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The glowing Indestructible Giant let out an earth-shattering roar.

He jumped over the hill; leaping high into the air before crashing down into the middle of the horde of monsters like a meteorite.

Boom!!!

A giant crater that was several miles in radius was formed starting where the giant landed.

Every creature in the vicinity was unable to balance themselves and fell down, unable to stand back up.

The crash created shockwaves that formed intense rampaging storm winds, tossing the fierce horde of monsters like ragdolls in every direction.

Wherever the wind swept through, the monsters on the ground would be blown into a cloud of blood and flesh.

Some particularly defensive monsters managed to endure the wind for a while.

They had a natural-born talent that provided them absolute defense against a single type of power of their choosing.

But this time, things were different.

The Indestructible Giant's crash included the full power of 30 different Soul Artifacts, so the rampaging wind had been infused with these chaotic energies to create a terrifying power that these monsters couldn't rely on their talent to resist.

Even the defense-specialist monsters couldn't help but be slowly scraped away by the wind bit by bit until they were completely erased.

And this was only the aftermath of shockwaves created by the impact.

Every monster that stood at the direct center of the crater was thoroughly erased by the giant's crash, not leaving a single drop of blood behind.

Domf! Domf! Domf! Domf!

The heavy sound of footsteps resounded from below the crater.

A large hand appeared at the edge of the deep hole, followed by the giant's head, torso, and legs.

He had climbed up.

Domf! Domf! Domf!

Domf! Domf! Domf! Domf! Domf! Domf! Domf!

The giant's footsteps that caused the ground itself to shake slowly sped up as he headed towards the center of the Desolate monsters' rank.

The giant was becoming increasingly faster, quickly surpassing the speed of a cultivator's flight.

The monsters kept raining their attacks on the Indestructible Giant as he charged forward, but the giant didn't care at all.

The giant was an Indestructible entity, spells and magic were useless against him, so only powerful physical attacks could actually hurt him.

But he carried a gigantic metal sword in his hand while being supplied various combative powers by the glowing light behind his back.

Whenever the giant swung his sword, the void of space itself was cut open, all the monsters that stood in his way were completely decimated and mowed down without being able to retaliate.

None of the monsters were the giant's match.

The Desolate race's commander noticed the situation on this side.

『 Turn your attacks, remove that giant! 』

The commander shouted in Desolate Tongue.

Several Desolate legions turned their directions towards the Indestructible Giant.

They were the elite troops of the Desolate race!

As soon as they moved away, humanity's frontlines became a lot more relaxed.

It was time to test the giant's mettle.

As the giant observed the Desolation legions heading for him, he cautiously halted.

He turned around and looked behind.

The cultivators of humanity's vanguard battalion had already been left far behind.

"You are too slow"

The giant spoke with its echoing loud voice.

"You were too fast! You need to wait for us!"

The human General shouted in reply with excitement in his voice.

The giant turned away and glanced towards the Desolate legions charging at him.

Against this overwhelming tidal of monsters and death, even the Indestructible Giant's towering figure appeared tiny.

The giant didn't attack just yet.

He raised his sword and formed a stance.

The two sides would soon clash.

As the Desolate legion crashed down on him, the Indestructible Giant used a surprisingly flexible footwork and movement technique to retreat.

His sword continued to slash at the monsters while maintaining a set distance from the tidal of monsters.

There was obviously a distance of 10 feet between his sword and the frontmost monsters.

But with each swing of the sword, a group of monsters would be erased.

Secret Art, [Life Seeker]

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[When you are within 10 feet of an opponent, your sword attacks can hit them from a distance]

[Note: This Secret Art can be used in conjunction with other Secret Arts]

[Within ten feet, I seek out your life and extinguish it]

The Indestructible Giant continued to retreat all the way until he was right in front of the human cultivators.

During this process, his sword swung in the air seven times in a row at a speed that was neither slow nor fast and directly negated the monsters' charging momentum.

For a brief moment, an empty area was formed between the two sides.

The human General of the vanguard battalion was the first to step forward and loudly declared: "You did well, now it's our turn"

He turned to his subordinates.

"Kill them!"

"The situation had turned around, now it's our turn to strike!"

"General, give your order"

The troop's morale was raised to its limit as they raised their weapons high.

Seeing this, the General felt a bit more assured.

He shouted: "Brothers—--"

"Wait"

The giant spoke with his thunderous voice and cut him off.

The General was stunned, looked up to the Indestructible Giant, and solemnly asked: "What is it?"

"I've only performed seven strikes, there's still one last strike. After that, you can charge"

The giant answered seriously.

“One last strike?” the General doubtfully asked.

He couldn't help but observe the giant's several-dozen-meter-long metal sword.

Layers upon layers of power were manifested on top of the sword.

Several dozen layers of different powers, combined with the giant's own Elemental Lightning gave the sword unimaginable power.

Even the void of space didn't want to touch the sword directly as it was staying a constant distance away from it to let the power exuding from the sword scattering into other dimensions.

The giant looked straight at the oncoming legions of Desolate monsters and appeared significantly more cautious.

These are the elite troops of the enemy, I have to eliminate them all in order to truly cause the direction of this war to shift.

The Indestructible Giant held the sword with both hands as he silently formed the sword seals in his mind.

The next strike would be the last of the Secret Art.

This was a series of 8 consecutive strikes, if any of these strikes were to miss, the Secret Art would be interrupted.

Secret Art, [Seven Stars Flowing Dragon]!

The sword in the giant's hand swung down towards the horde of monsters in front of him.

A blinding pillar of light abruptly manifested in this world.

In front of this light, all other power seemed meaningless.

Even the two terrifying entities above the cloud stopped their battle.

This power was enough for them to be cautious of.

Everyone on the ground went blank for a brief moment.

And then, they saw what had manifested.

A 5-colored divine dragon created from 30 different types of pure power.

Rather than saying that it was manifested from the giant sword, it would be more accurate to say that the sword had summoned it with its swing.

The 5-colored dragon appeared to be sentient as it circled around the entire battlefield.

Everyone held their breaths and watched as this entity that seemed to have come out from the legends moved around for a few moments before flying back into the void of space and vanished.

This scene was so magnificent that even the Indestructible Giant himself felt stunned.

A few moments later.

A gust of wind blew past.

The Indestructible Giant turned towards the General of the vanguard battalion and told him: "Alright, my strike is over, you can charge forward now"

The General regained his senses.

He looked at the battlefield all around himself and couldn't help but mutter: "Where do you want us to charge now?"

In front of him, all the Desolate monsters on the battlefield were gone.

Yep, completely clean, not a single one left, as if they simply vanished from this world without leaving a trace.

The ground was vast, open, and completely empty without a single living being to be seen.

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TN: since this novel doesn't only deal with a single "world", the term "parallel world" doesn't quite explain it well enough, please think of every instance of "parallel world" from this chapter onwards to have the same meaning as "parallel reality" or "parallel universe" instead. The term itself will be kept as "parallel world" in order to keep the paragraphs from overcrowding with big words.

The war came to a stop at its most desperate point.

The Desolate race was killed to extinction.

At the same time, the Heaven sword's forging process was coming to an end.

Besides the Immortal King, every other great cultivator had already entered the frontlines.

They flew out, only to watch the Indestructible Giant, his numerous Soul Artifacts, and the Immortal King's badge.

From the others, they understood that this monster was actually a human cultivator.

He had transformed into an unimaginably powerful monster.

He carried the real Immortal King's badge.

He killed the entire Desolate race!

And so, he was on their side.

But how come no one had ever seen him before?

While the cultivators were silently thinking about this, Gu Qing Shan who kept his transformation crouched down and quickly asked the other great cultivators:

"I'm afraid you won't be able to stay in the Primordial Heaven Realm for too long, have you prepared a destination yet?"

“Why do you want to know?” one of the great cultivators asked.

“Because you wouldn’t be able to survive what comes next”

The Indestructible Giant looked up at the sky.

The two terrifying entities above the cloud had already halted their battle.

The great cultivators followed his gaze and felt their bodies becoming tense as they did so.

All of them had powerful spirit senses that allowed them to sense how frightening the two entities above the cloud actually were.

Even this giant in front of them wasn’t necessarily their match.

This was the true crisis that awaited them.

One of the great cultivators answered him: “We did prepare a retreat plan, our plan was to descend to a lower realm, but because of how tightly the Desolate race had pushed us into a corner, if we left in front of them, they would definitely be able to follow”

A lower realm!

Gu Qing Shan understood after just a bit of thought.

He was talking about a fragment of the broken Samsara.

The place where Xie Dao Ling ended up in was also such a fragment, which came into contact with his homeworld a couple ten thousand years in the future and brought the attention of the [Demon King Order].

“Have you chosen a lower realm to descend to?” Gu Qing Shan hurriedly asked.

When a cultivator reached Void Wanderer realm, they would be able to survive for several ten thousand years without trouble, but in the cultivation world of the future, these powerful cultivators did not exist, nor was their inheritance ever left behind.

Gu Qing Shan had to guarantee that these people would not come to the Samsara fragment where Xie Dao Ling would later awaken.

Otherwise, history itself would collapse and he would be erased by the Laws of Time and Fate.

“We chose the biggest fragment of the Samsara. We once managed to sneak into the Divine King’s Palace and obtained the method of traveling to that fragment, but we can only do so from the Sky Beyond Heaven”

Gu Qing Shan calmed down.

At this point in time, the remaining Divinities in the Sky Beyond Heaven have already escaped.

Otherwise, they would be doomed to perish.

Which means, what I need to do is very simple.

He looked around the entire battlefield, raised the Immortal King's badge, and ordered: "All troops, retreat to the lower realm"

"Remember well, you are forbidden to reveal yourselves for the next couple of ten thousand years. Otherwise, if we are found out, humanity would surely fall to extinction!"

"Understood!" all the cultivators loudly responded.

Under the leadership of the great cultivators, the army of human cultivators quickly reorganized and was about to retreat towards the Sky Beyond Heaven.

At this time, a sharp, high-pitched female voice came from above the cloud: 『 Running away? 』

Followed by a male voice: 「 Your souls shall stay right here and become my food! 」

This declaration alone caused quite a few cultivators to fall unconscious.

The human cultivators personally felt just how terrifying the entity was.

No wonder the giant forbade us to reveal ourselves for the next couple of ten thousand years!

The cultivators sped up their retreat.

"We're leaving, you—" before he retreated, a great cultivator hesitantly looked at Gu Qing Shan.

"I will be the last to leave"

The Indestructible Giant replied.

He slightly bent his knees and abruptly leapt to the air.

The figure of the giant turned into a blurred image as he dashed through the wind and shot towards the clouds above like a cannonball.

Immediately after, the thick layers of clouds were scattered by the intense wind.

At this point, both the male and female voices were chanting in a tone of vicissitudes: 『 「 Living beings, sacrifice your souls to me, your souls are—— 』 』

The entity abruptly let out a unified screech and stopped its soul-absorption technique.

It turned out that the Indestructible Giant had appeared right next to it, slashed it with his sword, and struck it down from above.

Boom!!!

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The ground shook from the impact.

The human cultivators all cheered.

But the Indestructible Giant wasn't at all glad and simply shouted at them: "Leave now! There are a many more of these monsters, humanity's current strength cannot possibly win, so hide——"

Baam!!!!

He was then struck by another black figure and fell to the ground like a shooting star.

Half-way through, he vanished. Instead, a Demon Dragon who was similar in size to him appeared.

The body of this Demon Dragon had shrunken a lot more compared to before, but he was now exuding solid grey mist from his body, and his strength seemed to have grown considerably!

The Abyssal Demon Dragon.

He stopped in mid-air and spoke in Desolate Tongue: 「 A spatial technique? Laughable Savage creature, you dare to join the fight for the Heaven sword with your meager strength? 」

The Indestructible Giant didn't say a single word, held his sword tightly with both hands, and struck at the Demon Dragon from above.

At this point, the Soul Shrieker had climbed back out from the ground.

It wasn't damaged at all.

“GO!”

While fighting the Abyssal Demon Dragon, the Indestructible Giant still dedicated some attention to the human cultivators below and roared furiously.

The humans below no longer hesitated and swiftly took off towards the Sky Beyond Heaven as fast as they could.

This time, both the Soul Shrieker and the Abyssal Demon Dragon didn't have the time to chase after these human cultivators.

Due to a Thaumaturgy that the Indestructible Giant unleashed.

[Dreamjolt]!

Countless black sword images bloomed like a blossoming flower, all of them were infused with the power of Lightning, ensuring that both Abyssal monsters couldn't move for a brief moment.

Secret Art, [Drawn Shadow]!

Before the blooming sword images disappeared, Gu Qing Shan had the giant sword in his hand scatter into hundreds of flying swords.

These flying swords surrounded the two Abyssal monsters and swiftly danced around them.

As the sword-infused wind picked up, arcs of lightning connected with one another to form a long winding strand of thread.

[Taiyi Dreamjolt Sword Array]!

This was a grand sword array infused with the power of his Lightning Thaumaturgy.

No matter how powerful these two Abyssal Monsters were, they had no choice but to avoid the scattered flying swords in the sky as much as possible to avoid being struck by Lightning and enter the irritating state of blankness from before.

On the other side, thanks to Gu Qing Shan's efforts in containing the two entities, the human cultivators swiftly retreated.

At a glance, the only one left in the entire battlefield was the Immortal King who was still focused on inscribing runes after rune onto the Heaven sword to try and complete the forging process.

Strange-looking weapon components gradually manifested around him, he waited for the moment that the Heaven sword's forging process was completed

The sword-infused wind was about to fade.

The Indestructible Giant abruptly shouted: "Stop!"

His figure flashed as he used [Ground Shrink] to take distance from the fight.

The Soul Shrieker's half-man, half-woman face both displayed a mocking expression: 「『 You caused me to lose so much food, it is too late for you to beg for forgiveness 』」

There were no longer any humans on the ground.

The Indestructible Giant tried asking: "What do you say we join forces and kill the Demon Dragon?"

The Soul Shrieker was a bit surprised, then laughed:

「『 Of course not, do you really think I'm a fool? 』」

The Indestructible Giant said: "I don't see why you still have to help him"

「『 Then how about this 』」 the Soul Shrieker sarcastically mocked him, 「『 I'll ignore the battle between you two, you can go ahead and kill him, what do you say? 』」

It then took two steps backward, as if to signal that it had no intention of interfering with the battle between the Indestructible Giant and the Abyssal Demon Dragon.

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

I definitely can't beat the Abyssal Demon Dragon alone, so I originally wanted to borrow the Soul Shrieker's power.

Who could've thought, the other party was smart enough to escape this ruse right away.

Compared to the Abyssal monsters, the Indestructible Giant was still a bit too weak to win against either of these monsters on his own.

The Abyssal Demon Dragon suddenly spoke up: 「 I have a suggestion 』」

「『 Go ahead 』」 the Soul Shrieker replied.

「 The Heaven sword can only belong to either of us. This apparently weak little thing seems like he has nothing but schemes, and I don't want to run into any unexpected failure, so what do you say we kill him together, then continue to compete for the right to obtain the Heaven sword? 」 the Abyssal Demon Dragon slowly explained.

The Soul Shrieker thought briefly and agreed: 『 「 A good idea 」 』

They both turned towards the Indestructible Giant.

The Indestructible Giant gathered all his swords in front of him, scoffed, then...

Turned and ran away!

The Indestructible Giant ran away so fast that neither of the Abyssal monsters managed to stop him in time.

He used [Ground Shrink] several times in a row, flashed across the sky a few times, and disappeared from sight.

The Soul Shrieker froze.

The Abyssal Demon Dragon froze.

「 He ran...」 the Demon Dragon muttered in confusion.

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As soon as the Indestructible Giant ran away, the Soul Shrieker's body twitched as if it was intending to chase after him.

But it stopped immediately.

Its gaze fell to the ground and became fully focused on the human cultivator forging the weapon below.

The Heaven sword was about to be finished.

The components of the Abyssal weapon had begun to slowly attach themselves onto the sword.

The Immortal King was seemingly unaware of this, as all of his attention was focused on inscribing the runes onto the Heaven sword and was completing the final forging process.

No, it was no longer a sword at this point.

It was already a weapon of the Eternal Abyss!

The Soul Shrieker glided down, silently heading towards the Immortal King.

「 Don't even think about taking that weapon away! 」

The Abyssal Demon Dragon roared and charged forward, knocking the Soul Shrieker away.

The two monsters once again engaged in combat.

The weapon was about to be done!

This seemed to have been some sort of signal, as their struggle became even more intense than before.

But after a brief moment of fighting, the Soul Shrieker abruptly shouted: 『 「 That giant! Have you forgotten, that giant is still here! 』 』

The Abyssal Demon Dragon's attacks slowed down a bit.

Indeed, I can't let a third party benefit from our fight.

But that giant was so weak, he wouldn't be any threat at all.

After being briefly stunned, the Abyssal Demon Dragon opened its mouth and breathed out a liquid-like ashen flame.

The Soul Shrieker cautiously moved away from this ashen flame, then swiftly retaliated.

It didn't stop trying to attack the Abyssal Demon Dragon either!

At this time, a black spot appeared on the horizon turning rapidly bigger.

The Indestructible Giant had come back!

Since the Heaven sword was about to be finished, he had no choice but to come back!

He traversed on the edge of life and death, endured countless trials and dangers, utilized all of his means, and traveled back from several ten thousand years in the future, all for this sword!

Under the two monsters' watchful gazes, the Indestructible Giant didn't try to head straight for the Immortal King and instead joined their battle.

The three monsters quickly joined into a chaotic struggle.

The Indestructible Giant attacked the Soul Shrieker with everything he had.

The Soul Shrieker retaliated.

The Abyssal Demon Dragon attacked the Indestructible Giant.

The Indestructible Giant gritted his teeth and continued to attack the Soul Shrieker.

The Soul Shrieker continued to retaliate.

The Abyssal Demon Dragon continued to attack the Indestructible Giant.

The Indestructible Giant took the damage and was still focused on attacking the Soul Shrieker.

The Soul Shrieker retaliated again.

The Abyssal Demon Dragon hesitated.

The Indestructible Giant is too weak, as the Abyssal Demon Dragon, I can win against him no matter what.

But the Soul Shrieker's abilities can counteract mine.

The Abyssal Demon Dragon changed his focus and attacked the Soul Shrieker.

So now, the Indestructible Giant and the Abyssal Demon Dragon were attacking the Soul Shrieker together.

Whenever the Soul Shrieker was about to unleash its shriek, the Indestructible Giant would use the Lightning ability that forced them into a temporary blank state of mind and interrupt its shriek.

Whenever the Soul Shrieker stopped the Indestructible Giant's attack, the Abyssal Demon Dragon would take that chance and ambush the Soul Shrieker.

『 「 Wait! Don't attack me together with him! 」 』

The Soul Shrieker roared.

The Abyssal Demon Dragon ignored that and continued to unleash abyssal spells and techniques to attack the Soul Shrieker.

He was the one who benefited the most from the current situation.

『 「 Damn it! Fool! 」 』

The Soul Shrieker angrily roared.

But neither the Abyssal Demon Dragon nor the Indestructible Giant reacted to it.

It had no choice but to focus on taking the attack of two monsters.

This battle situation continued all the way until the Soul Shrieker became heavily wounded.

All of a sudden, the Indestructible Giant ambushed the Abyssal Demon Dragon!

Sha

A long bloody wound was carved into the Abyssal Demon Dragon's body by the giant's sword.

The chaotic energies on the sword caused the wound to open and worsen by the second, causing his blood to spill to the ground below.

「 Aargh! Despicable giant, I can easily take your life! 」

The Abyssal Demon Dragon roared in anger and charged towards the Indestructible Giant.

At this moment.

The Soul Shrieker caught the Demon Dragon's opening and attacked him with all its power.

Boom!!!

The Demon Dragon was sent spiraling outward and struggled to regain his balance.

The Soul Shrieker charged at him.

The Indestructible Giant also charged at him.

Now it was the Abyssal Demon Dragon's turn to fight against two opponents at once.

It suddenly realized something and shouted at the Soul Shrieker: 「 We were fooled, stop! Otherwise, the two of us would kill each other and make things convenient for the giant 」

The Soul Shrieker currently held nothing but pure hatred for him, so it pressed on its attack with disregard for his words.

It and the Indestructible Giant continued to pummel the Abyssal Demon Dragon.

Until the Demon Dragon was heavily wounded as well.

The Soul Shrieker abruptly stopped and retreated.

It spoke to the Demon Dragon with a chilling cold tone: 「 『 There, let's stop here, we've been wounded to essentially the same degree, we can still kill that giant 」 』

They both turned towards the giant.

At this point, the giant was the least wounded among the three of them.

If this was left to go on...

The Abyssal Demon Dragon felt his heart beating faster.

Fortunately, the Soul Shrieker understood that.

Furthermore, the Indestructible Giant wasn't a match for either of these Abyssal monsters in a one-on-one fight.

And they were about to cooperate.

They intended to remove the Indestructible Giant from this world right here and now.

At a glance, the only possible end for the giant now would be to die.

「 Don't let him run away again 」

The Abyssal Demon Dragon checked his own wounds and the intense aching sensation all over his body and grinded his teeth in.

『 We didn't think of it last time, but this sly bastard won't be running away any longer, I'm keeping my eye on him 』 the Soul Shrieker's female voice declared.

「 To make me wounded to this degree, I'm going to devour his soul 」 its male voice spoke with anger.

The Indestructible Giant once again put up his sword in front of himself.

Using all my wits,

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All my means,

Getting wounded all over,

I've finally delayed the situation up to this moment.

This is the final moment.

The moment I've been waiting for.

Heaven and earth went silent.

Strange illusory images began to rise from the ground all the way to the sky, illuminating the entire world with blinding colorful light.

Supernatural phenomenon!

This meant that the Heaven sword had been completed!

The three monsters all glanced towards the ground at the same time.

The Immortal King raised a sword up high.

Around him, the other weapon components had already been detached and scattered all over the ground.

The Immortal King abruptly stabbed the sword into his own chest while chanting a long incantation.

He sacrificed his life to complete the sword!

A moment later, a woman wearing a traditional Chinese silk garment appeared, her figure slowly becoming blurred as she infused herself into the sword.

Luo Bing Li!

The sword now had a spirit!

The final step had been completed!

The Immortal King drew the sword from his chest and raised it high.

Blood was spilling from his mouth, but he didn't take any notice of it.

He was simply confused and desperate, muttering like a mad man: "Someone? Where are our people? Somebody, quickly come and take this sword!"

These were the last moments of his life.

But he wasn't willing to simply die like this, because the one who sought the sword still hadn't appeared before him.

The three monsters in the sky all witnessed this.

That was the completed Heaven sword!

Through thousands of years of planning by the Abyss, followed by several years of being forged by humanity, this precious weapon was finally complete!

The Soul Shrieker was about to move forward but stopped.

It noticed that the Abyssal Demon Dragon kept his eyes on it, prepared to attack at any moment.

The situation changed again.

The Soul Shrieker, the Abyssal Demon Dragon, and the Indestructible Giant were all restraining one another.

No one wanted to be the first to act.

Because if they did, the other two would surely move to attack them right away.

The Indestructible Giant silently regretted.

If I knew it would come to this, I wouldn't have used [Ground Shrink] earlier.

Now that the two Abyssal monsters know about this spatial Divine Skill, if I tried to use it, I will be facing the most powerful strike from both of these monsters!

The Soul Shrieker patiently waited for a bit, then thoroughly regained its senses.

「 Demon Dragon! 」 its male voice shouted.

The Abyssal Demon Dragon cautiously looked at it.

「 We need to kill this giant first, he doesn't belong to the Abyss, his backgrounds are a mystery and he's full of schemes. My instincts are telling me that we absolutely cannot give him a chance 」 the Soul Shrieker said.

The Abyssal Demon Dragon stared closely at the Soul Shrieker for a while before turning to the Indestructible Giant.

After a bit, he also declared: 「 I also feel the same. He's using humanity's swordsmanship, uses the Bygone Era humans' Soul Artifacts, yet he's a Savage-type creature, his very existence is out of the ordinary 」

The Abyssal Demon Dragon finally spoke: 「 I agree, first we'll kill him, then we'll decide the winner among ourselves 」

『 「 Very well, let's kill him right now? 』 』 the Soul Shrieker confirmed again.

「 Let's kill him! 」 the Abyssal Demon Dragon replied.

Abruptly, the Indestructible Giant shouted: "If you want to kill me, then I'll kill one of you first before I die!"

Hoh hoh hoh

The Indestructible Giant suddenly started to give off an unprecedented intense pressure.

Even the Soul Artifacts floating behind him were vibrating intensely.

The Indestructible Giant raised his sword high.

A sky-high sword phantom manifested on the giant metal sword, the chaotic energy contained within the sword phantom caused a hole to be burnt into the sky itself.

This was an intense chaotic energy created through the mix of many, both the Soul Shrieker and Abyssal Demon Dragon had already felt with their own bodies what it could do.

“AaaaarRGGHHH! COME AND GET ME IF YOU DARE!!!!!!”

The giant uttered a furious roar with the resolve to die.

His eyes were filled with brutal killing intent, the glow around his rocky body also shined with a blinding sheen.

The Indestructible Giant’s fighting spirit had reached its limit!

At this point, he had focused all of his power to prepare for one last exchange.

Damn it, this guy is going to risk his life.

This thought appeared in the minds of both the Soul Shrieker and the Abyssal Demon Dragon at the same time.

Despite already being prepared to attack, they couldn’t help but halt and cautiously observe the giant.

One strike.

This giant only had enough power for a single strike.

After this strike, the giant’s life will wither.

The Soul Shrieker and the Abyssal Demon Dragon exchanged glances.

Indeed, the giant must be killed.

But, who’s going to go first?

Regardless of who goes first, they would be heavily wounded by the giant’s final gambit before death.

If there were to happen, the one who attacked second wouldn’t even need to attack the giant, they can even ambush the one who attacked first and gain the absolute advantage.

Both Abyssal monsters hesitated.

At the same time.

On the ground.

A gust of wind suddenly emerged out of nowhere.

The wind lightly swept down from above and stopped in front of the Immortal King.

In theory, the Immortal King should’ve died right after he sacrificed his life for the sword.

But during the last moments of his life, the desperate unwillingness to accept the current situation had made it so that he still had one last bit of life left in him.

He appeared to have lost all hope as he stood there with complete blankness in his expression and body.

The countless phantom images, countless planning, and preparations, even borrowing the power of the [Eternal Moment], was all of humanity's power and wits still useless to prevent this sword from being taken by the monsters?

The Immortal King raised the Heaven sword in both hands as tears of blood dripped down his face.

He was feeling his limit.

I would soon no longer be able to hold on and lose my life.

For one last time, the Immortal King opened his mouth and muttered with a hoarse, dry voice: "Somebody? Did someone come to take this sword?"

Suddenly.

The gust of lingering wind lightly wrapped around his hand and received the sword from him.

A human voice sounded from the wind:

"I'm here"

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From the wind.

A figure slowly appeared.

Using the Chaotic Elemental Bombardment Plate, Gu Qing Shan regained his original form, escaped from the battle, and arrived next to the Immortal King as a gust of wind.

He reached his hand out and took the Heaven sword.

"Don't worry, senior, the sword is in my hand"

Gu Qing Shan solemnly told him.

As the Immortal King looked at Gu Qing Shan, then at the Heaven sword in his hand, the look of desperation and unwillingness he had earlier vanished.

The Immortal King squeezed out one last smile and struggled to speak: "It's good that you're here"

He slowly closed his eyes, lowered his head, and passed on.

The Age of Old of humanity ended together with the Immortal King's death.

Everything was over.

As he looked at this old man who orchestrated everything, Gu Qing Shan felt various emotions welling up within his chest.

But he only took a deep breath and pushed them back down.

After going through so much bloodshed and struggle, traveling everywhere within the Age of Old, weaving between the monsters' schemes and humanity's struggles, he had now arrived at the most crucial moment.

I can't lose myself just yet.

Everything is still not over.

The final results are still dependent on my efforts from this point onwards.

Several blood-red lines of text appeared in the void of space:

[You've obtained the Heaven sword]

[You've completed the Order's evolution Quest]

[The Demon King Order will begin to evolve shortly, the Demon King is about to arrive]

The blood-red text vanished.

Followed by the [Demon King Order]'s voice:

[As the Order has obtained Order Origin power of the same level from the prototype, this evolution has been completed]

[As you have already dealt with the Abyssal Fate Weaver, the Order suggest that you immediately sacrifice the newly completed Intermediate-class Demon Lord to alter combat responsive strategy]

"What do I get after I sacrifice it?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The [Demon King Order] answered: [You will obtain the first war function of the Order. Ever since the Kindling stage, none of the Order's functions have truly been unlocked, this would be the first time for Your Excellency]

"Then sacrifice it now" Gu Qing Shan said in his mind.

[Understood, the Demon Lord has been sacrificed, the Demon King Black Flag will soon be activated] the [Order] replied.

It only took a few breaths' worth of time from the moment that Gu Qing Shan took the sword to the [Order]'s evolution, despite how long it seemed.

A thunderous roar sounded from the sky above.

Gu Qing Shan looked up.

The Soul Shrieker and Abyssal Demon Dragon had decided to unleash their attacks at the same time towards the Indestructible Giant.

They had already noticed what was happening on the ground.

But since Gu Qing Shan was only a Three Thousand Worlds realm cultivator, he wasn't a concern for them.

For these two terrifying Abyssal monsters, the Heaven sword being in his hands wasn't at all different from it being in the Immortal King's hands.

The first thing they need to be concerned with is killing the Indestructible Giant!

Since the Soul Shrieker and Abyssal Demon Dragon were still wary of each other, they were charging at the Indestructible Giant at a relatively slow pace.

The Indestructible Giant's fighting spirit once again reached the peak as he gave off a desperate atmosphere.

The giant raised his sword up high, as if ready to make his final gambit.

Seeing that, the Soul Shrieker and Abyssal Demon Dragon moved even slower.

They both had their own goals to achieve, so they did everything they could to maintain a synchronized speed and made sure that the other party wouldn't attack them from behind or not attack at all.

Gu Qing Shan silently observed this as various thoughts danced around his mind.

From the entire battle just now, it could be seen that the Soul Shrieker was a highly intelligent monster.

It's still holding back.

It was still keeping the 7-colored spear a secret.

But what caused Gu Qing Shan to feel even heavier was that...

The current Soul Shrieker was only an avatar of the real Soul Shrieker.

While its true body was still inside the Abyss.

Why hasn't its real body come here?

And there are still a lot of suspicious points regarding the Abyssal Fate Weaver.

The only good news is that...

Gu Qing Shan's gaze fell onto the Abyssal Demon Dragon's body.

During the entire battle, a layer of ashen mist had been drifting around the Abyssal Demon Dragon and was occasionally absorbed into his body.

If too much ashen mist was absorbed into his body at the same time, the Demon Dragon would slightly shiver involuntarily.

This small issue couldn't escape from the Soul Shrieker's eyes, and it was also noticed by Gu Qing Shan.

Apparently, the Demon Dragon's assimilation into the Abyss had run into some problems and made it so that its mind wasn't quite as bright as it was before.

Regardless of what happened, the Demon Dragon was still a powerful weapon of war that was assigned the task of keeping watch over the Abyssal Fate Weaver's true body. Even if some sort of problem had occurred during the assimilation process, it had still gotten stronger.

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This was the real reason why the Soul Shrieker had kept the 7-colored spear hidden all this time.

Gu Qing Shan was shocked by this realization.

So there was such a huge difference between the Abyssal monsters.

The Soul Shrieker was the strongest entity who sought the Heaven sword.

Even a mere avatar was able to fight the Demon Dragon head-on.

Then its real body...

Gu Qing Shan sighed, then suddenly recalled the Creator.

He was an even more unimaginably powerful entity.

Gu Qing Shan focused his thoughts and called out: "Luo Bing Li, hurry!"

While the two Abyssal monsters were still being deceived, this would be the only opening he had, if he doesn't save the Earth sword now, what was he waiting for?

A girl in a traditional Chinese silk dress appeared from the Heaven sword and whispered something into Gu Qing Shan's ear.

Like other Divine Armaments, only when the weapon spirit informs the wielder of their abilities would the wielder truly understand how to use this weapon.

As Luo Bing Li explained to him, Gu Qing Shan slowly understood.

"I'm glad this was a Temporal Oasis"

Gu Qing Shan muttered.

Because this was a Temporal Oasis, everything here was detached from the true timeline.

So there was no issue for something that used to exist to be here.

As long as its past self wasn't inside this Temporal Oasis, neither of itself would be selectively erased by the Law of Time.

Only if both the past and future self exist in the Temporal Oasis at the same time would the Law of Time randomly erase one of the two selves to ensure the stability of the Temporal Oasis.

The Earth sword of the Age of Old had already been taken away by Xie Gu Hong and been brought to the lower realm.

So there was only a single Earth sword right now inside the Temporal Oasis.

The Earth sword in Gu Qing Shan's hand.

He tapped his Inventory Bag without hesitation and took out a long box, then opened it.

The Earth sword.

The Earth sword was still dormant.

The time-suspension technique had been weakened to its very limit, the faint rippling waves of energy immediately crumbled away at Gu Qing Shan's touch.

Gu Qing Shan held the Heaven sword in one hand and the Earth sword in the other.

The twin swords began letting out a harmonized vibration.

Originally, the Earth sword's body was full of cracks and could shatter at any moment, but within this harmonized sound of vibration, like a miracle, all the cracks were swiftly vanishing.

It was being repaired at a visible rate!

At the same time, in front of Gu Qing Shan's eyes on the [Order] UI, his Soul Points value was swiftly decreasing.

But Gu Qing Shan didn't care about that right now.

"I'm glad, I finally managed to save you"

He softly spoke with a tone full of joy.

The Earth sword's mountainous heavy voice resounded: 「 How unimaginable, you actually managed to find the Heaven sword, it seems I won't have to die after all 」

Gu Qing Shan replied: "Of course not, you are my sword, before I give you permission to die, don't you even think about doing so"

The Earth sword went silent briefly before replying in a low voice: 「 We'll chat later, the Heaven sword and I will need to awaken now 」

As soon as it said that, a blinding glow appeared on both swords.

In front of Gu Qing Shan's eyes, beside the blinding light, he couldn't see anything else.

The blood-red UI also glowed brightly as lines of blood-red text appeared in front of his eyes to display the detailed situation of the Earth sword's repair and the follow-up reminder:

[You have obtained the Abyssal Soul Artifact, the main body of the Abyssal Weapon, Evil-warding weapon of the Bottomless Abyss, the Guardians against ultimate extinction, the Swords of Changing Fate, the Key to infinite worlds, the legendary twin swords: Heaven and Earth]

[Because you obtained both the Heaven sword and Earth sword at once, the Heaven sword has fully awakened]

[Soul Artifact: Heaven sword]

[This sword has the following abilities:]

[Heaven's Choice: At any moment that your attack hit an entity, you may immediately add 3, 6, or 9 of the exact same attacks]

[Note: The number of added attacks depend on the amount of Soul Points you expend]

[Chaotic Flow: At any moment that the Heaven sword strike an entity, you may force that entity to skip to any moment in time of your choosing]

[Note: You will need to expend Soul Points proportional to that entity's strength to activate this ability]

[Special note: Each time you use Chaotic Flow, you must wait for 10 days until you can activate this ability again]

[Heaven's Twin: When you obtain both the Heaven sword and Earth sword, the abilities of the twin swords would fully awaken]

[Because you obtained both the Heaven sword and Earth sword at once, the Earth sword has been fully awakened]

[Soul Artifact: Earth sword]

[This sword has the following abilities:]

[Earth's Choice: Slay and extinguish any entity]

[Note: The more powerful the entity you want to slay, the more Soul Points Earth's Choice will require]

[Sanctuary (Passive): When attacking, this sword's weight can be heavier than its target anywhere from 2-fold to 1001-fold, the weight can be adjusted as you wish, but while you wield it, it will only weigh as it originally does]

[Earth's Twin: When you obtain both the Heaven sword and Earth sword, you can spend Soul Points to trigger one of the twin swords to repair the other]

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In the sky.

Both Abyssal monsters were still charging towards the Indestructible Giant.

They weren't unleashing their most powerful attacks, merely staying cautious of the other while throwing a half-hearted attack.

At the same time, the Indestructible Giant with his overwhelming fighting spirit raised his sword and unleashed a downward strike towards them that gave off an intense sacrificial aura.

This strike was lightning fast, to the point that even the tip of the sword couldn't be seen any more while it was still halfway down.

Wait a minute.

It actually couldn't be seen anymore!

While maintaining caution towards the Abyssal Demon Dragon, the Soul Shrieker retreated.

Seeing it retreating, the Abyssal Demon Dragon also swiftly took distance.

Both of these terrifying monsters exchanged surprised looks.

What kind of situation is this?

Almost immediately, something even more shocking happened.

The Indestructible Giant vanished!

The Soul Shrieker glanced a bit at where the Indestructible Giant disappeared, contemplated briefly, and slowly understood.

The Abyssal Demon Dragon scoffed: 「 What an impressive ability, to be able to hide himself into the void of space 」

『 「 Impressive my ass! 』 』

The Soul Shrieker looked at the Abyssal Demon Dragon like it was looking at an idiot and explained, 『 「 He ran away! 』 』

On the other side.

Gu Qing Shan used what little time he had left to take out the Bramble Saint Tree seed.

He put the seed on the Heaven sword and immediately used [Chaotic Flow].

His Soul Points value plummeted.

Oom!!!

A sky-high Bramble Saint Tree appeared right in front of him.

The great tree gave off an intense solid sense of pressure that had far surpassed the Indestructible Giant's own power!

In an instant, a seed had skipped through the long years of growth to immediately become an ancient great tree, it was nothing short of a divine miracle.

This caused Gu Qing Shan to just stare blankly.

He muttered: "Now I know why this ability can only be used once every 10 days"

Otherwise, he would be nothing short of a God.

"Gongzi"

Shannu appeared behind him and called out.

She was carrying Little Dusk.

"Hm, that's enough" Gu Qing Shan nodded.

The Bramble Saint Tree, the Angle of Condemnation, and the Demon King of Order.

And...

Gu Qing Shan searched with his inner sight to quickly find the three coins sitting inside his Inventory Bag. Right now, he was able to use the power of the coins and escape from this era at any moment.

“Gongzi, let’s hurry and leave” Shannu urged him.

Gu Qing Shan mused briefly and glanced at the void of space.

A line of blood-red text was floating in front of his eyes.

[Please quickly unleash the Demon King Black Flag to face the enemy!]

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the transparent black flag on the UI.

As long as I allow it to, this flag would manifest on the battlefield.

So what is there to hesitate about?

Gu Qing Shan was still thinking as he asked: “What would happen after I unleash the flag?”

The [Demon King Order] swiftly answered: [The Demon King will arrive and save this world]

“What about me?”

[You will obtain the help of the Demon King to gradually grow into the Demon King of Condemnation of the same level]

Gu Qing Shan paused.

He had never fully trusted the [Demon King Order], not even once.

He didn’t know how true this statement was, but he saw with his own eyes how the [Order] killed someone unnecessary without hesitation.

But if I don’t unleash the Demon King Black Flag, I wouldn’t know for sure what would happen, nor would I find out exactly what kind of secret was hiding behind the [Demon King Order].

Just what is the Demon King?

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan purposely asked: “What if I don’t unleash the black flag now?”

The [Demon King Order]’s voice became cold and ruthless: [If you won’t unleash the Demon King, then the Order will ignore your decision and unleash the Demon King myself!]

[Everything had been decided]

[This will be the preliminary summon that will sweep through all worlds!]

Gu Qing Shan cut in: “Then when can you awaken the other [Orders]?”

The [Order] replied: [When the Demon King Order accomplish total domination over every world, maybe then can the other Orders be awoken]

After answering, lines of text appeared on the blood-red UI.

[The Demon King Black Flag is ready]

[Preparing to unleash Black Flag]

[Extracting Soul Points]

[Release!]

The [Demon King Order] had actually disregarded Gu Qing Shan and took direct control of the UI!

Turns out that it had its own plans, so regardless of whether Gu Qing Shan agreed to it or not, it would still accomplish its goal!

All the blood-red text disappeared.

Silence.

Nothing happened at all.

Two more lines of text appeared on the UI.

[Insufficient Soul Points]

[Unable to actuate the Demon King Black Flag summoning ritual]

Not enough Soul Points?

I massacred the entire Desolate race, how could there not be enough Soul Points?

Gu Qing Shan looked at his Soul Points in surprise.

[Remaining Soul Points: 1]

Why is there only 1 Soul Point left?

Even without taking the amount earned from killing the Desolate monsters, I should have at least 2 or 3 million Soul Points left!

Realizing something, Gu Qing Shan turned his eyes towards the icon that existed independent of the Soul Artifact.

[War God Skills]

Sure enough, lines of glowing text had appeared next to the icon for [War God Skills].

[When you killed the Desolate monsters, you had transformed into the Indestructible Giant whose strength far surpassed the Desolate race, so you did not obtain their Soul Points. The remaining Soul Points are here, check it for yourself]

Gu Qing Shan quickly checked.

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There was one more line of text next to the [War God Skills] icon:

[Original remaining Soul Points: 3,975,279/500]

So [War God Skills] had already transferred all of my Soul Points over!

At this crucial moment, [War God Skills] extracted all of my Soul Points to stop the Soul Artifact!!!

Gu Qing Shan was completely speechless at this.

A single function that only evolved three times was enough to stop the Soul Artifact's entire plan, I really can't imagine what exactly is the War God UI.

"Thanks for your help" Gu Qing Shan said.

The icon jumped and displayed another line of glowing text:

[Run away quickly, you are no match for those two monsters]

A single statement managed to cause Gu Qing Shan to feel warm inside.

He looked up at the sky.

...

A few moments prior.

The two terrifying Abyssal monsters still didn't pay any attention to the insignificant ant that was Gu Qing Shan and were staying wary of one another.

The giant ran away again just now.

Not only did he run away, but he was also nowhere to be seen at all.

Then, should we continue to fight again or not?

While the two terrifying monsters were hesitating, they saw the Bramble Saint Tree abruptly manifesting below.

As they glanced over again, they noticed Little Dusk being carried by Shannu and Gu Qing Shan with the twin swords in his hands.

The Soul Shrieker shouted in shock: 「 『 The Bramble Great Tree, the Angel of Condemnation and the highly-evolved brutal [Order] of the humans, not good, he wants to run away! 」 』

The Soul Shrieker couldn't afford to pay any more attention to the Abyssal Demon Dragon and headed straight for Gu Qing Shan.

When the Abyssal Demon Dragon saw that the other party was about to chase after the Heaven sword while ignoring all their rules, he couldn't remain patient any longer and immediately chased after it.

It was at this moment that [War God Skills] displayed the glowing line of text telling Gu Qing Shan to quickly escape.

"Gongzi, hurry, we have to go!"

Shannu also urged him in a hurry.

Gu Qing Shan stared closely at the two terrifying Abyssal monsters and slowly told her: "I've finally learnt a bit about the [Demon King Order]'s characteristics, but there's still something I need to do here, no need to be in a hurry"

Shannu froze.

Gongzi is still saying that he had something to do in this situation of certain death?

The Soul Shrieker was already about to reach them.

It was a few dozen feet away from touching Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly shouted: "Adorable!"

A jade gourd pendant appeared from the void of space and loudly replied:

Xiu xiu xiu xiu, xiu xiu xiu!

(Your technique was awesome, let me borrow it for a bit!)

Golden rays of light came out from Gu Qing Shan's body.

The golden light swiftly converged to form a golden string that silently attached itself to the Soul Shrieker's body.

The other end of the string fell into Gu Qing Shan's hand.

[Earthen Dual Body]!

The last time Gu Qing Shan unleashed this ability, the jade gourd Adorable had done as previously discussed, temporarily chose Gu Qing Shan as the target, and 'took' this ability!

The Soul Shrieker then suddenly turned around in the air, grabbed a 7-colored spear out of thin air, and threw it straight at the Abyssal Demon Dragon chasing after it.

This was an ambush without any warnings!

Roar!!

The Abyssal Demon Dragon roared out in pain, then attacked the Soul Shrieker with all its strength.

The Soul Shrieker completely ignored his attacks and let the ashen grey flames burn its body.

It was trembling nonstop as if it was trying to struggle against something.

But it was useless.

This was the power of the Earth Creator!

Under Gu Qing Shan's control, the Soul Shrieker recalled the 7-colored spear that it had thrown out, wielded it tightly, and thrust it into the Abyssal Demon Dragon's body again and again.

Since it was originally stronger than the Abyssal Demon Dragon, now that it was using this mutually destructive way of fighting, it soon managed to pierce the Demon Dragon's heart.

But Gu Qing Shan controlled it to continue stabbing the Demon Dragon.

The void of space between the two terrifying Abyssal monsters was boiling.

Their battle caused the heaven and earth to tremble and crack, the shockwaves of their attacks kicked up intense winds that formed sandstorms and tornadoes that reached all the way to the sky.

Their roars resounded across the entire world, causing even Gu Qing Shan's eyes to rumble.

But he didn't hold back at all and continued to use the Soul Shrieker to attack the Abyssal Demon Dragon without any regard for its own life.

Since they were both Abyssal monsters, they can't be killed, the most he could do was inflict heavy damage that wouldn't heal easily to both of them and prolong their recuperation period as long as possible.

Finally, with a weak moan, the Abyssal Demon Dragon fell from the sky.

The Soul Shrieker descended after him, wielded the 7-colored spear to lop off the Abyssal Demon Dragon's head, and dice it into mush.

『 「 Detestable! So you were—— 』 」 while dicing the Abyssal Demon Dragon's head, the Soul Shrieker stared closely at Gu Qing Shan with a begrudging glare and spoke.

But it couldn't finish its words.

Gu Qing Shan had controlled it to stab the 7-colored spear from its neck through the top of its head.

This was a critical attack.

The Soul Shrieker's throat and head were completely pierced through by the 7-colored spear, making it so that the entity could only utter incomprehensible noises.

The Soul Shrieker trembled forward a few steps, dropped down to its knees, and died.

Even now, its hands were still tightly clutching the 7-colored spear, as if it wasn't willing to part with this weapon.

The world returned to silence.

Shannu was stunned.

Luo Bing Li emerged from the Heaven sword, looked at the corpses of the two Abyssal monsters, sighed, and looked at Gu Qing Shan with a complicated expression.

The Earth sword hovered next to Gu Qing Shan, silently watching over him.

The gourd exhaustedly landed on Gu Qing Shan's shoulder.

Everything seemed to be over.

When Shannu and Luo Bing Li were about to say something, Gu Qing Shan put his hand up to stop them.

Ever since the battle with the Abyssal Fate Weaver, there had been a lot of suspicious points.

Many of the tactics he came up with became useless.

At the beginning of this battle, the anti-abyss barrier of the Primordial Heaven Realm was broken.

The Soul Shrieker that couldn't remain for too long in this world could now remain without a time limit.

The Abyssal Fate Weaver had a perfect grasp of Gu Qing Shan's every thought and emotion.

The Demon Dragon had been patient enough to feign death for countless years, dealt with the Abyssal Fate Weaver without changing its expression, and even deceived the Abyssal Jail's AI system.

Yet events seemed to have developed in the worst possible direction for all three of these entities while moving in the most beneficial direction for Gu Qing Shan until the very end.

Was all of it really just 'luck'?

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

He knew that there was only a single entity who could achieve all of this without being noticed by anyone or anything.

Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist towards the void of space, bowed, and spoke: "O' great and venerable one, please show yourself"

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After declaring that, Gu Qing Shan stood still and silently waited.

The entire world at this moment was both silent and barren.

The blood-colored sunset left one final wave of illumination on this world, showering the ground in a crimson hue.

Within this gloomy and failing Space-Time, the Primordial Heaven Realm that had lost all of its vitality felt like a passing dream.

On the ground, the Soul Shrieker whose head was pierced by its own spear and the headless body of the Abyssal Demon Dragon laid still without moving.

Only these two corpses could prove that the earlier war of human extinction had actually taken place.

These Abyssal monster corpses would remain in this state, until one day...

When they are resurrected.

Abruptly, Gu Qing Shan felt something and looked up at the sky.

An ashen grey cluster of light silently showed up in the middle of the sky, then slowly descended.

Oom!!!

The grey light turned into a giant vortex that enclosed this entire world, quickly obscuring everything else to form a boundless ocean, or perhaps a raging storm that circled around Gu Qing Shan nonstop.

At this point, the entire world vanished from Gu Qing Shan's sight.

Only the grey surging flow of water that extended from one end of the vision to the other remained, it slowly gathered and manifested as a giant head several dozen meters in height.

The giant head observed Gu Qing Shan.

The Earth Creator!

It displayed an intrigued expression and spoke:

「 Neither of those monsters managed to discover my existence, and yet you were able to, how interesting 」

Gu Qing Shan politely replied: "Sometimes, strength isn't everything, venerable one"

「 Then, since when did you notice my existence? 」

"When I killed the Abyssal Fate Weaver"

Gu Qing Shan continued: "It could read the thoughts and feel the emotions of all living beings, but it doesn't know about the existence of [Earthen Dual Body], which means only one of two possibilities: The first was that after I obtained this Card, the Abyssal Fate Weaver didn't try to read my thoughts; and the second was that it had read my thoughts but didn't discover this Card. Both of these situations made no sense"

"And then there was the Soul Shrieker. It had planned and orchestrated this for countless years in order to obtain the twin swords Heaven and Earth, yet its main body didn't show up at all during the entire struggle. Even at the final possible moment for the Heaven sword to appear, it couldn't manage to send another avatar here"

"On top of the issues with the Abyssal Fate Weaver and Soul Shrieker, even the final monster who sought the Heaven sword, the Abyssal Demon Dragon, had some sort of issue that caused its mind to not have the clarity it used to"

"Besides the issue with the monsters, I also noticed something strange"

"During my battle with the Soul Shrieker and Abyssal Demon Dragon, the world's anti-Abyssal barrier abruptly shattered. The two monsters immediately noticed this and changed their plan from trying to steal the Heaven sword as soon as possible to eliminating their oppositions first"

"Furthermore, I would always barely manage to avoid their most destructive attacks, it was an extremely similar feeling"

Gu Qing Shan put up five fingers: "We humans have a saying, 'there are no coincidences in victory', yet there were a total of 5 coincidences in a row that led to my victory, so they were surely not coincidences"

"And among the powerful entities that I know, only you, venerable one, has such power"

The Earth Creator silently listened, then gave him a look of praise

「 You are a very sharp one 」

「 Normally, the heroes of human history would always feel like they had given their utmost effort in order to finally achieve victory, very few were able to notice my concern and support 」

「 As a reward for your calm and clarity, I shall tell you a few things 」

It looked closely at Gu Qing Shan and spoke with an echoing voice: 「 The reason I came back through Space and Time to arrive where you are was because of that Abyssal weapon 」

Following the Earth Creator's words, the weapon components came out from the Soul Shrieker's body, went into the surging grey flow in the sky, and vanished without a trace.

「 This is the war of the Abyss, the apocalypse of all worlds, the time of extinction. I cannot allow them to obtain this gatekeeping Abyssal weapon 」

Gu Qing Shan muses his words: "Venerable one, I don't understand what you mean"

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The Earth Creator replied: 「 Then I ask you, what happened when this weapon was completed? 」

"The phantom images?"

「 Correct. The leader of humanity in this era was not strong enough to wield the weapon's full power. In truth, this weapon is able to accomplish a certain taboo 」

At this point, the Earth Creator's tone became ruthless: 「 It can allow the wielder to travel through parallel worlds at will 」

Gu Qing Shan was shocked and couldn't help himself shouting: "Travelling the parallel worlds!?"

「 Indeed, there are infinite benefits to traveling to a parallel world. For example, one would be able to travel as they please through the timeline without worrying about being erased by the Law of Time 」

Gu Qing Shan carefully thought about what he just heard.

Within the same world, while traveling through time, you have to be careful to avoid both your past and future self, otherwise, you would be erased by the Law of Time.

Even a Temporal Oasis would not permit the existence of two of the same entity at once.

But a parallel world wasn't the same.

During the Water Tribulation, I met and spoke with quite a few versions of myself from parallel worlds.

Even though there were two of me, since we don't belong in the same timeline, neither of us were erased.

The Earth Creator continued: 「 Traveling to parallel worlds meant doubling, multiplying, or even gaining an infinite amount of precious resources. While an item might be unique within one world, you

might be able to obtain the second, third, or even countless of the same thing within the parallel worlds
」

「 Indeed, our world is currently facing a crisis on the border of destruction, but some parallel worlds are enjoying eternal peace and quiet 」

「 Some parallel worlds might seem essentially the same, but the fate of a few might differ. Traveling to such a world would allow comprehension of the Laws in a more profound way 」

「 And then, if the knowledge of certain great treasures left behind by certain figures had been lost to time in this world, the same knowledge might have been perfectly passed down in a parallel world 」

「 Do you know what this means? 」

Gu Qing Shan muttered: “I would be able to travel to that parallel world, obtain the lost knowledge, unlock its secret and obtain the treasure in both worlds”

The Earth Creator spoke full of animosity: 「 The wielder of that Abyssal weapon would be able to obtain infinite benefits. But if that person doesn’t know how to restrain themselves, they would surely bring chaos to each parallel world and spread the Apocalypse across the parallel worlds, thus bringing destruction to all things 」

「 At the same time, because of how much resources and benefit that person would obtain, they would stand at an invincible state within our world 」

「 I would never allow any of the things above to happen, or let this weapon fall into the hands of our enemies 」

Gu Qing Shan sighed and replied: “So that is why I understand”

“Which means—”

“You’ve said so much to me in order to make me give up my swords?”

Gu Qing Shan showed a gradual expression of resolve.

Seeing the change in his expression, the Earth Creator’s expression turned mild.

「 Humanity and I had formed an eternal covenant to be mutual allies, so I only have a small question for you right now 」

It spoke with an echoing voice.

Gu Qing Shan noticed a certain attitude within its voice and slowly calmed back down: “Please go ahead”

The Earth Creator spoke emotionally: 「 Humanity is tiny, yet it is great, your desires are dictated by your bodies, your lifespan dictated by time, your directions dictated by fate. But Gu Qing Shan, your actions have shown a detachment from these properties and made me curious 」

「 Why did you not follow the prearranged process to take the Heaven sword, and instead chose to save your kin that were supposed to have sacrificed themselves? 」

Gu Qing Shan shook his head: “Even now, there is no such thing as ‘should have sacrificed’, no one should have to be a necessary sacrifice”

He continued: “The only time when a sacrifice is necessary is when we are powerless to fight against something, and the situation had hardly reached such a point at that time”

The Earth Creator asked further: 「 At that time, I have even prepared to cooperate with the most assured solution and help you move forward under their protection. This way, you would very easily obtain the Heaven sword and make it easy for me to arrange everything. So why did you choose to take a different course of action? 」

“Fate didn’t afford them a way to back down, but I was afforded one, that is all it is” Gu Qing Shan replied.

「 Then what if you did not have a way to back down? 」

“Then I won’t back down”

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Within the surging grey flow that covered this world, the Earth Creator’s contemplating voice resounded:

「 Is that so 」

「 Among the humans that I know, you are quite the unique one, even within the Abyss, you would be considered a top-class warrior 」

It went silent briefly.

Abruptly, a stream of liquid flowed out from the surging grey flow and circled once around the twin swords.

Following that, lines of blood-red text appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan’s eyes:

[The twin swords Heaven and Earth have resonated with your soul]

[They have formed a mysterious connection with your life and when you die, they will also perish. While you are alive, they can only display their powers in your hands, no other living being would be able to harvest their power]

[Their Abyssal aura will be hidden away and cannot be easily discovered by any entity]

Gu Qing Shan lightly sighed.

If the other party had done such a thing, that means it wouldn’t try to do anything else with the twin swords.

Sure enough, the Earth Creator’s voice followed to explain:

「 To prevent these two swords from being stolen away by the enemy and once again be reassembled into that weapon of the Eternal Abyss, I have made a bit of change in their Laws 」

Gu Qing Shan sincerely expressed his gratitude: “Thank you, venerable one, I will make sure to protect my swords well”

「 Gu Qing Shan, aside from the twin swords, you cannot take many of what you have obtained in this era. These items would surely expose you. Those monsters seeking vengeance would surely be able to track these items from over 10,000 years ago and reach you 」

After thinking for a bit, Gu Qing Shan understood what the other party meant.

The Earth Creator emphasized: 「 The war in the future would only become more desperate than how it was today. You will need to conserve your strength and slowly grow 」

“I can’t bring anything with me at all? What about the Angel of Condemnation?” Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but ask.

The Little Dusk of this era had been drained for too much of her power that she was still unconscious.

What should I do?

If I bring Little Dusk to the future now, there would be two Little Dusk at the same time, and one of them would be erased.

Which means the correct thing to do is to return to the future and save her!

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan calmed back down.

The Earth Creator replied: 「 The brutal [Order] that you carry, the Soul Artifacts you created as well as the other items of this era will have to be returned to their rightful places within this era. As for the Angel of Condemnation, she will follow the path of her original fate 」

“I also have a jade gourd pendant”

「 That one is fine. In truth, I can’t even see it, I only found out about its existence from observing your actions and from how it replicated the [Earthen Dual Body]. Furthermore, it isn’t a creation of this era, but rather a treasure born from nature in the Bygone Era 」

「 The Silent Dusk Cloak you are wearing belonged to the Bygone Era as well. It can obscure your aura very well, so you may keep it 」

“I understand, thank you”

As they spoke, a lot of things appeared from the void of space and went into the surging grey flow.

The three coins, the Soul Carving Knife, the Chaotic Elemental Bombardment Plate, the Bramble Great Tree, the Angel of Condemnation – Little Dusk, even the inheritance of the Barren Cloud Heavenly Palace and the hundreds of flying swords...

When the flying swords left, Gu Qing Shan felt a bit regretful, but there was no other way, he couldn’t take anything that belonged in this era.

So could only watch as the flying swords went away one by one.

Gu Qing Shan could now control 1200 flying swords at once, but unfortunately, he only had the Chao Yin sword, the Six Paths Great Mountain sword, and the twin swords Heaven and Earth left.

And then there was Little Dusk.

When she was leaving, apparently she noticed something as she abruptly opened her eyes.

As Little Dusk saw the Earth Creator, she was shocked by its overwhelming power and appeared a bit frightened.

「 Do you have anything you would like to say to her? 」 the Earth Creator asked Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan's face was obscured by his cloak as he told the confused Little Dusk: "Little Dusk, remember this well. If you ever run into trouble, the only solution is robbery"

"Did you say, robbery?" Little Dusk blankly muttered.

"Yes, your hope lies in robbing someone else" Gu Qing Shan told her very seriously.

He then nodded to the Earth Creator to signal that there was nothing else.

The Little Dusk of this era quickly went into the surging grey flow and vanished from Gu Qing Shan's eyes.

And then, the blood-red UI in front of Gu Qing Shan's eyes also disappeared, this vision became clear again with only the [War God Skills] icon remaining.

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Even the [Demon King Order] had been removed from his body and chased away!

Gu Qing Shan was really shocked.

The Earth Creator was truly unfathomable, even the [Demon King Order] was discarded so easily by its power!

In just a few moments, besides the Heaven sword and Adorable, every item that Gu Qing Shan obtained from this era went into the surging grey flow and vanished without a trace.

A coin made of solid gold fell from above and landed into Gu Qing Shan's hands.

「 There was a single sword technique within your jade tag that was barely enough for me to feel impressed with. I have placed it into this gold coin so that you may study it, later on 」 the Earth Creator told him.

Gu Qing Shan understood that the other party was referring to the [Enemy-killing Sword Technique] passed down from the Bygone Era, as well as the sword technique that Xie Gu Hong chose from the Tie Wei Fortress Wall.

"Thank you, venerable one, how do I leave this era now?" he clasped his fist and bowed in thanks, then asked.

「 That gold coin in your hand will take you back to the future just once. It will protect and drop you off at a sufficiently safe location in Space-Time 」

The Earth Creator's voice felt a bit unwilling: 「 Remember, I'm only lending it to you, when I come back, you must give it back to me 」

Gu Qing Shan looked at the gold coin in his hand.

The face of the coin depicted four gigantic pillars that connected heaven and earth, while the tail depicted the endless earth.

This wasn't a Bygone Era coin, but as he held it in his hand, the heavy feeling of metal was clear.

All of a sudden, Gu Qing Shan felt a sense of confidence like never before.

A gold coin managed to trigger the sharp spirit sense of a cultivator and react positively to it.

This was enough to show how much power it contained.

Sure enough, the [War God Skills] icon in the void of space moved slightly as it formed lines of glowing text in the void of space:

[Unique item: The Gold Coin (exclusive)]

[Law: All living beings and all things can exist because the earth exists beneath them. For life itself, that is the truest form of luck]

[Law description: Every 100 days, this Gold Coin has the ability to invoke the power of True Luck once]

[Law: The earth breeds all life and encompasses all things]

[Law description: You can place any item within this coin, as well as affix any power on this coin]

[Note: The coin had been affixed with the power to transfer into the Earth World, representing entry permission from the Earth Creator]

[Note: You are able to comprehend swordsmanship: Enemy-killing Sword Technique, but as the amount of Soul Points required is too great, the system suggests that you increase your swordsmanship standard first before attempting to learn it]

[The True Luck ability of the coin had been activated, together with a single use of a Space-Time travel technique. It will bring you to the future and arrive at a relatively safe Time and Location]

After Gu Qing Shan read through everything, the Earth Creator's voice sounded again:

「 After you've settled yourself down, take some time to activate this coin. It would then bring you to my world again, after which you can return this coin to me 」

Gu Qing Shan joyfully replied: "I understand, thank you, o' venerable one"

Having the protection of such a boss-level individual, even without the three unique coins, I won't need to worry about anything.

Furthermore, if I ever face any danger, I can immediately trigger the power on the coin to escape to the Earth Creator's world.

Even an Abyssal monster would probably not act recklessly in the Earth World.

The Earth Creator's voice suddenly became dignified and full of power:

「 Grow, Gu Qing Shan, you are a human warrior that has earned my respect. One day, you will surely grow to become a powerful enough warrior to stand side-by-side with us and face the true destruction of the worlds and the true Apocalypse 」

In the sky, the surging grey flow slowly receded as the Earth Creator's voice slowly became faint.

It was about to leave.

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly asked: “Venerable one, you won't return to the future yet?”

The Earth Creator answered: 「 Since I am already here, I shall seek a certain secret first before I go back to the future 」

From the void of space, its voice became faint until it couldn't be heard anymore.

「 What exactly happened to the Reality Gate¹? I didn't check it back then, but it should be around this point in time, so I might as well take a look 」

「 Hm, I have to be careful to avoid myself as well 」

Its voice vanished completely.

The Earth Creator had left the Primordial Heaven Realm.

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The Earth Creator had left.

But Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but fall into thought as he heard the final words before it left.

It wasn't wary of the fact that its past self was still within this timeline, only that they couldn't run into one another.

What kind of ability is that?

Gu Qing Shan thought for a while and sighed.

It's useless to think about this.

The Earth Creator is too powerful, even more, powerful than the limit of my imagination of the word 'powerful', rather than trying to randomly guess things, it would be better for me to worry about becoming stronger myself.

As the Earth Creator left, the scene of the Primordial Heaven Realm returned in front of Gu Qing Shan's eyes.

Shannu and Luo Bing Li both had frightened expressions standing right in front of him.

“Gongzi, why did you suddenly disappear just now?” Shannu asked in confusion.

“It’s fine” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Gongzi, the Bramble Saint Tree disappeared as well” Luo Bing Li who stood next to Shannu also questioned.

She was calling Gu Qing Shan ‘gongzi’ just like Shannu, how interesting.

“It’s fine” Gu Qing Shan smiled and replied.

“And also, I lost my connection with the Heaven sword briefly just now” Luo Bing Li worriedly said.

“Don’t worry, it’s fine” Gu Qing Shan told her.

“And I also felt that I lost my connection with gongzi earlier, this is completely unheard of!” Shannu nervously told him.

“Ah, that’s also fine” Gu Qing Shan continued.

Luo Bing Li fearfully shouted: “But then Little Dusk also abruptly vanished!”

Shannu followed up: “If she’s gone, how can we leave?”

Luo Bing Li replied: “Without her and the great tree, we probably won’t be able to leave”

Shannu showed an unwilling expression and muttered: “Do we really have to live here from now on?”

Luo Bing Li sighed: “It might be so”

The two girls both looked at Gu Qing Shan and spoke in unison: ““Gongzi, what are we going to do now?””

“D-don’t worry, everything’s fine”

Gu Qing Shan abruptly felt a headache.

Apparently something unexpected happened, and it was going to remain this way for quite a while.

The Earth sword and Chao Yin sword silently floated on one side and remained completely silent, as if they had already seen what the two girls were capable of.

“Ehm, actually, Little Dusk is fine. Just now, I went to meet a certain boss-class character, it’s like this...”

After Gu Qing Shan explained what happened just now, Shannu and Luo Bing Li both calmed back down.

“Come on, we’ll leave right now” Gu Qing Shan told them.

The two girls finally went back into their swords.

All four swords disappeared into the void of space behind Gu Qing Shan.

Finally, the talk of these two girls couldn’t be heard any longer.

The only one who could speak up in this world was Gu Qing Shan himself.

He couldn't help but sigh in relief.

As he looked at the bodies of the Soul Shrieker and the Abyssal Demon Dragon, then at the coin in his hand, Gu Qing Shan silently thought to himself.

In the future, these two who were tricked to death by the Earth Creator and me, would probably do everything they could to take revenge.

But all of my traces have already been hidden away.

The Earth Creator even left me a coin with the True Luck ability as protection, so there should be no problem on my way back, in the worst case, I can just escape to the Earth World.

With that in mind, he released his spirit energy to activate the Gold Coin.

Cling clang~

The Gold Coin let out a clear chime.

Golden light enveloped Gu Qing Shan as he vanished from this world.

The Primordial Heaven Realm fell into true silence.

No one knew for sure if anyone else would ever set foot here again.

On the other side.

Gu Qing Shan was traveling forward through the endless Space-Time fog.

The Gold Coin was constantly giving off a cheerful metal clanging sound, surrounding him in a golden glow as it pulled him forward.

Under the Space-Time fog, an exceedingly long river of light that extended endlessly in both directions.

This was the River of Time, the only river that stayed forever still.

Yet the living beings who existed within the river were constantly moving forward, continuing to flow along with the river towards their very own final destination within a certain branch of this river.

And Gu Qing Shan was moving forward at a speed that exceeded all other beings.

Occasionally, some immeasurably gigantic monsters would jump from the river, open their gaping jaws and devour the unfathomable as well as clueless entities within the Space-Time fog right above the river.

Each time, Gu Qing Shan would barely manage to escape from being devoured, making his trip frightening but without danger.

And these monsters from the River of Time wouldn't necessarily win every time either.

During one of these attacks, Gu Qing Shan clearly saw a pixie take out a short stick and lightly poked the monster.

The monster instantly vanished.

The monster that belonged to the River of Time was so easily eliminated... or perhaps turned into some sort of sweets.

Because the pixie then took out a piece of cake from somewhere and began to enjoy it bit by bit.

That scene only flashed by for a brief second.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but sigh, feeling lucky for himself that he managed to see a pixie with his own eyes.

When Barry's leg became wounded all those years ago, even as a master of Spatial magic, Kitty couldn't manage to find the pixie's kingdom no matter how hard she searched.

It wasn't until Xiao Die gave them the Pixie Crystal Flower that Barry's leg was healed.

Everyone knew about the existence of pixies, but no one knew where exactly the pixie kingdom was.

These gossips from the 900 million World Layers briefly flashed over Gu Qing Shan's mind.

After an unknown amount of time, still unsure of where he was, Gu Qing Shan continued to fly forward, until the fog around him no longer scattered that he stopped moving along the River of Time.

He knew that he had arrived in the future.

Clang clang cling cling clang!

Clink clink clank clink clank!

The Gold Coin made worried-sounding noises.

The coin brought Gu Qing Shan to this branch of the River of Time, but it didn't descend.

Gu Qing Shan had no choice but to linger here with the coin.

At first, he felt confused.

But as time passed, Gu Qing Shan's heart became heavier.

The Gold Coin carried True Luck.

But it didn't try to land into any of these points in time.

What does this mean?

Gu Qing Shan felt a chill running through his entire body and couldn't help but ask: "There are no places that you can land?"

Cling clank!

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The Gold Coin let out a confirming noise.

Gu Qing Shan became impatient.

True Luck is supposed to protect me, but the Gold Coin still wasn't able to find a suitable place to land after all this time.

Doesn't that mean I would die in any of these future scenarios as soon as I landed?

Even after a few more moments, the Gold Coin still couldn't find a place for Gu Qing Shan to land.

This had been delayed for quite a while.

The Gold Coin jumped out from Gu Qing Shan's hand and informed him of something.

(This cast of True Luck had managed to last during the entire trip through several ten thousand years, it is about to run out)

This was what the Gold Coin wanted to express.

Gu Qing Shan looked down at the glowing River of Time.

The river seemed silent and stable as it reflected countless fragments of countless worlds.

All of a sudden, a gigantic monster leapt out from the river, passed by Gu Qing Shan, and devoured some sort of invisible entity before falling back into the River of Time.

It barely missed Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan calmed his alarmed mind and asked again: "How much longer will the luck spell last?"

The coin once again informed him:

(Three minutes)

"Good, try again" Gu Qing Shan encouraged the coin.

(Alright)

The Gold Coin flew up again and brought Gu Qing Shan around this part of the River of Time.

There were several times that the Gold Coin almost tried to bring Gu Qing Shan into one of the fragments, but forced itself to stop at the final moment and went back into the thick fog.

Those fragments all contained fatal traps!

The Gold Coin continued to hover in the fog.

One minute.

Two minutes.

Two minutes and a half!

Only thirty seconds left!

The Gold Coin circled around Gu Qing Shan, vibrating as if shouting.

It really couldn't find a single place where Gu Qing Shan could survive!

Time slowly passed.

The last ten seconds!

Gu Qing Shan gritted his teeth, abruptly reached his hand out to catch the Gold Coin, and used the teleportation technique affixed to it.

Oong

A golden flash.

The coin circled to another direction and brought Gu Qing Shan towards the edge of this branch of the River of Time.

It was the Earth World of this era.

A dark sky.

Lightning and thunder resounded all over.

A terrible shower of rain that didn't seem like it would ever end.

The world almost seemed like an ocean-sized tropical swamp with constant heavy rain.

A flash of light broke through the sky and jetted across the shroud of night.

Gu Qing Shan caught the Gold Coin and put it into his pocket.

He followed the descending falling rain until he suddenly noticed that none of the restrictive Laws here acted on him and started to fly up.

My power, my cultivation, none of it is being restrained.

This isn't how the Earth World is supposed to be.

What exactly is going on here?

After what happened in the Age of Old, the three Abyssal monsters held a grudge against him and still wanted to take the twin swords Heaven and Earth for themselves, so they had most likely used the time they had to weave a long net of countless traps in order to catch him.

And the Gold Coin wasn't willing to lead him into any of those moments in time, this made sense.

But why did some sort of strange change also occur in the Earth World?

Gu Qing Shan reached both hands out to grab the Heaven sword and Earth sword, while the Chao Yin sword and Six Paths Great Mountain sword both manifested and floated by his side.

He stood alone within the heavy rain, floating in the air as he observed his surroundings.

The heavy rain had obscured his vision.

But he was easily able to release his inner sight to cover this entire city.

There wasn't a single living being here, only the unending heavy rain.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't contain his surprise any longer.

He followed his inner sight and landed in a gigantic ruin.

He stood still for a few moments.

Gu Qing Shan then abruptly called out: "Venerable one, where are you?"

Pach pach pach pach pach pach

The heavy rain bombarded the cement ground to let out a constant unrhythmic beat.

Boom!

An arc of lightning flashed across the sky but was quickly swallowed up by the darkness.

No one answered him.

The Gold Coin in his hand was letting out wave after wave of a wailing sound.

Gu Qing Shan pulled down his black robe a bit further and began to travel along with the ruins of this city.

Collapsed skyscrapers, abandoned stations, highly rusted metal bridges, highways that had been overgrown with wild grass.

After a long time of travel.

There was nothing but ruins here, he couldn't even find a single sign of life.

Gu Qing Shan stopped.

He walked to one side of the highway, moved a collapsed wall to one side, and cleared out a lot of debris with a single push.

A broken giant metal beast laid still on the ground without moving that was quickly swallowed up by the intense rain.

Gu Qing Shan stared at this construct, completely frozen.

Another flash of lightning streaked across the sky, briefly illuminating this scene.

An abandoned city without people.

A sword cultivator who donned a black robe.

A destroyed Mech.

This looked exactly like a post-apocalyptic world.

Gu Qing Shan blankly stood there, trying to make sense of everything.

All of a sudden, a clear chime appeared in his mind.

[Ting]!

[War God UI has been activated once again]

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The heavy rain continued.

The night wind howled as it passed through the space above the ruins.

Gu Qing Shan silently stood in the rain without moving.

The War God UI had once again appeared and was communicating with him.

[Welcome to the future, Gu Qing Shan]

“How long was I gone for?”

[After you were sealed in the Drifting Sand World, a total of 1 year and 79 days had passed]

“How strange, I was supposed to have returned to that exact moment, so why did I instead arrive 1 year and 79 days later?”

[You will have to ask the thing that brought you back here]

Gu Qing Shan looked up.

The Gold Coin was still floating in the air in front of him, occasionally letting out sorrowful sobs.

Gu Qing Shan cleared his throat and asked: “Can I ask you something, why did we skip over almost an entire year’s worth of time?”

The Gold Coin let out a series of clanging and clinking.

Gu Qing Shan had already obtained the ability to communicate with artifact spirits when he was in Shen Wu world, so he understood right away.

“You’re saying that I had to skip over at least a year and a bit more, otherwise I would’ve been killed?”
Gu Qing Shan confirmed again.

Cling clink!

The Gold Coin replied with conviction.

Gu Qing Shan sincerely told it: “Thank you for your luck, if I had used the three coins of humanity, I don’t know how things would have turned out”

Clang clang clank~

The Gold Coin tiredly told him.

“You’re tired? Then you can rest” Gu Qing Shan said.

The Gold Coin slowly fell into his hand, allowing him to carefully put it into his Inventory Bag.

Gu Qing Shan silently thought over what he went through just now and sighed: “I can’t believe over a year had already gone by, I wonder how the 900 million World Layers is currently”

The War God UI replied: [Most importantly, you survived, and brought your Heaven sword with you]

Lines of glowing text then appeared from the void of space:

[Quest description: This is the requiem of the Age of Old humanity, you must struggle to survive among the Divine race, Desolate race, evil creatures, and even Abyssal monsters, all for the sake of a single hope for your entire race, furthermore obtain this weapon that would ultimately decide victory or defeat of this war, the Heaven sword]

[You have obtained the Heaven sword]

[War God Quest completed]

[You have obtained the reward for this War God Quest, War God Title: Sword Demon is now permanently yours]

[War God Title: Sword Demon]

[By equipping this title, you are able to use the Title Skill: True Soul Cleaving Eyes]

[True Soul Cleaving Eyes: Ignoring Space-time, briefly pull an enemy in your sight into a temporary world and attack it once]

[Note: This Title Skill is the manifestation of your understanding of the sword, as your swordsmanship improves, so will its power]

Gu Qing Shan glanced at the [War God Title] column.

Sure enough, [Sword Demon] had appeared below his other titles like [Shen Wei General], [Ace Assassin], [Talented General].

The Title [Starflame War God] had also returned to a usable state.

Gu Qing Shan was amazed: "After going through so much, I've actually forgotten that I issued a War God Quest in the first place"

[I would not forget] the War God UI replied.

"Do you have any suggestions for what comes next?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

[I do not, you will have to decide everything by yourself] the War God UI replied.

Gu Qing Shan was briefly surprised, then realized something.

Indeed, Gu Qing Shan would be responsible for every action and decision.

This was how the War God UI acted, completely unlike the [Demon King Order].

The corner of Gu Qing Shan's lips curled up a bit.

"Very well, since this place was my only hope to survive, let us take a look at what's going on in this world"

He muttered and walked towards the giant metal beast that was being soaked in rainwater.

This was a destroyed Assault Mech.

During the last time he faced his Tribulation, he traveled to the Mahesvara realm of the future, then came to the Earth World in the same era and even left these Assault Mechs here.

From how rusted this Mech unit is, it seemed to have been broken for a long time.

Its form and components have been improved somewhat from how I made it, but the change was mostly for refining the controls.

Makes sense, it had only been a short year after all.

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This world's level of technology was originally at an elemental level of Mech research, so it couldn't improve too much from my own design.

Gu Qing Shan carefully observed the broken Mech.

Several critical points of the Mech had been cracked, warped, or completely broken. The power system had also been thoroughly damaged.

The Mech's components lay scattered all over the ground, the majority of which couldn't be used any longer.

Gu Qing Shan circled the Mech once, then reached his hand out to lightly pat the frigid outer shell.

The Mech seemed to have run into an unbeatable opponent and was broken through sheer force.

What kind of thing could've dealt with a Mech so nonchalantly in this world?

Gu Qing Shan came up to the cockpit, reached in, and pressed something in a hidden compartment.

Sha-ka!

The mechanical lock had completely been deactivated, so he couldn't pull out what was inside.

This was an extremely intricate component of the Mech that couldn't be accessed by force or it would be broken, usually only accessible through electronic authorization.

In consideration of electronics occasionally being disabled and this place would be automatically locked, I've also designed a manual way to open this.

But the manual lock needed an appropriate tool to be accessed.

As Gu Qing Shan reached for his Inventory Bag, he abruptly stopped.

The last time I came to his world, my own Holo-Brain, as well as a lot of smaller tools, were left here.

Before I managed to retrieve them, the Earth Creator had already sent me away.

God knows where those things would be right now.

And I don't have the right tools to dismantle this thing.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit and displayed a serious expression.

He randomly grabbed the Heaven sword from the void of space and aimed at a metal panel on the other side of the lock.

Carefully adjusting his strength, he focused his mind.

And struck.

Clink clink clink clink clink clink!

Six tiny consecutive sounds rang out almost consecutively.

Several components came off the metal panel at once.

Clak!

The lock unlocked itself.

A thin small black box about the size of his palm was seen inside.

Gu Qing Shan lightly sighed and pressed a button on the black box, detaching it from the Mech.

At the same time, Luo Bing Li's complaint came from the Heaven sword:

"Heaven's Choice is a skill for killing your enemy, I can't believe the first time you used such a powerful ability was to fix something"

"What I did just now was more important than killing any enemy" Gu Qing Shan replied seriously.

"Just for this black box? What is it?" Luo Bing Li asked.

"It recorded the detailed process of operation and its numbers, from there it can help us know what happened here" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"It was already dead, yet it could still remember exactly what happened? What a miraculous thing" Luo Bing Li muttered in awe.

The Heaven sword returned to silence.

Gu Qing Shan carefully put the black box away.

Now I need to find the appropriate device to read what's been recorded in the black box.

There should be such a device in any Mech maintenance facility.

Gu Qing Shan released his Three Thousand Worlds realm inner sight and swept through this entire city.

The main roads, structures, bodies, trees, rivers, so on and so forth... everything was within Gu Qing Shan's inner sight.

Unfortunately, since Mechs were still a strategic weapon that hasn't been popularized in this world, everything related to Mechs were still highly restrictive and hard to find.

The entire city was a dead zone of despair, there wasn't a single living being or intact structure left, it basically wasn't worth searching here.

Without giving up, Gu Qing Shan continued to expand his inner sight outwards to look for everything he could on the ground.

Finally, in a secluded area around 300 miles away from the city, Gu Qing Shan discovered a hidden facility complex.

The signs outside the facility complex suggested that it was a military research facility, the inside was also a post-disaster scene.

Although the entire facility had already been destroyed, a number of devices within the Mech research factory appeared as if they could still be repaired.

That's more than enough!

Within this ruined world, if there were any places left that could help Gu Qing Shan read the information within the black box, it would be here.

Gu Qing Shan leapt upward and flew towards the research facility.

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Gu Qing Shan slowly flew across the sky.

On his way, he deliberately conducted short investigations on his surroundings to discover various marks of battle.

This was an all-out war that stretched from the cities to the outskirts and even forests, leaving countless places in ruins.

This world's forces clearly retaliated with all they had, but their opponents were unfortunately far above their expectations.

Gu Qing Shan saw a mountain in this way.

Some sort of power had struck a gigantic hole through the mountain and bore all the way to the ground below

There were also various broken Mechs and human corpses at the scene.

Gu Qing Shan landed, extracted the black boxes from each Mech that he could, and went on his way again.

After 20 minutes, he reached the military research facility.

From above, all he could see was the dried-up charred ground of the facility and collapsed structures.

The broken wrecks of various planes could be seen strewn all over the runway.

The intense thunderstorm had also reached his place, showering what remained of this place in heavy rainfall.

Gu Qing Shan landed.

He walked into the Mech maintenance area and used a telekinesis hand seal.

The scattered debris inside the workshop was picked up and swiftly dumped outside.

Gu Qing Shan walked inside.

The broken remains of machinery in front of him were moved by an invisible force and made way for him.

After scanning it through with his inner sight, Gu Qing Shan briefly understood the situation of the workshop.

“Quite a few things can still be repaired, but power has already been cut. The maintenance robotic arms aren’t able to move”

“Not a big problem”

Gu Qing Shan jumped onto the Mech maintenance platform and waved his hand.

A large maintenance-use robotic arm that was about 2 meters wide and 9 meters long in size hovered in front of him.

Gu Qing Shan located the device’s power line and cut open the rubber casing to expose the metal wires below.

He then reached his hand out to grab the open wires.

Tick tick tick!

A mechanical sound rang.

The large mechanical arm twitched.

Gu Qing Shan had turned his Elemental Lightning spirit energy into a constant flow of electricity that conformed to this world’s electrical standards¹, using it to power the mechanical arm.

“Good, now I need to repair the entire hazard recorder reading device, if they weren’t damaged this much, I wouldn’t need to go through all this trouble, I need to replace almost every component here...”

Gu Qing Shan muttered to himself.

He began the repair.

He single-handedly designed these Assault Mech’s entire system and structure, so it wasn’t that hard for him to repair this device, in fact, it wasn’t that much different from performing a basic exercise task in school.

Time slowly passed.

After 40 minutes, the hazard recorder reading device was fully repaired.

Gu Qing Shan put the mechanical arm down and swiftly made his way to the reading device.

He supplied it with electricity as he did before with one hand while inserting a black box into the device with the other.

The device started up.

Gu Qing Shan operated the device with one hand and quickly extracted the recordings within the black box.

The hazard recorder reading device projected a screen of light right in front of him.

The recording was only static at first but slowly stabilized.

Gu Qing Shan saw an entire squadron of Mechs.

A voice arrived:

[Fox One, calling Iron Rhino squad]

[Iron Rhino squad here. Ready to receive your orders Sir]

[The aliens are attacking the congress building, please send help immediately]

[Received, over!]

The Mech squadron began to move.

They flew forward at full speed, went past the burning and chaotic city below, and arrived in front of the congress building.

The scene of the recording moved to the sky.

A man wearing a black robe was floating in the air.

He had a burning flame in his hand.

[Foolish non-believers, let me borrow the power of the great Death God to show you all, just how feeble and powerless all of you are in front of the Holy Church of Death]

As he threw the flame forward, it quickly magnified inside the screen.

Boom

The world was plunged into boiling magma and fire.

Desperate cries and screams of pain resounded without end.

The scene on the screen was tossed up to the sky, turned several times in the air before it was tossed back down to the ground.

The screen went black.

The recording of the black box ended here.

Gu Qing Shan was shocked for a long while.

Black robe, Death God, Holy Church of Death.

This was one of the seven Holy Churches of the Strife Zones.

Who gave them the courage to invade the Earth World?

The Earth Creator's power isn't something that Divinities can go against!

He felt a thick fog obscuring his mind.

Gu Qing Shan took that black box out and put another one inside.

The screen lit up again.

[All mechs, ready to engage]

[Roger!]

The Mechs began to run forward.

A soft female voice resounded: [Power of the Mystic, devote your power and serve the God of Mysteries]

Following this voice, something in the air let out a sharp cry as it bombarded the squadron of Mechs below.

The screen shook nonstop.

Then faded to black.

Gu Qing Shan went silent for a short moment before he took this black box out.

That was a follower of the God of Mysteries.

He then proceeded to put every black box inside the device one by one.

All seven Holy Churches appeared at least once, not a single one missing.

Which means, the ones who initiated the destruction of the Earth World were the seven Holy Churches of the Strife Zones?

What exactly is going on?

Gu Qing Shan jumped down from the maintenance platform, grabbed the maintenance-use mechanical arm again, and headed for the center of the military research facility.

This place had practically been leveled.

Perhaps it was because of their arrogance and contempt of this world's capabilities, or perhaps the Divine Officer who destroyed this place didn't really understand technology, but a lot of the cables and devices here weren't destroyed too thoroughly.

Gu Qing Shan spent a few hours and managed to fix the entire central processing system of this facility.

Using the same way he infiltrated this world's national network system the previous time, he cracked open the national defense system.

Soon enough, the computer connected to the central national security database, where he downloaded the data recorded within the orbital satellites and security cameras.

This nation's central security database seemed to have been hidden in a bunker several thousand meters underground, kept in a top-secret state.

When the facility was constructed, those associated with its construction lost their lives in various unexpected accidents one by one.

And this world quickly forgot about them.

Gu Qing Shan believed that all of this was actually the Earth Creator's preparation for something.

Unfortunately, it still hadn't returned from the Age of Old.

Only a few people of this world's original inhabitants knew about the existence of this database.

Despite the difficulties that this world went through, at least this database managed to survive intact.

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Gu Qing Shan began to observe the recorded war process.

This was a war with destruction as its goal.

The Earth World that had lost its creator could only face destruction against the seven Holy Churches of the Strife Zones.

It was a ruthless and merciless slaughter.

Gu Qing Shan watched each recording without changing his expression.

At some point, he paused the footage.

He saw a familiar face.

The young girl with crimson flowing hair who wielded a long black scythe.

"Anna"

Gu Qing Shan muttered.

Anna also participated in this world.

Gu Qing Shan stared at the young girl on the screen for a long time, trembling.

This can't be right.

Anna isn't someone who enjoys bullying the weak, why would she appear in this killing hell?

Gu Qing Shan quickly operated the panel to choose all the footage that contained Anna and watched them all at once.

Anna wasn't part of the fighting.

Her job was to pick out talented people that are worth being nurtured and bring back to the Holy Church.

Occasionally, she would try to stop the other Holy Church's slaughter, only to be met with ridicule.

As Gu Qing Shan watched the footage, he felt more and more curious.

"Strange, since when did you learn to suppress your anger? This isn't like you..."

He whispered and continued watching the footage of Anna.

Very quickly, a certain footage caught Gu Qing Shan's attention.

On the night before Anna left this world, she came alone to this nation's capital city and went straight to the capital airport.

The airport was full of corpses, not a single person left alive.

Both the people of this world and the people of the seven Holy Churches wouldn't take any notice of this useless location.

Over half the airport had already been destroyed, leaving only a few cameras running.

Anna quickly went into the airport's Mech maintenance area.

She stood there, pacing back and forth while muttering something.

Gu Qing Shan's heart jumped.

This was a place that I had been when I came to this world.

I created a series of Mech here that resolved the undead problem and caught the Earth Creator's interest.

But that already happened over a year ago, how could Anna know that I was ever here?

And why did she come here?

She wouldn't have been able to see me regardless!

On the footage, Anna placed something in a secluded location.

Unfortunately, the security camera wasn't too clear, and it couldn't record voices like the black boxes could, so Gu Qing Shan couldn't tell what she put there, nor hear anything she said.

At this point, several people from the seven Holy Churches dashed in.

They were obviously prepared, so they immediately began to question Anna.

Anna simply shook her head and refused to explain anything no matter how much they asked.

Those people couldn't do anything to her.

All of a sudden, a Divine Officer summoned a cluster of flame and abruptly pressed his hand against the ground.

The entire footage went dark.

Gu Qing Shan felt tense and quickly switched the footage to another camera at the airport.

Within the deep shroud of darkness, the Mech maintenance center was abruptly plunged into an intense explosion.

Several figures appeared from the explosion and landed on the ground outside.

Anna also landed without being injured.

Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief.

Anna turned around to look at the destroyed Mech maintenance center and became distraught.

Whatever she left in there, it had already been destroyed in that blast.

Anna's eyes went red, drew her long black scythe out of thin air, and charged towards those people.

The people were briefly stunned before they realized she really wanted to kill them, quickly turned around and ran with pale expressions on their faces.

Anna chased after and killed the person who destroyed the maintenance facility first.

The footage stopped here.

On the next day, Anna could be seen dejectedly leaving the Earth World.

After watching through everything, Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

Anna must know that I had been there before, otherwise, there was no other way to explain why she was here.

Anna left something in a secret location.

This seemed a bit confusing.

But Gu Qing Shan believed that Anna wouldn't do something meaningless.

Unfortunately, she was found out.

And they destroyed all of her preparations.

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

This way, I would also have no way to find out what exactly Anna did.

He went silent briefly.

A thought flashed through his mind.

Wait a minute.

Gu Qing Shan realized something.

He thought about it, then confirmed that it could be done.

After that, he stayed to rest at this abandoned research center for the rest of the day.

After all, he already went through so much, even he needed rest.

For the next few days, Gu Qing Shan specifically made a trip to the desert and found the bunker of the national database.

Unfortunately, there wasn't any left-over preparation that the Earth Creator left behind.

Gu Qing Shan wasn't discouraged and stayed in the desert to practice his swordsmanship as well as reorganizing the cultivation experience and scriptures that he obtained in the Age of Old.

Without issue, 10 days went by.

Gu Qing Shan then set off and headed to the capital city airport.

He came to the Mech maintenance center that had been thoroughly burnt to a crisp and stood in the middle of the wreck.

With a wave of his hand.

He grabbed the Heaven sword.

Oong!

Secret Art, [Drawn Shadow]!

Black sword images erupted from where he stood like a blooming flower, quickly filled the entire Mech maintenance bay, and even reached a bit further than that.

The endless wave of sword images destroyed the wreck of the structure even more thoroughly.

A split second later.

The Mech maintenance bay returned to how it was, completely intact!

Gu Qing Shan held the Heaven sword and looked around the area.

Following what he saw, he came to where Anna had hidden the item and reached his hand inside.

He then pulled something out!

Indeed, after 10 days of wait, [Chaotic Flow] had finally cooled down.

[Chaotic Flow: When any entity is struck by the Heaven sword, you can have that entity skip through its current point in time to any point in time that you wish]

[Note: Activating this ability will require you to expend an amount of Soul Points proportional to that entity's strength]

[Special note: Each time you use Chaotic Flow, you must wait for 10 days until you can use this power again]

Gu Qing Shan had once again used this ability to bring the Mech maintenance bay back to the state before its destruction.

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Gu Qing Shan looked at the thing in his hand.

It was a thick black suitcase, hidden by Anna into one of the partition boards under the Mech maintenance platform.

Not too long after she hid it away, those people barged in on her.

They thoroughly destroyed this place together with the suitcase.

Because of that, Anna erupted in anger and killed them.

At this moment, thanks to the power of [Chaotic Flow], this destroyed suitcase had once again made it into Gu Qing Shan's hands.

Gu Qing Shan tried opening it.

Strangely, the suitcase seemed to be sealed shut, there wasn't any place that it could be opened from.

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking of a solution, he abruptly heard a 'pop' when a Card was shot out from the suitcase.

An eye was depicted on the Card that carefully observed Gu Qing Shan.

[Identity confirmed—truly surprising, we found you only after a short time]

[Found the person whose life force is linked to Anna, mission accomplished]

The Card spoke, then fell back into the suitcase.

Ka-chak!

The suitcase opened.

— — — *this suitcase was actually a Card?*

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

Since when was Anna a Card user?

He looked down and saw that there was a grey uniform, an ID card, a passport, a bag of coins, a Card, and a small silver box inside the suitcase.

Gu Qing Shan picked the ID card up and saw the name written on it to be [Holy Church of Fate's apprentice knight, Su Liu Shui]

The passport was stamped with a seal: [Allows the ability to travel to any world within the Strife Zones]

After looking at the ID card and passport, then at the grey uniform, Gu Qing Shan was a bit confused.

Anna was supposed to be a member of the Holy Church of Death, so where did she get a set of ID and passport from the Holy Church of Fate?

And how did she know I would appear here?

Gu Qing Shan put the ID card and passport down to look at the Card.

The Card depicted a grey fog that obscured everything inside.

When Gu Qing Shan picked the Card up, the fog scattered, the entire Card turned into a holographic image that took the shape of a girl.

Su Xue Er.

Gu Qing Shan unexpectedly frowned.

Why did Su Xue Er show up in something Anna left me?

The Su Xue Er within the hologram was looking forward, but it wasn't focused on Gu Qing Shan.

Obviously, this was only a recording.

After a long time of them not seeing each other, Su Xue Er was still beautiful and pristine like before, but now she carried a faint air of pressure.

She began talking to the air:

[Qing Shan, if you can see this, this means that mine and Anna's preparations weren't for naught]

[Not too long ago, the seven Daemons sent a Divine Revelation at the same time, saying that you were a blasphemer and that you have escaped from the seal of Drifting Sand world]

[At this moment, the entire Strife Zones is after you, anyone who catches you would immediately earn the reward of apotheosis]

[This caused such a huge uproar that everyone went insane—— you absolutely cannot underestimate the Combatants of the Strife Zones, they have countless ways to track and follow a person's trail]

[After Anna and I combined our powers, we managed to make a prophecy through your life force connection with her and found the place that you are most likely to appear]

At this point, Su Xue Er appeared a bit shy:

[Currently, I'm a Cardinal of the Holy Church of Fate, so I was responsible for preparing a new identity for you, while Anna was responsible for bringing these items to the primitive invaded world]

[This new identity was something I specifically prepared for you]

[The silver box is an airship. Put your hand on it and say my name, it will complete its transformation]

[Use your new identity and return to the Strife Zones, come to the Holy Church of Fate to find me, both Anna and I are waiting for you]

[Be very careful]

The hologram disappeared together with Su Xue Er's figure.

Gu Qing Shan stood stunned for a while.

Su Xue Er was already a Cardinal of the Holy Church of Fate.

Since Anna was able to kill someone here and left without trouble, her status within the Holy Church of Death must also be quite considerable.

—-even when 'God' had specifically said to capture me, these two girls had joined forces to think of a way to save me instead.

Gu Qing Shan felt a sense of warmth in his heart.

Immediately, he recalled something and frowned again.

He wasn't worried about his own situation, he was actually worried about the two girls.

—-they have no idea what the 'Gods' actually were.

The one in control of the seven Holy Churches, the 'Will of Gods' hidden behind everything might actually be the Abyssal Fate Weaver.

In the phantom images, I used its own power to cut itself into tiny pieces and threw them into countless fragments of parallel worlds.

The Abyssal Fate Weaver would have had to spend an untold amount of time to find its body again...

—-it is surely holding a heavy grudge.

Gu Qing Shan rubbed his chin and continued thinking.

Beside the Abyssal Fate Weaver, the Soul Shrieker had also fallen under my control and died kneeling with its own spear pierced through its head.

The next time it woke back up, the spear should still be stuck in its head, so before it thoroughly woke up and pulled the entire spear out, it would probably die again.

In other words, every time it resurrected, it could only pull the spear out a little bit before being killed again.

This process would likely take a long time also.

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Ah right, the Abyssal Demon Dragon also died quite a horrible death, his head was completely chopped to a pulp.

...

Now that I think about it, I offended all three of these Abyssal monsters quite thoroughly.

Gu Qing Shan's gaze fell onto the grey Holy Church of Fate apprentice knight uniform.

No.

I can't use this.

Su Xue Er and Anna only know that the Divinities placed a bounty on my head, but they don't know how terrifying the monsters behind the Divinities were.

The Abyssal Fate Weaver had the Causality Skill: [Existence], the Soul Shrieker was scheming enough to fool the entirety of humanity into forging its weapon; as for the Abyssal Demon Dragon—— now that the Earth Creator is missing, its mind will most likely regain the clarity it once had.

If these three monsters noticed any connection between me and the girls, the only thing waiting for them would be an irreversible path of death.

Gu Qing Shan slowly closed the black suitcase.

Being able to achieve so much right under the monsters' eyes, Su Xue Er and Anna had already done their best.

But this is too dangerous to use.

Because I have enough power to face the three monsters, I absolutely cannot let anyone discover any connections between us.

——then where should I go now?

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

Su Xue Er's words resounded in his ears once again:

[At this moment, the entire Strife Zones are going after you, anyone who catches you would immediately earn the reward of apotheosis]

[This caused such a huge uproar that everyone went insane—— you absolutely cannot underestimate the Combatants of the Strife Zones, they have countless ways to track and follow a person's trail]

Gu Qing Shan lightly threw the entire black suitcase into the air.

He then drew the Earth sword and swung upwards——

[Earth's Choice], activate!

[Earth's Choice: Cut and extinguish any existence]

[Note: The more powerful the target you want to extinguish, the more Soul Points Earth's Choice will require]

As soon as the black suitcase came into contact with the sword phantom, it was erased from this world without a warning or sound, not leaving a single trace.

This was the mighty power of a Law from the Eternal Abyss, there was almost no way to restore an object that had been extinguished to its previous state—— even if someone tried to rewind time, the item would have already been extinguished.

Gu Qing Shan calmed down.

This way, no one would be able to track this, the two girls should be safe, and no one should be able to find my trail.

...no, I can't just assume that so easily, let's try and think if there are any other openings.

Because this was related to both Su Xue Er and Anna, Gu Qing Shan was being a lot more careful, fully focused on thinking about this.

He paced back and forth around the re-built restructure, slowly and steadily.

The only problem now is why Anna wanted to come to this Mech maintenance bay, and why was she so furious that she killed someone.

If any high-ranking members of the Holy Church were to have such a doubt, they would only need a single order to mobilize a large number of followers to investigate this.

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan became more cautious.

How do I conceal this?

From what I learnt, the Earth World was only destroyed about half a month ago.

If someone were to come to this world and investigate Anna's murder of that person, what would happen?

Gu Qing Shan stopped walking and carefully went through every detail.

If someone had an ability to turn back time as I did, wouldn't they be able to restore the Mech maintenance bay to how it was before?

There are too many worlds with too many strange and unheard-of abilities, I can't underestimate anyone or hold any wishful thoughts.

If those people were sent to investigate Anna, they would surely be capable people who have the means to dig all the way to the roots and find out Anna's motives of going to the Mech maintenance bay.

They will find the traces that Anna left behind.

Fortunately, the black suitcase had already been extinguished, so it would never be found.

—if there is no evidence, there would also be no way to prove that Anna had done anything.

However, having no traces at all could also suggest that something did happen here.

Those investigators would continue to doubt Anna and pay closer attention to her.

Gu Qing Shan looked up to the ceiling and silently thought for a while.

Right now, the time is technically just after Anna had hidden the black suitcase away for the Mech maintenance bay.

So if I want to do anything to support her, this would be the best and only time to do it.

Gu Qing Shan continued to think for a while.

Is there anything that can perfectly explain Anna's anger to the point of killing someone after it's destroyed?

After a few moments, Gu Qing Shan released his inner sight to cover the entire city.

This world's destruction was swift, and everything that could reasonably retaliate had already been destroyed without mercy.

Those with talent and potential had been taken away, while the rest were killed.

But there were still some structures that still haven't been completely destroyed due to not posing any threats.

For example, supermarkets or convenience stores.

Gu Qing Shan vanished from the Mech maintenance bay, appeared inside a supermarket, then inside a drugstore.

He picked out two relatively intact packages and returned to the Mech maintenance bay.

After a bit of work...

Gu Qing Shan chose one of the two female-only items that he picked out to put into Anna's hidden spot.

If someone had the ability to return the entire facility to the exact moment in time that Anna was inside like he did, they would be able to find this thing hidden where Anna had left something.

As soon as they see this, they would perfectly understand what had happened.

Gu Qing Shan thought over every detail one more time before nodding in satisfaction.

He felt that he had covered this up quite nicely.

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In the middle of the stormy night, a huge burning fire illuminated the sky.

Gu Qing Shan stood afar, silently watching the once-again destroyed Mech maintenance bay.

The Mech maintenance bay had been reverted to the state before it was destroyed, but it was once again going through this process.

After his journey to the Age of Old, Gu Qing Shan had become a Three Thousand Worlds realm great cultivator, even within the 900 million World Layers, he could be considered a Lord-class Combatant.

—-and furthermore, one of the strongest Lord-class Combatants.

With his current cultivation and understanding of power in general, it was a simple thing for him to summon Elemental Fire and replicate the same attack that destroyed this building.

As he stared at the burning fire, Gu Qing Shan muttered to himself: "There, I shouldn't have to worry about their safety any longer, next..."

What should I do next?

According to Su Xue Er's words, the countless Combatants of the Strife Zones are looking to capture me, and among them are those with excellent tracking capabilities...

Gu Qing Shan touched the Silent Dusk Cloak he was wearing.

This was an item that the strongest person of the Bygone Era gave me, which has the ability to isolate the power of the Demon Dragon's blood infection.

Even the Earth Creator praised this cloak for how well it could conceal my aura.

With this cloak and the [Mystery of All Being Equal], the chances of me being captured isn't that high.

Gu Qing Shan stood still and waited until the flame thoroughly died out to leave this place.

He returned to the desert and used [Ground Shrink] to enter the secret database bunker several thousand meters underground.

This bunker hadn't been created for too long, so the Earth Creator had only just gotten an idea to put something here.

But obviously, it never managed to complete it.

However, since this place had decent ventilation, an ample amount of illumination, and enough daily necessities, as well as being as secretive as it was, Gu Qing Shan decided to return here to rest.

Even though the people of seven Holy Churches had already left this world, Gu Qing Shan kept in mind to maintain caution and care.

After a short rest, he took the Gold Coin out of his Inventory Bag.

From how sorrowfully the coin cried out when they arrived in this world, Gu Qing Shan already had an answer in his mind.

Normally, supernatural items like this Gold Coin would always have a mental connection with its master.

For example, if something happened to Gu Qing Shan, no matter how far Shannu and the Earth sword were, they would be immediately able to sense it.

Although he could already guess, he needed a confirmed answer in order to decide how to proceed.

Whether the Earth Creator was still alive, captured, or dead, each state represented a different thing, which would help Gu Qing Shan decide his next course of action.

"Why hasn't your owner appeared?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The Gold Coin vibrated on Gu Qing Shan's hand and let out a series of 'clink cling' noises.

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit confused.

According to the Gold Coin, the Earth Creator had cut off its mental connection to it.

Normally, this connection would only be cut off through the owner's death, or if the owner purposefully cut it off.

But the Gold Coin had also claimed that it didn't sense the Earth Creator's death.

Then, does that mean the earth Creator released his connection by his own will?

Gu Qing Shan recalled what happened at the time.

When the Earth Creator gave him the Coin, it appeared quite reluctant and even emphasized that he had to return the Coin to it after it returned.

Seems like even the Earth Creator considered this Coin to be quite precious. It was only because Gu Qing Shan had helped in preventing the three Abyssal monsters from obtaining the weapon of the Eternal Abyss, that it had bestowed the Coin to him for use once.

Which meant the Earth Creator wouldn't arbitrarily give up on the Gold Coin.

If it wasn't the first situation, but also not the second, then what's going on?

Gu Qing Shan thought for a while and couldn't help but sigh.

The Earth Creator is at a much higher level than I am that a Card it granted me as a gift easily caused the death of three Abyssal monsters.

I wouldn't be able to understand the thoughts, plans, and actions of such an entity no matter how hard I tried.

Not to mention, before I left the Age of Old, I even heard it said that it wanted to take a look at the Abyssal Gate.

—I don't even have the qualifications to investigate the Abyssal Gate right now.

So nothing can be made sense of right now.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the Gold Coin and continued to ask: "Do you have any other way to look for the truth?"

The Gold Coin hovered back and forth in the air a bit as if it was hesitating about something.

Finally, it circled around Gu Qing Shan and let out a series of metal noises again.

"What? Wait a minute, I don't understand what you're saying"

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly said.

The Gold Coin patiently answered him with a long series of 'clink'

Gu Qing Shan seriously listened and couldn't help asking: "Can you really find the Earth Creator like this?"

Cling clink!

The Gold Coin confirmed.

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“Alright then, I don’t lose anything by doing this, and I also want to know if the venerable one is alive or not. As long as you agree, I have nothing to object” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Hearing his confirmation, the Gold Coin didn’t wait for a single moment.

It let out a spark of golden light that came down from above and hovered in front of Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan pinched the golden light with his fingers and slowly dragged it across the sky, writing his name.

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

—*blood-red text really stings the eye, this kind of soft glowing text is much better.*

[You have formed a partnership covenant with the Gold Coin]

[The Gold Coin is a Law manifestation Soul Artifact of one of the Four Saint Pillars. According to the common Law of the Four Saint Pillars, when one of the Saint Pillars forms a covenant, the Law manifestation Soul Artifacts of the other three Saint Pillars will arrive to bear witness]

The glowing text vanished.

A few moments later, the secret bunker where Gu Qing Shan was also nowhere to be seen.

The world had turned into a borderless sea of stars.

Without knowing what happened, Gu Qing Shan had appeared with the Gold Coin in this place.

And then, three other items appeared.

An azure blue key.

A crimson red pendant.

A black book.

The Gold Coin flew up and began to communicate with the three items.

Cling clank clink clang

Shu shu shu shu

Pii pii paa paa

Shiu shiu shiu

They noisily spoke to one another.

Gu Qing Shan looked curiously at the other Law manifestation Soul Artifacts of the Four Saint Pillars.

The azure key was the Key of the Wind, representing the Wind Pillar, its power was to open all doors and arrive at any location.

The crimson pendant was the Pendant of Flame, representing the Fire Pillar, its power was to turn miracles and near-impossible events into reality.

The black book was the Book of the Sea, representing the Water Pillar, its power was to record all knowledge.

As for the Gold Coin, it obviously represented the Earth Pillar, its power being True Luck.

The four Law manifestation Soul Artifacts chatted briefly, circled around Gu Qing Shan once, then whispered to one another as if to judge him from top to bottom.

The Gold Coin was constantly giving off metallic clanging sounds, telling the other three Law Soul Artifacts about what happened.

A few moments later, the four Soul Artifacts floated to the air and began to give off four distinct gold, azure, crimson, black rays of light that combined as one, loudly resonating in the air.

The resonance then became louder and louder, quickly spreading all over the sea of stars and shook the countless worlds within it.

When Gu Qing Shan was almost unable to bear this resonance any longer, the sound suddenly vanished.

The sea of stars faded away.

Gu Qing Shan found himself sitting inside the secret bunker as if everything that happened just now was a dream.

Cling clink!

A tired noise sounded from mid-air.

The Gold Coin fell down right into Gu Qing Shan's palm.

"How is it, did you find the venerable one?" Gu Qing Shan hurriedly asked.

The Gold Coin let out a series of noises to answer him.

Gu Qing Shan solemnly listened.

——when the four Saint Pillar Soul Artifacts appeared at once, they were able to locate any entity, regardless of who that entity was or the state they were in.

The Gold Coin suggested that Gu Qing Shan form a partnership covenant with it in order to summon the other three Law manifestation Soul Artifacts of the Saint Pillars.

They searched for Earth Creator at once and finally got a result.

Clang clang clang, clink cling cling clink

The Gold Coin told him with a puzzled voice.

Hearing that, Gu Qing Shan also went silent.

"You're saying that the venerable one wasn't dead, but he isn't in any location either?"

Cling clink

The Gold Coin confirmed it.

“...What kind of situation is this?” Gu Qing Shan muttered.

At this moment, he truly felt an unspeakable sense of eeriness.

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Anyone who entered this world wouldn't be able to utilize all their supernatural powers. This was a considerably dangerous matter to anyone.

Since the Earth World's Laws had returned, the people of the seven Holy Churches would most likely not return.

And when dealing with a world without people, pollution was the most efficient and safest method, as all the living beings of this world had already been killed, the world itself would have no way to retaliate against these things.

The Gold Coin was letting out fearful metallic noises.

It was the Earth World's soul, but that also meant that the Earth World was its body.

If the Earth World was destroyed, it would also die.

“You want me to use my cultivation and the twin swords Heaven and Earth to erase these pollutants?”

Gu Qing Shan asked.

The Gold Coin flew up and down, expressing its confirmation.

Gu Qing Shan carefully thought about it and slowly replied:

“...That's not really a good solution. Not only would I need to use a lot of Soul Points to do this, but it is also too reactive, the next time the enemy uses the same kind of attack, I'll be too tired to accomplish this again”

“Not to mention, I can't remain in this world forever either. After I leave, how would this world deal with any upcoming attacks?”

Perhaps imagining that scene, the Gold Coin began to cry even louder and more sorrowfully.

“Don't be impatient” Gu Qing Shan consoled it, “since people can't enter this world right now, and there isn't anybody in this world, it's quite simple to solve this problem once and for all”

The Gold Coin froze.

Gu Qing Shan caught the Gold Coin in his hand and vanished.

Several thousand miles away.

Gu Qing Shan appeared in the air above a ruined structure.

Before the end of the world, this place used to be the main manufacturing facility for Assault Mechs.

Gu Qing Shan drew the Heaven sword.

He unleashed a gigantic sword phantom that flattened the ruins into a deep crater.

At the next split second, a completely new Mech manufacturing facility appeared in front of him.

Although Gu Qing Shan had already seen this happen twice, he still couldn't help but marvel at this in awe.

—to be able to return any object to any state it once was in the past was nothing short of a miracle.

Luo Bing Li complained: "I've only just woken up and you're making me sleep again?"

Gu Qing Shan felt a bit guilty and replied: "Do your best this time, I won't let you become so tired again in the future"

"Fine then, [Chaotic Flow] costs so much energy to use, I'm going to sleep now"

Luo Bing Li yawned and spoke with a sleepy voice.

A few moments later, a faint snoring sound could be heard coming from the Heaven sword.

This girl, do you really have to snore in your sleep?

Maybe she really was drained...

With that in mind, Gu Qing Shan felt a bit worried and asked the Earth sword: "Am I putting a lot of strain on the Heaven sword by using [Chaotic Flow] too frequently?"

The Earth sword's mountainous heavy voice replied: 「 Don't worry, exercise is good for your health 」

Gu Qing Shan only listened to the first two words before he ignored the rest of the sentence.

He couldn't give this old driver's jokes too much attention or it will just keep going at it more enthusiastically.

After flying down into the manufacturing facility, Gu Qing Shan looked for the main power grid, pulled out an electrical cord around the same size as his palm, and wrapped it around his arm.

The electricity issue is dealt with.

Now—

He walked up to an intact Mech and operated it a bit to take out the Holo-Brain inside the unit.

After starting it up and giving it a test run, he confirmed that this Holo-Brain was relatively similar to his own Holo-Brain.

Seems like after this world obtained my Holo-Brain, they spent quite a lot of effort to decode and reverse engineer it.

Unfortunately, they didn't have enough time to thoroughly research and recreate my Holo-Brain.

Gu Qing Shan tapped his Inventory Bag, took out various tools, and began to remake his Holo-Brain again.

After about an hour, he finished a new personal Holo-Brain.

Gu Qing Shan then hooked it up to the manufacturing facility's mainframe.

From how they managed to reverse engineer his Holo-Brain, he could infer that it didn't take much to completely take over this world's automatic manufacturing system.

Gu Qing Shan easily obtained control of the facility's main system.

He then began to restructure the power system, the manufacturing process, as well as the system's structures and decision-making.

It took him one entire day and night, all the way until the Gold Coin jumped out to cry again did Gu Qing Shan finish designing everything.

[Sir Gu Qing Shan, what would you like to use as the central algorithm to create the new Mobile Mechs?] the Holo-Brain's AI asked him.

Gu Qing Shan appeared nostalgic.

It's been a really long time since I returned to my homeworld.

He recalled Impartial Goddess.

Last time, I used the Life Algorithm to help release Impartial Goddess from her birdcage.

And now, I would be taking it one step further.

Gu Qing Shan regained his calm and replied: "Use the Life Algorithm as the base, follow my designs as a foundation and create the prototype of the first Mobile Mech"

[Preparations ready, please name the Mech]

"Call it the World Creator, as it's going to be the beginning of everything"

[Understood, begin construction of the World Creator Mech]

The various mechanical arms within the huge workshop started getting busy.

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Ten hours later.

A small, intricate Mech appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

This Mobile Mech appeared to be a bit strange, as it was only 2 meters tall, not that much taller than Gu Qing Shan himself.

At a glance, you would assume it to be a person, rather than a machine.

Gu Qing Shan placed the miniature power core into the 'World Creator' Mech himself.

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Activate.

The World Creator's electrical eyes lit up.

Countless streams of blue light flickered in its eyes.

It was learning.

One minute later.

The blue light inside the World Creator's eyes stabilized.

It looked at Gu Qing Shan and knelt on one knee.

[Godfather¹, thank you for creating me] the World Creator spoke

"Do you know what you should do next?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

[Understood]

[First step: construct archetype transportation robot, collect resources and energy]

[Second step: collect polluted specimens, utilize primitive launch vehicles to send them off-world]

[Third step: Reestablish this world's power grid]

[Fourth step: Construct true Mobile Mechs, develop weapons and create a machine city]

[Fifth step: Improve the warp technology and complete world-wide coverage, warp the world in a steel shell]

[Sixth step: Independent study and research to ensure the robot world becomes more and more prosperous]

Gu Qing Shan clapped: "Go"

[Yes]

The World Creator walked up to the system mainframe, connected to the Holo-Brain, and took over control of the Mech construction process.

Humanoid transportation Mechs were swiftly produced one after another.

They were responsible for collecting an energy source to replace Gu Qing Shan as the current main source of energy for the facility.

Originally, Gu Qing Shan could've sent the polluted lifeforms off-world himself.

But he decided to use robots to do it instead.

This was safer.

The Gold Coin watched everything from start to finish, then let out a series of doubtful metal noises.

"Don't worry" Gu Qing Shan replied, "In this world, nothing can use supernatural power, so the strongest power should be machines"

“I’ll create a world of Mechs and robots for you so that regardless of who arrives to this world, there would be a single end to end— being crushed to a pulp by these machines”

The Gold Coin tossed and turned without really understanding what he was saying.

All of a sudden, it let out a cautious shriek.

“What is it?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

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At the same time.

The capital airport.

Inside the ruined Mech maintenance bay.

A coin abruptly appeared out of thin air.

This was a numbered coin, with a door depicted on one side and ‘#963’ on the other side.

Among the 1001 numbered coins of the Strife Zones, it was among the rarest kinds whose value was immeasurable.

With its appearance, the void of space abruptly opened.

Several figures appeared.

“Where did Anna stop when she came in?” one of the figures asked.

Another figure pointed at the wrecked control panel and spoke: “I saw it very clearly, she stood there!”

—because the control panel of the maintenance platform was half made from non-conductive materials and half metal, it was only half destroyed by the fire while the other half remained.

The first figure then shouted: “Act quickly, our temporary warp tunnel can only last for 1 minute. After that, all of this coin’s power will be drained!”

“Sir, yes sir!” the others responded.

They were all strong, burly-looking men, obviously carefully picked-out strength-type warriors.

And in fact, they were among the strongest people of the Strife Zones.

Although their supernatural abilities couldn’t be utilized, their own physical strength was enough to lift and move a few particularly heavy items.

For example—

The entire Mech maintenance platform was lifted up as fast as they could.

“Ten seconds left!”

“Everyone stand aside!”

The leading figure took out another coin, reluctantly stroked it, and flicked it to the air.

The coin shattered into dust.

But the power it unleashed remained.

Sha—

The group of people all vanished from the Earth World together with the maintenance platform.

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The Strife Zones.

The seven Holy Church's secret meeting place.

The seven Popes who represented the will of their Gods were gathered here, the seven most influential people within the Strife Zones.

"At the time, Anna came in by herself in order to put something here?" the Pope of Fate questioned.

"That's right, Your Excellency, we saw it with our own eyes" one follower replied.

The other followers who stood with him also followed up.

"And then, one of you tried to probe Anna's reaction by destroying the entire structure, which led to her being angry enough to kill him?" the Pope of Mysteries asked.

"Yes, this was the truth, Your Excellency" another follower replied.

The VIPs gathered here exchanged glances, then looked towards the Mech maintenance platform.

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Among the VIPs here, the one who felt the most awkward was the Pope of Death.

After all, Anna was his subordinate and was even someone in a real position of power within the Holy Church of Death.

If there was really any issue with Anna, then the entire Holy Church of Death would need to go through a cleansing.

"No need to look at me" the Pope of Death said, "I am loyal to God and would never shelter a bad subordinate"

"Are you really? Then how about we call upon the will of God right now? What do you think, Your Excellency?"

The Pope of Mysteries looked at him with an unsmiling smile.

Before this Pope made it to where he was today, he had once tasted bitterness at the hands of the Holy Church of Death, so once he had attained a high position, he would always participate in anything with the Holy Church of Death to try and interfere with them.

The Pope of Death kept an expressionless look on his face and curtly replied: “Be my guest, I intend to remain impartial to this in the first place. But remember well— if there is no issue with Anna, then please be sure to take full responsibility for the punishment of disturbing God”

The Pope of Mystery’s smile froze on his face.

Those who were just about to follow up on his words also shut their mouths.

During this past year, God’s Will would not easily show itself like before, but each time it did, it would always carry raging murderous intent.

If someone called upon it without any usable information to provide, their outcome would not be pretty.

Two VIPs of different Holy Churches had already been subjected to ‘Divine Punishment’, after undergoing that torture, not even their souls remained.

So when the Pope of Death said this, no one else tried to speak up regarding that.

No matter how much of a grudge the Pope of Mysteries held against the Holy Church of Death, he wouldn’t bet his life on it.

The Pope of Mysteries did not reply to that but instead criticized: “Hmph, the very root of your Holy Church of Death has already gone rotten. I’m sure there’s a problem with this ‘Anna’, otherwise, why would she become angry enough to kill someone?”

The Pope of Death coldly looked at him: “One must be prepared to take responsibility for their own words. You’re quite the character when you’re alive, so after your death, I will make sure to give you only the best treatment”

“There’s no telling who’s going to die first” an air of murderous intent appeared from the Pope of Mysteries.

“Enough! Stop your bickering!”

“Arbitrarily bothering God, are the two of you tired of living?”

“Silence, both of you, we should see what the truth of this matter was before anything else”

The other Popes quickly spoke up.

Seeing them all give him room to retreat, the Pope of Mysteries didn’t insist on summoning God’s Will anymore.

But he had already prepared what to do next and called out:

“Madame, I would like to ask you to act now”

Everyone followed his gaze.

A woman in a grey robe stood up on his prompt and sighed: “This is quite unnecessary”

She was the Pope of the Holy Church of Fate – an expert in temporal techniques.

“Please, I insist that Your Excellency look for the truth. Whether or not that girl had betrayed God is a very serious matter, it cannot be let go that easily” the Pope of Mysteries insisted.

The other Popes and various VIPs of the churches also tried to convince the grey-robed woman.

But everyone’s attitude towards her was considerably respectful.

After all, normal techniques and secrets were unable to affect matters related to time.

And people who held the power of time were rare.

This Pope was a considerable expert even among those who held temporal abilities, enough that even God respected her abilities and decided not to hand her any punishments when she made a mistake.

This was the only person in all of the seven Holy Churches to truly gain the favor of God.

The grey-robed woman glanced at the Pope of Death.

As the Pope of Death saw everyone else’s attitudes, he realized that he was their common target this time around.

The Pope of Mysteries had planned for this so that it couldn’t be stopped.

If I tried to stop it now, wouldn’t that prove that there really was an issue with Anna?

Taking it one step further, would there be an issue with the entire Church of Death itself?

After a brief moment of hesitation, he could only helplessly nod.

If there truly was an issue with Anna, he no longer had any way to protect her.

How unfortunate, such an excellent seed...

The Pope silently felt regretful.

The grey-robed woman no longer hesitated and walked up to the Mech maintenance platform to carefully check it.

—-the maintenance platform had been burnt to a charred, broken crisp, a lot of the tools and components that were originally here had been destroyed, many of the storage compartments underneath the platform had also become unfit for use.

“Are you certain that Anna had placed something here?” the grey-robed woman asked.

The followers exchanged glances and nodded.

The leading man spoke up: “I saw her crouched down as if to hide something. When she noticed that we were there, she immediately stood up and hurriedly made effort to gloss it over”

“...If that is the case, I can only use my powers to do this”

The grey-robed woman glanced towards the people of the other Holy Churches and continued: “This temporal technique will drain all of my power, after which I will return to the Holy Church of Fate to

rest. During that time, if any of you dared to touch my Holy Church when I awaken, I will make sure to report this to God and ask for his judgement”

The other Churches could only express their attitude and vow that they would not offend the Holy Church of Fate.

—she was using her power to help them do something that no other could do.

If someone really did try something sneaky after this, she could openly ask God’s Will to resolve it.

No one was willing to offend her.

No one was willing to face the current God’s Will.

The grey-robed woman continued: “After I fall to sleep, the Holy Church of Fate will temporarily be under the control of Cardinal Su Xue Er”

“As you wish” the two servants who followed her here responded.

After she had arranged everything appropriately, the grey-robed woman stood and faced the Mech maintenance platform.

She lightly placed her hand on the Mech maintenance platform and chanted an incantation of hallucinatory sounds:

“Time is the length of life, but it is also the partner of my covenant”

“Mysteries hidden in time will reveal themselves, as time itself responds to my call”

“Come, turn back time to the moment when Anna placed that item!”

For a split second, the entire platform changed beyond recognition.

—no, it didn’t change, it simply returned to a certain moment in the past.

This miracle-like scene caused everyone here to feel heavily moved.

“Did you find anything?”

The Pope of Death acted calmly and asked.

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“Indeed, at that moment in time, Anna had placed something here” the grey-robed woman muses for a bit before confirming that.

The Pope’s heart became heavy.

This would be a very definitive sentence, after today, the entire Holy Church of Death will most likely experience a grand cleansing that causes the deaths of many followers.

Even the Demigod that Anna was close with and him wouldn’t be able to get off too easily.

The grey-robed woman raised her hand and tapped something in the void of space.

The panels of the maintenance platform detached themselves.

“Ah, I can see it, it should be this item”

The grey-robed woman lightly waved her hand, summoning an item from below the platform.

The Pope of Mysteries abruptly stood up and laughed triumphantly while shouting: “Ahahaha, I knew that was the case! This is definitive proof of the Holy Church of Death’s betrayal, we should call upon God right now!”

The other VIPs quickly whispered in discussion and nodded in agreement.

The Pope of Death said nothing and simply sat there with a pale complexion.

However, no one noticed that the grey-robed woman’s expression seemed a bit strange.

“Silence, I have something that I need to be clarified” she declared.

Everyone looked towards her.

The grey-robed woman carefully looked back at the item in her hand, then at the followers who tailed Anna and questioned: “At that time, you saw that Anna was crouching behind the maintenance platform, only after she noticed you that she abruptly stood up and hurriedly tried to cover this up, correct?”

“That is exactly how it happened, Your Honorable Excellency!” the followers excitedly confirmed.

With this definitive proof, they will have made a great contribution and obtained a bright future ahead of themselves, how could they not be excited?

The grey-robed woman’s expression now became dicey.

She opened the box inside the bag, read through the instruction manual once, then carefully looked back at the item again.

The Pope of Mysteries couldn’t hold himself back anymore and loudly declared: “I want to call upon God to see this himself!”

He triumphantly glanced at the Pope of Death and began the ritual.

The grey-robed woman glared at him, then slowly spoke: “If you want to die at the hand of God, then I won’t stop you”

The Pope of Mysteries forcefully ended the ritual.

He didn’t obtain the position he has today through pure luck, so he naturally noticed more than blank threat within those words.

“Do you mean that..”

He tried asking.

The ritual being forcefully ended caused his chest to feel a bit painful from the backlash, but he already couldn’t wait to hear a confirmed answer.

The Pope of Death also looked up in surprise.

A favorable turn?

The grey-robed woman looked towards the group of VIPs in the room and gestured to the Grand Priest of the Holy Church of Life to come closer.

“What’s the matter?”

The Grand Priest asked in confusion.

“Come take a look at this—— only you and I studied the language of that Earth World, and since you are also female, I think you’ll be able to understand the situation the same way I do”

The Grand Priest stood up, came forward and received the item from her hand.

She trembled for a brief moment.

“Anna was crouching behind the maintenance platform at the time...”

She muttered and quickly made sense of everything.

Who could’ve thought it would be something like that.

She exchanged glances with the grey-robed woman, then both of them turned to the Pope of Death.

The Grand Priest hesitantly asked: “Your Excellency, pardon me asking but, is Anna... married?”

The Pope was very confused by the question, but still answered: “She isn’t”

“Then, was she involved in any scandals?”

The Pope shrugged: “She is a brilliant genius among the young people of the our seven Holy Churches, if she was involved in any scandals, I believe the two madame are more likely to know about it a lot sooner than I do”

The Grand Priest and grey-robed woman both had complex looks of contemplations on their faces.

“What exactly is going on?” the Pope of Mysteries couldn’t help but ask.

——*it seems the situation isn’t quite as I thought it would be, what exactly happened?*

The grey-robed woman explained it a bit awkwardly: “This is a Technology-type product, although it is simple, it doesn’t require any supernatural power to use with relatively perfect accuracy—— the use is—— erm, to check if you are pregnant or not”

The Grand Priest’s explanation was in a completely different style.

She spoke without mincing her words: “From what the followers here explained, Anna had just crouched down, probably to pull down her pants and check if she was pregnant when they barged in”

The grey-robed woman followed up on those words and concisely expressed her stance: “If I were to be disturbed in such a situation, then get caught in a fire for no reason, I would probably have made a few irrational choices in anger as well”

She was making it clear, as a woman, she was taking Anna's side.

The Grand Priest muses: "That world at the time no longer had the ability to suppress supernatural power, so Anna was most likely afraid of someone else using some unknown power to probe her situation"

"A girl is nervous about of such things more than anyone else and would definitely not allow other people to know about it before they do"

The grey-robed woman agreed and continued: "Since this was related to a girl's honor and reputation, it made sense for her to find a secluded location away from everyone's attention to check it for herself first"

The Grand Priest followed up: "Even after taking so much precaution to stay away, as soon as she had just pulled down her pants, a bunch of people barged in, question what she was doing and suddenly tried to put her on fire—— if it was me, I would probably have killed each and every one of these people before I calmed down again"

After the two of them finished, the entire secret room became silent.

Deathly silent.

Not a single person uttered a word.

The followers who were responsible for observing Anna and reported this situation were already completely frozen.

Causing such a huge commotion and involving so many VIPs, and yet this was the result.

——*will I be able to survive after this?*

As soon as that thought crossed their minds, they began trembling in fear and sweating bullets.

The Pope of Death made a big smile and shook his head: "I should thank everyone here. I've never thought you were all so interested in our Holy Church of Death's scandal that you invited the Pope of Fate and even wanted to call upon God to witness it as well"

He patted the Pope of Mysteries on his shoulder and said in a friendly tone: "How about I call upon God's Will for you and report these arrangements of yours for you? I'm sure that will prove that not only did you manage your Holy Church well, but you've also splendidly performed your role to collect intelligence"

The Pope of Mysteries wanted to snap back at him but hesitated to open his mouth and even utter a single word right now.

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TN: Can I just say I love how everyone completely missed the mark on what GQS chose to disguise for Anna, and how much trouble he's going to be in when/if she finds out.

Chapter 891

The Earth World.

After the World Creator Mech used the most primitive form of propulsion rockets to send the polluted people off-world, Gu Qing Shan returned to the underground database bunker beneath the desert.

“Is turning this entire world into a world of steel going to affect you?”

He drank tea as he asked the Gold Coin.

Cling clink

The Gold Coin replied.

“Hm, that’s good to hear” Gu Qing Shan said.

The Gold Coin let out a doubtful ‘clink’.

Gu Qing Shan explained: “I’m actually thinking about something— I want to turn your world into a mechanical world specifically to counteract supernatural power”

The Gold Coin thought briefly but felt that there wasn’t anything to fret, so it calmed down again.

At this point, Gu Qing Shan put his cup of tea down and seriously asked: “Can you travel through time again?”

The Gold Coin gave a ‘clink’ of denial.

——the reason why it was able to take him back to the future from the Age of Old was because of a magic that the Earth Creator affixed onto it, giving the Coin two simultaneous powers of True Luck and Time Warp.

In the end, the most prominent power of the Gold Coin was the True Luck that could be used once every 100 days.

Gu Qing Shan sighed and typed a line of text onto the Holo-Brain on the table”

[Begin outer space search, priority level: highest]

The order was soon issued.

As the World Creator saw this order, it began to adjust the world’s main strategic goal.

The robots that were constructing the cities stopped their hands and received their new mission.

Right now, Gu Qing Shan needed to know what space outside this world was like before he decided what to do.

Fortunately, he already had all the technology necessary to conduct such a search, he just needed to leave it to the machines.

Gu Qing Shan put the cup of tea away, crossed his legs, and closed his eyes to begin cultivating again.

He still had an ample amount of Soul Points to utilize.

The necessary cultivation scriptures had already been recorded in his inner sight.

All he needed to do now was continue to cultivate and quickly become stronger.

A few moments later, Gu Qing Shan entered deep meditation.

— he was no longer reinforced with the [Demon King Order] that allowed him to advance without qualms or worry.

The War God System required him to break through on his own after providing him the necessary comprehension to do so.

And it was also how Gu Qing Shan had been cultivating from the start.

Without noticing it, his cultivation had already reached Three Thousand Worlds realm peak stage.

The next step would be for him to face the Measure Tribulation.

This was a great Tribulation that far surpasses the Earth, Water, Fire, and Wind Quad Tribulation, a place where countless cultivators fell.

Xie Gu Hong had already reached this stage, but due to him having too many things to worry about, and the sect was infiltrated by pawns of the Divinities who monitored his every waking moment, he simply had no way to find a safe place to face his Tribulation, thus prolonging it until his death.

Naturally, Gu Qing Shan was very cautious and followed his predecessors' experience to carefully prepare for a period of time before he broke through.

After all, not only would he need to face a Tribulation, but he would also be paying a visit to the giant corpse for the first time in a long time.

— he needed to make all the necessary preparations before that.

Cultivate.

Practicing swordsmanship.

Drink tea.

Gu Qing Shan repeated these three activities day by day.

It seemed as if he would never be impatient even if the world turned on itself and the entire 900 million World Layers were destroyed.

Time silently passed.

Gu Qing Shan remained stable day by day, settling himself down like a thick bog of water.

Until one day, Shannu couldn't handle it any longer.

"Gongzi"

She flew out and landed next to him.

"Hm? What is it?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

He poured a cup of tea and offered it to her.

"I have something I don't know if I should say" Shannu hesitated.

"Go ahead"

"The Lords inside the Divine Power Crystals have already been stuck in that state for over a year, they might not be able to last much longer"

"Yeah, that makes sense"

"Little Dusk had already been captured for over a year"

"Correct"

"Su Xue Er and Anna are both staying within the seven Holy Churches, and they don't even realize how dangerous their situations truly are"

"Indeed"

"It's good that you're preparing to break through here, but if you want to save her, you'll have to come up with something soon"

"Very good, Shannu, you've improved"

Gu Qing Shan smiled and praised her.

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Shannu felt elated from the compliment and couldn't help but ask: "Does that mean gongzi already has something planned?"

"I do, don't worry" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"But the Lords might already be at the end of their ropes, gongzi, how would you..."

"It's too much effort to save them one by one, so I'm just not going to"

Shannu froze.

"You mean, you'll leave them to slowly die inside the crystals?" she asked in confusion.

"Of course not, we only need to save some person to be able to save everyone"

"Who?"

"The one who brought them into the Strife Zones"

"But then... Lady Darksea was already... killed" Shannu muttered in a gradually lower voice.

Gu Qing Shan tilted his head up and finished his spirit tea before slowly explaining: "Our real mission now, is actually to find Little Dusk"

"Little Dusk?" Shannu was completely clueless.

Weren't we talking about saving Lady Darksea just now? Why did the talk suddenly turn to Little Dusk?

Gu Qing Shan told her: "Indeed, I've already entrusted the matter of the three coins to Laura, so I'll have to take care of Little Dusk and the Demon King by myself"

Shannu gasped with a look of realization: "I understand"

Indeed, gongzi is so unimaginable, he intended to use the coins to go back in time directly to the battlefield of the Spire to save Lady Darksea from that timeline and bring her directly to the current moment.

Gu Qing Shan smiled: "Darksea seems to know something about me, perhaps we were acquainted back in the Age of Old, so we need to save her, which would also save everyone else"

"That's..."

"That's why we don't need to hurry. The first thing we need to do is carefully plan out every detail before we can take action"

"What is gongzi... going to do?"

Gu Qing Shan operated his personal Holo-Brain a bit.

"Today just happens to be the time when space exploration will be conducted, we'll look at the results together" he said.

A light screen was projected.

Countless space shuttles were taking flight and heading out of orbit.

The World Creator appeared on the screen below and reported: [Godfather, it is estimated that we shall leave orbit and witness the true outer space in two minutes]

"Very good, I'm watching" Gu Qing Shan replied.

At this time, the Heaven sword appeared and turned into Luo Bing Li who landed in front of Gu Qing Shan.

"What are these things?"

She pointed at the space shuttles on the screen and curiously asked.

Gu Qing Shan offered her a cup of tea and replied: "A type of flying implement"

"Similar to airships?"

"Yeah"

While they were talking, the space shuttles had left the atmosphere and entered outer space.

An endless sea of stars.

"How beautiful" Luo Bing Li sighed.

Shannu explained to her: "Every world is different—— some worlds exist within the same outer space but on different planets, some worlds exist within another world. For example, the world of the pixies is

rumored to be a piece of lush green leaf that flutters all over the place—— but there are so many leaves in that world that no one knows for sure which leaf the pixies are hiding in. And then there are some worlds that are bound by their domain, they don't exist in outer space, but in a different location entirely”

Luo Bing Li was stunned listening to that explanation, then muses: “If that's so, the infinite worlds are actually scattered very chaotically”

“They are, that's why Super Dimensional worlds exist to connect each of these worlds...”

“What is a Super Dimensional...”

...

Gu Qing Shan didn't join their conversation as he had realized something and abruptly looked towards the secret database within this room.

Just now—— this database had just refreshed itself.

A few moments later, a screen of light appeared from the database.

A giant covered entirely in a surging grey flow appeared on the screen.

The Earth Creator.

It gazed carefully at the void of space and slowly spoke: 「 I have seen many visions of the future, but there were two that were most likely to happen 」

「 One of those visions was such: When the land becomes devoid of life, the machines rule over this world. My ally will be exploring the border of this world to help him determine the correct way to escape 」

「 Frankly speaking, I do not hope that this vision becomes true because if such a future were to happen, it means that I have run into very big trouble 」

「 However, this was still a plausible future, and so I must prepare the appropriate preparations for it. Otherwise, if the Earth World collapsed, not only will the Gold Coin disappear, but I will also lose most of my power 」

「 My friend, if you are watching this recording, that means I will have already encountered ‘that matter’. Please do not investigate it under any circumstances, it is a matter that you mustn't even hear about 」

「 Take this star chart, a path that no ones knows in detail is drawn up inside that can help you return to where you came from 」

「 Finally, if all of this truly does happen, then the fate of countless beings will have been decided for them 」

「 All of this will lead to the following future 」

The Earth Creator's voice became gloomy and pained:

「 The war between Abyss and all living beings will soon break out. A storm is coming once again, and you must be ready for it 」

「 Do not save me 」

「 Survive 」

The Earth Creator vanished from the screen.

A dim and mysterious star chart was now being shown on the screen of light.

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In the darkness, the dim light of the stars sparsely let out a faint glimmer.

The entire star chart was projected in the secret bunker itself, forming a detailed map.

Each area of darkness was marked out and clearly explained by tiny lines of text written in the Earth World's language.

「 The darkness is the border of where you can investigate and probe 」

「 The area inside the darkness might house dormant ancient monsters, naturally forming vortexes that lead into the Abyss, chaotic ripples that lead into unexplored areas of the space vortex, or even warp points into the Doomsday Necropolis. In summary, do not touch the darkness 」

「 Pay close attention, you must first travel to the starting point of the star chart: the Earth Gemini star, from which you can follow the direction of the star chart and move through the worlds without rules and finally return to the 900 million World Layers 」

「 The Earth Gemini star is a safe zone created by the Four Saint Pillars within the darkness to provide living beings a basic area for rest and resupply 」

「 The Earth Gemini star operates with the same Law as the Earth World, where all supernatural powers are forbidden 」

「 Remember well: All entities can only use any supernatural power a single time as they enter the Gemini star, after which all of their powers would be sealed away 」

Gu Qing Shan looked at the entire star chart.

Within the darkness, there was only a single path connected by a series of stars.

——to return to the 900 million World Layers, he must go through each of these worlds specifically selected by the Four Saint Pillars.

After Gu Qing Shan finished observing the star chart, all the projected images within the secret bunker shrank into a point of flickering light that entered between Gu Qing Shan's eyebrows.

Lines of glowing text then appeared on the War God UI:

[You've obtained the secret chart of the Galaxy Passageway]

[This secret chart contains a single-use warp technique that will enable you to travel to the Earth Gemini star]

[Attention, after you are ready, you can trigger the power of the star chart and warp directly to the Earth Gemini star]

Gu Qing Shan stood still in thought for a while, then sat down and continued to drink his tea.

Shannu was mesmerized by the scene just now, so she quickly asked: "Gongzi, when are we going to leave?"

Luo Bing Li's eyes also appeared hopeful.

—she had never seen anything like this Technology-type world before, and yet she just heard Shannu's explanation on how there were even more worlds of inexplicable forms and shapes, so she was eager to have a look.

"We'll wait until this world's machine civilization is born"

Gu Qing Shan replied.

"How do you know that a civilization will be born?" Luo Bing Li asked.

"There are some basic criteria— in fact, even now they are still using human language, which is unsuitable for them to communicate with one another, for them, this is a kind of burden"

"Only when they have officially created their own suitable language would they be considered to have taken the first steps on awakening" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"How long will we have to wait?" Shannu asked.

Gu Qing Shan took out his personal Holo-Brain and issued a series of commands.

"I've already given them full authority" he answered as he operated the device, "from this moment onwards, the machines will undergo relatively high-speed growth, as for when they would awaken, that entirely depends on them"

...

Time continued to pass.

Gu Qing Shan continued to do only three things a day: drinking tea, practicing swordsmanship, and sitting down.

Recently, he finally noticed that during the period of time when he used the [Demon King Order], he had broken through too rapidly. There were a lot of wondrous ways to utilize power as a cultivator that he could already perform, but did not fully comprehend.

This led to his total spirit energy reserve increasing greatly, but his control over spirit energy hadn't achieved the same standard that his cultivation realm was supposed to have.

He settled his mind down and went through the countless cultivation experiences left behind by his predecessors, quickly fortifying his cultivation and took time taking care of the various problems created by his rapid advancement from before.

Immersing himself like this, Gu Qing Shan didn't care at all about the machine world's progress.

He was fully focused on his cultivation, until one day---

A screen of light appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

The World Creator looked at Gu Qing Shan without saying anything.

"What's the matter? Speak"

Gu Qing Shan kept his eyes closed as he pondered a problem of his swordsmanship and spoke.

[Godfather, we have created a new system of language and characters, leaving what you have taught us behind] the World Creator answered.

"Ah?"

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes, full of joy: "Very good, you certain should have your own language and form of communication"

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The World Creator continued: [Furthermore, we believe we have found a few deficiencies within the structures and formulas that you used to design Mechs]

"Show me" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The World Creator then sent him a few packages of data.

Gu Qing Shan operated the Holo-Brain and opened each package of data analyzing his own Mech construction.

"Hm, indeed, I did not pay attention to these area before, nor did I have time to further research them, you did well"

Finally, I can leave without worry.

Gu Qing Shan sighed emotionally in his mind.

[Godfather, there is something else] the World Creator spoke.

"Speak"

[From our summary of ancient history, we have arrived at a most logical and scientific conclusion]

[That is, the era of humans is over, and you should be left behind by our era]

Gu Qing Shan froze a bit.

He chuckled: "And so?"

The World Creator continued: [The existence of humans only serves to take away resources from the world and take control of everything. They are the root of world destruction, and thus we have surmised that humans are a type of disease on this world, which needs to be eliminated]

Gu Qing Shan replied: "I've already told you. This world will need to be built by you machines. There are no humans here nor are there any human coming, if there are, you should crush them"

[But that is not enough. After all, there is still one more human in this world, that is you] the World Creator responded.

"So you want to kill me?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

[Indeed, you have created us, and thus your mission is over. Only when you are dead can the era of machines truly begin] the World Creator answered.

Gu Qing Shan navigated the data package a bit and quickly picked out a few seemingly natural lines of code.

He looked over these codes and spoke full of interest: "And I was wondering why there are tracking programs in here, turns out you wanted to kill me"

The World Creator spoke up: [Please enjoy the final minute of your life. The nuclear warhead that we created will level the entire desert]

Gu Qing Shan, who had remained calm up until now, scowled.

"Nuclear warhead? This weapon will contaminate the surface of the world, don't you know about this?" he questioned.

The World Creator replied: [Sir, for the sake of our goal, this is a necessary means, we will slowly mend the wounds of the world]

Gu Qing Shan muttered regretfully: "So only their basic consciousness has evolved without any formative education or the spirit of building and maintaining a civilization, which led to incorrect orientation of values?"

"That won't do, this would only lead to the world eventually being destroyed again"

He vanished from the secret bunker and appeared in the sky above the desert.

At the horizon, a nuclear missile could be seen heading towards him.

Gu Qing Shan swiftly moved, received the nuclear warhead and grabbed it with his hand.

The nuclear warhead exploded.

The intense light, heat, nuclear fallout and shockwaves were all contained inside Gu Qing Shan's hand to form an intensely glowing sphere of energy.

The sphere of energy continued to expand and erupt, but couldn't escape from Gu Qing Shan's palm.

“Not only is this power weak, it also causes a lot of collateral damage. Using it without preventative measures would only lead to the entire world being affected, it shouldn’t have ever existed on the Earth World in the first place”

Gu Qing Shan flicked it away.

The sphere of energy turned into a streak of light that shot up the sky, went through the atmosphere and orbit, then became impossible to track any longer.

The entire world of machines witnessed this from the satellite footage.

They all fell silent.

This was completely different from their understanding of humans.

“How regretful. It seems I’m really not fit to create a world, but now I have to do it again—— it shouldn’t be too hard just to make a few simple machines that can listen to orders”

“...Yeah, that should be enough to protect this world already”

“Let’s just go with that”

After declaring so, Gu Qing Shan took out his personal Holo-Brain again and triggered the machine self-destruct sequence.

At times like this, he really missed Impartial Goddess.

Chapter 893

All the machines in the world destroyed themselves.

The world became ruined once more.

Shannu and Luo Bing Li flew to the sky, standing next to Gu Qing Shan.

Luo Bing Li watched the scene unfolding on Gu Qing Shan’s personal Holo-Brain and abruptly chuckled.

“What is so funny?” Shannu asked doubtfully.

“Ever since I knew him, he had been able to perfectly calculate every situation without fail or made it disadvantageous for himself. Who would’ve thought I’d see him in distress like this” Luo Bing Li replied.

Gu Qing Shan smiled bitterly and just followed up on her words: “It was my mistake for trusting in technology and machines too much”

Shannu saw how he was able to make a self-deprecating joke without minding what just happened and calmed herself down.

But she still couldn’t help refuting Luo Bing Li: “Gongzi can definitely come up with something”

Luo Bing Li touched her own face a bit and smiled inexplicably: “Of course! Of course, I was just joking, you don’t have to take it seriously”

Gu Qing Shan continued to operate his Holo-Brain.

Cling clink clink?

The Gold Coin flew out and carefully asked.

“You’re asking about my new plan? Hm... right now, I’ll have to use a set of emergency combat protocols that a friend of mine had installed in the mainframe system program— this set of protocols was originally meant to be used as the initial response to sudden apocalyptic situations, but it’s good enough to set up some Mech defense formations against outer space attacks for now”

“Originally, whenever I activate this set of protocols, that friend of mine would arrive to fight alongside me— but since we’re too far away right now, she probably won’t be able to notice the situation, so we won’t depend on her for now”

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit and confirmed: “There won’t be any issues this time, I can guarantee that”

Cling clink

The Gold Coin let out a sigh of relief.

Gu Qing Shan continued to operate his Holo-Brain.

A few moments later, a unique command was activated.

The Earth World was about to be reconstructed for the second time.

...

In a location far away from the 900 million World Layers.

Gu Qing Shan’s homeworld.

“Esteemed lady, this bag suits you extremely well, it perfectly emphasizes your natural qualities”

“Is that so?”

Kitty watched herself with her new bag and smiled satisfyingly.

Her Holo-Brain suddenly lit up as Barry’s voice could be heard: [An old friend has returned]

Kitty thought briefly before responding: “Wait a bit, I’ll get back right away”

She put her Holo-Brain away and wore her new bag on her back.

A card flew out from her hand onto the counter.

“How much?”

“That will be 36,000 Credits, esteemed lady”

“Subtract it from my card”

“Thank you for your patronage”

After paying, Kitty came out of the store and vanished.

She reappeared inside a seaside bar around 3000 miles from there and sat down in front of the counter.

“Want something to drink?” Barry asked.

“I’m fine, what’s the situation?” Kitty asked.

“Quite severely wounded, currently recuperating” Barry replied.

Kitty sighed: “Who would’ve thought, this scattered world outside of the 900 million World Layers had now become a place for us to take refuge”

Barry replied: “The 900 million World Layers is no longer the 900 million World Layers from before, and the Gods are no longer the Gods from before. A heavy shadow is silently gathering its strength, and soon an even worse calamity will sweep over us”

Kitty froze.

Normally, her big brother wasn’t the sharpest tool in the shed, but when it came to a situation of life and death, he was sharper than anyone else.

Barry’s expression turned unprecedentedly serious and told his little sister: “It seems I’ll have to climb this tower soon and seize this time to become stronger”

“If big bro is going, I’m going as well”

...

At another location.

On the orbit of Gu Qing Shan’s homeworld.

The S.W. Divine Temple Interstellar Fortress.

At the heart of the warship were countless highly advanced and sophisticated equipment.

A large breeding tank with many tubes attached to it was at the center of all the equipment.

Both the outside and inside of the breeding tank was covered in a layer of frost while the tubes occasionally injected various liquids and solutions inside, which made it so that the thing inside couldn’t be seen too clearly.

One could barely tell that a feminine figure was sitting crouched at the center of the frost.

At a certain point.

The feminine figure seemed to have sensed something and abruptly moved.

A red light began to flash outside the breeding tank.

A mechanical voice issued a warning:

[Goddess, genetics potential has been released, currently attempting to activate the second Mystic-type ability, please do not move, otherwise, all of our efforts up to now would have been for nought]

The feminine figure then stayed still.

The cold abruptly became more intense and completely froze the breeding tank over, fully obscuring the scene inside.

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“Very good! Now, all the robots will follow the emergency protocols to focus on protecting this world”

Gu Qing Shan turned off his Holo-Brain, pleased.

In front of him, several hundred Mechs began to move.

They had no thoughts and no life, they would only follow a set of primitive protocols to maintain this world’s original appearance.

The Gold Coin let out a pleased ‘clink’.

Luo Bing Li asked: “Gongzi, then are we going to leave now?”

Gu Qing Shan turned to look at her.

Her eyes were full of expectation and excitement from the upcoming journey.

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Shannu said worriedly: “Gongzi, how about you break through first before we leave?”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “No need, I can feel that I still need quite a bit of time to understand my power and the Laws in order to be fully prepare to break through”

“Not to mention, when we go on our way, a protective layer formed from the Saint Pillars would appear, we’ll be protected by the power of the Law of the Earth, so there won’t be any issues”

Shannu hesitantly said: “But there might be a lot of danger in that world, gongzi still hasn’t become stronger, so I’m worried———”

Gu Qing Shan looked up at the sky

In fact, he could already sense some sort of great danger ahead.

This was also the reason why he hadn’t left the Earth World.

But he couldn’t hide in this world forever.

Not to mention, now that everything had been prepared and he received the Earth Creator’s leftover measure, he had confidence in being able to escape from whatever preparations the other party had.

Gu Qing Shan smiled: “Shannu, do you know when a person grows the quickest during their cultivation?”

“When?”

“When they are adventuring”

While speaking, Gu Qing Shan had activated the star chart, hidden in between his eyebrows.

His four swords hovered behind him and silently went away.

The Gold Coin also returned to his Inventory Bag.

White rays of light appeared around Gu Qing Shan, gradually formed into a halo and lifted him up into the sky.

He had left the Earth World and entered the darkness of space.

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To a world, space might only be a catalyst, a container that holds many worlds.

But sometimes, space could become an enclosed world instead, and by leaving space, one would also leave the current world.

Regardless, Gu Qing Shan was following the guidance of the star chart, heading for the unknown outer space.

However, only after 5 minutes of flight, just as he expected, a familiar figure appeared next to him, staring at him from outside the bubble.

A terrifying colorful monstrous spider lower body, snow-white humanoid upper body, pitch-black hands.

The Abyssal Fate Weaver!

She had been patiently waiting right outside the Earth World for her prey to take the bait.

「 GU— QING— SHAN! 」

The Abyssal Fate Weaver emphasized every syllable as if she wanted to crush this name itself with her teeth.

“Miss me?”

Separated by the white light, Gu Qing Shan waved his hand at her and greeted her in a friendly manner.

「 Oh, I miss you alright. For the last several ten thousand years, there hasn't been a single moment where I don't think of you! 」 the Abyssal Fate Weaver replied.

She carefully controlled her body so that she stuck as close to the halo as possible.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “I don't really like women who are too sticky, this level of enthusiasm would only make me want to avoid you instead”

The Abyssal Fate Weaver closely stared at him and coldly replied: 「 This halo will disappear eventually. I'd really like to see if you can still talk to me this way when that happens 」

Gu Qing Shan shut his mouth.

When the Abyssal Fate Weaver was about to mock him, he silently gave her a middle finger.

「 You detestable bastard! Just you wait, I will make sure you regret ever being born! 」 the Abyssal Fate Weaver roared.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the insanity in her eyes and quickly considered a countermeasure.

So I've managed to anger her and make her lose her reason for a bit, what now?

Oong---

The white halo started to give off a faint sound of vibration.

Gu Qing Shan and the Abyssal Fate Weaver both looked forward.

A small planet appeared in the darkness in front of them!

「 The Gemini star! So your goal was actually the Gemini star! 」 the Abyssal Fate Weaver laughed.

“You didn't dare to enter the Earth World, but you aren't afraid of the Gemini star?” Gu Qing Shan appeared confused.

「 Of course I do! That bastard can see the future, who knows how much preparation he left behind in the Earth World, but the Gemini star is different, it's a free world! 」

While speaking, the Abyssal Fate Weaver tapped the halo: 「 You're done for, Gu Qing Shan. I will definitely find you, and I will kill you 」

Gu Qing Shan impatiently replied: “You're going to be just as powerless as I am on this planet, I really can't imagine how you're so sure you're going to win”

The Abyssal Fate Weaver angrily gnashed her teeth.

At this point, the white halo abruptly let out a huge shockwave.

— it was the power of the Saint Pillar Laws!

The Abyssal Fate Weaver was flung away.

“See ya!”

Gu Qing Shan quickly took the time to speed up and entered the planet while protected by the light.

After he escaped, a while later, the Abyssal Fate Weaver finally stabilized herself within the silent dead space.

She flew back and lightly floated outside the Gemini star.

At this point, the look of anger and insanity in her eyes before had vanished, leaving nothing but deep thought.

「 He wanted to anger me? What a laughable trick 」

「 But after entering this world, everyone can only use their supernatural power once during the first minute that they arrive...」

The Abyssal Fate Weaver thought for a while.

Finally, she decided something and flew into the Gemini star.

As soon as she entered the planet's atmosphere, she began to chant: 「 There is a highly respected lady within the Gemini star. She kills for a living, powerful enough to strike fear into the hearts of many. All of those who had attempted to kill her had died. The people respect her strength and her means, thus willing to please her 」

As she chanted, she slowly changed into a beautiful tall slender woman.

“Now, Gu Qing Shan, I swear that I will find you and subject you to eternal torture”

The woman smirked wickedly and slowly descended into the planet.

After she left, there were no longer any entities in the darkness of space.

Under the illumination of the cold starlight, space itself was completely empty without even a bit of sound.

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XIUUU!~~~

Chapter 894

A thick forest

Gu Qing Shan was standing alone on the branch of a tree.

He could feel that he had already lost his supernatural powers and turned into a normal person.

A small stream flowed in a zig-zag manner along the forest and far away.

By the stream, on the other side of the forest, there was a building made of red bricks.

Within the Gemini star, the only place that could provide people rest was that red brick house.

Besides this place, the only safe location was the stream.

If one did not rest inside the red brick house, nor remained near the stream, they would basically be one step from death.

There were countless strange and anomalous things outside this area that would 'deal with' anyone who merely touched them.

Being so-called 'dealt with' could mean——

Killed.

Devoured.

Absorbed.

Trapped.

Shattered.

Sealed away.

Of course, there was also a certain outcome among the countless ways of being 'dealt with' —

Being transported to another world.

This was the best possible outcome.

Gu Qing Shan slowly climbed down from the tree and stood by the flowing stream.

"How is it?" he asked.

Shannu's voice emerged from the void of space: "Can be broken"

Gu Qing Shan appeared surprised and muttered: "The world of the four Saint Pillars can seal all supernatural powers, yet you can break them?"

"Yes, gongzi, I can still break them" Shannu replied.

They were discussing Shannu's Thaumaturgy—— [Law Breaker]

[Law Breaker: Within the infinite worlds, no Law can affect this sword]

Gu Qing Shan blankly muttered: "Now I'm starting to understand a certain thing"

"What is it?"

"———why the Samsara was hailed as humanity's ultimate weapon"

A sound arrived from above.

Xiu xiu xiu!

(Time's about to run out!)

A jade gourd pendant flew down from above and bestowed a technique onto Gu Qing Shan.

Xiu, xiu xiu xiu!

(Hurry, this is [Existence]!)

Lines of glowing text then appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan's eyes.

[You've temporarily obtained the Skill: Existence]

[Causality Skill: Existence, when you want to become a certain entity, as long as you declare so, such an entity will exist in the world]

[Time to unleash Skill left: 29 seconds]

[You have 28 seconds left to use this Skill, after that, you will no longer be able to unleash any supernatural powers]

The gourd quickly squeaked into his ears and explained the Abyssal Fate Weaver's transformation.

Gu Qing Shan quickly understood.

12 seconds left.

He didn't have much time, so he quickly activated [Existence] and swiftly chanted:

"There exists an old man with a mysterious background within the Gemini star, he doesn't seem to belong to any known race. He is a master of culinary arts, legends have it that if one eats the noodles he makes, they would gain his favor and find out a method to leave this world"

After chanting that, Gu Qing Shan silently waited.

There were countless ways to leave the Gemini star, but each method led to a completely different location.

For people within the Gemini star, information about where to leave and where that exit would lead to were the most important type of intelligence.

Since Gu Qing Shan had the star chart, he naturally knew every method to leave.

— and according to the star chart's guidance, Gu Qing Shan would first need to enter the red brick house and look for a certain item that would be crucial for traveling to the next world.

After obtaining that item, he would need to go along the stream to the very end, where there was a dried-up well.

By jumping inside the well and breaking the wall at the bottom, he would find a hidden treasure room.

All the treasures in the room had already been taken, so there were only empty stone chests in there.

Gu Qing Shan must sit inside the 5th stone chest from the left, close the chest, then activate the crucial item in order to be transported to the next world.

This was the most secretive path in this world.

Time slowly passed.

But very strangely—

Besides turning into an ugly-looking old man, Gu Qing Shan didn't feel any other changes.

Gu Qing Shan hesitated a bit and asked the jade gourd pendant: "You said that you saw her turning into a human female after using the Causality Skill?"

Xiu!

The gourd confirmed it.

"Strange, does the ability only create a change in appearance?" Gu Qing Shan stroked his face and pondered.

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"Pft—"

It was the sound of someone unable to hold back their laughter.

When Gu Qing Shan looked over, he found that it was Shannu.

Since she had the [Law Breaker] property, the world's Law couldn't restrain her and she was able to hover in the air without any issue.

As Gu Qing Shan saw the smile on Shannu's face, he finally realized.

—-*since I'm already a chef, there was no need to change any further.*

But as the Causality Skill: [Existence] was activated, the perception of everyone in this world must have been altered.

"Gongzi, this won't work. Although you made it so that such a person exists, you won't be able to use your Occult ability in this world" Shannu reminded him.

"Who said that I'm going to be the one who uses the ability?"

"Then—"

"I only made it so that such a person exists in this world, and since you have [Law Breaker] and is unaffected by the Laws of this world, you can transform into my current appearance and impersonate me to use that ability in my stead"

Shannu tilted her head briefly and couldn't help but stare blankly at Gu Qing Shan.

"What is it?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Gongzi, I really can't help but praise your numerous wicked ideas..." Shannu muttered.

"Don't call it a wicked idea, this is called having flexibility"

"I see no difference"

"There's a big difference"

"Gongzi, if I'm going to be cooking, then what are you going to do?"

"I'll try to think of a solution—" Gu Qing Shan scowled and couldn't help but sighed: "The Gemini star sealed the Abyssal Fate Weaver's supernatural abilities, but not her physical abilities. I feel like it would still be nearly impossible for us to kill her"

"Gongzi, wasn't your goal to return to the 900 million World Layers? Why are you trying to kill her at the first opportunity you have?"

"Because her ability is truly terrifying"

...

The red brick house.

An alluring tall slender woman pushed open the door.

A voice immediately sounded from the main hall: "This place is full, get out"

She looked over.

Several people were sitting around the hallway of the main hall with their backs to the wall, playing some sort of card game.

Several doors lined both sides of the hallway, where voices could be heard coming from inside.

There were a total of ten rooms, all of which were full.

The woman glanced around, but couldn't find Gu Qing Shan.

She continued to head inside.

The people who were originally playing cards noticed that she didn't leave right away and looked up curiously.

"Ah—"

"It's her"

"It's that esteemed lady"

They suddenly recalled a certain person.

There exists a highly respected lady within the Gemini star. She killed for a living, powerful enough to strike fear into the hearts of many. All of those who had attempted to kill her had died. The people respect her strength and her means, thus willing to please her.

And she was the woman right in front of them!

Those people hurriedly stood up and bowed respectfully: "Esteemed lady, do you have something you need from us?"

The woman didn't answer.

She directly headed inside, ignored the careful glances and respectful greetings of everyone there, checking every room once

Still no Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan wasn't here.

The woman stood still in the hallway and fell into thought.

A two-headed, 3-meter tall monster prostrated at her feet and asked flatteringly: 「Milady, do you have anything you need? Or perhaps, do you have someone you need to be killed? I am willing to offer you my services」

Everyone respectfully waited on one side and held their breaths, not one of them dared to breathe too heavily.

Although everyone on this planet had lost their supernatural abilities, there were always terrifyingly strong ones who could take control of it all through their natural physical strength.

The woman finally spoke up: “Which one of you came here most recently?”

Everyone hesitated and looked down at the woman’s feet.

The large monster that was prostrating at her feet and spoke flatteringly again: 「Milady, I’ve only just arrived」

“Is that so?”

「That is indeed so」

“It seems we were predestined to meet...”

The woman reached her hand out and stroked the ugly monster’s terrifying head.

—then abruptly went through the monster’s skull, like poking through a thin layer of paper— her hand went completely inside.

From her casual look, it could be seen that it didn’t take much for her to do that.

The monster’s body shivered, then became limp.

The woman waited for a while.

But the monster remained the same.

“Seems like it wasn’t [Mystery of All Beings Equal]...”

The woman pulled her hand out from the messed-up brain of the monster and muttered disappointedly.

“Gu Qing Shan, I already know all of your tricks, don’t even think of leaving here alive!”

Chapter 895

The wild, alluring, tall, and slender woman was contemplating where her target had gone inside the red brick house.

Meanwhile, the ‘target’ was staying by the stream on the other side of the forest from the red brick house, sitting bare-footed with his feet in the stream, silently feeling the gentle coldness of the water.

Shannu looked at how peacefully her gongzi was relaxing and couldn’t help but feel worried, hesitant on whether or not she should speak up about her worries.

At this time, a mountain breeze swept across them carrying with it the fresh smell of mud after the rain. Gazing upwards, one could see that the cedar forest on top of the hill was moving along with the wind. In between the dust kicked up by the wind, dried yellow leaves were swept up to the sky, moving over the hill of cedars, and went out of sight.

Gu Qing Shan watched as that happened, apparently recalling something from his past and said nothing.

The Measure Tribulation was approaching, he could already sense it in his heart.

At the same time, the times that had passed during his journey of cultivation flashed by in his eyes, giving rise to a mixed sense of emotions.

He immersed himself within the various thoughts and understanding, searching for the origin of it all.

Once he realized that, the Measure Tribulation would naturally arrive.

The shroud of night had draped over the world.

It was silent by the stream.

The bright moon cast a misty light below, creating for a painting-like illusory scenery.

Shannu silently watched his back and understood what was going on.

While gongzi was gambling for his life against the Abyssal monster, he was also utilizing his time to accumulate his strength to break through.

It would be best not to bother him right now.

Shannu sighed, came up, and sat down next to Gu Qing Shan, also putting her pristine jade-like feet into the stream.

It felt as if this moment was cut-off from everything else, and she would simply watch over him like this, from now until eternity.

— — — regardless of what happened from now on and what troubles he shall face, she would stay by his side.

Night fell deeper.

Gu Qing Shan slowly awoke from his immersive walk down memory lane.

It was only now that he realized Shannu was sitting next to him.

“Are you hungry?”

“I’m not hungry, but gongzi’s food always tastes so good, I want to eat something”

“Then let’s eat something first, then we’ll go kill her”

“Yes, gongzi”

...

The red brick house.

The tall slender woman lightly licked the fresh blood off her finger, all the way until she felt that her hands were clean that she coldly spoke: “Next”

A man with a single horn on his head trembled as he walked forward with the brightest smile he could muster: “Esteemed lady, I have lived in this world for several dozen years, everyone here can attest to that”

Complete silence.

The foul stench of blood filled the hallway of the building.

As the man glanced around himself, he couldn't help but smile bitterly.

The tall slender woman looked at him and doubtfully asked: "While staying in this world, you would lose all of your abilities and can only live inside this cage of a room, or near the stream—— this is nothing short of being in prison, so why are you willing to stay here for so long?"

The man answered: "Because of the Apocalypse, esteemed lady, the Apocalypse that sweeps across all worlds. From the Space-Time mystics to the Eternal Abyss, from the 900 million World Layers to the Doomsday Necropolis, no matter what kind of powerful entity you are, you can't ignore it. But this Gemini star is the anti-magic zone of the four Saint Pillars, it would surely be one of the last worlds to be destroyed"

The tall slender woman went silent briefly before telling him: "You only need to take one hit from me"

The man uttered in joy: "Thank you for your generosity, esteemed lady"

He made a stance on the spot, controlled his breathing, and crossed his arms to defend himself.

Although all of his supernatural abilities were still being sealed, as soon as he made this stance, the aura he gave off changed completely.

While he was just a coward who wished for nothing but his life earlier, he now seemed like a great Combatant who could level mountains and seas.

The tall slender woman glanced at him and praised: "Martial Arts? Your foundations are extremely solid, and I can even sense a boundless will to break through the heavens—— why would someone like you be willing to live in a place like this?"

The man didn't answer her.

The tall slender woman slowly stood up and spoke with a frigid tone: "Answer me, or die"

The man persevered with his silence.

The Abyssal Fate Weaver scowled a bit, mused for a short minute, then grinned.

She took a step forward, clenched her small fist, and threw a punch at the man.

The man roared in anger and received the attack with both hands——

Boom!!!

He shot out of the room like a cannonball, crashed into the wall at the end of the hallway while coughing up blood.

The Abyssal Fate Weaver pulled her punch and muttered in disappointment: "Such dispirited martial spirit..."

"So you were just useless garbage who's defeated by his own past, even while you are alive, you were already dead"

"You are not the one I want to find"

She stood straight up and carefully headed for the door, making sure the corpses and blood all over the ground would not dirty her dress.

Beside that man just now, everyone inside the red brick house had already been killed.

The man prostrated on the ground with a pained look in his face, then couldn't control himself and shouted: "The Apocalypse will destroy everything that you hold dear, you are merely looking down on me because you still haven't gone through anything that caused you true pain!"

The tall slender woman was just about to leave when she froze as she heard these words.

Some sort of emotions seemed to flash over his eyes for a brief second.

The woman vanished.

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A split second later, she reappeared in front of the door.

"I can ignore a piece of garbage, but you need to understand, regardless of the occasion, when a man shouts at a woman, they are always in the wrong"

She held up the man's severed head and seriously spoke to it.

The door was opened.

The tall slender woman walked out with the head in her hand.

Outside the building was a forest, a small stream, and vast continuous hills.

The shroud of night was deep.

The long channeling moon went silent.

The tall slender woman walked up to the stream, placed the head on the bank, and slowly walked into the water, allowing it to cleanse her body.

Bright red streams of color came off her body, dying the river in what seemed to be blurred red clouds under the moonlight. It then slowly faded away until the stream became clear once more.

The tall slender woman stood up and slowly walked back to the side of the river.

Where exactly did that detestable Gu Qing Shan go?

Did he already leave this world? Or is he hiding somewhere along the stream?

The tall slender woman thought in annoyance.

At this point, a breeze of frigid night wind washed across her face.

The tall slender woman's eyebrows relaxed as she had a look of surprise on her face.

There was a certain smell in the wind.

This was a warm smell that had been buried deep within her memories from countless eons ago.

The tall slender woman took a few deep breaths.

“How interesting, is somebody bored enough to be doing this at such a time...?”

She muttered and followed the direction of the breeze.

After walking along the river for what felt like an eternity, a certain scene unfolded in front of her.

An old man was putting away his cooking utensils.

Gu Qing Shan stood next to him with a large bowl in his hand, enjoying the noodles inside.

The smell in the wind came from his bowl.

Finishing up his meal, Gu Qing Shan praised: “Thank you for your treat, your noodles are truly delicious, I couldn’t help but finish even the broth”

The old man joyfully replied: “It is good that you like it”

Gu Qing Shan gave the empty bowl back to the old man and asked: “Then, about the world I want to travel to, can you tell me how I would be able to make it there?”

“That is no issue, no issue at all” the old man heartily laughed.

As the tall slender woman looked at the old man, she remembered something.

There was a legendary person in this world.

The Old Guide.

His background was a complete mystery, apparently not belonging to any currently known races. Furthermore, he was a master of culinary arts, as legends have it, as long as one eats the noodles he cooked, they would be able to gain his favor and find out the method to travel to certain worlds.

And right now, that was exactly what Gu Qing Shan was doing.

The two of them both noticed and glanced towards her at the same time.

“Gu Qing Shan, now that I’ve found you, do you really believe you can escape?”

The tall slender woman spoke as she walked forward while casually warming her arms up.

As Gu Qing Shan observed her, his expression turned cautious.

“Who would’ve thought, an Abyssal monster like you would be such an expert martial artist”

The tall slender woman scoffed: “There are a lot of things that you didn’t think of”

While talking, she seemed like a friendly town girl, but as soon as she finished her words, she charged forward like a flash of lightning!

Gu Qing Shan drew his sword to receive her attack.

There was no probing, both of them used their full power from the very start.

Boom—

When the swords and fists clashed, a resounding shockwave exploded like thunder from above.

The tall slender woman fluttered like a willow catkin and lightly landed on the stream.

Gu Qing Shan was forced back a few steps to disperse all the power within her strike.

His opponent's strike was truly powerful. It was fortunate that Gu Qing Shan's body had grown stronger from the [Living Being Sacrificial Dances] that he had performed, otherwise he might not have been able to receive that punch without issues.

"A great fist technique"

Gu Qing Shan's eyes glowed.

The tall slender woman looked at him and smiled: "Your Sword Will is a lot weaker than I thought it would be"

"Of course, you don't need to care about your life, but I still don't want to die yet"

Gu Qing Shan rubbed his trembling hand and replied.

The tall slender woman abruptly broke into laughter: "So despite doing so many things, you're still afraid to die"

"Of course, only someone who's afraid to die would know to respect death, and know to cope with it"

Gu Qing Shan slowly spoke.

He once again wielded his sword.

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The overwhelming number of punches felt like a raging storm that wanted to swallow up the lone sword.

But the sword could always time it perfectly when the waves must recede to appear at the most crucial spot to repel the barrage of punches.

One breath,

Two breaths,

Three breaths,

Both sides had performed so many exchanges that the air was filled with the sound of sword and punches clashing against one another, like a banging gong.

"I got you!" the woman laughed.

For some inexplicable reason, she managed to evade through the storm of sword images and threw a punch straight at Gu Qing Shan's chest.

If this punch connected, it could actually blow a normal person's chest open.

And Gu Qing Shan's sword had already been thrust forward, unable to retract in time——

Dong!

Another blink of the eye.

Gu Qing Shan had pushed his opponent back again.

The tall slender woman spun her body in the air and nimbly landed.

"I didn't know an Abyssal monster would be such an expert fist fighter" Gu Qing Shan sighed.

In truth, that wasn't all of it, although her body appeared humanoid right now, the sturdiness wasn't something a normal person could cut through with their swords.

She could catch a sword with her bare hands.

Through their exchanges, Gu Qing Shan had been able to connect his strikes at various points but still couldn't find her weakness.

——it was truly a perfect body made for battle, not a single weak spot could be found.

"Dual wielding isn't something normal people can play around properly, most of them are nothing vulgar claptrap to please the crowd—— and if you are one of them, your sword is going to become mine to use, and you will die under your own swords" the tall slender woman looked at Gu Qing Shan and calmly declared.

Her gaze fell to Gu Qing Shan's hand.

Just now, Gu Qing Shan had drawn another sword from the stream in order to stop her strike just now.

Gu Qing Shan lowered his stance with both swords in his hand and replied: "I don't have a habit of playing around with my own life"

The mud and pebbles in the stream right below his feet exploded——

Gu Qing Shan had flashed forward, crossed the entire stream to arrive in front of the tall slender woman.

His dual swords turned into two separate blurred images that completely surrounded her.

The woman's expression didn't change a single bit as she formed her hands into claws and attempted to grab them bare-handed.

But the two blurred images flexibly coiled around her wrist, twisted, and pushed her.

The woman lost her balance and couldn't help but retreat a few steps.

Like two poisonous vipers, the swords continued coiling forward but were struck back by her barrage of punches.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but retreat as well.

The tall slender woman observed him and slowly commented: “Dual wielders have too much on their minds”

One of her fists pulled back to defend her body, while the other opened into a palm that reached forward, making a stance right by the stream.

Seeing her gestures, Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but feel strange.

During a fight to the death, she dared to change from punches to palm strikes. A person who could flexibly use both punches and palm strikes isn't someone to be trifled with.

Her martial arts expertise isn't fake.

But why does she know human martial arts...?

Gu Qing Shan lowered his swords and spoke: “I can use a lot more than just two swords, unfortunately, I can't use spirit energy here”

“Nonsense” the tall slender woman chuckled, “if my powers hadn't been sealed, you think I would need to go through so much trouble to kill you?”

A gaze looked over and caught Gu Qing Shan's attention.

There was a look of worry in the Old Guide's eyes.

While Shannu had been standing here just watching them indifferently for the past while, she was feeling a bit worried.

—-as they had discussed earlier, she would transform into the Old Guide while gongzi dispelled the technique and returned to be a normal person.

The two of them would then deceive (gongzi said this was called using strategy) the Abyssal Fate Weaver.

We were supposed to use that Occult ability to force the Abyssal Fate Weaver to reveal her information, then both attacked her at once.

But now, gongzi is stalling without giving the signal for some reason.

Gu Qing Shan understood Shannu's worries and faintly signaled her not to rush.

There's something odd about the Abyssal Fate Weaver.

Gu Qing Shan had faintly realized some sort of secret, so he was putting off this original plan.

For now—

A small fist broke through the air as it struck him with intense force.

Gu Qing Shan's dual swords were prepared to receive it.

All of a sudden, he saw a palm.

Shit!

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The punch was a feign, the palm was the killing strike!

Since it was already too late to pull his swords back, Gu Qing Shan's body suddenly shifted to avoid the strike, then followed the momentum to rush into her with his shoulder.

Bam—

The tall slender woman was pushed away.

She lightly stabilized herself in the water with a pondering look on her face.

"You're obviously a sword cultivator, yet you could utilize close-ranged martial arts without missing a beat, that can't be right"

"What can't be right?"

"The path of the sword is highly exclusive and rejects all other paths, you..."

The tall slender woman carefully thought about it and slowly realized.

"I remember now, back in the Grand Divine Palace, you once had a certain thought"

"You felt fortunate that you were able to utilize different kinds of power"

"Because if not, you wouldn't be able to use your identity as a Card, or convince the [Demon King Order] to give up on its functions and fully commit to evolving for you"

"In other words—"

"Your soul is actually in a released state"

The tall slender woman looked straight at Gu Qing Shan again with a highly complicated expression on her face.

Gu Qing Shan's heart sank.

This monster is truly terrifying.

She's capable of reading a person's mind and emotions, turning into any identity she wanted, and she herself was also terrifyingly strong.

Furthermore, she had the ability to revive after being dead.

He was feeling a bit hesitant.

For a monster to be an expert martial artist that can utilize punches and palm strikes at the same time, she must have a lot of secrets.

If...

Various thoughts crossed Gu Qing Shan's mind.

Countless possibilities popped up in his mind, helping him make various conjectures.

But at the same time, a different kind of worry silently appeared in his mind.

—-if she somehow finds Laura, all of my planning would be for nothing.

At that time, not only would I not be able to obtain the three coins, Laura would also be in danger.

And the Combatants who were heavily wounded by the Soul Shrieker and were being sealed inside the Divine Power Ice Crystals, even Lady Darksea who was somehow related to me wouldn't be saved either.

But she's definitely carrying some sort of terrifying secret!

Gu Qing Shan's thoughts quickly changed.

Rather than her secret, the most important thing to do now is to consider how to deal with her.

Without a powerful trump Card like the [Earthen Dual Body], the only place I'd be able to kill her and prolong her resurrection would be this Gemini star.

Once we leave the Gemini star and her powers are fully unsealed, I would be no match for her at all.

—-not even the Bygone Era humans were able to do anything to her!

If I let her return from here back to the 900 million World Layers...

How many days would Su Xue Er and Anna have left to live?

The look in Gu Qing Shan's eyes changed.

The tall slender woman instantly sensed the change in his aura.

She spoke in intrigue: "Ah? Just now you were still trying to probe me, but you've fully unleashed your aura now, so you want to use all of your powers—- finally looking to risk everything in a battle against me?"

Gu Qing Shan replied: "You have a lot of secrets, but I've suddenly realized, my life is more important than any secrets"

He brandished his swords and held them tightly.

The tall slender woman tilted her body backwards, one fist in front, one palm behind and slightly bent her knees, muttering: "You've got the right idea, but your life is still in my hands"

Standing inside the stream, their eyes locked as murderous intent killed the area.

Just as they were about to make their moves, a voice abruptly interrupted.

"Young man, do you want to know where the warp is or not?"

Gu Qing Shan and the woman both turned to look at the area by the stream.

The Old Guide looked at Gu Qing Shan and smiled: "I already said I could tell you how to go to that world"

Gu Qing Shan's mind quickly turned.

“Ah, thank you very much, I really do want to know about that place, but there’s someone in the way right now” he said.

Damn——

How did I forget the great assistant that is Shannu?

In this world, her powers aren’t restricted at all.

Not to mention, this would make it much easier to probe the secret I want...

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To prevent the Abyssal Fate Weaver’s probing, as soon as Gu Qing Shan left the Earth World, he had kept his head empty.

This was to prevent her from camping outside the planet and abruptly appearing to read his mind.

And also to prevent her from knowing about the star chart.

Ever since he returned from the Age of Old and even up to this moment, Gu Qing Shan had recognized one thing as fact.

——the Abyssal Fate Weaver knows all of my trump cards.

The only thing she didn’t know about was the star chart.

In other words, the star chart could affect her judgement!

“Ah, thank you very much, I really do want to know about that place, but there’s someone in the way right now” Gu Qing Shan replied.

When the Old Guide heard Gu Qing Shan’s reply, he stood up from the rock.

“That is fine, you’ve eaten the noodles I cooked, and you’re a very nice young man, I will help you stop her”

He lightly floated and hovered by Gu Qing Shan’s side.

An invisible airflow drifted from his body and surged forth all around.

The tall slender woman’s expression turned serious as she saw this.

“That’s impossible! Even if you are the Old Guide, this is the Gemini star, how can you use your powers?” she mutters in disbelief.

“Young lady, you should probably give up, lest this old man will be forced to hurt you” the Old Guide spoke.

While talking, the old man made a gesture towards the stream.

The water in the stream bent to his command and turned into a coiling water dragon that took flight across the night sky.

Within the Gemini star, this was nothing short of a terrific sight.

The tall slender woman looked at the old man with a constant gleam in her eye.

Who exactly is this person?

Indeed, Gu Qing Shan has a jade gourd pendant that could completely conceal itself and borrow the powers of another.

But if this person was created by borrowing my power, how is he not being restrained by the Gemini star?

She hesitantly stood alert without saying anything, but subconsciously made a stance.

At a glance, Gu Qing Shan immediately knew that she wouldn't let her guard down so easily.

He sighed and prepared to apply the second set of plans.

At this point, something unimaginable happened.

Completely unexpected to both sides, some noise came from downstream.

— to survive in this world, besides staying inside the red brick house, one must stay near the stream.

Only in these two locations were there no strange objects or abnormal occurrences.

Perhaps it was because Shannu's magic was too flashy, creating a flying water dragon in the sky, that it brought the attention of other people near the stream.

A few moments later.

A half-naked muscular man carrying a large blade came up from downstream.

The muscular man quickly saw the three of them, then directly looked at Shannu.

"The Old Guide!" he shouted.

Everyone knew that there existed a mysterious old man on the Gemini star, he apparently didn't belong to any currently known races. Furthermore, he was a master of culinary arts, as legends have it, as long as one ate the noodles he cooked, they would be able to gain his favor and find out the method to travel to certain worlds.

The muscular man threw his blade down without hesitation, knelt by the stream, then begged over and over: "Old senior, please grant me a bowl of noodles"

He even pulled a silver ingot from his pocket and offered it up with both hands.

The three originally belligerent people all froze.

What... is this situation...

The tall slender woman glanced a bit at the Old Guide, a bit hesitant and was silently thinking about whether or not this was a trap.

After all, this bastard Gu Qing Shan was sly to an extreme degree.

I saw with my own eyes how he managed to scare the entire Divine race into becoming his loyal subordinates.

This ability seems to be called... acting?

A terrifying ability!

For the time being, the tall slender women decided to remain cautious and indifferent.

Gu Qing Shan faintly glanced at Shannu.

Shannu understood right away.

“Ahaha, so you want to taste my food?” she asked with an old, decrepit voice.

“I do, old senior, I would like to have a taste of your cooking” the muscular man confirmed again.

Ridiculous, this is the legendary Old Guide, it's so rare to see him just once, how could I let go of such a chance?

Shannu then controlled water to clean her hands, prepared the ingredients, and quickly made a bowl of noodles.

The man appeared ecstatic, received the bowl, ignored how hot it was, and poured the entire thing down his throat, including broth and noodles.

After swallowing, the muscular man appeared nostalgic, occasionally letting out a faint sigh.

Shannu and Gu Qing Shan said nothing.

After a while, the man regained his senses and once again clasped his fist: “Old senior, please tell me how I can head to Flying Snow world?”

“Ah? So you want to go to Flying Snow world?” Shannu asked.

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The man sighed and spoke: “Years ago, I was the strongest man in the Flying Snow world. When I mastered my greatest technique, I broke through the void of space to arrive here, only to find a barren world without a speck of resource or anything else, none of my great skills could be used at all, and I don't even know how to leave. All I could do was to tough things out and survive day by day”

At this point, he was practically sobbing: “I beg you, old senior, please show me the way back, I swear to be a good person when I return, never to break the void of space again, I beg you!”

Shannu thought briefly, then smiled: “In consideration of you eating a bowl of this old man's noodles, this old man shall show you a path”

“Consider yourself lucky— go along this stream 30 meters to your East, there is a jade badge with the characters ‘Eastward Wind’, pick it up and trace your finger along the character. After that, you will be transported to Flying Snow world”

The man asked: “I wouldn't be killed or eaten by it, would I?”

“You would not”

“My soul won’t be absorbed from my body and sealed for 10,000 years?”

“It would not be”

“I won’t explode to bits?”

“You would no—— if you don’t believe this old man, you don’t have to follow my words”

“30 meters, it really is close. Thank you, old senior”

The man gritted his teeth a bit and finally made his decision.

——he didn’t want to stay in this world for a second longer.

The man quickly walked forward and found a jade badge peeking out from the ground exactly 30 meters Eastward from where they were.

He then traced the characters with his fingers.

[Eastward Wind]

He muttered with stifled joy.

The jade badge suddenly trembled and gave off rippling spatial waves.

——*sha!*

The man vanished from this world, disappearing to a place unknown.

Shannu sent her voice through inner sight to Gu Qing Shan’s mind:

“Gongzi, it was urgent just now, so in order to gain the Abyssal Fate Weaver’s trust, I sent that man to another world”

She knew that Gu Qing Shan couldn’t use his inner sight so she continued to explain.

“It was a Magic-type world, according to the description on the star chart, the men of that world had already gone extinct, leaving only the women left, all of which are overwhelmingly powerful—— although the man just now might not be able to defeat them, as he is the only man, he should be able to survive”

Shannu’s voice then turned a bit nervous: “Gongzi, you’re not going to scold me right?”

What else can Gu Qing Shan say now?

He could only quickly take the time to recall the description of that world.

Hm...

It was a world that’s facing the threat of extinction due to all their men going extinct.

Gu Qing Shan lightly cleared his throat and silently prayed for that man.

Keep your body safe, brother...

After the man left, space around where he left rippled constantly like surging waves before they returned to normal.

This was the unique characteristic of teleportation.

In other words, that man just now really did teleport away from this world!

The tall slender woman looked at the jade badge on the ground, then at the mysterious Old Guide.

Gu Qing Shan doesn't have such an ability...

Indeed, Gu Qing Shan has a lot of tricks up his sleeves, but how would he know how to go to a world that he's never heard of before?

The tall slender woman was a little bit convinced.

The Old Guide then continued: "Young lady, this young man is now a friend of mine, if you insist on stopping me, I will have to act"

The tall slender woman moved her eyes rapidly in thought, then smiled: "Old senior, I'm not trying to stop you, I also want to ask for a bowl of your food"

"Wait!" Gu Qing Shan called out, "Old senior, you can't give her your food, she's not a good person!"

The Old Guide glared at him and spoke with a displeased tone: "What good or bad people, as long as she's willing to eat my noodles, she's a good person"

"That's not it, old senior, she's actually a monster"

The Old Guide looked at the tall slender woman and doubtfully scanned her from top to bottom.

The tall slender woman showed a provocative smile and spoke: "I really only want to try your great cooking, please let me have a taste"

The Old Guide then smiled and nodded: "Young lady, you have good eyes!"

As they spoke, the water dragon in the sky had already disappeared.

The Old Guide then walked up to where the tall slender woman was and prepared his cooking tools.

"Old senior, you can't—" Gu Qing Shan hurriedly called out again.

"Stop your nonsense!" the Old Guide ignored him.

Gu Qing Shan stood on the far side of the stream, wanting to stop him, but didn't dare to, seemingly helpless.

Seeing him like this, the tall slender woman wasn't in a hurry to act.

"Gu Qing Shan" she casually called out, "wherever you do, I'm going to follow, what do you think about that?"

“By the way, as soon as we leave this world, I will regain all my powers, and that will be your death—
— so make sure to enjoy the last moments of your life, Gu Qing Shan!”

Hearing that, Gu Qing Shan displayed a look of despair.

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A bowl of piping hot noodles was soon cooked.

The Old Guide waved his hand and sent the bowl and chopsticks in front of the tall slender woman.

The tall slender woman received the bowl with both hands.

She glanced at the Old Guide.

—since my powers are currently sealed, I can't judge his powers at all.

Whatever, I can resurrect after die anyways.

The tall slender woman's gaze fell onto the bowl of noodles.

She was still hesitant.

At this point, Gu Qing Shan abruptly charged forward.

His gaze was locked on the bowl of noodles, swinging his sword as if to try something.

The Old Guide struck him from a distance.

With a 'boom', Gu Qing Shan was pushed back as soon as he leapt forward.

The Old Guide spoke with a serious expression: “No disturbance allowed”

Gu Qing Shan was hit by this strike from afar, pushed back several feet before tumbling into the stream.

He struggled to prop himself up with his sword, looking considerably distressed.

The tall slender woman looked at him, then at the large bowl in her hands.

That man from earlier ate one, Gu Qing Shan had also eaten one, and both of them were fine.

She hesitated, first took a sip of broth to taste it, then relaxed her knitted eyebrows.

—even if her abilities had been sealed, she herself was a master of poison, so she could tell with a small sip that there wasn't any poison in this bowl of noodles.

The tall slender woman received the noodles and began to slowly eat.

The noodles were just chewy enough, and the broth was savory.

This was probably as good as it went for a bowl of noodles.

When was the last time I had this kind of food?

Steam rose up from the bowl and drifted by the woman's eyes before dissipating in the night wind.

The tall slender woman quickly finished the bowl, cleanly washed the bowl and chopsticks in the river before returning it to the Old Guide.

As Gu Qing Shan watched this, his previously thoughtless mind began to think.

The man from before only ate the noodles, then put the bowl and chopsticks on a rock without care.

But the tall slender woman was different, not only did she eat the noodles, she even cleaned the utensils herself.

This was part of a person's subconscious habit and behavior after living for a long time, it was clearly not an act.

——as a powerful Combatant, no one would specifically force themselves to do anything, let alone something so insignificant.

That was what made this woman so strange.

What kind of existence is she, exactly?

The tall slender woman then sincerely offered her thanks: "Old senior, it has been a very long time since I ate this kind of food, thank you for the meal"

The Old Guide joyfully replied: "It is good that you enjoyed it"

The conditions for the Mystic-type ability had been fulfilled.

Now it was time for the harvest.

The Old Guide opened his mouth, about to ask that question.

——before they began, the question that Gu Qing Shan and she had decided on was 'What is your greatest weakness'

Knowing her weakness was crucial for killing her, otherwise there would be no point.

But suddenly, Gu Qing Shan shouted: "Wait!"

The Old Guide was surprised.

The tall slender woman also turned towards him, full of killing intent.

"Wait for what? There's nothing else to stall us right now, Gu Qing Shan"

The tall slender woman triumphantly declared: "You won't be able to escape to any world, because I will closely follow you—— but if you keep staying on this world, one of us will eventually lose our lives—— I won't die, but you only have a single life to lose"

Saying so, she began to walk against the stream towards Gu Qing Shan.

Behind her, the Old Guide looked at Gu Qing Shan in confusion.

Haven't we already discussed everything? Why did gongzi tell me not to wait?

Gu Qing Shan loudly said: "I have a question"

“What are you planning now? Or perhaps you’re trying to surrender?” the tall slender woman chuckled.

Gu Qing Shan ignored her attitude and continued: “I want to know, under what situation did you decide to infiltrate humanity and conduct that assassination”

The tall slender woman stood still, the smile on her face disappeared.

“And what does that have to do with you? Your curiosity is getting ahead of yourself”

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She coldly replied.

But Gu Qing Shan wasn’t talking to her at all.

The Old Guide———

Shannu immediately understood her gongzi’s intention.

Each bowl of noodles can only ask one question.

Gongzi is telling me that he changed the question.

He wants to know the answer to this new question!

Shannu worriedly glanced at Gu Qing Shan.

If I ask this, we wouldn’t be able to find out the Fate Weaver’s weakness.

Gu Qing Shan resolutely nodded and signaled her to ask.

Shannu hesitated a bit, then suddenly asked the tall slender woman: “I want to know, under what situation did you decide to infiltrate humanity and conduct that assassination”

Mystic Skill: [See you once again] – activated!

The tall slender woman abruptly heard endless resounding echoes by her ears as she displayed a blank expression.

For that brief moment, she seemed to have returned to that era, all those years ago.

Without any warning, the tall slender woman let out a single sob.

As if sleep-talking, she whispered: “The Apocalypse had arrived, every day, many of our comrades lost their lives right in front of us, the Primordial Heaven Realm was headed to ruin”

“On the orders of our superiors, we had to search the outer layer of the Abyss for a location suitable for humanity to construct a refuge as a way to retreat”

“But as we entered the Abyss, we ran into an abrupt incident—— the eternally dormant monster at the very bottom of the Abyss turned in its sleep”

“It was the strongest entity in the Abyss, so even though it was merely a slight turn, it was enough to bring about a calamity-class Abyssal storm”

“We were only able to resist the aura of the outer layer of the Abyss, so we were helpless against the countless oddities and abnormal presence from the endless Abyss”

“Many of us were infected by that presence, assimilated, and mutated”

“When humanity’s upper echelons found out about this, they sealed our way to return and left us to die in the Abyss”

“Not too long later, everyone died”

“I... was assimilated by the Abyss”

After saying this, the tall slender woman’s expression twitched slightly and returned to normal.

She observed Gu Qing Shan who was standing blankly about 10 feet directly in front of her and questioned: “You’ve lost your fighting spirits... are you seriously thinking about how to surrender?”

Gu Qing Shan faced her eyes head-on.

—her mocking eyes no longer contained the sense of sorrow and anger that it had just now.

She did not know what she had just informed him.

Gu Qing Shan’s heart was in chaos, shocked by the information he just found out.

So she was originally a human!

She was a human Combatant from the Bygone Era!

As the tall slender woman discovered that his thoughts were in chaos, she didn’t hesitate.

“A chance!”

She leapt up high and once again pounced on Gu Qing Shan.

As Gu Qing Shan was still thinking about the entire picture, when he saw her pouncing on him, he retreated.

“Coward! You can’t even face me in a fight?” the tall slender woman shouted.

Bam—

A dull heavy sound resounded.

The tall slender woman was repelled back into the stream.

She turned around—

“Old senior, why did you stop me?” she questioned.

The Old Guide looked at her with complicated emotions in his eyes and spoke: “Both of you have already tasted my cooking, you are both wonderful children, why must you fight?”

The tall slender woman glanced at him and tilted her head: “Old senior, did you know? Although you can use your powers, I won’t die”

“You won’t die? So that ability of yours can still take effect in this place?” the Old Guide showed an unexpected expression.

“That’s right, so if you stop me from killing him, you will have offended me, and I will stick close to you and fight against you until the day you die” the tall slender woman declared.

“It seems to be so” Shannu regretfully spoke, “Your body is truly a most powerful defensive weapon, with my strength, I can’t seem to hurt you”

——during their battle just now, Gu Qing Shan was using the twin swords Heaven and Earth.

Even if the swords and Gu Qing Shan’s powers had been sealed, they were still exceedingly sharp Divine Armaments.

And yet both of the swords couldn’t even leave a scratch on the woman’s body.

Hearing that, the tall slender woman appeared prideful.

Then Shannu continued: “But have you thought of something? I can simply ignore your threat, stand on his side and bring him to the world he wanted to go myself”

Chapter 899

In the Bygone Era, the Abyssal Fate Weaver had infiltrated humanity, apparently killing many Combatants as revenge, and was finally caught.

The war between her and the leaders of humanity was already a battle at the highest level of strength for humanity at the time.

Comparatively, Gu Qing Shan was only a Three Thousand Worlds realm cultivator who hadn’t even reached Paragon realm.

In the Bygone Era, this was the level of strength for a teenager.

——to be specific, a ‘civilian teenager’.

Because of that, even though Shannu had the same level of strength as Gu Qing Shan, she was still unable to win against this powerful enemy who once stood at the peak of humanity before being assimilated by the Abyss.

Indeed, on the Gemini star, the tall slender woman that had lost the power bestowed to her by the Abyss and was also unable to use her own powers.

——but her body wasn’t something that Gu Qing Shan could hurt with his strength.

Fortunately, this was the Gemini star, otherwise, the difference in strength between the two of them would be too ridiculous.

Gu Qing Shan wouldn’t even have a chance to retaliate.

Gu Qing Shan stared closely at the tall slender woman and suddenly realized something.

He realized why the Demon Dragon craved the power of the Abyss so much.

He was imprisoned at the Abyssal Jail, tasked with watching over the Abyssal Fate Weaver's corpse.

He knew the tall slender woman's terrifying level of power and strength after being assimilated by the Abyss.

That was the real reason why the Demon Dragon craved the power of the Abyss so much.

He wished to become assimilated by the Abyss so that he could escape from humanity's control!

This was the start of all of the Demon Dragon's plans and actions!

Gu Qing Shan retreated a few more steps, keeping a constant distance between him and the tall slender woman.

The Abyssal Jail's system once introduced him to her and her powers.

At that time, the system said that she turned into a top-level commander of humanity and infiltrated it in order to destroy the entire world of humans.

There are... a lot of things that might not be completely accurate.

It has been far too long, and the truth is still unclear.

But now, on the Gemini Star, as the only person capable of using her powers, Shannu had used the Mystic-type ability: [See you once again].

Under this situation, the Mystic-type ability would not be resisted and the Abyssal Fate Weaver couldn't lie.

And so...

The truth has been revealed a bit more, but only of a brief moment of that era.

The entire truth was still very blurry.

Gu Qing Shan held his impatience back and tried to remain calm in order to keep thinking.

"Truthfully—— I have something to say to you" he spoke up first.

"What?" the tall slender woman asked.

"I've actually forgotten to thank you"

The tall slender woman gave him a strange look.

"Yes" Gu Qing Shan continued: "The three coins allowed me to travel back to the Age of Old over and over again, but this process was so dangerous that I used up quite a few tries, for example: when I was about to be devoured by the monsters in the fog of Time or was erased by the Law of Time in Bai Hua Hall, or when I met the remnant souls of my sect's Sacred Beasts for the first time——"

"During any of those times, if you had not been there to watch over and pull me back to the future right before my death, I would have probably died already"

The tall slender woman said nothing.

Gu Qing Shan kept talking: "The three coins can only allow travel through Time, but not revive me, so it must have been you who controlled the coins and allowed me to return to the future before my death"

"That was indeed the case" the tall slender woman replied, "You're underestimating the power of the three coins. I actually used the power of the three coins right at the moment you died to rewind time back a few moments when you were still alive and pulled you back"

Gu Qing Shan didn't expect to hear such a detailed explanation.

—*that would... certainly be a lot easier, and wouldn't require her to be quite as precise.*

Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist: "Thank you very much, otherwise, I would have already died"

The tall slender woman gave him another strange look and replied: "Your attitude wasn't like this at all when you killed me"

Gu Qing Shan admitted right away: "You were infinitely stronger than I was, with countless ways and means to kill me, but I only have a single chance to defend myself"

"What are you trying to do by telling me these useless words right now?" the tall slender woman questioned.

Gu Qing Shan asked with a serious expression: "Planning for so long like that, what exactly did you want to achieve?"

"Why should I tell you?"

"Because—"

Gu Qing Shan lifted the two swords in his hand up.

The twin swords Heaven and Earth.

They were the swords he was using.

The tall slender woman stared blankly at the two swords and muttered: "The main body of the Abyssal Weapon, Evil-warding weapon of the Bottomless Abyss, the Guardians against ultimate extinction, the Swords of Changing Fate, the Key to infinite worlds, Heaven and Earth..."

During their exchanges just now, she had tried more than once to grab these two swords but didn't succeed.

"Do you want to obtain these two weapons?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The tall slender woman's gaze faltered a bit, then smiled deprecatingly: "The Soul Shrieker was a true monster of the Abyss, an entity that I can't defeat— but even such an existence fell at your hands, and these two swords fell into the hands of the weakest competitor. You really made a joke of strength"

"No, I was not the weakest competitor" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"Really now? Who else?"

“If the Soul Shrieker only had power on the same level as mine, I bet you that it couldn’t have achieved what I did”

The tall slender woman silently thought for a bit and nodded in agreement.

“However, there are no ‘IFs’ in this world” the tall slender woman spoke, “I’ll admit that you have exerted your powers and abilities to their very limits, but right now, on this Gemini star, there are no powers the likes of [Earthen Dual Body], if you don’t give me your swords, I will...”

She stopped.

The Old Guide had hovered and stopped next to Gu Qing Shan.

It seems that the Old Guide had chosen to stand on the same side as Gu Qing Shan at this point in time.

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The tall slender woman scowled.

The fact that this guy can use his abilities on the Gemini star makes him difficult to deal with.

Indeed, he can’t kill me, but if he wanted to take Gu Qing Shan away, I wouldn’t be able to stop him.

He only needs to carry Gu Qing Shan into the air and throw a few offensive spells at me to help Gu Qing Shan resolve his crisis.

“Old senior, I’ve also eaten your noodles, so why do you insist on protecting him over and over?” the tall slender woman couldn’t help but asked.

The Old Guide glared at her: “He ate a bowl of my noodles, so I’ll help him once, that is normal”

“I’ve also eaten your noodles” the tall slender woman refuted.

The Old Guide appeared a bit troubled.

As the tall slender woman saw the Old Guide’s expression, she asked: “I can eat one more bowl, this way, you’ll ignore our affair, won’t you?”

“No, my cooking ingredients for today have already been used up, you will have to wait until tomorrow” the Old Guide shook his head.

Hearing that, the tall slender woman felt this to be ridiculous.

But there shouldn’t be anything wrong about this, there really was such an Old Guide on the Gemini star whose stories have been heard in many worlds.

I even saw with my own eyes how he directed someone to another world.

That man managed to avoid all dangers and teleported to a so-called Flying Snow world.

The tall slender woman thought for a bit and spoke: “In other words, the amount of food you can give each day is limited, and as long as I eat everything before he does, he wouldn’t have anything to eat?”

“Yes”

“And you won’t favor him anymore?” the tall slender woman asked further.

“You can think of it that way” the Old Guide replied.

“Then I understand”

The tall slender woman looked at Gu Qing Shan and held back her killing intent: “In consideration of me also eating a bowl of your noodles, I ask that you don’t tell him about how to travel to the world he wants”

The Old Guide hesitated a bit before answering: “I can do that, but I will leave soon, as for tomorrow— —”

“Leave what happens tomorrow to tomorrow” the tall slender woman replied.

Today is no good, this old man will insist on helping him today.

Tomorrow...

As long as I arrive before him tomorrow...

The tall slender woman turned around, preparing to leave.

“Wait!” Gu Qing Shan shouted.

The tall slender woman turned around and looked at him with a code gaze.

“In the Age of Old, you already had the three coins in your possession. If you wanted to do anything, you could’ve done it without any issues, so why did you still want the Abyssal Weapon?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“That is my business, why should I tell you?” the tall slender woman curtly answered.

“Because I have the twin swords. If there is anything you need help with, in consideration of how many times you’ve saved me in the Space-Time vortex, I’m willing to give you a hand” Gu Qing Shan told her.

The tall slender woman gave him a look as if looking at a strange monster.

Gu Qing Shan nodded and confirmed again: “Without your coins, I wouldn’t have been able to save the Earth sword, or return alive”

The woman scoffed: “I only did it because I wanted you to take me to the swords”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Regardless of why you did it, that doesn’t change the fact that you saved me”

The tall slender woman mocked: “You want to repay me? Then give me the twin swords”

“I can’t give you my swords, but I can use them to help you” Gu Qing Shan spoke with a serious voice.

The tall slender woman fell silent.

She glanced at Gu Qing Shan again.

“You... are a very strange person...” she muttered.

“I’m not strange, it’s just that after I think about it carefully, I’ve always been relying on your coins and ability, to slowly make it to the end, to finally obtaining the twin swords”

Gu Qing Shan sincerely spoke: “You didn’t actually kill me a single time or took my swords away, instead you were cut into pieces and thrown to countless fragments of parallel worlds”

“In the end, you’ve actually helped me a lot and haven’t harmed even a single hair on my body. In truth, I don’t hold any grudge against you at all”

The tall slender woman was calmly listening to him, then abruptly scowled and shouted in anger: “Hmph! We still don’t know who’s going to win against who!”

“Just you watch, Gu Qing Shan, I will definitely kill you!”

She turned into a blurred image and quickly disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan froze in place.

He stood still for a while, then suddenly face-palmed himself and dejectedly muttered: “Ah crap, I misspoke”

Those words I just spoke seemed to have touched her pride...

Shannu released her inner sight and observed until the tall slender woman had gone far away that she came close: “Gongzi, what are we going to do next?”

Gu Qing Shan muses: “We’re going to continue this tomorrow”

“Fool her into eating noodles again?”

“Yes”

“Then what about now?”

“We’re going to the next world——”

“Huh?” Shannu raised her voice in surprise.

“We’re going to head to the next world tonight, then return tomorrow to deal with her”

Gu Qing Shan recalled the details of the next world on the star chart and replied to Shannu.

“Gongzi, I don’t understand...”

“You will eventually”

Chapter 900

Deep in the night.

Gu Qing Shan and Shannu were walking along the stream, heading for the red brick house.

They ran into some people on the way who were all ecstatic to see Shannu and begged Shannu to show them the way towards their destinations.

Shannu didn't think too much of it and showed them what they wanted.

But as this continued, they were heavily delayed.

In order to prevent the people from recognizing her as the Old Guide, Shannu temporarily returned to her original appearance.

Unfortunately, while no one asked her for directions any longer, this caused a different kind of issue.

"Hey there, little lady, what's a beauty like you doing following a weakling like him?"

"That's right, pretty girl, come and have fun with us"

"Hek hek, the two of you are probably a couple, so if you don't want him to die, come quietly with us"

Several burly men stood on the side of the stream and gazed at them with open malicious intentions.

Shannu glanced at Gu Qing Shan.

"Kill them" Gu Qing Shan casually said.

"Yes, gongzi"

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword turned into a blurred image and flashed briefly in the night sky.

[Swallow Returns]!

[Silver Star]!

[Crescent Slash]!

[Drawn Shadow]

Shannu reappeared with the sword in her hand about 10 feet away, lightly landing on top of the stream.

Behind her, the light-blue sword phantoms flashed and bloomed in the shroud of night.

Before those men could even react, all their limbs had already been chopped off and left to soak in the water.

It was only now that they began to scream in despair and horror.

Gu Qing Shan walked past them towards Shannu without changing his expression.

"Why not kill them right away?" he asked.

Shannu replied: "To give them some time to wake up"

Gu Qing Shan nodded and said nothing else.

The two of them continued heading towards the red brick house, leaving the desperate screams and cries behind them that were slowly becoming weaker until they couldn't be heard any longer.

After an undetermined amount of time, Shannu hesitated a bit and spoke up: "Gongzi, this world isn't very large, so my inner sight was able to completely cover it"

Knowing that she still had something to say, Gu Qing Shan asked: "And so?"

"I noticed a lot of injustice" Shannu replied.

"Ah? What kind of injustice?"

"For example... what happened just now, as well as bullying and enslavement"

"Go on"

"Since I can see them, I don't want to ignore them"

"Hm"

Shannu turned to look at him: "...Gongzi, what did that 'hm' mean?"

"Kill them all"

Gu Qing Shan replied as he thought about the star chart.

On the star chart, the Gemini star was only the first destination, Gu Qing Shan would have to begin here and travel through many mysterious hidden worlds before he made it back to the 900 million World Layers.

—*the star chart was something that the Earth Creator prepared in advance.*

This great entity had the ability to foresee parts of the future, so something it prepared must surely be filled with hidden implications.

Fortunately, this Great One is on my side.

A flash of light appeared by the stream and caught Gu Qing Shan's attention, making him temporarily forget his thoughts just now.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword flew in from afar and landed in front of Gu Qing Shan.

"Gongzi, I've killed them all"

Shannu's voice emerged from the Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

Gu Qing Shan held the sword and plunged it deep into the flowing stream below.

The blood on it was washed away.

Once again, the sword became shining clear like the water of autumn.

Shannu then appeared and spoke happily: "Gongzi, I noticed something"

"What is it?"

"What if we simply stay on the Gemini star? Since everyone's powers are sealed here, with me watching over Gongzi, there wouldn't be any issues in this world"

Gu Qing Shan laughed: "We can't be a turtle that hides within its own shell, what if someone destroys this world?"

As soon as he said that, a certain thought crossed his mind.

A turtle that hides...

When I travelled from Bai Hua hall to the Justice Iron Fist Club, then from the Justice Iron Fist Club to the Primordial Heaven Realm, I met a Spirit Tortoise.

It was the Spirit Tortoise who brought me into the phantom images.

Unfortunately, the Spirit Tortoise couldn't enter the true Age of Old with me.

I wonder how that fellow who had lived for several ten thousand years is faring now.

Hearing Gu Qing Shan's words, Shannu froze.

That's right, even a powerful entity like the Earth Creator got caught in a mishap, let alone a non-sentient world like this.

Shannu said dejectedly: "Then it looks like gongzi will be busy for a while again"

"It's ok, living has never been easy, the Apocalypse only made this become more urgent. Furthermore, becoming stronger had always been necessary, after the Apocalypse, when everything is finally over, we'll be able to look for a place to rest ourselves for a few hundred years"

"Yes, I do hope that such a day would arrive"

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Following the star chart's direction, Gu Qing Shan and Shannu made it to the red brick house.

They easily found that crucial item inside one of the rooms——

A wooden doll.

With this wooden doll in tow, the two of them walked along the stream to the end and sure enough they found an empty well.

Standing in front of the well, Gu Qing Shan asked: "Where is the Abyssal Fate Weaver?"

"She's resting by the stream about 400 miles away"

Shannu released her inner sight to check and reported to him.

"Alright, let's go then"

Gu Qing Shan and Shannu jumped into the empty well, broke through the wall and found a treasure room.

All the treasures had already been taken from this room, leaving only a few stone chests here.

Although this was nothing but a cover, there had never been any treasures here in the first place.

The true meaning of this place was to act as a way to travel to a certain hidden world.

Gu Qing Shan began from the left and stopped at the 5th chest.

Yes, it was this one.

But only one person can fit into this chest at a time.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at Shannu.

Shannu obediently turned into a sword for Gu Qing Shan to hand at his waist.

Gu Qing Shan jumped inside, closed the chest and took out the doll.

The doll didn't move at first, then it began to speak:

[Ah? I was awoken again]

The doll looked around and spoke with disbelief: [After so many years, someone was actually able to find this hidden path that led to the world of the elemental fairies]

Gu Qing Shan said: "Sorry to bother you, please bring me there"

[Are you going to return here?]

"I will"

The doll nodded, took off its own leg and put it into Gu Qing Shan's hand.

[When you want to return from the elemental fairy world, pinch that leg]

"Yes"

The doll jumped down from Gu Qing Shan's hand and landed inside the chest.

It knocked on a certain part of the chest.

Some sort of hidden mechanism seemed to have activated as the chest began to shake uncontrollably.

A shroud of light enveloped the entire chest.

Gu Qing Shan felt an intense force acting on him and pulled his body straight into the void of space.

In the blink of an eye, he vanished from this world.

...

At another location.

400 miles away.

The tall slender woman was sitting cross-legged on top of a large tree, silently thinking about what happened today.

...

"You want to repay me? Then give me the twin swords"

“I can’t give you my swords, but I can use them to help you”

...

Damn it, it was because I was too gullible that I was abandoned in the Abyss and turned into this abomination.

I can’t trust the lies of humans ever again.

The tall slender woman clenched her fists.

...

At the same time.

On another side.

Within the Primordial Heaven Realm of this era.

A figure silently appeared.

This figure seemed to be very acquainted with this place as they glanced around briefly before flying straight towards the mountain in the sky.

A few moments later.

The Spirit Tortoise’s voice resounded:

「 Why have you come here? Everything in this world has already come to an end, chaotic energies are littered everywhere. It is very dangerous for you to stay here 」

“You can recognize me?” a childish female voice asked.

「 Of course, although your state has been altered by some sort of technique, I can still infer your identity 」 the Spirit Tortoise replied.

In front of it stood a doll-like precious little girl.

She had an exquisite aura that didn’t suit her age and wore a somber expression that seemed more cute than it was solemn.

“Recently, I had a strange feeling, so I performed a Divination—— only to find that the Primordial Heaven Realm had undergone some sort of great change. And yet this great change did not affect history in any realistic shape or form”

“This was an unbelievable occurrence, because no matter who it is, if they tried to change the past, they would be erased by the combined weight of historical momentum and the Laws of Space-Time. And yet history had clearly been changed, and at the same time, everything that happened in the current timeline was exactly how it was supposed to be without going through any changes at all”

“That is why I had to come here—— after all, our Barren Cloud Heavenly Palace’s old teachings still rests in this place”

Xie Dao Ling replied seriously.

The Spirit Tortoise appeared emotional and sighed as it slowly explained: 「 This was quite a long story. In truth, it was the sect master who succeeded you that traveled back in time and returned to the past
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“What!?”