

## Apocalypse 999

### Chapter 999

For cultivators, their spirit sense was able to occasionally help them predict the possible risks of death during their long lives.

However, this also meant that their spirit sense wouldn't come into effect all the time.

And so, when that mass of grey light was streaking across countless World Layers and headed straight for [The Empress], Gu Qing Shan was wholly unaware.

He was in a state of deep immersion, fully focused on comprehending the wonders of that attack.

His swordsmanship was undergoing sublimation.

Fortunately.

All four of his swords had their sword spirits.

And one of them was Shannu.

The mass of grey light emerged so suddenly, at the exact moment of its arrival above the airship——

Ye Fei Li was regaining his breath.

Zhang Ying Hao was talking to his black cat.

Boss was smiling as he put down the last can of drinks and was about to lie down to rest again.

——Boss was the only person to notice the grey light.

His expression abruptly warped as he stood straight up on the deck of the ship and shouted: "Gu Qing Shan!"

Gu Qing Shan was still fully immersed and didn't react at all.

His swords manifested behind him by themselves.

However, only three of them appeared, as the Heaven sword's spirit was still sleeping, without Gu Qing Shan's control, it would not move.

The Chao Yin sword charged forward before anyone else.

At the same time.

Shannu appeared and wielded the Six Paths Great Mountain sword in her hand.

In that split second, Shannu had used [Mystery of All Beings Equal] to transform into a female human in order to wield the sword herself.

The stronger Gu Qing Shan was, the stronger Shannu would become, but there was one major difference between her and Gu Qing Shan: Gu Qing Shan needed spirit energy and Soul Points to utilize his sword arts, but she didn't.

She was able to directly siphon power from the Grand Tie Wei Mountain of Huang Quan.

The Grand Tie Wei Mountain encompassed the entirety of Huang Quan, acting as the protector mountain of the entire Samsara world and shielding it against the winds of chaotic tribulation, not even the 7-colored spear Abaddon managed to leave a dent on it.

“Dream on!”

She shouted and charged forward.

At the same time, a loud sound of impact resounded in the sky.

*Kih!*

The grey light had struck the Chao Yin sword and immediately knocked it away.

The grey light didn't slow down a single bit and continued to fall towards Gu Qing Shan's head.

Shannu wielded two swords tightly—

And received the grey light!

The Six Paths Great Mountain sword flashed.

And cut!!!

The grey light was severed in half.

“NO!”

Despite managing to cut it, Shannu still screamed out in horror.

This was a Holy Retribution technique delivered through the will of [Chaos], not a mythical [Chaos] creature.

Obviously, it was a lot more terrifying.

Receiving Shannu's attack, it was only cut in half, not thoroughly destroyed.

The two masses of grey light went past Shannu and continued flying behind her.

In a split second, Shannu used [Shadow Shift] without hesitation.

She switched her position with Gu Qing Shan.

That was all she could manage to achieve within the timeframe of the attack.

The two grey lights that were cut apart now attacked her at once, one at the front, one at the back.

Currently, Shannu was a human, not a sword spirit.

Being struck by this Holy Retribution of [Chaos], she would die.

And Shannu knew this.

“Hmph, you won't touch my gongzi!”

She scoffed with slightly reddened eyes.

The next split second.

Gu Qing Shan who was standing still suddenly opened his eyes.

Shannu vanished.

Gu Qing Shan reappeared where she was standing while guarding his chest with the Earth sword.

Behind him, Boss held his book in one hand while his other hand reached out to grab the other mass of grey light.

*Boom!!!*

The grey lights erupted on the deck of [The Empress] manifesting a giant pillar of light in the space vortex.

The pillar of light slowly faded.

Gu Qing Shan and Boss reappeared.

Gu Qing Shan spat up some blood and checked his Soul Points expenditure.

—-despite it being split in half, he still had to spend 500,000 Soul Points to utilize [Earth's Choice] in order to defend against this [Chaos] Holy Retribution.

Even then, he was lightly wounded from being too close to the attack.

Gu Qing Shan wiped the blood from his mouth and asked: "Are you ok?"

The mass of grey light behind him had disappeared.

Boss maintained his posture of grabbing the grey light without moving an inch.

"Tch, at my peak, I wouldn't have even blinked at such an attack"

Boss scoffed.

After doing so, he collapsed.

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On the other side.

The Soul Shrieker's gaze moved slightly, still peering across countless worlds and focused on Boss.

「 It's him again, no wonder they managed to stop this Holy Retribution. It turns out they were together  
」 the male voice angrily said.

The female voice laughed: 『 That is fine too, when I catch up to you, I will be able to get rid of both of you at once 』

The Soul Shrieker swiftly began to move at full speed across the space vortex again.

Despite the long distance, it was more than confident in being able to catch up to its target.

Because even now, it could sense its own power growing, continuing to enter the realm of those during the Age of Origin.

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When Gu Qing Shan turned around to check Boss' state, he found that he had gone stiff and collapsed on the ground, unable to move.

"What happened to you— oh no, he's unconscious, Fei Li, quickly give me a drink!"

"Here!"

Ye Fei Li breathed heavily as he ran up from below deck while manifesting a can of Soul Points drink.

At this time, Zhang Ying Hao also brought the black cat over.

The three of them cooperated, one person held Boss up, one person pried his mouth open while the last person poured the drink in.

Boss spat out some black blood and slowly opened his eyes.

"How are you feeling?" Gu Qing Shan asked.

Boss' body was still completely stiff, unable to say a word.

The book in his hand opened by itself and displayed a line of text:

[This is the softest kind of [Chaos] Holy Retribution, but I've lost all my strength and couldn't completely hold it off]

Gu Qing Shan sighed: "Your wounds have only just gotten better, but it worsened again"

"Gongzi"

Shannu descended from above.

Gu Qing Shan nodded and said apologetically: "I'm sorry, I let you worry"

"My worry is nothing, the most important thing is that gongzi is fine" Shannu said, still a bit shaken from that ambush just now.

Zhang Ying Hao looked down at Boss with a pale complexion.

"Is it that attack from across countless worlds again?" he asked.

"Yes, but this time, it's even more terrifying" Gu Qing Shan replied.

Everyone looked back at [The Empress] ship.

The ship had been completely wrecked; having lost its engine, it could only drift within the space vortex, being pushed by the wind.

[The Empress] was no longer serviceable.

Laura encouraged everyone: “You don’t need to worry about the ship, I still have 5,891 personal ships with me”

Ye Fei Li couldn’t help speaking up: “Even if we have more ships, that kind of attack is simply too hard to defend against. I think we have to think of some sort of countermeasure”

“The first time was a [Chaos] demon, the second time was pure energy, who knows what kind of attack would the Soul Shrieker be able to unleash after it became more powerful again” Zhang Ying Hao commented.

Gu Qing Shan also nodded: “That’s right, without any countermeasures, we won’t be able to find Water God in peace”

Everyone went silent.

An attack across so many World Layers, what kind of countermeasure could there be?

Most likely, the Soul Shrieker was the only entity in the 900 million World Layers with such terrifying power.

Boss’ book shook a bit and displayed a few more lines of text:

[From my estimation, the Soul Shrieker would need about a day and a half to grow to the next stage of power]

[The next attack to arrive will most likely be even harder to resist again]

[Quickly come up with something]

After that, the book fell down and landed next to Boss.

“A day and a half?”

Gu Qing Shan turned to the black cat on Zhang Ying Hao’s shoulder and asked: “How much longer until we reach Water God?”

The black cat put his paw up and said:

*Meow meow meow meow meow!*

Zhang Ying Hao translated for him: “He said it’s going to be a very long journey; it’ll take at least five more days”

Hearing that, everyone fell silent again.

Not even Laura could say anything to encourage them.

*That Holy Retribution... was truly too much.*

*If the other side’s attack can become even stronger, it might actually destroy both us and the ship next time.*

All of a sudden, Gu Qing Shan turned his head to the side and asked the void next to him:

“Will there be any issues?”

Everyone followed his gaze, but couldn't see anything.

*What's going on?*

*Who is Gu Qing Shan talking to?*

While everyone was still confused, they heard a smug response from the void of space.

*Xiu, xiu xiu xiu xiu!*

Gu Qing Shan nodded: “It's against etiquette to not reciprocate, let it have a taste of its own Holy Retribution”

*Wu wu!*

Following that, a huge mass of chaotic power manifested from the void of space to form a giant grey light of Holy Retribution.

“Be careful!” Zhang Ying Hao shouted.

“What's going on!?” Ye Fei Li swiftly took a defensive stance.

“Isn't this that attack from before?” Laura shouted.

Boss silently watched that mass of grey light with a strange look in his eyes.

*Hoh———*

The grey light shot up to the sky and through billions of worlds, heading straight towards the Soul Shrieker!

## **Chapter 1000**

The Soul Shrieker was flying through the space vortex at full speed.

Its steed—— the Abyssal Behemoth was caught in the Bramble Bird Kingdom's endless barrage of treasures and forced into dormancy.

So the Soul Shrieker had no choice but to traverse the space vortex with its own power.

But this was no issue for it, and as its power was increasingly growing, so was its speed of pursuit.

The Soul Shrieker had estimated.

At this rate, in just a bit over one day, it will have caught up to the other party.

It was extremely confident about this.

And now there was even more good news.

Although that Holy Retribution just now was neutralized by the other party, it wasn't completely useless either.

——their ship had been destroyed.

The Soul Shrieker smirked.

In a situation when both sides lost their fastest mode of transport, it was naturally faster than Gu Qing Shan's side.

「『 Just you wait, I'm going to catch up to you soon 』」

It muttered.

At this point, the Holy Retribution arrived.

The gigantic mass of grey light had traversed through billions of worlds from Gu Qing Shan's direction.

Sensing that rapidly approaching power, the Soul Shrieker's expression changed.

『 NO! What's going on!? 』 its female voice screamed.

The grey light was swift.

The Soul Shrieker had its guard down, so it could only raise its six arms in front of itself in defense.

*Boom*———

The vast power of the Holy Retribution struck it head-on.

The Soul Shrieker left an afterimage on the spot as its real body was flung backward, spiraling through the space vortex.

It crashed into a world, knocked by the power of the Holy Retribution into the deep ocean, and bore a crater 200km in diameter at the seabed.

This world could not handle the impact of such godlike power.

A huge earthquake along with a seaquake of equal magnitude started to spread all over this world.

The waves created in the ocean where the Soul Shrieker fell rose to tsunamis that were several thousand meters high, sweeping across the landmasses around it and washing every living creature away.

This immense impact also caused every active volcano on this world to erupt at once, filling the atmosphere in soot and volcanic ash that blocked out the sun.

Entire continents were split apart from the force, breaking and drifting away like fragments of a ship in a sea storm.

Typhoon-force wind swept across the world.

A shower of flames rained down from above.

The temperature plummeted.

The wild animals that originally ruled the land became extinct.

Deep under the ocean.

The Soul Shrieker slowly climbed out from the crater.

It flew up to the surface of the ocean, breathing heavily all the way.

*My wounds—*

When the Soul Shrieker checked its body, it found that one of its arms had already snapped and broken off, leaving an amputated stump.

「『That's impossible!』』 it angrily roared, 『『That was MY Holy Retribution! How did they use it to ambush me!?』』」

*Rumble, rumble, rumble.*

With every living creature in this world extinct, the only thing that responded was the aftermath of this world-ending calamity.

The Soul Shrieker slowly calmed down.

Although it didn't know how they did it and what kind of ability they used, it was obvious that it couldn't use this sort of super-distance attack again.

After contemplating for a while, the Soul Shrieker began to chant an incantation.

「『Subjects of the Era of [Chaos]』』」

「『I hereby summon you』』」

『『[Chaos] requires your aid to punish its enemies!』』」

『『Any carriers of [Chaos] may heed my summon and arrive at my call』』」

「『You shall be rewarded power from [Chaos] itself!』』」

Fog began to drift from its body, fully encompassing the surface of the raging ocean.

A few moments later.

Various figures appeared from inside.

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“A summon from the Envoy of [Chaos]? How interesting, what kind of thing can one like myself contribute”

“This old man also found it strange, but since this is a request from [Chaos] and there is a reward of power from [Chaos], this old man would naturally be more than happy to contribute”



“Indeed, but to think one who only travels within the void would also receive the honor of being summoned here, how exciting”

The Soul Shrieker stood still without moving and announced: 『 『 No deception can pass this envoy’s eyes. Come and show me what each of you are capable of 』 』

Hearing that, the figure slowly approached it.

The first one to appear was an old man.

He clasped his hands together and shouted: “Summon—— [The Interstellar]!”

Following his declaration, a large ship with a set of huge black sails appeared from above.

The old man bowed respectfully to the Soul Shrieker and spoke: “Your Excellency, this old man is the chairman of the 900 million World Layers’ Airship Association. This ship is without a doubt the greatest and fastest ship in the entire 900 million World Layers, created from the meticulous craftsmanship of my entire life”

The Soul Shrieker nodded: 『 『 Very well, you may remain 』 』

The old man joyfully said: “Thank you, your excellency”

A middle-aged man then came forward.

“Sir” he bowed, then spoke: “I am the interstellar bandit with the greatest understanding of piloting ships, owner of 81 worlds and the leader of the Red Dragon bandit troupe”

『 『 What can you do? 』 』 the Soul Shrieker asked.

“I know how to pilot a ship. My ability can increase the flying speed of an airship up to three stages” the man replied.

『 『 Very well, you may remain 』 』 the Soul Shrieker declared.

Another person came forward and spoke: “Your excellency, I can control Elemental Wind and increase a ship’s speed...”

Another person behind him spoke up: “Your excellency, I can allow the ship to perform short-distance warp”

The others quickly spoke up as well, introducing their abilities to the Soul Shrieker.

About a dozen minutes later.

This supposedly fastest ship in the 900 million World Layers carried the Soul Shrieker and a group of ship-travel experts into the void of space as they chased after Gu Qing Shan’s group.

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At another location.

Gu Qing Shan was explaining the jade gourd pendant to everyone.

Zhang Ying Hao and Ye Fei Li's expressions suddenly changed.

"What's the matter?"

Gu Qing Shan asked right away.

Zhang Ying Hao gazed into the void of space, seemingly listening to something.

A few moments later.

Zhang Ying Hao informed everyone: "The Soul Shrieker is calling to every carrier of [Chaos], trying to look for experts that could help it move quickly through the void"

Ye Fei Li added: "It said that as long as you have such ability, you can heed its summon and obtain generous rewards"

Everyone exchanged glances.

Who would've thought, them becoming carriers of [Chaos] allowed them to learn about the Soul Shrieker's movements.

Gu Qing Shan muttered: "Seems like it doesn't dare to perform super-distance attacks anymore and is instead trying to quickly catch up to us"

Zhang Ying Hao was a bit tempted: "I know a few small tricks to increase the flying speed of a ship, maybe I should heed its summon and find a chance to destroy its flying implement"

Gu Qing Shan hurriedly stopped him: "Definitely don't. That one is practically unbeatable right now, if you get discovered, you wouldn't even have the chance to run away"

A line of text also appeared in Boss' book:

[That guy consumes souls to live, once you're found out, you won't have any chance to survive]

Zhang Ying Hao could only give up.

Gu Qing Shan said: "Laura, use the fastest ship you have, we need to avoid being caught up as long as possible"

Laura nodded and started to search through her backpack.

Gu Qing Shan continued: "Everyone, keep your guard up for the next while. If you have any ability that can boost the speed of the ship, use them"

Zhang Ying Hao said: "Leave it to me"

Ye Fei Li pondered: "I think I know a few as well"

Gu Qing Shan also said: "I also know a few tricks, we'll take turns"

Everyone then turned to Boss.

*Boss is capable of receiving a Holy Retribution with his bare hands, which meant that he was a person of considerable power.*

—-*does he have any methods of speeding up travel as well?*

Everyone had the same thought.

Boss appeared a bit embarrassed.

His book flew up by itself and slowly formed a line of text:

[I'm more than assured leaving such a small matter to the rest of you]