocked her cup with white goose.

"May first brother become strong without equal"

The she knocked cups with Qin Xiao Lou: “May second brother become more reliable soon”

“Hey, I don’t like to hear that” Qin Xiao Lou said, a bit annoyed.

White goose looked at Xiuxiu being happy, glanced at Gu Qing Shan and nodded, showing a hint of a smile in his eyes.

Xiuxiu raised the cup again, smiling sweetly: “Third brother, thank you for teaching me such a cool spell, you’re always welcome at my Orchid Cactus Hall”

“That’s great to hear” Gu Qing Shan also raised his cup and lightly knocked it with Xiuxiu.

Right now, Gu Qing Shan’s mood couldn’t be better.

A happy meal for both guest and host.

Qin Xiao Lou learnt to make cocktail and drank himself to sleep.

His cultivation originally wasn’t that high, yet still drank so much spirit alcohol without expelling the alcohol, so he just slept on the table.

Gu Qing Shan can’t help but bring him to his bed and let him continue to slumber.

White goose carried Xiuxiu, who was also sleeping and reminded him before leaving: “Third brother, sleep well tonight, tomorrow I’ll help you with cultivation”

“Thank you first brother” Gu Qing Shan answered.

He doesn’t ask why it’s him but not Shifu, and he also doesn’t ask what kind of cultivation.

This really pleased white goose.

“Shifu took you in” white goose burped, “seems like she took in the right person”

Then he brought Xiuxiu away.

Gu Qing Shan laughed a bit, then slowly returned to his own Orchid Hall, recalling all that has happened today.

With this meal, he seems to have successfully settled himself into Bai Hua sect.

Returning to Orchid Hall, he silently sat on a cushion to rest, waiting for the hourglass to run out of sand.

As the screen lit up, Gu Qing Shan disappeared from the big hall.

Note:

(1) Sending voice: a very common technique in cultivation novels, used to send a message directly into someone’s mind. Basically one-way telepathy, some novels explain it as using a technique to control so that only the person and people you want is able to hear your voice, so it can be tapped, unlike real telepathy.

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In a dark alley.

Gu Qing Shan's figure silently appeared.

Exactly 1 hour has passed and it was now midnight.

As the wind blows from one end to the other, you could feel the calming breeze.

Gu Qing Shan looked around to make sure there were no people.

This was originally a secluded alleyway, plus it's already midnight, so of course there aren't anybody here.

Having confirmed that, he stood in place and opened the War God UI.

Looking at the wheel on War God UI, he took out all the items he had prepared and put them in the corresponding slots.

Ting! Ting! Ting! Ting!

4 consecutive system sound was heard as the complicated patterns and the slot inside spun around, finally turned into 4 balls of light.

Only the last slot was still empty without any change.

The pattern in there was a sea of stars, where one of the planets was being covered by a giant monster using its body.

"There's only Space type left..."

Gu Qing Shan mumbled.

Cultivation world doesn't have this kind of monster, so he must find it from Reality.

Interstellar Warp technology enabled humanity to find out the truth about space.

After intense and costly battles, humanity found out that it wasn't easy to win against the numerous kinds of planet-sized monsters.

And this kind of battle, from their current standpoint, is meaningless, as they don't gain anything from it.

The only thing they got was a bunch of space monster corpses.

With current technology, the rate of research on utilizing these monsters are too slow.

After much discussion, humanity reached a unanimous decision to temporarily stop the exploration of other galaxies.

Glancing at War God UI, Gu Qing Shan confirmed that there were still a lot of time, so there was no need to rush.

No matter what, as soon as the time limit is up, he'll still be able to pick a Thaumaturgy, but given the chance, Gu Qing Shan of course would want to do everything perfectly and get a powerful Thaumaturgy.

But space monster corpse parts aren't exactly easy to get.

How should I go about doing this?

Gu Qing Shan suddenly remembered someone.

He turned on his phone, found a certain person's number and called.

Shortly after, they picked up.

"How surprising for you to actively contact me" Zhang Ying Hao's calm voice was heard.

"There's something I need, and seeking your help seems to be the most convenient" said Gu Qing Shan.

"That's great, that means our relationship isn't just acquaintances anymore" Zhang Ying Hao replied.

"If you aren't busy, then come" Gu Qing Shan gave the other party information on where he was, "because this matter is better discussed face-to-face"

"I'll be there soon" Zhang Ying Hao hung up.

Gu Qing Shan only had to wait for 10 minutes.

Wearing a black coat and open finger black gloves, Zhang Ying Hao appeared from the other end of the alley.

As he walks, Zhang Ying Hao spread his arms and said: "How miraculous, the 9 Lords still hasn't been able to get their hands on your scientific research"

"You're not afraid I'll drop dead in just a few seconds?" Gu Qing Shan smiled and said.

"There were some problems with the Su family, Elder Su is very angry right now, and my second uncle supports Su family's stance, together with the Lee family that has always been on good terms with Su family, the situation is still changing" Zhang Ying Hao summarized.

Then he clapped his hand: "Ok then, since you called me all the way here, what's the matter?"

Gu Qing Shan said: "I need some space monster parts"

Zhang Ying Hao didn't ask why, only looked at him and asked: "And you thought I could help?"

Gu Qing Shan answered: "Regular methods definitely can't get what I need, since you're not only an Aristocrat but also a member of the underground, I thought——"

"I understand" Zhang Ying Hao said, "then what do I get from helping you with this?"

Gu Qing Shan replied: "Then I'll give you two choices, you can choose either one, how about that?"

"Choosing is my expertise, go ahead" Zhang Ying Hao answered.

"First choice, I will owe you a favor. For example, if you want me to give you a certain research right of use, or in the future, when you clash with another hitman company, I can help you deal with them, once"

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"Then the second choice?"

“The second choice, from now on, your company and I will become official partners, allies” Gu Qing Shan said.

After hearing all that, Zhang Ying Hao silently nodded and contemplated.

Seeing for himself how Gu Qing Shan killed Hyena, was well as the Blazing Angel, he of course wouldn't make the mistake of underestimating him.

Zhang Ying Hao lit a cigarette, took a drag from it, then made a crucial decision.

At the time, this decision might seem to be dumb, but all the things that happened later proved this to be the best decision he has made in his life.

Zhang Ying Hao bit on the cigarette and extended his hand to Gu Qing Shan.

“To a great partnership” he said

“To a great partnership” Gu Qing Shan also extend his hand as they shook.

“Well then, let's start now” Zhang Ying Hao spoke quickly.

“Since my partner has requested something” he squatted down and knocked on the ground, “I'll have to try my best to help”

Right where he knocked, the ground opened up to be a hole as large as a cutting board.

Zhang Ying Hao placed one hand on the ground to brace himself, the other reaching inside the hole, looking for something.

“A God's Chosen Skill?” Gu Qing Shan asked curiously.

“That's right, when I was young, I squat down to pick up a toy, but accidentally picked up a rooster instead”

As Zhang Ying Hao said that, he suddenly lifts his hand from the hole.

It was rooster that's black all over, being held by the neck, that was pulled out from the hole.

The rooster looked at Zhang Ying Hao, then at Gu Qing Shan, as it was about to cluck.

“Co—”

“The fuck, I'm not looking for you” Zhang Ying Hao said and casually shoved him back in.

He searched again.

Suddenly, he jumped up, bowed down a 90 degrees angle and said: “Hello Boss! I didn't think I'd bother you, I'm very very sorry”

Inside the hole, an eye with a vertical pupil was looking back at him.

From the look of it, the eye was actually a little bit bigger than the hole.

As Zhang Ying Hao said that, the vertical pupil eye left.

Zhang Ying Hao took out a handkerchief to wipe his sweat then said: "Let's continue"

He squats down again to search; this time he was also imitating a cat.

"Where~ are~ you~ precious~? Meow~"

A few minutes later, Zhang Ying Hao took out a black cat from the hole.

"Hello precious" Zhang Ying Hao's tone became soft.

"Meow", the cat answered back.

"What did you say you want? Erm, what kind of parts?" Zhang Ying Hao looked up and ask.

"Space monster parts" Gu Qing Shan quickly answered.

"You heard that?" Zhang Ying Hao looked at the black cat seriously, "we want to find space monster parts"

"Meow, meow meow" The black cat swung its front paw, shaking its head.

Gu Qing Shan: "What's wrong, he doesn't know either?"

"No, he says he wants some first-grade egg yolks" Zhang Ying Hao stood up, "let's go find a convenience store"

God's Chosen Skills are always like this, strange and unusual.

Sometimes, even after using it, other people can stare for half a day and still not know what it does.

A president of a hitman company and a returner from the future, bringing along a black cat, bought a bunch of egg yolks and cracking them open for the cat to eat on a street corner.

Only a God's Chosen Skill can make such an unthinkable situation happen.

After the black cat is full.

He circled around Zhang Ying Hao once, then started to run towards a direction in the night.

"Where is he going?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Zhang Ying Hao answered: "He's looking for what you want, let's chase after him"

Gu Qing Shan was surprised, so the cat's ability is to find objects.

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Half an hour later.

Gu Qing Shan and Zhang Ying Hao were standing in front of a row of buildings.

"You know" Gu Qing Shan pointed at the buildings and said: "I would have been able to find this place myself"

They were standing in front of a huge technology skyscraper, the sign on it says “Confederate Department of Technology”

The Confederate Department of Technology is one of the most well-guarded places in the entire Confederate, as many of the cutting edge breakthrough in technology are being experimented on and protected here.

There were at least 20 Martial Eminence guarding this place.

An orbital satellite is on surveillance 24/7, as well as two squads of Mech Fighters on periodic patrols.

6 Interstellar Warships are patrolling the airspace back and forth.

And Impartial Goddess herself is always paying attention here.

Zhang Ying Hao looked up at the patrolling Warship, then said: “That’s right, this place certainly does have space monster parts, my black cat isn’t wrong”

“But the price to get in is too high” Gu Qing Shan said.

“You’re also right” Zhang Ying Hao squats down again, softly speaking: “Hey precious, this place won’t do, can you choose a different one please?”

The black cat listened, then looked at the two of them, and at the Confederate Department of Technology building, then meow in disdain.

——scaredy cats, the place is right there and you can’t even enter.

The black cat then turns around and went another direction.

“Let’s go”

“Ok”

They followed it.

Another hour later.

A casino.

An extremely crowded casino.

As Zhang Ying Hao arrived, he looked at it in surprise.

“What’s wrong?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“They even have space monster parts now?” Zhang Ying Hao spoke in disbelief.

“You know this place?”

“I do, but not very well, this used to be a place to exchange information”

“Seems like they’ve begun a different business now”

As they were talking, the black cat dove down into the ground and disappeared.

“The skill’s time ran out, so it must be here” Zhang Ying Hao said, then asked: “Do you have Merit? To enter the core facilities, you’ll need to exchange Merit for betting chips”

“I might not have much else, but Merit I never lack”

When he heard about Merit, Gu Qing Shan suddenly felt a bit more confident.

As he used Merits to exchange for a large amount of betting chips, a servant arrived and respectfully led them to the elevator.

There were about 20 elevators in the main lobby, and the elevators only allow one group of customers to enter at a time.

As the servant entered one of them, he asked: “So what do you want to enjoy, dear customers?”

“We ——” Zhang Ying Hao glanced at Gu Qing Shan.

“The more special the better” Gu Qing Shan smiled at the servant.

The servant took a look at their betting chip box.

The chip box was filled to the brim with the highest valued red chips.

Then he showed them a smile: “Dear distinguished customers, I guarantee you won’t be disappointed”

Then he pushed a button on the elevator.

-70th floor.

The elevator quickly moved and only started to slow down after a few minutes.

Ting!

The clear sound of the bell.

Doors opened.

What appeared in front of them was an impressively large lake.

“An underground lake?” Zhang Ying Hao.

Getting off the elevator, they were led by the servant to a high VIP boxed seat near the lake.

Along the lake, many other VIP boxed seats were already filled with customers.

The boxed seats are all reinforced, there were even weapons prepared on the side that faces the lake.

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After the servant took out an intercom to ask below, he addressed them: “The previous round has ended, so the next round will start shortly, please wait for a bit”

Some excellent dishes as well as famous wine were served.

As the two of them didn't care for the food and drinks, they only sat silently, waiting until the servant said: "It's starting"

A figure flew towards the center of the lake.

As the lake was too large, he only made it halfway before he started to fall down.

But then he suddenly stepped on the air, gained more force and continued to fly forward.

Gu Qing Shan and Zhang Ying Hao exchanged looks.

To borrow power from the air, this is a Martial Eminence.

A Grandmaster that wants to reach this level would need resource, talent and luck, not even one factor could be lacking.

As the Martial Eminence made it to the wooden dinghy in the middle of the lake, he dropped something down from his shoulder.

It was an unconscious man.

As he put the man down, the Martial Eminence flew off the dinghy and out of the underground lake.

Then, the man started to move again as he regained consciousness.

It was now that the servant said: "You can make your bets now"

"How do I bet?" Zhang Ying Hao asked.

The servant: "From 0 seconds being the lowest, you can bet how long he'll survive, the longest you can go is 3 minutes ———as the man will be considered to have won if he survives for 3 minutes.

"There is a total of 3 rounds today, the person who wins the most today will also get the lucky grand prize"

"What is the lucky grand prize?" Zhang Ying Hao asked.

"It's different every day, but today it's either a space monster part, or a strange person" the servant replied.

They looked at each other.

Gu Qing Shan spoke in a low voice: "Your God's Chosen Skill isn't too bad"

Zhang Ying Hao shrugged: "I use it to make a living after all"

Gu Qing Shan looked down at the lake, asking: "What's in the lake?"

They could only see a large shadow swimming under the lake.

"An extinct ancient beast, revived using genetic modification, it's been left hungry for 2 days" the servant smiled.

At the same time, on a VIP boxed seat to the right of Gu Qing Shan and Zhang Ying Hao.

A middle-aged man laughed as he stood up and tossed a glass full of red liquid at the lake.

His throwing strength is quite good, as the glass fell right near the middle of the lake.

The red liquid flowed outward and quickly spread.

You could see the shadow under the lake become more agitated.

Zhang Ying Hao's noise twitched a bit, muttering: "That's blood"

"There's no problem with him doing that?" Gu Qing Shan asked the servant.

"You can't directly kill the person in the middle of the lake, but aside from that, you can do as you please" the servant smiled and replied.

On the right boxed seats, the middle-aged man spoke like he was showing off to his companion: "Look, this giant thing is really good with his mouth, last time he only took one bite to shear a person in half"

The woman sitting next to him yawned, uninterestedly answered: "Is that right? How scary"

The woman casually looked away, glancing at the other boxed seats to see Gu Qing Shan and Zhang Ying Hao.

Those two are quite good looking.

She was a bit surprised, then decided to lean over to look at them carefully.

The woman's eyes lit up.

Zhang Ying Hao's figure is only decent, but from many years of good education and living a fulfilling life, he naturally exudes an aura of high Aristocracy.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit younger, but he had a handsome, youthful face, as he elegantly sat there, he carried a clean air, emitting an unknown aura that draws you in and leave you unconsciously satisfied as you watch.

As they're both her type, she held nothing back staring at them.

This type of blatant staring, how could it not draw the two's attention?

Zhang Ying Hao is still fine. Since he has been in and out a lot during the last few years, he's already used to being stared at by both men and women. Thus he only took notice before ignoring the woman entirely.

But Gu Qing Shan isn't the same. As soon as his spirit sense felt someone watching him, he immediately reacted and looked.

Who? What do they want?

He saw the woman right away.

As the woman was hit by his sight, her entire body couldn't help but instinctively tense up and freeze solid.

In a single moment, her entire mind was blank, unable to think.

This feeling was just like the time when she was 6 years old, when she slipped and fell into the predator den at the zoo. The same feeling as when she was seen by the lions there, slowly walking forward as they prepared to lunge and strike.

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Just as quickly as it came, the feeling of her heart beating faster disappeared and the woman felt her spirit returned to her body.

Meanwhile, the young man was looking at her, his eyes seemed apologetic, smiled and lightly nodded toward her.

His smile made her almost feels like she just dipped herself into a hot spring under the cool spring breeze; as she felt the warmth flowing across her entire body, it also loosen and slowly heated up.

The woman held her chest and slowly calmed her breath for a bit.

Such a feeling really leave a lasting impression.

——he’s sitting so far away, can someone really be that skilled?

Thinking that, she took out a business card.

“Hey, help me with something” she said as she called the servant in her boxed seat.

On the other side.

“Just look at you, I think you should try and relax a bit more, that damn killing intent of yours, sheesh, probably scared her to death” Zhang Ying Hao shrugged as he complained.

“My bad, I just don’t have a habit of being stared at”

Gu Qing Shan retracted his spirit energy as he undid the spell he learnt from Qin Xiao Lou.

Just now, he instinctively released his killing intent, only to see that it was just a female guest.

From her appearance, she looks about 27-28 years old, a mature, graceful lady.

Her face was pale and her breathing was rapid, obviously he scared her.

As he used his inner sight, he found her body was shaking, tensed up in her chair.

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit apologetic, so he quickly casted the hand seals to activate the Long-ranged Spirit Energy Massaging method to help calm her down.

Since this is a simple body nurturing spell that’s beneficial to the body, it should serve fine as an apology.

The real problem is that he’s been so tense that he’s ready for combat at any moment, for such a long time. This isn’t a good thing as he could easily hurt innocent people like this.

While Gu Qing Shan was remonstrating himself, he saw the servant from the other boxed seat brought over a plate.

“Sir, this is a drink from the lady, as well as her business card”

After the servant left the glass of wine and the business card on the table, he politely returned.

Zhang Ying Hao whistled, saying: “A glass of Godfather, and a card that lead to her heart, seems like she thinks of you as a true man”

“This method is a bit out there, but very effective, I’ll have to learn it as well” Zhang Ying Hao muttered.

“It’s only a misunderstanding” Gu Qing Shan checked the business card.

Fuxi Empire, Zhan Dao Weapons Group, Du Guong Qiong

Even after thousands of years, Fuxi Empire still keeps its old ways, even their names are still the same old-styled double surname, as if their traditions haven’t been affected at all the change in era. (1)

This is an ancient and old-fashioned kingdom state.

Gu Qing Shan lifts the glass as he greeted the woman called Du Guong Qiong.

Du Guong Qiong also politely smiled back.

When the middle-aged man next to her saw that, his face went dark.

He then gulped down a whole glass of wine, pointing at the lake: “Come, look, he’s awake, it’s about time we bet on him”

“Servant, come” he said

“Yes sir?”

“I’ll bet 10,000 Merit on that man will be completely eaten within 10 seconds”

“Thank you sir, I’ve recorded it”

The middle-aged man looked at the two of them belligerently.

Both Gu Qing Shan and Zhang Ying Hao paid him no attention.

Right at this moment, someone raised a frenzied laugh as he threw a bloody animal carcass down at the lake.

The shadow underneath the lake quickly swam and bit at the carcass.

In a matter of seconds, the entire carcass was gone.

The shadow underneath became more active, quickly diving downwards.

“How about it sir, how much would you like to bet?” the servant asked.

Zhang Ying Hao shrugged, looked at Gu Qing Shan and questioned: “20 seconds?”

“No” Gu Qing Shan smiled, pushing the entire chip box forward.

“All in, I bet he’ll survive”

“Sir, are you sure? This isn’t a small amount you’re betting” the servant looked at Gu Qing Shan in surprised, asking to confirm.

“I’m very sure” Gu Qing Shan said.

The servant silently nodded, after recording their bet, took the entire chip box away.

“Are you crazy?” Zhang Ying Hao asked in a low voice, “that guy can’t possibly survive”

Gu Qing Shan also replied in a low voice: “Only betting like this will give the highest return, don’t forget, only the person that win most gets the grand prize”

“But it’s too hard for him to not die” Zhang Ying Hao mumbled.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

The bell rang.

As if that was some sort of stimulation, the shadow under the lake became much more agile and began swimming much faster.

Everywhere it swam through, the water spit into waves on both sides.

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What insane explosive power.

A loud speaker on the lake shore spoke: “Time starts!”

On every single boxed seat, everyone stood up.

“Go, eat that mother fucker!” the middle-aged man on their right side swung his hand and cheered.

The shadow under the lake seemed to understand him as it swam directly to the lake center.

“Eat him!”

“Eat him!”

“Eat him!”

Everyone shouted in excitement.

While the man on the dinghy was already scared out of his mind, screaming and begging for help.

The shadow moved closer and closer.

——it only needed to jump forward once again and it’ll get the delicious food on the dinghy.

Quite a few people quickly checked the timer on their tables.

11 seconds!

12 seconds!

13 seconds!

Right at the edge of the dingy, the shadow rose from under.

14 seconds!

Finally showing itself, the monster was a giant crocodile with thick purple-colored hide.

This is an ancient species. They're known to be as strong as they are cruel, and already went extinct over 2000 years ago.

Thanks to the advent of technology, it has once again been artificially bred with modified genetics.

As the crocodile rose up next to the dinghy, its eyes showed a deep sense of cruelty, mocking the man.

It slowly closed its jaw to bite on the man's leg.

The man was scared into dodging backwards, but the dinghy is only so big, he doesn't really have anywhere to dodge.

The ancient crocodile went underwater again, slowly circling the wooden dinghy this time.

That's right, it's playing with its food.

25 seconds!

More and more people are breathing out in regret, obviously they've lost.

Suddenly, the man on the dingy raised a desperate scream.

As they looked, they saw there was a short spear stabbed into the man's thigh.

He was pierced tightly onto the dingy, he wanted to move to dodge, but couldn't.

His blood flowed out, quickly went from inside the dinghy onto the lake water outside.

The giant shadow underwater swam quicker, obviously excited by the smell of blood.

On one of the boxed seats, a man laughed like crazy: "This time you've got nowhere to run, quickly eat him! I want my money!"

It was easy to see that he was the one that threw the spear.

Gu Qing Shan turned around to look at the servant and asked: "Is that allowed?"

"It's allowed, as long as you don't directly kill the prey, anyone who put in a bet can do anything to mess with the prey, it's part of the fun after all" the servant answered.

In the lake, the ancient crocodile finally couldn't hold back anymore, jumping out of water and latching onto the dingy, his immense weight also made the dingy rocked.

"38 seconds!"

Someone shouted.

The ancient crocodile slowly opened its foul, bloody mouth, snapping at the man.

This time, he was biting down at least 3 times faster than when he was toying with his prey before.

The man cried in desperation.

39 seconds!

Gu Qing Shan suddenly held a bow in his hand.

Drawing the arrow, putting it on the bow, pulling the string, the entire series of action was done fluidly.

Skills activate!

———pwoon!

The suddenly force knocked the ancient crocodile into the air, spinning and flying into the water.

The clock ticks.

40 seconds.

After the ancient crocodile sinks, it slowly floats up again.

On his head was an arrow, the arrow accurately pierced through its eye.

Around the arrow, all the flesh is already broken off.

It's dead.

The entire room was silent.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the surprised servant, then at Zhang Ying Hao.

He said: "Seems like I missed the guy"

Zhang Ying Hao shrugged: "Hmm, but your 'miss' is a bit scary"

Note:

(1) Double surname: "Du Guong" is one of the few double surnames in China. Double surnames are, like the novel suggest, very old and outdated, usually only royalty or aristocrats would have double surnames. Even though it's 2 words, it's considered to be a single surname, instead of the surname and middle name. There's no special meaning to them aside from showing that they come from a very long lineage.

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Du Guong Qiong's eyes changed.

The middle-aged man sitting with her repelled backwards, shrinking from shock.

Everyone around looked over, seeing the bow in Gu Qing Shan's hand.

Facing such a dangerous longbow, everyone was smart and didn't openly say anything, only turned to ask their respective servants.

Zhang Ying Hao raised both his hands, celebrating early: "The grand prize is ours!"

He looked at Gu Qing Shan, then again at the ancient crocodile in the lake, saying: "It's really regretful that you won't join my association"

"No need to feel regret, we're business partners now after all" Gu Qing Shan answered.

The servant quickly stepped forward and said: "Sir, what you did is against the rules"

"Didn't you say the only rule was to not kill him?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The servant was unable to say anything back.

What they're saying is true, but all the betting customers here only ever think about ways to attract the ancient beast to eat the person.

There's never been anyone who does something like attacking the beast.

Would this count as against the rules or not?

"I'll have to ask my superiors" the servant quickly took out a communicator as he said that.

Just a minute later, he turned it off.

Then he said: "Sir, you two can leave now"

"We will refund all the chips you bet before, and this round will simply not count"

Gu Qing Shan asked: "What if we don't want to leave and keep on betting instead?"

The servant showed a troubled look, looked at Zhang Ying Hao and again at Gu Qing Shan, quickly made an evaluation.

To be a servant here, their eyes must be extremely sharp.

"Do you really want to continue betting?"

"We do"

The servant has to take out the communicator again.

Shortly after, he replied: "If you can go up there yourself, and survive for the full three minutes, then all your winnings from before will be returned to you as the rule dictates"

To want their customer to go down themselves, this shows just how angry Gu Qing Shan's had made their boss.

"You want to know what I say about that?" Zhang Ying Hao stood up, smiling coldly.

As a young master of a 9 Lords family, of course he would not stand to receive this kind of humiliation.

Gu Qing Shan held him back: "No need to make it rowdy, I can deal with this"

"I can go myself" Gu Qing Shan spoke to the servant, "furthermore, I can even gift all the betting chips I win back to you, I'm only interested in the grand prize"

"Are you serious?" The servant was a bit surprised, asked Gu Qing Shan again.

“That’s right, peace makes wealth, isn’t what they say? We’ll only take what we need” Gu Qing Shan smiled and answered.

The fact is that the other party still has what he wants, so he can’t make too big a ruckus. Otherwise, if the other party were to destroy the item, his Quest will be very hard to fully complete.

The servant stared at the youth before him.

What youth, he’s more like a sly old man.

To win from exploiting a casino, if anyone were to cut casino profits that way, the boss will be the first to not let him go.

But now he’s openly showing his needs, not caring a single bit about the insane amount of chips, and only want one of the two special items.

This kind of action that doesn’t account money isn’t only rare, but also make people weary to make light of him.

Not to mention, what he suggests also benefit the casino.

The servant took up the communicator again, reporting the situation.

As the voice inside the communicator replied, the servant listened, nodded and looked at Gu Qing Shan.

“The boss praises you very highly and he agrees with your idea”

“Excellent choice. Now can we begin? My time isn’t something to waste” Gu Qing Shan stood up and said.

“Yes, I’ll ask them” the servant excitedly reported to someone else with the communicator.

After a bit, he turned it off and politely bowed to Gu Qing Shan.

“Sir, we’ll make the arrangements now, please come down to the lake first”

At the same time, the loud speaker on the lakeshore once again spoke.

“Today, a hero had killed our dragon, losing us a lot of betting chips, so let us see, if he really is a hero, or just a wannabe zero!”

A small boat drifted over, stopping where Gu Qing Shan’s boxed seat was.

“You ——” Zhang Ying Hao was about to say something.

“It’s no problem, when you need to ask others for something, you have to be friendly, no need to make them hold a grudge” Gu Qing Shan patted him on the shoulder and jumped down.

The boat took Gu Qing Shan to the center of the lake.

The guests around them whistled and clapped in excitement.

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“What an idiot”

“Looks like a good show is about to begin”

“A more exciting bet indeed, not bad, not bad”

“How will he die?”

Zhang Ying Hao glanced at Gu Qing Shan moving away, muttering in confusion: “Space monster parts... There’s no research so far that shows their worth, just why does he want it so badly?”

The loud speaker system spoke again.

“Right now, ladies and gentlemen please place your bets!”

“To clarify, this time we’ve prepared a total of 3 giant crocodiles!”

On the other side, Du Guong Qiong suddenly sat straight up, thought for a bit, then stood up and walked to the edge of her boxed seats, looking down at the lake.

Only to see the boat moving forward, as the youth stood at the front of the boat. His face was calm.

Around the lake, all the people were shouting in excitement.

“Great!”

“I’ll bet 300,000 chips he won’t survive for 20 seconds!”

“20? Ahaha, I’ll bet 15 seconds!”

When he got close to the lake, Gu Qing Shan jumped lightly as he landed on the small dingy.

As he stood up, the loudspeaker spoke again.

This time was a highly penetrating voice.

“The cruel show is about to begin, this bet is yours to make, just how long do you think he can survive?”

The voice raised higher: “My friends. Place. Your. Bets!”

On all the boxed seats, everyone’s emotions got highly agitated and so they quickly made their bets.

Zhang Ying Hao sat down, then suddenly called the servant over.

“Yes sir?”

“I want to exchange for a few betting chips”

He took out his personal Holo-Brain, transferring a large amount of Merit over.

As the servant confirmed it, he quickly went and get the chips.

Just then, a female voice was heard from behind Zhang Ying Hao.

“Hello sir”

Zhang Ying Hao stood up, turned around and greeted: “Nice to meet you, beautiful lady, may I ask what can I help you with?”

“Your friend” Du Guong Qiong pointed at the center of the lake, “you’re not worried?”

Zhang Ying Hao evaluated the other party for a bit.

This woman was relatively tall, her almond-shaped eyes were calm and charming, as well as having a graceful hourglass figure and demeanor.

A woman with three perfect qualities, a first-rate woman even with his standards.

Unfortunately, this woman was a bit of a masochist, after being frightened with killing intent she actually became interested in that man-shaped monster.

Zhang Ying Hao silently sighed, but still answered: "I'm not worried about him at all, he's a very good hunter, so you also have no need to be scared for him"

Du Guong Qiong thought for a bit then: "If you don't mind, I would like to enjoy this round with you"

Zhang Ying Hao looked at the boxed seat next to him.

Du Guong Qiong followed his eyes, then said: "There's no problem, no need to pay any attention to him, he's just my subordinate"

When the middle-aged man saw her turn her head, he smiled back bitterly.

Zhang Ying Hao: "Then please have a seat"

It was now that the servant brought back another full box of chips.

"Sir, your betting chips" the servant said.

"Make a bet for me, I bet that he'll live" Zhang Ying Hao casually said.

"How much sir?"

"All in"

"Ah, yes" the servant confirmed, then took out his Holo-Brain to record the bet.

As Du Guong Qiong glanced at the chips, she changed her impression a bit.

This box of chips, to convert it into Confederate credits, would be worth about 200 million.

Zhang Ying Hao noticed her look, smiled and said: "I won't lie to you, there's a good chance to make quite a bit of money right now, you can also place a bet with me for a spot of profit, if you lose then I'll pay you back"

Du Guong Qiong: "No need"

As Zhang Ying Hao failed to hit on her, he asked curiously: "Why not?"

Du Guong Qiong gracefully smiled, then said: "You can always make more money, today I'm only here to be entertained"

Zhang Ying Hao went silent for a bit, then asked: "Pardon me for asking, but what would your surname be?"

"I'm Du Guong Qiong"

Du Guong Qiong.

Zhang Ying Hao gasped, then silently regretted.

———why couldn't it have been me just now that let out that killing intent and seduced her.

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What Zhang Ying Hao doesn't know, is that when Gu Qing Shan scared her with killing intent, he felt sorry and was afraid there might be some problems; so he used the Long-ranged Spirit Energy Massaging method to help nurture this woman's body and soul.

And Gu Qing Shan himself also doesn't know that this was a trick that Qin Xiao Lou used to hit on female cultivators, especially to make a good first impression.

This spell is both invisible and soundless, plus it's good for the body, so normal protection treasures won't block it out. Female cultivators affected by it will have a good impression thanks to feeling elated in both body and mind.

Imagine the scenario. When the handsome, brilliant Qin Xiao Lou stood near them, female cultivators will feel like their entire body is dipped into hot water, refreshing their spirit and improve their mood.

Under these normal circumstances, a female cultivator's first reaction would be ——bastard, who the fuck dares to use soul magic on me?

Then they'll check their protection treasures and find that whatever happened was actually harmless.

As they find they weren't being attacked, the female cultivator would relax a bit, then look at the graceful, handsome young man in front of them.

Ah? What's wrong with me? Why do I react this way to him?

At this time, Qin Xiao Lou will show a glowing smile and ask: "Big (little) sister, can I have the pleasure of knowing your name?"

No matter what, as they're in a good mood, they won't refuse to at least chat with him.

Just like that, a spell that was supposed to be used for nurturing body and soul was turned into an evil spell in the hands of Qin Xiao Lou.

Because of this, white goose didn't let him teach it to Gu Qing Shan, since he was afraid Gu Qing Shan might go on the wrong path.

Qin Xiao Lou thinks of his spell as already perfect, but he didn't know that Gu Qing Shan would think so far outside the box that it would actually be more effective.

Within a short time period, Du Guong Qiong was scared stiff by Gu Qing Shan's killing intent, then had a nurturing spell used on her, making her body went from one extreme to another, being lifted so high after dropped so low, even the strongest mind would show a small opening.

This was a complete coincidence, Gu Qing Shan himself knew nothing about it.

Zhang Ying Hao also doesn't know all the details in there, so his impression was a bit off.

Skipping past this small matter, Zhang Ying Hao introduced himself.

“Nice to meet you, beautiful lady Du Guong Qiong, I am Zhang Ying Hao”

“Nice to meet you, then what about him? May I know his name?”

Du Guong Qiong’s eyes were practically glowing, staring at Gu Qing Shan in the middle of the lake.

Zhang Ying Hao sighs, knowing that he doesn’t stand a chance.

“Him, he’s my business partner, Gu Qing Shan” Zhang Ying Hao said.

Du Guong Qiong leans herself on the chair, asking in interest: “What business are you running?”

“Murder” Zhang Ying Hao purposefully answered.

Du Guong Qiong thought for a bit then said: “No wonder”

No wonder he was so scary just now.

“It seems like you two won just now?” She asked.

Zhang Ying Hao crossed his legs, answering: “The casino won’t admit it, probably banking on the fact that they have a Martial Eminence”

“That’s why he’s going down there himself?” Du Guong Qiong asked.

Zhang Ying Hao: “This guy’s way of doing things is a bit dry, but I’ll admit, compared to a Martial Eminence, dealing with a gene modified beast is much easier”

“That’s true” Du Guong Qiong agreed.

Outside the military, every single Martial Eminence is a big shot with their own turf.

Martial artists are different from other Professions, each time they go up a rank, their close combat power increase by at least two fold, scary enough that not many would offend them for no reason.

One Martial Eminence once said something that represents the essence of all Martial Eminences: “No matter what kinds of tricks you use, I’ll just go and kill you”

This is the reason why Gu Qing Shan was afraid that he might anger them enough that they’d rather destroy the space monster part than to give it to him, or they might use the name of Martial Eminence to overturn the rules at the casino, finishing off the business there.

He’s very clear-headed, the only thing he wants is the Space type, he doesn’t mind everything else.

As the two of them were talking, everyone was quickly putting down their bets.

The lake shook again and again.

Then three large shadows appeared underneath the lake.

Slowly and languidly swam around.

Every shadow is at least bigger than the previous crocodile.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly felt something and checked his Holo-Brain.

“Why did you automatically connect?” He asked in surprise.

“Humanity’s daily life is very interesting, so I want to observe them a bit more” Impartial Goddess answered.

Impartial Goddess had connected herself to Gu Qing Shan’s personal Holo-Brain, quietly watching everything that ensues.

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And then, the loudspeaker announced: “Time starts!”

The bell rang again.

This was probably their feeding bell.

The three shadows immediately became agitated, searching around the lake for something.

Someone threw a bloody arm into the lake, landing near where the wooden dinghy was.

The three shadows were like sharks that smell blood, rushing forward right away.

Very quickly, they saw Gu Qing Shan, stopped their advance, then rushed him.

Gu Qing Shan didn’t have time to care about Impartial Goddess’ matter, stowed away his Holo-Brain and grabbed the air.

The Earth sword was in his hand.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit, then muttered to himself: “That’s fine, with my current power, I can use the Earth sword’s 30,000 tons’ strike. This way, even without Kai Shan Style, I can still keep to the spirit of———”

The first ancient crocodile jumped up, his dozens of eyes all latched onto Gu Qing Shan’s figure.

The people on shore broke out shouting in excitement.

Gu Qing Shan turned his sword a bit to its side, using the broad side of the blade to strike at the ancient crocodile’s head.

Bang!

A dull sound was heard as the crocodile was hit flying.

Its bulky and heavy body flew backwards, splashing water as it bounced, making giant waves.

Just like the sea, or a flowing river.

“———peace makes wealth”

Gu Qing Shan finished his sentence.

Everyone went silent.

Splish!

The crocodile fell into the water, making another splash.

The other two crocodiles were shocked, hesitant to move forward.

While the first crocodile very quickly floated up to the surface, its body was half-submerged, but no longer moving.

It was already knocked unconscious.

Gu Qing Shan was very pleased with this strike.

The crocodile didn't die, the casino doesn't lose anything, so they probably won't stop me from getting the Space type.

"You see that? Lady Du Guong, his attitude isn't that great, it's not too late to return to your seat now" Zhang Ying Hao said.

"No need" Du Guong Qiong slightly smiled, then paid some attention to something else: "That sword of his, it's about an inch longer than a regular sword, do you perhaps know why?"

It was only now that Zhang Ying Hao seriously looked at it and felt a bit surprised.

Such a minor detail, he didn't notice at all.

He honestly answered: "I'm sorry but I don't know much about his weapon"

Du Guong Qiong squints her eyes, looking at Gu Qing Shan's sword and muttered: "This sword isn't just unusual, it's also mesmerizing, such a rare specimen"

After a while, the other crocodiles couldn't help the allure of food, so they once again tried to move up.

"Peace makes wealth" Gu Qing Shan chanted once more, jumped forward and struck.

BANG!

This time, the strike is much heavier compared to before.

The crocodile's entire body was hit into the air, crashed into one of the stands, then rolled back down into the lake.

The crocodile couldn't do anything except roared in pain before diving down into the lake, no longer seen.

When it saw that, the other crocodile also dipped down into the water and hide away.

They're avoiding him.

Gu Qing Shan put away his sword, clasping his fist out of habit.

"An old greeting"

Du Guong Qiong muttered, feeling the allure of mysteries about him.

Chapter 94

She's a Grandmaster weaponsmith with acute observation skills, since she's finally interested in a man, of course she wouldn't let go of any small details regarding him.

On the stands, everyone was breathing out in regret

Some were even discussing among themselves

"How is it?"

"From what I've felt, he hasn't even used 10% of his strength yet, your subordinates would only be seeking their deaths"

"What if I ask for the Martial Eminence?"

"That would cost quite a bit, and the results are hard to predict"

"Hmm, then that's that, just consider today's money down the drain"

This gambler is also a smart person.

A small boat soon arrived to take Gu Qing Shan back to his boxed seat.

Du Guong Qiong used her hand to comb her bangs a bit, confirming that her appearance is fine before standing up and extended her hand: "Nice to meet you, I'm Du Guong Qiong"

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised.

This woman was the one I scared just now right, why did she come herself?

Gu Qing Shan looked at Zhang Ying Hao questioningly, while Zhang Ying Hao only shrugged.

He extends his hand to shake hers, saying: "I'm Gu Qing Shan, sorry for the matter just now"

Du Guong Qiong smiled gracefully, returned: "No matter, after all, people in your business are all like that, I understand"

Business? What business?

Gu Qing Shan again looked at Zhang Ying Hao.

Zhang Ying Hao turned around, looking down at the lake like he was interested in something down there.

"Do you have any business with me then?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Du Guong Qiong smiled again: "No business, I'm only here to say hello, I'll be leaving—"

She cut her words short.

Gu Qing Shan smiled back, asking: "Yes?"

Du Guong Qiong asked: "Your sword seems to be very special, your bow as well, I'm a professional weaponsmith in Fuxi Empire, if you ever need weapons, just come find me"

"Specifically, my expertise is in special weapons for Professionals" she added.

Gu Qing Shan felt her good will, thought a bit then said: "Then how about we exchange contact information?"

Du Guong Qiong eyes lit up a bit, that's right, having the man say these words is the correct procedure.

She took out her Holo-Brain and exchanged contacts with Gu Qing Shan.

"Then I'll take my leave, see you later" she said

"Yes, see you later" Gu Qing Shan replied.

It was only after Du Guong Qiong happily left that a servant stepped forward.

Different from the previous one, this servant is a firm and calm middle-aged man.

"Gentlemen, please wait here for a bit, my boss will see you shortly"

"Very well, we can wait"

Gu Qing Shan looked around to see everyone slowly leaving.

The servant also quickly left, went all the way to the top floor of the casino.

The entire capital nightscape is visible from here, and it's also a room that's furnished lavishly.

A large man with a mustache is sitting on the large sofa in front of the room, next to him were two beautiful girls, one massaging his shoulder, the other pouring him a drink.

If Gu Qing Shan and Zhang Ying Hao were here, they'd notice, this was the Martial Eminence from before, on the lake.

"Boss, it's finished" The servant said.

The Martial Eminence received a glass of strong wine with ice, shaking it.

The Martial Eminence thought for a bit, then said something hard to understand: "Very well, we'll talk after they've all left"

It was now that two other servants arrived, reporting: "Boss, your guest have had her fun"

"Then bring her in" The Martial Eminence spoke.

A few minutes later, Du Guong Qiong was escorted here.

The Martial Eminence stood up and greeted: "Welcome, welcome, our distinguished Grandmaster weaponsmith"

"For what reason did you invite me here?" Du Guong Qiong asked straight.

The boss rubbed his hands: "I want to order myself a weapon ——no, a full set of weapons"

"Then prepare the necessary funds, and show me your ability" Du Guong Qiong casually said.

"Of course, of course" the boss smiled and replied.

He turned on the surveillance TV, looking at the screen.

On the screen, all the people around the lake have left, there were only two young men silently sitting there.

“It’s them?” The Martial Eminence asked.

“Yes” a servant replied.

“Come, let’s go meet today’s grand prize winner” The Martial Eminence said.

Just as Gu Qing Shan and Zhang Ying Hao were about to run out of patience, a huge mustached man came together with his men.

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The only thing they didn’t quite expect was that Du Guong Qiong was also with him.

Du Guong Qiong only nodded her head and smiled as a greeting.

“Gentlemen, welcome to my casino, how was it, did you have fun?” The Martial Eminence sat down across them and asked.

“Martial Eminence sir, your attractions were truly exotic” Zhang Ying Hao praised him a bit.

A Martial Eminence’s status is very high, even he can’t face them with a rude attitude.

“It’s good that you had fun” The Martial Eminence said, then give them each a golden-colored card.

“This is the casino’s VIP card, it’s limited to only 30 at a time, I’m presenting each of you with one, from now on, whenever you come to play, you’ll get to enjoy a lot of extra services”

There’s also such good treatment?

Gu Qing Shan and Zhang Ying Hao looked at each other, then both said: “Then we thank you”

The Martial Eminence then spoke: “That’s good, well I have a lot of business to attend to, so I won’t keep you, feel free to leave”

“Then sir, where do we receive our grand prize?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“About that” The Martial Eminence just waved his hands, “that’s only a business trick to attract customers, no need to think of it as real”

It’s not real? Gu Qing Shan and Zhang Ying Hao were both surprised.

Gu Qing Shan looked at Zhang Ying Hao.

Zhang Ying Hao answered: “The black cat won’t lie”

Gu Qing Shan’s face changed.

He made so many concessions, just to finish the War God Quest, but he’s being made light of again and again. Even if his temperament is good, it’s very hard to not get angry right now.

The Martial Eminence looked at his expression, then lifted his lips into a mocking smile, saying: “What, do you want to blame this one for your loss?”

He leaned forward, showing a hint of blatant threat: “I’ve invited a Grandmaster weaponsmith here to make my weapon, but I just happen to lack a couple of human-shaped punching bags, would you like to try?”

A Martial Eminence’s destructive power isn’t something a normal 5-Elementalist and God’s Chosen can fight against.

If you talk about ranking, then a Martial Eminence is one step below a 4th stage 5-Elementalist, but in actual battle, as long as a Martial Eminence is willing to risk his life, he’ll be able to make a suicide attack with a 4th stage 5-Elementalist.

If a Martial Eminence wants to kill somebody, there are very few that can stop him.

Gu Qing Shan coldly laughed and spoke: “If you talk strength then I really have to call you a senior. But in the casino business, they say you only play if you can take the loss, you’re in the business yet you won’t respect its rules, then I ——”

‘Also don’t need to respect you’ those six words didn’t escape his mouth yet; he didn’t even get to pull his sword before the Holo-Brain suddenly shook violently.

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but take out his Holo-Brain to check.

As he saw the text displayed on there, Gu Qing Shan’s knitted brows started to raise.

The killing intent in his eyes started to be replaced by surprise instead.

“Then you what?” the Martial Eminence cracked his knuckles and asked.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly stood up, saying: “We’re leaving”

“Huh?” Zhang Ying Hao was already prepared to kill, but was shocked by what he heard.

Gu Qing Shan pulled him away and didn’t even look back.

As the Martial Eminence saw that, he laughed mockingly: “They’re just a couple of soft bodies after all”

This clenched fists loosened.

“Just look, two young’uns that think they’re right, at least they weren’t scared shitless by me, but in the end, my casino does welcome these types of lambs” The Martial Eminence said to Du Guong Qiong.

Du Guong Qiong only stood without saying anything, feeling that something was off.

Outside the casino.

Zhang Ying Hao eyes were opened wide looking at Gu Qing Shan’s personal Holo-Brain.

“Greetings, Confederate Aristocrat Zhang Ying Hao, I am Impartial Goddess, I ask that you back away from the screen. As the trial is about to begin, please keep your manners straight to maintain the solemnity of the Confederate Court”

“Court, trial?” Zhang Ying Hao was shocked

“A civil compensation case, regarding the compulsory delivery of personal property, of course, the specifics will be dealt with according to the creditor Gu Qing Shan’s will” Impartial Goddess replied.

“We will now begin the trial”

“In accordance to today’s betting ratios, sir Gu Qing Shan had put in a total of 1 billion Confederate credits, as such he should receive the following amount of winnings: 6 billion”

“In accordance to today’s betting ratio in the second round, sir Gu Qing Shan had put in a total of 6 billion Confederate credits, as such he should receive the following amount of winnings: 20 billion”

“Through surveillance video footage evidence and witnesses, the debtor refused to pay the corresponding credits. Using on-site monitoring as physical evidence, and my words as testimony in front of the court, in accordance to Confederate Judicial procedures, the defendant was tried in absentia. The judgement has been obtained, initiating compulsory civil compensation program”

“Debtor, Zhou Kai Wu, owned assets as follow....”

A long list.

“Sir Gu Qing Shan, please proceed with the property deliverance process”

As Impartial Goddess finished speaking, they were both stunned.

Zhang Ying Hao muttered: “This isn’t right. Since when does Impartial Goddess care about a casino’s business?”

Gu Qing Shan remained silent, then laughed.

He pointed at the top floor of the casino: “I want that floor first”

That should be the casino boss’ daily living space.

Impartial Goddess quickly replied: “From now on, that floor has become sir Gu Qing Shan’s personal property, after deducting handling fees, taxes and notary fees, you have 19,99841 billion left, please continue to choose”

Zhang Ying Hao doesn’t know if he’s imagining it or not, but Impartial Goddess’ tone seems to contain a bit of excitement, like someone about to watch a riot happens.

“Very well” Gu Qing Shan said, “I’ll pay the fees, help me demolish that floor”

Chapter 95

The underground lake.

Martial Eminence Zhou Kai Wu ordered: “Release all the beasts, I want to show the Grandmaster weaponsmith my fighting style”

Black shadows appear one after another underwater.

“Then, I’ll begin”

He took off his coat and walked towards the lake, step by step, building up fighting spirit.

Du Guong Qiong sat on one side, arms crossed, watching him silently.

She doesn't know why, but she keeps thinking about the strange look on Gu Qing Shan's face as he walked out.

When Zhou Kai Wu reached the shore, about to jump in, suddenly his subordinate shouted: "Boss, your Holo-Brain"

Zhou Kai Wu was surprised, glared back behind him.

The subordinate that was glared at couldn't help but shiver.

Being interrupted at such a time made Zhou Kai Wu very annoyed.

But this subordinate is his close-aide, so without a real emergency, he wouldn't interfere at such a crucial time.

Zhou Kai Wu couldn't help but return, picking up his Holo-Brain.

"I am Impartial Goddess" a solemn female voice was heard from the Holo-Brain.

Zhou Kai Wu was stunned.

After I started to work in the Underground, it's been so many years since I made contact with the governing Confederate AI, why would she personally contact me now?

Du Guong Qiong was interested and looked over at the Holo-Brain.

She has heard that the entire Confederate is under Impartial Goddess' supervision, so it can connect to anything, anywhere within a matter of seconds, but only now did she really see it in action.

From the Holo-Brain, Impartial Goddess was narrating the judgement she made before.

Zhou Kai Wu's face was beginning to pale.

"What do you base it..."

Before he could even finish his sentence, a loud sound and slight tremor could be felt.

Oom oom oom oom oom!

Impartial Goddess' voice was heard again: "Please do not be alarmed, Confederate civil office is currently dealing with personal property deliverance, the demolition of the highest floor is being done with the most cutting edge explosive technology, its level of safety is highly guaranteed and will not affect your own personal safety"

As they heard that, everyone there was shocked.

Zhou Kai Wu cursed loudly: "Bastard, that's my property!"

He didn't even mind Du Guong Qiong anymore and rushed outside.

Du Guong Qiong just stood there, digesting the information she just heard.

Then she broke out into laughter.

Zhou Kai Wu jumped into the elevator and went straight up to the ground floor, the casino's lobby.

In his anger, the elevator door was kicked flying.

Zhou Kai Wu rushed outside the casino, stood at the main gate to look at the top floor.

That's where he would look down at the entire capital cityscape, where he drinks and relax, his place to rest, but now, it's nothing but a flat floor.

Numerous worker robots were doing their job cleaning the rubble, finishing up their task.

Two large construction-grade shuttles were flying next to the building's roof, carrying the debris away.

A huge amount of dust floated down, covering everything beneath in it.

Quite a few people were leaving the casino.

This type of high-rise unmanned construction would make anyone worry for their own safety, and the constant loud noises from the construction-grade shuttles as they worked made the entire casino sound like a night market.

Very quickly, the official casino on the 1st to 3rd floors were affected.

Many gamblers and customers were leaving on their shuttles, frowning as they did.

Zhou Kai Wu's whole body was shaking in anger, then he turned and saw Gu Qing Shan and Zhang Ying Hao standing on the opposite side of the street.

"You shitty brats, it's time to die!"

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He shouted in anger and jumped forward.

A lightning arc flashed———

With a sudden sound explosion, Zhou Kai Wu was knocked flying back into the casino, breaking numerous walls and furniture before falling down at the elevator entrances.

As the chaos ensues, all the people on the normal casino were crying, screaming in fright.

All the gamblers that come here to have fun panicked, ran and scattered from the casino.

This time, the casino is truly no longer fit for business.

Zhang Ying Hao dropped the small-scale nano-disintegration cannon shell in his hand, regretting as he spoke: "This one shot cost me 2 million Confederate credits, I don't care what happens, you're paying me back for it"

"Fine" Gu Qing Shan spoke, "shoot another 10"

"You think this is horse radish or something?"

Zhang Ying Hao scoffed at him and put the cannon down.

As he did, the cannon slowly wrapped around itself, magically turned into a small black square.

Zhang Ying Hao carefully put the black square away in his pocket before speaking: "I can only shoot one shot at a time, this is still an experimental weapon, aside from me, no one else can get it"

"Never mind then" Gu Qing Shan looked at the time on his Holo-Brain, "they're about to come here anyways"

Martial Eminence Zhou Kai Wu stood up, wiping at his chest.

Seeing the blood on his hand, he could feel himself go into a frenzy.

I got hurt?

I actually got hurt by two snot-nosed brats?

The frenzied scream was heard all the way outside the casino.

"I'll kill you! I'll kill you right now!"

He hasn't received such a wound for so many years, not to mention this wound was from an opponent that's not on the same level as him.

A Martial Eminence is already a tactical-level fighting strength within Professionals, they are existences that you absolutely cannot humiliate, yet someone is here trying to test his patience, making his killing intent boil to its limit.

Zhou Kai Wu kicked the ground again, rushing out of the casino, silently thought to himself that he'll kill both those brats no matter what price he had to pay.

As soon as he stepped out, he couldn't help but push down the flames of anger inside him again.

"Mr. Zhou Kai Wu, please come with us"

Two Assault Mechs got in his way, as one of them spoke to him.

"Old Zun, what are you doing" Zhou Kai Wu tried his best to contain his anger and asked.

The one he's speaking to right now is the captain of this area's Mech patrol squad, normally their relationship is quite good, as they frequently play cards together.

"My hands are tied, if I don't come, not only will I be charged with ignoring the call of duty, but the army itself will also get involved" the person inside the Assault Mech spoke reluctantly.

Zhou Kai Wu coldly laughed, saying: "I'm a registered Martial Eminence of the Confederate, I have the right of priority to pay bail, who can touch me?"

Then they heard a "ting" sound.

The Holo-Brains of everyone here lit up at the same time.

Impartial Goddess spoke up from all of them at once, making herself heard even from far away.

"Confederate Martial Eminence Zhou Kai Wu, charged with the crimes of attacking Confederate Aristocrat, attacking Confederate Highest Leader, cannot be pardoned, right of priority to pay bail

rescinded”

“Considering Zhou Kai Wu’s personal strength, danger level designated to be Red, Army police has been dispatched”

Aristocrat?

Highest Leader?

Zhou Kai Wu felt like his chest was hit by a steel hammer, so stunned that he was speechless.

He looked at Zhang Ying Hao, then again at Gu Qing Shan, shouting: “Impartial Goddess, are you going crazy!?”

Impartial Goddess obviously ignored his pleas, only continued: “Zhou Kai Wu’s personal casino, building permit granted for 28 floors, actual structure contains 28 floors above ground and 90 floors below, violating the permitted construction blueprints”

“Zhou Kai Wu’s personal casino’s 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors are permitted official gambling business. Underground 10th floor and below are found to be exotic gambling that violates Confederate laws, violating special ban of ancient beast rearing, the illegal kidnapping of Confederate citizens to use as a gambling subject”

“As all details regarding the casino hasn’t been obtained, Zhou Kai Wu is under official temporary arrest”

As she finished, a large Warship showed itself in the sky.

Five figures jumped downwards from the Warship like meteors.

Boom!

The five of them all landed in front of the casino, slowly stood up.

They were all wearing dark blue military uniforms, black boots and a cold expression, their eyes emitted a chilling killing intent

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The leading officer looked at Zhou Kai Wu, ordering: “Under orders of Impartial Goddess, the Third SWAT team has arrived at the scene, dealing with suspect now”

“Zhou Kai Wu, come with us quietly!”

As soon as Zhou Kai Wu heard that, he wanted to act up, but the five men had already acted first and surrounded him.

Each one put their hand and hold his shoulder down.

Their hands felt like metal grips, no matter how much Zhou Kai Wu struggled he still couldn’t move an inch.

He opened his eyes wide, only now realizing that all these five men were also Martial Eminence.

“Damn bastard ——” he shouted unwillingly

“Shut up!”

The leading officer shouted, knocking him down to the ground with a single kick, unable to get back up.

The same officer grabbed Zhou Kai Wu, kicked the ground and flew up to the Warship.

Halfway there, as the force faded and they were about to drop back down, the officer breathed deeply, shouted as the power of Martial Thaumaturgy exploded outward, kicking them toward the sky again.

Their figures disappeared at the Warship's entrance.

The four other officers also quickly flew up.

Impartial Goddess continued to speak: "Begin initial calculations, the building's entire construction fees estimated to be 8 billion, after taking into account natural depreciation, current market price estimated to be 6,3 billion, sir Gu Qing Shan, would you like to confiscate this building to make up for Zhou Kai Wu's debt?"

"Of course, I have a feeling he won't be able to pay his debt to me anytime soon" Gu Qing Shan answered.

"But I don't really have time to manage something like this" he pat Zhang Ying Hao's shoulder, saying: "Find some people to run the casino, of course only the official kind of gambling is allowed, profits we'll split 7:3, I'll take 7"

Zhang Ying Hao rubbed his chin: "Already splitting profits? You're a really good business partner"

But then he spoke regretfully: "A partner's assets increased like this could benefit my business quite a bit, sadly a hitman firm can't be listed, otherwise my stocks will surely soar"

"Ah, but I can make a dummy company to go on the market instead, hm, let's just call it the Butchering Firm then?"

Gu Qing Shan looked at him like this and unconsciously thought about Qin Xiao Lou.

If the two of them were to work with each other...

He shook his head to dispel the idea.

Impartial Goddess once again spoke: "I've dispatched forces to enter the building to collect evidence of Zhou Kai Wu's crimes, requesting permission from the owner, sir Gu Qing Shan"

Gu Qing Shan smiled: "Please go ahead"

Gu Qing Shan and Zhang Ying Hao now stood up, walking towards the entrance and happen to meet Du Guong Qiong.

"Thanks to you, my business here is shot" Du Guong Qiong smiled teasingly.

"My apologies, would you like me to compensate?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Money is no subject, today I've been thoroughly entertained — — —well, I'll leave first, contact me if there are any business" Du Guong Qiong quickly and gracefully exited the casino.

"This woman is quite fine, sadly she has a disposition of liking abuse" Zhang Ying Hao muttered as he saw her off.

Gu Qing Shan ignored him and looked for a servant.

One of the servants on the first floor saw the entire process, quickly changed his attitude and lead the two of them down an elevator.

As he pushed the button, the elevator began to climb downward.

Ting.

As it arrived at the last floor, the door opened.

This was a prison, the long rows of cell extend far into the darkness, enough to not be seen by the naked eye.

There's only the occasional sound from the cells that claws at your heart.

Gu Qing Shan could hear very clearly there was something inside the cells, gnawing on bones.

To Zhang Ying Hao, such a thing only sounds strange.

Only Gu Qing Shan who's a returner from the Apocalypse knows for sure that was the sound of monsters doing what they did.

The servant turned around and asked: "I need to confirm a bit, you gentlemen were looking for the grand prize, correct?"

Gu Qing Shan became serious, sincerely said: "That's right, I only want the grand prize"

Zhang Ying Hao also nodded.

The servant spoke: "Then please come with me, and do be careful, there are many weird things here, so please don't carelessly touch them"

As he finished, he started going down a certain direction.

The two of them followed, arriving at a cell after a while.

This was a completely sealed steel room, if it weren't for the row of buttons on the side, no one would even know there was something kept in here.

The servant stepped forward, pressing the buttons on the wall in a certain way.

Then as the heavy steel doors opened, the steam escaped from the room, showering them in the bone-chilling cold air.

"Originally we had quite a large piece, but it's already all rotten, since we didn't have any other choice, we could only do this" the servant explained.

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Walking inside, Gu Qing Shan felt the chill reaching him deeply.

Inside this freezing cabin was a large chunk of ice.

Inside the ice was a piece of flesh the size of a person.

The flesh slowly contracted, then slowly expanded again.

“That’s some good stuff”

Gu Qing Shan complimented.

As the servant and Zhang Ying Hao heard that, they were a bit shocked.

Gu Qing Shan ignored them, going around the large chunk of ice once to confirm its value.

This was a space monster heart, or at least, a small piece of it.

The lower value piece on a space monster’s body is the outer shell and skin, the true value of it lies in the flesh and bones, while its innards are the most valuable.

And of all the innards, the most valuable thing is the heart.

Gu Qing Shan paid no attention to the other two, took out the Earth sword and starts cutting up the chunk of ice.

The freezing hard ice, was cut like soft tofu with the sword.

Where the Earth sword cut, the ice was easily removed.

As Gu Qing Shan swung his sword, he quickly extracted the piece of space monster heart.

The servant had already prepared beforehand and gave him a suitcase with the miniature freezing apparatus to store it.

Gu Qing Shan put the piece of space monster heart inside, smiling: “Thank you”

The servant lowered his head, saying: “You are our new boss, so it’s natural for us to serve you”

The servant leads them further in to another large sealed steel cell.

“This was the second grand prize, a strange person”

“Do we want this?” Zhang Ying Hao couldn’t help but ask.

“Of course not”

Gu Qing Shan originally didn’t want to look at it, but then suddenly he felt something.

Something buried deep inside his mind was now making his heart beat faster.

Gu Qing Shan was surprised, and a layer of cold sweat formed on his back.

Why did I react like that?

Gu Qing Shan immediately took notice.

Sometimes, a cultivator will suddenly have a moment of his heart beating faster, to signify something bad about to happen.

“Wait a minute” he said: “We’ll take a look first”

As the servant heard that, he opened the door.

Gu Qing Shan and Zhang Ying Hao were both curious.

As the servant said before, the 2nd grand prize is a strange person.

Then what exactly would you call “strange”?

The steel door slowly opened.

Gu Qing Shan and Zhang Ying Hao were stunned.

Unlike before, this was quite a smaller cell.

In it was a thin old man, both his hands and feet were bound tightly, stuck fast to the steel wall.

His stomach was already ripped open; the inside was devoid of any organs.

But looking at his chest moving up and down, you can tell he was still breathing.

“He’s alive?” Zhang Ying Hao’s face became serious.

“Yes, alive” The servant replied.

Zhang Ying Hao opened his mouth wide, but unable to say anything.

As a member of the 9 Lords Aristocrat, he has seen many many strange things ever since he was small.

But all those things didn’t hold a candle to this scene before him, as well as the meaning it represents.

A person who has lost all their organs is still alive.

If this is thanks to a genetic mutation, with current DNA technology, they only need to extract a small piece of DNA to find the secret to immortality.

From both medical and biological standpoint, this would be the most important event in the entire history of humanity’s civilization.

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“Please be careful” the servant advised them seriously.

“Why?” Zhang Ying Hao looked at the person on the wall as if looking at a treasure.

“Because it doesn’t know fear” Gu Qing Shan said as he deeply sighed.

He felt a bit sorrowful, so he closed his eyes.

Destiny clearly isn’t following the rules in this life.

The very situation that he was afraid of is happening.

After a moment of silence, Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes, calming himself down just a bit.

He asked: “This man, where did you find him?”

The servant: "He was one of our interns, but he suddenly went crazy and tried to bite the boss. The boss only needed one swing to kill him, but unexpectedly, he didn't die"

"That's fortune in misfortune, luckily the one he chose to attack was the Martial Eminence"

Gu Qing Shan said as he stepped forward.

As the man on the wall felt signs of life, he opened his eyes wide, growling as his spit flew.

Gorgggggg!

The growl became a roar as he struggled, trying to escape from the wall.

Seeing the frenzied look in his eyes, Zhang Ying Hao suddenly understood.

———this person is very hungry, and he wants to eat me.

Such a thought left Zhang Ying Hao stunned on the spot, unable to move.

Gu Qing Shan emotionlessly walked towards the wall, raised his Earth sword and thrust it.

A full power thrust.

He held nothing back, piercing through both the steel wall and the old man, creating a giant hole in the wall.

They felt the entire building shook.

This time, even the employees from the casino were in a rush to escape the building.

"You ——-even if you don't want this bastard, you didn't have to do that, this is our property you know" Zhang Ying Hao couldn't help but yelled.

"Property?" Gu Qing Shan's face showed a bitter smile

"This property is about to go down very soon" he said.

"What do you mean? What happened?" Zhang Ying Hao noticed something was amiss.

Gu Qing Shan pulled him away: "We don't have time; I'll explain as we go"

The two of them quickly left the casino.

Gu Qing Shan looked at him and spoke very solemnly: "I'll give you some advice right now"

"Go on, I'm listening" seeing Gu Qing Shan so serious, Zhang Ying Hao also became serious.

Gu Qing Shan: "These creatures have absolutely no value, if you run into one then immediately break its neck, blow up its head if you can"

"Do not let it scratch you, and absolutely do not let it bite you"

Zhang Ying Hao asked: "What happens if I'm bitten?"

Gu Qing Shan didn't continue.

Zhang Ying Hao asked: "What happened to you? I keep feeling like you aren't quite well in the head?"

Gu Qing Shan sighed deeply again, saying: "Do your best to protect yourself, I don't want to lose a business partner"

"What do you mean?" Zhang Ying Hao still don't understand.

"You idiot!" Gu Qing Shan suddenly shouted: "That's an Infected, people who are wounded or bitten by them will become Man Eater Fiends!"

"The Apocalypse is upon us! Do you understand!? The ocean! Humanity itself! There will be even more of them from now on! It's changed, everything is changed!"

Zhang Ying Hao was stunned.

He hasn't seen Gu Qing Shan so distressed and angry like this before.

Even after he got played by Martial Eminence Zhou Kai Wu so many times, Gu Qing Shan still didn't get this angry.

"I'm sorry" Gu Qing Shan noticed his mental state wasn't quite right and spoke again, slowly: "If you have someone dear to you that's frequently in a crowd of people, quickly go protect them"

Zhang Ying Hao stepped closer to Gu Qing Shan: "Tell me, tell me that you're joking with me right now"

"No, I'm telling the truth, I swear it on my own head" Gu Qing Shan looked straight at him without backing down.

Very sincerely, he said: "I highly encourage you to go save them right now. Because if they're bitten, they can't be saved anymore"

Zhang Ying Hao stood in place, then finally took in Gu Qing Shan's words after a while.

"My little sister!"

As he remembered, his facial expression warped.

"Please make it in time!"

He pressed his hand downwards, roaring: "Come out, black cat! Reindeer!"

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A large hole appeared on the ground.

The black cat jumped out first.

After him was a reindeer with incredibly long antlers wearing a bell on its neck.

Zhang Ying Hao coughed up blood, but didn't mind it as he wiped the blood from his mouth.

He jumped on the reindeer and put the black cat on his shoulder.

"Black cat, lead the way to my little sister! Please run as fast as possible, please!"

The reindeer lightly nodded his head, then started galloping into the air, flying.

It quickly gained speed, finally became a brown streak as it jetted across the sky, flying somewhere far away.

After Zhang Ying Hao left, Gu Qing Shan forced himself to calm down and figure out what he can do to counteract this.

Su Xue Er is now in secluded training in her family estate, the Su family's security is guaranteed, not to mention they're on the lake island, with 4th stage Supernaturalists protecting them.

There probably won't be any problem with her personal safety.

Anna herself is also strong, so there won't be any problems there as well.

The real problem are the citizens, normal, everyday people that have very little or no fighting strength.

Gu Qing Shan took out his Holo-Brain and turned it on.

"Impartial Goddess" he called.

One second, two seconds, three seconds.

"I've heard your call, what do you wish to do, sir Gu Qing Shan"

Impartial Goddess' voice was heard.

Gu Qing Shan started to explain: "I've found a unique situation, hopefully it'll be able to gain your attention"

As he remembered something, he then added: "Right, if you could, connect to the President as well, I'll explain the situation to him too"

Impartial Goddess said: "Very well, to connect to the President requires using the highest leader authority, do you authorize?"

"I authorize"

"Received, connecting to the President"

Just a few moments later, the President's face appeared on the Holo-Brain.

You could see the fatigue on his face as both his eyes were bloodshot.

Gu Qing Shan can see that he physically appeared older than before.

The last few days of oceanic disturbance seems to have brought a lot of pressure on him.

"Qing Shan, Impartial Goddess said you were looking for me?" the President asked with a friendly face.

"To be exact, I'm looking for both Impartial Goddess and you"

"Can't we talk later tonight ———tonight I can finally go back to rest, heck, we can even have dinner together" the President laughed.

He then continued: "I've promised to have lunch with you a few days ago, but lately work has really been piling up, all the assistants and I have been stuck at the office"

Gu Qing Shan smiled wryly, saying: "I'm afraid you won't make it back home tonight"

"Hm? What do you mean?" The President didn't quite understand.

Gu Qing Shan sighed deeply.

The first thing he said made the President extremely surprised.

"From now on, I authorize the President full usage of my research results, he will have full right to use it without my permission"

"What happened? Did some Aristocrat threaten you?" the President's tone became strict.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head, then continued: "Impartial Goddess, have you recorded my authorization?"

"Authorization recorded. Please continue, sir Gu Qing Shan" Impartial Goddess replied.

Gu Qing Shan nodded, then started to explain.

"Two never-before-seen viruses have appeared"

"The first virus is infected through wounds. The infected will lose their consciousness and obtain an immense craving for human flesh, I call it the Man Eater Fiend syndrome"

"This virus is inversely affected by the person's physical constitution, those that have stronger constitution will be less likely to be infected"

"The good news is, Man Eater Fiend syndrome will only affect the vast majority of the population, but it won't evolve"

"However, aside from the Man Eater Fiend, there's another, more frightening kind of virus, and it's the one that I will talk about now"

Gu Qing Shan stopped here a bit

Fuck, just what is going on with this world?

Even Professionals isn't immune to the other virus.

He bit his lip tightly, calming himself down a bit before continuing.

"The second type of virus, will make humans change into a highly evolved Man Killer Fiend"

"Anyone can be infected, there's no separation between royal or not, rich or poor, no matter how well your security is, aside from reaching the 4th stage of a Profession, there is no way to ensure safety from its grasp"

"Even if you inject the Infected with a high concentration of Heroin, their brain will not secrete any Dopamine"

"The only thing they can do to feel pleasure is killing, and that's the only thought left in their brain"

"An Infected will feel a compulsive desire to kill any and all living things in their sight"

Gu Qing Shan paused.

Then he spoke the truth that made humanity fall into despair.

“The virus is transmitted through the air”
“And it can evolve”

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The President was shocked stiff as he heard that.

He asked in a hoarse voice: “Has this been verified?”

Gu Qing Shan nodded, then added: “Man Killer Fiends is able to retain a certain amount of consciousness, the stronger they are, the clearer their consciousness”

The President still couldn’t believe it, hesitantly asked: “Impartial Goddess?”

Impartial Goddess went silent for a while before speaking again: “Both types of viruses has been identified in Bai Sha county Central hospital, Chang Zhou county second-level County hospital, and the Capital’s Emergency Assistance Center, it’s also showing signs of spreading”

“So it’s true...”

The President muttered, his expression was like a boxer in a boxing ring, trying to get up after receiving a straight punch, but couldn’t.

As Gu Qing Shan saw that he suddenly realized, the President was also just an old man.

The President lifted his head strongly, looking at Gu Qing Shan: “Qing Shan, you’re the most brilliant scientist the Confederate has had over the last couple dozen years, you have to help me, help all the innocent people”

Gu Qing Shan went silent for a bit, then said: “I will come, but not yet, right now the most important thing is that Impartial Goddess needs to take immediate measures”

Both of them looked at their own Holo-Brain.

Impartial Goddess suddenly spoke up: “Requesting authorization from both Highest Leader, Impartial Goddess will fully take over all matters of the Confederate government”

The President: “I authorize”

Gu Qing Shan: “I authorize”

Impartial Goddess:” Authorization received, the Confederate will now enter the highest state of alert, connecting to the 9 Lords, connecting to the Presidential Office, the three armies have entered Dark Red warring state of emergency”

“Begin analyzing appropriate measures”

“Measures generated: 1985 types”

“Begin selecting measure with relatively highest chance of success”

“Selection complete”

“Measure selected numbered: Zero”

“Begin the next step of intelligence gathering”

The screen began to dim, and finally turned off.

Even with Impartial Goddess' speed of operation, she couldn't even spare a moment for Gu Qing Shan, not even a "We'll take later".

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised looking at his Holo-Brain, but turned it off after a few moments.

As long as Impartial Goddess take notice of it early, this matter can probably be contained.

She is the crystallization of all humanity's best technology, as long as she knows the reason and the specifics regarding how the virus works, she should have a chance to limit the virus from being too wide-spread.

There are no guarantees, but at least there's a chance.

That's already much better than the alternative.

But that wasn't enough to make Gu Qing Shan any less tense.

This life, from today onwards, will be completely different from his last.

In the past life, the monsters and virus appeared a whole year apart from each other.

Within that year, many important things were able to happen.

The viruses weren't supposed to start showing up until a whole year later.

As a returner that knows the future, fate really has a way to toy with Gu Qing Shan.

No returner could possibly expect something that's supposed to happen a year later to happen so early.

It's like the hand that's supposed to be dealt was completely washed away, making place for a new hand of cards.

This time, not only will the sea monsters very quickly make it onto land, but the virus will spread at the same time.

What about the other calamities?

Would they also happen at the same time too?

If that's really the case, the entire world will fall into ruin much sooner than before.

During the past life, World's Apocalypse Online has already launched when the viruses hit, people already have the ability to travel to the other world and quickly increased their strength.

But this time, the Apocalypse is already creeping upon them, yet he hasn't even seen a shadow of World's Apocalypse Online yet.

If the game still hasn't launched when the Apocalypse comes, then...

They're done for.

Gu Qing Shan's steps were heavy.

This deep sense of helplessness makes him unable to stay still.

“What’s the matter, your mood doesn’t seem to be too good” a soothing female voice that’s like wind chimes was heard.

Gu Qing Shan looked up to see Anna standing atop a wall, her crimson red hair flowing in the wind as she stared at him without blinking.

“Anna” he called her with a husky voice.

In the previous life, Anna died in an endless encirclement of high-level demons.

At that time, he travelled for days on end without rest, but still didn’t make it in time to save her.

The situation is even worse right now, compared to before.

Does he have no choice but to helplessly watch her die in front of him again?

No!

He can’t let that happen!

Gu Qing Shan suddenly remembered.

Anna’s first tragic fate was to begin about 1 month later.

There’s still a month left.

But, with the entire world experiencing immense change, how could Gu Qing Shan be confident that Anna’s safety would be guaranteed in the period before that?

That fate nearly drove Anna to mentally collapse and suicide.

No, he definitely can’t let that fate befall Anna again.

He can’t let Anna return to the Holy Empire!

The rapid changes in Gu Qing Shan’s emotions showed in just a few moments, but all of it were caught by Anna’s eyes

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Being affected by the frenzy and sorrow in his eyes, Anna looked down, asking: “What happened to you? Which blind son of a bitch dare to offend you, I’ll go beat him up”

Gu Qing Shan just looked at her without saying anything for a while.

Being stared at like that, Anna suddenly felt her face flushed.

Oh no, I didn’t wash my hair today.

She silently thought.

Gu Qing Shan’s expression suddenly changed.

On the War God UI, a red light flashed in his eyes, turning into lines of text

“Space-time is in chaos, the user must immediately enter the cultivation world, otherwise the space tunnel will be shut off completely, unable to open again”

“Does the user want to enter? YES — NO”

Gu Qing Shan looked at the message on War God UI and suddenly realized.

Space-time is in chaos, probably not just because of the terrifying world of monsters he saw before, but also because the world itself was changing rapidly.

He didn't have much time to think, because some lines of text were flashing on the UI.

“Please enter the cultivation world immediately!”

“Please enter the cultivation world immediately!”

“The tunnel is closing!”

“15 seconds countdown begin!”

Gu Qing Shan quickly took the time and said: “No matter what happens, do not leave the Confederate, you must absolutely wait until I return”

As he said that, Gu Qing Shan also jumped on the wall, took off something from his neck and put it on Anna's.

After that was done, he held Anna's hands tight.

“Wait for me”

He said.

Then the screen flashed and Gu Qing Shan disappeared without a trace.

Anna was stunned for a bit, looked down and took off the thing on her neck

A lonely old man, holding a scythe while sitting at rest on a rock.

Death's Relic, the Life Exchanging Contract.

He returned it to me.

Does he not know what that means?

From now on, if anything were to endanger my life, he would have to pay twice the life force.

Does he know?

Anna stared blankly at the Life Exchanging Contract for a while.

——right, he must know, otherwise he wouldn't put this legendary object on me before leaving.

Because I was willing to sacrifice my own life force to save you, that you're willing to do the same for me?

Anna's lips lifted up a bit, then lowered.

She lightly pouted, then smiled brightly.

She has already forgotten what it's like to feel warmth after her mother passed away when she was still a little girl.

Just now, she suddenly found that that feeling again.

A few minutes later, a shadow ran like the wind from afar, then morphed into Feng Huo De on the wall.

He asked: "Have you said your goodbyes?"

Anna answered: "Not yet"

"Where did he go?"

"Probably busy doing something, seems like he has a very uncommon type of God's Chosen Skill"

"That's fine then, we'll have to leave first, you can use your Holo-Brain to contact him later" Feng Huo De said.

Anna stood in the shadow of night, not speaking.

A bit further away, a fire had started, the screams and cries could be heard even from here.

And then, more and more cries of agony exploded everywhere.

It was like everyone in the entire city had made an appointment to chew their food at the same time, making the same unsavory sound of chewing on meat and bones.

The air was filled with a pungent smell of blood, making you feel like you were in a slaughterhouse.

A deafening scream of agony was raised.

It seems to have signaled something, like the next phase of something even more terrible about to happen.

The air was filled with the roaring sound of engines as police shuttles were quickly dispatched.

A crowd of people were screaming in fear as they ran down the streets.

"Seems like something isn't right, Your Highness, we're leaving now" Feng Huo De said.

"No"

Anna suddenly said.

Then she added with a determined voice: "I'm not leaving"

Feng Huo De said: "But his majesty ordered us to quickly return, we have to go back right away"

Anna: "I want to wait for him"

Feng Huo De shook his head in reluctance: "So what if we wait for him, all you can do is talk for a few minutes, his majesty has issued a higher-than-first-rate military recall, if we arrive late then both you and I will be severely punished!"

Anna slowly sat down on the wall, dangling her legs in the air.

She said without care: "Since he told me to wait, I'll wait for him, I'm not leaving"

Feng Huo De sighed helplessly.

Suddenly he turned around to look at the street corner.

On the opposite street, there seems to be a few drunk people staggering towards them.

But then they suddenly got down and ran on all fours, looking extremely unsettling as they picked up speed.

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Orchid Hall

In the dark of night, Gu Qing Shan returned.

He silently took a small bottle in hand, dropped a pill in it on his hand and swallowed it whole.

This is a top-grade healing pill, capable of curing all wounds except fatigue.

After two double hours, Gu Qing Shan woke up from deep meditation, as he viewed himself with inner sight, he found himself returned to peak conditions.

Tapping his Inventory Bag, he took out the large suitcase with the miniature freezing apparatus attached.

Opening it, he took out the piece of space monster heart.

“Go in” Gu Qing Shan ordered.

Immediately, the heart was sucked into his War God UI, into the last remaining empty slot.

The slot disappeared.

All the slots on the wheel has been filled in, turning into 5 spheres of light.

The light gradually spread out to the entire wheel.

A flashing light of text appeared on the UI.

“Conditions has been meet ahead of time”

“Quest: War God Thaumaturgy has been completed”

“Thaumaturgy gacha has been prepared, the user can begin breakthrough at any time”

It’s done!

Gu Qing Shan breathed out in relief.

Thaumaturgies can only be obtained when breaking through a realm when cultivators and the essence of the world are resonating. Even the System has no way to give him a Thaumaturgy prematurely.

Right now, all he has to do is break through qi training realm and reach Foundation Establishment realm!

Once he becomes a Foundation Establishment realm, his strength will be increased exponentially

That way, during the world calamities, he would at least have enough strength to protect himself.

Gu Qing Shan was itching to do it right away, but stopped himself.

Breaking through a realm is always a dangerous task. If you aren't careful you can easily lose your mind, all your hard work poured down the drain as you become crippled forever.

Qi training to Foundation Establishment is the very first large step of a cultivator. Even with the experience from his previous life, Gu Qing Shan doesn't dare to underestimate it.

In the past life, so many players, even with the help of the System, faced immense hardship when breaking through from qi training to Foundation Establishment.

Countless people didn't die in the belly of monsters, but instead threw away their lives in the process of breaking through a realm.

When your cultivation is higher, moving up from a high realm to a higher realm, you'll eventually have to face the Lightning Trial, a frightening obstacle to many. (1)

But right now, he's a disciple of Bai Hua sect, a disciple of the Saint. What rush could he possibly be in that he can't wait until dawn to ask for help from Bai Hua Fairy?

This is the surest way to do things.

Not to mention, with the insight and experience of the Saint, he might be able to gain some knowledge that he didn't have while breaking through during the past life.

As Gu Qing Shan decided, he sat still on the cushion and continued to meditate.

Dawn comes.

White goose flew into Orchid Hall.

"Junior brother. Ah? You're preparing to break through?"

White goose scanned Gu Qing Shan and found that his spirit energy has already reached its peak. His state also the best it could be, almost like a bow that's already pulled but haven't been released.

"Very well then, I knew you were at qi training stage 7, so originally I was about to give you the method to break through today" white goose nodded his head.

"Thank you senior brother" Gu Qing Shan said.

"No need to be so formal, let's go, first we'll have breakfast, your second brother and I will give you guidance" white goose said, then turned around and flew away.

Gu Qing Shan also stood up and followed him.

Breakfast is eaten in the main hall of Bai Hua Palace.

This is the place where Bai Hua Fairy deal with all matters big and small, but it's also where the entire Bai Hua sect go to have their breakfast.

"We'll eat right here?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

“No worries, Shifu likes things to be just a bit rowdy” white goose answered.

Their breakfast today is Snow Spirit Flowers.

This type of flower has a mild sweet flavor, very beneficial to a cultivator’s soul vessel.

You can use these flowers to make pills, or made into spirit cooking. Eating them for an extended period of time will help nurture a cultivator’s soul vessel’s flexibility.

A soul vessel that’s more flexible is harder to be charmed, and isn’t easily wounded.

One Snow Spirit Flower is worth 10,000 low-grade spirit stones.

What can you do with 10,000 spirit stones?

You can rent a shop front of a busy business district for a month; you can buy yourself a position in the military that’s mostly odd jobs and doesn’t require you to kill demons; it’s enough for a single cultivator to use from qi training realm all the way to Foundation Establishment realm.

Yet the bowl in front of Gu Qing Shan had a total of 5 Snow Spirit Flowers in it.

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This breakfast of his cost 50,000 low-grade spirit stones.

He breathed in, looking at the bowls of others.

Both white goose and Qin Xiao Lou had the same thing him does, 5 Snow Spirit Flowers, while Xiuxiu’s bowl had 9 instead.

Xiuxiu’s wound on her soul still hasn’t fully healed, and she’s also the youngest, so that’s understandable.

But you can see, breakfast for the 4 of them cost a total of 240,000 low-grade spirit stones.

Gu Qing Shan is so used to spending sparingly in both the previous life and this one, that when suddenly met with such luxury, he couldn’t help but silently sighed.

Then he suddenly remembered a line from an old poem.

Painted gates have the stink of meat and wine. (2)

Hmm, but flowers are vegetables, so it doesn’t count, yeah it doesn’t count.

“Where’s Shifu?” Qin Xiao Lou asked.

“There’s some important business at the frontline, so Tianzun and Great Monk are both there, Shifu also left just this morning” Xiuxiu said.

“A! So Shifu isn’t here!” Qin Xiao Lou’s eyes glowed.

“That’s great, I’ve eaten so much of this kind of stupid flower that my mouth is bland”

As Qin Xiao Lou said that, he put all the flowers in his bowl into Xiuxiu’s.

Then he tapped his Inventory Bag, taking out a long metal skewer.

Then some firewood.

And then spices.

And finally a skinned and washed two-horned spirit goat.

“Eating this in the morning, wouldn’t it be a bit hard to digest?” Gu Qing Shan asked

“If you won’t eat, you’re free to not help me” Qin Xiao Lou looked back down as he rubbed spices onto the goat.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit, then decided to help.

“Eating this in the morning isn’t good for your stomach” white goose said.

“If you won’t eat, you’re free to not help me” Qin Xiao Lou looked back down, rubbed more spices onto the goat.

White goose thought for a bit, then swung his wings, arranging the firewood neatly for grilling, even the fire was already lit.

Xiuxiu chewed on her flower and muttered: “I want a goat’s thigh, second brother”

Qin Xiao Lou is known for being an expert at all the 6 arts, but if you had to pick one as his best, it would have to be his cooking skills.

Each and every one of his dishes leave lasting impression, enough that as long as people know he’ll be cooking, no one would miss it for anything.

A bit later

Three people and a goose laid flat on the Bai Hua Palace floor, unmoving.

They all ate too much.

“Xiao Lou, Qing Shan is about to breakthrough” white goose suddenly mentioned.

“Hm, that’s a good thing, but I can’t move right now, I think he’s also like that” Qin Xiao Lou said as he picked his teeth with a toothpick.

Hah, I still had to breakthrough today, I shouldn’t have eaten so much, Gu Qing Shan remonstrated himself.

“We’ll discuss it first” white goose said

“Ok, let me think for a bit” Qin Xiao Lou answered.

As they heard that, everyone left him alone and waited for his answer.

After a few moments, they heard a snoring sound.

White goose jumped up, kicking Qin Xiao Lou right on his face.

“Aaaa———”

A cry of agony.

A while later, three people and a goose was sitting in a circle.

“Breaking through a realm really is dangerous indeed, I think we’ll need to use some formation, plus first brother has to be there ready to protect you to ensure safety”

Qin Xiao Lou seriously spoke with a face swollen like a meat bun.

“What about the method of breaking through?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“You don’t need to worry about that, I’ll go prepare it” white goose said as he flapped his wings and flew away.

“I’ll be here to cheer for you” Xiuxiu shook her little fists and said.

“Thank you, junior sister” Gu Qing Shan smiled to Xiuxiu.

Breaking through a realm is very serious business, enough to mobilize the entire Bai Hua sect.

——although they only had 4 people in total.

Note:

(1) Lightning Trial: a very common thing in cultivation novels, also called Lightning Tribulation. Here’s an excerpt from another novel that I think explains it very well: “Legends say that the act of cultivation itself is going against the heaven, as humans take in the essence of the world, they gain karma, and when their karma reaches a certain breaking point, they have to face it in the form of lightning strikes from the sky. Those that survive this Trial is rewarded by the karma they faced, until one day, when enough karma builds up again”.

(2) Painted doors has the stench of meat and wine: this is part of an old poem. The poem is meant to say that people who can afford paint their doors are so rich that they’d frequently have enough meat and wine lined up to leave a stench on the door. I think. It might have some other meanings.

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By noon, everything was ready

White goose carried a jade tag in his mouth, giving it to Gu Qing Shan.

“This is the method, it can ensure your soul vessel will not dissipate, even if you fail to breakthrough you won’t lose your life. But you absolutely must fully comprehend it before attempting to breakthrough” white goose very solemnly said

“I will, thank you first brother”

Gu Qing Shan held up the jade tag, scanning it with his inner sight.

“100 Revolutions of Ascension Method, first part”

Gu Qing Shan looked over all of it very quickly.

He has never heard of this name before, but seeing the method in the jade tag, he could tell there are many places that were erased and rewritten with inner sight.

Looking at all the changes and fixes in the method, as well as the jade tag itself ———there's not even a single bit of wear on it, a pure white color, this was obviously a newly made jade tag.

Such an awesome sounding name, was probably made up by Bai Hua Fairy on the spot.

Even the content inside was probably made by her overnight.

But he could tell, the information inside was specifically made to help sword cultivator breakthrough, further improving on the methods of "military qi training method" to help increase the flow and capacity of his spirit energy

This was something Bai Hua Fairy herself made specifically to help Gu Qing Shan breakthrough.

Gu Qing Shan felt an indescribable sense of warmth inside.

How many people in the world could say that they've received such treatment from the Saint?

"Spend 10 Soul Points, comprehend 100 Revolutions of Ascension Method, first part"

After reading through the entire jade tag once, he spent another 10 Soul Points to fully comprehend it again.

He immediately understood all there is to understand about it.

But Gu Qing Shan still couldn't stand up right away, because there is no one in the world that's so monstrously talented that they could fully comprehend a scripture as soon as they read it.

He could only hold the jade tag, eyes closed, sitting on the cushion and acted like he was thinking hard about something.

"First brother, I'll need a big-sized pill furnace that's at least 200 years old" Qin Xiao Lou then serious started speaking.

"How big?" white goose ask

"Hm, it have to be at least as big as a person" Qin Xiao Lou thought and answered.

"Very well, I'll check the treasury" white goose left again.

"Second brother, what can I do?" Xiuxiu couldn't just stand still, and asked.

"Xiuxiu, you go to Shifu's place and get me one Dragon's Tear flower"

"Ok" Xiuxiu fleetingly left.

Qin Xiao Lou held up his hand and began to quickly count on his fingers.

After a bit, he muttered: "3 PM is a suitable time to breakthrough, but it's usually used for beheading, junior brother might not like it, I'll have to find another time..."

While Qin Xiao Lou was calculating with Divination, a large sound was heard inside Bai Hua palace.

A pill furnace that's 3-person tall dropped inside the hall, staggering a bit before standing up straight.

White goose landed on top, checking it again.

“Hm, it hasn’t been used for quite long, but seems like there won’t be any problems” white goose said with satisfaction.

Qin Xiao Lou must not have heard it, as he was still muttering, calculating. (1)

After finishing, he took out a formation plate and began to arrange formations all around the pill furnace.

“Wind, Fire, Lightning, Water, Spirit Funnel”

“Wood spirits turns Water, Soul Nurturing”

He arranged formations one after another, only after a while did he wipe the sweat off his forehead and ordered white goose: “Help me a bit, go to the treasury and find me 9 kinds of forging materials”

“I’ll be back right away” white goose just accepted and flew away.

Xiuxiu hugged a bundle of flowers in her hands, breathing heavily as she said: “Second brother, I’m back”

As Qin Xiao Lou saw, he face palmed: “I told you to bring back one flower, why did you bring a whole bundle?”

“I was afraid one wouldn’t be enough for third brother” Xiuxiu smiled, embarrassed.

“Ok, when Shifu comes back, if she says anything then just tell her I picked them” Qin Xiao Lou said.

“Ah, are these very valuable?”

“No no, Xiuxiu, there’s no problem, I was just afraid that Shifu might be stingy”

White goose came back just in time to hear that, his eyes squinted.

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Gu Qing Shan acted like he was meditating, but he silently paid attention to everything happening in the hall, as he deeply imprints the sight of them busy helping him prepare in his mind.

In the past life, has anyone else ever worry about him like this?

Back then, when he broke through Foundation Establishment, he was one step away from having his soul eaten by a Tianma, luck was literally the only reason why he survived.

Two hours later.

Gu Qing Shan looked up at the 3-person tall pill furnace, and became speechless.

“Second brother, don’t tell me you want to turn me into a pill?”

“What nonsense are you saying? The hall has a giant protection formation, both me and first brother will protect you can both sides, and in the very middle of the hall is the 300 years old spirit pill furnace, and fianally inside the pill furnace is you, that way Tianma won’t have any chance to attack” Qin Xiao Lou glared at him.

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Gu Qing Shan smiled, saying: "When do we start?"

"Wait for another minute and it'll be the best time to breakthrough today" Qin Xiao Lou answered.

Three people and a goose stood there for 1 minute.

As Gu Qing Shan walked towards the pill furnace, he felt his sleeves being pulled.

It was Xiuxiu.

"Third brother, do your best" Xiuxiu looked up, cheering for him.

"I will" Gu Qing Shan rubbed her head.

Then he jumped up directly into the pill furnace.

"Begin"

Qin Xiao Lou turned the formation plate, his hand quickly created hand signs, activating the 71 formations at the same time.

Then as he breathed out, he made some hand seals and silently activates the defensive runes inside the pill furnace.

After all of that, Qin Xiao Lou finally stepped to the left of the pill furnace.

"Where are you going?" white goose asked

"I'm guarding the left, you're guarding the right, to look out for any Tianma that might come" Qin Xiao Lou said.

"No need"

"Why not?"

"Today you finally seem like someone capable" white goose looked at him and nodded in satisfaction, saying: "Just rest there, I'll guard him"

"Hmph, I'm always capable"

But Qin Xiao Lou still sat down, closed his eyes and started to circulate his spirit energy.

White goose stood still in the hall, silently protecting the pill furnace.

Frontline.

In the morning, even though the three Saints spent so much time discussing, they still haven't reached a conclusion.

Originally, after a short rest at noon, they'd continue the discussion in the afternoon.

But even after being invited a few times, Bai Hua Fairy still hasn't left her tent.

"Could the Saint be unhappy?" One of the general asked in a low voice.

No one replied.

The entire tent was filled with high-ranked cultivators, but no one dared to say anything.

“No, she isn’t one to be unhappy just because we couldn’t reach a conclusion” a voice said.

The one who said that was a Daoist with a red face, wearing a blue Dao robe.

The red-faced Daoist was sitting on one of the three high seats, turning to the old monk besides him and asked: “Great Monk, what do you think?”

“Amitabha” the old monk smiled peacefully, clapping his hands together: “This humble one thinks that Fairy must be tending to something very important, we can wait for her”

In this world, the only people who can make this personage speak such words are the red-faced Daoist, and Bai Hua Fairy herself.

“That’s right, I also feel like she has something on her mind today” the red-faced Daoist agreed.

“It could be something that has to do with the survival of humanity, as we all know, she was the first person to discover the matter of this time”

All the great cultivators here all showed a face of understanding.

That’s right, if Fairy isn’t here, then she must be planning or arranging something meaningful, and it must be reaching a crucial point, enough that she couldn’t spare a thought.

As they thought that, they all suddenly felt a sense of gratitude.

Everyone says that Bai Hua Fairy doesn’t care about anything, but all the big matters that happened lately were all single-handedly dealt with by her.

She alone breakthrough the demon’s frontline, rescued Gong Sun Zhi and Ning Yue Xi, killed four Beast Saints, tamed one of them, and even fished out the traitor Blade Emperor.

Who else in the world could have done all those great achievements?

This is what it means to be a Saint, this is a model for all to follow!

Thinking that, even the red-faced Daoist breath out, silently thought to himself that he couldn’t compare to her.

Then he tapped the handle of his seat, saying: “We’ll just wait for a bit more”

Just like that, a tent full of humanity’s strongest fighting force patiently waited.

Inside the pill furnace, Gu Qing Shan was silently circulating spirit energy according to Bai Hua Fairy’s method, attempt to breakthrough Foundation Establishment realm.

Everything was going well, his spirit energy is already saturated, even his mental state was at its peak.

Inside the dark furnace, a dim light suddenly appeared.

The light circled behind Gu Qing Shan’s head, almost like it was a mist, then slowly concentrated into what looks like frost.

Time passed as more and more light appeared, the circle of light began to light up more and more.

After the entire circle of light was frozen into shape, it emitted a milky white light that illuminates the entire pill furnace like it was the middle of the day.

A full moon was floating behind Gu Qing Shan's head.

This is called an illuminating light, representing this cultivator's round of cultivation reaching its perfected state.

Note:

(1) calculating divination: there's actually a paragraph here that details how he does it, but not only does it make no sense, it contributes nothing to the overall plot, so I'll just leave it to your imagination. Just know that he was using the Eight-trigram method.