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Chapter 901

The Spirit Tortoise was informing Xie Dao Ling about what happened in the Age of Old.

At the same time.

Gu Qing Shan had left the Gemini star and was traveling through the endless space vortex.

A screen of light slowly manifested in front of him.

The sound of graceful music and dancing came from the light, giving off a calming sense of mind.

Still enveloped by the power of the teleportation, Gu Qing Shan went straight into the screen of light.

Bam!

He tumbled on the ground.

But it was soft.

Gu Qing Shan stood up in surprise and stepped onto a thick and beautiful carpet.

Within this vision, the entire world was covered in a layer of red carpet.

The faint and soft sound of music could occasionally be heard from the void of space.

A young girl wearing a beautiful blue ball gown walked across Gu Qing Shan.

She observed him a bit and frowned: "The power you give off is too chaotic, and you're a bit too old, not suitable to dance with me"

After saying so, she left.

"Wait——"

The girl had already vanished before Gu Qing Shan could finish his words.

He glanced around .

There was no one to be seen.

Gu Qing Shan stood still in shock.

I clearly arrived at the world of the elemental fairies, so why can't I see anyone?

At this time, a girl with a hot figure and body who wore a red ball gown appeared in front of him.

"Tch tch, quite handsome, but regretfully, your Elemental Lightning is too mixed, unworthy to be my friend"

Declaring so, the girl turned and left.

"Oi——" Gu Qing Shan hurriedly called out.

But she didn't wait for Gu Qing Shan to say another word and just vanished without a trace.

What exactly is—

Gu Qing Shan looked around.

Beside the world-wide red carpet, on the ground, he still couldn't see a single thing.

While hesitating, he suddenly remembered that his powers were no longer suppressed.

Gu Qing Shan instantly released his inner sight and scanned the world around him.

—still nothing.

However, his inner sight managed to catch a lot of talking voices, laughter, humming, light footsteps, as well as the sound of utensils and dishes being used, glasses of drinks knocking against one another, so on and so forth.

Although he couldn't see anything, a grand banquet seems to be ongoing in this world.

All of a sudden, a few men who wore dignified uniforms appeared in front of him.

After taking a glance at him, they turned around and vanished.

The sound of them talking came from the wind:

"Did he stumble here by mistake?"

"Not so, I can sense an invitation from him. He was probably summoned by a VIP"

"Poor fellow, his presence is too chaotic, no one would be willing to react to him"

"It can't be helped, even I felt light-headed just taking a whiff of that aura"

The voices slowly went away.

A few moments later, a group of mature ladies abruptly appeared and walked by Gu Qing Shan.

"Tch, this young man looks so handsome, unfortunately, the Law on his body is terribly disorganized, otherwise, I would have—"

"That's enough out of you, how can you only judge someone by their appearance?"

"No need to say that, I'm actually fascinated by the trillions of screaming souls that followed him, and a young man right in my strike zone as well. How regretful, the elemental aura he gives off is too nauseating, I can't approach him at all"

"Someone with such an opaque aura can't possibly be a guest of ours"

"I really don't know where he came from with such a disheveled aura, even the guards ignored him—let's go quickly!"

The mature ladies slowly disappeared as they talked.

Gu Qing Shan was shocked by their comments and stood still for a while longer.

The commotion around him slowly grew louder as the banquet and drink party reached its high point.

But even while he was standing here, no one else paid any attention to him.

It was as if the entire world had disregarded him.

Gu Qing Shan mused in confusion: “Did you send me here simply to send me home, or was there something you wanted to tell me?”

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— the Earth Creator is able to foresee visions of the future, and everything an entity of its level did would surely have deep implications.

However, when I arrived in this elemental fairy world, I wasn't welcomed at all, completely ignored and was overall blocked out.

What do I do now?

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking about that, he heard an aged female voice:

” Child, why are you standing here alone?”

Gu Qing Shan quickly turned around.

Only to see an old lady wearing a formal dress with a veil over her face, carefully observing him.

She wasn't very tall, her back was a bit slouched and her grey eyes felt as deep as the ocean itself.

“Ah, greeting, ma'am. I've only just arrived at this place, so I am still a bit confused on what to do” Gu Qing Shan respectfully answered.

The old lady spoke apologetically: “Please do not blame them, it was simply because the elemental fairies are the most sensitive to presence and aura, and they have their own perceptions of likes and dislikes”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “I respect the will and preference of others, and I've never nor do I ever intend to interfere with this matter”

The old lady asked further: “Even if you are berated?”

Gu Qing Shan sighed helplessly: “Of course, I would feel a bit stunned, but since I normally do not try to flatter others, I can accept this much”

“What do you usually do then?”

“Saving worlds and killing people”

“Even when the Worlds Apocalypses are approaching, you are still trying to save the worlds around you. Do you not feel tired?”

“It has been fine so far, but if I can say something, I don't actually have a hobby of saving worlds, if possible, I'd like someone else to take my place instead”

“Who does, if they can help it? Things like these have always caused people to feel helpless and exhausted— what do you usually do when you are on break and want to relax?”

“I’m not really a person of elegant hobbies, I simply like to cook”

“Hm, I can believe that much, you give off the presence of a lot of delicious food. Unfortunately, those children were scared off by you so they couldn’t tell” the old lady told him.

Gu Qing Shan was a bit confused: “Presence? What do you mean?”

The old lady smiled amiably: “Very well, then I shall explain it on behalf of the fairies: The majority of elemental fairies are very pure; without the baptism of the long years, those girls would have no way to tell what kind of situation brought about your current presence and aura”

The old lady put her hand forward and continued: “It is because they cannot tell, that they feel fear. This is a common trait between living beings, and I believe you understand that well”

“I do indeed” Gu Qing Shan respectfully replied.

He then grabbed her hand.

The old lady led him forward and continued to explain:

“The Water fairy was attracted by your Elemental Lightning, but left because of your lingering Abyssal aura”

“The Fire brat loves befriending those with intense destructive Elemental Lightning, but left because of the Demon Dragon aura you carry”

“The guards were wary of your killing intent, the mature ladies were fearful of you— in truth , the only thing they do most of the time is to seek out fun things to do, occasionally responding to the summoning of other worlds and providing their elemental powers to other people”

“None of them understand that they actually don’t hate your presence and aura, but were actually scared of you”

“The fear of the unknown?” Gu Qing Shan smiled.

“Indeed, since you carry with you the lingering presence of parallel worlds. Those girls do not understand this presence, they could only faintly tell that this power was frightening” the old lady answered him.

“You said that this was a frightening power” Gu Qing Shan confirmed her words once again.

“Indeed, your current self is like a shining beacon, easily drawing the attention of everyone within certain environments. This is because you are tangled with the karma of various parallel worlds, fortunately, most of them are fragmented and could be resolved quite easily”

“Can you help me?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The old lady blinked at him a few times: “Of course I can help you, in truth, as soon as you arrived at our world, I have already noticed you”

Gu Qing Shan silently understood.

Perhaps the Earth Creator directed me to this world for this reason.

Other than that, there is no way to explain why it would send me to a world that I can't integrate into at all.

And the other party knows exactly who I am.

"If you are able to help me remove this aura, I would be very grateful" Gu Qing Shan said.

The old lady smiled and patted Gu Qing Shan's shoulder.

"This cloak of yours is quite wonderful, it should be more than enough to conceal other types of aura, I truly only need to remove the frightening aura from parallel worlds"

She raised her voice and chanted an incantation:

"Time cannot be in chaos, only when it returns to its original course can living beings be at peace"

For a brief moment, Gu Qing Shan felt a warm flow of water rushing through his body.

He suddenly felt his body loosening up completely.

As if something invisible and heavy had just been removed from his soul.

A few lines of glowing text appeared in front of his eyes:

[The ancient sovereign of the fairies—— the Fairy of Time has completely removed the presence of parallel worlds on your body]

[Attention: She is a fairy that has eternally existed since the dawn of Time, when talking to her, make sure to be smart and flexible]

It was rare for the War God UI to give such a detailed reminder, so Gu Qing Shan understood what he needed to do.

"Esteemed madame, thank you very much for helping me wash away the aura of parallel worlds" he quickly expressed his gratitude.

The old lady chuckled and replied: "The Earth Creator of the four Saint Pillars is a friend of mine. Furthermore, removing such erosion from parallel worlds is a part of my duty as the Fairy of Time"

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Gu Qing Shan escorted the old lady as they continued walking forward.

Corrosion of parallel worlds... duty...

The old lady's words had caught his attention.

From before, the Earth Creator also said something similar about stopping the Abyssal monsters from taking the twin swords Heaven and Earth.

However, the Earth Creator was only talking about preventing the Abyssal monsters from obtaining the weapon of the Eternal Abyss, thus preventing the power of traveling to parallel worlds from falling into their hands.

——*the Earth Creator never mentioned anything about the erosion of parallel worlds*

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly, then asked directly: “Madame, I have a small question”

“Go ahead” the old lady responded.

“You said that your duty was to remove the parallel world erosion, but I’ve never noticed any connections between us and the parallel worlds, are parallel worlds also a threat?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“It isn’t a threat” the old lady looked at Gu Qing Shan, then added when his eyebrows relaxed just a bit: “But the Apocalypse”

“The Apocalypse?” Gu Qing Shan asked in confusion.

The other party was the sovereign of the elemental fairies, an entity that had existed since the beginning of Time, Gu Qing Shan fully believed that she would not lie about this.

The old lady said nothing and just waved her hand in front of herself.

The void of space scattered.

Everything was revealed in front of Gu Qing Shan.

A grand banquet was being held, while the old lady and him were standing grandly on a viewing platform as large as a plaza, gazing down at the enormous crowd of people below.

Sensing the arrival of their sovereign, the elemental fairies swiftly stopped their activities and bowed at the old lady on top of the viewing platform.

“No need for formalities, enjoy yourselves”

The old lady waved her hand towards the crowd below and smiled brightly.

A loud scream came out:

“That young man, I met him earlier!”

It was the voice of the Water fairy from earlier.

The old lady smiled mischievously and turned to Gu Qing Shan: “She seems a bit regretful”

Gu Qing Shan politely answered: “She was only a bit excited from seeing you, madame”

“Do you think she’s pretty?”

“Quite pretty”

“Of course, Water spirits have the most excellent figures and appearance, hm... I’ve only just noticed that you are not too far from {Mahesvara King} realm, would you like me to give you a Water spirit dependent?”

“...This humble one accepts your goodwill, but I already have a girl that I’m in love with”

The old lady appeared even more excited and lowered her voice: “Water spirits are the most suitable type of elemental fairy for humans, she can probably bear a few hundred sons and daughters for you, so there would be no problem with marrying her— I can take responsibility as the mediator for you”

Gu Qing Shan’s body stiffen and stuttered: “But I can’t even earn enough to support myself right now, not to mention I have a lot that I still have to do”

“Hm, that is true, it isn’t suitable for you to make a family at this point in time” the old lady regretfully concurred.

Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief.

The old lady left the viewing platform with Gu Qing Shan’s escort, slowly heading to the back of the royal palace.

“Let’s go and leave them to enjoy themselves, we’ll discuss a bit about your question just now” the old lady spoke as she walked.

“Yes, esteemed madame, I am a bit confused about parallel worlds, because the Earth Creator had been working to stop the Abyssal monsters from obtaining the twin swords Heaven and Earth” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Child, how good is your memory?” the old lady abruptly changed the subject and asked.

Gu Qing Shan replied in surprise: “It is decent”

“Then, can you remember what happened when you were little?”

“That is a bit too long ago so I can only remember bits and pieces”

“Was there a time in the past when you especially liked swimming?”

“You know about it? Yes, there was. It was probably in the summer when I was 6 years old”

“Did something happen that summer that you feel to be especially memorable?”

Gu Qing Shan appeared nostalgic and only replied after a while: “I think it was probably at that time that most countries in the world signed the Robot Convention, the public light screen near the swimming pool was broadcasting this matter everyday”

The old lady clapped her hands joyfully: “Then let us see the situation of the summer back when you were six years old”

Following her words, the entire world scattered to gravel and soil, vanishing around them.

The two of them appeared in another scene.

A blazing sun above their heads.

Burning hot weather.

Gu Qing Shan looked at his young self sitting on the side of the pool with nothing but a pair of swimming trunks.

Next to the pool, a large screen on the side of a building was showing a tense sports match.

Quite a few people on the side of the pool were staring at the screen, drinking beer while cheering for their favorite team.

The young Gu Qing Shan was also watching the sports match on the screen while kicking his feet in the water.

The old lady commented: "I don't seem to see any news about a Robot Convention?"

Gu Qing Shan spoke with confidence: "The news is probably after the match, I remember quite clearly that they would broadcast news relating to robots"

The old lady mumbled an incantation and smiled: "Then let us speed things up a bit"

—-as if someone had pressed the fast forward button, the people around the pool and the flow of time itself had begun to speed up.

Until a certain point when the public screen changed.

[We interrupt this program to bring you important news]

[The world-wide Robot Convention has been established and signed with the following details:]

The scene of the world leaders was displayed sitting in a large conference room with one of them speaking directly to the press.

[We established this convention in order to prevent robots...]

Their voices emerged from inside the screen.

For some reason, Gu Qing Shan sighed in relief from seeing this.

"Please look, madame"

He pointed at the screen and told the old lady.

The old lady smiled: "Hm, I can see it, this was a good thing, your society had taken a step forward onto a new path"

"But what we need to observe now isn't the news in your memories, but rather—"

The old lady waved her hand downwards.

The sound of the screen stopped.

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The speaking world leader maintained his dignified appearance with one hand resolutely stopping in mid-air.

Everyone around the pool also froze in place.

One person was licking ice cream from their cup;

Another had leapt into the air and about was to dive into the water, his body frozen mid-air;

Another person was yawning with their mouth opened wide;

And some were swimming below, the water they splashed hovered without moving.

“Is this [Time Stop]?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“No, this is a technique to pause Time— consider it a small party trick of mine”

The old lady replied and pointed around him: “Now, I want to test you a little bit, take a careful look at these people around you and find something wrong”

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

Something wrong? What does that mean...

But since she had told him to, Gu Qing Shan could only nod to signify his understanding and turned towards the pool.

While walking, he carefully observed everyone and everything around him.

The pool was normal.

The people were normal.

The structures and buildings were normal.

Even the public screen was fine.

Gu Qing Shan checked it all again and turned towards the old lady questioningly.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't see her eyes because of the veil she wore over her face, but he could sense the smile beneath that.

That attitude clearly showed that something was indeed wrong here.

This was a mundane scene in the past, so what could be wrong with it?

Gu Qing Shan convinced himself to try again and continued to circle around the swimming pool.

He even released his inner sight to scan the entire swimming pool at once.

The pool was normal.

The people were normal.

The structures and buildings were normal.

Even the public screen was fine.

Wait a minute...

Gu Qing Shan suddenly stopped and looked carefully at a young man.

The man had an unremarkable appearance, wore a pair of swimming shorts with a can of beer in his hand while leaning on his chair to watch the content on the public screen.

He appeared a bit excited with one fist clenched, apparently about to loudly cheer.

Loudly cheer?

Gu Qing Shan observed his seemingly normal man.

Then he couldn't help moving closer towards the man to observe him.

Although Gu Qing Shan could already see more than clear enough with his inner sight, he still wanted to check with his own eyes—— as if anything else wouldn't be able to convince him.

Gu Qing Shan carefully observed the man and felt a chill run down his spine.

That's impossible...

Gu Qing Shan felt shocked, a sense of unprecedented fear was grasping at his heart.

He abruptly turned around to look at the public screen.

——the world leader on the public screen was still making the dignified expression suitable for a formal speech with one hand raised to the air.

That's right!

He was declaring the establishment of the Robot Convention!

Gu Qing Shan turned around to observe the young man.

The young man had a look of expectation on his face and was holding his breath as if to wait for the next second.

He was already prepared to scream out in cheer and support.

His eyes reflected the scene on the screen.

Normally, it required special equipment in order to clearly extract the reflection inside a person's eyes.

But through his inner sight, Gu Qing Shan was more than capable of zooming out the image within a stationary person's eye with pinpoint accuracy.

In the man's eyes, a group of sportsmen were trying to compete for the ball, struggling for the final victory of the match.

The man wasn't seeing anything related to the Robot Convention at all.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but retreat a few steps.

He released his inner sight again to scan through the entire swimming pool.

He then found out a terrifying truth.

Although the screen was clearly reporting news of the Robot Convention, at least a third of the people here were still watching the ball game.

Gu Qing Shan retreated a few more steps in shock.

At the exact same time, while the report of a Robot Convention that would affect the future development of the entire world was being broadcasted, why are so many still unable to see it?

This eerie event caused his perception of the world to change, completely over-turning his understanding.

—-if something that happened right next to me wasn't true for everyone else, then what is?

What were my experiences up to now exactly?

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes, took a deep breath, and tried to remain calm.

The old lady was pleased to see that he was able to retain his calm even now.

This level of truth was normal enough to ruin the will of many, but this young man was able to remain a lot calmer than most.

The old lady muttered with satisfaction: "What a calm child, no wonder the Earth Creator wanted me to see you once"

Gu Qing Shan returned and respectfully asked: "Madame, I don't understand, what exactly is going on?"

The old lady asked in return: "Do you still remember what we were talking about in the beginning?"

Gu Qing Shan was surprised and quickly recalled.

Indeed, this esteemed sovereign of the elemental fairies had acted herself to help him remove the presence of the parallel worlds.

And the two of them were talking about parallel worlds just now.

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"No need to fear, my child. In truth, this was nothing but a small disturbance of a parallel world" the old lady peacefully told him.

"A small disturbance?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Indeed, when you were six years old, a parallel world was destroyed within the Apocalypse. The impact resulting from that destruction caused a faint disturbance in our reality, resulting in—- the experience of a few people being different from others"

"Because what they experienced was the events in that moment of the parallel world, and not what was happening in our reality?"

"That is exactly it" the old lady replied.

Gu Qing Shan muses for a long time before speaking up again: "In my world, there was once a famous figure who was believed to have died in a certain year, but he was actually still alive. When he truly

passed on, it caused a great disturbance—— as everyone found out that their memories were incorrect”

“And also, whenever a large number of people try to recall the same event they went through together, there were always a few whose memories were completely different from everyone else’s”

The old lady praised him: “That is so, these are nothing but very minute fluctuations caused by the destruction of parallel worlds, there is no need to pay much attention to them”

“Then what should I pay attention to?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“What comes after the destruction of those parallel worlds” the old lady’s voice slowly became lower: “In truth, what we need to look out for the most are things that came from parallel worlds”

She continued to explain: “When a parallel world is destroyed, there is always a small chance for things to stray off from the ‘parallel’ Law and arrive into our reality”

“Some of them are entities who escaped from the Apocalypse”

“An entity who was able to survive to the very last moment must either be the strongest and greatest individual, or race. That is why when a parallel world is destroyed and all of their Laws collapsed, these individuals or races who are no longer bound by the Laws of their own parallel worlds could escape into our reality”

“This was still a relatively decent outcome, but there is another more terrifying outcome”

At this point, the old lady couldn’t help but deeply sigh.

Gu Qing Shan asked further: “What is that?”

The old lady didn’t answer him straight away and asked: “An Apocalypse that could completely destroy a parallel world, can you understand how terrifying it is?”

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit and nodded.

If there existed a calamity that could destroy the entire 900 million World Layers, the Eternal Abyss, even the Space-Time fog and river, as well as destroying all living beings, this calamity would surely be terrifying to the point of being unable to resist.

Gu Qing Shan hesitantly asked: “But that is an Apocalypse of a parallel world, it wouldn’t show up in our reality as well—— would it?”

“Of course, an Apocalypse would not leave its original reality on its own”

The old lady’s tone suddenly became a lot more chilling: “But after a parallel world is destroyed, its corpse can potentially bring a calamity of the Apocalypse into our reality”

Gu Qing Shan muttered in fear: “If a calamity capable of destroying an entire parallel world arrives, wouldn’t that mean our reality would also be destroyed?”

The old lady shook her head: “For the corpse of a parallel world and the Apocalyptic calamity it carries, it is extremely difficult to turn from a ‘parallel’ state to an ‘arrived’ state, that would cause it to use up a majority of its power”

“Those calamities would be greatly weakened by the time they arrive in our reality, so they do not affect us too greatly— under normal circumstances”

“Under normal circumstances...” Gu Qing Shan parroted her.

The old lady smiled and continued: “You have already run into the Man Killer Fiends and Man Eater Fiends, yes?”

“I did”

“That was originally an Apocalypse from a parallel world. In that destroyed parallel world, there was not only the Man Eater and Man Killer forms, but rather over 1000 different mutated forms, some of which were simply irresistible and directly wiped out the infinite worlds”

“Although this Apocalyptic calamity managed to make it to our reality, it has already used up its power, leaving only the two forms of Man Eater Fiend and Man Killer Fiend”

“That’s why I was able to go against them” Gu Qing Shan added.

“Correct”

“Then the Game of Eternal——”

“Was also an infinitely weakened Apocalyptic calamity. Originally, it would force all living beings to participate”

“Other than that, a corpse of a parallel world can also affect our reality in various ways, like what I told you before, many people experienced different things at the same time”

“What is the biggest threat?” Gu Qing Shan abruptly asked.

The old lady looked at him and went silent for a while.

Gu Qing Shan also went silent.

Indeed.

This was ‘under normal circumstances’.

Everything was a lot easier ‘under normal circumstances’.

But outside of normal circumstances, there were also sudden, unknown, unpredictable, and unfathomable circumstances.

The old lady suddenly smiled, looked up at him, and said: “You’ve already matured, even within the 900 million World Layers, you can be already be considered a Lord, a person who can take up and take care of your own responsibilities, so you should indeed know a bit of the truth”

She waved her hand around the void of space.

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The sky, the ground, the skyscrapers, the swimming pool, the screen, and the people all vanished.

Instead, the scene around them was replaced by a gloomy dark space.

Gu Qing Shan looked at her in confusion.

She explained: "This is the final moment of the Earth Creator's life, I hope that you will take a look"

Gu Qing Shan then turned to look towards the endless void.

A bright and colorful nebula that covered a grey surging flow of liquid was quickly moving towards a certain direction.

Gu Qing Shan was able to sense the familiar presence from it.

Indeed, this was the Earth Creator.

It had turned into a nebula to head towards a giant gate made of bronze that appeared right in front of them.

This gate was so gigantic that even the nebula seemed tiny.

This scene had already been zoomed out infinitely by the old lady that Gu Qing Shan was able to see it as a whole, otherwise, he probably wouldn't have known what was happening even if he was directly at the scene.

The nebula stopped in front of the gate, turned into a giant with grey gas drifting around his body, and tried to push the bronze gates open.

The Earth Creator!

But as soon as it touched the bronze gate, it deeply sighed, as if discovering something.

「 So that is why... I had thought that this vision was too ridiculous to be true, but it turns out to have happened in the Age of Old, everything makes sense to me now 」

The drifting grey gas around the Earth Creator started to disappear as if they were being erased like drawings on paper.

Following that, its legs also started to shatter into fine particles of dust that scattered into the void of space and vanished without a trace.

The Earth Creator's entire body was beginning to collapse and disappear.

At the very last moment, it threw a glittering star out with its hand and shouted: 「 Undo! 」

As soon as the star heard the shout, it streaked across the darkness of the void towards a world infinitely far away.

The Earth Creator looked towards the old lady and spoke in a heavy voice: 「 I know you can definitely see this, my destiny has come to an end, I leave the rest to you 」

It finally muttered: 「 Death is the only path that living beings can take, and I am the first to go 」

After declaring so, it completely vanished from in front of the bronze gate.

The old lady waved her hand again.

The entire scene vanished again.

Gu Qing Shan found that he and the old lady had returned to the luxurious palace without anyone around them.

“Why did it suddenly die?” Gu Qing Shan asked with a serious voice.

The old lady took out a handkerchief and wiped the corners of the eyes: “It could not be helped, this was the most terrifying aspect of a parallel world—— Fate Corrosion”

“What is Fate Corrosion?”

“As you have seen by yourself, when a parallel world is destroyed, it will cause mistakes to occur in our reality. This is also a kind of Fate Corrosion”

“But you said that this situation can be ignored”

“Indeed, when the mistakes are too insignificant, we can simply ignore them. But there is a certain situation that far surpasses what we are able to deal with”

“When parallel worlds that are infinitely more powerful than we are gets destroyed and enter our reality, it would be able to completely change the fate of everyone in our reality”

“Like the Earth Creator. In this reality of ours, it was alive and well, but a parallel world that had corroded our reality existed near that bronze gate”

“This parallel world was extremely powerful, it desperately wrestled against the Apocalyptic calamity, transcended the ‘parallel’ Law, fell into our Eternal Abyss and drifted around the Reality Gate”

“When any living being in our reality approached the Reality Gate, their Fate would be assimilated and corroded by that parallel world”

Gu Qing Shan fell silent briefly before speaking up: “You mean that within that parallel world because the Earth Creator was already dead and when the Earth Creator of our reality approached, it was forced to accept that fate as well?”

“That is so, even an entity as powerful as it was could not resist against this fate”

Gu Qing Shan couldn't accept that: “Wait a minute, I can't comprehend this at all. How is it possible that a powerful entity like it succumbed to an indistinct and immaterial concept like fate?”

“Child, this was a determined fate of an entire parallel world, it is not something a single person can go against, not even I can do such a thing” the old lady deeply sighed.

“Which means, our Eternal Abyss is currently enduring the fate brought about by that powerful parallel world as well as its remnant Apocalypses?”

“That is indeed so, child, you are very sharp, as expected of the one that the Earth Creator thought highly of” the old lady joyfully praised him.

She took out a bright shining star, showing an expression of solemnity and caution.

“Earth, Water, Fire, and Wind are the four Saint Pillars of any world, each of them is as indispensable as the others. Take this, child, starting from today, you are the new Saint Pillar of the Earth”

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As soon as the glowing silver star appeared, Gu Qing Shan’s Inventory Bag moved.

The Gold Coin jumped out and circled around the star over and over.

Clink... clank... clink... clank...

It was giving off sounds of sorrow and sobbing.

The old lady sighed: “This is the Earth World’s lifeline star, as well as a part of the Gold Coin. They can sense one another, only one who possesses both of these items can wield the Saint Pillar of the Earth”

Gu Qing Shan suddenly understood.

No wonder the Gold Coin couldn’t sense the Earth Creator’s death.

That was because it had passed this silver star on in the final moments before its death, not allowing it to be destroyed with itself.

That is why the Gold Coin was able to sense the silver star as fully intact, yet couldn’t sense the Earth Creator through the silver star, or learn about the Earth Creator’s exact circumstance.

Gu Qing Shan still insisted: “When I left the Earth World, I saw the message that the Earth Creator left behind, it told me not try saving it— this means that it still had confidence in escaping”

The old lady replied: “At that time, it believed that the calamity that befell it would happen in the future, not realizing that it would run into that calamity in the Age of Old. That is why this is one of the extremely rare cases where it had made a mistake despite being able to foresee the future— and also why it had already left us”

The old lady waved her hand at the Gold Coin.

The Gold Coin fell into her hand and merged with the silver star.

A bright glow erupted.

A silvery gold coin engraved with complicated patterns and runes appeared in the old lady’s hand.

“Take it, and you shall become the new Saint Pillar of Earth”

The old lady gestured to Gu Qing Shan and said.

Gu Qing Shan hesitantly replied: “My abilities are vastly inferior to the Earth Creator, I’m not sure that I would be able to handle such a heavy responsibility”

The old lady smiled and said: “For you, it is indeed a bit early. That is why you can leave the rest to us, you will only need to protect the Earth World”

“But this coin is too precious, I’m worried that I might not be able to protect it” Gu Qing Shan said.

“Not able to protect it? Child, I think you are misunderstanding something, it is actually this coin’s responsibility to protect you— without your permission, no one else would ever be able to know anything about this coin”

“In the age-old past, the Gods of Earth, Water, Fire, and Wind were hailed as the four Pillar Gods who created reality itself, they were indispensable”

The old lady encouraged him further: “Gu Qing Shan, you have performed very well on the Earth World and obtained the Gold Coin’s recognition, while the silver star represents the Earth Creator’s will. It was the Earth Creator himself who has chosen you, so you are indeed suitable”

Without giving him any room to refuse again, the old lady lightly placed the silvery gold coin with the runes and patterns into Gu Qing Shan’s hand.

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath, then replied: “Alright, but I must say this before anything else, my current self cannot possibly achieve what the Earth Creator was able to”

“You do not have to. The road ahead of you is long, you only need to do what you think is right and slowly mature” the old lady smiled as she told him.

As soon as the coin fell into Gu Qing Shan’s hand, it vanished.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[One-of-a-kind item: The Coin of the Earth has fused with you. Before your power reaches the required threshold, it will not appear before you again]

[You obtained an authority]

[You have become the master of the Earth Pillar from one of the Four Saint Pillars]

[Due to the manifestation of the Earth Saint Pillar’s power, you have obtained the three following abilities:]

[True Luck: True Luck exists around you. Duration: 12 hours]

[Note: Luck is not omnipotent, keep that in mind]

[The coin’s self-note: You can’t live without some luck, right?]

[Absolute Prohibition: Any being struck by your attacks will have all of their supernatural abilities completely sealed away. Duration: 1 minute]

[Shelter: Regardless of where you are, you can return to the Earth World]

[Special note: You may only use one of the three abilities above at once, after which you must rest for 30 days before you can use any of these abilities again]

[Note: 'Enemy-killing Sword Technique' had been stashed into your mind, when you are qualified, you will slowly comprehend it]

[Repeated note: Before your power reaches the required threshold, it will not appear before you again]

[Thanks to the power of the fusion, you may use one of the Coin of the Earth's powers right away]

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Gu Qing Shan quickly read through everything.

He gasped, then said a bit worriedly: "Madame, you directly gave me such a precious thing, I——"

"No need to thank me" the old lady cut him off, "Before this, you have been providing salvation to the living beings for too many times, destroyed too many calamities and Apocalypse. Before long, even greater responsibilities will be pushed onto your shoulders from places unknown, as dictated by the Law of Fate"

Seeing Gu Qing Shan's nervous expression, the old lady chuckled: "Do not worry, it is much too soon for you to stand and fight alongside us, we shall protect you and give you enough time to grow and mature"

She took out a snow-white piece of parchment, swiftly cut her finger and pressed it down, leaving a bright red fingerprint.

"You too" the old lady gave Gu Qing Shan the parchment.

Gu Qing Shan received the parchment only to find that it was written in the ancient language of the fairies:

[Stipulated by this secret agreement, sincerely: The Controller of Time, the Never Ending Sand, the Lady of Legends, Sovereign of the elemental fairies, the Fairy of Time whose true name was Fusi, hereby acknowledges in confidentiality with the master of the Earth Saint Pillar, Gu Qing Shan. All matters regarding the Earth Saint Pillar will be hidden and secured by the Lady until a moment in which the master of the Earth Saint Pillar, Gu Qing Shan, absolves this agreement]

"Thank you for your care, I truly appreciate it" Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist.

With this secret agreement, no one else would discover his true identity.

He would be able to mature and grow in relief until a day that he becomes powerful enough.

Gu Qing Shan also cut his finger and pressed it against the piece of parchment.

Hoh——

A bright flame abruptly manifested and quickly devoured the piece of parchment whole.

The old lady then patted Gu Qing Shan's arm and told him: "Go, child, do what you need to do, I have seen it—— one day in the future, at a crucial moment, we will meet again"

"Hopefully I will have already become stronger by then" Gu Qing Shan replied

“Hm, truthfully, in relation to your strength, there seem to be 5 possibilities in your future. Would you like to hear it to better decide on your path?”

Gu Qing Shan smiled: “The future only depends on how much effort I put into the present, so I only need to move forward as I have, there is no need to ask too much”

The old lady was a bit surprised, her eyes glowing for a brief second.

She laughed heartily: “Indeed so, right as you declare that, I have seen several better possibilities for your future”

“What a pleasant young man you are, let me secretly help you just a bit more...”

She took out and gave Gu Qing Shan an engraved amber ring.

“Your eyes contain the total true essence of your swordsmanship. After some thought, I found that there exists a certain kind of power that would suit you extremely well”

“What power do you mean?”

“In the words of cultivators like you, this power is called a Thaumaturgy—when you achieve the next realm on your path, this ring will take you to the corpse of a certain existence in the parallel world. In that place, you will obtain the power that I speak of”

“...Thank you for your generosity”

“You may go and take care of your own matter now, young one”

“Then, farewell, madame”

“Farewell”

Gu Qing Shan took out the doll’s leg from before and pinched it.

In an instant, an intense guiding force manifested.

Gu Qing Shan was directly ejected from the elemental fairy world.

The old lady stood there contemplating for a while before suddenly turning to leave.

A voice abruptly appeared next to her:

「 Not only did you entrust the Creator’s last will to him, but you’ve even shown him a way forward. And yet he is still so weak, is that a good thing? 」

The old lady asked in return: “If I cannot do even that much, what kind of fairy sovereign would I be? Or rather, what are you worried about?”

The voice explained: 「 I am worried that he would rely too much on the power that you bestowed, thus losing his fighting spirit and no longer strive to improve himself 」

The old lady said without much care: “That is no issue, he deserves what he received”

The voice puzzledly asked: 「 Madame, why do you think so highly of this young one? 」

“Because I made a trip through the River of Time specifically to observe what he had done before he came here. I feel that... the Earth Creator did not choose the wrong person”

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Surrounded by Darkness.

Gu Qing Shan abruptly sat up.

He pushed open the lid of the stone chest.

A messy room full of empty chests and nothing else greeted him.

This was the secret room located on the Gemini star.

Gu Qing Shan had returned from the elemental fairy world.

He suddenly noticed something moving in his hand.

When he looked down, he found that it was the doll's leg.

As he let go, the doll's leg slid down his chest by itself and went back to the doll that was waiting here, reattaching itself.

“I'm so tired, I want to go back and rest for a while. If you want to go to that world again, go to the red brick house and tell me” the doll tiredly told him.

Gu Qing Shan crouched down, clasped his fist and asked: “You've worked hard, how should I thank you?”

The doll was about to leave but hesitantly stopped as it heard his question.

“Are you a cultivator?” it asked.

“I am” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Do you have spirit stones? You can just show it to me for a bit since I like to collect rocks, but I've never seen a spirit stone before” the doll nervously said.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit and took out a spirit stone for the doll.

He purposely chose the best Perfect-grade spirit stone he had, which looked like a glittering, transparent glass pebble.

As soon as he took this Perfect-grade spirit stone out, it began to exude faint white mist that drifted around itself.

—this white mist was the spirit energy that naturally scattered from spirit stones over time, any normal person who came into contact with it would feel their entire body becoming refreshed.

“So this is a spirit stone, how pretty...” the doll lightly touched the spirit stone and happily said.

“I'll give it to you” Gu Qing Shan told the doll.

“Give it to me? Can I really have it?” the doll appeared greatly expectant as it looked up at him.

Gu Qing Shan replied without issues: “Of course, I have a lot of spirit stones, it’s fine if I give you just one. Go ahead and take it, it’s a token of my appreciation”

The doll happily cheered: “That’s awesome, I now have one more rock in my collection, it won’t be far until I can host an exhibit!”

It bowed to bid Gu Qing Shan goodbye, hugged the spirit stone, and vanished.

Gu Qing Shan was also affected by the doll’s joy and smiled.

All of a sudden, he was afflicted with an unknown sensation.

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but shiver a bit.

“Gongzi?” Shannu’s worried voice sounded.

Gu Qing Shan took a deep breath and regained his sense, telling her: “It’s nothing, probably my Measure Tribulation quickly approaching”

His long days of peaceful and steadfast cultivation under the desert of the Earth World had finally come to fruition.

It should only be a couple of days before the Measure Tribulation truly arrives.

Gu Qing Shan went silent briefly.

A certain thought flashed across his mind.

Hm?

I think I just recalled something important just now.

Gu Qing Shan searched his thoughts, wanting to catch that notion again.

“Gongzi, since we still have a bit of time, let’s deal with the Abyssal Fate Weaver’s matter first” Shannu’s voice came again.

Gu Qing Shan’s train of thought was interrupted, so he replied: “But she’s an Eternal being, we need to at least come up with a solution before we attempt anything”

After saying that, the thought just now had already vanished, so he couldn’t quite catch it again.

Gu Qing Shan stood up from the chest, walked out from the secret room into the bottom of the well.

Indeed, just as Shannu said, I need to face the Abyssal Fate Weaver again.

But that thought I had just earlier also seemed to be really important.

While he was thinking, something else caught his attention.

—-now this is a big problem.

Although this dried well wasn’t too deep, its walls were completely smooth without a place to hold onto.

Since the supernatural powers of all living beings on the Gemini star were sealed, as a normal person, Gu Qing Shan had no way to climb out from this well.

He couldn't help but disregard the thought he had just now to resolve the current issue.

There are no other ways to climb back up, after thinking it through, there's only...

"Shannu?"

"Gongzi, I'm here"

Shannu swiftly appeared.

"Then—"

"Don't worry gongzi, I'll do it"

Shannu smiled as she lifted Gu Qing Shan up, held him in her chest, and flew up.

Dawn had just arrived on the Gemini star, so the shroud of the night was receding while faint rays of light peered through the layers of cloud above onto the stream and forest below, dying the world in an endlessly warm tone.

Within those first few rays of light, an elegant girl hugging a young man in her chest flew out from an empty well, then landed on the ground.

"Hah... this planet. Hah... this kind of seal, tch—— I really don't like it"

Gu Qing Shan cleared his throat and complained.

He quickly left Shannu's embrace and stood up straight.

Shannu was smiling so brightly her eyes had already curved into a pair of crescent moons, silently stood by his side, and gave no comments.

Gu Qing Shan could only continue the conversation by himself: "We have to seize every moment we have right now, check for me where the Abyssal Fate Weaver is"

Shannu released her inner sight and searched through the entire planet.

"She is currently downstream, searching everywhere for the Old Guide"

"Alright, let's go take care of her again and see what kind of secret she's hiding"

"What should we do now?"

"First, we will..."

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Downstream.

The tall slender woman stood still on top of a large rock with both eyes closed.

Since this morning, she had walked along the entire stream twice from upstream to downstream, but still found no signs of the Old Guide.

This old man is too mysterious, I can't grasp his whereabouts at all.

Is he actually the master of the Gemini star?

Right now, she had no choice but to rely on her sense of smell in order to seek him out.

The previous time the Old Guide showed up, it was also thanks to the smell of his noodles drifting in the air that I found him.

Since my senses are vastly superior to Gu Qing Shan, as soon as the Old Guide saw someone and cooked some noodles, I would definitely be able to smell it first.

I can only hope that the first person to meet the Old Guide today isn't Gu Qing Shan.

Time slowly passed.

A breeze of wind blew past.

The tall slender woman stood absolutely still.

All of a sudden, an incredibly faint smell of noodle broth was picked up by her.

The tall slender woman opened her eyes, her body turned into a blurred image as she charged straight towards the smell.

She was running against the stream with all your strength, and still gaining speed.

Faster.

Faster!

I need to eat the Old Guide's noodles before Gu Qing Shan does!

The tall slender woman went to the middle of the stream, then made a turn away from the coiling body of water to witness a certain scene.

Gu Qing Shan was receiving a large bowl of noodles with both hands.

The tall slender woman's heart sank.

Damn it, I still arrived one step too late.

But there's no telling who's going to win just yet!

The tall slender woman swiftly crouched down and picked up a few pebbles.

"YAH!"

With a loud roar, she threw the pebbles away.

The pebbles shot out like bullets, carrying with them intense momentum as they aimed for Gu Qing Shan, but were abruptly stopped mid-air.

The Old Guide glared at her: "Young lady, what are you doing? Do not bother other people from tasting my noodles"

While he asked that, Gu Qing Shan had already received the bowl and started eating.

"It's delicious!"

He praised, then even glanced triumphantly at the tall slender woman.

The tall slender woman's heart went cold, then started burning with rage.

No, I have to think of something, I'm not going to admit defeat that easily!

She held back her killing intent and walked up to the Old Guide.

"Old senior, I would like a bowl of noodles as well" she politely asked him.

The Old Guide's expression of anger vanished and swiftly replied with joy: "Ah, that is fine. Wait for a few moments"

A few moments later.

Another bowl of steaming hot noodles was prepared.

The tall slender woman glanced at Gu Qing Shan.

He had only eaten half a bowl.

If I can finish this before he does, I will be able to eat another bowl of noodles right away.

Since the amount of noodles the Old Guide prepares every day is limited, as long as I eat more than Gu Qing Shan does, the Old Guide wouldn't protect him any longer.

With that thought in mind, the tall slender woman picked up a pair of chopsticks and immediately began to wolf down the bowl of noodles.

Gu Qing Shan also sneaked a glance at her.

"Tch, don't eat that quickly, you might choke" he advised her.

The tall slender woman glared at him as she put her chopsticks down.

She was already done!

Even the noodle broth was fully consumed, leaving nothing behind!

She raised the bowl with both hands in front of the Old Guide and thanked him: "Your food was very good, please give me another bowl, thank you very much"

"Well, well, well, if you like it that much, I'll happily make you another bowl!" the Old Guide happily replied.

He then began to cook another bowl of noodles.

With some time to wait, the tall slender woman looked straight at Gu Qing Shan.

Their gazes clashed straight on.

“I misspoke yesterday, please let me explain” Gu Qing Shan said sincerely.

The tall slender woman turned away, ignoring him.

Gu Qing Shan scratched his head and glanced at the Old Guide.

Her anger hasn't subsided yet, how about— we ask one question first?

Seeing Gu Qing Shan's gaze, the Old Guide cleared his throat and asked the tall slender woman: “Why do you want to obtain the twin swords?”

Mystic Ability: [See you once again]— activate!

The tall slender woman fell into a blank state as if caught in an illusion.

Her face appeared nostalgic as she replied: “I want to chase after those people who betrayed our trust and escaped, also to find out what exactly was on the other side of the Reality Gate”

“Regretfully, the Reality Gate is isolated by a destructive force that could thoroughly destroy even the Abyssal entities who had Eternal life if they tried to approach it”

“There was a certain theory in the Abyss that those Abyssal monsters were not killed, but was actually corroded by another fate, thus losing their lives”

“I do not understand this strange theory, but many terrifyingly powerful monsters had come forward to confirm that this theory was correct”

“In the Abyss, there only exist a single weapon that could resist against such Fate Corrosion, that is the Swords of Changing Fate, the Evil-warding weapon of the Bottomless Abyss, the Guardian against Ultimate Extinction— the twin swords Heaven and Earth”

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After saying this, the tall slender woman stopped.

The effects of [See you once again] disappeared, the tall slender woman's blank expression vanished, replaced by her original caution and care.

Gu Qing Shan also quickly hid the contemplating expression on his face and silently muttered in his mind.

This woman is too reckless.

After being abandoned by humanity's upper echelon and being turned into an Abyssal monster, she began to make plans for taking the twin swords Heaven and Earth, all to reach the other side of the Reality Gate and find those people to take her revenge.

She did the same after failing to compete for the twin swords against me.

—-because I cut her into countless pieces and scattered her into countless phantom images, as soon as she was resurrected, she found out from somewhere about my whereabouts and travelled all the way to the Earth World to wait until I returned.

It had probably been a few ten thousand years already since the Age of Old.

But as soon as I left the Earth World, I ran into her.

This could only mean that she has been constantly ‘camping’ outside.

Even the Demon Dragon and the Soul Shrieker didn’t hold that much of a grudge, they had already gone about minding their own businesses.

This person really—-—

Can’t be trifled with.

This woman can’t die, so even if I manage to kill her here, she would still be resurrected eventually.

With this personality, she would definitely enter the 900 million World Layers and settle her grudge with me again.

If she just happens to appear when I’m trying to save Lady Darksea and the Lords...

God knows how I would be able to deal with her at that time.

I can’t offend her any further.

With that thought in mind, Gu Qing Shan’s attitude became even more sincere and shouted from afar: “Hey, I really am sincere about helping you, as long as you’re willing to let go of the past, I’m more than willing to help you as best as I can”

The tall slender woman still had her back turned to him and scoffed: “I know how good you are at conning people, so don’t even think about trying to lure me into a trap”

Gu Qing Shan sighed and signalled the Old Guide with a glance.

Seeing that, the Old Guide swiftly finished the new bowl of noodles and gave it to him: “Alright, little one, here is your noodles”

“Ah, thank you, old senior”

Gu Qing Shan quickly received that bowl of noodles.

The tall slender woman suddenly turned around and quickly questioned: “Old senior, I said that I wanted another bowl, didn’t I? Why did you give it to him?”

The Old Guide smiled brightly with his eyes closed and replied: “When this young man came, he already told me that he wanted two bowls, so I made one for him first— there is an order for things, wouldn’t you agree?”

The tall slender woman froze and turned to look at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan shrugged and spoke: “I came first after all, but to show my sincerity, I can let you have this bowl first”

The tall slender woman immediately turned to the Old Guide: “He said he’ll let me have it”

The Old Guide glanced at Gu Qing Shan, then at the tall slender woman and sighed: “Alright, as long as you are willing to eat my noodles”

The Old Guide then gave the bowl to the tall slender woman.

She instantly began to dig in.

While eating, she cautiously glanced at Gu Qing Shan.

Right now, the Old Guide had already begun to cook the next bowl of noodles and said: “Since that bowl was for the young lady, this next one will be for the young man”

The tall slender woman felt heavy in her heart.

That way, Gu Qing Shan will catch up with me.

The Old Guide respects the order of being first or second.

Since Gu Qing Shan was the one who came to him first today, each bowl he made would always prioritize Gu Qing Shan.

The tall slender woman’s eyes shifted around for a bit before she spoke to Gu Qing Shan:

“If you really want to show your sincerity, then let me have the next bowl as well”

Hearing that, Gu Qing Shan appeared troubled.

When the tall slender woman was about to begin mocking him, Gu Qing Shan hesitantly spoke up: “If I give everything to you, the Old Guide would definitely help you kill me”

The tall slender woman didn’t give him the opportunity to make excuses and swiftly replied: “That’s why this is the time to truly test you— whether you sincerely want to help me, or if your words are nothing but lip service, this is the time for me to observe it clearly”

Gu Qing Shan hesitantly thought for a long while, then finally sighed: “Very well, I’ll let you have the next bowl of noodles as well”

The tall slender woman appeared surprised.

— — —he’s really going to give me the next bowl as well?

If that’s the case, the Old Guide and I can take his life in mere minutes by working together!

He’s willing to put his life on the line...

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Does he sincerely want to help me?

At this point, the tall slender woman was feeling a bit unsure.

We are enemies, yet not only is he sincerely trying to make peace, but he's also offering to help me...

The tall slender woman continued to dig into the food and ate the noodles without making up her mind.

She once again ate everything without leaving a scrap of food left.

Seeing that, the Old Guide quickly asked: "What is your weakness?"

Mystic Ability: [See you once again]— activate!

The tall slender woman once again displayed a blank expression and subconsciously replied: "I fear nothing in battle, even if I die, I can quickly awaken again, only if someone took off the Ring of Vow on my left index would my abilities be temporarily sealed away— this is my only weakness"

Gu Qing Shan and the Old Guide exchanged surprised glances.

What an odd and mysterious weakness, if she didn't divulge it herself, no one would probably be able to find out.

After answering, the tall slender woman's blank expression gradually faded away.

The effect of the Mystic Ability was wearing off.

Gu Qing Shan and the Old Guide quickly adjusted themselves and returned to their original expressions.

The tall slender woman didn't notice that she had said anything, brought the bowl in front of the Old Guide and offered him her gratitude: "Thank you for your food, it was really delicious, please give me the next bowl as well"

"You can still eat?" the Old Guide asked in surprise.

The tall slender woman smiled: "A single bowl of noodles isn't much, I also like eat, and it has been a very long time since I last ate this kind of food"

The Old Guide looked at her, then at Gu Qing Shan and with hesitance, he asked: "Little one, the next bowl of noodles was supposed to be yours, are you sure you really want to give it to the young lady as well?"

Gu Qing Shan waved his hand without care: "Please give it to her, I need her to understand my sincerity"

"Alright then, this is a matter between you young people, I won't interfere" the Old Guide replied.

After saying so, the Old Guide began making the next bowl of noodles.

The tall slender woman cautiously stared at Gu Qing Shan and questioned: "What exactly are you scheming?"

"I've already given you my noodles, can't you trust me at least once?" Gu Qing Shan sighed.

The tall slender woman crossed her arms and said nothing.

Only after the Old Guide had finished cooking the noodles and gave it to her that her gaze changed a bit.

This time, the tall slender woman wasn't in as much of a rush as before and slowly enjoyed the food.

Halfway through, she abruptly looked up and said: “Gu Qing Shan, I really didn’t think you’d be willing to go this far”

—since I’ve already eaten all the noodles, the Old Guide would not help Gu Qing Shan.

I am stronger than Gu Qing Shan and can last very long in a fight, while Gu Qing Shan is now only a normal person, in a battle of attrition, his stamina would definitely not last.

As long as I am willing to, I can kill him today!

Gu Qing Shan nodded again: “Of course I am. Considering how powerful you are and how you’ve helped me in the Age of Old, I really can’t think of a reason why I would deceive you”

“Then give me the twin swords” the tall slender woman said.

“The twin swords’ spirits have already recognized me as their master, you wouldn’t be able to use them even if you take them” Gu Qing Shan replied.

This was the truth after a weapon or artifact had recognized a master, other people wouldn’t be able to use it unless they erased the weapon’s spirit.

—-but doing this would also cause the weapon or artifact to be greatly damaged, unable to exert its full power.

The tall slender woman questioned in irritation: “But with how weak you are, how are you going to help me?”

Gu Qing Shan insisted: “We can slowly plan that out, as long as you don’t hold a grudge against me anymore, I’d naturally be willing to listen to you”

The tall slender woman turned her head and looked straight at him.

A long while later.

“How surprising, you actually seem truly sincere this time” she commented.

—her attitude finally loosened up!

Gu Qing Shan sighed: “That’s because you don’t understand me well enough, after getting to know me better, you’ll find that everything I’ve done up to now has been sincere”

The tall slender woman scoffed, showed a complicated expression, but said nothing else.

The Old Guide was looking down on one side, trying to control his expression.

And the tall slender woman was about to finish the third bowl of noodles as well.

This is really—

He successfully fooled her into being affected by the same Mystic Ability three times in a row, and still managed to convince her that he sincerely wants to help her from the bottom of his heart.

...Gongzi really is a swindler among swindlers.

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Since Gu Qing Shan gave up on it, the tall slender woman soon finished the third bowl of noodles.

“Thank you for your wonderful treat, the noodles were exceptionally delicious”

She washed the bowl clean in the stream before presenting it back to the Old Guide with both hands.

— and then she was affected by the ability once again.

As discussed with Gu Qing Shan before, the Old Guide asked: “What have the Soul Shrieker and Abyssal Demon Dragon been up to recently?”

The tall slender woman displayed a nostalgic expression, then slowly replied: “There was an issue with the Soul Shrieker’s main body, so its avatars also went mad. As for the Demon Dragon, it is currently trying to take over the entire Strife Zones, sending all the living beings there on a search for the three coins while gathering all treasures for himself”

A split second later.

The tall slender woman returned to normal.

“Are you really willing to help me?” she asked Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan nodded.

The tall slender woman fell into thought: “You are a cultivator, so you are most afraid of a Heaven and Earth vow. If you really are willing to help me, then make a vow to the Heaven and Earth”

Gu Qing Shan first shook his head: “I can help you, but since a vow of Heaven and Earth is related to my Dao’s Heart, I can’t make a vow that ensures any absolutes, because I don’t know if I will be able to do it”

“Then it seems you’ve been spouting nothing but lies” the tall slender woman commented.

Gu Qing Shan continued: “Because you truly did help me obtain the Heaven sword, I can vow that as long as it is within my abilities, I am willing to give you my full support. If I violate this vow, my powers shall not advance even one step further”

Boom!

Thunder rumbled above them.

The Law of Heaven and Earth had responded to Gu Qing Shan’s vow.

The tall slender woman stared straight at him with an unimaginable expression.

She silently thought briefly, then started twisting her body.

Her originally slender and toned body started to give off a different sense of sensuality as she twisted it.

But Gu Qing Shan’s expression turned serious.

Because as her body twisted, the air was twisting and vibrating fiercely with her.

“HAH!” the woman shouted clearly.

Crack!

Hoh!

With a reverberating sound of impact, intense shockwaves emerged from her body and erupted all around.

The tall slender woman threw a single punch.

Boom!

Several hundred meters away, a large tree was broken cleanly in half, flung upwards to the sky, then heavily fell down sideways on the stream, blocking its flow.

The stream began to swell.

Gu Qing Shan blankly stared at this and muttered: “How extraordinary”

— — — without using any supernatural powers, she was able to achieve this simply by the shockwaves of a single punch.

This was pure physical power, a strike whose power was accumulated for a long while!

“Did you know, Gu Qing Shan? Although I couldn’t tell what you were trying to do, I could sense that you were scheming something against me— — — because although my abilities have all been suppressed, I am still an expert at weaving fate, and my intuitions told me so”

The tall slender woman slowly explained.

The Old Guide pursed his lips tightly, sneaking a glance at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan shook his head in their general direction, both to signal the Old Guide not to do anything reckless, while also reacting to the tall slender woman’s words.

He only asked her: “I’ve already made a vow to Heaven and Earth, and you still won’t believe me?”

The tall slender woman suddenly smiled, then replied: “Exactly, it was because I’ve recognized your sincerity that I ignored all of your schemes and planning up to this point, asking you only one thing— — — do you dare to make a vow to Heaven and Earth”

“If you had even a bit of reluctance towards making a vow, I would’ve killed you on the spot”

“Gu Qing Shan, your sincerity saved your life”

She proudly declared so, her words resounded her along with the faint rippling of the stream, carrying her intense power and confidence.

Gu Qing Shan smiled bitterly and replied: “As expected of a martial arts expert. After going against you yesterday, I should’ve already realized you were this kind of person”

“Hah? What kind of person do you think I am?” the tall slender woman questioned in interest.

“Everyone who practices martial arts is like this, regardless of your enemy’s scheme or plans, you would still take their head among ten thousand soldiers” Gu Qing Shan replied, “I understand you a bit better now”

Indeed, because she was abandoned by those she trusted in humanity’s upper echelon and was led to the death of her comrades, even if she had turned into a monster, even if the ones who betrayed her had already entered the Reality Gate, she was determined to chase after them for the sake of revenge.

This was a true martial artist!

Gu Qing Shan’s evaluation of her increased a bit in his mind, then explained: “I need to accomplish something first before I can fully commit myself to help you”

“Hah? You sure have a lot of conditions attached, but I refuse” the tall slender woman reached her thin, pearly white arms forwards and lightly cracked her joints.

Her bones gave off a clear crackling sound of metal.

“You will help me with accomplishing my goals first, thus resolving our grudge, then you can go ahead and do what you want”

“Gu Qing Shan, you have to understand. You no longer have the Old Guide’s help, and I can kill you at any time I wish. If not for consideration of your sincere will to help, I wouldn’t have wasted so many words on you”

“You don’t have a choice in this matter!”

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The tall slender woman declared with a tone that refused all refusal.

She thought for a bit, then relaxed her tone: “Perhaps after my vengeance, I might even give you a hand. At that time, whatever your trouble is, it’ll be as simple as a wave of a hand for me”

Gu Qing Shan sighed and was about to explain further, but his expression changed.

A wave of pain spread all over his body.

A power that couldn’t be suppressed was swiftly corroding his body.

Gu Qing Shan finally realized!

Ever since I returned from the elemental fairy world, because of there being too many things for me to worry about, I keep forgetting a certain crucial thought.

And now, Gu Qing Shan finally knew what that thought was.

———*today was time for the dance!*

I have to begin dancing now, or the Demon Dragon’s power will corrode my entire body.

A line of glowing text also appeared on the War God UI.

[Please perform the Living Being Sacrificial Dance (1st stage) immediately, otherwise, the power of the Demon Dragon would spread and your body will be irreversibly corroded]

The tall slender woman saw the change in his expression and coldly questioned: “What, are you regretting it now?”

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly explained: “It’s not that, but I have something I have to do right now— listen to me, every month, I have a period where I would feel very uncomfortable—”

As soon as the words left his mouth, he stopped.

That might have caused a deeper misunderstanding...

Sure enough, it became deathly silent all around.

Both the Old Guide and the tall slender woman had extremely odd expressions on their faces.

The Old Guide appeared like he was about to collapse, wanting to say something, but decided not to.

The tall slender woman was stunned and reflexively glanced towards his chest.

Gu Qing Shan knew what she was thinking and quickly waved his hands dismissively: “It’s not as you think, I just need to perform a dance”

“While I’m dancing, don’t say anything— no, better that you stand as far away from me as possible, or I could actually hurt you”

Right after he said that Gu Qing Shan immediately began performing the 1st stage of the Living Being Sacrificial Dance.

—there was no time to get away from her, and he didn’t care about something as useless as shame— right now, the most crucial thing was to suppress the Demon Dragon’s power!

He stood by the stream, shook his shoulders, waved his hands, and occasionally even performed an embarrassing twerking movement.

At first, the tall slender woman cautiously formed a defensive stance.

But slowly, she silently stood straight up again.

“...Is your head on ok?”

She couldn’t help herself asking.

Gu Qing Shan took the time when he was turning around to warn her with an extremely somber expression: “Do not say a word, a lot of strange and unimaginable things will definitely occur very soon, I don’t want you to misunderstand that I’m trying to do anything against you”

This dance was something so embarrassing it was hard to explain, even back in the Age of Old, when he was alone by himself, Gu Qing Shan reflexively wanted to avoid thinking about it.

So the Abyssal Fate Weaver didn’t even know about this.

At any other time, if Gu Qing Shan used such a serious tone to warn the tall slender woman, it would be more than enough for her to take him seriously, but——

As soon as Gu Qing Shan finished speaking, he began to perform a shameful dance move filled with teasing intent.

This movement was really...

The tall slender woman raised her eyebrows.

Watching from the side, the Old Guide couldn't help but turn her head away—— despite still using her inner sight to observe Gu Qing Shan.

The tall slender woman crossed her arms, stared closely at Gu Qing Shan's repeated teasing movement, and felt rage coming from inside herself: "Your movements don't match your words, so what exactly is going on?"

Gu Qing Shan didn't have the leisure to say anything else.

He had no choice but to focus on dancing!

Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to suppress the Demon Dragon's power!

He also felt really helpless just now, the dance just happened to reach that point, what else could he do?

Watching him dance for a while longer, the tall slender woman felt like exploding.

What exactly is this?

Is this man trying to mock me?

The tall slender woman couldn't help but shout again: "Oi, can you stop this ridiculous dance already"

As soon as she said that.

She felt her heaven and earth turning around itself, her vision replaced by the stream and pebbles around it.

Sha sha sha sha sha——

Thin, small strings appeared from the void of space, then swiftly vanished.

A hoarse, dry voice resounded in the air: 「 Do not badmouth this marvelous dance. As a spider, you died by a thread, such is your fitting end 」

The tall slender woman's body was sliced into over a dozen pieces, fell into the stream, and was washed away by the water.

Chapter 908

"One two three, step"

"Four five six, wave your hands"

“Seven eight nine, move your jaws, rattle your shoulders——”

Gu Qing Shan muttered the dance moves and followed the rhythm as he carefully danced.

On the War God UI, lines of glowing text continued to scroll:

[The Demon Dragon’s power is being suppressed]

[You’ve obtained the love of Occult-type Mystic abilities, your body has grown slightly sturdier]

[Your dance was praised by a mystical existence, your affinity with Mystic abilities had grown a tiny bit]

[Your body’s sense of balance had been increased]

Gu Qing Shan continued to sweat bullets as he danced.

Even as a Three Thousand Worlds realm cultivator without his powers sealed away, he would still be tired by performing this dance, let alone right now.

Both his body and soul felt like it was going through a tough journey whenever he did the Living Being Sacrificial Dance.

Several dozen seconds later.

He finally finished the dance this time around.

Shannu gave him a cup of spirit spring water and asked: “Gongzi, what now?”

Gu Qing Shan panted heavily as he drank the entire cup at once.

“This is my fault this time around since I forgot the time for the Dance”

He helplessly sighed.

“Since she’s already dead, how about we just leave now?” Shannu suggested.

“No, according to what she said, she was already betrayed once, so this is quite a rare occasion for her to trust me” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Shannu appeared troubled: “But her body had already been washed away by the stream. Gongzi, even if we take the time to put her back together, who knows how long it’ll be until she revives”

Gu Qing Shan shook his head and told her: “If we leave right now, she might not trust anyone ever again. Furthermore, if we leave and she just happens to revive, then come to the 900 million World Layers to find me, that will be some real trouble”

“Then...”

“Then we must find and put her back together, then explain everything clearly—— trust me, for true martial artists like her, even if she seems like she doesn’t mind a lot of things, she’s actually a very obsessive person”

Shannu sighed: “Then we have to slowly gather her body parts, wait for her to revive, then spend the effort to convince her that you didn’t plan to kill her, and finally get her to not force you to come with her to the Reality Gate since gongzi still has things to do”

“That sounds complicated, and very hard” Gu Qing Shan muses.

“It is extremely hard. You should still remember that she’s an Abyssal monster, gongzi” Shannu reminded him.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit, then closed his eyes and carefully sensed inside his body.

The manifestation of the Earth Saint Pillar now resided within his body, which he could call upon any time he liked.

And right now, Gu Qing Shan really needed a bit of help to accomplish this relatively arduous task.

Following his thought, a silvery golden glow appeared from inside his body, gathered at his palm to form a pattern of light.

At the same time, lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[Master of the Earth Saint Pillar, please choose the power you would like to activate]

[Powers that can be chosen: True Luck, Absolutely Prohibition, Shelter]

Gu Qing Shan swiftly skimmed through and silently muttered in his mind: “Use [True Luck]”

A new notification appeared on the War God UI:

[You have chosen True Luck]

[This ability has been activated, duration 12 hours]

[After this ability runs out, you must wait for 30 more days before you may use the power of the Earth Saint Pillar again]

All the glowing text vanished.

Everything returned to normal.

Gu Qing Shan looked down at the picture of the Coin of the Earth in his hand and felt a familiar sensation.

It was the same strange sensation that he felt when he first arrived in the Earth World and received the Earth Creator’s blessing.

“Let’s go” he said.

“Gongzi, where are we going?”

“To gather her body parts”

“...That’s going to be a very long and arduous task”

“Regretfully, there’s only two of us right now. But it’s fine, just don’t think about it too much, we’ll slowly gather them”

While Gu Qing Shan was consoling Shannu, he abruptly went quiet.

He and Shannu both looked in the same direction.

Something seemed to be moving along the bank of the stream.

And that thing also noticed them.

“Ah! So you two are here as well!” the other party called out.

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—so it was the doll.

Gu Qing Shan came over and crouched down in front of the doll, asking doubtfully: “Why are you here?”

The doll lowered its hat first to greet him, then explained: “There’s a very rare rock in this part of the stream called the Water Flower Gem, I’m just trying my luck to see if I can find it”

“The Water Flower Gem?” Gu Qing Shan asked with interest.

“That’s right, it’s an ivory-colored rock with naturally forming water ripples that looks like flowers blooming on them, so they’re called Water Flower Gems” the doll explained.

It then sighed: “I’m only missing this one last rock before I can join a rock exhibition, but unfortunately, these Water Flower Gems are the rarest kind of rock on the Gemini star. It’s really good at hiding itself in the water, only showing up once every 1000 years”

Gu Qing Shan suddenly felt something pressing against his foot.

He picked up a rock from the water, glanced at it, then put it in front of the doll.

“The Water Flower Gem you talked about, is it similar to this one?” he asked.

“Ah, that’s right, it looks exactly like this”

The doll glanced at it and nodded.

Wait a mi—

The doll opened its eyes wide and shouted in excitement: “Oh my god! That IS the Water Flower Gem!”

It circled around and around the Water Flower Gem, wanting to touch it, but hesitant to.

Gu Qing Shan said: “You can take it since I don’t need such a thing”

He pushed the rock towards the doll.

The doll was so excited its face was flushed and hurriedly asked: “Can I really?”

“Go ahead” Gu Qing Shan smiled.

The doll was stunned briefly, as if making some sort of decision, and replied: "I can't take such a precious thing for free, I have to repay you somehow"

It swung its cane up and down.

"I heard what you were talking about just now" the doll raised a thumb towards him: "You're a good person, so I'll help you bring that woman's body back"

While they talked, something seemed to be flowing upwards from downstream.

When Gu Qing Shan focused his attention, he found that they were pieces of chopped-up body parts.

— the tall slender woman's body!

The doll swung its cane again.

The several dozen pieces of body parts were washed up onto the river bank by a sudden wave.

"There's a pixie in this stream, she's a good friend of mine, so I asked her for a favor" the doll told him as if bragging.

"But she and I don't really understand how to put bodies back together, so you'll have to do that yourself"

"That's more than enough, thank you" Gu Qing Shan sincerely expressed his gratitude.

Seeing his reaction, the doll nodded and spoke: "I'll be going first, you know how to find me, I want to return and quickly sort through my rocks"

"See you later"

"Hm, see you later"

The doll waved its cane and vanished.

Gu Qing Shan and Shannu exchanged glances.

"Then this first part is over with, all we need to do is put her body back together again" Gu Qing Shan said.

"Yes, then let us try to reassemble her body" Shannu replied.

The two of them went up to the bank and began their work.

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"Shannu, how do you put this piece in?"

"I think it's, erm— the place is right, but you need to put the chest area on top first"

"Ah..."

...

“Gongzi, give me the piece in your right ha—— wait, that part is the right leg, you placed it on backward”

“Sorry about that, I can’t quite make it out.

...

Gu Qing Shan silently felt puzzled.

I have True Luck helping me for a duration of 12 hours, so why do I keep messing up the body reassembly?

I’m a great cultivator, and a top-class chef, reassembling a body should be nothing but child’s play for me—— so why is luck holding me back?

Shannu cut in: “Hah, alright. Gongzi, you’re too clumsy, this female body clearly isn’t suitable for you to put together, let me do it”

Gu Qing Shan was surprised and instantly understood.

He put the severed body parts in his hand back down and said: “That’s right. Shannu, return to your original appearance and put her back together, this way you can prove that I didn’t reassemble her body”

Shannu also just realized: “Ah, that’s right. Otherwise, if she knew that you were touching her bare body, she would definitely get angry and try to fight you again”

Gu Qing Shan smiled bitterly: “It’s still ok if she’s only fighting me on this planet, but if she grows furious and acts the same way she does when searching for the Bygone Era humans, I won’t be able to endure her pursuing me for over several ten thousand years”

Chapter 909

Darkness.

Within the silent darkness, a female voice suddenly resounded:

“Gongzi, if we keep waiting like this, who knows how long it would be until she woke up”

Followed by a familiar male voice: “That doesn’t matter, what’s important is waiting for her to wake up and explain that everything has been a misunderstanding”

The female voice asked: “Fine then, but isn’t gongzi going to look for the Old Guide?”

“Right now?”

“Yeah, since we would have to leave from this Gemini star eventually, it’s better that you go ask him the way first”

“Alright, then you take care of her for a bit, I’ll go look for the Old Guide.

“Hm”

The voices stopped here.

For a long while...

Gu Qing Shan's voice couldn't be heard any longer.

The only sounds left were the crackling sound of tree branches in a campfire and the occasional humming of a female voice.

The tall slender woman slowly opened her eyes.

It was currently deep in the night.

An elegant girl with an indifferent expression sat by a small campfire.

If I remember correctly, she should be Gu Qing Shan's sword spirit, Shannu.

Gu Qing Shan had gone to find the Old Guide to look for the way off of this world, while his sword spirit remained here to watch over.

At this time, Shannu had noticed and turned towards her direction.

The two people's gazes met.

The tall slender woman calmly asked: "How much time had passed since I died?"

"You have been dead for around 10 hours— but you revived so quickly, how unimaginable"

Shannu stood up and walked next to the tall slender woman.

She was feeling a bit nervous.

Gongzi's True Luck can only last for a few more dozen minutes, I wonder if that's enough to win this monster's trust.

The tall slender woman muses: "That can't be right, I've never revived so early before, what kind of power did you use?"

Shannu explained in detailed: "We found a gem and gave it to a wooden doll, the doll then invited a pixie from this stream to save you"

"What kind of gem?"

"The Water Flower Gem"

"I know about that gem... even a pixie would have a hard time looking for that, no wonder"

The tall slender woman stood up and moved her body a bit.

She had an almost perfectly toned body— that was being cloaked in a set of soft, silky Chinese palace maid dress.

"I remembered being sliced into many pieces when I died— and pixies hate dead bodies, so was it Gu Qing Shan who put me together?" she curtly asked.

"No, I helped you put your body together, the clothes you're wearing are also mine, but since your figure is a bit taller, they don't seem to fit very well" Shannu observed her from top to bottom.

The tall slender woman closed her eyes and fell into thought.

Indeed, when I was slowly regaining my consciousness, I was able to feel a pair of feminine, delicate hands helping me put my body back together.

She opened her eyes and glanced at Shannu's hands.

Right, it was this pair of hands.

Then my body truly hasn't been touched by that man.

The tall slender woman's expression turned a bit less heated, then asked: "How exactly did I die?"

Shannu then explained to her the matter of the Demon Dragon and Living Being Sacrificial Dance.

—since gongzi told her not to hide anything from her.

The tall slender woman silently listened but didn't erupt in anger like Shannu had thought.

She instead appeared nostalgic as she muttered: "So it was something the old man left behind, hmph, so what if you were the strongest? In the end, you were still too soft-hearted and..."

Her voice slowly became lower as a look of sorrow surfaced in her gaze.

At this point, a figure came running back from downstream.

Gu Qing Shan appeared.

He acted surprised: "You revived so quickly?"

She was killed by me once, so I can't be sure what she's thinking right now.

Gu Qing Shan looked at her, waiting for her to respond.

At the same time, a timer was quickly counting down.

[Duration of True Luck remaining: 7 minutes 09 seconds]

7 minutes.

These 7 minutes will determine whether the Abyssal Fate Weaver and I are allies or enemies.

I really hope that I don't get an enemy who's like this.

Gu Qing Shan was sighing in his mind.

After their battle, he was in awe of her martial arts expertise.

—truly in awe, because only a true Combatant with their heart dedicated to martial arts itself would be able to achieve that level of expertise.

With so infinite worlds and infinite possibilities, perhaps there were some powerful life forms that could easily defeat such martial arts experts.

But being powerful doesn't mean that they have great expertise.

Like the Soul Shrieker, even as powerful as it was, it wouldn't be able to comprehend the spirit and mental fortitude of those who had reached this level of expertise.

The tall slender woman nonchalantly answered Gu Qing Shan's comment: "I can smell a strange and refreshing fragrance coming from my body, it was probably the pixie using a revitalizing technique on me that allowed me to revive so quickly"

"So that pixie was quite nice" Gu Qing Shan praised.

Fortunately, her attention was focused first on the pixie's technique and not about his dance killing her earlier.

This allowed both sides to gloss this matter over completely.

The tall slender woman coldly laughed: "The things that pixies do are always strange and odd in one way or another, it's not quite as simple as you think"

She lifted her clean pearly-white hand up for him to see.

"What's the matter?" Gu Qing Shan didn't really understand.

The tall slender woman lowered her head: "Pixies like to collect things that contain unique power, so it purposely used that revitalizing technique on her in order to justify taking away my ring as payment for using that technique"

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

He suddenly realized how important that ring was to the tall slender woman.

After she was affected by [See you once again], Shannu had asked about her weakness.

That ring was supposed to be her weakness!

By losing the ring of vows, the tall slender woman lost the majority of her powers!

...that's very troublesome.

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According to the words of mouth in the 900 million World Layers, anything that has been taken by pixies is as good as lost, never to be recovered.

Gu Qing Shan observed her expression.

The tall slender woman didn't appear to be nervous or impatient, instead, she appeared a bit lonely.

Gu Qing Shan asked: "Was that ring important? I heard that it's not easy to take back what has been taken by a pixie"

The tall slender woman coldly replied: "It's fine because I didn't intend to give up the ring of vows, the Abyss would not punish me—the will of the Abyss will make sure that Soul Artifact will return to me sooner or later"

Will of... the Abyss?

Gu Qing Shan silently shivered, but showed an expression of relief: “Then that’s great”

The tall slender woman turned to face him and spoke with a serious expression: “We need to leave, quickly”

“Why?”

“Since I lost the favor of the Abyss, the Demon Dragon surely would have already noticed— and it already know that I’m here”

Gu Qing Shan followed up her words: “The Demon Dragon hadn’t arrived up to this point probably because it was afraid of your strength. But now that you’ve lost the power the Abyss, it would surely come to kill you and me to steal the twin swords Heaven and Earth away”

The tall slender woman confirmed: “Exactly. Since I’ve temporarily lost my Abyssal powers, with only my martial arts prowess remaining, I can’t head to the Reality Gate either...”

“Then we shouldn’t stall any longer, I found a way to leave this world from the Old Guide, we need to go now” Gu Qing Shan told her.

The tall slender woman didn’t respond right away.

She stayed silent for a bit as if making her choice.

Gu Qing Shan had already sighed deeply.

Because right now, her attitude was already much better than before, she probably wouldn’t specifically aim for me any longer.

He glanced at the War God UI.

— — — there were only 30 seconds left of True Luck.

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit and said apologetically: “About the Sacrificial Dance killing you, I hope you can understand, because I couldn’t control that Dance either”

The tall slender woman was about to say something, but after Gu Qing Shan said this, she shut her mouth again.

20 seconds.

10 seconds.

7 seconds.

5 seconds.

The tall slender woman finally spoke:

“You were taught by the old man, so you can be half-considered to be his disciple... Fine, I’ll come with you for now, and when that ring returns to me, I’ll take you to the Reality Gate with me”

She then declared in a resolute tone: “Regardless of what happens, I need to travel through the Reality Gate and accomplish my vengeance”

True Luck ended.

Roar!!!!!!

A resounding roar echoed across the sky.

Followed by a thunderous voice: 「 Fate Weaver, were you abandoned by the Abyss? Ahahahaha! 」

The tall slender woman scowled: “We need to go right now, although no supernatural powers can be used on the Gemini star, Demon Dragon’s strongest point is its body, if we faced it here, it would have the absolute advantage instead”

Gu Qing Shan felt tense and immediately called out: “Let’s go!”

The three of them vanished from the side of the river.

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At another location.

A tiny girl wearing a refreshing sundress was carefully observing the ring in front of her.

The glittering silvery ring was engraved with a shining gem.

This ring was about the same size as the tiny girl, occasionally giving off an invisible wave of power that pushed the girl several meters away.

“Shishishi, I like mysterious items like these, since I healed her wounds, taking a small ring from her is legal according to us pixies”

While speaking, the tiny girl took out a small wooden club and pointed it at the ring from far.

“Let me see your background”

She chanted an incantation.

“Secret of Wonder, show yourself!”

A green glow appeared from the small wooden club and flew into the ring.

The ring started floating in the air.

Some voices began to come out of the ring.

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First came a hearty male voice: “Lin, I had to scour through countless corpses floating in Space-Time to find the materials to make this ring, and now I’m gifting it to you”

A clear bell-like giggle came, followed by a female voice: “Ehehe, so why did you spend so much effort on it?”

“For our love, of course”

...

The small pixie originally was about to write something down, but couldn't help shouting: "Too nauseating, fast forward!"

She swung her small club again.

The two voices went away.

A few moments later, the next bit of voices came from the surface of the ring.

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The male voice said hurriedly: "Lin, you have to help me this time"

"How do you want me to help you?" the female voice asked.

"The Space-Time Mystery Nest isn't suitable for humanity to stay in. My political enemy suffered heavy losses this time, so humanity's shelter should be built in the outer layer of the Abyss—— that place is infinitely expansive, enough to house a hidden emergency shelter for humanity. This is my idea, and also the project I have been constantly pushing for, but without a powerful martial artist to lead the way, no one is willing to attempt it" the male voice said.

The female voice hesitantly replied: "The outer layer of the Eternal Abyss..."

The male voice said resolutely: "This is THE chance for me to enter the decision-making echelon, victory or defeat is decided here. Lin, I only need you to sortie and lead a squad to scout the area with your influence"

The female voice replied: "I can do it for you, but my comrades, those girls——"

The male voice cut her off and quickly told her: "They only need to make one trip with you, as long as we can prove that humanity can survive in the Abyss for three days—— after three days, you can all return"

He continued: "Lin, once I enter the decision-making echelon, our lives will become a lot better, I swear I will definitely make you my wife at that time, I just beg you to help me this once"

The female voice said with a troubled tone of voice: "I can even give my life up for you, but my comrades are different. I don't want to ask them to take such a serious risk because of me"

The male voice continued: "As long as you agree to, they would agree. They've already known about my proposal to you, and are more than willing to do this"

"What!? You already told them?" the female voice was shocked.

The male voice begged her: "This is only a simple trip, and they are all willing to accompany you this once——this would help me climb to a better position!"

The female voice sighed helplessly and said: "Truthfully... those who haven't been to the frontlines don't understand just how unpredictable the Abyss can be. I want you to swear to me right now, if anything out of the ordinary at all happens in the Eternal Abyss, you must warp us back before anything else"

The man chuckled: "Don't worry, that is a given. Even if a great disturbance happens in the Abyss, I would ensure your safety before anything else"

“...Very well, then I will lead everyone on that trip”

The female voice finally compromised.

Chapter 910

Night.

In the stream.

Three figures were quickly dashing through.

The doll was now sitting on Gu Qing Shan’s shoulder cupping its hand as it looked towards the sky.

“A meteor is falling”

It loudly called out.

Everyone looked in that direction only to see a dark cluster streaking across the sky.

All of a sudden.

An earthquake.

A huge sound of impact resounded from afar.

Gu Qing Shan tried to stabilize himself and asked: “The Demon Dragon is here?”

The tall slender woman replied: “That’s right, it fell not too far away from where we are, it’ll probably make it here soon”

“Can we outrun it?”

“No, both its physical strength and speed are retained, it would very soon catch up to us”

“Then we have no choice but to face it” Gu Qing Shan sharply scowled.

“Definitely not, its body was built to be the ultimate weapon, without the power of the Abyss, I’m no match for it, while you——”

The tall slender woman glanced at him, then sighed.

She then reached her hand into her long black hair and lightly pulled.

She had plucked a strand of her hair.

She swiftly tied the strand of hair around her waist, then pulled the other end towards Gu Qing Shan.

“Since you carry the power of the Demon Dragon, as soon as it notices you, it would devour you whole”

The tall slender woman tied the hair on Gu Qing Shan’s wrist and continued: “My hair has a stretchy and elastic property—— this isn’t a supernatural power, it’s my own physical trait”

“And then?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The tall slender woman said: “You go ahead first, I’ll stall it here. When you arrive at the warp point, pull on this air, its elastic property would be triggered to pull me straight to your location”

Gu Qing Shan glanced at her: “You aren’t afraid that I’m going to get rid of this strand of hair?”

The tall slender woman curtly replied: “Regardless of what happens, since you have the twin swords with you, I can’t allow Demon Dragon to catch you”

Gu Qing Shan stood silent for a brief moment before turning to leave.

He brought Shannu and the doll with him, dashing upstream as fast as he could.

The tall slender woman stood still, closed her eyes and slowly mediated her breathing.

In the shroud of night, her presence slowly faded away, as if her body had become one with the world.

A few moments later.

A mocking voice resounded: 「Tsk, tsk, tsk, how unimaginable. You were betrayed by humans, yet you’re staying here to stop me for the sake of a human—— the legendary Martial Empress, deceived by yet another human. I really wonder just how exactly was your head fitted on 」

A gloomy humanoid figure appeared from the shadow.

The Demon Dragon.

His pair of long black horns had already turned completely ashen, curling inwards by his ears.

His physique was noticeably bulkier, with each movement of his limbs, a faint grey mist could be seen drifting from his body.

The tall slender woman slightly bent her body to form a stance.

“That’s all in the past, no need to bring it back up” she muttered.

The Demon Dragon gave her a strange look, then vexingly spoke: 「I really don’t understand, both you and I have submitted ourselves to the will of the Abyss, but why are you still holding yourself to your original human identity? 」

“I will not let you have the twin swords” the tall slender woman curtly replied.

「Then die! 」 the Demon Dragon abruptly shouted.

He dashed forward like a howling gust of wind straight at the tall slender woman and threw a single punch!

The tall slender woman appeared to not have moved at all, but still managed to avoid the Demon Dragon’s punch.

Dong——

Her fists swung forward like a loosened bow and struck the Demon Dragon’s body like a bolt of lightning.

The Demon Dragon's body was heavily shaken.

Borrowing the recoil from this strike, the tall slender woman leapt backwards.

Boom!!!

Several hundred meters away, a large boulder suddenly exploded into fine rubble and dust.

— — — that was from the shockwaves of the Demon Dragon's punch.

In the blink of an eye, the tall slender woman had avoided her opponent's killing blow, retaliated, then immediately retreated.

While facing against the ultimate weapon of the Bygone Era humanity, to be able to recognize and move against such an attack proved that she stood at the peak of martial arts without any doubts.

The Demon Dragon stood still, lightly shook his body, then glanced at the tall slender woman who stood at a distance.

「 You should know, with bodily strength alone, humanity can't stop me 」 he slowly spoke.

“Of course I know, I participated in the trial that tested your physical strength” the tall slender woman replied.

「 That's why I'm curious— — — you who have lost all your abilities and retained nothing but your martial arts expertise, what gives you the courage to stand in my way? 」 the Demon Dragon questioned.

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Standing across from him, a streak of red liquid slowly seeped out from the corner of her mouth.

She was already wounded by being merely grazed by that punch's accompanying pressure.

This was an imbalanced battle.

— — — without her martial arts expertise, anyone else wouldn't have been able to survive the punch from the Demon Dragon just now!

The tall slender woman wiped the blood from the corner of her mouth and said nothing.

She opened the fist of one hand into a palm, maintained a fist in the other hand and formed another stance.

The Demon Dragon scowled as his expression darkened.

Although she can't defeat me, she can stall me here through risking her life. If this is allowed to go on, that brat with the twin swords is going to escape!

The Demon Dragon relaxed his stance: 「 I don't want to waste time here, so how about this? Let's make a deal 」

“What kind of deal?”

「 After I kill that brat and obtain the twin swords, I will bring you into the Reality Gate myself, after you had your revenge, the twin swords will belong to me 」

“A fair deal, I’m moved”

「 Then let’s decide on that 」

“No, I refuse”

The Demon Dragon froze, then gritted his teeth: 「 Are you mocking me? 」

The tall slender woman calmly replied: “Earlier, I would have already agreed, but I’ve just found out a certain thing. After over a hundred million years, the old man finally has a disciple, and I don’t want that disciple to die here”

The Demon Dragon froze again.

「 The old man’s... disciple 」 the Demon Dragon displayed a complicated expression.

The tall slender woman said nothing else and continued to accumulate her strength.

The Demon Dragon abruptly laughed maniacally: 「 Ahahaha, a disciple of that fool! If it weren’t for him, I wouldn’t have been born and wouldn’t have been imprisoned in that Abyssal Jail for countless years, watching over YOUR ABYSSAL BODY! 」

「 HE DESERVES TO DIE! AND HIS DISCIPLE TOO! 」

「 MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, I WANT TO KILL THAT BRAT! 」

The Demon Dragon’s body gradually grew larger and larger, eventually reaching 4-5 meters tall with an appearance similar to a demon in legends.

The tall slender woman coldly told him off: “He granted you life, and now you want to kill his disciple?”

The Demon Dragon angrily shouted back: 「 NO! HE DID NOTHING OF THE SORT, IT WAS ALL THANKS TO THE SAMSARA! The Samsara was supposed to be our only hope, but HE took the Samsara away from our world! 」

The tall slender woman spoke: “You should understand better than anyone, the Samsara wasn’t something that belonged to our world so we couldn’t let it remain, otherwise, its unknown owners would be able to infiltrate our world!”

The Demon Dragon gritted his teeth: 「 I only saw that in the final moments before the Apocalypse struck, he discarded the Samsara, discarded MY hope of evolving into my perfect form—— he deserved everything that happened to him! 」

The tall slender woman sighed and muttered: “At that time, we’ve already studied and understood the most basic principles behind the Samsara—— we had already begun to construct a Samsara of our own. This would have been our world’s ultimate weapon, the creation of which would’ve solved your issues as well”

「 Bullshit! Humanity's power couldn't have possibly achieved that level! That was a mere ridiculous imitation! 」 the Demon Dragon roared.

He abruptly became hysterical, stepped in closer to the tall slender woman and questioned her in a frenzied tone: 「 Even if what you said had been true, how did things actually ended up? 」

The tall slender woman lowered her head and fell silent.

The Demon Dragon angrily roared again: 「 Answer me, HOW DID THINGS ACTUALLY ENDED UP!?! 」

The tall slender woman pursed her lips tightly, a look of pain flashed by her gaze before going away.

The Demon Dragon stood up straight and shouted to the sky: 「 I! WAS IMPRISONED FOR OVER 100 MILLION YEARS! WHILE YOU FELL TO THE ABYSS AND RECEIVED THE CONTEMPT OF THEM ALL—— after the old man died, they took that laughable fake Samsara and ran away! THEY! RAN! AWAY!!! 」

The Demon Dragon's vertical pupils started to glow with gloomy dark flames.

He lowered his body, both legs bent so that his entire body crouched almost flat to the ground, using only one finger to support his entire body.

At this time, the power accumulated on the Demon Dragon was like a raging tidal wave, manifesting itself as a gloomy spiral that continually emitted intense pressure and howling wind.

The Demon Dragon aimed straight at the tall slender woman and remained still.

「 Since you took care of me back when you were still human, I will give you one final chance—— move away, or die! 」 the Demon Dragon muttered in an incredibly low voice.

The tall slender woman took a deep breath, both her fist and palm pulled back in front of her chest as her entire body felt as heavy as the deep sea.

“Desperation!”

She loudly shouted as her body began to give off visible white light.

The stream, the rocks, the falling leaves, the air, everything floated around her as if it was caught by some sort of extreme power.

「 This is your final desperation martial technique? Regretful, just how much of your power back then can you actually exert now? 」 the Demon Dragon spoke as if mocking her.

“Skip the nonsense, come and face me” the tall slender woman declared.

「 If you really want to die so much, then—— I—— will—— grant—— DEATH! 」

The Demon Dragon's body abruptly vanished.

The tall slender woman's figure also vanished at the same time.

A bolt of lightning exploded on top of the stream.

Boom!!!

A slender figure was sent flying away like a kite whose string had been snapped.

The Demon Dragon's maniacal laugh reverberated in the sky: 「 Ahahahaha! So what if you stand at the apex of martial arts? Even a thousand of your punches can't harm me, but I only need to land one hit on you! 」

While laughing, he abruptly stopped.

Because the figure in the air was flying away from him at an unbelievable speed.

——as if someone standing in an unseen location had pulled on a string with all their strength.

Chapter 911

In the darkness of night, a figure was quickly flying through the horizon, heading towards a certain direction.

Over a hundred feet away, the Demon Dragon was pursuing the figure as fast as he could.

Unfortunately, his speed was just a bit slower than the figure, unable to catch up.

In fact, the distance between them was actually increasing.

「 Damn you! I'd like to see you try running anywhere away from me! 」

The Demon Dragon roared in anger.

Let's fast forward time a bit.

The uppermost part of the stream.

Gu Qing Shan was standing on top of the empty well with both hands outstretched.

A split second later, the figure that was flying through the sky landed and was caught in his embrace.

“Why haven't you already left?”

The tall slender woman asked him calmly despite being bloody all over.

Gu Qing Shan replied: “You told me to pull you over as soon as I got here, didn't you?”

The tall slender woman coughed up some blood and said weakly: “Fool, go!”

After that, she immediately fell unconscious.

Gu Qing Shan couldn't help but ask: “Shannu, what's the situation?”

Shannu wasn't restricted by this world, so she was able to use inner sight to observe the world.

Immediately, Shannu's worried reply came:

“No time to explain, gongzi, escape quickly!”

Gu Qing Shan instantly understood that this was a moment of life and death.

Without a split second of hesitation, he jumped down the empty well with the tall slender woman and dashed straight into the secret room.

Shannu was already standing by the stone chest, so as Gu Qing Shan dashed in, she turned back into a sword and fell by his waist”

Gu Qing Shan pulled the unconscious tall slender woman into the chest with him and closed the lid.

“After sending us away, hide” Gu Qing Shan told the wooden doll.

The doll nodded: “Don’t worry, after you leave, I’ll hide with the pixies, no one can find the pixies”

A heavy sound of impact could be heard outside right at this point.

The Demon Dragon had already reached the bottom of the empty well.

He immediately saw the broken wall and the secret room inside.

「 Hm? A treasure room? No, this strange feeling is...」

The Demon Dragon doubtfully stood still.

From the mystical unknown, he could sense the power of a Demon Dragon bloodkin.

——but there was no presence of any bloodkin here.

Could it be, that brat who stole the twin swords?

In the Age of Old, during the final battle, he used Soul Artifacts to transform into an Indestructible Giant, making it so that I couldn’t sense who he truly was.

And now, I’m feeling a craving to eat.

This proves that a bloodkin is nearby.

But strangely, I can’t smell any bloodkin...

Could it be? Did that brat kill me in a parallel world?

Then what is concealing his presence?

While he was still full of doubt, his craving disappeared.

The Demon Dragon’s expression changed as he stepped closer to the secret room and swung his hand, opening all the chests inside.

——empty.

They’ve already left.

The Demon Dragon thought briefly as he went around looking at each chest before crouching down in front of a certain chest.

He reached his hand out and touched the inside of the chest.

There were traces of red.

The Demon Dragon licked his finger and muttered: 「 Indeed, this was her blood—— they transported away through this chest...」

The Demon Dragon climbed inside.

For his 5-meter-tall figure, this chest was a bit too small, so he couldn't fit inside no matter how he tried.

The Demon Dragon stopped and fell into thought.

This chest has a unique ability to transport people away——

Normally speaking, any item that can act as a spatial transporter would be extremely intricate and precious, easily broken with just a bit of force.

Having no choice, the Demon Dragon could only retract his power and tried to shrink down as much as possible. In the end, he barely fit inside by closely coiling himself into it at 3-meter-tall.

「 Good, now, I'll take a close look at whether or not that one is my food 」

The Demon Dragon displayed a terrifying grin and closed the lid of the chest.

The secret room fell silent.

A few moments later.

An earth-rumbling angry roar resounded from the chest:

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「 What is going on!? Why can't I transport away!!! 」

...

The space vortex.

A place where the spatial winds blew without end.

Gu Qing Shan closely hugged the tall slender woman, surrounded by some sort of power as he headed towards a determined destination.

“How strong, I should have been there already” he muttered.

According to the star chart's transportation method, leaving the Gemini star would take him into the elemental fairy world.

And he was indeed able to enter the elemental fairy world the last time around.

But something seemed to have gone wrong this time.

All of a sudden, glittering nebulae quickly headed towards him from the endless void of space ahead.

The endlessly expansive nebulae gathered in front of him to form a face.

——it was the Fairy of Time.

She smiled at Gu Qing Shan and began to speak:

[Master of the Earth Saint Pillar, as you have signed a confidential agreement with me wherein I must keep your identity a secret, I cannot allow this Abyssal creature into my world. Doing that would lead to you being revealed, your covenant with me broken, and drawing an unimaginably unknown powerful entity's attention to you]

Gu Qing Shan looked down at the tall slender woman in his embrace.

She was still unconscious, her complexion was pale with traces of blood by her lips.

Gu Qing Shan replied: "I can't leave her, so I won't enter your world"

The Fairy of Time displayed a contemplating expression and finally spoke up after a while: [I have seen the moment which you obtained the star chart, so I know which world is your next destination—— how about I send you straight to that world right now?]

"That would be perfect, I will be troubling you then" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The Fairy of Time smiled and replied: [This is no trouble at all, but following this, I will need to deal with a war that would affect the future of the entire fairy race. Most likely, I won't have the leisure to pay attention to you, so you will need to rely on your own abilities to survive. Do your best and grow stronger]

Gu Qing Shan expressed his gratitude again: "You have already helped me plenty, I am truly grateful"

The Fairy of Time nodded: [Farewell. I hope that you will be able to grow and mature a bit faster. After all, if the power of one of the four Saint Pillars is missing, we would be in quite a bind...]

Her voice slowly weakened.

The glittering nebulae dissipated, the Fairy of Time's figure became dim before all the starlight vanished into the endless void of space.

Gu Qing Shan was still flying forward within the space vortex.

As if nothing had happened at all.

But a few moments later, the force acting on Gu Qing Shan's body abruptly changed.

He drew an arc across the void of space towards another direction.

And kept flying forward.

After an uncertain amount of time.

A bright hole suddenly appeared in the void of space and swallowed Gu Qing Shan whole.

...

Under the faint evening sky.

A falling star streaked across the sky, heading towards the vast expanse of earth below.

After flying for a bit, the falling star suddenly stopped mid-air, then randomly vanished.

Gu Qing Shan landed on the ground.

He released his inner sight to scan the surrounding several thousand miles.

Absolutely barren.

This was a barren rocky mountain.

“Gongzi, there isn’t anyone around us”

Shannu appeared and carefully surveyed their surroundings.

“Hm, hold her for me”

Gu Qing Shan tapped his Inventory Bag and took out a formation plate———

After leaving the Gemini star, he had finally regained his powers as a Three Thousand Worlds realm cultivator!

Gu Qing Shan swiftly arranged every kind of large-scale formations he knew, including for defense, camouflage, attack, etc. He then formed a hand seal and broke open a cave into the side of the mountain.

After going in, he first arranged a spirit funnel formation, put out some bedding, and lighted a calming incense before calling Shannu to lay the tall slender woman on the bed.

Gu Qing Shan then took out a perfect-grade healing pill, crushed it into powder, then controlled water to feed it to the tall slender woman.

His expression was heavy.

On the Gemini star, even Shannu who had all of my powers wasn’t able to defeat the tall slender woman.

But as soon as the Demon Dragon came, he beat her into a near-death comatose state.

——he was still so powerful with all his abilities sealed away, so if I ran into the Demon Dragon at the peak of his strength, would I even have a chance to run away?

The difference in strength is too great.

He suddenly recalled something and asked Shannu: “During their battle, you were using inner sight to keep a constant eye on them right? What was the situation like at the time?”

Shannu then told him about the battle between the Demon Dragon and the tall slender woman in detail, not leaving out even their short exchanges.

After listening to the end, Gu Qing Shan turned and carefully checked the tall slender woman’s wounds.

“She said I was the old man’s disciple?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“Yes, she said that the old man finally had a disciple, so she didn’t want you to die. She used all her strength to stop the Demon Dragon in his tracks, refusing to back down even a little bit” Shannu replied.

Gu Qing Shan fell silent.

Chapter 912

Inside the cave of rocks.

Gu Qing Shan and Shannu were busy arranging a large-scale warp formation.

After carefully checking the tall slender woman’s wounds, Gu Qing Shan understood that she wouldn’t be able to regain consciousness for the time being.

—her wounds were too severe, even with an immortal body, it would take her quite a bit of time to recover.

“There, you stay here to take care of her”

Gu Qing Shan put the formation plate back into his Inventory Bag and told Shannu.

“What about you, gongzi? Are you going to explore this world?”

Shannu asked.

Gu Qing Shan explained: “I need to find a relatively safe place in this world, I can sense my Measure Tribulation approaching”

Shannu asked worriedly: “How much longer will it be?”

Gu Qing Shan closed his eyes to sense and replied: “One day”

Shannu commented: “There isn’t a single sign of life in the vicinity of several hundred miles around us, I think it should be safe enough”

Gu Qing Shan recalled the description on the star chart and smiled bitterly: “This place is stranger than you think. Apparently, there are many other worlds hidden inside this one, so we need to quickly move forward to the next world— that place is a lot safer”

“Then gongzi should go quickly. Since I’m here, you don’t need to worry”

“Alright”

Gu Qing Shan left the cave of rocks.

He leapt to the sky and hovered in place before expanding his gaze in all directions.

All he saw were several mountains made from rocks and pebbles stacked on top that reached all the way to the sky.

The surface of the world was barren and desolate.

There wasn’t a single living being in sight.

Gu Qing Shan then tried releasing his inner sight to its maximum range and checked every area he could.

Within his inner sight, every piece of rock, every speck of dust was displayed to him in detail.

Nothing was able to escape his perception.

And yet the world was still in complete silence.

“How interesting”

Gu Qing Shan muttered, then decided to check the detailed description of the star chart about this world once again.

He quickly found out some clues.

There were a total of 79 worlds in the Eastern region of this world.

Among these 79 worlds, there was a specifically small one that provided communication between entities of various worlds as well as the collection of intel.

Despite being called ‘small’, it was necessary to go through this world in order to obtain any information or to think of a way to head into the next world.

Gu Qing Shan checked the map and flew across the sky towards the Eastern region.

The sky was shrouded in a thick dark cloud.

There was not a single gust of wind.

It felt as if this entire world was a tomb.

A dark figure descended from above.

Gu Qing Shan landed on the ground.

According to the star chart, that small world should be nearby.

Gu Qing Shan looked around.

Shortly after, he discovered a well.

—-*why a well?*

Gu Qing Shan walked towards the well and looked down.

There was some drifting fog at the bottom of the well, obscuring the scene inside.

When Gu Qing Shan tried to send his inner sight down the well, he found that it was being blocked out by this fog.

He felt a sense of danger.

The fog was drifting about very casually, but Gu Qing Shan could sense that this was sort of a considerable security measure.

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking of how to approach them, a robot arm had already risen up from the well.

At the same time, an electronic voice sounded:

[Human creature detected, beginning language and writing interface adaptation]

[Human common language prepared]

A screen was projected from the robot arm with some text written on it.

Skimming through it, Gu Qing Shan found that this was the Spire's language—— although the Spire had already been destroyed, their language was still the most common language among human races:

[Greetings, esteemed human sir, if you want to enter the Infinite Worlds Marketplace, please ensure that you fulfill one of the following conditions]

[Number 1: You have our membership]

[Number 2: You have information of considerable value that you would like to sell (if you lie, prepare to face the consequences)]

[Number 3: You own at least 30 personal worlds (we will consider your membership)]

[Number 4: You are a Lord-class Combatant (we will automatically induct you as our esteemed member)]

[Number 5: You are in ownership of a Soul Artifact (we will immediately induct you as a VIP member)]

[Number 6: You are here to sell yourself (indeed, life is not easy, we also take part in population trafficking)]

Gu Qing Shan shook his head and muttered: "So many steps"

While saying so, he released his Three Thousand Worlds realm presence.

The robot arm was unresponsive.

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Hm? What's going on?

Gu Qing Shan was first surprised, then realized what happened.

The black Silent Dusk Cloak had completely obscured his aura. If he didn't try to look down into the well, this 'Infinite Worlds Marketplace' might not have even realized that he was here.

...that's troublesome.

I can't take off the Silent Dusk Cloak, otherwise; the Demon Dragon's presence might seep out and possibly turn someone into a Demon Dragon bloodkin.

Then I have to choose one of the other options.

Show them a Soul Artifact?

——I can't display ancient Abyssal Soul Artifacts like the Heaven sword or Earth sword.

Not to mention, people flaunting their wealth has never led to anything decent.

Then——- selling myself?

That's even worse.

After a bit of thought, Gu Qing Shan told the robot arm: "I have information of considerable value that I want to sell"

The text on the screen projected by the robot arm changed:

[Are you sure the information is of considerable value? If you try to deceive the Great Pixie, no one would be able to save you]

Gu Qing Shan was surprised.

No wonder they were able to demand such conditions.

It turns out a pixie was backing this information hub.

It is said that pixies possess the abilities of the miraculous Quipcraft that other races simply can't learn or use.

These Quipcrafts were exceptionally powerful, transcending the usual meaning of being weak or strong, they were practically on the same level as Causality techniques.

Barry's leg that wouldn't get better for several hundred years was only healed thanks to the Pixie's Crystal Flower.

And every pixie was born with a unique innate Quipcraft——-

[Unseen and traceless].

This wasn't the same kind of ability as the Spirit Tortoise's [Untraceable Tail], but rather that as soon as a pixie went out of sight, you would most likely never see it again.

Gu Qing Shan told the robot arm: "I'm sure my information is very valuable, please let me in"

The robot arm stopped a bit and pulled itself back into the well.

The fog inside the well scattered.

A finger-sized object flew out from the well and stood on the well's opening.

It was a long-nosed old man wearing a green pointy hat and a green robe.

It looked up at Gu Qing Shan and loudly demanded: "The valuable information! I want to know what the valuable information is first!"

"Of course, that is my part of the transaction" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"What do you want to know from me?" the long-nosed old man asked.

"There is a certain swamp in this world that appears at different places and different times without any rules or patterns, I heard that only a pixie would know when it would next appear" Gu Qing Shan said.

“I see, you want to head to Riddle World—— Riddle World isn’t a place where just anyone can enter—— it is a secret world!” the long-nosed old man complained.

“That’s why I’m exchanging this valuable information with you in exchange for the details of the swamp’s next appearance” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The long-nosed old man squinted his eyes and carefully observed Gu Qing Shan while keeping his front tooth in the open.

Gu Qing Shan simply waited for the other side to proceed with the transaction.

Both of them said nothing.

The long-nosed old man suddenly said: “Your cloak looks nice, you selling?”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “No”

The long-nosed old man angrily questioned: “Then why are you here?”

Gu Qing Shan answered: “I just told you, I want to exchange information”

The long-nosed old man appeared shocked, then patted his own forehead: “Ah, right, I remember now, you wanted to exchange information with me—— sorry about that, your cloak was really mesmerizing so I lost focus for a bit”

“Can we conduct the transaction now?” Gu Qing Shan patiently asked again.

“Of course”

The long-nosed old man took out a short club and tapped it along the ring of the well.

The scene around them changed.

Gu Qing Shan noticed that he had now arrived at a luxurious palace.

There was nothing but precious glowing treasures here, there wasn’t even an open place to stand on the floor.

The long-nosed old man’s expression turned serious and cleared his throat: “Then, according to the rules of exchanging information, please go first”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “I want to sell information about the Abyss”

The long-nosed old man waved his hand dismissively: “Not enough”

Gu Qing Shan continued: “The Holy Churches of the Strife Zones in 900 million World Layers is related to my information”

The long-nosed old man paused, then slowly spoke again: “A bit interesting, but still not valuable enough to exchange for the entrance to Riddle World”

Gu Qing Shan added: “This information isn’t only related to the Eternal Abyss, the Strife Zones’ Holy Churches, but also the final battle of the Age of Old”

— he was about to disclose the matter of the Demon Dragon.

Indeed, I can't win against him right now.

But if I leave him behind the scene to rampage as he pleased, wouldn't that make it too easy for him?

The long-nosed old man appeared shocked and was about to say something, but a green frog jumped out from inside this green robe.

The green frog loudly shouted: "It's about that event! It's about that event! His information is related to that event in the history of the Bygone Era!"

The long-nosed old man's expression warped. He hurriedly put the frog back into his pocket, and looked at Gu Qing Shan nervously.

"Deal!" he loudly declared.

Chapter 913

The Grand Pixie's palace.

Gu Qing Shan explained every exact detail of the Demon Dragon's background.

"According to what you said, he is actually the strongest weapon that the ancient humans created?" the long-nosed old man asked.

"Correct, it craves the power of the Abyss, then finally fell into it and was transformed into an Eternal life form— the Abyssal Demon Dragon" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"But how strange" the long-nosed old man contemplated: "You said that it stayed for a long time at the bottom of the Primordial Fiend Realm's Chaos Demonic Sea, resting inside a secret Abyssal Jail?"

"Correct" Gu Qing Shan confirmed it.

"Then, if that place was a jail, what was the thing being jailed?" the long-nosed old man asked.

"Sorry, but this is related to another secret, it is unrelated to the Demon Dragon" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"Another secret..."

The long-nosed old man patted his forehead, still unsatisfied.

Gu Qing Shan spoke up: "Let's be frank, I've told you everything about the Demon Dragon, this secret should be more than enough to exchange for the Riddle World's location"

The long-nosed old man replied: "Indeed, this is undeniable, this truly is an unbelievable secret with terrific value"

He appeared hesitant, but couldn't help himself asking: "But there is one crucial point that you have yet to mention"

"What is it?"

"What was the Demon Dragon going after in that final battle of the Age of Old?"

Hearing that question, Gu Qing Shan laughed.

“Hm, that matter is related to an even bigger secret”

Before the other side said anything else: “According to our transaction, I have told you about the true mastermind behind the Strife Zones of the 900 million World Layers, revealed the outcome of the final battle in the Age of Old, and exposed what the Demon Dragon’s experienced up to now. This is surely a hugely valuable secret that is more than enough to exchange for Riddle World’s next location and time”

The long-nosed old man sighed: “Indeed, I agree with you on this”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Then, please finish this transaction of ours”

The long-nosed old man tried asking further: “I want to use a few exceptionally valuable treasures to exchange for the rest of your secrets”

Gu Qing Shan shook his head: “My apologies, I have no intention of selling those pieces of information for now”

The long-nosed old man blinked a few times.

He then slowly answered: “Very well. According to the law of the pixies, as we have agreed on a transaction and you have already given me the information you wished to exchange, I will also provide you the information you seek”

“Tonight, when the moon reaches its highest point, 300 miles North of the Scattered Rock mountain, the swamp that leads into Riddle World will appear”

“This swamp will only exist for exactly 5 breaths’ worth of time, you must take that chance to go in. If you miss your chance, it would vanish and only show up again 3 months later”

The long-nosed old man impatiently took out a coin, blew on it, and tossed it to the air.

Cling clang!

The coin landed with a clear metallic chime.

“It’s ‘Head’! See that? The coin of truth and lie had proven that there was no falsehood in our transaction” the long-nosed old man told him.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and nodded: “Then this transaction is over, thank you very much”

The long-nosed old man kept trying: “Yes, this transaction is over, but are you sure you won’t consider selling the rest of your information?”

“Not for now” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The matter with the twin swords Heaven and Earth are too deeply rooted with too many issues, so I can’t say a word.

I can’t say anything about the Abyssal Fate Weaver either, since she had now lost her Abyssal powers and is heavily wounded, I can’t let anyone find her.

—within this vast 900 million World Layers, as long as something is put into words, there would surely be some sort of strange and unimaginable way to trace back the origin of that matter and locate the related entities.

This was among the advice that the old man from the Spire had given Gu Qing Shan when he rode their boat.

Barry and Kitty had also once told Gu Qing Shan to be careful about matters like these.

So Gu Qing Shan acted extraordinarily careful when he sold the information just now.

The long-nosed old man appeared disappointed and helplessly waved the short club in his hand: “Fine, fine, this matter, hah, whatever”

The scene around them changed again.

They returned next to the well, Gu Qing Shan was standing where he was before, while the long-nosed old man was still standing on the edge of the well.

“Farewell” Gu Qing Shan clasped his fist.

“See you again, and I really look forward to our next meeting” the long-nosed old man also bowed to him slightly.

Gu Qing Shan leapt upwards and flew away towards the rocky mountain from before.

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The long-nosed old man watched as he left, all the way until he couldn't be seen any more that he waved his short club and returned to his palace.

“Damnit! Damnit! Damnit!”

He angrily cursed inside his palace.

“That snot-nosed brat clearly had even more valuable information, but he refused to tell me!”

The long-nosed old man breathed heavily as he picked up a pure gold alarm clock, wanting to throw it to the ground, but then as if remembering how valuable it was, he softly put it back down.

He roared again:

“I am THE Great Pixie, and he dares do that to me!”

“I'm mad! I'm very mad!”

He angrily plopped himself on his chair and spoke to the air: “Go, put up the Demon Dragon secret information, set it as highest top-secret, and let those guys give me a price”

[Understood] a voice replied to him from the air.

The long-nosed old man sighed and sat down. He poured himself a cup of tea and was about to take a sip when—

Bam!

A cluster of white fog abruptly exploded in front of his face, startling him to the point that he almost threw the cup away.

“Shi...”

As the long-nosed old man was about to curse again, he froze.

A long piece of writing paper had appeared in front of him, with more and more words showing up without stopping, causing the paper to grow longer and longer as well.

Taking the piece of writing paper, the long-nosed old man was shocked as he read: “So many people want to know about the mastermind behind the 900 million World Layers’ Strife Zones?”

“Wait a minute, a few people also want to know about the final battle in the Age of Old, but this price is a bit low...”

“Hm, the Demon Dragon’s background, I’m not gonna sell that information if the price is less than several worlds”

Seeing the huge profits coming his way, the long-nosed old man became excited.

At this time, the green frog inside the old man’s green robe jumped out again and said: “Master, I’m hungry”

The long-nosed old man looked away from the paper and glanced at the green frog.

He had a sudden thought.

“You’re the Frog of All Secrets, tell me, was that brat only acting, or did he actually have more important secrets?”

The green frog replied: “I’m hungry, can’t answer anything”

The long-nosed old man angrily threw out a figure even smaller than he was.

The green frog’s mouth swiftly opened.

The figure couldn’t even scream before it was swallowed whole by the green frog.

“There, I just gave you fresh, living food today. I’m clearly not treating you badly, now answer my question!” the long-nosed old man urged the frog.

The green frog opened its big mouth and croaked: “That man was wearing the black Silent Dusk Cloak, he had countless secrets about him, his existence itself is also a secret, but all of his secrets have been carefully hidden away. Only the things that he explained on his own accord may be known to others”

“WHAT!?! He actually had more secrets!?”

The long-nosed old man practically jumped.

He paced back and forth inside his palace, his eyes glittering nonstop.

...

At another location.

Not too long after he took flight, Gu Qing Shan took out a formation plate and activated the long-ranged warp formation on it.

His figure vanished from the air.

No one would be able to follow him and search for his location now.

Inside the cave of rocks.

Gu Qing Shan appeared.

“Gongzi, how was your investigation?” Shannu asked.

“Don’t worry, I’ve already found out about how to head to the next world, we will leave tonight”

Gu Qing Shan smiled and answered

His gaze then shifted a bit and asked: “So you’ve already awakened?”

At the end of his gaze, the tall slender woman was leaning up from the soft bedding to silently look at him.

Chapter 914

Inside the cave of rocks.

Gu Qing Shan walked up to the tall slender woman’s side and asked:

“How is your recovery?”

“Not very good, Demon Dragon didn’t hold back at all with its last attack, right now I can only reluctantly move around” the tall slender woman shook her head and replied.

—she said ‘move around’, and not ‘recovered’.

It was only now that Gu Qing Shan understood just how serious her wounds were.

He muses: “This world isn’t too safe, we need to head to Riddle World and rest for a while”

The tall slender woman asked: “What’s wrong with this world?”

“There is a pixie that works as an intelligence broker in this world, I’m worried it might try to pry into our secrets” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Hm, pixies are a unique and annoying type of creature, it’s a good idea to leave” the tall slender woman agreed with him.

Gu Qing Shan paused slightly before continuing: “You and I will be traveling together through various worlds, but I still don’t know your name yet. It would be very easy for people to notice this issue on our way forward”

The tall slender woman didn't answer him and instead calmly said: "Before I fully recover, you will also need to take care of me on the way, so if someone asked, how are you going to explain our relationship?"

"I've already thought about that, you'll be my elder sister. We are siblings who are travelling together in order to search for our lost relatives while earning our keep" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The tall slender woman scowled: "Elder sister? So you think of me as being old?"

Gu Qing Shan replied without a pause: "That's not it. Just that from both the knowledge and cultivation standpoints, you are greatly superior to me, so I can't be arrogant and have to volunteer for the little brother role"

The tall slender woman seriously listened to him, then showed a pleased expression.

"My name is Lin" she answered

"Lin?"

"Yes. Since my body is like this for the next while, I'll trouble you to take care of me, thank you" she politely replied.

"No need to be so formal, I have a few healing pills on me. Take one right now and I'll use my spirit energy to help you with your wounds"

"Sure"

...

When night was about to fall.

Gu Qing Shan and Shannu brought Lin together with them out of the cave of rocks.

When Shannu was about to destroy the cave, Gu Qing Shan stopped her.

"Leave it, if we need to return to this world, we may be able to use it one day"

Gu Qing Shan told her.

Suddenly, he started to rub the area between his eyebrows.

Faint images of his past began to show up and moved around in front of Gu Qing Shan's eyes.

Gu Qing Shan leaned on the wall and shook his head, scattering the images in front of his eyes.

"You aren't in your top shape"

Lin noticed his unnatural behaviour at a glance and casually pointed it out.

Gu Qing Shan explained simply: "The Measure Tribulation is coming"

"So you're about to break through into the Paragon realm— which means, you're afraid of heavenly karma?" Lin asked.

“I have nothing to fear, but the Measure Tribulation isn’t a small issue, so we need to move forward to the next world as soon as we can” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Lin tilted her head at him a bit, then scoffed: “In the end, you’re still afraid of heavenly karma. You killed me quite resolutely at that time but you’re afraid now?”

Murder goes against the Law of Heaven.

Even Abyssal creatures were considered to be life forms—— in fact, they were considered to be considerably advanced life forms. With their Eternal characteristic, they weren’t afraid to die, but the Law of Heaven would still take that into account and return the karma to him two-fold.

Gu Qing Shan shrugged.

He can’t continue with this topic.

He could only keep quiet, silently put everything away into his Inventory Bag as he prepared to leave.

A few moments later, everything had been taken care of.

Gu Qing Shan gestured Shannu with his eyes.

Shannu then supported Lin to stand up and left the cave of rocks.

Gu Qing Shan put an airship out at the entrance to the cave.

“The location is North of here, around 300 miles away, so we’re going to fly over” he explained.

Lin nodded to express that she had no objections.

Shannu supported her onto the airship and started to fly towards Riddle World.

Lin leaned on the window and looked at the rocky surface down below, then asked without turning her head:

“Tell me a bit about your plans”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “First I’ll head to the Strife Zones, look for the three coins, return to the past to save a few people, then get rid of the [Demon King Order]”

“Why do you want to get rid of it?”

“In the Age of Old, it once tried to bypass me and summon some sort of Demon King. I didn’t know for sure what it was at the time, but I clearly felt uneasy”

“Your feeling was correct” Lin agreed.

Gu Qing Shan continued: “In the Fallen Zones, the [Demon King Order] had most likely already reached the [Demon King Ascension] stage, but since it is kept busy dealing with the [Demon King Order], it has been unable to accomplish its plan for now. I want to take that chance and capture it”

“But the [Demon King Order] is currently battling against the Soul Shrieker’s avatar, if you deal with it, what about the Soul Shrieker?”

“I’ll kill it as well”

“Demon Dragon is also hiding behind the scenes in the Strife Zones, what are you going to do about it?”

“Kill it”

Lin looked at him.

He was pursing his lips in a painful manner, apparently trying to endure something.

Lin wondered: “Are you under so much pressure from the Measure Tribulation that you can’t think of anything but impossible goals?”

“I’m not. These are all issues that I will have to deal with sooner or later, as for how—— I’ll think about it after saving the people” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Lin glanced at the cold sweat dripping down his forehead and asked: “The Measure Tribulation is approaching?”

“Yes, I’m trying to hold it off until we arrive into the next world” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Lin thought for a while, then spoke up: “I have a martial scripture that can eliminate sin from one’s body, repeat it after me”

Gu Qing Shan asked: “Is cutting it this close going to do anything at all?”

Lin replied: “This is the sovereign... a type of martial scripture that specifically purifies the body. Just by chanting it, an unimaginable seed of power would take shape and grow, let alone serious cultivation and recitation”

She clasped her hands together to form a meditative seal and recited the scripture with a serious expression.

Gu Qing Shan solemnly listened to her, recited it a few times under her supervision until he thoroughly memorized it.

“Your soul is in a released state, so you are able to use this martial scripture to purify your sins, this way, the Measure Tribulation would be delayed somewhat—— because the Law of Heaven and Earth would need to recalculate your karma” Lin explained.

Gu Qing Shan tried reciting it a few times and actually felt his discomfort subsiding.

“How miraculous” he sighed.

“Of course, other martial scriptures of this level have already been lost to the ages, consider yourself lucky” Lin lightly told him.

At this point, sharp whistling sounds could be heard from outside.

Gu Qing Shan’s expression changed and swiftly stowed the airship away.

The three of them vanished from the air and reappeared on the ground.

Shannu was holding Lin up as Gu Qing Shan stood on the side, the three of them all looked up.

Several people wearing devil masks came down from above as well.

They landed and surrounded Gu Qing Shan's group.

"Gongzi——" Shannu worriedly muttered.

Gu Qing Shan waved his hand and gestured to her not to be rash.

He stood in front of the two girls and smiled all around: "May I know why you're blocking our way?"

A blurred figure came flying.

Gu Qing Shan grabbed a sword out of thin air and nonchalantly waved it at the figure.

Kih!

With a clear metallic chime, the figure flew backward.

It was a short man with a pair of metal claw gauntlets in both hands.

Everyone else watched this without much surprise; as if this was within their expectations.

The short man chuckled with a squeaky voice: "You were able to stop my ambush, meaning you're also a Lord. No wonder you have secret information about the Demon Dragon"

Gu Qing Shan felt heavy.

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The information transaction was conducted within the Great Pixie's palace in secret, but now these people were coming straight for him.

This meant that the Great Pixie sold him out together with the information.

Or...

Gu Qing Shan asked: "Tell me, what do you want?"

"Not much, just that the Great Pixie's information was too expensive, we don't want to spend that much money, so we want you to tell us that information instead" the short man explained.

"What if I refuse?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The short man replied: "Although you're a Lord-class Combatant, the Demon Dragon is valuable enough that we aren't going to give up that easily—— you can take a look, all of us here are Lord-class as well"

Gu Qing Shan glanced around.

Indeed, the other party wasn't lying, there were around a dozen people with masks on their faces surrounding them, all of which were Lord-class.

The fact that they're wearing masks meant that they wanted to avoid making a grudge and are only here to obtain the Demon Dragon information.

And they just had to arrive just when I'm close to breaking through...

But if it's just information about the Demon Dragon, I don't mind telling them.

Gu Qing Shan smiled and replied: "Very well, I'll tell you"

The people all nodded.

The short man scoffed and said: "Smart choice"

Gu Qing Shan didn't care about him and simply told them everything he told the Great Pixie again.

The people listened seriously.

After he finished, one of the people declared: "He wasn't lying"

The atmosphere became a bit more relaxed.

Gu Qing Shan then looked around: "I've already told you what you wanted, and you've confirmed it to be true, do you mind letting us go now?"

None of them moved.

They still had Gu Qing Shan, Shannu and Lin surrounded.

Gu Qing Shan asked without changing his expression: "What do you want?"

The short man continued: "According to the Great Pixie, you have more than just this piece of valuable information"

Gu Qing Shan casually replied: "You're overstepping your boundary. In truth, if I want to run away, none of you can stop me, there's no need to become enemies with me over this, is there?"

"He's not lying"

The one responsible for confirming his words spoke up again.

The group was a bit shocked.

Over a dozen Lords still couldn't stop him, does that mean he has some sort of treasure that allows him to immediately escape?

If that's the case, we can't push him too hard, or everything will be for naught.

The Lords exchanged glances and silently discussed.

Finally, the short man spoke up: "Tell us one more piece of information--- we just want another valuable piece of information that can be sold, then we'll let you go"

When Gu Qing Shan was about to reply, he felt someone tugging at him from behind.

Shannu.

She angrily said: "Gongzi, those things took you so much hardship and struggle---"

Gu Qing Shan waved his hand to stop her and sent his voice: "We're running out of time"

Shannu looked up at the sky.

It's already night.

The moon had just appeared from behind the clouds above.

In just a few moments, the swamp that leads into Riddle World would appear.

We really don't have time to waste.

Not to mention that gongzi still has the Measure Tribulation to take care of!

Shannu bit her lips and went silent.

Gu Qing Shan turned around and amiably told the Lords: "Very well, then we have a deal. I'll give you one more piece of valuable information, then we'll part ways, what do you say?"

The Lords exchanged glances and nodded.

"Good, since everyone here is a VIP in their own right, I trust that no one will go back on their words. This is information about another Eternal monster—— the Soul Shrieker and its avatar"

Gu Qing Shan continued to speak.

He told them everything he knew about the Soul Shrieker.

"He's not lying"

The voice from before confirmed it again.

Gu Qing Shan then quickly said: "Very well, I want to save us all some time. What happened here today isn't important, so let's stop here"

He released the airship, about to leave with Shannu and Lin.

The Lords remained silent and slowly gave way for him.

All of a sudden, a squeaky voice sounded.

The short man declared: "The pixie had just told me, his information is very valuable, but there is also a unique entity behind him. Capture that entity and we can choose any Soul Artifact within the pixie's vault!"

The group was roused once again.

There were a lot of precious Soul Artifacts within the Great Pixie's vault.

Soul Artifacts!

If we can really choose any Soul Artifact we want, this will be an extremely profitable endeavour!

"Quickly! Quickly! Surround him!"

The short man shouted.

The Lords once again surrounded Gu Qing Shan's group.

This time, their encirclement was a lot tighter.

The short man stared closely at Lin.

He suddenly turned his gaze towards Gu Qing Shan: "Young man, it's not easy to become a Lord, and you can clearly see, there are over a dozen Lords on our side, we can easily kill you if we wanted to"

"So?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"In consideration of your attitude just now, we just need you to do one last thing"

"What?"

"Leave that woman, then you can leave"

The short man pointed at Lin and said.

Gu Qing Shan turned around to look at Lin.

Lin glanced at him without care, her expression still as cold as ever.

The short man continued: "Young man, you might be able to escape from our encirclement, but you won't be able to take that woman with you. I suggest that you value your life and leave her to us"

Gu Qing Shan thought for a bit and sighed.

He turned around and said to Lin: "Sorry"

"What?"

Lin's gaze suddenly lost its focus as her eyes dashed around his face, staring at his sincere appearance.

Gu Qing Shan replied: "You probably won't be able to rest very well"

"Why not?" Lin blankly asked.

"Because——"

Gu Qing Shan hesitated a bit, but still told her the truth:

"Although I've killed a Paragon realm Divinity, fought against monsters like the Soul Shrieker and Abyssal Demon Dragon, I'm still a bit experienced with fighting against Lord-class opponents like these"

Lin was stunned.

Gu Qing Shan continued: "I afraid I'm going to waste a bit of time on them—— I know your wounds are still quite considerable, so I hope you can sympathize with me"

Oom!!!!!!!

Intense sword qi erupted from his body and turned into sword-infused wind that swept through the entire barren land.

He turned around to face these Lord-class Combatants.

The twin swords appeared from the void of space, held tightly in his hands.

The terrifying killing intent he had been suppressing appeared on Gu Qing Shan's expression as he slowly walked forward.

"You're all dead"

His soft whisper resounded in the wind.

Chapter 915

What is a sword?

A killing weapon.

What kind of person is Gu Qing Shan?

He was a chef, a General, a man who had briefly learnt archery, magic, martial arts, and various other skills, an expert formation user, an expert Mech designer, and an excellent actor.

Despite his many capabilities, when he held a sword, he had only one identity.

A sword cultivator.

When Gu Qing Shan killed people in Triste's collection world, Lord Bloodcloak once used a technique to show Su Xue Er how he fought.

Lord Bloodcloak told Su Xue Er that Gu Qing Shan was an unreasonable person.

——this didn't mean that he can't be reasoned with.

In truth, normally, Gu Qing Shan was more than willing to listen to the opinions of others, as long as what they said made sense.

This description was referring to how he performed in battle. Regardless of an opponent's countless capabilities, when Gu Qing Shan drew his sword, they wouldn't be able to perform anything at all.

Because they were already dead.

This was also Gu Qing Shan's fighting style.

This was what was unreasonable about him.

His sword was very fast.

Very very fast.

The Heaven sword flashed——

Oom!!!

The rock and sand of this barren land exploded into a cloud of dust like they were struck by a meteor.

“You’re all dead”

Gu Qing Shan lightly whispered as he stepped into the cloud of dust.

——at the same time, he activated 9 consecutive Taiyi Sword Arrays infused with [Dreamjolt].

This came from the Heaven sword’s ability: [Heaven’s Choice]

[Heaven’s Choice: At the moment you attack, you can immediately increase an additional 3,6, or 9 copies of the exact same attacks]

A full-powered Taiyi Sword Array infused with his [Dreamjolt] Elemental Lightning ability, then was further reinforced an additional 9 times at once, resulting in him essentially performing 10 Taiyi Sword Arrays at once, the power of which had far surpassed what the Lords could imagine.

Yellow sand and rocks were picked up by the howling wind like a sand storm.

Everything was swallowed up.

“No!”

“Damn it!”

“Save——”

“Don’t!”

“I was wr——”

“Ah!!!!!!”

Within the chaotic sand storm, desperate screams resounded all around.

Every scream was short but filled with fear as if they had abruptly awoken from a nightmare, or suddenly lost the ability to speak.

——this was the realization and despair that they felt before death.

The intense sand storm swiftly turned into a tornado that brought all the rocks and sand away far into the horizon.

[Dreamjolt] swiftly faded into the sand.

The sword array was dispelled.

The scenery around them became clear again.

The corpses were all erased, leaving no trace behind.

Only about a dozen heads were lined up neatly next to one another.

Every Lord who came to block his way had already lost their lives, only a single person was left alive because Gu Qing Shan had something to ask him.

It was the short man.

He crouched close to the ground, still surrounded by gusts of wind that occasionally swept by his body, paralyzed from fear.

The short man screamed in a panic: "I beg you, please spare me! I can give you everything I have, I was wrong, I shouldn't have come to steal your secret!"

"What did the Great Pixie tell you?" Gu Qing Shan casually asked.

"He said that you have a lot of secrets, that I wouldn't lose any money by looking for you. And if I can obtain those extremely valuable secrets, I can even sell them back to him" the short man hurriedly confessed everything.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly and put both swords away.

He turned around and walked back to Lin and Shannu.

Seeing him leave, the short man uttered a heavy sigh, feeling relieved that he managed to keep his life.

He hurriedly stood up, leapt up to the sky, and fled this terrifying place.

A split second later, the short man had already reached far in the sky, heading to outer space.

He soon went out of sight.

Thud!

Something fell from high above, landed on the ground with a heavy sound and rolled on the sand until it was next to the rest of the Lords' heads.

It was the short man's head.

He still had an expression of relief from escaping a calamity.

But he was already dead.

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It was simply that Gu Qing Shan's sword was too fast so his head hadn't fallen off and his life hadn't been fully extinguished yet.

Gu Qing Shan returned to Lin and Shannu.

"Some of them had interesting abilities, but it was already over before I could see anything, how boring"

Lin complained, but her eyes were flashing just a bit.

"There are still powers that you don't know about?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Of course, there are countless interesting and inexplicable abilities being conceived every moment within the infinite worlds, and I'm always eager to see more" Lin answered as if that was obvious.

"Sorry about that, I don't have a habit of giving others a chance to act" Gu Qing Shan said apologetically.

He looked up at the sky and sighed: "We've already missed the chance to head to the next world"

“In other words, you want to face your Measure Tribulation here?” Lin asked.

“I do”

“I remember you said that there was a Great Pixie in this world, these people were incited by him to come to look for you, so if you want to face your Tribulation here, you need to be careful” Lin reminded him.

Hearing that, Shannu was nervous and pulled on Gu Qing Shan’s sleeve: “Gongzi, I’m not afraid of any Quipcraft, let me go kill that pixie!”

Gu Qing Shan shook his head and made a hand seal.

Secret Art, [Torrent]

A high-pitched howl resounded in the air.

The faint sword phantom streaked across the shroud of night and into the sky.

The Earth sword.

When Shannu saw the flying sword jetting away, she thought briefly about it and calmed down.

Lin crossed her arms and asked with interest: “What kind of power did the Earth sword obtain after awakening?”

Gu Qing Shan answered without much thought: “Not much, it can now extinguish and kill anything”

“A pixie’s lair isn’t that easy to breach” Lin commented.

“That’s why for this strike, I had it increased its weight a bit, enough to destroy this world as well”

Gu Qing Shan replied.

They silently waited in the shadow of the night for a few breaths’ worth of time.

Soon enough.

On the unseen side of the horizon, a huge rumbling sound of impact reverberated.

This sound grew louder and louder.

The ground broke apart.

Lava erupted from below.

Black clouds of destruction filled the sky.

The three people silently sensed their surroundings.

The entire world was now trembling and rumbling, falling to destruction.

Lin muses: “Hm... the power to extinguish everything, reinforced with a strike several times the world’s own weight, that’s a lot more than ‘enough to destroy this world’”

“Sorry about that. It seems like I used a bit too much force” Gu Qing Shan said shyly.

“Haven’t you killed anyone after you obtained the twin swords?” Lin asked.

“That’s right, I normally don’t kill people” Gu Qing Shan replied.

Lin stared at him, then at the crater right next to them and the line of heads at the bottom of the crater.

She then turned back to stare at him again.

“Fine” Gu Qing Shan explained: “But it’s only when people are being unreasonable that I would take action like this”

“What if they try to be reasonable?”

“I would convince them with my reasoning”

“‘Convincing’ my ass, your conning skills just as formidable as your swordsmanship”

While they were talking, Gu Qing Shan suddenly felt something as his complexion turned pale.

“The Measure Tribulation?” Lin asked.

“Yes” Gu Qing Shan rubbed between his eyebrows.

Seeing Gu Qing Shan’s complexion, Shannu hurriedly: “We need to find another world quickly, otherwise gongzi would have no choice but to face his Tribulation in the space vortex”

Indeed.

As this world was broken apart by the Earth sword’s attack, it would soon crumble and fall to ruin.

The Great Pixie had already been killed so thoroughly that not even his body was left.

Fortunately, Gu Qing Shan obtained enough Soul Points from killing it to balance out his expenditures.

A streak of light came flying back from the black clouds.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the approaching streak of light and asked: “Why did you use so much force that the entire planet exploded?”

The Earth sword fell in front of Gu Qing Shan and answered with its deep voice: 「 You can’t blame me for that—— wasn’t that all because of your inexperience that you pushed it a bit too hard? 」

Gu Qing Shan froze.

He really didn’t want to continue this topic in front of the two ladies, so he simply put the Earth sword away without exchanging his expression and prevented it from saying anything else.

“We can’t head to Riddle World anymore, so where do you intend to go?” Lin asked.

“Not sure” Gu Qing Shan replied, “Right now, I have no choice but to break open the void of space first and look for a place to temporarily stay”

He drew the Chao Yin sword and lightly slashed the air.

Silently, the void of space was ripped open, displaying cut-out sceneries of myriad worlds in front of him that extended all the way to the clouds above.

Chapter 916

Breaking apart the shroud of night, the cut-out sceneries of myriad worlds appeared in front of them, stretching all the way to space itself.

Gu Qing Shan looked carefully at the sceneries as he said: "Some advice please"

Lin glanced over them and replied: "Just look for a world without any people. A Measure Tribulation is best not faced in a place with many living beings"

"I know about this, the more people are within the range of the Measure Tribulation, the stronger it becomes" Gu Qing Shan replied.

He pointed at a barren, desolate world and said: "How about there?"

"Not good enough, choose another" Lin took a glance and suggested.

Gu Qing Shan hesitated, but quickly looked at another world.

The reason why he respected Lin's opinion so much was that even though her powers were lost, her cultivation wasn't.

At her level of cultivation, her sense of danger was several times more sensitive compared to Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan pointed at a blue world.

"What about this one?" he asked.

"I've already been there. There are people living underground, it's not a completely empty world"

"Alright, then what do you think about this one?"

"Hm, this one looks ok"

Lin agreed.

Their gazes were fixed onto a certain barren world.

A few moments later.

An airship took flight and went past the world barrier, heading towards that empty barren world.

Behind them, the world was collapsing at an even greater pace.

...

A world made entirely out of diamond.

There wasn't a single soul here.

This world itself was a gigantic block of diamond.

But this block of diamond wasn't a planet that was floating in space.

It was drifting by itself inside another world that was submerged underwater, one of that world's many sub-worlds.

The ship followed the path Gu Qing Shan ripped open in the void of space and directly entered this diamond world.

Gu Qing Shan jumped off the airship.

In order not to affect him, Shannu controlled the airship with Lin on it and headed further away.

Gu Qing Shan stood stably on top of the solid ground.

He could already sense the approaching Measure Tribulation from the unknown faraway.

As soon as he circulated his spirit energy to attempt to break through right now, the Measure Tribulation would be triggered.

Gu Qing Shan took out a pill, put it in his mouth, and closed his eyes.

He mediated his breathing and slowly circulated his spirit energy to break through the barrier of the next realm.

Approaching.

Closely approaching.

The Measure Tribulation was about to——

Bam!

An abrupt sound resounded.

A little person that was around the size of his thumb appeared in front of Gu Qing Shan.

She was a cute small girl wearing a purple dress with a pair of dragonfly wings behind her back——

This isn't the Measure Tribulation!

Gu Qing Shan forcefully stopped his breakthrough and shouted: "Who are you!?"

The small girl smiled at Gu Qing Shan, gave him a piece of parchment, bowed, and disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan received the piece of parchment and saw that it was written in ancient pixie language:

[Wanted]

[Evil Great Pixie Bart]

[The criminal Bart is wanted for possession of tobacco leaves harmful to pixies, attempting to look into the royal family's secret, sneaking into the royal palace to rob and attempted kidnapping of the pixie princess]

[Anyone who captures or kills him would obtain the pixie royal family's bounty rewards!]

[This bounty has been completed]

[Brave human young man, you have killed the evil great pixie Bart and is entitled to this bounty]

[Please use this wanted poster to wipe your snot or wipe your mouth after a meal to turn it in!]

Gu Qing Shan rubbed his temples and put the wanted poster away, not knowing whether to laugh or cry.

Pixies were infamous for not being able to read between the lines.

They only do what they think that they should do.

There was once a man who passed away after doing the pixie a great favor.

The pixies then pooled their efforts together to use a powerful Quipcraft to prolong the man's life, insisted that he accept their thank-you gift before they dispelled the Quipcraft.

The man was revived without understanding why.

Received a gift, then died again without understanding why.

The pixies, on the other hand, believed that they had expressed their gratitude enough and directly disappeared from front of the man's corpse.

—this was the characteristic of their race as a whole, so Gu Qing Shan can't criticize them at all.

However, the more the pixies got into contact with the other races, some of their puzzling actions could be explained and justified.

For example, this time around, they abruptly appeared just moments before Gu Qing Shan's dire Measure Tribulation in order to give him a bounty that he didn't even know existed, but they sealed the prize inside the wanted posters parchment, so they just gave it to him and left without an extra word of gratitude.

For them, this was already the most formal way they knew to treat other people.

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Gu Qing Shan had no words.

He could only settle himself down again to prepare to face the Measure Tribulation.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

Following his breathing, his spirit energy once again gathered and began breaking through the Paragon realm bottleneck.

All of a sudden—

An illusory image appeared around him.

It replaced the entire world, then turned into the world itself.

Gu Qing Shan found himself standing on top of a high platform.

Various still images stood right in front of him and stretched all the way to the end of the world.

Each picture depicted terrifying monsters that were waiting and ready to face him.

Meanwhile, behind Gu Qing Shan, the world had already begun to crumble into a fine white powder that dissipated into the endless darkness below.

As Gu Qing Shan looked at the crumbling world behind him, his expression became serious.

The endless darkness represented the Law of Total Destruction, a Law manifested by the Measure Tribulation that cannot be bypassed or stopped.

Any living being caught by this darkness would crumble away with the illusory world, their soul included, not even leaving them a chance to reincarnate.

This was also the reason why he had been so wary of facing the Measure Tribulation.

In the Age of Old, this was also the reason why Xie Gu Hong couldn't face this Tribulation.

He was being monitored too closely by the Divinities.

Even a split second of delay within the Measure Tribulation could mean permanently losing his life without any chance of return.

And to successfully make it through the Measure Tribulation, there was only——

Gu Qing Shan turned back and looked straight at the still images in front of him.

He had to make it through every image.

The first image depicted a black demon with goat horns.

It was the first demon that Gu Qing Shan remembered killing, once again manifested by the Law of Heaven in order to avenge its own death.

Gu Qing Shan went into the image and swung his sword.

The horned demon charged forward to stop him but was sliced in half.

——the Law of Heaven operated under its own rules.

Although Gu Qing Shan killed this demon all those years ago, he did it in order to save himself, so the Law of Heaven didn't grant this demon too much power.

It was only three times stronger than it originally was.

And the equipment it was wearing was the best a demon like it could obtain.

But for the current Gu Qing Shan, dealing with such a demon was very simple.

After the horned demon died, the image collapsed and Gu Qing Shan returned to the Measure Tribulation world.

Behind him, the world was crumbling faster and faster.

The darkness spread, corroding everything in front of it.

Gu Qing Shan didn't stall any longer and swiftly charged into the next image.

This image depicted five demon beasts.

Gu Qing Shan drew his sword.

The demon beasts died.

The image collapsed.

He charged forward again.

———these first few demons and demon beasts were nothing but a warm-up.

After a while, he finally met the first person he killed.

To be exact, it was a group of people, including a few hitmen and a Martial Master.

They worked under the order of the Confederate aristocrats, cornering him on the streets in order to kill him.

They were once again given form and power by the Law of Heaven to avenge themselves.

Gu Qing Shan charged towards them and swung his sword.

The people died.

The image collapsed.

Gu Qing Shan felt his heart becoming a bit heavy.

These people were originally just regular people, yet they were reinforced by the Law of Heaven and Earth to have power equivalent to Rejuvenation realm cultivators.

This was quite a large boost.

There wasn't time for him to think.

Gu Qing Shan kept charging forward, creating distance from the crumbling world and the darkness behind.

He charged into the next image———

A horde of demons!

These were the creatures from the cultivation world, a horde of low-level demons from Shen Wu world that he killed in order to escape their encirclement.

Gu Qing Shan's twin swords swung.

All the demons were killed without leaving a single one.

The image collapsed.

With his current strength, killing these monsters felt equivalent to chopping vegetables!

The darkness behind him had already swallowed the second image and silently continued to give chase.

Gu Qing Shan swiftly entered the next image.

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The darkness continued to spread and patiently followed Gu Qing Shan.

The Law of Total Destruction within the darkness continued to turn everything in its path to dust.

This was the most terrifying part of the Measure Tribulation, a power that manifested from the Law of Heaven and Earth itself, something that no living being could resist.

The image collapsed.

Gu Qing Shan jumped out from it and entered the next image.

He quickly appeared in another location.

A cultivator stood facing him.

Blue Cloud Pass, Li Chang An.

This was a cultivator that he killed during the semester examination.

"You killed me, now it's my turn to take revenge!"

Li Chang An was donning a General's armor from the cultivation world as he charged at Gu Qing Shan with a spear in hand.

The spear split into countless images, all aiming at Gu Qing Shan's vitals.

——a mutual destruction fighting style right off the bat!

Gu Qing Shan braced the spear images, parried them with his sword, and stepped forward.

A flash of light lightly appeared by Li Chang An's neck.

Li Chang An was blown away by the intense sword-infused wind and fell to the ground.

Bam!

The image collapsed.

Li Chang An's death also faded away.

Gu Qing Shan didn't even stop for a second and quickly entered the next image.

Roar———!

A tidal wave of black demons abruptly manifested.

As soon as they saw Gu Qing Shan, they charged at him with reckless abandon.

Gu Qing Shan wielded the Earth sword and unleashed myriads of sword images.

The demons were erased from this world by his attacks.

With Gu Qing Shan's current Three Thousand Worlds realm cultivation, even sword images manifested from his spirit energy weren't something that these demons could resist.

His advancement was swift and fluid.

Gu Qing Shan continued to move forward among the horde of demons, not a single one of them managed to take even one attack.

But his eyebrows were tightly knitted.

These demons were clearly the bunch that he killed through abusing his Tribulation in Shen Wu world.

But their powers were now equivalent to Ascended realm cultivators.

This increase was a bit too much.

And not only that.

The darkness was already approaching him, silently moving closer.

"Sorry, but you're going to need to die a bit quicker"

Gu Qing Shan muttered.

Endless sword images bloomed from his swords and consumed every single demon within this image.

The darkness had arrived.

Gu Qing Shan got out of the image.

He avoided it!

But without time to catch his breath, he jumped into the next image.

"You killed me! You killed me!"

A cultivator loudly shouted.

Following him, several spirit beasts also appeared.

The cultivator that he killed as well as all the spirit beasts that died during the spirit beasts' betrayal appeared together.

Gu Qing Shan wielded his sword and replied: "Military discipline is like a mountain"

When he was about to kill him, his mind suddenly became empty.

“Do not———”

A voice filled with regret and despair resounded by his ears.

Gu Qing Shan froze, goosebumps growing all over his body.

This voice seemed to have come from an extremely faraway place and took everything it had in order to reach me.

This was the giant corpse’s voice.

He seemed to have sensed me facing the Measure Tribulation so it was trying to remind me of something.

But the voice was cut off right away.

Behind Gu Qing Shan, the darkness was approaching even faster.

“Yah!”

With a full-power strike, Gu Qing Shan cut down every enemy in front of him.

The image collapsed.

He landed and swiftly ran into the next image.

What exactly is going on?

Gu Qing Shan wiped the cold sweat off his forehead as his heart started beating faster.

Why exactly did the giant corpse spare no effort just to send that sigh of despair and regret all this way to me?

Gu Qing Shan regained his senses and started to notice something was off.

He went into the next image and killed a Faceless Giant.

This Faceless Giant was among the horde of demons within the dark caves that led from the human realm to the Huang Quan realm.

The Faceless Giant’s strength had been increased to Sainted realm.

But that wasn’t the issue

The issue was that——

Its appearance proved that the next adversity he needed to face would be the monsters he killed in the Huang Quan realm and the quadrillions of dead people in hell.

If the rule of the Measure Tribulation stands, this wouldn’t be too hard for him.

While Gu Qing Shan was thinking, the space in front of him became blurred.

A hole opened in the void of space as a black piece of scale fell in front of Gu Qing Shan.

Recognizing this scale, Gu Qing Shan caught it in his hand.

A black armor scale.

Yes, this is a black scale from the giant's corpse armor!

When I learnt [Mystery of All Beings Equal], the giant corpse also gave it to me through a scale like this.

The [Mystery of All Beings Equal] was hidden inside it at the time.

Gu Qing Shan's heart started beating faster again.

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What exactly is the situation that the giant corpse would even spend the effort to send a piece of armor scale all the way to where I am at this point in time?

While continuing to head forward, he focused his inner sight on the black scale.

The scale suddenly shattered and turned into a glowing mystical rune in his hand.

The giant corpse's voice sounded from it:

"I can't help you any more than this, you need to quickly think of a way—"

The voice was cut off.

Obviously, this scale had traveled through such a long distance that the remaining sentence was cut off.

At the same time, lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[Detected single-use technique: Law of the Land]

[Law of the Land: You can use one item you have as the anchor to add a Law from its world of origin into your current world. Duration: 3 seconds]

Skimming through the text, Gu Qing Shan's mind quickly turned.

The giant corpse gave me this technique.

But why?

What is he trying to tell me?

Was my killing karma in Huang Quan so heavy that he felt he needed to give me a hand?

That can't be right.

According to the Law, dead people within Huang Quan are considered to already be dead.

So I couldn't have accrued much karma from killing them.

But if the Law of Heaven insisted that the karma for them are also accountable, then I would need to face the retribution of killing over a quadrillion living beings.

...that shouldn't be the case.

Among the cultivation scriptures and inheritance I obtained, there was the experience of a Dao Lord from the Age of Old who had faced a Measure Tribulation.

According to that Dao Lord, although the Measure Tribulation is terrifying, the Law of Heaven and Earth are not absolutely cruel.

The Law of Heaven and Earth always leaves a bit of hope of survival for cultivators within a Tribulation.

———this hope comes from the good karma and Merit that a cultivator accrued from his actions.

At the most dangerous point of the Measure Tribulation, the Law of Heaven and Earth would reference a cultivator's Merit and good karma in order to nullify a portion of the Measure Tribulation's power.

If a cultivator only kills without accruing any good karma, then this bit of hope would also be lost.

But everything I've done up to now has been to save people.

The Merit that I earned from saving the human realm and Huang Quan realm should be a lot greater than the bad karma I received from killing.

Normally, the hope for survival left within the Measure Tribulation should manifest soon.

Gu Qing Shan swung the twin swords to kill a bunch of vicious demons.

These were also the demons that stood watch in the dark cave, now also accounted by the Law of Heaven and Earth to be creatures Gu Qing Shan had killed.

The image collapsed.

Gu Qing Shan flew out, his expression a bit tense.

The Law of Total Destruction was still quickly approaching him.

There was another image in front of him.

The karma of killing within Huang Quan would be accounted for now.

Gu Qing Shan jumped forward, entering the image right as the Law of Total Destruction was about to catch up.

It felt a lot stranger when he entered the image this time around.

Gu Qing Shan felt himself falling down.

He looked below.

Countless dead people stood in every bit of space that they could stand within his sight.

Gu Qing Shan stopped mid-air and released his inner sight to check the places that he couldn't see.

Endless.

Endless amounts of dead people filled this entire world, all of them with power equivalent to a Sainted realm cultivator.

Even as a Three Thousand Worlds realm cultivator, Gu Qing Shan's strength was negligible when facing this insane amount of dead people at that power level.

"DIE!"

The dead people roared.

Gu Qing Shan waited for a split second---

Nothing happened.

The Law of Heaven didn't take his good karma and Merit into account and didn't lower the degree of risk for his Measure Tribulation.

Instead, all the dead people charged forward at him.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at these dead people manifested by the Law of Heaven and Earth.

He couldn't defeat them all, even if he could, he had no time.

The Law of Total Destruction was already right behind him.

This was a sure-death situation!

Gu Qing Shan suddenly understood what the giant corpse was trying to tell him.

He took out the Devil King Warden Rod and used the giant corpse's technique on it.

"Law of the Land: Huang Quan!"

He shouted.

Oom!

The light of the technique enveloped the Devil King Warden Rod and added the Law of Huang Quan into this world.

But this Law would only last for 3 seconds!

Gu Qing Shan released the Earth sword without hesitation and cut open an empty area on the ground.

He landed, stabbed the Devil King Warden Rod into the ground, and shouted: "You're all going to die once again!"

A red glow appeared from the Devil King Warden Rod and spread into this entire world in the blink of an eye.

[Soul Dispersion], activated!

[Rod Secret Art: Soul Dispersion]

[Description: The Devil King can use the power of the rod to permanently erase any disobedient dead people, the souls of those erased by this technique would dissipate and turn into the rod's sustenance]

The world became empty.

All the dead people vanished into thin air, erased by the Devil King Warden Rod at the same time.

A clear shattering sound could be heard.

A world that was supposed to be able to kill him collapsed just like that.

Gu Qing Shan escaped from this image and once again moved forward.

But his expression slowly turned grim.

He had already understood the giant corpse's message.

This Measure Tribulation.

Is impossible.

I need to quickly think of a way to escape from it!

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Gu Qing Shan continued to head forward without pause.

He charged into an image, killed the enemy inside, then moved into the next.

The darkness continued spreading.

The Law of Total Destruction was right on his tail.

Gu Qing Shan fell into the next image.

Wang Hong Dao and Tian Shan Ye both appeared at the same time.

They were no longer at Cryptic realm, but rather Radiant Soul realm peak stage, just a little bit away from reaching Void Beholder realm.

Gu Qing Shan also hesitated for a split second.

He still hadn't received any reinforcements from his good karma.

He swung his sword.

Without getting a chance to move, both Wang Hong Da and Tian Shan Ye were swiftly killed.

——even if this master-disciple pair had reached Radiant Soul realm, they weren't even an issue for Gu Qing Shan.

This showed the advantage of numbers in battle.

Gu Qing Shan didn't feel like he would be able to endure a single strike from over a quadrillion dead people.

But two people at Radiant Soul realm weren't an issue.

His mind quickly turned.

Triste's collection world...

The 2 million demonized people weren't killed by me .

So I won't have to face them.

But how am I going to face the God of Frost and Chill who's 3 realms ahead?

He was originally Paragon realm peak stage, so a direct increase of 3 realms means he would reach {Sumeru Lord} realm.

What about the Abyssal Demon Dragon who is 3 levels ahead?

The Soul Shrieker?

Or Lin in her Abyssal form?

Without Merit to counteract them, I'm no match for even a single one of them.

And having to make considerations based on pure imagination isn't a good thing either.

Gu Qing Shan bit his lip lightly right as the image collapsed and jumped into the next image.

Rakshasa appeared.

"You ambushed me to kill me!" he angrily roared.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at him.

Rakshasa vanished.

When he reappeared , he was already chopped to dust.

The image collapsed.

Gu Qing Shan headed for the next image.

If my Merit could not be accounted for from start to finish.

—if this is really true, what should I do?

Like all other Heaven's Tribulations, the Measure Tribulation is a trial summoned by the Law of Heaven and Earth when they sense the breakthrough of a cultivator.

How am I going to escape from a Tribulation?

Gu Qing Shan rolled his eyes in thought.

Has anyone managed to escape from their Tribulation in the entire history of cultivation?

No.

No matter how far a cultivator traveled, even if they left their world, the Heaven's Tribulation would still follow the cultivator until they either make it through or die trying.

Gu Qing Shan gripped the twin swords tightly.

If I really have to face the God of Frost and Chill at {Sumeru Lord} realm...

While continuing to head forward, he noticed something strange.

The monster that appeared where the giant corpse was at didn't show up.

I clearly killed it.

But the Law of Heaven and Earth didn't manifest that monster to stop me.

Was there a problem with the Law of Heaven and Earth, or a problem with me?

Gu Qing Shan felt nothing but confused, unable to come up with an answer.

But he now believed in the giant corpse's words a bit more.

Continuing forward.

He went into the next image.

— — — this time, he faced the monsters from the Age of Old, the Demon Eyes.

Gu Qing Shan drew his sword.

Damn it.

He silently thought.

Even the timeline is messed up.

From a chronological point of view, I should have begun with the monsters from the Age of Old.

God knows why the Measure Tribulation is so messed up.

The image collapsed.

He continued forward.

And finally, Gu Qing Shan arrived at the image he was dreading.

A Divinity who exuded unimaginable icy presence hovered in the air menacingly.

He roared: 「 Despicable human! You dared to ambush me to kill me and take my place! 」

At this point, his power had been increased to a never-before-seen level, almost like a true deity.

With Gu Qing Shan's current strength, facing him was impossible.

This isn't a Measurement Tribulation at all, this is a death trap!

Gu Qing Shan briefly glanced over him, but didn't pay any attention to this real God of Frost and Chill.

As soon as he entered the image, when he sensed the familiar icy and cold presence, he knew that he couldn't stay here any longer.

The giant corpse's words have been proven by reality.

The Measure Tribulation is impossible.

Unless I want to die, I need to think of a way to escape from the Measure Tribulation.

But the Measure Tribulation is also a Tribulation, regardless of where the cultivator tries to escape to, it would still follow them.

All the way until it is over.

In this sure-death situation, Gu Qing Shan still had his preparations.

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Up to this point, he had faced more than one sure-death situation.

“Bing Li!” Gu Qing Shan sent his voice.

“Gongzi, I’m ready!”

Luo Bing Li’s voice replied from the Heaven sword.

Gu Qing Shan drew the Heaven sword without hesitation.

He controlled the Heaven sword to spin around and slashed himself.

[Chaotic Flow] activated!

[Chaotic Flow: When this sword attacks an entity, you can make that entity skip over their current moment in time to a moment of your choice]

Gu Qing Shan’s fighting spirit deflated.

He skipped his own time back to when he had only just reached Three Thousand Worlds realm.

At the time, he had only finished facing the Earth, Water, Fire, and Wind Quad Tribulation, his cultivation had yet to settle down, and his spirit energy fluctuations weren’t quite as powerful as his current self.

The ‘him’ at the time...

Didn’t have enough spirit energy to attempt breaking through to Paragon realm .

Didn’t have the cultivation experience he had today.

—-and more importantly, he didn’t have the power to trigger the Measure Tribulation.

In an instant, Gu Qing Shan had fallen down from Three Thousand Worlds realm peak stage to early stage.

「NO!」

The God of Frost and Chill roared in frustration and hurriedly tried to attack him.

But Gu Qing Shan had already been pushed out from the image.

When the image disappeared, the entire Measure Tribulation world vanished .

Without the natural connection that a cultivator formed with Heaven and Earth during their breakthrough, the Tribulation lost its target.

Since the Measure Tribulation couldn't sense Gu Qing Shan's breakthrough, it naturally vanished.

The world returned to normal.

This was the diamond world.

Gu Qing Shan stood still in silence.

"I need to sleep, [Chaotic Flow] costs too much energy, I can't move for the next 10 days, so don't call me"

Luo Bing Li's tired voice came from the Heaven sword.

"Alright, thank you for this time" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"You're welcome, that situation just now really was too dangerous"

After saying so, Luo Bing Li yawned as she gradually couldn't be heard anymore.

Gu Qing Shan put the Heaven sword back into his Thought Sea.

He held the Earth sword and stood alone in the diamond world.

At this point, Shannu Lin towards him from afar.

"Gongzi, why did your cultivation recede?" she asked in surprise.

Lin glanced at Gu Qing Shan with a pondering expression.

When Gu Qing Shan was about to answer, he suddenly sensed a unique feeling.

He immediately sat down cross-legged and told Shannu: "Defend me, I need to go somewhere briefly"

After saying so, he closed his eyes.

Right at the next moment, under Shannu's and Lin's gazes, his soul vessel escaped from his body and flew somewhere far away.

Looking at his departing soul, Lin asked in confusion: "Where is he going?"

Shannu didn't answer her and instead took out a formation plate to quickly arrange a series of defensive formations.

After finishing the arrangement, she wielded the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and stood by Gu Qing Shan's body to guard him.

She then answered: "I don't know everything about gongzi, I think it's better that you ask him when he comes back"

...

Gu Qing Shan was flying through the chaotic Space Vortex.

This time, since his cultivation was much greater than before, his body was only covered in a thin layer of guiding force.

None of the mysterious entities within the space vortex managed to detect him.

After a while of flying, the void of space in front of Gu Qing Shan changed.

The giant corpse's world appeared before him.

Countless black skeletons were roaming the ground, pacing back and forth.

At the center of them all, there was a giant bronze pillar that connected Heaven and Earth.

The giant corpse in black scale armor was being pinned closely on the bronze pillar.

It hadn't recovered much, one of its arms was still completely bare-bones, with some small writhing flesh started to grow.

Ever since it was eaten by the previous monster, it had been growing back.

"Long time no see" Gu Qing Shan spoke up first.

"You actually managed to escape from the Measure Tribulation, I was half-expecting you to lose your life" the giant corpse's words resounded directly in Gu Qing Shan's mind.

"Can't you have a little more confidence in me?" Gu Qing Shan smiled and replied.

"That isn't the issue. Let me ask you, how many people have managed to exceed the level of Three Thousand Worlds realm during these past years?"

"Demi-gods?" Gu Qing Shan tried asking.

"Demi-gods and Divinities are fakes" the giant corpse replied.

Gu Qing Shan also understood that well, so he asked: "Then from your perspective, there is no one who is able to break through Three Thousand Worlds realm?"

"There are very few who can in fact do such a thing, but I have determined that you are not one of them" the giant corpse replied.

Gu Qing Shan asked further: "Then what kind of person can?"

"A Returnee"

"So because I am not a Returnee, you thought that I would die in the Measure Tribulation?"

"Correct"

"Why?"

"Because..." the giant corpse sighed deeply and replied: "Ever since the end of the Age of Old, the Laws of the Outer Plane had been rejecting all living beings, that is the reason why the Measure Tribulation does not take good karma and Merit into account and help you break through to Paragon realm, let alone higher realms"

Gu Qing Shan's heart sank.

He forced himself to keep calm and asked: "Then why is a Returnee able to continue breaking through?"

The giant corpse replied: "When a Returnee breaks through, what they follow are the Laws of the Inner Plane. During their reincarnation, a Returnee is able to take certain things with them, which contains the Laws of the Inner Plane, from which their Tribulations operate under. That is the only reason why they do not die"

"The Inner Plane... where is that?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"The entrance to the Inner Plane lies at the bottom of the Eternal Abyss" the giant corpse answered.

The giant corpse then saw a light of hope glittering in Gu Qing Shan's eyes.

Hesitantly, it continued: "Do not think about going into the Inner Plane, that place had already been destroyed by the Apocalypse"

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The giant corpse's world.

The giant corpse was disclosing some unimaginable secrets to Gu Qing Shan.

"Reality is like a rotten apple, as the inner portions are slowly destroyed and deteriorate, the outer portions would manifest the corresponding signs of collapse and destruction"

"The Apocalypse will eventually spread from the Inner Plane to the Outer Plane, ultimately destroying everything"

"The most direct proof of which was that for the last few hundred years, the Laws of the Outer Plane has been suppressing the growth of living beings more and more"

The giant corpse sighed and continued: "This is such a gradual change that others might not be able to notice, but I can sense it happening in my every waking moment"

Gu Qing Shan went silent for a while before asking: "Because the fact that karma isn't taken into account in the Measure Tribulation, are there any other proofs?"

The giant corpse replied: "Have you noticed that more and more new abilities are being awakened by living beings every year?"

Gu Qing Shan thought about this for a bit.

He suddenly recalled the book that he saw in the Profession Committee of the 900 million World Layers Alliance office.

That book recorded every new Profession and ability in every world, and it was quickly increasing every year.

"I know about that" Gu Qing Shan nodded.

The giant corpse explained: “In truth, that is the souls of all living beings sensing the killing intent and repulsion of the Laws of Reality, thus triggering their natural mutations and reactions”

Gu Qing Shan pondered: “You mean, like natural adaptations for the sake of survival?”

“Correct”

“Then, now that I can’t advance normally, what should I do now?”

“First I need to know about your situation—— and I was even wondering why it took you so long to advance, who would’ve thought that you had already advanced all the way to the peak of Three Thousand Worlds realm”

Following his words, a black scale came off his armor and hovered in front of Gu Qing Shan.

The scale peeled off bit by bit to reveal a glowing rune.

“You don’t have much time here, so we’ll use this method to communicate” the giant corpse told him.

When Gu Qing Shan received the glowing rune, lines of glowing text appeared in front of his eyes.

[Single-use memory transfer technique: You may choose a portion of your experience to directly send into the consciousness of the other party]

Gu Qing Shan activated the technique and smiled bitterly: “It really is a long story, I made a trip back to the Age of Old”

He explained everything that happened in the Age of Old but avoided everything related to the War God System.

A few moments later.

The giant corpse’s voice came again:

“So, the [Mystery of All Beings Equal] can already be seen through? It seems it is time for this Mystery to advance as well”

“However, you will have to choose how to advance it yourself”

He sighed regretfully: “And you even obtained the Evil-warding Weapons of the Bottomless Abyss. Regretfully, you still can’t enter the Inner Plane, that place is already in ruins”

Gu Qing Shan replied: “Right now I’m only concerned with one thing, how do I become stronger?”

“Luckily, you’ve obtained a precious identity” the giant corpse told him with a glad tone of voice.

“What identity?” Gu Qing Shan asked in surprise.

The giant corpse replied: “Envoy of Condemnation”

Gu Qing Shan was stunned.

The giant corpse continued: “The Envoy of Condemnation doesn’t belong to the Outer Plane, rather it was a powerful Profession that originated from the Inner Plane, carrying with it the essence of the Inner Plane, through which you can continue your advancement”

“How should I do that?” Gu Qing Shan hurriedly asked.

The giant corpse replied: “Azure Card—— Gu Qing Shan, you must increase the grade of your Condemnation Card to Azure, after which you will be able to organize a few Origin Cards in your deck to create a world of your own”

Gu Qing Shan suddenly recalled a certain person.

Xiao Die.

When Xiao Die went to meet Barry and Kitty, she combined various scrolls to form a portrait of herself, after which she came forward from the portrait.

This seems to be quite a high-leveled skill.

“You mean, as soon as I reach Azure grade, I’ll be able to create my own world and face my Tribulation there?” Gu Qing Shan repeated his words, a bit unsure.

“In truth, your Iris Sword is able to create a world, so you already have the basis to do such a thing”

“And since the world created by Condemnation Cards uses the Laws of the Inner Plane, it won’t try to kill you—— you would be able to face a normal Measure Tribulation”

The giant corpse slowly explained.

The world gradually became brighter.

A blue glow started to manifest in the sky.

This blue glow was gathering from all directions, ultimately converging on top of the bronze pillar.

When Gu Qing Shan looked up, he felt an immeasurable sense of destruction emanating from the tiny sparks of blue glow.

The giant corpse hurriedly: “Oh no, I don’t have time to tell you more. Just know that after increasing your Card grade, you need to search for items that contain the Law of the Inner Plane, seal them into your Card, then combine them into a small Inner Plane world. There, you would be able to advance again!”

Rumble rumble!

The sound of thunder echoed across the sky.

“Hide this inside your Thought Sea and take a look at it after you return, go!” the giant corpse urged him.

A black scale armor on his chest moved, peeled itself off, and turned into a blurred image that fell into Gu Qing Shan’s hand.

As soon as Gu Qing Shan touched his black scale, he felt an immense repulsion force.

He was about to be ejected from this world.

“Wait a minute, I still don’t know about your situation——”

“Before you become stronger, every question is meaningless” the giant corpse sighed sorrowfully and cut off Gu Qing Shan’s question.

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Immediately after, as if he was pulled by a thick and sturdy rope, Gu Qing Shan was sent flying back the way he came.

Keeping his words in mind, Gu Qing Shan quickly put the black scale away into his Thought Sea.

He turned back.

Within the giant corpse’s world, the blinding lightning suddenly illuminated everything.

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

Lightning.

The giant corpse was being struck by lightning again.

Just who created this world?

Why did they have to imprison the giant corpse in this world and constantly use this highly destructive method to punish him?

He had no way to find out any of this.

Gu Qing Shan was quickly flying through the space vortex again.

He now needed to return.

He shook his head, feeling nothing but anxiety.

—however, at least it wasn’t completely fruitless.

Although the Laws of the Outer Plane had abandoned living beings, I still have a way to become stronger.

The diamond world.

His soul vessel descended from the sky and fell back into his body.

“Gongzi is back!” Shannu happily cheered.

Gu Qing Shan opened his eyes.

He looked around first before opening his palm and taking out the item inside his Thought Sea.

The black scale broke off in his hand to form a shining mystical rune.

Lines of glowing text quickly appeared on the War God UI:

[Discovered special technique: Mystery of All Things Equal]

[You can choose to comprehend this technique, or use your Mystery of All Beings Equal to consume it and evolve, increasing the level of your Mystery to make it so that no entity stronger than you would be able to discover your true nature]

As Gu Qing Shan stared at this mystical rune, he fell into thought.

Should I learn the [Mystery of All Things Equal], or allow [Mystery of All Beings Equal] to evolve?

That is a reasonable question.

...

Meanwhile.

Shen Wu world.

Bai Hua sect.

Qin Xiao Lou, Xiu Xiu, Wan Er, and Qing Rou were all standing on top of Bai Hua Hall, staring at the large faraway lake.

A small figure stood above the lake, summoning the Heaven's Tribulation.

Qin Xiao Lou crossed his arms and sighed: "This little girl, not only does she keep remaining in our sect, she's even borrowing our place to face her Tribulation. After Shifu returns, I have to bring this up to her"

He sat down, stopped watching the lake, and took out a gourd of liquor to drink by himself.

Wan Er and Qing Rou were both showing extremely serious expressions.

They kept a close eye on the surface of the lake without looking away.

Xiu Xiu looked at Qin Xiao Lou, then at the two girls and couldn't help but asked: "Big sis Wan Er, big sis Qing Rou, what's wrong?"

Wan Er had an expression of disbelief on her face as she muttered in shock: "Your senior brother normally doesn't like to read so he doesn't know it, but what's happening in front of us right now has gone completely beyond our understanding"

Xiu Xiu was shocked.

Qing Rou stroked Xiu Xiu's head and sighed: "If not in consideration that this little girl seems to be very closely related to Shifu, I would have already reported this to the other great cultivators"

"But why?" Xiu Xiu asked.

Qing Rou replied: “Because the Tribulation she’s facing is one that I have never even heard of before. I can’t even imagine what’s going on, or what kind of existence she might be”

Xiu Xiu turned and looked at the lake again.

The little girl formed a hand seal with both hands and shouted: “Measure Tribulation, come!”

Oom———

The entire lake completely changed.

A few images appeared in front of the little girl while a spreading cluster of darkness manifested behind her.

At this point, a certain thing appeared next to the little girl.

“What is that?”

“That’s too powerful, that thing!”

“It feels... like a treasure that belongs to her—— look, she’s standing on it now”

The three girls couldn’t help but whisper in discussion.

While Qin Xiao Lou was drinking, he overheard their discussions and looked up at the lake.

“Huh?”

He put the gourd back down and muttered in surprise: “Why does that golden lotus look exactly like Shifu’s?”

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Gu Qing Shan looked down at the rune in his hand.

He gradually had an understanding, as if he knew exactly what he should do to achieve what he wanted.

Following his thought, the shining rune shattered and turned into scattering sprites of light that entered his Thought Sea.

At the same time, lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[You’ve absorbed the Mystery rune]

[You’ve chosen to upgrade Mystery of All Beings Equal]

[This ability is currently undergoing change, please do not attempt to use this ability for the next three hours or it would affect the change it is undergoing]

[After three hours, your ability to use this Mystery will be greatly improved]

[By the way, here’s hoping that your acting is even more successful from now on]

Gu Qing Shan scowled as he read the last sentence.

“Where did you go?”

Lin asked him with an expression of interest.

Gu Qing Shan regained his senses and replied: “To see an old friend, every time I break through, he would be able to sense it and bring me to where he is to hang out and have a friendly conversation”

Lin stared at him with an unconvinced expression.

Gu Qing Shan then told her about the matter of the Measure Tribulation, then further explained: “He’s currently being held inside a small world, unable to move, so only occasionally would I be able to come and meet him”

Lin spoke with some thought: “Next time, take me with you to see him”

Seeing Gu Qing Shan’s doubtful expression, she explained: “The one you met might have been a convict”

“A convict?”

“Indeed, ever since the start of humanity’s civilization, we’ve found so many inexplicable things in countless inexplicable spaces, no one knows what exactly they’re used for, or why the lifeforms within them were imprisoned”

“You mean——”

“Don’t ask, I don’t know a lot about it either”

Lin showed a rare exhausted expression and replied: “Sometimes, I really hope that humanity just lived in a universe all by themselves. There would be no strange or bizarre things around them and no one would have any supernatural abilities, such a life would probably be a lot more peaceful, unlike us. In this reality with infinite worlds and infinite secrets, there’s a chance to randomly run into issues at every step of the way, forcing everyone to move forward as carefully as possible”

Since it was rare for Lin to take the initiative to talk about herself, Gu Qing Shan put some thought into the circumstance that she mentioned.

Right now, he felt that Lin was quite interesting.

——she was most likely a person who had been through a lot of as well.

Gu Qing Shan smiled: “But that way, everyone would be helpless against death, diseases, and old age, is that what you hope for?”

“If reincarnation exists, I actually don’t mind” Lin muttered.

“But the Samsara is actually a kind of weapon” Shannu chimed in.

“That’s true, but that doesn’t affect our lives. Being able to naturally cycle around within the natural reincarnation, doesn’t that sound like a good life?” Lin replied.

Gu Qing Shan’s smile froze.

“That’s true, a soul is able to cycle among the Samsara in reincarnation, but reincarnation itself was a weapon...” he muttered.

He was recalling the time he brought Barry and Kitty back to his homeworld. Due to them being able to revive after death, the Soul Shrieker’s subordinates weren’t at all afraid of Barry and Kitty.

But what ended up happening instead?

I used the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and the Forgetting River Soul Separating Hook to keep them in that world!

Their souls were then brought into Huang Quan, then thoroughly eliminated by the Devil King Warden Rod.

During their last moments in the Huang Quan realm, when the Soul Shrieker almost manifested, I also used the Devil King Warden Rod to stop it.

Gu Qing Shan suddenly realized.

Is this the true value of the Samsara?

No matter what kind of enemy I face, within the Samsara, they would be the same as those people, unable to keep their Eternal or undying characteristics?

This will need to be tested further...

“What’s the matter?” Lin asked.

“It’s nothing”

Gu Qing Shan regained his senses and silently kept that matter in mind.

The most important thing right now is to grow stronger, that is the basis for everything else.

Gu Qing Shan began to contemplate his next course of action.

First of all, increasing the grade for my Envoy of Condemnation card needs more consideration, it isn’t something I can resolve right away.

After leveling up, I still need to use my Cards to create a world.

—this requires me to find items that contain the Law of the Inner Plane, which can be done while I’m increasing my Card grade.

Then, how should I increase my Card grade?

Gu Qing Shan carefully recalled Little Dusk’s words from back then.

...

“There are three ways to get stronger. The first is like what you’re doing and naturally advance; the second is to consume other cards; the third is to find any heritage of the Divinities from the Age of Old and use them to increase the grade of your card”

...

There were no such things as Old Gods in the Age of Old, so that part was most likely incorrect.

Gu Qing Shan silently thought to himself.

Little Dusk was brainwashed to think that the Divinities created everything.

This means those 'heritage' should be precious materials left behind by the Bygone Era humans.

After all, those materials could be used to create powerful Soul Artifacts or used for an [Order] to evolve.

Right now, natural advancement is literally impossible, looking for materials from the Bygone Era humans would be extremely difficult, so the best way is for me to look for a few Cards to consume.

After thinking everything through, Gu Qing Shan grabbed the Chao Yin sword and slashed the sky.

A blinding sword phantom flew up to the sky.

Being cut by the sword phantom, the night sky split apart like a pair of curtains, slowly receding to either side.

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The images of numerous worlds appeared in the sky, neatly lined up to look like a revolving carousel that extended far into the sky.

Three thousand worlds had appeared.

"We've been through a lot, so let's find somewhere to rest first" Gu Qing Shan turned towards Lin, "Can you take a look and choose where we should go?"

Lin was surprised for a short moment.

Rest...

That was a really unfamiliar word for her.

"Why me?" Lin asked.

"Because you're wounded, we need to find somewhere that you can feel relieved to rest in and recover" Gu Qing Shan shrugged.

Regardless of what the Earth Creator had planned in Riddle World, there was no way for them to get there right now or move forward from Riddle World and follow the star chart to return to the Strife Zones.

So the best solution right now was to find a world to reorganize themselves, wait until Lin's wounds were healed, and slowly keep an eye out for information about Riddle World.

Lin lightly inhaled, then looked up at the sky.

A few moments later.

"Gu Qing Shan"

“Yes?”

“There’s something...”

“What?”

“Do you have money? The kind that can be used to pay for food and inns”

“Ah, that? Wait a bit”

Gu Qing Shan was a bit surprised.

He then searched inside his Inventory Bag and took out a small black bag.

Yes!

This was the spoils of war he obtained from killing a relatively high-ranking member of the Holy Church of Death.

Originally, this was supposed to be split with the demon scorpion family, but since they were separated, he naturally kept it all for himself.

And there was quite a bit of money here!

Gu Qing Shan took out a small coin from the small bag.

This was a dark blue coin that depicted an octopus-like monster on the head side and the number #109 on the tail side.

——this was the #109 coin—— the most valuable coin within this small bag, one that had some special powers.

“A replica coin from the Divine race? I’ve never really thought much about these counterfeits” Lin looked at the coin and commented.

“Of course they aren’t as powerful as the Bygone Era human coins, but they’re good for daily use” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He then muttered in his mind: “Cold Drinks”

Pop!

A small sound came out.

After Gu Qing Shan muttered the keywords, the octopus on the head side of the coin spat out a large wooden chest.

Gu Qing Shan caught the wooden chest, opened it up between the two girls, and asked them: “Want something to drink?”

In truth, this was a fridge with various liquor stored inside.

Shannu transformed into her human form without hesitation and chose a glass of fruit punch.

“Thank you, gongzi”

She took a sip and smiled.

Lin looked inside, grabbed a carton of milk, and started drinking.

Gu Qing Shan picked out a bottle of strong liquor, popped it open, and took a large swig.

The three of them silently enjoyed their drinks as they stared at the rotating images in the sky.

Hm...

It feels great to be able to rest a bit.

Gu Qing Shan rolled his eyes a bit, turned to look at Lin, and carefully asked: "Ah right, did you take an Envoy of Condemnation girl called Little Dusk..."

"The one in control of the Strife Zones right now is Demon Dragon, everything I've hidden was taken by it already" Lin casually admitted.

Gu Qing Shan sighed.

Lin continued: "Don't think too much about it, as long as the Ring of Vow returned to me, I'll eventually look for Demon Dragon to take my revenge. At that time, I'll take that little girl back and return her to you"

"Thank you"

"As long as you keep in mind to take me to the Reality Gate"

"How could I forget"

"Hm, that's good to hear" Lin replied refreshingly.

She looked up at the sky for a while then pointed at a certain world: "We're heading there"

Gu Qing Shan looked up.

The world Lin chose was a relatively lively one.

Although this world's civilization wasn't too advanced, Gu Qing Shan saw a group of Combatants having dinner at a stall in what appeared to be a main square plaza.

They were probably around the initiated level.

There were countless civilizations within the 900 million World Layers with countless strange and bizarre life forms with an infinite variation of abilities. Although every Profession had its own way to categorize its practitioners, like cultivators do, when compiled together, it was difficult to use a common system to rank an infinite number of entities and powers.

Sometimes, the level of civilization didn't matter, the most important thing was whether or not there was a powerful Combatant to protect it.

With a powerful Combatant, both the world and civilization would be protected, and the world would prosper and become lively.

“Then let us go” Gu Qing Shan said.

He released his airship, then brought Lin and Shannu into that world.

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Seaside World.

An airship jetted out from the void of space and entered this world, quickly streaking across the sky.

Enduring a long time of flight, they had finally arrived.

Shannu observed the dimly-lit night atmosphere of the world and showed a refreshed expression.

“What’s the matter”

Gu Qing Shan adjusted his hair that was being messed up by the night wind and asked.

“Gongzi, if Luo Bing Li wakes up, she would probably like a world like this”

“Ah, probably. She hasn’t seen such a world ever before”

Gu Qing Shan smiled: “We temporarily don’t have to go anywhere and are staying here to rest for a while, so she’ll have the chance to experience it”

Shannu nodded in joy.

Gu Qing Shan made a small cut on his finger, crouched down, and started to draw a pattern on the deck of the airship.

Lin turned around, took a look at the pattern, and scoffed: “A low-level evil creature summoning circle, why are you trying to summon evil creatures?”

This evil creature summoning technique was something Gu Qing Shan learnt when he had just entered the Strife Zones on a scavenger ship.

At the time, a member of the ship used this technique to summon Gu Qing Shan who was the Devil King of Huang Quan.

Gu Qing Shan seriously continued to draw the pattern while answering her: “This place is probably among the chaotic worlds at the outskirts of the Strife Zones. Since I’m wanted in the Strife Zones, I can’t show myself easily, thus I need a new identity”

He glanced at the notification on the War God UI:

[Mystery of All Beings Equal have finished upgrading]

[When you use this Mystery, your body, as well as soul, will emulate the target of your choice from its essence, making it considerably more difficult to discover your true nature]

Hearing his answer, Lin didn’t bother asking any more questions and looked down at the night below.

“The sea...”

She lightly muttered as her eyebrows gradually smoothed.

——this was a renowned seaside world where its civilization was built on islands, the world's overall climate was quite mild and easy-going.

Under the shroud of the night, the sea and the dim lights emphasized one another, creating a refreshing scene of a sea resort.

Gu Qing Shan, on the other hand, didn't have the time to enjoy this scenery.

Since the Abyssal Demon Dragon knew a lot about him, he needed to use an identity that he had never used before.

After he finished the pattern, he started to chant the incantation.

"With wealth as a reward, I summon you—— no matter which world you came from or what kind of evil creature you are, as long as you heed my call and appear for a moment, I will grant you wealth"

"Come, appear before me, take away this bit of wealth!"

Gu Qing Shan then put a single coin in the middle of the summoning circle.

Lin turned around, looked a bit at the coin, and scoffed again: "What is that little amount of money supposed to do? Not to mention, the currency that evil creatures like to use are souls"

Gu Qing Shan didn't look up and answered her: "The only thing they need to do for this money is to show up, so I'm hoping that some greedy evil creature would still appear"

"Most likely a few low-leveled ones" Lin replied.

"That doesn't matter, the less conspicuous, the better. I need to lay low right now" Gu Qing Shan smiled and explained.

Lin understood what he meant and replied: "Hm, I'm wounded right now so I indeed can't handle any chaos. It would certainly be better if you take an unassuming form"

While they spoke, the summoning circle started to give off light.

Lin suddenly told him: "If it's a sticky kind of evil creature, don't turn into it"

Sticky kinds of evil creatures usually have a single role in the evil creature society, which was to clean up corpses.

"Alright" Gu Qing Shan agreed.

Lin continued: "Corpse-eaters are also no good, too foul"

"Alright"

"Frenzied evil creatures are definitely no need, they look too fierce, I wouldn't be able to hold myself back from beating them up"

"Alright"

"Those skirt-chasers and despicable evil creatures are also no good"

“Alright”

“Sutured abominations are too ugly”

“...alright”

Lin thought for a bit more, then finally: “Just those ones, the rest is up to you”

Gu Qing Shan smiled bitterly.

With such restrictions, it seems I'll have to summon a few more times.

Bam—

A loud sound came out above the summoning circle.

An evil creature had arrived!

The three people looked on top of the pattern.

An abomination filled with nothing but sutured marks on its body had appeared.

This monster put its hand onto the coin on top of the summoning pattern.

Gu Qing Shan drew the Earth sword and lightly tapped this monster's head.

The monster immediately fainted.

Poof!

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It turned into a puff of smoke and vanished.

— — — an unconscious summoned creature would return to where it came.

The summoning circled continued to operate.

The coin was still there.

The next evil creature appeared.

This was a creature covered in pockets of pus with a head like a turtle— —

Bam!

Gu Qing Shan tapped the evil creature's head with the Earth sword.

Before the evil creature could fully manifest, it was knocked unconscious and sent back.

“Very good, quick reactions”

Lin praised him.

The summoning circle continued to work...

The next evil creature appeared.

—pale, slender arms, pitch-black hair, pointy chin, and a pair of evil seductive eyes.

His body was lanky but relatively well-built, his clothes were trendy and well-coordinated.

Gu Qing Shan raised the Earth sword, but hesitated a bit.

This was a handsome male evil creature, although he didn't look too despicable, he seemed somewhat shady.

The evil creature waved his hand, took the coin, and checked it.

「 So, I don't need to do anything else, right? 」 the evil creature asked.

His voice was quite magnetic and sincere, easily giving people a favorable impression.

Before Gu Qing Shan could answer, the evil creature had already seen Lin.

「 Huh? 」

His eyes lit up.

Then he saw Shannu.

「 Tsk tsk, just my type 」

The evil creature walked forward, then deeply bowed to Lin and Shannu.

「 Greetings, ladies. Would you like to be serviced? 」

The evil creature flashed a charming smile.

“How much?” Lin chuckled and asked.

「 Not much at all, because of how beautiful you are, my dear ladies, as long as you are paying with Strife Zone coins, I can give you a discount 」

「 Normally, I charge quite a bit 」

The evil creature replied.

“What kind of services do you offer?” Shannu curiously asked.

Gu Qing Shan didn't wait any longer and knocked this evil creature unconscious as well.

Before the evil creature fainted, he didn't forget to take the money back from his grubby claws.

Poof!

The evil creature turned back into a puff of smoke and vanished from this world.

Shannu asked in confusion: “Huh? This one's appearance was quite decent, why didn't gongzi use him?”

“And also, what does he do?”

Gu Qing Shan didn't answer and glared at Lin.

Seeing Shannu's confused expression, Lin suddenly realized.

...Tch, so the sword of the young birdie is also a young birdie.

Lin thought briefly and answered: "That evil creature was a massage specialist"

Gu Qing Shan knitted his brows a bit tighter.

Lin added: "But he charges a lot, and would frequently steal things"

Shannu's interested quickly faded and scoffed: "All evil creatures are no good after all"

Only then did Gu Qing Shan relax a bit.

"Ah, right, Shannu, you can return to rest now. You don't need to look after Lin any more" Gu Qing Shan told her.

"Yes" Shannu smiled and replied.

— — — if gongzi didn't want me to protect Lin, I'd prefer to stay with gongzi a lot more.

Shannu turned back into the Six Paths Great Mountain sword and entered Gu Qing Shan's Thought Sea.

Lin and Gu Qing Shan exchanged glances.

"Go on then, I was just kidding just now. If that evil creature had dared to answer, I was ready to kill him with a single punch" Lin casually told him.

"Which means I would have had to send him back either way" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"That's because I forgot I was wounded" Lin admitted.

Gu Qing Shan looked at her casual appearance and said helplessly: "Fine, we'll continue"

He put the coin back onto the summoning circle and resumed the summon.

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After many summonings, Gu Qing Shan was finally able to pick out an evil creature.

It was a Fear Fiend, the main characteristics of which were long red hair, a single horn on top of his head, and a face familiar to humans.

"How's this one?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Lin glanced over and replied: "Do as you like"

Before the evil creature noticed, Gu Qing Shan plucked a strand of hair from its head, knocked it out, and sent it back.

Of course, he actually paid it this time.

Before the evil creature vanished, Gu Qing Shan put one coin into its hand.

After a bit of thinking, he put another one in.

With a puff of white smoke, the evil creature disappeared.

Gu Qing Shan held the strand of hair in his hand and used [Mystery of All Beings Equal]

Very quickly, he turned into a Fiend with red hair and a single horn, while wearing the Silent Dusk Cloak, he gave off a sense of mystery.

Lin judged him: "I didn't sense anything from him, but you actually seemed a bit easy to the eyes"

"Alright, let's leave it at that" Gu Qing Shan replied.

He controlled the airship to fly through the sky into the lively seaside area below.

Lin pointed at a certain direction:

"There, that hotel should be quite decent, let's go there"

"Alright"

...

Two days later.

The middle of the day.

After finishing his swordsmanship practice for the day, he emerged from the bottom of the sea and flew back to the hotel.

Although his swordsmanship practice was done, Gu Qing Shan still had a lot of things to do.

Standing on the balcony of the hotel, he looked down at the light blue ocean and silently recited the martial scripture that Lin taught him.

It was miraculous.

Every time he recited this martial scripture, his understanding of it would increase a little bit more, together with his grasp of the world's strength as well as his own.

To his swordsmanship, this was a good thing.

"You're back?"

Lin's voice sounded from behind.

"Hm, how are you feeling today?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Today, one of my fingers regained a third of its strength"

Lin raised her hand to show her now-flexible middle finger.

"It's a bit too slow" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Lin passed him a sheet of paper.

Gu Qing Shan received it and saw various herbs written on it.

“I need these things in order to allow my body to recover faster—— there’s a drug store at the corner on the left of the hotel where you can get all of them” Lin told him.

“Alright, I’ll go buy them now”

Gu Qing Shan put the list away and replied.

Lin nodded and began to stretch her body on the balcony.

While maintaining a calm expression, she formed a stance and began shadow boxing.

Because she was heavily wounded, her movements were extremely slow.

Gu Qing Shan observed her for a bit, silently praising her before turning to leave.

“Sir, are you going out?”

A pretty maidservant came up to him and asked.

“I am” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“The two Seascape Suites you’re staying in will expire later today, if you would like to extend your stay, please come and see me when you return” the maidservant smiled sweetly and informed him.

“I’ll deposit the extension fees right now—— just one day for now” Gu Qing Shan replied.

He took out a bit of money and handed it to the maidservant.

“Very well, I wish you a happy stay for the rest of the day”

The maidservant counted the coins and nodded.

Gu Qing Shan left the hotel and went into the main road.

He couldn’t help but take out the black bag of coins and checked it again.

It was empty.

Besides the coin that can turn into the fridge that he didn’t want to use, there was only a single #10 coin left.

Gu Qing Shan couldn’t help but smile bitterly.

Who knew staying at a hotel would cost so much money?

——although, Lin’s eyes truly are good, this hotel was easily the best one in the entire world.

Gu Qing Shan released his inner sight and quickly found several drug stores at the corner of the street.

He went straight to the store that Lin mentioned.

The signboard of the store read: [Treating traumatic injuries—— since 19,000 years ago]

So it is a well-established shop.

A cat jumped out of the store and sat in front of him: “Dear customer, would you like to purchase materials or require our help with a certain drug?”

“I need some materials” Gu Qing Shan gave it the list.

The cat received Gu Qing Shan’s list and spoke in awe: “Dear customer, are you buying this for yourself?”

“No, I’m buying it for a friend”

“Your friend is quite impressive then, many of the materials on this list are precious and hard to find”

Hearing that, Gu Qing Shan’s heart skipped a beat.

Just as he was about to respond, the cat bowed and told him: “Please come in, I will have the materials prepared”

The cat took the list with its mouth and turned back inside.

A few dozen seconds later.

The cat had returned with every material in Gu Qing Shan’s list.

“Please take a look” the cat told him.

Gu Qing Shan released his inner sight to check the materials.

All of these herbs contained so much energy that they were practically burning in his inner sight.

“How much are they all?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

The cat gave Gu Qing Shan a list of prices for each of the materials on his list.

After looking through the list of prices, Gu Qing Shan silently sighed.

Even if I sold myself, I wouldn’t have enough to pay for this astronomical amount.

“Thank you for preparing all of the materials for me so quickly”

Gu Qing Shan smiled at the cat.

“It is my duty” the cat replied.

Gu Qing Shan thought briefly before taking out the last #10 coin he had.

“Consider this your tip”

The cat’s eyes lit up.

It received the coin and respectfully bowed: “A #10 coin of the Strife Zones, this is quite a valuable thing, you really are generous”

Gu Qing Shan then followed up: “I have something that I need to do right now, so can I trouble you to wrap these materials up so I can pick them up later on?”

“Of course I can! But please know that our store closes at 5 PM, so I hope that you will return before then. Meow!” the cat replied.

“5 PM was it? Very well, thank you and see you later”

“Thank you for your patronage, sir”

After leaving the drug store, Gu Qing Shan walked aimlessly on the street.

It's currently 3 PM.

Only 2 more hours until 5 PM.

There isn't much time.

—-and Lin needs to recover a bit faster since there's no telling when the Demon Dragon would catch up.

Even if she had lost her Abyssal form, Lin's own martial arts expertise had already far surpassed the level of the Lords, so she is far stronger than any Combatant in this era.

Other than that, if I want to increase my Card grade, I also need to buy a few Cards to consume.

I went to that Infinite World Department Store yesterday to check the general price of Cards.

Cards are definitely the most expensive things of all, each of them were enough to buy an entire world at the lowest bid.

In the end, the issue is that I'm poor.

Gu Qing Shan fell into thought.

Where can I make enough money?

He released his inner sight and scanned this entire world.

Tourist spots, Cultivation Tutoring Center, Trading ports, Treasure Auction House, Bounty hunter Guild, an underground Casino, World Chefs' Alliance—

Wait a minute, World Chefs' alliance?

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Gu Qing Shan focused his inner sight on this establishment but soon moved his attention away.

He sighed disappointedly.

A great chef needed great ingredients in order to create food that would drive living beings of the infinite worlds wild.

Although this world was prosperous, it wasn't a gourmet world, so the chefs aren't exactly top-tier, most ingredients weren't high-grade and the pay wasn't what Gu Qing Shan was looking for.

Trading ports... I don't really know how to do business.

Cultivation Tutoring?

Payment for this is determined by the results, so it would take too long for money to flow in. Neither Lin nor the room money could wait that long.

Let's give up on the Casino.

Bounty hunter Guild.

Hmm, bounty hunter?

Gu Qing Shan focused his inner sight in the Bounty hunter Guild and observed the inside.

He soon understood, there were several kinds of different bounty hunters with varying rewards and jobs.

Rather than this, how about—

Gu Qing Shan released his inner sight towards another building.

There you are.

Gu Qing Shan nodded with satisfaction.

He vanished from the street and reappeared in front of a building several thousand miles away.

The 900 million World Layers Hitman Guild.

Pulling the hood of the Silent Dusk Cloak over his head, Gu Qing Shan slowly went through the Hitman Guild's door.

The lobby of the Hitman Guild was abnormally quiet.

Beside some employees, there wasn't anyone else here.

"Welcome, esteemed fiend, sir. May I ask what business you have with us?" a blue-skinned girl came forward to greet him.

—what is an evil creature doing here?

Evil creatures have the worst reputation, always looking to tempt people into falling for their tricks, really irritating.

The girl silently thought.

Gu Qing Shan didn't know what she was thinking, so he just smiled and replied: "I'm here to register as a hitman and make some money"

The girl replied: "If you simply want to make money, I suggest that you register as a bounty hunter instead, after all, a lot of the jobs in their Guild are the same as ours"

Gu Qing Shan sincerely replied: "Being a bounty hunter is too much trouble since I need a team to sign up. But a Hitman can register alone, so I'm here"

The girl opened her eyes wide.

This fiend is too out of the ordinary, who the hell decides on their job based on it being troublesome or not?

But because that black cloak over his body is obscuring his presence, I can't tell how strong he is.

If this happens to be an Archfiend...

Alright, let's be a bit cautious.

The girl had no choice but to be patient and tried to probe him: "Esteemed fiend, sir. There's quite a strict requirement for registering as a hitman for us"

Her message was very clear.

Gu Qing Shan asked: "What's the requirement?"

The girl answered: "You will need to accomplish one designated job in order to qualify as a primary-level Hitman"

Gu Qing Shan replied, a bit troubled: "But I have my own rules for killing people"

The girl happily told him: "Then sir, please go to the bounty hunter——"

"It's ok, I think this place is better, in case I really can't do it, I'll leave" Gu Qing Shan replied.

The girl's words froze in her throat.

A male voice suddenly entered into her ears:

[You can't underestimate any evil creature, lead him to the stone horse]

The girl looked behind her at the counter.

A robust man slightly nodded.

The girl then led Gu Qing Shan to the left of the lobby in front of a stone horse statue.

"Sir, if you really want to become a Hitman, you will need to clearly state your reason in front of the stone horse"

"Why?"

The girl replied: "We don't want a member of a competing Hitman Guild or someone with ill-will to enter our Guild. Please be assured, this isn't discrimination towards fiends or devils, everyone must go through the same thing"

"So this is a kind of lie detector?"

"Indeed, sir, no one can hide anything from this stone horse" the girl proudly answered him.

Gu Qing Shan stared at the stone horse and went silent for a bit.

Every staff member in the lobby had turned their attention here.

Anyone who wanted to infiltrate their Guild from another Guild wouldn't be able to make it past this stone horse.

Nor can a fiend or devil who wanted to join their Guild with ill ulterior motives.

And if either situation was confirmed, everyone here would take action at once to restrain or even kill this possible malicious individual.

Gu Qing Shan quickly noticed the change in atmosphere.

He shrugged and spoke to the horse: "I'm almost out of money, and I urgently need some, so I want to become a Hitman"

The girl took off her gaze from him and stared closely at the stone horse.

A moment of silence.

The horse statue suddenly became living.

It turned and stared at Gu Qing Shan.

Then smirked: [Penniless piece of shit]

After saying that, it turned back and returned to be a statue.

The girl practically jumped forward to hold Gu Qing Shan's hand back from drawing his sword and tried to calm him down: "Sir, I'm really sorry, it just likes to run its mouth a bit, please don't take offense"

"I already told the truth and it still reacted like that?" Gu Qing Shan questioned with an irritated expression.

"Ahaha, yes, it was always like that. It acts like that to all of us here, ha ha"

The girl hurriedly replied.

Gu Qing Shan could only stop.

The atmosphere in the Hitman Guild's lobby calmed down.

But the gaze of the Guild's staff members looking at Gu Qing Shan became curious.

No money.

It's been years since we got someone with such a truthful and pure reason to join.

"Fine, then I assume I passed your test?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

The girl looked at the man behind the counter for help.

"Bring him here"

The man behind the counter told her.

He put his cigar down, pulled out a wanted poster from his drawer and slammed it on the table.

“There, kill this guy” the man told him.

Gu Qing Shan received the wanted poster.

The paper depicted a snake covered in glittering scales with the head of a human man, holding a dagger in its mouth while hiding under the sea.

This was a Man Snake, an extremely vicious wild creature that needs to personally kill and consume a prey every day, absorbing some sort of unique energy within the newly killed prey in order to survive.

For a normal world, the existence of such a creature was an ecological threat.

Gu Qing Shan lightly sighed.

If it was something like this, he was more than willing to kill.

“Do you have any information about this Man Snake? Or where it last appeared?” Gu Qing Shan asked.

“I got nothing. You’ll have to try and obtain all of that yourself, after you finish the kill, you’ll get a primary-level Hitman medal” the robust man shrugged and told him

“Primary-level...” Gu Qing Shan muttered.

The robust man told him knowingly: “Since you’re lacking money— and want to make money from this, you’ll need to complete a lot of primary-level jobs, after which you’ll be promoted to intermediate-level, and then advanced-level. The harder the targets of your jobs, the more money you’ll earn”

“Got it”

Saying to, Gu Qing Shan released his inner sight.

Under the shielding of the Silent Dusk Cloak, he fully unleashed his Three Thousand Worlds realm inner sight.

The sky, the earth, the ocean;

The underground structure beneath them;

Every entity, every creature in this world;

His vast inner sight scanned through the entire world at once.

Gu Qing Shan’s eyes abruptly glowed.

“Found you”

He muttered.

Instantly, a sword with an ancient design appeared from thin air.

Oong---

The sword turned into a streak of light and vanished from the lobby.

Chapter 923

While Gu Qing Shan was busy registering at the 900 million World Layers Hitman Guild.

At the same time.

Lin stood on the balcony of her Seaside Suite, slowly shadowboxing.

Her movements were extremely slow and light, giving off an otherworldly sense of flexibility and beauty. It almost felt like she wasn't shadowboxing, but rather performing an elegant dance.

After a while, Lin's thumb twitched.

Another finger other than her middle finger had recovered 20% of its power.

—this recovery was extremely slow.

Lin shook her head.

If I still had my Abyssal form, I wouldn't have needed to go through so much trouble and use shadowboxing to heal the wounds on my body.

At the same time, she was feeling a bit nostalgic.

It's been so many years since I last shadowboxed like this.

Everything feels like it was just yesterday, but also like a faraway dream. Those people in my dream are already long gone, while I'm alone by myself, struggling to prolong the inevitable in this Reality that's heading to ruins.

Perhaps recalling something, the corner of her mouth lifted just a bit and gave off an indescribable sense of mockery.

How could anything actually be 'Eternal'?

If the Eternal Abyss itself was destroyed, creatures like myself who were simply infected by it would also not be able to escape the fate of death.

The only way to survive, my only wish before death is just to find that person and look for an answer.

And then.

Avenge everyone.

Lin undid her stance and stood up straight on the balcony.

The warm sunlight shined down on her.

The ocean's vast blue coastline glittered within it.

But her visage appeared so lonely.

All of a sudden, purple glowing dots suddenly appeared out of nowhere, formed into strings of light, and expanded until it manifested a pattern.

A reverse summoning circle!

A figure emerged from the summoning circle.

—pale slender arms, pitch-black hair, a pointy chin, and charming eyes.

The handsome male evil creature from a few days ago had shown up again.

He looked at Lin without hiding his greed.

「 Dear lady, I couldn't help coming back uninvited because of how mesmerized I am by you. I hope you will find it in your heart to forgive me 」

Lin glanced at him and said nothing.

The evil creature threw a ball of light to her and continued: 「 Tsk tsk, your boyfriend left you here alone while he went out to enjoy himself, what a heartless man 」

Lin received the ball of light and squashed it.

Right away, a scene was projected in front of her.

The scene showed Gu Qing Shan surrounded by women in a house of pleasure.

“What are you trying to say?” Lin looked at the scene and simply asked.

The evil creature told her: “Dear lady, this man is truly nothing but a Casanova, there's no need for you to tie yourselves to death, is there? How about... you come to my world for a bit of fun instead? I can guarantee that you will enjoy yourself like nothing else”

“I refuse” Lin replied.

The evil creature froze.

His tone slowly changed:

“Lady, don't be such a killjoy now. A beautiful object of affection that's in a heavily wounded state like yourself is very welcomed in our world, I'll have you know”

“For what reason?”

“Because the taste of your despair and helplessness would be extremely thick, this is the flavor that all evil creatures enjoy more than anything else” the evil creature excitedly licked his lips.

Lin sighed and replied: “And this is the reason why everyone hates evil creatures”

She raised her hand, put her middle finger against her thumb, and lightly flicked her fingers at him from afar.

Pop!

Despite standing over 10 meters away, the evil creature's body suddenly exploded and splattered as a layer of blood and flesh on the wall.

Lin picked up a small bell and shook it.

The hotel's maidservant suddenly appeared.

"Esteemed guest, how may I be of service?"

She bowed deeply with a look of sincere respect as she looked at Lin.

The hotel naturally had a few protective measures in place for its guests, but if a guest was willing to deal with it themselves, the hotel would not act.

This was to prevent them from interfering with the guest's enjoyment.

Lin nodded at the maidservant: "I'm sorry, but I seemed to have made the room a bit dirty, please go ahead and clean it up"

"Understood, we will see to it right away"

The maidservant replied.

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The 900 million World Layers Hitman Guild.

As soon as the flying sword went away, the robust man offered Gu Qing Shan a cigar from behind his counter.

His eyes were very sharp, so he instantly noticed that the other party wasn't quite as simple as they had thought.

"From the looks of it, you're a Miasma Stealther aren't you?"

The robust man asked with intrigue.

To be able to control a weapon so fluently, it could only be one of these very few Professions: Sword Cultivator, Spirit Artifact Warrior, and Miasma Stealther.

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Among them, Sword Cultivator was a human Profession, and one with relatively few practitioners; Spirit Artifact Warrior was an Elven exclusive Profession; only Miasma Stealther was a Profession for evil creatures.

— — —all of them were powerful combat Professions that were extremely suitable for becoming a Hitman.

"Correct, I'm a Miasma Stealther"

Gu Qing Shan didn't deny it.

He borrowed a lighter from the robust man and lit the cigar.

The robust man's eyebrows relaxed.

Having a powerful Hitman-type evil creature for the organization is a good thing.

Not to mention, he already passed the stone horse's test, clearly stating that he only joined the Guild because he needed money.

It wasn't actually because he felt it troublesome that he didn't join the bounty hunter guild.

He simply doesn't want to share the spoils.

—as an evil creature that wants nothing but money, relatively speaking, this was quite a 'clean' fellow.

Gu Qing Shan looked at the robust man and asked: "So, do I need to bring its body back here?"

"A body part is fine" the robust man replied.

"How about an ear?"

"That will do"

One breath.

Two breaths.

Thud!

A bloody object fell straight onto the counter and landed on the wanted poster, soaking it red.

It was a severed ear!

The robust man picked the ear up and gave it to a black-shirted man behind him.

The man checked it briefly and confirmed: "It's authentic, it's the Man Snake's ear"

Everyone turned their eyes to Gu Qing Shan.

Behind Gu Qing Shan, a sword had just returned, silently fading away.

It took him less than 10 breaths' worth of time to find and kill that Man Snake.

This is an expert, most likely an Archfiend.

The robust man took out a medal and placed it on the table.

"Welcome, our new Hitman"

He smiled and said.

Gu Qing Shan received the medal and looked outside the lobby.

The sky is already turning a bit golden.

The cat's medicine shop closes at 5 PM.

Let's get this over with quickly.

Gu Qing Shan stayed silent for a brief moment and put the medal back on the table.

"What are you trying to say?" the robust man asked.

“What kind of target can I kill at this level? Please give me a list” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“You want to...” the robust man hesitantly asked.

“Make money”

Gu Qing Shan replied without hesitation.

The robust man showed a smile.

For the Guild, money had always been a small issue.

Earning the allegiance of a powerful Archfiend in exchange for a bit of money was nothing but profitable.

He gestured with his eyes towards the blue-skinned girl at the start.

“Please wait a moment”

The girl went behind the counter and took out a thick clip of documents from a drawer.

The robust man then ordered: “Bring all the targets in this world and let our Archfiend brother here choose for himself”

The girl responded positively and took out a pile of wanted posters from the clip, placing them in front of Gu Qing Shan.

The robust man explained: “These are all the jobs issued on this world, those with the eye marker are the ones with targets that happened to also be on this world”

“Thank you”

Gu Qing Shan counted them out.

There were a total of 791 wanted posters.

He scanned through them, carefully considered each one, and picked out 85 wanted posters, placing them on one side.

“You’re going to kill that many targets at once?” the robust man was shocked.

“No, these people are related in one way or another to our tribe, so I’m not going to kill them” Gu Qing Shan replied.

In truth, the 85 targets on those posters were not unforgivable villains, and Gu Qing Shan could even see one of them currently doing something good right now.

“Then what are you—”

“I’m going to accept the remaining 706 jobs. As you know, I’m penniless right now”

Gu Qing Shan replied.

The man froze.

The girl froze.

Right in front of them, four swords appeared from the void of space behind the Archfiend.

The four flying swords with different designs vibrated sharply and broke through the void of space, swiftly vanishing without a trace.

Chapter 924

The smell of medicine filled the air.

Lin picked up the herbal mix and drank it all at once.

“Must’ve cost a lot huh?” she put the bowl down and asked.

“It’s nothing much, you don’t need to worry about money” Gu Qing Shan replied without much care.

As Lin looked at him, she recalled the ball of light that the evil creature gave her.

It showed the scene of Gu Qing Shan being surrounded by women.

Is this fellow really that lustful?

Most of the things an evil creature gives can’t be trusted, but just in case...

“You returned quite late, looks like you went sightseeing somewhere other than the drug store, huh?”

Lin looked down at the bowl of medicine and casually asked.

Gu Qing Shan was about to gloss it over with a few words, but suddenly felt an unknown sense of danger.

He went silent and placed a medal on the table.

It was a relatively crude metallic medal.

“Primary-level Hitman? How uninteresting”

Lin scoffed, but her tone was a bit lighter.

She quickly turned her eyes a bit, gradually understood what Gu Qing Shan actually went to do.

“Oh well, at least you’re acting more like a man now”

Lin patted Gu Qing Shan’s shoulder and turned around, about to leave.

“When can you be fully healed?” Gu Qing Shan called out from behind.

“Why?”

“About that— pixie’s bounty reward. I’m thinking of waiting until you’re fully healed until we try opening it”

“Your thinking is correct. God knows what they actually put inside there. Hm, wait a bit longer, I need to find some better medicine to help me recover faster”

After saying so, Lin left.

Gu Qing Shan stood alone on the balcony.

He carefully sensed his surroundings.

Hm... some sort of indescribable calamity seemed to have just passed?

That's really strange.

Whatever, since it's already passed, what use is there to think about it any further?

Recognizing something with his perception, Gu Qing Shan looked up.

A seagull flew over and landed on the table.

"Sir, as you've ordered, the list of auction items for the upcoming half-month is in here" the seagull told him.

"Thank you"

Gu Qing Shan generously took out three coins and tossed them to the other party.

The seagull received the coins and flapped its wings to leave.

Gu Qing Shan casually opened the catalogue.

He looked over the Cards offered for auction as well as their tentative starting bids.

How nice, I almost have enough money for the tentative starting bid for one of these Cards...

Gu Qing Shan deprecatingly thought to himself.

He thought about it briefly and took out three wanted posters.

——most targets for a primary-level Hitman job weren't very hard, so after finishing several hundred of them, he obtained the chance to be promoted to an intermediate-level Hitman.

After killing the three guys on these wanted posters, Gu Qing Shan would be promoted to an intermediate-level Hitman and can receive jobs with better pay.

——the three men in these posters were the leaders of three different interstellar criminal groups.

Respectively, they held control over population-trafficking, illegal gambling, and illegal weapons' trade.

Gu Qing Shan scoffed, then released his inner sight to observe this entire world.

He soon discovered the three men.

But strangely, all three of these criminal bosses were at the same place.

Gu Qing Shan observed them in surprise.

At the venue of an underground dinner party, the three criminal bosses sat together, calling one another 'brothers' as they drank and enjoyed themselves.

How interesting.

All three of them silently craved the business of the others, so they all issued a hit on the other two at the Hitman Guild.

The Hitman Guild was also quite a piece of work, accepting them all then giving Gu Qing Shan the three wanted posters with the request that he finish the three jobs at once.

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“We work for money, but we’re also proud of our efficiency, so we hope that you will be able to clean things all up at once”

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—this was the exact words of the Guild’s Manager.

With a bit of thought, Gu Qing Shan’s thoughts turned.

A clear autumn-water blue steel sword silently appeared from the void of space.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword.

“I’m going alone this time, gongzi?” Shannu asked.

“That’s right, Luo Bing Li is sleeping so I can’t fully utilize the Heaven sword’s power, the Earth sword is too vicious, Chao Yin sword likes playing around too much, only you are the most discreet. And since you can ignore the Laws, doing this type of hit would be the simplest” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword said nothing else, lightly vibrated, and shot away.

—she seemed happy.

After a while.

A man who looked like an express delivery man riding a bike swiftly arrived in front of him from the air.

“Express delivery, from the Hitman Guild sir, please sign here”

“Ah, ok”

Gu Qing Shan received the box and signed the paper.

The man then rode away.

Gu Qing Shan praised the efficiency of this world and opened the box.

There was a smaller box inside that box, which contained another smaller box inside another smaller box, with the innermost layer being a small intricately decorated black box.

There was a silver medal inside the black box with a note right next to it:

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[Congratulations for your promotion to intermediate-level Hitman. Please come to the Hitman Guild first thing in the morning to register your medal]

Gu Qing Shan put the silver medal away.

——rather than this medal, he was actually more interested in the ability to accept better Hitman jobs now.

Gu Qing Shan stretched his back and went back to his room.

An uneventful night.

The next day.

The Hitman Guild.

When Gu Qing Shan arrived, he found the entire Guild to be empty.

Only the girl from before was waiting for him in front of the lobby.

As soon as the girl saw him, she pressed a button on the counter.

The Hitman Guild's door closed.

"You're here, please follow me" the girl said with a heavy tone of voice.

"Why is no one else here? And why did you close the door as well?" Gu Qing Shan asked doubtfully.

"Everyone had already been dispatched at midnight, I was the only one left here in order to help you with your corresponding processes" the girl replied.

She led Gu Qing Shan inside.

Gu Qing Shan didn't ask much.

After all, Hitmen do a lot of things that can't ever come to light, so keeping secrets was a must.

The girl brought Gu Qing Shan into an underground room of the Guild and helped Gu Qing Shan register.

"After becoming an Intermediate-level Hitman, you can earn a certain amount of fixed salary each month"

"When taking actions in certain worlds, you have the ability to call for help just once"

"You are allotted your own room within the Guild"

Gu Qing Shan checked the bag of money he received and smirked: "I didn't think there would be so many benefits"

The girl continued: "There is more, sir. You can now pick out a codename for yourself"

"A codename?"

"Yes, as Hitmen, no one is willing to let others know their true identity and name, as an Archfiend, I believe you surely think the same"

Gu Qing Shan was a bit startled and replied right away: “Ah, that’s exactly right, we’ll never flaunt our real names, that would bring a lot of trouble”

The girl said: “Then, please choose a codename for yourself, this way it would be more convenient for everyone to call you from now on”

Gu Qing Shan thought about it briefly and felt a headache.

I’m really not good at this.

“It’s fine even if you can’t come up with something right away” the girl smiled and told him: “After you come up with something, you can always use the medal to contact me and register it, sir”

She had Gu Qing Shan take out the Hitman badge and taught him how to use it to contact people from the Guild.

“Then thank you for today, I’ll use this medal to contact you after I come up with a codename” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Understood. Also, these are the jobs that an Intermediate-level Hitman can accept, please take a look at it when you return” the girl gave Gu Qing Shan a clip of documents.

After they finished, the two of them left the underground room.

The girl then suddenly recalled something she forgot to mention.

“Do you have time right now? I’ll show you the rooms you can choose for yourself” the girl said.

Just as Gu Qing Shan was about to refuse, he changed his mind.

—-if I stay here instead, I’ll be able to save quite a bit of money.

“Alright, lead the way” Gu Qing Shan replied.

The two of them went deeper into the Hitman Guild.

They entered a bigger lobby compared to the main lobby.

“This is the general resting area, all Hitmen can hang out and discuss non-essential business here” the girl explained.

She then waved her hand and continued: “Please follow me, the dorm area is deeper inside”

Gu Qing Shan briefly glanced around the room and noticed a wanted poster.

The wanted poster was pinned onto the bulletin board with a dagger, depicting a man wearing a black jacket and a pair of fingerless gloves.

The man had an extraordinary bearing, his eyes were brutal and distant with a black pistol in one hand and a card in the other.

Gu Qing Shan’s gaze focused on the wanted poster briefly before moving away as if it wasn’t important.

He followed the girl to take a look around several rooms before choosing one for himself.

The girl gave him the key to the room and registered it under his medal.

The two of them then returned to the general resting area.

At this point, Gu Qing Shan casually pointed at the wanted poster and asked with an interested smirk: "What's up with that wanted poster? Pinned up on the bulletin board like that, is the target worth a lot of money?"

The girl followed his gaze and saw the wanted poster.

She sighed and confirmed: "That target is certainly worth a lot. It was said that he managed to escape from the Strife Zones and remained under the radar for a long while. Just yesterday, we received intel that he showed up in a nearby world, that's also why all the managers were dispatched to surround him in the middle of the night"

"Is he strong?" Gu Qing Shan continued to maintain his smirk.

"Hm, a true Hitman"

The girl answered with a bit of respect.

"If he's also a Hitman, why didn't we absorb him into our organization?" Gu Qing Shan asked in confusion.

"Because he's mad. He wants to kill God"

"Kill God?"

"Yes, I heard that a friend of his was killed by God so he's been traveling the Strife Zones in search of a chance to avenge that friend" the girl answered.

"The guy has guts, if nothing else" Gu Qing Shan praised.

The girl continued: "Afterwards, the Gods of the Strife Zones passed down a Divine Revelation that the Blasphemer Gu Qing Shan wasn't dead and had managed to escape from his seal—— it was from that point onwards that everyone realized that man was actually friends with the Blasphemer Gu Qing Shan"

"Everyone knows that the Gods wanted to kill Gu Qing Shan, but what does that have to do with us going after this guy?"

Gu Qing Shan pointed at the man on the wanted poster and asked again.

"The Gods also wanted his life—— it was a considerably huge bounty, almost everyone went crazy looking for him and the Blasphemer Gu Qing Shan" the girl explained.

Gu Qing Shan went silent briefly after hearing her explanation.

"Meh, let's ignore him for now, I suddenly remembered a codename that's very suitable for me" he abruptly said

"Please go ahead, I will register it for you" the girl took out a notebook and said.

"My codename will be... let's say, Ye Fei Li"

“Ye Fei Li? Very well, I’ve recorded it”

Chapter 925

Standing on the balcony of the hotel, Lin looked up at the sky.

Ever since this morning, there have been airships leaving this world one after another.

Just now, a Combatant even walked up to the sky, delivered a kick into the void of space to manifest about 50 images of various worlds in the void of space.

That Combatant then carefully chose before heading into one of the images.

As time went by, larger and larger scale flying implements and Combatants were heading off-world.

As if something big was going on.

After watching them for a bit, Lin stopped caring and prepared for morning training.

At this time, Gu Qing Shan returned.

“I might have to leave for a short while”

Gu Qing Shan told her.

Lin slowly practiced her shadowboxing without turning around and asked:

“Where to?”

“A friend seems to be in a world near this one, so I’m going to look for him” Gu Qing Shan replied.

“A good friend?”

“Hm”

“Zhang Ying Hao or Ye Fei Li?”

“...”

Gu Qing Shan then recalled that she once read his mind.

“Zhang Ying Hao”

He directly explained the situation to her.

Lin silently listened and muttered: “So that’s what it was, he’s being surrounded in pursuit?”

At this point, another Combatant had leapt to the sky, manifested several hundred worlds with a single punch, and jumped in.

“With so many people leaving like that, they’re most likely after the Gods’ bounty”

Gu Qing Shan looked up at the sky and muttered.

Lin scoffed: “What God? It’s just the Abyssal Demon Dragon, you know it’s the current mastermind behind everything”

After finishing up her shadowboxing routine, she undid her stance, turned around, and said: "I'm coming with you"

Gu Qing Shan hesitantly said: "The situation might get a bit dangerous, I'm not sure I'd be able to protect you as well"

Lin gave it a brief thought, then raised her left arm and lightly stretched.

"It would still be better to go together" she decided.

As she spoke, the air gave off heavy screeching sounds following her movement.

—immense power.

"So your recovery is going well?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"Thanks to the medicine yesterday, my arms have recovered around 30% of their power. Should be no issue fighting Lord-class opponents, and I might have a chance of winning against Demi-gods with only unique abilities" Lin replied.

"Alright, then we'll go together" Gu Qing Shan also agreed.

The two of them packed up, checked-out from their rooms and left the hotel.

"Not leaving directly?" Lin asked.

"We're in no hurry, let's first learn about the situation"

Gu Qing Shan replied.

Lin was doubtful: "With so many people on his tail, aren't you afraid he's going to be killed?"

"If he can be killed with only that much, he would've already been dead" Gu Qing Shan casually answered.

He brought Lin into a certain bar and sat down in front of the counter.

"Welcome to the Nightshade Bar, what will you two have?" the bartender asked.

"Hot milk" Lin replied.

The bartender gave her a weird look.

Gu Qing Shan sent his voice: "This is a base of information brokers within the 900 million World Layers with a long history, they only sell information and maybe a bit of liquor, there's no breakfast"

"So that's what they are, I was wondering why they were still opened at this time of the day" Lin nodded, then continued her order: "Other than hot milk, I'd like the best breakfast you can provide as well"

The bartender looked up: "So you two are here to mess with us?"

"No, I'm really hungry" Lin replied.

The bartender scowled.

Seeing that, Gu Qing Shan put up one finger and released a single strand of razor-sharp sword qi.

The sword qi jet around the bar and cut a lock of hair from every single person.

Everyone in the bar opened their eyes in fear.

There were several Combatants here that were just a step away from becoming a Lord.

But none of them managed to react at all.

In other words, if he was willing to, he would've taken everyone's heads instead.

——this was a Lord!

A true Lord-class Combatant!

The bartender immediately showed a respectful expression and ordered one of his waiters: "Go prepare a fulfilling breakfast for this esteemed lady"

"Yes, I'll see to it right away"

The waiter vanished on the spot and went out of the bar, disappearing somewhere.

The bartender rubbed his hands together and hunched his body a little bit: "Esteemed lady, please wait a moment, I guarantee you will enjoy the most perfect breakfast our Seaside World has to offer"

"Thank you" Lin gave Gu Qing Shan a sidelong glare.

Gu Qing Shan cleared his throat and spoke: "Good, now let's get to business"

He put a bag of coins onto the counter.

"I know your reputation within the 900 million World Layers, so I want to buy some intel"

"What kind of intel do you want, sir?"

"About the recent mass encirclement, other than that, if there are any important intel, give me a portion of that too"

The bartender picked up the bag, glanced over the inside and smiled.

Although the other party was a Combatant, he was a Combatant who understood and followed the rules of the trade.

These kinds of people wouldn't rely on their strength to arbitrarily default on a debt, or use violence to obtain intel from us.

Combatants like these are the true valuable customers that we would provide the best possible services to.

"The place of the mass encirclement is quite close to where we are, please wait a moment, I need to organize all the information—— would you like something to drink for now?" the bartender asked.

"Give me a shot of your strongest liquor" Gu Qing Shan replied.

“Understood”

The bartender poured Gu Qing Shan a shot of liquor, took the bag, and left the counter temporarily.

Gu Qing Shan took a sip of liquor and muttered: “Quite close...”

He was feeling a bit cautious.

At this time, the waiter returned.

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He first placed a large tray in front of Lin, then made and poured her a glass of hot milk.

“Sorry to leave you waiting” the waiter bowed.

“It’s fine”

Lin glanced at Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan gave the waiter a tip.

Only now did Lin pick up the utensils and started having breakfast.

She was eating very slowly, occasionally drinking a sip of milk.

“Aren’t you going to have breakfast? An empty stomach will affect your blood flow, and contribute to lack of nutrient” she asked Gu Qing Shan.

Gu Qing Shan raised his shot glass and signaled that this much was enough for him.

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A while later.

The bartender returned behind the counter.

He put an iron rooster statue around the size of a palm on the counter and pushed it towards Gu Qing Shan.

“This is?”

“All the intelligence you asked for are stored inside, as long as you ask, it would answer”

The bartender continued: “Other than that, it would also provide you a piece of intel once a month”

“Ah, thank you”

Gu Qing Shan lightly touched the iron rooster statue and was startled.

Lines of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[Intelligence source: Calling chicken (low)]

[This item will automatically obtain intelligence from the existing intelligence network inside the void of space and provide it to you as reference (once a month)]

[Note: Although it is the lowest level of an intelligence source, it still has the characteristics of an intelligence source]

Gu Qing Shan looked down at the iron rooster and temporarily said nothing.

No wonder the Nightshade Bar is able to become one of the biggest information brokers in the 900 million World Layers.

It was because they have this as well as an overwhelmingly large intelligence network.

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

[This item has fulfilled the War God System's lowest requirement]

Followed by another notification:

[Doomsday Chronicles has finished evolving]

— even before he first went back to the Age of Old, [Doomsday Chronicles] had already begun to evolve, but it was only now, did its evolution finally complete.

The icon below the War God UI that represented [Doomsday Chronicles] slowly disappeared.

Instead, it was replaced by an icon with a scroll.

[Personal intelligence function has been activated]

[You can now affix the personal intelligence function on items specifically designed to transfer and receive information. This way, the information provided to you will only include information related to yourself]

Gu Qing Shan held the iron rooster up in one hand and muses.

“Do you have items that can transfer and receive information like this but with higher quality?” he asked the bartender.

The bartender gave him an unexpected look and replied: “We do, but it would cost more”

“Do you accept things other than money?”

“As long as they are valuable enough, what would you like to sell, sir?”

“I have a bit of intelligence that I can sell”

“We will naturally accept, please follow me, sir”

The bartender's attitude became even more respectful.

A secret that a Lord holds would naturally be worth a lot, so they were more than willing to conduct such a transaction.

Gu Qing Shan glanced at Lin.

“Let's go”

Lin picked up the entire tray and went with Gu Qing Shan to the back of the bar.

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Half an hour later.

Gu Qing Shan had sold them the intelligence regarding the Demon Dragon, as well as news of the Great Pixie's death.

It was no longer the bartender in front of him, the one responsible for receiving this information was the owner of the bar.

Through some sort of method, the owner confirmed the authenticity of Gu Qing Shan's information, then took the iron rooster off his hand.

"Sir, the information you provided has far exceeded what we expect. Not only was it exceptionally valuable, but it was also directly related to the direction of the 900 million World Layers' future, thus you have earned the privilege of obtaining our highest grade information source"

The owner said solemnly.

"Thanks for that" Gu Qing Shan replied.

"But there is one issue— only our members can have the highest grade information source"

"What's the duty of a member?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

"With someone of your caliber, it would be enough for you to agree to our mutual information exchange policy and guarantee the authenticity of the information you provide" the owner rubbed his hands together.

Gu Qing Shan easily agreed: "No problem"

The owner laughed heartily, then put a colorful rooster statue in front of Gu Qing Shan.

"Once a day, it will provide you a crucial piece of information within the 900 million World Layers"

"I still want information regarding this time's encirclement"

"It is here"

The owner took out a file of documents and put it in front of Gu Qing Shan.

"We've received updated news. That world had begun to enter a fully sealed state to only allow entry, but not departure. This is to prevent that person from escaping" the owner informed him.

"And the other information is inside this file?"

"Indeed, I won't bother you any further"

The owner nodded to greet Gu Qing Shan and Lin before leaving the secret room of the bar.

He closed the door behind him.

Gu Qing Shan didn't take a look at the file first, but rather put his hand on the colorful rooster statue.

A line of glowing text appeared on the War God UI:

[Would you like to affix your personal intelligence function to this advanced information source?]

Gu Qing Shan muttered: "Yes"

He heard the sound of a rooster's morning call, in his head.

[Affix complete]

[From now on, you can receive a piece of information related to yourself once a day]

[Each activation of this function will require 100 Soul Points]

Reading the last line of text, Gu Qing Shan silently thought to himself.

I knew it.