

Paradise 1481

Chapter 1481: The Symbiotic Creature of the Abyssal Fountain

As Lin Huang faced the three monsters, he was not planning on holding back anymore.

Since the aberrant species from before was a sword cultivator, he had spent more time on it because he was thinking in terms of a sword cultivator improving his skills. Of course, no one knew what the aberrant species might have been thinking.

However, this time, none of the three monsters were sword cultivators, and Lin Huang only needed one last Divine Fire before he successfully retired from the battleground. Naturally, there was no need to waste any more time.

The blood-red battle sword made a series of horizontal slashes, and three brilliant rays of scarlet light as bright as the noonday sun suddenly lit up, instantly illuminating the dim world into blood-red day.

When the three monsters saw the blood-red suns rising, their expressions immediately changed dramatically.

They had initially thought that Lin Huang's final slash when killing the aberrant species was his final move. They had not expected that he might not have unleashed his full power in the earlier battle. These three seemingly casual slashes looked several times more powerful than the previous one.

Lin Huang had compounded forty Control-level Rule Bending Powers onto the three slashes and integrated them with True Self Level Sword Dao as he made his attacks.

Rule compounding power was not simply adding on in terms of numbers. With each Rule that was compounded, the power of Lin Huang's sword increased by leaps and bounds. When he killed the aberrant species, he had only compounded twenty-eight layers of Rule Bending Power. Right now, compared to previously, the power of his current three slashes was twelve times the strength of his earlier slash.

The three monsters had initially thought that this was going to be an easy win; it had never crossed their minds that they might be serving themselves up as easy meat.

"We're going to die! We're going to die! We're going to die..." The demon baby shrieked in a strange voice, flapping its so-called wings and fleeing the scene at a frightening speed.

However, as fast as he was, he could not outrun the speed of the blood-red sun's rays. Under the brilliant blood-red beams that illuminated the entire sky, the various shapes and sizes of arms that made up its wings melted swiftly at a speed visible to the naked eye, like ice melting under the hot summer sun. They melted together with its body...

"Don't kill me, I surrender..." The nine-headed ape yelped dismally as he frantically fled.

It used its nine pairs of upper and lower limbs together. Every time it used the void as a stepping stone and jumped, it traveled a certain distance like a flash in space. It was as fast as the demon baby with wings.

However, its escape was still in vain. The blood-red rays quickly melted its limbs and head like a lighted candle.

Of the three monsters, only the blackscale monster did not try to escape.

Instead, the black scales all over its body stacked up in front of it, turning into a pitch-black shield.

Only now did Lin Huang notice that its scales were actually a kind of liquified black crystal. Not only could the black crystal absorb energy, but it also reflected and refracted energy.

At least fifty percent of the power from Lin Huang's blow was deflected by it.

It was then Lin Huang finally saw the monster's figure, sans the covering of black scales.

It was a well-built human male who appeared to be around forty years old. Except for its completely jet-black eyes that were without whites, it was almost no different from a human being.

After being besieged by the blood-red sword gleams for about ten seconds, the shield created by the black scales finally could not withstand the energy impact and retreated back within the body of the middle-aged man.

The middle-aged man violently spat out a mouthful of fresh blood, and his entire body was sent flying backward.

Lin Huang noticed that the man's body had not completely melted away; it was merely in the condition that it would be in the aftermath of an extremely high-temperature inferno.

"A combat cultivator?!" Lin Huang could not help but raise his brows. When this monster was still a human being, he had probably been an extremely powerful combat cultivator.

However, the fact that he was able to survive was not entirely due to his strong physical body, but also because the black scales integrated into his muscles and bones after retreating into his body, taking at least half the subsequent impact from the blood-red rays.

Even so, at a glance, Lin Huang guessed that the combat cultivator's physical strength was probably close to that of a first-rank Heavenly God. Otherwise, he would not have been able to withstand the power of Lin Huang's assault.

The three slashes killed two of the monsters within seconds, and although one was not dead yet, it had completely lost its ability to fight.

When Lin Huang glanced toward the blackscale monster in the distance whose Divine Power had been completely exhausted, his expression suddenly changed to one of slight puzzlement.

This was because he sensed that the Divine Fires within the bodies of the two slain monsters had all been absorbed by his Life Wheels.

"What's going on? Why did they absorb eleven Divine Fires?!"

According to his previous experiences from Virtual God rank-1 to Virtual God rank-8, every transition of rank would only allow absorption of ten True God Divine Fires. Virtual God rank-9 should have been no exception.

However, his Life Wheels seemed to have absorbed an eleventh ninth-rank Divine Fire; this was entirely unexpected.

However, his doubts only lasted for a moment. Lin Huang then turned his gaze in the direction of the blackscale monster again.

“Since I can absorb more, then I’ll continue hunting until my Life Wheel stops absorbing!”

He did not bother racking his brain any further over what might have caused this change.

His figure flickered, and he appeared beside the blackscale monster—more precisely, beside the naked middle-aged man whose body had entirely cast off its black scales.

“Your consciousness seems to have preserved its state of awareness, which is rare among polluted individuals.” While Lin Huang carefully scrutinized his opponent, his Divine Telekinesis also made a sweep of the other’s body. “It seems to be in an unusual state of symbiosis...”

After studying the blackscale monster, Lin Huang did not spare it. He raised his sword and beheaded his opponent right away.

“Congratulations to the host on obtaining the entire monster card set for the Symbiotic Creature of the Abyssal Fountain (Supreme God)”

“I obtained a complete monster card set?!” Lin Huang immediately took out the card to check it.

“Monster Card: Symbiotic Creature of the Abyssal Fountain”

“Rarity: Supreme God”

“Monster name: Blackscale”

“Type of Monster: Unique Species / Unknown Tribe”

“Bloodline: Golden Fountain (Unawakened)”

“Combat Level: Sixth-rank True God (Ninth-rank True God)”

“Major: Combat Cultivator, Parasitism, Water Elemental Enlightenment...”

“Major Skills: Immortal Being of the Cosmos...”

“Combat Dao: True Self Level”

“God Rule: Tenacious...”

“Summon Authority: Activated”

“Card Remarks: Trainable!”

“Remarks: An extremely rare and unusual symbiotic creature type!”

“Even Xiao Hei thinks it’s rare?!” Lin Huang glanced through the card information and quickly noticed the final remarks. This was the first time Xiao Hei had specifically emphasized that a card monster was rare.

“Xiao Hei, do you have any suggestions about how its training direction should go?” Lin Huang asked immediately.

“There is insufficient information; it is not possible to give training suggestions .”

Xiao Hei’s answer also surprised Lin Huang a little.

“Alright.” Lin Huang did not bother to pursue the matter further. For him, obtaining this supreme god-level monster card was already an unexpected thrill.

He also noticed that after slaying Blackscale, his own body had absorbed the monster’s Divine Fire. At that point, he had absorbed twelve ninth-rank Divine Fires into his body.

“I don’t know if I can continue absorbing...” Lin Huang felt a little helpless. He did not know what was going on with his body or why the absorption of ninth-rank Divine Fires did not seem to satiate his Life Wheels. “Whatever. I’ll just keep hunting until my Life Wheels refuse to absorb any more!”

Chapter 1482: Saturated?

Due to unknown reasons that allowed Lin Huang to continue absorbing Divine Fires, he had no choice but to change his itinerary and postpone his plan to leave the Battlefield of the Dragon Abyss so he could continue hunting in the core layer.

The core layer was undoubtedly a good place—ninth-rank True Gods were everywhere.

It took Lin Huang less than half an hour to hunt down four more ninth-rank monsters.

After he killed the fourth one, his Life Wheels finally stopped absorbing Divine Fire

s.

“Are they saturated now?!” Lin Huang was puzzled as he sank his consciousness into his Life Wheels to check.

Among the ten Life Wheels, there were five with double-stacked ninth-rank Divine Fires and five Life Wheels with only single ones.

“What’s going on? Why didn’t these five Life Wheels absorb more?” Lin Huang looked doubtfully at the differences between the Divine Fires in the five Life Wheels. After a while, he finally discovered where the problem lay.

The five Life Wheels that contained two ninth-rank Divine Fires all had one rank-4 Divine Fire plus one rank-5 Divine Fire. The five rank-5 Divine Fires came from five monsters—the Demonic Buddhist Holy Son, the aberrant species, the nine-headed ape, the demon baby, and the Symbiotic Creature of the Abyssal Fountain.

The remaining five Life Wheels with only one ninth-rank Divine Fire only had rank-4 Divine Fires, not rank-5 Divine Fires.

“So the rank-4 Divine Fires are saturated, and only rank-5 Divine Fires will be absorbed?!”

With this speculation in mind, Lin Huang immediately knew what direction his next hunt should take.

He made a sweep with his Divine Telekinesis and began to lock in the locations of the strongest auras in the core layer one by one.

"I found one!" It only took a moment; he could not help quirking his lips slightly as he swiftly headed toward the figure.

However, he had not flown very far before the figure seemed to notice Lin Huang's pursuit and began to flee quickly.

"Seems like someone saw me..." The corners of Lin Huang's mouth turned up, and he pursued his prey even more hotly.

The two played cat and mouse for around ten minutes before Lin Huang finally caught up with the other party.

It was a monster with several dozen pairs of black wings, dressed in white, and wearing a silver mask. If one ignored the wings on its back, it looked just like a human being.

Before Lin Huang could make a move, the winged being voluntarily stopped, put the walking stick in its hand away, and said to Lin Huang, "I surrender! Don't kill me!"

"You're not weak. Why don't you want to fight?" Lin Huang raised an eyebrow.

He did not attack immediately because, unlike the nine-headed ape who had begged for mercy, it did not try to provoke him, nor did it have any intention of doing anything.

"I saw your fight just now. I'm no match for you," the winged being said frankly, "It's meaningless to try and fight you."

The winged being was even more alarmed that Lin Huang had caught up with it. One must know that up until this very day, it had depended on its exceptional speed in the core layer. If its best ability had been superseded by Lin Huang, it knew the disparity between its own abilities and Lin Huang's was vast.

"Then give me a reason not to kill you." Lin Huang smiled and looked at it.

"I am Shadow Wing. I'm very familiar with the core layer and can act as a guide for you." The winged being bowed toward Lin Huang and then introduced itself.

"You don't feel bad betraying your own kind?" Lin Huang sneered at this sort of behavior.

"You're wrong about that." Shadow Wing was not annoyed, merely smiled and corrected Lin Huang, "The Abyss has hundreds of millions of types of creatures, just like the human world has birds, quadrupeds, and insects. However, birds, quadrupeds, and insects are not the same as humans. The Abyss is the same. Except for my kin, there are very few allied tribes. The other tribes are not the same as ours, and some are even enemies to me. Therefore, it's not a betrayal."

Lin Huang did not refute its statement. Although he had never been to the actual Abyss, he knew that there were many types of Abyssal creatures, and the competition was extremely fierce. Moreover, he knew that there was no camaraderie to speak of between different tribes.

In addition to that, the winged being did not regard the other tribes in the Abyss as being of the same race as itself, which was normal.

After thinking for a moment, Lin Huang stated his request, "I don't need a guide; I only need prey.

"As long as you help me find more than five prey as strong as you or stronger, I'll let you go!" According to the map from Mysterious Item Pavilion, the entire surface layer of the core layer was as big as the surface areas of four Earths combined. With his Divine Telekinesis under extreme suppression, it would take Lin Huang some time to find five rank-5 targets.

If the winged being could help him find five suitable targets quickly, he had no qualms about letting it go.

After Shadow Wing heard Lin Huang's request, the eyes behind its silver mask blinked twice. "It's as easy as that?"

"You might not want to say that so soon." Although the winged being agreed very quickly, Lin Huang did not fully believe that it was up to the task.

"I've been in the Battlefield of the Dragon Abyss for more than ten years; it's been more than three years since I entered this core layer. Anything else, I wouldn't dare to say much, but as far as familiarity with the core layer goes, there aren't very many people who know it better than I do.

"You want to hunt down rank-5 creatures—well, I happen to know a few hunting groups made up of rank-5 members. However, if you add them all up, there's a lot more than five of them." Shadow Wing chuckled.

"The whereabouts of the hunters aren't fixed; what's the use of knowing who the members of those teams are? Or is it possible that you can still ascertain their locations?" Lin Huang asked.

"Now, this is something you don't know. In this core layer, there's a place called the core source. It's the place where the Abyssal energy is densest. Even peak True God powerhouses don't dare to approach it willy-nilly. The core source is a place that churns out powerful Abyssal creatures continuously. The strongest teams in the core layer divide the vicinity of the core source into a few hunting grounds, and each of them occupies one part. As long as the members of these teams enter the core layer, they usually stay in their own part of the hunting grounds most of the time. Therefore, it won't be difficult to find them."

Lin Huang listened to Shadow Wing's explanation and remembered that the map he obtained from Mysterious Item Pavilion had a large red shaded area without any descriptive text. He guessed this was most likely the location of the core source that Shadow Wing had mentioned.

He could not help but ask somewhat curiously, "Can the core source really churn out powerful Abyssal monsters from thin air?!"

"Yes." Shadow Wing nodded. "No one knows the specific principles of it. Some say that there is a space tunnel deep in the core source that is connected to the deepest reaches of the Abyss. Others say that the core source is connected to a powerful internal Abyssal kingdom. Some also speculate that the entire core layer is a laboratory for a powerful entity in the Abyss..."

“In fact, in addition to churning Abyssal creatures out of thin air, throwing any living or dead Abyssal creatures into the depths of the core source will also result in Abyssal energy infiltrating them, generating aberrant species, fallen species, undying species, or spirit types...

“The sword cultivator aberrant species you killed became what it was when it was initially forced into the depths of the core layer by a hunting team...” It seemed that Shadow Wing had been paying attention to Lin Huang since his battle with the aberrant species.

Lin Huang frowned slightly when he heard this.

When Shadow Wing noticed Lin Huang’s change of expression, it quickly changed the subject. “Since the Abyssal energy in the core source is too dense, True Gods have no way of going in very far. As for what secrets the core source hides, nobody knows except the Lords who set up the barriers.”

“I see.” Lin Huang nodded slightly and did not bother continuing with small talk. “Take me to the hunting ground right away then!”

Chapter 1483: If One Slash Doesn’t Do The Job, The Second One Will!

The hunting ground of the core layer was an area in the shape of a ring around the core source.

The entire ring was occupied by the core layer’s top powerhouses and strongest hunting teams.

The core source generated various polluted creatures every day, sometimes in the form of Abyssal creatures, or aberrant species, or perhaps evil spirit types, or demons... Sometimes, it even produced evil weapons with strange abilities.

As for the information about the core source producing evil weapons, Shadow Wing deliberately kept it from Lin Huang.

These evil weapons were growth-type items similar to God Weapons. For Abyssal creatures, their value was not below that of lord-level god relics.

These powerhouses stayed here in the core layer for the long term, mainly to guard the evil weapons—hunting was merely their second priority.

Lin Huang followed Shadow Wing, moving at a swift pace, and quickly arrived near the hunting ground.

“The first target I’ve chosen for you is a three-person team. The three members are all rank-5s, and two of them are about as strong as me. One is stronger than me and is estimated to have mastered over thirty types of Control-level Rule Bending Powers...” After Shadow Wing had helped Lin Huang to choose his targets, he then revealed various pieces of information about them.

Not only did Shadow Wing reveal their general level of strength, but he also gave a comprehensive description of their areas of expertise and their weaknesses.

“Do these three fellows have a grudge against you or something?” Lin Huang squinted at Shadow Wing after hearing this.

“It’s not a grudge, per se. There’s just some slight conflict between us,” Shadow Wing smiled and said. In front of Lin Huang, he did not dare to lie openly. He had decided to be as honest as possible, especially in obvious matters. After all, his life was still in Lin Huang’s hands.

When he saw Lin Huang looking at him wordlessly and smiling, Shadow Wing finally revealed with some embarrassment, “They stole my prey and tried to chase me down.”

As they closed the distance, Lin Huang turned his gaze from Shadow Wing and looked in the direction of the three targets. The three monsters had already entered his Divine Telekinesis sensing range.

Based on the intensity of their aura, they were indeed rank-5s.

However, Lin Huang could clearly feel that the auras of the three monsters were much stronger than Shadow Wing. Two of them were slightly stronger and one was more powerful by a full level. In terms of aura intensity, they definitely surpassed the Demon Baby’s group of three monsters that he had just killed.

Shadow Wing had evidently exaggerated his own powers when evaluating the strength of the three monsters.

Just when Lin Huang’s Divine Telekinesis sensed the three monsters, the three monsters also sensed the covert probing of Lin Huang’s Divine Telekinesis.

“Seems like prey walked right up to our door!” The one who spoke was a huge creature with a body that mostly resembled a mouse. However, its head was that of a human—it was bald, bearded, and had a gaunt face. The only part of it that was not human-like was its eyes that shone dazzlingly scarlet even in the dark.

“It seems like that birdman Shadow Wing is with him, too.” The one who said this was a fish-headed monster. It looked like an intensely muscled giant bullfrog that walked upright. Both its huge eyeballs protruded outward, and it had organs that resembled fish gills on both sides of its neck.

“Don’t let it get away this time!”

Among the three, the monster with the most powerful aura—a batwing monster—finally spoke.

It looked a bit like a fiend with fiend-like wings and ram’s horns. However, apart from the pair of ram’s horns on its head, it possessed no other facial organs and looked just like a faceless human. Its spine tapered to a long tail that had a poisonous scorpion-like sting at the tip.

The three monsters abruptly went into action without waiting for Lin Huang and Shadow Wing to get any closer.

Lin Huang’s Divine Telekinesis sensed the movements of the three monsters. Initially, he was a little worried that they would run away. However, the next instant, he saw all three monsters starting to charge toward himself and Shadow Wing.

It only took a moment for both parties to come face-to-face.

The batwing monster headed the monster team; the three of them surrounded Lin Huang and his companion in a triangle formation.

“Tsk tsk tsk... so you’re working with a human. Birdman, how degenerate have you become?” The fish-headed monster saw the two of them and mocked Shadow Wing.

When Shadow Wing saw the three monsters, he clearly looked a little nervous at first. However, when he glanced at Lin Huang beside him, he immediately gained back considerable courage. “You’re a fish-headed monster working with a damn bat, and you have the gall to call me degenerate?! Do your fish-headed monster friends know about this?”

Lin Huang knew something about these two monster tribes.

Batwing monsters belonged to the Night Devil tribe in the Abyss, while fish-headed monsters belonged to the Water Walkers. The Water Walkers were one of the many staple foods of the Night Devils, which made the Water Walkers extremely hostile to the Night Devils. The two tribes could almost be said to be arch-enemies.

This fish-headed monster and batwing monster in front of them working together were indeed much more outrageous than an Abyssal creature working with a human being.

“Birdman, do you have a death wish?!” The fish-headed monster had not expected that Shadow Wing would talk back at it, and its humiliation turned into anger.

Just when the fish-headed monster was about to start arguing with Shadow Wing, the batwing monster secretly sized up Lin Huang.

However, after observing for a moment, he did not notice anything out of the ordinary.

Under Thousand Face’s camouflaging, Lin Huang was an extremely run-of-the-mill ninth-rank True God of normal ninth-rank combat level. He possessed the same aura strength as an ordinary ninth-rank True God, with absolutely no special features whatsoever.

Thousand Face’s disguise was good enough to fool a peak heavenly god-level powerhouse. The batwing monster was only true god-level and could not see through the subterfuge.

However, this also puzzled it slightly because Shadow Wing was aware of their abilities. It was illogical for Shadow Wing to bring along an easy kill who was weaker than himself. It was equivalent to bringing food right to their doorstep.

Lin Huang was also sizing up the three monsters in front of him.

A Night Devil, a Water Walker, and a human-faced rat—these were Abyssal monsters that had appeared in the monster guide. According to the records in the monster guide, these three types of monsters had considerably large tribes and belonged to the lower-ranking tribes in the Abyss. However, the three monsters in front of him seemed to be individuals of note within their respective tribes, and their abilities were that of peak True God powerhouses.

Among the three, the Night Devil’s aura was obviously the strongest, and it did not try to hide it at all.

Lin Huang’s lips slowly quirked up because after seeing the three of them, he was absolutely sure that they were the rank-5s that he wanted to hunt.

Without waiting for the fish-headed monster and Shadow Wing to finish bickering, the battle sword in Lin Huang's hand transformed into three blood-red lightning bolts and sliced toward the trio.

The blood-red lightning bolts swept across the void in a flash, closing the distance and directly appearing in front of the three monsters.

Before the fish-headed monster could even react, its body had been impaled.

The human-faced mouse noticed Lin Huang's attack, but it could only watch as the sword gleams pierced through the air. It had no time to escape.

Only the Night Devil dodged immediately when it saw the glow of the sword gleams, but it was a touch too slow. It managed to avoid the attack that could have ruptured its head, but the sword gleams pierced through its left wing.

"That's fast?!" As the Night Devil teetered on the verge of life and death, its entire body was drenched in cold sweat from shock.

It had assumed that the human Shadow Wing brought along could not possibly be weak in terms of ability, but it had not expected Lin Huang to be so powerful.

When Lin Huang saw the Night Devil dodging his rapid speed sword skill attack, he raised his brows but said nothing. Instead, he immediately attacked a second time.

The Night Devil had only just calmed down a little from its shock when it instantly sensed an even bigger threat heading its way. When it looked up, the second blood-red lightning bolt was already right in front of its face.

"I'm going to die..." Before it could finish its thought, half of the Night Devil's damaged horn flew off. Its entire head burst open.

"If one slash doesn't do the job, the second one will..." Lin Huang murmured as he sheathed his sword.

Next to him, Shadow Wing was completely caught off guard; a moment later, it still had not recovered from the shock.

It knew that Lin Huang was very powerful, but even having witnessed the event with its own eyes, it still found it hard to believe that Lin Huang could have killed off the Night Devil's team so easily.

"Let's go!"

Only after Lin Huang had gathered up the loot and shouted at Shadow Wing did it finally come back to reality, gazing at Lin Huang with eyes full of awe.

Chapter 1484: Completion

After killing the Night Devil's team of three monsters, Lin Huang did not stir up very much activity.

This was something he had done quite deliberately.

Even if there were monsters nearby that sensed the energy fluctuations from the battle, it was only a fleeting thing.

On top of that, the hunting grounds near the core source were divided by using their respective Divine Telekinesis sensing range limits as boundaries and did not overlap with each other. Even the Divine Telekinesis of the owners of the two nearest hunting grounds could only probe the respective boundaries of their own hunting grounds, so it was impossible for them to learn what had happened in the hunting grounds of the Night Devil's team.

Having witnessed Lin Huang beheading the Night Devil's trio, Shadow Wing put aside its scheming thoughts entirely.

In the beginning, when it took the initiative to lead the way for Lin Huang, it did not have the best intentions.

It had brought Lin Huang to the Night Devils' team here because it felt that the three of them together would not be that much weaker than Lin Huang. If both parties fought against each other, there was a high chance that both would suffer and lose. This way, it would stand to reap benefits from both sides.

What it had not expected was that Lin Huang's abilities far exceeded its wildest imaginings.

Even a strong team like the Night Devil's trio had been easily killed off in an instant.

One should know that while the Night Devil's small team of three was not the most powerful in the core layer, the three members complemented each other very well. Their overall strength was also extremely impressive, almost in the top five among all the teams in the core layer.

This was also why the three of them were able to occupy an area of hunting ground outside the core source.

Sensing the extra three fifth-rank Divine Fires within his body, Lin Huang was basically sure that his previous guess had been correct.

His fourth-rank Divine Fires were saturated, but fifth-rank Divine Fires could still continue to be absorbed.

'I've already accumulated eight fifth-rank Divine Fires. Based on the Life Wheels' inherent behavior from before, they should be fully saturated after another two...' Lin Huang made some mental calculations.

"What's the situation with the next wave of prey?" Lin Huang asked via voice transmission as he followed swiftly behind Shadow Wing.

"The next target I've picked for you is a two-person team. One member is a Devil Giant, and the other is a Rotten Soul..."

Lin Huang was not unfamiliar with these two types of monsters because they had been described in the monster guide.

A Devil Giant was a giant with black hair covering its entire body and a height of around ten meters on average. The reason why it was referred to as a Devil was because its face only had a single organ—a gigantic mouth with six petals that could open up like a blooming flower. The insides of each mouth

were full of razor-sharp teeth. Aside from this, there was also a tongue full of poison needles in each mouth. This tongue was an offensive weapon that could shoot out from the mouth and extend for thousands of meters; it was a hundred times more agile than an elephant's trunk.

Its defensive abilities were also astounding—four thickset, muscular arms covered in black hair. As for its hands, they resembled the steel claws of a fierce bird and were frightening to behold.

As for the Rotten Soul, it was a green monster with a shape similar to swamp sludge, its entire body emitting foul-smelling bubbles at any given time. It could even change into any form it desired when it had to fight, but its most common form was that of a pool of sludge with countless tentacles.

Its body contained countless deadly toxins. Even if lightly pricked by the protruding tentacles, the toxins produced in an instant were enough to poison creatures of the same level of combat strength.

This team of two monsters could be considered quite formidable. Their team ranked third in terms of overall strength within the core layer.

Although they were only two individuals, their abilities were a step up from the Night Devil's three-member team.

Lin Huang followed behind Shadow Wing; after only two or three minutes of swift travel, they arrived at the territory of the Devil Giant and the Rotten Soul.

Even before Lin Huang saw the two monsters, he could smell the stench in the air from afar.

This was the smell emitted from the Rotten Soul's body. Not only was it foul in the extreme and nauseating to the point of causing others to vomit, but it was also highly poisonous.

Even if the toxins were not taken into consideration, probably apart from the Devil Giant, very few individuals were willing to team up with the Rotten Soul. This was because most of the Abyssal creatures would not be able to stand the noxious odor alone, whereas the Devil Giant had no sense of smell, and its body was immune to a majority of toxins.

Lin Huang hurriedly shut down his body's external respiratory system; only then could he block out the nauseating smell that was making him want to throw up. The truth was that his tolerance for foul odors was extremely high, so even when faced with different types of rotting corpses and internal organs, he did not react much. However, this kind of stench given off by the Rotten Soul's body would directly assault the physiological limits of many creatures' sense of smell, causing them to involuntarily vomit. This was no longer a matter of whether or not one could bear the smell.

Standing off to one side, Shadow Wing used Divine Telekinesis to envelop its entire body, unwilling to allow any part of itself to come into contact with this odor.

"If you knew this would happen, why did you choose such a prey?" Catching a glimpse of Shadow Wing's reaction, Lin Huang cursed inwardly.

A moment later, both of them saw the two monsters below.

The Devil Giant, which had originally been sitting with its back against a small hill, stood up and raised its featureless face in the direction where Lin Huang and Shadow Wing were in mid-air.

Not far from it, a pool of bubbling green sludge also extended its tentacles one by one like germinating young shoots.

The next instant, hundreds of tentacles suddenly surged up and shot toward Lin Huang and Shadow Wing.

Almost simultaneously, the Devil Giant leaped upward.

Although massive in size, its speed was by no means slow, and it appeared above Lin Huang and Shadow Wing almost instantaneously.

Lin Huang had not expected that these two monsters would choose to attack first.

He was momentarily surprised but reacted immediately.

The battle sword in his hand was swiftly withdrawn from its scabbard, immediately transforming into two completely different sword gleams.

One of the sword gleams, which resembled an ocean of blood, rolled with earth-shattering, crushing force toward the Rotten Soul below. Meanwhile, the other sword gleam transformed into a blood-colored crescent moon that surged up into the heavens to take on the Devil Giant above.

The waves from the ocean of blood crashed down upon the Rotten Soul like a tsunami. Wherever the waves passed, all the Rotten Soul's tentacles were obliterated in an instant. Before the Rotten Soul had time to escape, it was completely submerged by the blood-colored waves. Its ear-piercing shrieks of agony only lasted for less than two seconds before abruptly ceasing.

On the other end, the terrifyingly sharp blood-colored crescent moon attacked the Devil Giant.

The Devil Giant seemed to be aware of the danger of this attack and quickly retracted all four limbs in front of itself, stacking them in the shape of a shield and supplementing them with dozens of types of Rule Bending Power.

From its point of view, given its own naturally terrifying defensive abilities as well as Rule Bending Powers, it was confident that it would be able to defend itself against the attacks of any powerhouses, except for top-tier true god-level powerhouses.

The next moment, however, its expression suddenly changed drastically.

This was because he saw that when the blood-red arc touched its arms, the dozens of types of Rule Bending Power it had supplemented itself with disintegrated layer by layer, providing no defense at all.

The blood-colored crescent moon encountered no resistance whatsoever, directly slicing off the Devil Giant's four retracted limbs in front of its torso, before continuing on to slash through the Devil Giant's body as if it were cutting up tofu...

It was another crushing instant kill!

Shadow Wing looked at Lin Huang with increasing awe and respect.

At this point, Lin Huang was ignoring his surroundings. He sank part of his consciousness into his inner world and looked at his ten Life Wheels.

In the ten Life Wheels, the ten fifth-rank Divine Fires—all rank-9— were fully complete.

Lin Huang had originally wondered whether or not he still needed to hunt and kill one or two more monsters after these two, just to see if he could continue absorbing Divine Fires. However, he now knew that it was unnecessary as he could sense the satisfaction that was transmitting from his Life Wheels.

After the ten fifth-rank Divine Fires entered the Life Wheels, his true god-level had reached a state of completion.

The rest just needed to be refined and absorbed...

Withdrawing his consciousness, Lin Huang glanced at Shadow Wing by his side. “You’re free to go now.”

Shadow Wing was startled when he heard this. “Don’t you need to continue hunting?”

“Not anymore.” Lin Huang shook his head. “I’m about to leave the Battlefield of the Dragon Abyss.”

After saying this, he did not look at Shadow Wing again. He sent out his telekinetic threads and gathered up the loot on the ground before making a beeline straight toward the exit of the core layer.

Shadow Wing remained rooted to the spot in a daze, watching Lin Huang’s departure. Only after Lin Huang had left the sensing range of its Divine Telekinesis did it snap back to reality, muttering to itself under its breath, “I’m afraid the humans are about to produce an exceptional prodigy in this epoch...”

Chapter 1485: Virtual God-level Rank-10

Upon coming out from the core layer of the Battlefield of the Dragon Abyss, Lin Huang quickly located Lin Xin and the others by using Divine Telekinesis. He greeted them and advised them once more in passing before leaving the Battlefield of the Dragon Abyss right away.

What Lin Xin and the others found slightly bewildering was that Lin Huang had left them for less than half a day, and he was already done hunting.

Lin Huang was comfortable with Lin Xin and the others remaining in the Battlefield of the Dragon Abyss because, for one, Lin Xin’s team was being guarded by Witch—this was certainly enough to handle many dangerous situations. For another, Lin Xin currently possessed the Goldfinger of the Emperor’s Heart within her, so her safety was essentially something Lin Huang did not need to worry too much about.

As for Chan Dou’s team, although their combat level was not high, two of them had already mastered Rule Bending Power. As long as they did not recklessly venture deeper into the outer layer, there should be very little in the way of problems.

Lin Huang teleported out alone from the gateway of the Battlefield of the Dragon Abyss, and the registrar who saw him was taken aback. Lin Huang ignored the registrar’s scrutiny and swiftly departed in a flash.

Watching Lin Huang leave, the registrar’s mouth twitched. “As expected, seven of them went in, and only one made it out alive.”

Given that too many similar cases had occurred in the past, the registrar assumed that Lin Huang's team had perished when he saw Lin Huang leaving on his own and that only one survivor had escaped alive.

Naturally, Lin Huang was not aware that he had given rise to such a misunderstanding on the registrar's part. Of course, even if he had known, he would not have cared.

After going some distance away from the gateway of the Battlefield of the Dragon Abyss, Lin Huang located an uninhabited planet, then opened the entrance to the Great Heaven Palace and stepped through it.

In front of the Great Heaven Palace, Sword1 sat cross-legged. He was clad in a long white robe and had his eyes closed.

Sensing Lin Huang's return, he immediately opened his eyes.

"Lord Swordmaster." When he saw Lin Huang step out from the portal, Sword1 stood up to welcome him.

"Sword1." Lin Huang nodded slightly.

He knew that Sword1 was sitting here, not because he was looking for Lin Huang for any particular reason, but because he was guarding the Great Heaven Palace.

Clapping a hand on Sword1's shoulder, Lin Huang reached out to push open the great palace doors. "I'm going into closed-door cultivation for some time. If anyone has anything to bring up, you can tell me when I finish cultivation."

"Yes, Lord Swordmaster!"

Sword1 bowed slightly, raising his head slowly only after Lin Huang had stepped into the big hall, and the doors had closed behind him. Turning around, Sword1 once again resumed his cross-legged sitting position in front of the entrance, eyes closed, resembling an immovable Taoist priest.

Once he entered the Great Heaven Palace, Lin Huang immediately sat down, cross-legged. He merely conducted cursory sensing on the condition of the Divine Fires within him before retrieving a Time Cabin Item Card right away.

With only minimal pressure from his fingers, the card transformed into golden points of starlight that condensed into the form of a cabin, not too far away from him.

Without any hesitation, Lin Huang pushed the door open immediately and walked right in.

Inside a four-star card Time Cabin, the speed of time could, at most, be a hundred times that of the outside world.

Moreover, there were no shortcuts for refining Divine Fire; one had to expend time to do so.

Inside the Time Cabin, the wooden door slowly closed and transformed into a white wall.

Since Lin Huang was already sitting cross-legged, without delaying even a second longer, he immediately expedited the Divine Fires within his body to refine furiously and to integrate...

Inside the Time Cabin, time passed one day at a time.

The progress rate of Lin Huang's Divine Fire refinement increased day by day as well.

In the blink of an eye, three months had gone by, and Lin Huang's combat level had also made a breakthrough from Virtual God rank-6 to Virtual God rank-9.

However, Lin Huang also discovered that his Divine Fire was refining the fifth-rank Divine Fires at a much slower pace than before.

Looking at the ten days remaining, Lin Huang crushed another Time Cabin Card to extend the time to 110 days.

He then closed his eyes and continued refining the last ten fifth-rank Divine Fires.

He did not know what would happen to him after these ten fifth-rank Divine Fires had been refined, but he knew that he was on the right track.

As time went by a day at a time, the level of refinement of the ten fifth-rank, multi-colored Divine Fires became increasingly higher. Lin Huang's own Divine Fire also turned a more intense shade of red until it became the color of blood.

This refinement process lasted for one hundred full days, even longer than the thirty Divine Fires from seventh to ninth rank combined, that Lin Huang had previously refined.

Seeing the last Divine Fire completely integrate into his scarlet Divine Fire, Lin Huang could not help but exhale in a long sigh, "Finally I've finished refining..."

He could sense that the Divine Fires within his body had completely merged together, to the point where he could feel a sense of flawless perfection. These ten Divine Fires seem to have reached their limits and could no longer become more powerful.

Following the complete merging of the Divine Fires into a fully integrated state, the Divine Power within Lin Huang's entire being began swiftly returning to his Divine Fires for further refinement. This refined Divine Power then began to cycle back into his body, transforming every single cell, even at the atomic level. Not only that, each particle that made up his soul also underwent rapid transformation as if it were under the workings of a catalyst.

Almost every day, Lin Huang could clearly feel himself becoming stronger.

The entire process lasted for ten days. Lin Huang's Divine Power was refined hundreds of times by the ten Divine Fires before it finally reached its peak. After ten rounds of repeated refinement and transformation, Lin Huang felt that he was more than ten times stronger than before; he even vaguely felt that his current physical strength was probably comparable to that of a Heavenly God's body.

Immersing his consciousness within his inner world, Lin Huang savored his transformation.

He knew that he had not advanced to true god-level yet, but he also knew that he was much stronger than other True Gods.

"Is this virtual god-level rank-10..."

After a glance at his character card, Lin Huang knew that he had advanced to a previously uncharted level—virtual god-level rank-10.

In the past, cultivators and Virtual Gods could reach rank-9 at most; beyond that, they would be at true god-level already.

However, Lin Huang had already reached the pinnacle of virtual god-level—virtual god-level rank-10.

“In that case, after this, how do I achieve a breakthrough to true god-level?”

Lin Huang had just asked himself this question when a strange idea surfaced in his mind—he could create a Godly Right!

“Create a Godly Right?”

Of course, Lin Huang had heard of a Godly Right before. It was something only Heavenly Gods possessed.

Under normal circumstances, elevation from True God to Heavenly God required the mastery of at least one type of rule at Fullness-level, followed by a further breakthrough and condensing invisible god rules into concrete god sequence chains.

Establishing god sequence chains was tantamount to stepping across the threshold of heavenly god-level.

Once they possessed god sequence chains, Heavenly Gods would further integrate these into their inner worlds and use them to derive sufficient rules. After that, they would use the god sequence chains as a trunk and the derived rules as branches to construct a rule network throughout their inner world. The will of this rule network that permeated the entire inner world was a Godly Right. Actually, to a certain degree, it was also a type of world will. It was considered a non-natural, man-made world will.

At heavenly god-level, one could construct nine god sequence chains at most, but only one Godly Right.

These nine god sequence chains were the nine backbones of a Godly Right, and the various types of rules derived from the nine sequences were all part of the Godly Right as well.

Logically, the construction of a Godly Right would come after heavenly god-level.

At this moment, however, it became the way for Lin Huang to elevate to true god-level.

“I’m only a Virtual God; how do I go about constructing a Godly Right?” Lin Huang deliberated with his brows furrowed, not even noticing that the Time Cabin was dispersing around him.

Chapter 1486: He Wanted Even More Than That...

Lin Huang immersed his consciousness into his inheritance memories, quickly scouring for memories related to the construction of a Godly Right, and hoping to find something to use as a reference.

The first thing he had a look at was the Great Heaven inheritance.

As the Heavenly God who dominated the God Territory for an entire epoch, Great Heaven's many experiences were a treasure for Lin Huang. That was why the first thing that occurred to Lin Huang was to check Great Heaven's inheritance memories regarding the construction of a Godly Right.

After setting the timeframe of Great Heaven's memories to the point before the construction of a Godly Right, Lin Huang rapidly scanned through this segment of memory.

The more he went through these memories, the more apprehensive he felt.

Great Heaven was undoubtedly an egotistical powerhouse. He had already mastered nine types of Rule Bending Power at Fullness-level early on when he was a ninth-rank True God.

To construct a Godly Right, his idea had been to condense all nine god sequence chains in one go and directly advance to ninth-rank Heavenly God, after the nine types of rules had reached Fullness-level and been condensed into god sequence chains.

However, things did not progress as smoothly as he had imagined. When the second series of god sequence chains condensed, his body and soul began undergoing massive internal pressure. He resisted this pressure valiantly; however, he only ended up condensing four god sequence chains before he had no choice but to give up. This was because the construction of the fourth god sequence chain had already caused his body and soul to start showing signs of disintegration, and even the God Territory within him had begun to collapse.

If it had not been for the timely suppression by Yin Yin, his Goldfinger, he would have died immediately.

This proved that Great Heaven's method was not feasible.

Furthermore, at Lin Huang's current strength of body and soul, it was impossible for him to accommodate nine god sequence chains in one go.

After condensing the four god sequence chains, Great Heaven used them as the trunk and their Rule Bending Powers and Elemental Enlightenment as the branches and leaves. He integrated them into the God Territory within him and constructed its World Rules...

After looking over the construction process of Great Heaven's Godly Right, Lin Huang deliberated over it.

After a moment, he closed Great Heaven's inheritance memory and got up. Pushing the doors open, he walked out of the Great Heaven Palace.

Seeing Lin Huang step out from the Great Heaven Palace, Sword1 immediately stood up with a flicker of astonishment in his eyes.

Only two short days had passed, and Lin Huang had already advanced from virtual god-level rank-6 to the limits of virtual god-level rank-9 in one go... From the looks of things, it was possible that he might break through a step further to true god-level any time now.

What surprised Sword1 even more was that although Lin Huang's aura was restrained to the maximum, he emanated a faint sense of danger.

Without waiting for Sword1 to greet him, Lin Huang spoke first, "Please summon all the Sword Servants within the region of the Great Heaven Palace."

“Yes, Lord Swordmaster!” Sword1 answered quickly, without even asking why.

Once Sword1 had issued the announcement about the assembly, less than a minute later, Swords1 to 100 all arrived at the scene; not a single one of them was absent.

All the Sword Servants present were filled with trepidation, as well as anticipation. They were completely unaware as to why the Swordmaster had summoned them over here all of a sudden.

Lin Huang’s gaze swept over everyone present. He could see everyone’s uneasiness and hopefulness and immediately declared loudly, “I summoned you all here this time because of cultivation needs. I would like to look at the construction processes of your Godly Right. You don’t have to give me the cultivation inheritance—I just want to have a look at your memory images between the condensing of the god sequence chains and the construction of the Godly Right.”

Upon hearing Lin Huang’s words, many people displayed astonishment.

Of course, they could clearly sense that Lin Huang’s current combat level was not at true god-level yet. Logically speaking, he was still miles away from the construction of a Godly Right.

However, since the Swordmaster had made a request, as Sword Servants, naturally, they could not refuse.

Whatever the reason, the Sword Servants were willing to contribute these segments of memory if the Swordmaster so required.

Sword1 was the first one to step forward and replicate this memory. He touched Lin Huang’s palm with a finger, and the memory images instantly poured into Lin Huang’s mind.

Lin Huang did not click it open to check; he merely nodded at Sword1, signaling to the next Sword Servant.

After that, Sword2 came, followed by Sword3... one by one, the Sword Servant stepped forward and transmitted a copy of their memory images into Lin Huang’s mind.

After the last transmission from Sword100 had been completed, Lin Huang nodded slightly at everyone present. “I’m going back into closed-door cultivation. You may go now.”

The Sword Servants left in twos and threes, while Lin Huang once again turned and went back into the Great Heaven Palace.

Once within the Palace, Lin Huang immediately sat down cross-legged. He closed his eyes, immersed his consciousness into his Ocean of Consciousness, and began looking through the Sword Servants’ memory images.

The segments of memory images unfolded before Lin Huang’s eyes like VR images, every single detail crystal clear.

Lin Huang checked out each of the one hundred Sword Servants’ Godly Right construction processes, and his thoughts gradually became clearer.

“On the surface, the construction of a Godly Right looks like it’s based on god sequence chains, but it’s actually based more on the inner God Territory. The construction process of a Godly Right is essentially structuring World Rules within the inner world, artificially creating a world will, then integrating one’s individual will with the world will...

“The Heavenly Gods’ god sequence chains and the various derived rules aren’t part of constructing the Godly Right—they’re vehicles for the Godly Right...

“A Godly Right is essentially the world will of a God Territory and is also the individual will of a Heavenly God, which makes the Heavenly God the absolute master of the World Rules in the God Territory...

“The enhancement of a Godly Right requires not only the personal cultivation of the God Territory’s owner but also the participation of the other creatures within the God Territory. Every Rule Bending Power they master, even if repeated, will become part of the World Rules and a vehicle for increasing the power of the Godly Right...”

After reading through one hundred Sword Servants’ Godly Right construction processes, Lin Huang finally managed to obtain a general line of thinking.

“My God Territory has already integrated with the gravel world; the various types of Rule Bending Power within me have already become the World Rules of the gravel world, and even my will has been integrated into the gravel world’s world will itself... To some extent, my integrated gravel world will is the weakened version of a Godly Right. The reason why it hasn’t condensed into a true Godly Right is that these Rule Bending Powers are still not powerful enough—or not numerous enough—to allow the world will to condense into a Godly Right...

“That means if I want to construct a Godly Right, either I condense a god sequence chain to provide both energy and a vehicle for the world will, or I put enough rules into the God Territory so that their power is comparable to that of a god sequence chain...”

For Lin Huang currently, constructing god sequence chains presented no great difficulty.

At most, it was a matter of a few Epiphany Cards.

After all, he had already mastered Rule Bending Power at Control-level, and it was not difficult to reach Fullness-level. If he wanted to make a further breakthrough, he could do so by using a few Epiphany Cards.

However, Lin Huang did not really want to take this path as he had seen the limitations of it from the Sword Servants’ Godly Right construction processes.

Normal heavenly god-level powerhouses could only condense nine god sequence chains at most.

For normal individuals, this number was sufficient as not many people were able to master multiple rules to the level of Fullness, much less make a further breakthrough to condense god sequence chains.

However, for true genius powerhouses, this was a huge limitation.

An example was a powerhouse like Great Heaven—when he was a ninth-rank True God, the number of rules he had mastered surpassed even Lin Huang. He had even condensed nine types of Fullness-level rules and hundreds of Control-level ones.

The reason Great Heaven had pursued a way to condense nine god sequence chains in one go was that there were only nine chances to condense god sequence chains at heavenly god-level.

He was able to dominate an entire epoch because he was able to condense at least four god sequence chains every time. By the ninth sequence, he had forty-two god sequence chains within him, far surpassing that of most people by at least four times over.

This was not a mere fourfold increase in abilities! It was an increase of hundreds—even thousands—of times!

What Lin Huang wanted was even more than that...

Chapter 1487: Advancement to True God-level!

Since he was not going to go down the path of forming god sequence chains, Lin Huang thought of another way. He would amass enough layers of Rule Bending Power to replace the god sequence chains, and turn them into a vehicle for the Godly Right, to provide power for it.

This idea was certainly an extremely good one, but Lin Huang then encountered a problem—he had only mastered one hundred and twenty types of rules.

Even if he included the few True Gods from the gravel world who had evolved, there were only a hundred and thirty or so types in total, which was far from enough to substitute for a god sequence chain.

‘Although it’s possible to borrow the Rule Bending Power mastered by the local residents of the gravel world, it’s still far from enough.’ Lin Huang frowned and pondered, ‘The gravel world has only just rebuilt its World Rules, and the number of people able to break through to true god-level in such a short time is limited, so the number of rules that they’ll be able to provide is also extremely limited.

‘If I want to obtain a large number of Rule Bending Powers, I’ll have to borrow them from somewhere else. For example, by letting a large number of True Gods migrate into the gravel world...’ As Lin Huang’s train of thought went further and further, his gaze passed over the void of his inner world and settled on the Monster Cards within him...

‘If I migrate all my card monsters to the gravel world and let them become residents there, does that mean I can also borrow all the Rule Bending Powers they have?!’

Lin Huang’s eyes lit up at the thought of this.

Although he only had a total of around forty true god-level imperial monsters in his possession, this did not include the number of Bug Tribe fighters in his hive.

Due to limited materials, the six Bug Tribe Queen Mothers had not been able to breed a large number of True Gods; they had only bred about twenty of them. However, when the Thousand Snake Sect had invaded the gravel world, he had obtained more than five thousand true god-level corpses. This batch of materials had since been divided between the six Queen Mothers, and each of them had produced true god-level Bug Tribe fighters, including thousands of Bug Kings.

'If I include the newly-evolved True Gods from the Bug Tribe, there would definitely be over ten thousand rules!' Lin Huang was quite excited, and shifted his gaze from within him, looking through the doors of the Great Heaven Palace and at Sword1 who was sitting at the entrance. "If I add three hundred or so Sword Servants... it should be enough to construct a Godly Right!"

Now that Lin Huang's combat level had elevated to virtual god-level rank-10, all the Sword Servants' powers had been correspondingly unsealed to ninth-rank true god-level. Furthermore, almost all of these Sword Servants had mastered at least several dozen to a few hundred types of rules, so the number of rules that they could provide in total might be even more than the thousands of Bug Tribe members.

Once he reached this point in his ruminations, Lin Huang immediately got to work.

It was very difficult to become a resident of a world. One needed to be recognized by the world will and have their souls marked with the world brand. However, this could not be any easier for Lin Huang, as he had integrated with the world will of the gravel world.

It would not matter even if this plan did not work out. If worse came to worst, he would merely need to control the world will and remove the world brand.

Lin Huang returned his consciousness to the gravel world and moved himself into an expanse of void.

He summoned Death Knight. The reason he used it as a test subject was that it had the ability to revive itself. In the unlikely event that something went wrong and the Revival Rule of Monster Paradise became null, Death Knight would still be able to revive itself.

After briefly explaining to Death Knight what he wanted to do, Lin Huang allowed Death Knight to lower its defenses and let itself be branded by the world will.

After only a moment, the branding was successful, and Lin Huang could clearly feel that the number of World Rules had indeed increased.

His first experiment was a success, with no unexpected problems. Lin Huang then began summoning his imperial monsters in batches, leaving the world brand on them one by one.

Once all forty-plus imperial monsters had been branded, Lin Huang summoned the hive and branded all five thousand-plus true god-level Bug Kings and Bug Tribe fighters.

In the process, he could clearly feel that the World Rules of the gravel world were becoming increasingly stronger.

The total number of World Rules had also skyrocketed from the initial hundred and thirty-plus types to tens of thousands.

After recalling all the summoning beasts and the hive, Lin Huang quickly summoned the Sword Servants who had remained in the gravel world.

Sensing Lin Huang's call, the two hundred and sixty-eight Sword Servants hurried to meet Lin Huang in less than three minutes.

The combat level they displayed now was no longer virtual god-level rank-9, but ninth-rank true god-level.

Lin Huang stated his request, and none of the Sword Servants had any objections.

The two hundred and sixty-eight brandings were completed in less than a minute.

Lin Huang could clearly feel that the World Rules had increased by over twenty thousand.

He hesitated for a moment but decided to abide by Great Heaven's recommendation and did not put the remaining hundred Sword Servants into the gravel world.

It was not that he did not trust Sword1 and the others, but because he could not predict the consequences of releasing all one hundred of them from the Great Heaven Territory.

"Thirty thousand-plus rules should be enough to support the construction of a Godly Right," Lin Huang murmured.

He also knew that this was not yet the end of constructing the Godly Right. His Godly Right would become stronger once he left a world brand on Sword1 and the other Sword Servants in the future, as well as the elevation of local residents to True Gods and the migration of more True Gods into the gravel world.

After dismissing the Sword Servants, Lin Huang floated in the void alone, closing his eyes to sense the World Rules within him.

Over thirty-three thousand rules coalesced into illusory stars of different colors and sizes, radiating points of starlight to every corner of the world.

Lin Huang separated a thread of his consciousness, crushed a Time Cabin Card, and stepped into it.

He began to integrate the world will and his own will, as well as the Rule Bending Stars in the heavens...

His own hundred and twenty rules were the easiest to integrate; he completed this in almost no time.

Integrating the rules mastered by his card monsters was also not too difficult—it only took less than a day.

Perhaps due to their contracts, or perhaps because they were sword cultivators, it only took a week to integrate the Sword Servants' rules.

However, integrating the Rule Bending Power of the Bug Tribe without a card contract was a much more cryptic affair.

Lin Huang spent almost two Time Cabin Cards' worth of time before completely integrating all the rules in the God Territory within him at last.

At this point, the world will had finally begun to transform...

It was getting more and more powerful every day.

After ten days had passed, the world will finally completed its transformation into a Godly Right.

At the very moment that the Godly Right condensed into form, the Divine Fires in all ten of his Life Wheels vibrated simultaneously, releasing thousands of scarlet light rays and turning the entire gravel world blood-red.

However, this phenomenon only lasted for a moment before everything returned to normal.

Lin Huang could clearly feel that his ten Divine Fires had further transformed the very moment the Godly Right was formed.

The transformation of the Divine Fires also brought about a direct transformation of his physical body, soul, Divine Telekinesis, and the Divine Power within him.

This transformation process lasted for three days before finally ending.

The moment the transformation was over, Lin Huang knew that he had officially become a first-rank True God.

Chapter 1488: Lin Huang, the G.O.A.T.

Title Translator's Note: G.O.A.T. stands for Greatest Of All Time

“Host: Lin Huang”

“Gender: Male”

“Age: 21”

“Combat Strength: True God-level (first-rank)”

“Goldfinger: Xiao Hei, Stone Tablet, Eternity Fire, Yin Yin”

“Integration Item: Origin God’s Heart, One Page Sword Scripture, Galactic Hive, God Weapon, Great Heaven Palace (Initial Integration)...”

“God Territory: Monster Paradise”

“Godly Right: Unnamed”

“Inheritance: Great Heaven, Sword2, Sword8, Sword10, Sorcerer Goddess...”

“Divine Ability: Substitute, Golden Cicada...”

“God Rule: Superhuman Strength, Seraphic Speed, God-slaying Power...”

“Elemental Enlightenment: Instant Flash, Sun Shadow, Heavenly Roc, Traceless, Lightning God, Heaven’s Punishment, Tattooed Demon, Hell...”

“Sword Dao: True Self Level (Possesses Sword Heart, Sword Soul)”

“Sword Skills: 300,000 types”

“Minor: Twisted Fate Scripture, Seamless...”

“Monster Skills: Divine Telekinesis, Divine Regeneration, Holy Power, Elemental Immunity, Leech Pods, Absolute Control, Divine Purification Light, Revival, Immortal Warrior Body, Vampire Particles, Divine Strength, Divine Defense, Lightning Lord, Mirror, Doll forbidden skill, Punishment, Divine Witchcraft, Knight, Integration, Mechanical Building, Mechanical Recovery, Evil Blood Substitute, Divine Disguise, Demon Flame, Hellish Fire, Abyssal Fire, Lightning God, Phoenix...”

“Summon Authority: Activated (Pure Spirit)”

“Available Number of Summons: 100”

“Remarks: Almost at the standard of a qualified host (㊄⁻³⁻㊄)”

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After checking his personal panel, Lin Huang was quite satisfied overall. “What on earth is this kaomoji in the remarks?”

After more than five years, he had actually long since gotten used to not looking at Xiao Hei’s remarks about himself. This time, he had merely glanced at the remarks and noticed the strange kaomoji but did not ponder over it any further.

After evolving to true god-level, not only had his summon authority been activated to Pure Spirit rank-6, but the upper limit of all his mythical-level imperial monsters’ combat strength had been unsealed to heavenly god-level (the imperial monsters’ combat strengths were not directly elevated to heavenly god-level), and Lin Huang’s available number of summons had increased from the original 50 to 100.

In addition to the changes in his imperial monsters, on the Great Heaven Territory’s side, Lin Huang’s authority over the Sword Servants had also increased. Initially, he only had control authority over the Sword Servants whose numbers came after Sword100, but now he had gained control authority over Swords11 to 100 as well. Excluding the strongest—Swords1 to 10—control authority over the remaining Sword Servants was now fully unsealed.

Moreover, the upper limit of the Sword Servants’ combat power had also been unsealed even further, and they were now at first-rank heavenly god-level.

Lin Huang clicked on the Godly Right in his card and checked the details.

“Godly Right (Unnamed): Godly Right constructed from more than three thousand types of Rule Bending Power.”

“Godly Right Effect 1: When inside the God Territory, the Godly Right user can use all rules, sequences, and Odylic Forces within the God Territory without limitations.”

“Godly Right Effect 2: When outside the God Territory, the Godly Right possessor can borrow at will any rules, sequences, and Odylic Forces within the God Territory that is within the range of the physical body and spirit strength to withstand.”

“Godly Right Effect 3: When inside the God Territory, the Godly Right possessor can lend all rules, sequences, and Odylic Forces within the God Territory to inhabitants inside the God Territory for a short period of time.”

“Godly Right Effect 4: Under the influence of the Godly Right, the Godly Right possessor can learn all rules, sequences, and Odylic Forces within the God Territory at epiphany speed.”

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“Remarks: This Godly Right was not constructed using god sequence chains, but by borrowing the Rule Bending Power of other True Gods within the God Territory to create a completely open rule network. Due to this unique openness, the World Rules of this God Territory are no longer limited by the god sequence chains and can accommodate all types of Rule Bending Power.”

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The effects of the Godly Right were entirely what Lin Huang had anticipated, as basically all Godly Rights had similar effects.

It was just that due to the difference in the fundamental construction of the Godly Right, the final results that appeared would definitely be different.

Just like the description given in the remarks section, Lin Huang’s Godly Right had been created using a large number of Rule Bending Powers, which was why he could borrow all the Rule Bending Powers of the entire God Territory.

As for other Heavenly Gods who used god sequence chains to construct their Godly Rights, the World Rules of the God Territory within their bodies could only be integrated with the rules derived from the god sequence chains, and their Godly Right would also be restricted accordingly.

After reading the description of his Godly Right, Lin Huang had more thoughts about the matter.

He had now advanced to true god-level, and his Sword Servants all had their powers unsealed to first-rank heavenly god-level. If one included the hundred Sword Servants over whom he had just unsealed his authority, there were three hundred and fifty-eight of them in total. Even if each of them only unsealed one god sequence chain, the number of god sequence chains in the World Rules within his body would still increase by at least 358.

Furthermore, under the effects of the Godly Right, he could borrow these god sequence chains any time he wanted as long as his physical body and Life Soul strength allowed for it.

Lin Huang’s original estimation was that at his current first-rank true god-level ability, he should be able to contend against a second-rank Heavenly God, but still have a slim chance of defeating a third-rank Heavenly God.

However, now that his Godly Right had been constructed, he felt that with his physical body and Life Soul strength, he should be able to borrow four god sequence chains without any major problems.

One could say that with this round of advancement, his strength had increased exponentially.

Even so, what surprised Lin Huang even more than this were the changes in his God Territory.

“God Territory: Monster Paradise”

“God Territory Ability 1: After a summoning beast dies, the dead summoning beast’s soul will return to the God Territory with its body reconstructed with Divine Power and revived. Those that have broken souls will have their broken soul pieces recalled and recovered.”

“Remark 1: Unlimited number of revivals.”

“Remark 2: If killed by an Odylic attack, it will truly die and cannot be revived.”

“Remark 3: Each revival requires the consumption of a certain amount of Godly Right Power (the consumed Godly Right can be replenished).”

“Derivative Ability: If the God Territory possessor dies, they can choose a summoning beast to substitute death.”

“Remark 1: The number of substitute deaths per day depends on the number of summoning beasts. Each summoning beast can only die in place of the host once within 24 hours.”

“Remark 2: If the God Territory possessor is killed with Odylic, they will truly die and cannot be substituted by a summoning beast.”

“Remark 3: After a summoning beast dies in place of its host, it will return to the God Territory to be revived.”

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“God Territory Ability 2: The God Territory possessor can borrow any skills, divine abilities, rules, and sequence powers of all summoning beasts at any time.”

“Remark 1: The borrowing of Monster Skills already possessed by the God Territory possessor is invalid and will not produce compounded effects.”

“Remark 2: The number of borrowed skills is not restricted by the upper limit of the God Territory possessor’s number of Monster Skills.”

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After the advancement of Lin Huang’s God Territory once more, the biggest change was that all summoning beasts could theoretically be revived an unlimited number of times.

As long as they were not assaulted by the Odylic attack of a lord-level powerhouse, they would not be truly killed.

Of course, such revivals were not without a cost; a certain amount of Divine Power would have to be expended. However, to Lin Huang, such a cost was nothing to him, because as he continued to grow stronger, his Godly Right would also grow stronger along with him.

In addition, he could borrow the skills, divine abilities, rules, and sequence powers of all his contract monsters at will, without any restrictions. This made his Monster Skill bar seem a bit like a mere decorative item.

With that said, however, Lin Huang knew that he had actually improved upon some of the skills in his Monster Skill bar, and the effect was better than his summoning beast’s original skill.

It was just that there were also many skills that had not been modified. Since he could borrow them at will now, Lin Huang intended to get rid of the unmodified skills one by one and replace them with skills that were more powerful and more suitable for modification.

Chapter 1489: Update on Kylie

After sending Swords10 to 100 into the gravel world so they could receive their brands, the number of rules in Lin Huang's God Territory had now increased to more than forty-five thousand types.

In addition, his authority over his Sword Servants' heavenly god-levels had been unlocked since he had elevated to true god-level. As a result, four hundred and twelve god sequence chains had been added to the World Rules of his God Territory.

At first-rank, some True Gods would have mastered only two god sequence chains, so this number surpassed Lin Huang's expectations.

'The addition of the god sequence chains has made my Godly Right exponentially stronger; even the speed at which the World Rules are evolving has increased by more than a hundredfold...' Lin Huang furrowed his brow slightly and pondered, 'My strength has also leveled up, but my combat level is still stuck at first-rank true god-level...'

He was going down a completely new path of cultivation. As he had created his own method to advance to true god-level, naturally, there was no one to guide him on how to cultivate after that, so he could only think of ways on his own.

'Currently, there are many directions that I could take to become stronger. I could elevate the rules that I've mastered to Fullness-level. I could further advance my Sword Dao true meaning to Sword Dao heavenly rule and continue to cultivate Seamless to strengthen my Divine Telekinesis. I could also accumulate more World Rules and god sequence chains for my God Territory...'

Lin Huang's thought processes slowly gained more clarity. Although the way by which he could increase his combat strength was still unclear for the time being, there were still many other ways to increase his abilities. He also anticipated that the method for increasing his combat strength ought to be among one of these paths for improving his abilities.

'My current self should be strong enough to take on a fourth-rank Heavenly God. If I borrow the power of the god sequence chains, I could even go up against a fifth-rank,' Lin Huang re-evaluated his overall ability.

The three hundred and fifty-eight heavenly god-level Sword Servants—this was combat strength at the first echelon.

Kylie, Killer, Ku Rong (Demonic Buddhist Holy Son), and Blackscale (the Symbiotic Creature of the Abyssal Fountain) were Supreme God rank-5s, all of whom were at ninth-rank true god-level; it was only a matter of time before the four of them elevated to heavenly god-level. They were in the second echelon.

Among the card monsters who were at Pseudo-supreme God rank-4.5, Teng Ran (Sect Leader of the Thousand Snake Sect) had been re-instituted to ninth-rank true god-level. Bloody was currently at sixth-rank, while Bai was currently only at fourth-rank. However, without the restriction of the upper limit of Lin Huang's combat strength, it would not be difficult for the two of them to evolve further. The three of them were considered the third echelon.

Grimace, Charcoal, the Bug Tribe Queen Mothers, and the remaining others were all at mythical-level rank-4, and their combat levels were at third-rank or fourth-rank, so there was still a lot of room for improvement.

Under the command of the four Queen Mothers were more than five thousand mythical-level rank-4 Bug Kings and Bug Tribe elite fighters who were at true god-level as well. They were also a powerful combat force.

Due to the enhancement of Monster Paradise, his summoning beasts could not be truly killed. For the next few days, Lin Huang put on the Thousand Face mask and went around several battlefields in the God Territory, releasing all the imperial monsters apart from the hive to let them hunt on their own and increase their combat strength.

Lin Huang spent a few days to complete this before he contacted Bloody again.

"What's the situation like on Kylie's end?"

"Since she's at supreme god-level rank-5, she was affected by the increase in your combat strength, so she was able to advance her own combat strength to ninth-rank true god-level in one go," Bloody replied, then continued, "I've let Kylie temporarily suppress the advancement of her combat strength. We took this opportunity to request a large number of materials on the grounds that we would be going into closed-door cultivation. We're still short of the last two types of materials needed to advance to rank-6, but we should be able to get them within this month.

"What about you? Have you advanced to true god-level yet?" Bloody immediately enquired.

"I've already completed the advancement, and Pure Spirit rank-6 authority has been activated." Lin Huang nodded. "However, if a Monster Card isn't recalled, then there's a distance limitation on use of the Advance Card, so Kylie must be within my field of vision for the Advance Card to be effective. That's why you need to arrange for me to meet with her in person."

"That's hardly a problem." Bloody nodded. "Next month, a secret territory will be opened in the God Territory, and only organizations that are peak grade-5 and above are eligible to participate. Various major organizations will send their best genius talents to compete. When the time comes, Kylie and I will participate together. You can also apply to join via Death Sickle by using Xie Lin's identity—it's unlikely that they'll turn you down.

"Later, I'll send you a file containing detailed information about this secret territory."

After they had finished discussing important matters, the two chatted for a while more before ending the call.

Bloody sent over the documents about the secret territory in short order. As soon as he received them, Lin Huang immediately opened them and began checking the information out.

After a quick scan through the file, Lin Huang was able to form a general understanding of this secret territory.

This secret territory that Bloody had mentioned was actually a mini world used by God Capital for locking up prisoners. Every few hundred years, when the number of prisoners in the mini world had accumulated to a certain level, God Capital would dispatch people there to conduct a clean-up. In reality, this so-called clean-up was letting a few Heavenly Gods enter the place to slaughter the prisoners. Later on, God Capital felt that this method was too troublesome. Even though there were also Heavenly Gods among the prisoners, most of them were only Virtual Gods and True Gods. The members of God Capital were all pure-blooded Protoss, and they regarded it as a shameful thing for Heavenly Gods to slaughter Virtual Gods and True Gods.

Therefore, someone came up with the idea of letting the Virtual Gods and True Gods of God Capital enter the place as a trial, and carry out a hunting competition.

After several of these events, the higher-ups of God Capital felt that this hunting competition involving only their own members was not exciting enough, so they decided to just open up the secret territory to a few other grade-7 organizations and invite the gifted geniuses of other organizations to participate. After that, one by one, grade-6 organizations also began taking part, and things slowly evolved to the way things were at present.

The prisoners in the secret territory had also gradually gotten used to this game.

At God Capital's request, prisoners were allowed to arbitrarily attack hunters of the same level. However, True Gods were prohibited from attacking Virtual Gods, while Heavenly Gods were forbidden to attack True Gods and Virtual Gods. They could only fight back if the God Territory hunters attacked them first.

Moreover, if the prisoners survived by the end of the hunt, they would get a definite share of the spoils from the hunters that they had killed. God Capital would even dispatch someone to help them unlock the storage rings of the slain individuals.

To some extent, this also motivated the prisoners to participate in this game.

The most important thing was that Virtual Gods and True Gods who survived three consecutive hunts would be released. Of course, this was not an unconditional release. After they left the prison space, they were obligated to sign a master-servant contract with members of God Capital to become their God Servants.

Lin Huang was initially rather curious about why God Capital would have so many prisoners.

After reading the documents to the end, though, he discovered that this game had developed to a point where not only God Capital but various other major organizations were also providing prisoners to God Capital.

One organization in particular was the God Combat Temple. After every territorial war that they participated in—no matter if it were large-scale or small-scale—they would bring back large numbers of prisoners of war.

In the secret territory, the number of prisoners that the Combat God Temple contributed accounted for more than half the total prisoner population. That was more than all the other organizations combined.

Lin Huang did not experience any great misgivings over hunting these prisoners because most of them were from the Abyss, the Bug Tribe, and other tribes of different species. There were humans as well, but they were very few in number. He just had to make sure that he did not initiate a move against his compatriots first.

Chapter 1490: New Identity—Huang Mu

To help Kylie make a further breakthrough to Pure Spirit rank-6, it was imperative that Lin Huang made a trip to the secret territory.

The only thing was, Lin Huang had previously entered the Great Heaven Territory under the identity of Xie Lin. In the end, although he had faked his death and not teleported out, many organizations in the God Territory had guessed that it was not that he had not teleported out—instead he had obtained the inheritance of the Great Heaven Territory and hidden himself.

Although this matter had occurred nearly a year ago, there were still many powerhouses in the God Territory who were looking for Xie Lin, hoping to seize the Great Heaven inheritance.

Therefore, Xie Lin's identity could no longer be used, at least not openly.

After reading through the information that Bloody had provided, Lin Huang deliberated for a moment before using his communicator to dial a number.

The busy tone had not even rung halfway before the communicator connected, and a male voice came from the other end.

"Xie Lin?!"

"Senior Buried Heaven, I need your help with something," Lin Huang skipped the pleasantries and asked immediately.

"Go ahead." Buried Heaven did not hesitate.

"I want a pass to enter God Capital's secret territory next month," Lin Huang cut straight to the chase.

"It's not difficult for me to help you get a pass. However, you should know that if you're recognized, even Death Sickle can't protect you," Buried Heaven answered just as bluntly.

Lin Huang had previously chosen not to accept Death Sickle's protection, instead opting to disappear straight away after obtaining the Great Heaven inheritance—something which had caused great dissatisfaction among the upper tiers of Death Sickle.

If Lin Huang's identity was exposed during this trial, it was impossible for Death Sickle to come forward and take the pressure for him unless he was willing to give up the Great Heaven inheritance. However, Buried Heaven also knew that Lin Huang would never do that.

“I know that. I’ll change my name, and I’ll also change my combat style. Moreover, my combat strength has already evolved to true god-level, so people shouldn’t make the connection with Xie Lin.”

“Since you’re set on requesting this, I’ll help you apply for a pass then.” Buried Heaven did not waste any more words. “Find a branch of Death Sickle on your own and apply for it using a new identity, then tell me your new name, and that will do. After that, I’ll send the invitation letter directly to you.”

After ending the call with Buried Heaven, Lin Huang immediately dialed Yang Ling’s number.

Strangely, the communicator showed the notification, “The number you have dialed is not in service.”

Lin Huang frowned slightly. Just as he was about to try calling again, there was an incoming call from an unfamiliar number.

He immediately connected the call.

“Come straight to the point.” The voice was clearly Yang Ling’s.

“Why has your number gone out of service?” Lin Huang asked in surprise.

“I’ve encountered a small problem.” Yang Ling seemed reluctant to say more. “Whatever it is you need, tell me quickly.”

After hesitating for a moment, Lin Huang decided not to probe any further. He immediately told Yang Ling what he needed, “I want a fake identity in the God Territory, one that I can use to register with Death Sickle.”

“I’ll help you make several this time then,” Yang Ling said straightforwardly, “Just send me the pictures and personal information after disguising yourself—that will do. Also, for the time being, don’t contact me if it isn’t urgent.”

Hearing Yang Ling say this, Lin Huang realized that the problem his friend was facing might not be a small matter.

“Is there anything I can help with?”

Yang Ling fell silent for a moment before answering in a low voice, “It’s possible that I’m being watched by the Raiders...There’s nothing much you can help with. Just make sure you don’t get exposed.”

After saying this, he paused but did not hang up. He seemed to hesitate for a little while before continuing, “If something really does happen to me, help me take care of Hong Zhuang.”

Hearing these words, Lin Huang blinked in surprise. He recovered himself and was about to ask about Hong Zhuang, but Yang Ling had already ended the call from his end.

‘Don’t tell me this boy has really developed feelings for Hong Zhuang...’

Whether it was in terms of physique or looks, Hong Zhuang was a top-notch beauty. However, her character and way of doing things had always made Lin Huang keep his distance, despite admiring her.

Even if he was certain now that his abilities had far surpassed Hong Zhuang’s own, he was still somewhat wary of this woman.

Looking at the state Yang Ling was in currently, he really felt that this woman's methods were terrifying. Shaking his head, Lin Huang temporarily set aside the matter of Yang Ling and Hong Zhuang. He put on Thousand Face, disguised himself with several different appearances, and took a few ID photos of himself.

After that, he simply set up the identities for his various new looks and sent the photos to Yang Ling, as well as the identity set-ups.

A moment later, Yang Ling replied with a message.

"In three days, you can go collect them at the front desk of the illegal hotel."

Lin Huang was startled. He had forgotten to tell Yang Ling earlier which planet he was on. Even the hotel he had checked into was an illegally-run hotel that did not require ID verification, but clearly, Yang Ling already knew where he was.

To avoid missing the package that Yang Ling would be sending over, Lin Huang did not go into closed-door cultivation in the days that followed. Instead, he sat cross-legged in the hotel lounge with his eyes closed, cultivating Seamless.

Lin Huang did not know if it was because he had evolved to true god-level, but he noticed that his cultivation of Seamless was more than ten times faster than before.

Since his advancement to the seventh level of Seamless, in the past, the rate by which the length of his telekinetic threads increased was around 200 per hour. Now, however, the number surged to 3000 per hour.

In just the space of one day, the number of his telekinetic threads had exceeded 300,000, and his cultivation of Seamless also advanced to the eighth level.

After that, his cultivation speed for Seamless reduced slightly, but he could still condense 2000 telekinetic threads in an hour.

Three days went by, just like that. After having breakfast early in the morning, Lin Huang retrieved Yang Ling's package from the front desk.

Upon opening it, inside he found four identity rings, each of them slightly different in shape and form.

He tried each of them on and checked them over, making sure that there were no problems before putting three of them away and wearing the remaining one. After that, he headed straight for the outpost of the Death Sickle branch.

After ten minutes or so, he once more obtained the status of a reserve member of Death Sickle.

"Name: Huang Mu"

"Tribe: Unknown"

"Combat Level: Ninth-rank True God"

"Cultivation: Psychic"

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“As long as I use enough disguises, no one will know who I really am!” Lin Huang grinned.

For this name, he used half of Lin and half of Huang, then reversed the two.¹

Not knowing one’s tribe was a common occurrence in the God Territory. There were many tribes in the God Territory, and many children were orphaned after birth, not knowing which tribe they belonged to.

For his combat level, Lin Huang disguised himself as a ninth-rank True God to avoid drawing unwanted attention if he advanced too quickly when the time came.

As for his cultivation path, since everyone knew he was a sword cultivator when he was in the Great Heaven Territory previously, he most definitely could not use swords openly. Otherwise, it was inevitable that people would suspect that he was somehow connected to Xie Lin, who had obtained the Great Heaven inheritance. Additionally, an occupation like Imperial Censor was extremely rare in the God Territory, so he could only choose to be a psychic.

Lin Huang made a copy of this identity information and forwarded it to Buried Heaven.

About half an hour later, Buried Heaven sent the invitation letter over directly, without saying a single word.

However, Lin Huang still replied with a “Thank you!”

Now that he had the invitation letter to God Capital’s secret territory, Lin Huang felt like a burden had been lifted off his shoulders.

He went downstairs to check out of his room, then returned to the Great Heaven Palace straight away.

After setting a reminder for his departure date, Lin Huang crushed a Time Cabin Card and stepped into it, once again going into closed-door cultivation.