

## Chapter 1401

You'll have to pay for it sooner or later

Somewhere in the Sea of Star Spirits, a large starship slowly sailed through the universe. In the exquisitely decorated captain's cabin, Carlozo was leaning lazily on the soft and comfortable captain's chair, his legs crossed on the table. One arm was leaning on the armrest, holding an expensive bottle of fine hard liquor which he was swinging around, There was a thick cigar in his mouth, burning with green smoke while a virtual screen floated in front of him, playing an entertainment program.

Carlozo had rough brown skin like a lizard. His facial features were similar to a human's, but the gap between his eyes was quite large and his jaw was protruding, similar to that of a beastman. In addition, one of his eyes was missing, and the empty eye socket was exposed as a black hole just like that. It was like a wound left by an energy gun, lending him a fierce aura.

He looked very rough on the outside, but he was wearing an exquisite and complicated noble-style dress that seemed to have been carefully ironed without many creases. This was accompanied by a small, noble-style round hat on his head, covering his sparse and messy yellow hair. Only a few locks of hair hung down from the gaps of the hat, giving people a strong visual contrast.

While the slave trade was mostly held in the galactic black market, there existed an independent ecosystem that formed a secret trade chain. Because this industry was unsuitable for the public's eyes, any seller of a certain size rarely acted in the name of an organization. They usually gave themselves a code name and used this name to make friends with customers, forming a trade network around their identity.

As for Calozo, he was a reputable seller of this secret trade, nicknamed 'Lord'. He had been in the industry for many years and had outstanding results. His business had even crossed several Star Clusters, so it would not be an exaggeration to say that he was a slave-trading giant in the Sea of Star Spirits.

Gulp... Carlozo took a sip of the wine, and the bright red liquid flowed out from his lips and slid down his chin. He ignored the sounds of his subordinates playing outside the cabin, puffing on his cigar as he increased the volume of the virtual screen. He kept changing the channels with hand gestures, looking through one program after another with boredom.

At this moment, an encrypted communication interface suddenly popped up on the virtual screen, and a number marked 'Buyer 178' appeared. Carlozo's eyes flashed. He paused the show and picked up the call. A black shadow with no specific appearance appeared on the screen and gave a string of code numbers. Carlozo also replied with a string of numbers and they conversed like this for a few sentences to confirm that there was no problem with their identities. After checking the code, Buyer 178 went straight to the point. "Lord, did you get the goods I ordered last time?"

Carlozo took out a notebook and flipped through it. "Sorry, we haven't gotten the goods yet."

“How long has it been? It’s just a batch of Silver Spirits. You weren’t this slow in the past. My master is already impatient from waiting,” Buyer 178 sounded unhappy. Carlozo shook his head. “The environment is different now. As you know, due to the war, the entire universe has been under martial law for the past three years. A large number of races have gathered in the Central Galaxy to take refuge, causing our business to reduce by ninety percent. It’s not as easy to obtain goods anymore.” All along, the slave trade black market hidden under the deep sea of the galactic society had been very prosperous, but with the outbreak of the World Tree War, this industry had fallen into winter. Generally speaking, war should be able to promote the slavery trade, but the current war did not break out on the mainland. In order to prepare for war, the three Universal Civilizations imposed high-pressure restrictions on the various Star Fields. With the large number of people taking refuge, the population of the galactic residents plummeted.

This was equivalent to cutting off the supply of many slave traffickers. The majority of the people captured by the slave traffickers were ordinary galactic residents. They were usually lone galactic travelers, either swindling tourists or buying captives from the galactic pirates. They rarely attacked passing spaceships and it was even harder for them to land on a colonial planet to capture people. They did not have such armed forces. Due to the restrictions of the three Universal Civilizations, it had been a long time since Carlozo had opened his ‘store’, and this business was getting more and more difficult. “Although I can’t get the Silvers here, there are still some other goods. Do you want to take a look at the list?” asked Carlozo. “Forget it, forget it. I’ll find someone else.”

Buyer 178 went offline.

Carlozo curled his lips and did not mind.

Although this deal fell through, he did not feel any regret. Because of the war, Carlozo had already made up his mind not to purchase any more goods. He only wanted to clear his inventory and wash his hands off this business. As for whether or not he could completely free himself, Carlozo was not worried.

Sellers who had been operating for a long time all had a set of survival rules. They paid attention to their identity and kept it a secret. Most of the time, they only worked with regular customers and maintained good relationships with some armed organizations. Some powerful clients could even provide them with assistance, so they were able to survive in the underworld... As long as they kept a low profile and did not expose themselves or provoke any big shots, no one would care about them. They could leave after making a fortune. It was very safe. Carlozo closed the communication interface and continued to switch channels. He casually scrolled through the programs, but his mind was not in it. He was immersed in the excitement of looking forward to the future. “When this batch of stocks is cleared, I can retire...”

Carlozo was in a good mood.

The money he had earned over the years was enough for him to live a carefree life for a few lifetimes. As long as he could retire successfully, he would be able to change his appearance and enjoy his life with the wealth he had accumulated. There were too many such examples in this industry. It could be said that this was every slave trader’s dream, and it was Carlozo’s goal. The thought of his beautiful life finally waving at him after working so hard for so many years made him excited.

However, at this moment, he swiped to a news channel that was broadcasting Black Star's conference. Carlozo had also paid attention to the recent invitation issued, and he could not help but pause there.

His eyes grew wider and wider, and his body started to tremble uncontrollably. A thick sense of fear gradually filled his face, and a chill ran down his spine. Looking at the countless large organizations in the image responding to Han Xiao's call, Carlozo panicked. His mind went blank, and he could not help but recall a sentence that he had once scoffed at...

If you come out to play, you have to pay the price sooner or later! Crack! The subordinates who were playing cards loudly in the cabin suddenly heard the sound of things being smashed frequently from the captain's cabin. Just from the sound of it, they could almost imagine the hysterical look on his face, like a trapped beast in despair.

Endless Nebulae, a certain galactic free city. A luxurious mansion sat in a scenic area surrounded by green trees and a clear lake. Such a special area existed in the highly man-made galactic capital city. Clearly, the people living there had a lot of influence. In the spacious living room, a man in a sleeping robe was sitting on the sofa. A few female Elven creatures were lying on the floor beside him. Their heads were lowered, jaws on the ground, and they had a collar tied around their necks which was connected to a pillar, like leashed pets.

In front of them was a large virtual screen playing a show. The man was eating breakfast while looking up at the screen. He would stroke the back of the elven lady from time to time—which was covered in purple bruises as if he was simply petting her.

The elven lady subconsciously shrank back, but her eyes were still like a pool of stagnant water. She lifelessly looked at the virtual screen in front of her, like a zombie whose soul had been sucked out.

At this time, the man changed channels and saw the news recording of the Black Star Conference.

After looking at it for a while, he sneered, his face appearing as though he did not give two hoots about it, "This Black Star, he's always so busy. He should go fight the enemies if he's bored. That's his responsibility. What's the point of worrying about population trade? Does he think he's the leader of the galactic society? Pfft, what the hell."

As soon as he said that, the bodies of a few elven women lying on the ground suddenly trembled, and their dead eyes suddenly regained a bit of life. Ever since they were captured by the slave traffickers and sold, their lives were only left with darkness. They were like stagnant water without any life, thinking that they would be like this for the rest of their lives. However, at this moment, Black Star was like a ray of light piercing through the darkness, piercing into their despairing hearts and waking up their shattered personalities.

The few of them looked at Black Star on the screen and could not help but feel hopeful.

Will someone really save us...

The man in the robe noticed the looks of his pets and frowned. "Hmm? What kind of look is that?"

As he spoke, the man in the robe glanced at Black Star on the screen and suddenly felt a surge of anger. He picked up a short prismatic whip from the side and threw it out. "It seems like I haven't trained you guys enough. Are you still thinking of escaping? Why, did you think that Black Star can save you after seeing the news? If so, keep an eye on him and see if he can save you guys now."

The few female elves were so frightened that their bodies stiffened. They lay on the ground and trembled nonstop, but they did not dare to dodge or beg for mercy. If these 'pets' opened their mouths to speak without the permission of the man, it would only lead to worse torture.

The man in the sleeping robe had a dark expression on his face. He raised his whip and looked like he was about to hit one of them.

However, at this moment, the mansion's door exploded!

Bang!

Fragments flew everywhere, and the wall was covered in dust.

The man in the robe was shocked. He turned around and saw a group of people walking in. They were wearing familiar uniforms. It was the security patrol team of this galactic city. Upon seeing who it was, the man in the robe immediately relaxed. He then roared in rage.

"What are you doing?! How dare you barge into my house?! Do you want to die?!" The captain walked out and showed his electronic arrest warrant. He said coldly, "Your Excellency Anhuso, we have received a reliable report that you have broken the law by raising a galactic resident as a pet. Please come with us."

The man in the robe opened his eyes wide in disbelief and pointed at himself in surprise. "Arrest me over such a small matter? Do you know who I am?".

"You have violated the Planetary Universal Law's life form trading prohibition." The captain remained expressionless.

"If you capture me, can you bear the responsibility? Go back and ask the feudal lord of this free planet, does he still want the rights to operate his planet?" The man only found it ridiculous and did not know whether to laugh or cry. With his identity and background, such a crime was a joke. He had raised many galactic species as pets, and no one had ever dared to hold him responsible for it.

He did not expect such a low-level police officer to dare challenge him. Such a small character did not even have the right to talk to him in normal times.

"Please cooperate with us." The captain frowned. "What's your serial number? Do you believe that I will strip you of your clothes tomorrow?!" The man in the robe was so angry that he laughed. He walked up, grabbed the captain's clothes, and looked down at the serial number on his badge.

Without any hesitation, the captain pushed the man away and said in a deep voice, "If you continue to refuse arrest, we will resort to violence." The man in the sleeping robe staggered and widened his eyes in disbelief. He did not expect the person in front of him to attack him.

His expression immediately turned extremely gloomy. He picked up the communicator from the table and called the number of the city lord of the planet. He pointed at the captain of the security team and said angrily, "Alright, just you wait. I'll see who can take me away today!"

Very soon, the call connected.

"Yo, isn't this His Excellency Anhuso? Why are you suddenly in the mood to look for me?" The Planet Lord appeared on the screen with a polite smile.

The man in the robe immediately vented his anger on the planet's feudal lord. He sneered and said, "Alright, your people have grown up. They dare to barge into my house, capture me, and even attack me. If you don't give me a satisfactory answer today, your planet's management rights will be invalidated!"

"Aiya, why are you so angry? What's going on?" The planet lord was surprised. "Heh, ask your people." The man in the robe stuffed the communicator into the captain's hands and took two steps back with a look of anticipation.

The captain of the security team was not afraid at all. He picked up his communicator and reported the situation regarding the few elven ladies.

After hearing, the Planet Lord calmly spoke out.

"I see... Captain, what's your name?" "Bell," the captain replied calmly.

"Is the tip reliable?"

"The evidence is all present." Hearing this, the planet lord nodded and slowly said, "Then what are you waiting for? Capture this guy. If he refuses to be arrested, don't bring him back. Just shoot him on the spot."

As soon as he said that, the man in the robe was stunned. He thought he had heard incorrectly.

Under normal circumstances, shouldn't he have ordered the police officers to retreat before firing them to appease his anger? This had always been the case in the past. Why was it different today?

"What do you mean?" The man was stunned.

The Planet Lord shrugged. "I should have expressed it very accurately. You broke the law, so of course you have to be arrested." "...Are you crazy?" The man in the robe widened his eyes. "Have you forgotten who I am?"

"I know that you have a very strong background..." The feudal lord suddenly changed the topic and stopped pretending. "But so what? It is His Excellency Black Star's will to not allow population trade. We are working for Black Star. Who do you think you are?"

"You..."

The man in the nightgown was stunned, and his entire body began to tremble.

It was not fear, but uncontrollable rage.

Ever since he was born, no one had dared to speak to him like this! However, before he could throw a tantrum, Bell suddenly pulled out his gun and pulled the trigger. Bang! A laser beam flashed past, and the man's head exploded, spilling burnt flesh all over the ground. The headless corpse seemed to be stunned on the spot. It swayed for a while before collapsing to the ground. Its nerves that were not completely dead were still twitching. Seeing this, the planet lord revealed an inexplicable smile. Without his secret instructions, the security team would not have acted so boldly.

"This person has been refused many times. Our team has received orders from our superiors to kill him on the spot!"

Bell put away the gun with a cold face and glanced at the headless corpse, his eyes filled with disdain

"Ptui, scum."

It had been a few days since countless organizations expressed their stance in the conference held by Black Star. The chain reaction caused by this conference had already begun. The resources of more than half of the galactic society were activated by Han Xiao. The organizations of the various Star Fields followed the consensus of the meeting and began cleaning up the slave trade within the territory.

The Beyond Grade A Association controlled the galactic black market and started from the core. They pulled out many slave trade channels and uprooted them. It was not just the participating organizations, the other organizations that did not attend also joined in. They were not looking out for Han Xiao's face, but seeing that so many large organizations had responded, some small organizations tried to make use of the opportunity of attacking the slave trade to connect with the large local organizations. The anti-slave trafficking operation in the entire universe was carried out in full swing. As a large number of organizations worked together, batch after batch of slaves was rescued, groups of human traffickers were killed, and buyers were captured one after another. This included ex-slave sellers who had retired and started anew. Their real identities were tracked through the black market by the intelligence department, and they were pursued again. The cooperation of so many organizations was a rare sight. It was like a highly efficient machine. The efficiency made countless galactic residents exclaim at Black Star's terrifying appeal. This information was naturally transmitted to the many Calamity Grades in the training base.

Training base, dormitory lounge. The virtual screen was showing the results of regional attacks on slave trade. Jotina looked at the screen with excitement.

"You actually have the same dream as me..."

Jotina clenched her fists tightly.

As the daughter of the Beast Ancestor, she hated slave trafficking to the extreme. Her dream of ending the slave trafficking in the entire universe was hidden in her heart and she had never told anyone about it.

However, she did not expect Black Star to have the same thoughts as her!

The difference was that to her, it was just a distant dream; but to Black Star, this was a goal within reach. "Black Star... we are indeed destined partners!"

Jotina's breathing was heavy, and her heart was in turmoil. At this moment, she only wanted to give birth to a nest of monkeys for Black Star.

Over the past few decades, her admiration for Han Xiao had always remained the same, and it was even stronger now. 'The rumors kept saying that Black Star and the Dragon Emperor were a couple, but so what? I won't give up!' 'So what if the Dragon Emperor is a Beyond Grade A? When I work hard to reach that level, I will be able to compete with you on equal grounds!'

Jotina's eyes were filled with a fighting spirit.

"Black Star, wait for me! The Dragon Emperor is not worthy of you. I will definitely snatch you from her!"

#### Chapter 1402 Shadow of Arrival

The entire explored universe had never dealt such a heavy blow to the life form trading. Regardless of whether it was the underworld or the surface, the life form traffickers no longer had a place to stay. The protective umbrella that they once relied upon, avoided them. Be it the buyers or sellers, they were all silent. Many individuals or organizations that were once involved in the life form trading were investigated, and according to the severity and size of the organization, they were fined, imprisoned, or sentenced to death. The end of days had arrived for countless life form traffickers.

Of course, most people would not just stand there and do nothing. Resistance existed naturally, and the complicated situation of the life form trading ecosystem was thus exposed to the world. Sellers might have nowhere to run, but many buyers had power and influence and were scattered in various industries like stubborn stains in the cracks.

Many organizations were willing to exterminate the traffickers, but for a large number of buyers, it was impossible to clean up all of them, and many cooperative organizations would not agree. After all, the implications were too wide, and it would easily change the nature of the operation. Their own dark history could also be dug out, and there were many considerations.

Han Xiao did not insist on this. He only wanted to kill all the sellers. Even if there were still buyers who did not give up, they would not be able to find the supply for a long time. They could only think about it.

If any bold opportunists felt that the life form trading market would be emptied out because of this and took the risk to try to develop private customers in a one-on-one manner, the advanced civilizations that supervised the network were not just for show. The search program created by him, the Legendary Mechanic, was not to be trifled with.

The association and the advanced civilizations worked together to come up with a more detailed method of handling the matter. There were some new legal regulations, but Han Xiao did not need to involve himself in this.

As the chain links of life form trading were removed one after another, Han Xiao received more and more support from the galactic residents. However, although ending the life form trading gave him a huge reputation, he also offended many people.

Black Star Palace, private workshop.

Han Xiao looked through the feedback that the intelligence department had gathered over the past few days with a strange look on his face.

“Heh, the commotion is even bigger than I expected. This kind of thing really doesn’t benefit me much. These people with power and influence, no matter how respectful they appear on the surface, most of them think that I’m meddling in other people’s business. I don’t know how many of them secretly view me as an enemy.”

The buyers who had the ability to raise slaves and were not pursued were obviously not ordinary people. He had deprived them of their ‘hobbies’. Even if these people did not dare to express their dissatisfaction, they did not have a good impression of him. If there was a day when they could hit him when he was down, they would not mind stepping on him.

not for my individual strength, I would definitely not have a good ending...”

Han Xiao curled his lips.

It was a pity that his fist was big enough. Even if these people disliked him, they could not do anything to him.

Han Xiao did not mind if this created grievances.

He opened the interface and looked at the mission list. (Ending the Darkness) was already displayed as completed, which surprised him.

“It was completed just like that. The operation is not over yet.”

Han Xiao stroked his chin thoughtfully.

Right now, no one dared to take the risk. The traffickers who had yet to be caught had no intention of doing business. They were all focused on fleeing, and their trade chain was broken.

In a sense, the interstellar life form trading had indeed been temporarily terminated. As long as the mission was completed before it re-emerged, it should be enough.

“If that’s the case, the mission evaluation is quite lenient. The difficulty is within an acceptable range.”

Han Xiao heaved a sigh of relief.



If the mission was to ensure that there would never be any life form trafficking in the galaxy, then not to mention a trillion experience points, he felt that even ten trillion or one hundred trillion experience points might not be enough.

This request was also very difficult. The reason it seemed simple was that he had accumulated a sufficiently high position. There were very few organizations in the entire galactic society that had his appeal, and anyone else would not have been able to do it.

Han Xiao did not want to drag it out any longer and completed the mission.

(Ending the Darkness] Completed!

You have received 1 Trillion EXP, 15 Random Rewards, and 3 Blank Character Summon Cards.

You have received the milestone (Slave Liberator)!

Slave Liberator: Your relationship with all Lawful Factions will forever be fixed at (Reverence).

You have received 3 Universe Legendary Points.

Universe Legendary Point: (Light of Justice] – You tore up the darkness of life form trading and brought the light of justice to this Galaxy. Countless people worship you as their idol.

Universe Legendary Point: (Deeds of a Great Man]—Your actions to end the life form trading will become a monumental work of humanitarianism. It will be engraved in history and will be written in textbooks.

Universal Legendary Point: (Freedom Leader]

-You have saved countless despairing people and removed their shackles. Your existence represents noble freedom in the eyes of those who are saved.

“Heh, it’s done.”

Han Xiao relaxed and checked his gains.

The 1 trillion experience reward was mainly a reflection of the difficulty. To him, it was not a lot, but it was still quite a fortune.

Experience was still useful to him now. Although he had reached the Transcendent Grade, his total level still had not reached the upper limit. However, the cost of leveling up was even more ridiculous. He could not level up even with a trillion experience. It was simply a bottomless pit.

In his eyes, the most practical reward was still the fifteen Random Reward opportunities and five Blank Character Summon Cards... especially the latter, which allowed him to get other’s abilities again.

As for the effect of the (Slave Liberator] milestone, it would have been very useful in the past. However, with his current position, even without this milestone, he could have the same effect.

However, the merits this time could be considered as a stronger amulet, standing on the moral high ground. If the three Universal Civilizations wanted to target him again in the future, the backlash would be even worse.

Furthermore, this was also a huge Political Asset. If he had any thoughts about the position of the ruler of the galactic society one day, there might be some people who would welcome the great Black Star to Central Galaxy...

“Cough cough...”

Han Xiao coughed dryly and cleared his thoughts. He tapped on the table and pondered.

He made use of his influence to gather all the organizations in the universe to work together to end the life form trading. Of course, he could not stop this movement now, as that would damage his prestige. Although the mission was completed, it was not suitable for him to stop immediately. He had to continue.

“That’s good too. Anyway, it’s not a bad thing. I’ll see this to the end.”

Han Xiao calmed himself down and opened the forums. He realized that many players were also discussing this matter. Most of the posts were filled with admiration and praise.

This story was also added into “Galaxy Chronicles” by the players and seeing the excessive praises and compliments, he felt quite relaxed and did not feel embarrassed.

Han Xiao browsed the forums in a joyful mood. Suddenly, he saw a post that he was quite concerned about.

This was an announcement post, and the content was the time for the next version update. Han Xiao did some calculations, and about nine months later, the players would receive a new update.

The players’ event time in Version 5.0 was far from reaching the standard of the previous versions. Even the Pro League had not been held yet. However, the update this time was not a change in the larger version but a small update to Version 5.5.

In Han Xiao’s previous life, there had been a few mini version updates like this, but in Han Xiao’s memories, Version 5.0 did not have this update.

“Looks like it’s my butterfly effect again.”

Han Xiao was helpless.

Under his influence, the current storyline was completely different. Even the name of Version 5.0 had changed to (Age of Black Star), so it was not strange for the update time to change.

After all, every version update was based on some major event, which was automatically determined. Now, the World Tree would only arrive in the explored universe territory in ten years. He guessed that this was the reason for the mini update.

“It doesn’t feel like a good change. I still want to see if I can increase my level.”

Han Xiao rubbed his brows.

Although a mini version update could once again unlock the players' level cap, it was also because of this that the players' experience had an important consumption path, and he could not continue to harvest leeks with the highest efficiency.

Furthermore, the three Universal Civilizations were currently harassing the World Tree army, which was the time when they needed suicide squads the most. If the players went offline, there would be no more recyclable armed force.

"Looks like I have to make some preparations. I'll harvest them before they go offline."

The light of a scythe flashed in Han Xiao's eyes.

He was already familiar with this. The main point was to give the players sufficient motivation to clear the shopping cart.

Compared to selling supplies and equipment, the knowledge and skills of various classes were the main sources of harvesting EXP.

So... God help us all!

Nine months passed by in the blink of an eye. During this period, Han Xiao used all his tricks and promoted the items every day as though every day was a double 11 festival. The players of the army were enjoying spending money, and their experience bars and wallets dried up at an unbelievable speed.

However, they were not sad at all. Instead, they were very happy. They felt that they had made a huge profit and it was worth it. They smiled like little flowers.

They spent money and even felt grateful...

After squeezing out a wave of players, Han Xiao's experience storage was much richer. As long as he did not use it to level up, he could use it for a long time. In his eyes, it was enough to cover the cost of many years of research.

On the day of the version update, many players went offline and disappeared. This caught the three Universal Civilizations off guard, but they quickly adjusted themselves. Changing to other troops to stop the World Tree Army would undoubtedly raise the war casualties.

After resolving the problem of the life form trading, Han Xiao did not continue to make trouble. He cooperated with the three Universal Civilizations to prepare for war, and time passed quickly.

There were no more accidents during the preparation period. The renovation of the Flickering World border was successfully completed, and the secondary dimension expedition army used the territory of the Realmless King as a transit station to continue searching for the World Tree's main body.

Under Han Xiao's guidance, most Beyond Grade As had varying degrees of progress, and a new batch of Beyond Grade As had been born from the Calamity Grade students in the training base.

In addition, many Beyond Grade A organizations had also completed their migration. With Han Xiao's signal, the Black Star Army moved away from the Flickering World, Shattered Star Ring territories, and temporarily withdrew from these two border areas to avoid additional losses in the war.

Year after year passed, and the distance between the World Tree and the Flickering World shortened day by day. The atmosphere of the explored universe became tenser and tenser.

Finally, on February 5, Galaxy Calendar Year 797, the shadow of the World Tree spread.

At the border of the Flickering World, which faced the unexplored universe, dense streams of light appeared and turned into an enormous World Tree fleet.

Countless soldiers of the World Tree looked at the galaxy outside the window, and what they saw was transmitted through the mind of the World Tree and into the mind of the Subduing Tree King who was guarding the base.

The Subduing Tree King sat on his throne with a cold glint in his eyes.

More than ten years had passed in the blink of an eye to him. The memory of him fighting Han Xiao felt like it was just yesterday.

Field battles were not the World Tree Civilization's strong suit. Invading the enemy civilization's territory was their biggest advantage. They could snowball through the World Tree's devouring ability that could consume all resources, killing all enemies.

The war is finally going to enter the rhythm that we are good at!

The Subduing Tree King tightened his grip and crushed the armrest of the throne. His voice was low and hoarse.

"I've finally found your territory... It's time for you to taste despair!"

#### Chapter 1403 Change and Situation

A huge space fortress floated in the universe, surrounded by wormhole hyperdrive base stations. From time to time, wormholes opened and closed, and fleet after fleet flew out.

The Siebert Fortress was located in the Carter Star Cluster at the border of the Flickering World. It was the headquarters of the Galactic Alliance Army in the Flickering World.

In order to fight against the World Tree Civilization, the three Universal Civilizations formed the Galactic Alliance Army during the preparation period and combined the forces of the explored universe. They also divided the explored universe's various Star Fields into numbered military regions and modified them to varying degrees.

Over the past ten years, the Flickering World had been completely transformed. The five border Star Clusters were now only left with countless defensive lines and strongholds.

Not only the Flickering World which represented the first military region but even the Star Fields in the central region were also prepared for war.

After all, the situation of the World Tree invading the territory was different from the interception war. During the interception war, there was a large area behind them, so there was a limit to their worries. However, past the Flickering World was the territory, so there was no way to retreat. They had to guard against it, and the pressure was completely different.

At this moment, in the conference room on the top floor of the Siebert Fortress, countless people were gathered with solemn expressions. Not only were there the various commanders of the Galactic Alliance Army, but there were also some Beyond Grade A Association upper echelons.

A 3D star map of the Flickering World appeared on the table.

“According to the report from the frontline, the World Tree’s vanguard army is not far from the Flickering World border. It is estimated that they will arrive at the outermost defense circle in ten days. The various troops are already prepared for battle. What do you all think?”

Simon operated the star map as he spoke. He enlarged the area at the border and marked the areas that were most likely to be attacked by the World Tree.

Although the World Tree only had one set of coordinates, it would not take just one route. It would split into many vanguard teams and advance in different directions, eventually invading the Flickering World from those directions. However, the three Universal Civilizations had already expected this situation and had turned the Flickering World into a metal barrel. “We’ve been preparing for this day for more than ten years. Just fight.”

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“That’s right. What needs to be prepared and discussed has been done for more than ten years. Now, it’s time to test our results.” “The World Tree’s current actions have not deviated from our predetermined situation. We just have to act according to the strategy. When they really attack, we will adjust accordingly.”

Many of the officers spoke, their fighting spirit overflowing. Simon nodded and turned to look at Han Xiao. “Your Excellency Black Star, what do you think?!”

Han Xiao supported his face with his palm and said, “We have strengthened our defense and cleared the resources, the World Tree can’t snowball for the time being, so they won’t keep advancing blindly. They’ll most likely build a bridgehead base in the border area and stabilize the jump point, ready to fight a long battle with us.”

Compared to ten years ago, his appearance had not changed at all. With his extraordinary lifespan, this bit of time could not even leave a mark on him.

“That’s right,” Simon agreed.

“So, this is a test of endurance. A battle of attrition is inevitable. Let’s see who can endure it. Let’s see if we die first or if we find the World Tree’s main body first,” Han Xiao shrugged. Currently, the revival mechanism of the World Tree was still unsolvable. Han Xiao felt that the Transcendent Grade should

have the power to attack the Information Form, but he could not unlock it. He could only attribute it to some prerequisites that had yet to be fulfilled.

In the past few years, the secondary dimension expeditionary army had made some progress. Although they did not find the World Tree's main body, they had figured out the World Tree's territory in the secondary dimension and had met the other party's garrison many times.

Fortunately, with the protection of Harrison's halo, they did not expose their coordinates and were safe. However, their actions were finally discovered by the World Tree Civilization. Currently, batches of Blessed Races were searching for the expedition army of the three Universal Civilizations in the secondary dimension.

However, this was unavoidable. The World Tree's main body was protected by countless Blessed Race members and it was heavily guarded. The closer the expedition army got to the main body, the easier it was to trigger the alert. It was basically impossible to find the main body of the World Tree without alerting any guards. It was the same in his previous life. The team that actively searched for the main body of the World Tree was chased all over the world by the Blessed Race. In the end, it was Harrison's luck that had exploded, and he passed through the security net and found the main body.

"When does the Beyond Grade A Association plan to participate in the battle?" Simon asked.

"They can participate in the battle at any time, excluding me." Han Xiao narrowed his eyes. "I won't make a move before the World Tree sends out the Tree King again."

His advancement to the Transcendent Grade was still a secret to the World Tree. He wanted to use this opportunity to launch a surprise attack and seal another Tree King. If he rashly appeared to fight a small army, he would most likely scare the Tree Kings so much that they would not dare to appear.

Before luring out the Tree King, he did not want his cannon to hit the mosquitoes. No one had any objections. After some discussion, they quickly finished the meeting and went offline to prepare. Han Xiao turned off the remote projection and looked back at the square of the training base. In front of him was a dense crowd. All the trainees were gathered there, looking at him.

"As all of you know, the World Tree is about to invade. The training will end today. It's time for you to use what you've learned."

As Han Xiao spoke, he scanned the crowd.

After more than ten years of high-pressure training and his guidance, a new batch of Beyond Grade As had been born. There were more than forty of them. Other than the exploration era, there had never been a time in history where Beyond Grade As were born so frequently. Almost half of the members of the Black Star Army were there. Jotina successfully advanced, Nero also advanced to Beyond Grade A half a year ago, and even Lagi successfully advanced. Karlot had also advanced to Beyond Grade A early on, but Han Xiao did not allow him to appear. He was still undergoing special training, accumulating insights, and trying to trigger (Everlasting Martial Path] again to quickly reach his peak combat strength.

The trainees were in an uproar for a while. Suddenly, as though they had made an agreement, they all bowed toward Han Xiao.

Regardless of whether they had advanced to the Beyond Grade A realm or not, everyone had a solemn expression on their faces as they said in unison,

“Thank you, Your Excellency Black Star, for teaching us for the past ten years. We will remember to engrave kindness in our hearts!”

No matter what Black Star’s motive was, at least they knew how much they had benefited in the past ten years. Their gratitude toward Han Xiao was sincere.

Han Xiao accepted it calmly and waved his hand. “Report to the army.”

Everyone bowed again and boarded the spaceships that were already prepared. The spaceships turned into streams of light and disappeared from everyone’s sight.

At this moment, Kasuyi walked up from behind and sighed.

“I wonder how many of these Calamity Grade seeds will survive till the next time we meet.”

“We’ve already given them the chance. You can’t blame others for not being able to obtain the Sanctum entrance ticket in more than ten years.”

Han Xiao shook his head.

Kasuyi nodded. “It’s time for us to report. Remember to bring Aurora back. If we can’t see her, we won’t feel confident.”

“Got it.”

Han Xiao nodded and watched the Beyond Grade A Association members leave.

In comparison, the Beyond Grade As were not too nervous. With Black Star’s Sanctum Revival, their lives were guaranteed.

After more than ten years of training, many Beyond Grade As had made some improvements. Han Xiao sparred with them from time to time, and he also obtained some abilities from some of them.

After sending everyone away, Han Xiao changed into King and teleported to the Soul Terminal.

The moment he arrived-Hila, Aurora, and Feidin, who were in seclusion-sensed him.

“You’re here?”

Hila stopped absorbing the soul fragments, and an indescribable aura emanated from her body.

“You’ve improved a lot over the years.” Han Xiao looked at her with a satisfied expression.

Soul Terminal was the training ground for Hila and Feidin. After ten years of seclusion, Hila had already stepped into the peak Beyond Grade A realm, and her strength had increased tremendously. Feidin had absorbed an unknown amount of soul energy through the Soul Swapper, and he had also steadily reached the level of an upper-tier Beyond Grade A.

As for Aurora, she was unable to use the resources of the Soul Terminal, but she had received special training from Hila, and her abilities had also improved. Although she was not as strong as the two freaks—Hila and Feidin, she was still quite good.

“You’re here to take us back, right? It’s about time for the World Tree to arrive.” Hila’s eyes flashed with a fighting spirit, “I can finally fight the Tree King.”

Han Xiao ignored this battle maniac and turned to Aurora. “You’re our core member. Are you ready?”

“Don’t worry, I won’t fail this time!”

Aurora clenched her fists with determination.

Although she still remembered that dream, she had already sworn not to fall for it again.

Han Xiao smiled and rubbed her head before looking at Feidin.

“You’re already an upper-tier Beyond Grade A Super. Using this power to activate the Soul Swapper is enough to cause a large area of damage to the members of the World Tree. You have a lot of freedom in this.”

The Soul Swapper was a mass killing machine, and its power was not inferior to psionic waves. It was also a treasured military tool, and when it was inconvenient for him to attack, Feidin would be able to replace him to deal large area damage to the fleet.

“I understand.” Feidin rubbed the surface of the Soul Swapper and nodded.

Although he did not like killing, he would not show mercy to invaders like the World Tree.

Han Xiao then changed into another King and teleported to the Underworld. He immediately saw Evans, and EsGod, who was teaching him combat skills.

As soon as he saw Han Xiao, Evans immediately stopped practicing and walked up to him.

Han Xiao cut to the chase and said, “The World Tree is coming. Come with me.” “Okay.” Evans nodded.

EsGod walked over with his hands behind his back and said, “Don’t die on the battlefield. I’m still waiting for you to fulfill my dream. Although the Sanctum Revival is good, as long as you die once, your ability will be lost, and you will never be able to reach the Transcendent Grade. Don’t blame me for giving up on you when that happens.”

“Don’t worry, Teacher. I won’t die so easily.”

Evans replied with confidence.

As the saying goes, having a senior is like having a treasure. EsGod had roamed the universe for many years, and he was extremely experienced. With his wholehearted guidance, Evans had already accumulated a lot of combat skills.

When he first advanced and obtained the (Energy Control] Esper Ability, Evans was at most an ordinary person with a firearm in his hands. Now that he had received EsGod’s teachings, he was like a soldier



who had completed all the special force's elite classes and was proficient in all weapons. His combat ability had increased many times.

After more than ten years of interaction, Evans already saw EsGod as his teacher. Although EsGod did not admit it, he did not reject this title. "Follow me."

Han Xiao raised his brows and left with Evans without saying anything.

EsGod watched as the two of them disappeared, and a faint smile appeared on his face.

The three Universal Civilizations intensely prepared for battle. Ten days passed in the blink of an eye, and the World Tree Vanguard Army finally arrived at the border of the Flickering World.

Just as the Military Strategy Department had expected, the World Tree invaded from different directions, but they were all within the range of the defense circle. Battles broke out in many areas at the same time. In all the battlefields, the individual strengths on both sides restrained themselves. The Beyond Grade As of the three Universal Civilizations had only probed a few times, but the World Tree Civilization had never sent any Beyond Grade As to fight.

Having learned from the Heart Tree King's case, the World Tree was extremely wary of Black Star and did not use any Beyond Grade As for the first wave of attacks.

In this first battle that occurred after a gap of ten years, the three Universal Civilizations, which had been preparing for a long time, successfully gave the World Tree Army a head-on blow. They did not allow the World Tree to step into their territory, and both sides were in a stalemate at the Flickering World border.

However, even after winning once, the three Universal Civilizations did not feel any joy, because this was only the first wave of probing attacks. The World Tree did not use much of its strength, and the situation was still dire.

Just as Han Xiao had said, the World Tree was prepared for a battle of attrition. The first thing it did was to build a large number of bridgeheads outside the Flickering World border.

Because of the World Tree's continuous advancement, the jump points were all under their control. The three Universal Civilizations were currently unable to replicate the spatial anchoring orbits which were used during the interception war, and they could not chase away the enemy. They could only defend their territory and endure the waves of attacks from the World Tree. Going forward, this would be the situation of the war, and it was also a situation that the three Universal Civilizations had long been prepared for.

## Chapter 1404 Confrontation

The intense battle between the World Tree Army and the Galactic Alliance Army lasted for two months, but the World Tree was still unable to break into the Flickering World territory. Although they had broken through the Galactic Alliance Army's defenses several times, the defense circle that the three Universal Civilizations had used more than ten years to build, was far more complete than the

temporary intercepting circle. The support network was extremely dense, like an extremely dense elastic net.

The deeper they sank, the stronger the rebound would be, and they would not be able to stand on their own. All the World Tree troops that had attacked the Flickering World were either beaten back or wiped out. Their best record did not even reach three days, not even passing through the Star System at the border.

The border battle reports of the Flickering World were constantly sent back to the Central Galaxy, spreading throughout the galactic society. Countless galactic residents had been in fear for more than ten years, and now that the enemies had truly invaded their territory, many of them were even more afraid. However, because the Galactic Alliance Army had always kept the enemies out of their territory, their outstanding performance gave some confidence to the galactic residents.

Siebert Fortress. Many Beyond Grade As were on standby here for two months.

“Heh, didn’t the World Tree like to use its individual strength against us? Why are they so cowardly now? They are getting rusty.”

In the lounge, Sun Hunter stepped on the table and said with disdain.

“Probably because they’re afraid of Black Star. He captured a tree king ten years ago, so it must have hurt them,” Kant smiled.

In the past two months, no matter how they provoked or enticed them, the World Tree did not send out their individual strengths to fight, calmly watching the Beyond Grade As of the three Universal Civilizations create trouble on the battlefield.

The Beyond Grade As were a little helpless. No matter how strong their fighting spirit was, there was nothing they could do if the others did not respond. They had even used their physical bodies to tempt the World Tree expert, but the World Tree experts still refused to come out.

“You’re thinking too much. The World Tree isn’t that afraid of me. They should be observing the number of individual strengths we have. They won’t give up on their Exchange tactic so easily. They’re probably going to attack soon.”

Han Xiao played with Ames’ hair and replied casually

He had been on standby with the others, waiting to catch a big fish.

In the past few days, the three Universal Civilizations had hidden the true size of their individual strength. Most of the new Beyond Grade As did not come out. Hila, Feidin, Evans, and the other powerful Beyond Grade As with special abilities or huge progress did not participate. At the same time, the Beyond Grade As who had ‘died’ during the last battle did not appear, allowing them to remain ‘dead’ in the eyes of the World Tree.

In the Holy Accord organization that was not yet revealed to others, there were still dozens of Revivors who were prepared to participate in the battle. The individual strengths displayed in front of the World Tree were just the tip of the iceberg. It was to make the World Tree think that the Exchange tactic was effective and fall into the trap.

After more than ten years of searching, Oathkeeper had accumulated quite a few Sanctum keys, but Han Xiao had never used them. He kept them as a strategic reserve.

Buzz

While everyone was chatting, the alarm suddenly sounded. The World Tree launched another attack on the outermost defense circle.

Everyone paused. Before they could move, a remote projection of an officer suddenly appeared in the room.

“Everyone, the Beyond Grade As of the World Tree have finally appeared. Please arrive at the battlefield as soon as possible.”

Hearing this, Han Xiao’s eyes sparkled. “It’s finally here... Is there any sign of the Tree King this time?”

“Yes!”

“Who?”

“Two. They are the Subduing Tree King and the Lord’s Avatar of the Fortitude Tree King.”

Kasuyi could not help but laugh and interrupted, “With the lesson from last time, the World Tree would not dare to let the Tree King go out alone. However, the arrangement this time is similar to the last. I’m afraid they feel that as long as they are careful, they will not fall for the same trick as the Heart Tree King.”

This time, a new Beyond Grade A asked curiously,

“The Tree King has already appeared. Does Your Excellency Black Star want to fight?”

“It’s only Subduing Tree King... Forget it, I’ll leave it to you guys.” Han Xiao stroked his chin, pondered, and clicked his tongue.

He hoped to catch a big fish. At the very least, it should be Fortitude Tree King. It would be best if it was the Ancestral Tree King. It did not seem worth it to expose his strength for a mere Subduing Tree King... He just disliked the Subduing Tree King, a Pugilist, because his abilities were too simple and he was not as important as the other Tree Kings.

Furthermore, there were plenty of Beyond Grade As in the Beyond Grade A Association, so there was no need for him to do anything. As long as they killed Subduing Tree King, he would not be able to revive in the short term. That should lure out the Ancestral Tree King and the Secret Tree King. They would be the better prey in Han Xiao’s eyes.

Hila's eyes lit up, as though she was afraid that someone would snatch her opponent. "Leave this guy to me!"

Han Xiao raised his brows and dampened her enthusiasm mercilessly, "Although your improvement is not small, you are still far from killing a Tree King."

"You won't know till you try it." Hila's eyes flashed coldly.

"Alright, as long as you don't let him escape." Han Xiao curled his lips.

Originally, Wuornos was the most stable in dealing with the Tree King, but this guy had not left the Temple of Ten Thousand Gods for more than ten years, and he still had no intention of joining the battle. However, now that there was the eldest brother in the Underworld, they did not lack powerful experts.

Han Xiao noticed that Evans' hands were trembling slightly, and he could not help but feel strange. "Are you afraid?"

"This is my first time on the battlefield, and it's such a galactic war. I'm indeed a little afraid," Evans said calmly.

Lagi mumbled, "What's the use of being afraid? Could it be that I won't die in battle if I am afraid? I didn't expect to die so soon after becoming a Beyond Grade A for just a few years. Sigh, someone like me really doesn't have the right to enjoy life..."

"Shut up."

Han Xiao interrupted him.

If not for the fact that you have some combat power, I would have locked you in Amber today!

At this moment, on the border.

The enormous World Tree fleet was attacking the defensive perimeter, and the fleet of the Galactic Alliance Army cooperated with the various strongholds to counterattack. Countless terrifying rays of light shuttled back and forth in the vast battlefield of the universe, forming a bright but fatal rain of light that shot into each other's formation, turning the spaceships into fireworks in space.

This was not the first time the two sides had fought, and the battle situation quickly heated up. The troops moved under the command of various military artificial intelligences. From a macro perspective, it looked like they were only shooting at each other on a large scale, but in fact, both sides were adjusting their tactics and carrying out minor operations.

On the battlefield, a group of Beyond Grade As of the World Tree were observing from afar under the protection of their starships.

The Subduing Tree King placed his hands behind his back and scanned the formation of the Galactic Alliance Army with his sharp eyes.

Not long after, the Beyond Grade As of the three Universal Civilizations also arrived on the battlefield one after another. The two sides faced each other from afar. Because only a portion of them had appeared, their numbers did not seem as large as the World Tree's.

This batch of Beyond Grade As that had appeared was mainly those who had participated in the interception battle. The others were hiding in the dark and watching.

Seeing this, the Subduing Tree King narrowed his eyes and nodded.

"Humph, many of their experts died last time. They're not our match this time."

In the past two months, he had been observing the situation of the three Universal Civilizations' Beyond Grade As. Most of them were old enemies. Although there were a few new faces, their numbers were limited. They were probably new Beyond Grade As.

He did not find this strange. The World Tree also had been nurturing Supers for more than ten years, and it had also given birth to some new Holy Tree Emissaries and ancestral spirits. The size of their individual strength had also increased.

A portion of the enemy's individual strength had died in the battle more than ten years ago, and the dead of their World Tree had all been resurrected. The battle strength of both sides fluctuated, and the Subduing Tree King was

However, the Heart Tree King had already fallen. As a Pugilist, it was very difficult for him to instantly kill the enemy's healer. He had tried it the last time, and he had fallen into Black Star's trap. Thus, he did not plan to repeat the same mistake. The gathering of the World Tree's powerhouses this time was just a test, and they did not have any intention of carrying out the Exchange tactic immediately.

Sweeping his gaze across the enemies, the Subduing Tree King suddenly realized that there was no trace of Black Star.

"That guy actually didn't come out? No, he must have hidden himself to ambush us."

The Subduing Tree King became alert.

The only person he was worried about was Black Star. The Heart Tree King had been sealed, and he did not want to follow in his footsteps. He was secretly on guard, afraid that Han Xiao would jump out and stab him.

As the saying goes, when enemies meet, their eyes will burn with hatred. The Beyond Grade As on both sides rushed toward each other without saying anything and immediately started fighting on the battlefield, forming a large area of chaos.

The Tree King activated his liberation mode, and his body glowed with green light. He had originally wanted to force Black Star out, but he did not expect to be stopped by a red-haired woman.

"Your opponent is me."

Hila stood in front of the Subduing Tree King with a cold expression, her eyes filled with killing intent.

The Subduing Tree King's eyes flickered. He had an impression of Hila.

“It’s you? Hmm, your self-healing ability is not bad, but you think you can stop me with your strength?”

Other than Black Star, the Subduing Tree King was not afraid of anyone. Thinking of Hila’s performance on the battlefield more than ten years ago, he did not even put her in his eyes. Hila did not have the habit of shooting her mouth off. Hearing this, she let out a cold snort, and a powerful aura burst out from her.

The Subduing Tree King suddenly felt threatened, and his expression changed. He looked at Hila with shock.

‘She has become so strong?’

Without a doubt, this red-haired woman had already stepped into the peak Beyond Grade A level, and her energy fluctuations were at the upper level of the peak Beyond Grade As. It had only been ten years since they last met, but she had already improved so much!

The Subduing Tree King’s expression turned grave. Although there was still a gap between the two of them, he had to admit that this woman in front of him was qualified to fight him.

He sensed the battle situation of his comrades and realized that the enemy Beyond Grade As were far stronger than the World Tree’s Beyond Grade As. Although they had lost in terms of numbers, they were not at a disadvantage. “How did they train ?” The Subduing Tree King was shocked. In just ten short years, they had made such an obvious improvement. How could Beyond Grade As increase their combat strength so easily? Could it be that the enemy’s territory was filled with geniuses ?

#### Chapter 1405 Hila’s New Form

Without waiting for the Subduing Tree King to make a move, Hila had already attacked. A red light flashed in her eyes, and the death energy that had formed into an ocean shot out. It contained an aura of destruction, sealing all of the Tree King’s dodging angles. Suppressing the shock in his heart, the Subduing Tree King flashed with green light, and his powerful Pugilist flames burst out like a supernova. A thick green light wave burst out and the approaching death energy froze in midair and shattered one after another. However, more death energy surged down and filled up the gap almost instantly.

After being strengthened by the power of the undead, the corrosion was many times stronger. Although the Subduing Tree King’s protective flames blocked the death energy, there was still a portion of the death energy that stuck on it, constantly wearing down the thickness of the pugilist flames. The pugilist flames quickly lost their vitality, turning into stars before disappearing into the universe.

“This ability has the attacking properties of impact, erosion, decrease in activity, spirit, and so on. Furthermore, it seems to have some sort of superimposed killing technique. If my body is hit, it won’t be good...”

With a thought in his mind, the Subduing Tree King channeled more energy into his protective shield. He also used his authority as a Tree King to summon the World Tree Root. It spun rapidly like a tornado, shattering the incoming death energy.

Without stopping, he bent his knees and stomped hard. A shockwave exploded behind him, and he shot out like a cannonball, turning him into a stream of light as he charged straight towards Hila.

“Come!”

Hila’s eyes turned fierce, and a wave of red-black energy suddenly surged out from her body before quickly rolling back, covering her body, layer by layer. In an instant, it became solid and the death energy seemed to have solidified, turning her into a five to six-meter-tall red-black giant. At the same time, dense and complicated silver-gray lines covered the little giant’s body, looking rather mysterious.

The outline of the giant’s body was exactly the same as Hila’s, but there were no facial features on its face, only a pair of eyes burning with white light.

The next moment, the green meteor slammed into the abdomen of the little giant and flew out with her. Like a red and green ray, it penetrated dozens of starships, leaving a path filled with fireworks.

Dong dong dong

Green fist shadows descended from the sky and landed on the giant like a storm. However, her red and black body was extremely tough, and there were no signs of it being shattered.

Suddenly, the multitude of fist shadows disappeared. Everyone saw that the giant had caught the Subduing Tree King’s fist with both of its hands.

Bang!

The powerful force created a flowing ripple on the surface of the giant’s body, spreading from his palm to his back, and then out from his body. A green energy shockwave spread out in the universe behind it, shattering hundreds of battleships.

“A Pugilist is invincible in close combat? I don’t believe it!”

With a strong will to fight, the red and black giant suddenly smashed its head on the top of the Subduing Tree King’s head, shaking the two of them. With a loud clank, the iron-headed baby received a ‘friendly greeting’.

Immediately after, the giant let go of the Tree King and clenched his fist. In the blink of an eye, countless red flashes appeared, and hundreds of fist imprints burning with red flames appeared on the Tree King’s protective shield. A huge force burst out and instantly sent him flying.

In this form, Hila had actually managed to defeat the Subduing Tree King in close combat! “..... Interesting.”

The Subduing Tree King that was sent flying immediately stopped and rubbed his head. The rest of his body was unharmed, and he was surprised by Hila’s close combat skills.

After the previous fight, he realized that this giant's physique was extremely tough and strong. If not for the lack of Pugilist flames, he would have thought that he was fighting a peak Beyond Grade A Pugilist.

"Again!"

Hila waved her hands, full of fighting spirit. Although her ability was good at attacking from mid to long distances, she still preferred engaging in fierce close combat.

After so many years of persistence in challenging Black Star, being pressed down on the ground time and time again, Hila had already gotten the thrill of being tortured. Not only did she like to get beaten up, but she also liked to beat others up just like Black Star did. In the past ten years, Aurora had suffered quite a few punches from her.

Because the Power Of The Dead contained the ability inheritance of her previous owner, Nerkes, Hila did not need to focus on developing her abilities to understand the usage of many Esper Abilities. After stepping into the peak Beyond Grade A realm, she had unlocked many new abilities, and transforming into a red and black giant was one of them.

Hila's control of death energy was usually focused on the outside of her body. Now that she could condense and compress it in her body, she could transform herself into another form, called 'Reaper Liberation'. This was one of the main battle methods of Nerkes.

This skill had many transformation stages, and the further one went, the stronger they became. However, each stronger stage required a sufficiently high energy level to unlock. The final requirement for unlocking the ultimate stage, 'God of the Dead' required an Energy Rank of more than 90,000 Ona. Hila had yet to meet the requirement, and she had only unlocked the 'Departed Soul' stage. It was the miniature red and black giant that she had currently transformed into.

After entering the 'Reaper Liberation' state, her body and the Underworld Dimension would fuse to a higher level, and she would be able to activate a new talent. The more Hero Spirits there were in the Underworld as well as the higher their quality, the more enhancements to her strength she would receive. The effect was similar to the [Proof of Leadership], which was also one of the reasons for Hila's huge increase in combat strength.

At the same time, because the body after transformation was made up of highly condensed death energy, the characteristics of the original ability still existed. Even if physical attacks were used, they would still have the ability to cause Death's Erosion, damaging and corroding the soul. Furthermore, just touching her body would cause the life force of an outsider to be lost.

The two of them looked at each other in midair, and the next moment, both of them moved at the same time. The red and green figures clashed once again, and their fists landed on flesh. The aftershock of their fists shot out and disrupted the battlefield.

"Tsk tsk, so scary."

Han Xiao stayed in the base, clicking his tongue as he watched the battle.

He had experienced this form of Hila before and her close combat ability was indeed very strong. Combined with her recovery ability, she was extremely tanky, and her combat strength stood firmly in the first tier.



However, in his eyes, even with this move, Hila was still far from being able to defeat the battle form of the Tree King. Before he advanced, even if he could win against the Subduing Tree King alone, he would not be able to do anything to him in a short period of time. Hila's strength was far weaker than before he advanced, so it was impossible for her to defeat the Tree King alone.

However, with her disgusting tankiness, she would not be beaten into a meat patty even by the Subduing Tree King anytime soon.

Han Xiao no longer looked at the two of them and looked at the other battlefields.

The Fortitude Tree King and Herberlon were old enemies, and their eyes were filled with hatred. The two Mechanical Deities' huge bodies rolled across the battlefield and shattered starships. Other than the two of them, there were also quite a few Mechanical Deities on the battlefield. Due to the size of their bodies, they were all the most conspicuous people within the Beyond Grade A battlefield. As for Milizaus, after successfully "losing weight", he had already escaped the fate of being a target. At this time, he was chasing after a World Tree Army leader and throwing magic spells. His improvement was huge, fully showing the benefits of getting to know an ancestor.

The rest, such as Manison, Kasuyi, and the others, found their opponents and fought non-stop. Furthermore, golden light would shoot out from the battlefield from time to time. That was Aurora healing people with precision. Her control was much more skillful than ten years ago, and her success rate was higher. It could be seen that the special training was quite effective.

After a few rounds of Sanctums' resuscitation, the three Universal Civilizations had a lot more experts in the first tier. However, the ten executives of the World Tree, the high-level Holy Tree Emissary, the thirteen ancestral spirits, and the army commanders were not to be trifled with. However, not all of the first-tier experts had entered the battlefield. The World Tree did not allow all the experts to participate in this probing attack, and the three Universal Civilizations had also hidden a batch of Revivors and new Beyond Grade As. Although the three Universal Civilizations had a disadvantage in terms of numbers, their strength had increased, so they did not suffer any losses and were temporarily in a stalemate.

"Feidin is going to attack, right?"

Han Xiao looked at Feidin, who was hiding in the fleet, and narrowed his eyes. Although the souls of all the enemies were bound to the World Tree, causing the Soul Swapper to only be able to destroy them and not transfer the souls out, it was still very powerful.

As expected, after watching for a while, Feidin finally took out the Soul Swapper and activated this Universal Treasure.

The next moment, the souls of the crew members within the surrounding World Tree Spaceships were torn into pieces, and they died on the spot.

Tens of thousands of World Tree battleships faced such a situation, and the damage was still spreading further. "Hmm? What's going on?"

The Subduing Tree King's expression changed, as he sensed this abnormality from the Mind Sharing. The strange thing about the Soul Swapper was that it did not leave a trace. In the eyes of the Subduing Tree

King, large batches of the World Tree crew had died without any warning. They could not find the source of the attack, but it was definitely the enemy's doing.

Although they did not know what special weapons the enemy had used, it was not a coincidence that the sudden deaths were gathered in one area. The World Tree fleet immediately began to adjust and avoid this area.

Although this was a stupid method, it was indeed effective. The Soul Swapper did not have an unlimited range. Although it could cover the entire planet, under the scale of the galactic battlefield, this range was relatively small. Of course, Feidin was not a fixed cannon. As long as he swam around the battlefield, he would be able to kill more enemies.

The Subduing Tree King naturally did not know about this. After observing the sudden death of the soldiers, he then looked at the current battle between Beyond Grade As, with a heavy mood.

"It's about time to retreat."

Although Black Star, who was the most difficult to deal with, had yet to appear, the Tree King had already decided to retreat.

He had thought that this probing attack would allow him to gain the upper hand in terms of individual strength and did not expect the situation to turn so bad. This civilization that was viewed as prey was extremely tenacious. It seemed like even if he managed to land on their territory, he would not be able to defeat them easily.

This time, he was not the main attacker. If the situation was good, the Subduing Tree King would not mind sacrificing himself. However, the current situation was not as he had expected. He felt that there was no need to continue fighting.

The Tree King's eyes narrowed, and his energy exploded. His fist glowed with the green light in the shape of a cross, and with lightning speed, it slammed into Hila's abdomen.

Bang!

A halo of impact appeared!

The two of them were originally locked in a fierce battle, but this heavy punch suddenly broke the stalemate, and Hila was sent flying. At the same time, the World Tree Root beside the Subduing Tree King threw Hila further away, smashing a row of starships like a meteor.

The Subduing Tree King did not chase after her. Instead, he turned around and retreated. The other World Tree experts received the order and retreated simultaneously, leaving only the Lord's Avatar of the Fortitude Tree King and the other Mechanic experts behind.

Although he was now unable to kill Hila, the difference in strength between them was not so easy to bridge. If he wanted to leave, Hila would not be able to stop him.

"Chase!"

Kasuyi shouted in the mental network, and the people still on the battlefield chased after him.

Hila finally managed to stop herself, and when she looked up, she realized that the Subduing Tree King was already far away. She immediately chased after him, but the distance between them was increasing instead of decreasing

She could not help but release her mental waves to shout:

“Don’t run! Keep fighting!”

The Subduing Tree King turned a deaf ear to her words and ignored her completely. He shuttled back and forth between the battles among the two fleets, getting closer and closer to his own formation, leaving her with only his back view.

At this moment, Dillon, who had already materialized, suddenly appeared on the battlefield. He looked at the figure of the Tree King from afar and sneered.

“Are you kidding me? How can you call yourself a King like this? You’re just a piece of trash that ran away. You don’t even deserve to be the most useless Pugilist.”

As soon as he finished speaking...

The Subduing Tree King momentum suddenly decreased, and a look of shock appeared on his face.

What’s going on... It’s just a simple taunt. With my personality, I actually stopped for no reason and wanted to beat this guy up?! Could this be some kind of mental control similar to that of the Voice Spirits?!

Chapter 1406 Dylan: I Am a Pro in Pulling Aggro

“What are you doing?”

The Fortitude Tree King, who was wrestling with Herberlon at the back, immediately noticed the abnormality of the Subduing Tree King and was shocked.

What the hell? Are you seriously stopping ?

Originally, many of the World Tree powerhouses had retreated at the same time and formed a battlefield to support each other, effectively blocking the pursuit of the enemy group. However, the moment the Subduing Tree King stopped, he was instantly at the back and left the team, exposing himself to the enemy Beyond Grade As. “I...”

The Subduing Tree King trembled as though he had just woken up from a dream. He suppressed the urge to turn around and took a deep look at Dylan before hurriedly following the rest.

However, before he could speed up, Dylan raised his brows.

“What are you looking at? What, you want to hit me? Do you have the guts?”

The Subduing Tree King paused, clenched his teeth, and continued to accelerate.

Seeing this, Dylan laughed and said with a judgmental tone, "That's right. Keep running. A Pugilist who doesn't even have this bit of courage doesn't have the right to even look at me."

The Subduing Tree King subconsciously stopped once again. He was shocked and furious... Usually, he would not be affected by such verbal conflict, but for some reason, when these words came out of this person's mouth, he could not control his emotions.

Anger surged through his brain, and the Subduing Tree King suppressed it. Just as he was about to take another step forward, Dylan's sarcastic voice sounded again.

"You really stopped? You can't even stand two sentences? Ha, you don't even have this little patience. You're indeed a Pugilist. Other than 'stupid', there's no other word suitable for you."

It was as if an invisible hand had grabbed onto his body, and the Subduing Tree King froze. He wanted to continue retreating, but he could not move his legs no matter how hard he tried. A demonic murmur echoed in his heart.

"Kill him... kill him... kill him..."

The Subduing Tree King's expression changed drastically. His expression was twisted, as though he was fighting with himself.

All of a sudden, the Fortitude Tree King's roar sounded in his mind.

"Are you f\*cking leaving or not ?"

The Fortitude Tree King could not take it anymore. He did not know what had gotten into the Subduing Tree King, but he was running intermittently. It was as if he was suffering from kidney damage, and he was getting left behind.

"There's something strange about that guy. His words can anger me..." The Subduing Tree King's tone was gloomy. "Can't you block his mental transmission ?"

The Fortitude Tree King roared in rage.

He even had to remind him of such a simple matter. He was indeed a pugilist!

The Subduing Tree King was stunned for a moment before coming to a realization.

That's right, I can still block him. Why didn't I react just now? I must have lost my mind because of the anger!

He convinced himself. He was not willing to admit that although he was angered to the point of wanting to beat someone up, there seemed to be a magic in Dylan's words that made him want to listen to the scoldings more...

He quickly solidified the mental barrier and blocked the outside mental fluctuations. At this moment, the Subduing Tree King finally felt that the world was peaceful.

He suppressed the inexplicable reluctance in his heart and continued to run.

“Go back and support the Subduing Tree King!”

The Fortitude Tree King took over the command. He suppressed his anger and ordered the World Tree powerhouses to turn around and receive the Subduing Tree King.

The battlefield was ever-changing. Although the Subduing Tree King had only been delayed for a short while, he had distanced himself from the retreating troops and was completely alone.

Originally, the many World Tree experts had already run far away, and they were able to shake off the Beyond Grade A pursuers of the three Universal Civilizations with a small number of casualties. However, because the Subduing Tree King was being held back by taunts, they had no choice but to turn back and reinforce him. They fell back into the swamp, and their retreat formation was completely messed up.

The Fortitude Tree King had no choice. If he did not send these World Tree experts to support, the lone Subduing Tree King would most likely die on the spot.

Black Star had yet to make a move and could launch a sneak attack at any time. He was afraid that the Subduing Tree King would share the same fate and be sealed like the Heart Tree King, causing another Tree King Crown to disappear. In addition, the Fortitude Tree King did not want the tool, the Subduing Tree King, to die in battle and go into hibernation. That would mean that he would have to take charge of the overall situation, how would he be able to idle away then? He would rather let the other World Tree experts die to save the Subduing Tree King

The World Tree’s retreat was interrupted, and the Beyond Grade As of both sides fought again.

On the other side, Sun Hunter flew past Dylan and laughed.

“Nicely done. Your mind game is quite good. You’ve pinned him down!”

“What mind game? I just want to scold him.”

Dylan had a look of disdain on his face, and his gaze toward the Subduing Tree King held some anger.

Hearing this, the Beyond Grade As flying around looked at him strangely.

Scolding the enemy is nothing. If it was a private chat, it would have been fine. However, you are scolding openly, and we can clearly hear you attacking all Pugilists. If you were not playing a mind game, then doesn’t your scolding involve our Pugilists as well?

At this moment, Sierron flew past them and said with a displeased expression, “Don’t involve us Pugilists even if you want to insult the enemy.”

Dylan glanced at him and said matter-of-factly, “You’re also trash.”

“...Don’t stop me, I’m going to kill him now!”

Sierron was furious.

“Mission is more important. Ignore him.” Sun Hunter quickly grabbed Sierron’s finger and dragged him away without much effort.

The current Dylan had already completely adapted to the identity of the Underworld Hero Spirit, and he no longer had any scruples when speaking. The Beyond Grade As were no longer willing to lower themselves to his level. After all, what was the point in bickering with a dead person?

On the battlefield, the Subduing Tree King retreated as he fought. His attacks were filled with rage, and the power of his attacks increased.

Hila caught up once again. The red and black giant’s fists continued to punch, and its arms pulled back and forth like rubber. However, the current Subduing Tree King did not have any interest in being in a stalemate with her. Every move he made exploded with all his strength, and they all landed on Hila’s body.

After a few rounds, Hila was beaten up badly and she was at a disadvantage.

Although she was also good at close combat in this form, there was still a gap between her and the Subduing Tree King, who was going all out. After all, the Pugilist class still had some meaning...

Bang! The fist, shining with the green light of the cross, landed deeply on the red-black giant’s body, and the surging Pugilist flames entered the giant’s body. The next moment, a green light suddenly lit up in the red-black giant’s body. It expanded in the blink of an eye and dyed its entire body a dazzling green color. It exploded from the inside out!

Like a balloon exploding, the highly concentrated death energy that formed the body directly exploded, turning into red light fragments that filled the sky, and Hila’s body was exposed.

Before Hila could retreat, the Subduing Tree King grabbed her neck and slammed his other hand into Hila’s face, sending blood and broken bones flying. “Powerful!”

With a flash of golden light, Hila’s heavily injured face instantly recovered. The pain did not affect her movements at all. She condensed her death energy and was about to deal damage to the Subduing Tree King.

However, the Subduing Tree King understood her intentions. He raised his leg and kicked her heavily on her abdomen, interrupting her movements. He kicked her body until it folded and flew backward. Her spine was already broken by the huge penetrative force. “Cough cough cough,” Hila spat out a mouthful of blood, controlled her muscles to adjust the position of her spine, connected the broken nerves and blood vessels, and absorbed a trace of life energy from her Soul Connection with Aurora, allowing her injuries to recover quickly.

The form of ‘Reaper Liberation’ was destroyed, and it was still on cooldown. Although Hila did not intend to admit defeat, she had no choice but to face the reality that she could not defeat the Subduing Tree King and analyzed the current situation.

“Although I can still continue fighting the Subduing Tree King, I can’t hold him back. This will allow him to escape...”

Hila’s eyes were still filled with the desire to fight, but she was afraid of ruining Han Xiao’s goal, so she could only suppress it.

“Does it hurt?”

Seeing that she did not continue to charge forward, the Subduing Tree King narrowed his eyes and did not pursue her.

Although he was left alone due to his carelessness, causing a large group of Beyond Grade As from the three Universal Civilizations to surround him, the many World Tree Supers returned in time and broke through the encirclement that had yet to take shape, dragging the situation back into a chaotic battle. Therefore, the Subduing Tree King was still in a good situation and was not surrounded.

The Subduing Tree King observed the situation and felt much more relaxed. Although Hila was not easy to deal with, she could not stop him at all. With his ability, as long as there was no Beyond Grade A like Black Star to hold him back, the chances of him escaping were still very high. The retreat was stopped because of him, but he was still safe. The negative outcome was only sacrificing more of his comrades... Although it was a bit of a loss, as long as he, the Tree King, returned, these losses could still be accepted. After all, his hibernation would be much longer than the average World Tree expert.

“I didn’t think that a simple probe would be so dangerous. I can’t act casually next time.”

The Subduing Tree King did not chase after Hila but retreated.

However, at this moment, a strong sense of danger suddenly appeared, as though a large hand had grabbed onto his heart.

The Subduing Tree King’s expression changed slightly as he looked toward the source of the sensation.

A figure appeared beside Hila out of thin air. He did not look special on the outside and looked very ordinary. His expression was calm, but he exuded an evil and crazy aura that could not be hidden.

EsGod tilted his head and looked at the World Tree Roots beside the Subduing Tree King. He smiled and sighed.

“How many years has it been? I’ve finally seen this thing with my own eyes... Heh, if I hadn’t seen it, I might not have been imprisoned for nearly a hundred years.”

The Subduing Tree King frowned. He felt a strong threat from this stranger.

He had already blocked the mental fluctuations of outsiders, so he had no idea what EsGod was talking about. He turned around and ran without hesitation.

This unfamiliar Beyond Grade A that had suddenly appeared was not a simple character, and it would be difficult to determine the victor in a short time. If he was dragged here, it would be dangerous. Thus, the Subduing Tree King did not want to continue fighting.

However, before he could fly far, the smiling EsGod had already teleported in front of him.

The Subduing Tree King's eyes darkened, and a powerful flame condensed in his fist. He aimed at EsGod, planning to use the shockwave to force EsGod back.

A green Pugilist beam shot out with enough power to destroy an entire planet. However, EsGod only raised his hand casually and activated his Esper Ability, refracting the beam of light which then shattered a large number of starships like a laser.

"Esper?"

The Subduing Tree King's eyes flashed, but he did not plan to stop. He quickly closed the distance between them and punched out with his fist.

Bang! The fist landed on EsGod's chest without any resistance, but all the power disappeared without a trace.

The Subduing Tree King's expression changed. Just as he was about to retract his fist, EsGod slapped him back. Green light gushed out and reflected the power of the Subduing Tree King's previous attack.

Boom!

A huge shockwave exploded in an instant, and the Subduing Tree King was sent flying.

He immediately stopped moving and looked at EsGod in shock. He removed his mental shield and could not help but ask,

"What ability is this?"

"Guess."

EsGod smiled.

Even with the support of his Esper Ability, he would still be injured if he took such a blow head-on. In the past, he would have to worry about the burden on his body, so he did not dare to do this. He rarely fought head-on. Now, his body was only temporary, and he did not have to care about any consequences at all.

EsGod had a rare feeling of having nothing to worry about. He hooked his finger at the Tree King

"Come, let me see the ability of a Tree King."

"...Your ability is not bad. You can absorb my power and reflect it back, but you don't have the right to show off in front of me."

The Subduing Tree King quickly calmed down and looked at EsGod coldly.

In this short exchange, he had already realized how difficult EsGod was to deal with. He thought that EsGod's Esper Ability was to reflect attacks and that he was good at defense. He must be stalling him, he thought.

However, EsGod smiled.

"Is that so?"



Buzz!

The next moment, sixty to seventy doppelgangers separated from EsGod's main body. Each doppelganger had a different ability, and they all released the aura of a Beyond Grade A, instantly attracting the attention of everyone present. "This is..."

Alarm bells rang in the Subduing Tree King's heart, and his expression changed drastically.

He had originally thought that this unknown expert would only be difficult to deal with and would only be able to stall him at most. The true danger came from the siege of the other Beyond Grade As... but at this moment, the sense of danger EsGod gave him was almost similar to Black Star's.

"So this civilization actually has such strong experts hidden..."

The Subduing Tree King's heart was heavy as he waited. Facing such an opponent, he did not dare to think about escaping.

The next second, EsGod and all his doppelgangers attacked at the same time. Various Esper Abilities formed a perfect combination.

In a direct confrontation, EsGod might not be the strongest among the Beyond Grade As, but due to his unparalleled abilities, he could be considered the peak among Beyond Grade As in techniques!

"Crap!"

An endless sense of oppression assaulted him, and the Subduing Tree King suddenly opened his eyes wide. He realized that he could not find any flaws, and he could not help but be shocked.

This powerful enemy in front of me has strength that exceeds my expectations. It seems like he has the strength to kill me alone

Chapter 1407 Subduing Tree King: This Is All a Conspiracy, You Can't Fool Me!

A battle between the two erupted.

Dozens of doppelgangers with different Esper Abilities worked together seamlessly. As soon as they clashed, EsGod suppressed the Subduing Tree King. The combination of various Esper Abilities and combo attacks was dazzling, and the Subduing Tree King could not find his bearings.

When EsGod had just summoned his doppelgangers, the attention of all the Beyond Grade As on both sides had been drawn over. Seeing how miserable the Subduing Tree King was, everyone could not help but have strange looks on their faces.

"What a strong Esper. With so many Beyond Grade A doppelgangers assisting him in battle, although the Subduing Tree King king has the advantage in terms of frontal explosive power, all his actions are disrupted by the large number of doppelgangers. He isn't able to fight back at all and is completely passive..."

While wrestling with Herberlon, the Fortitude Tree King observed the battle situation on the Subduing Tree King's side. The more he watched, the more fearful he became.

The Subduing Tree King was being held back by a large number of EsGod doppelgangers and could not take control of the situation. He was like a weak teenager who was forced into an alley by a group of strong men. He was getting further and further away from the main force.

This powerful enemy did not have the overwhelming strength as Black Star did, but the Fortitude Tree King felt that he was equally difficult to deal with. If a Super with only one ability faced such an opponent, and the strength of the two parties did not have an insurmountable gap, then the Super would be at a natural disadvantage. A Pugilist who only knew how to hammer people was an example.

'Luckily, I'm a Mechanic...'

This thought appeared in the mind of the Fortitude Tree King.

On the other side, the Beyond Grade As of the three Universal Civilizations looked at EsGod with shock.

"EsGod is truly terrifying without any restraints. His true combat capability is so strong..."

Many people were shocked.

Most people knew EsGod's name, and many had fought him personally. However, EsGod's current combat strength was much stronger than they had imagined. He had never been this strong before. "Looks like the Underworld suits him very well."

Manison's eyes flickered, and his tone was complicated.

EsGod had been imprisoned for close to a hundred years and wasted so many years. However, he was like a fish in water the moment he entered the Underworld. His stubbornness was gone, and his combat strength increased tremendously. While Manison had been training hard for so many years, due to Black Star's persistent attacks, his combat strength had actually regressed and was not as good as when he was at his peak. As one fell and another rose, he realized that he did not have the confidence to deal with the current EsGod.

This comparison made Manison feel sad for himself.

Seeing the battle between the two of them, everyone quickly took action after being shocked. The World Tree experts tried to provide support, and the morale of the three Universal Civilizations was greatly boosted. They became even more obstructive and did not allow the enemy to leave the team battle to help.

For the time being, the two of them could not be bothered with the actions of their teammates and focused on the battle.

The green meteor crashed through the battlefield, but it was like a bug that had fallen into a spider's web. All of its attacks were neutralized by EsGod's doppelgangers using all kinds of strange defensive Esper Abilities. The Subduing Tree King could not break out of EsGod's encirclement at all and could only be dragged along

The Subduing Tree King launched another series of close-range attacks, but the fists glowing with green light easily passed through EsGod's body and did not hit anything.

Before he could do anything else, an EsGod doppelganger suddenly appeared from the side and floated over like smoke, turning into a curse and attaching itself to his body. His body suddenly became sore, and he could not even use half of his strength.

Before the Subduing Tree King could get rid of the negative status, the EsGod doppelgangers around him released different types of energy attacks.

Some shot out high-energy lasers from their eyes, some shot out 'X' shaped silver beams from their hands, some spun electromagnetic field lightning chains, and some pushed out dark red energy waves from their hands.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Multicolored energy bombarded the Subduing Tree King's body. The light in the field expanded and exploded, causing the Subduing Tree King to tumble and fly backward.

Before he could fly far, the Subduing Tree King felt something tighten around his waist. It turned out that an EsGod's doppelganger was already waiting for him on the way and had grabbed him by the waist.

His reaction was fast, and he used a powerful elbow strike to hit the EsGod doppelganger's head. However, he did not manage to push the EsGod doppelganger back. The EsGod doppelganger's head suddenly became blurry, as if there was a high-frequency vibration, and all the kinetic energy was absorbed.

The next moment, this EsGod doppelganger pushed his hip, and the kinetic energy rebounded, not missing anything and rushing into the Subduing Tree King's body. "Get lost!"

The Tree King's expression was twisted, his aura erupted and broke free from the control. He threw this EsGod doppelganger away.

However, before he could take any further action, more than ten mental attacks from different Esper Abilities suddenly exploded in his brain. Blood immediately spurted out from the Subduing Tree King's mouth and nose, and his soul was injured. A large number of mental debuffs appeared, making him dizzy.

He endured the pain and was just about to use the World Tree Roots to help him out when he realized that the World Tree Roots were already pinned down by another group of EsGod doppelgangers using space, force field, and other Esper Abilities. "How many Esper Abilities do you have p" The Subduing Tree King was completely shocked.

After fighting for such a long time, this opponent had already used more than a hundred Esper Abilities. Attack, defense, control, evasion... All sorts of abilities were present, like a bottomless abyss. There was simply no limit!

Since the start of the battle, EsGod had never used any big moves to inflict heavy injuries on him. However, this method was like eating away at his life, continuously inflicting light injuries on him time and time again. It was extremely disgusting.

“I never counted.”

EsGod’s tone was calm as he continued to attack.

His Esper Abilities were endless and could be said to be omnipotent. He completely controlled the tempo of the battle and did not give the Subduing Tree King any time to catch his breath. The lethality was secondary, but the strongest aspect was the almost perfect chain of control, almost playing the Subduing Tree King in his palms.

While enduring the concentrated attacks, the Subduing Tree King observed the situation with difficulty. Seeing that the main force was getting further and further away, his heart could not help but turn cold.

“My teammates are being held back, and it will be very difficult for them to rush over to support me. If I continue to fight him like this, my condition will continue to deteriorate, and the chances of me being able to escape will become increasingly slim...”

The Subduing Tree King’s expression changed, and he suddenly had a flash of insight.

That’s right, Black Star has yet to appear. How can he not participate in the battle? He must be secretly waiting for me!

‘The Heart Tree King was tricked. Black Star knows that the other tree kings will be more vigilant, so he is hiding for the time being and pretending not to participate in the battle. He wants to make me lower my guard. When this Esper depletes my strength to a certain extent, he will suddenly attack and seal me as well!’

At this moment, the Subduing Tree King felt his mind clearing up.

That must be it. This is a trap! “That was close. If I am not decisive enough, I will fall for his trick... I can’t fall for his trick!”

He believed that he had seen through Black Star’s plan and made up his mind.

EsGod did not know anything about the Subduing Tree King’s mental state. Just as he was about to order his doppelgangers to launch another wave of attacks, a frightening energy was suddenly released from the Subduing Tree King’s body.

“Hmm? This feeling is...”

EsGod’s eyes narrowed, and he retreated without hesitation.

The Subduing Tree King had a fierce expression on his face, and his body suddenly emitted a bright light.

“I’d rather self-destruct than let you guys succeed!”

Bang!

His entire body exploded, and an intense energy shockwave spread out. The EsGod doppelgangers around were all sent flying, and the World Tree Roots turned into light fragments and disappeared.

The Subduing Tree King had always thought of himself as a rational Pugilist. His choice now was based on his own interests. He was being held back by EsGod, and Black Star was watching him from the dark. His chances of escaping were slim, so he decided to self-destruct before his condition fell to a dangerous state.

On one hand, it would cause the enemy's sneak attack to fail, and on the other hand, his teammates did not have to come to support, thus minimizing losses.

Two birds with one stone!

Just one word, amazing!

Swoosh!

EsGod's figure flashed, avoiding the shockwave of the self-destruction.

He had finally met an opponent he wanted to fight to his heart's content, but he did not expect his opponent to explode just like that.

In his opinion, although the Subduing Tree King was at a disadvantage, he was still a Tree King level combatant. Even if he had the advantage, it would be extremely difficult to kill the other party. The current situation was far from the time to self-destruct... "Forget it, at least the target is settled."

EsGod suddenly shook his head and laughed.

The situation of the battle was ever-changing. If the Subduing Tree King fought to the end, he might still have a chance to escape. However, since he decided to self-destruct now, there was no need to worry about any accidents.

Black Star's order was to kill this guy. Now that his opponent had killed himself, he would be saving his energy.

On the other side, the Fortitude Tree King sensed the self-destruction of the Subduing Tree King and was shocked.

He felt that although the situation was not good, there was still a chance. Why did he give up the hope of survival? He could still be saved...

The Fortitude Tree King immediately received the Subduing Tree King's mental fluctuations and understood what had happened.

"So, he did this because he was worried about being ambushed by the enemy..."

The Fortitude Tree King was speechless.

Due to the revival mechanism, this method of self-destructing to prevent the enemy from capturing them was very common for the World Tree members. The last time, the Subduing Tree King had died by self-destructing, but it was surprisingly similar this time as well...

The Fortitude Tree King did not know if he should say that the Subduing Tree King was decisive or a stupid teammate for falling in the same place twice.

With just one probing, they had lost a Tree King. He felt exhausted.

“Sigh, I can’t say that it’s a bad thing. He did die a little quickly, but it guaranteed that he won’t be sealed like the Heart Tree King.”

The Fortitude Tree King sighed in his heart. He could only think on the bright side... At least, the Subduing Tree King’s sacrifice was not completely worthless. He managed to probe out the enemy’s cards.

This unknown Esper who was not inferior to Black Star and that large-scale instant killing device that did not leave any traces must be the enemy’s trump cards.

With this information, his side would be able to prepare in advance the next time they fought... He had finally gained some benefits from this battle. He felt that the Subduing Tree King’s death was not a big loss.

It was a pity that this errand boy was gone. He could not slack off anymore. With this in mind, the Fortitude Tree King no longer had any thoughts of fighting. He suppressed the annoyance in his heart and immediately ordered a retreat.

“Let’s go!”

The World Tree experts stopped fighting and retreated. After paying a price, they finally returned to the main formation and were protected by the fleet again.

The Beyond Grade As of the three Universal Civilizations did not pursue after seeing this and retreated into the defense circle.

Seeing this, the expressions of the leaders of the three Universal Civilizations who were watching from afar relaxed, and they were secretly surprised.

Even before Black Star made a move, a portion of the Beyond Grade As had already given the World Tree experts a head-on blow, causing the enemies to suffer. In their eyes, this was undoubtedly the result of Black Star’s training over the past ten years.

“Although Black Star is unpredictable, he is still reliable in this field.”

“There shouldn’t be anyone in the entire Galactic Society who knows how to cultivate Supers better than him. Black Star has contributed a lot to such a huge improvement. His ten years of hard work has given us an advantage in terms of individual strength.”

The three of them were somewhat relieved.

At the same time.

In the base, Han Xiao raised his brows when he saw the Subduing Tree King explode into the most beautiful fireworks.

“He chose to self-destruct at this time... Could it be that he’s afraid that I’ll ambush him? Ha, isn’t he being too smart for his own good? Among the Pugilists, your stupidity is quite unique.”

Han Xiao could not help but laugh.

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He did not plan to make a move, but he did not expect this inaction to scare the Subduing Tree King so much that he gave up his life... It could only be said that he had left quite a shadow in the World Tree’s heart.

This time, without his help, the other teammates had caused the World Tree to suffer a loss. Without a doubt, they had improved tremendously, and Hila and the others could even hold their own. He was very satisfied.

Most importantly, a portion of the Revivors and new Beyond Grade As held back their urges until the end of the battle and did not appear to join the battle. This meant that the Holy Accord’s Revivors were still not exposed, which was a good thing for Han Xiao.

The World Tree’s attack was obviously just a test, while his side only revealed the tip of the iceberg and did not reveal all their cards. They killed the Subduing Tree King while holding back some of their trump cards. Sending this annoying guy back home to rest was quite worth it!

As such, the World Tree did not receive any more intelligence, and it still maintained the incorrect judgment of the Exchange tactic being effective.

Han Xiao rubbed his chin and smiled.

“It seems like you guys don’t even have the right to enjoy this gift that I’ve prepared... That’s good too. I’ll give this surprise to you guys when you send out a powerful Tree King.”

#### Chapter 1408 Fishing and Response

While Han Xiao was thinking, the individual forces of both sides had already retreated from the battlefield, but the fleets were still exchanging fire. The densely packed particle beams crisscrossed, shattering the shields and armor of countless battleships. All kinds of large war weapons took turns and the border defense circle blocked the World Tree vanguard team outside the territory with extreme firepower.

After beating the World Tree experts away, the Beyond Grade As temporarily retreated to the Siebert Fortress to rest. They returned to the resting room in high spirits and greeted Han Xiao who was watching the battle.

“Well done, everyone. This is a great victory!”

Han Xiao nodded with approval.

“Haha, I used to think that the World Tree experts were difficult to deal with, but now I feel they’re just so-so.” Sun Hunter jumped onto the table and laughed like a hero.

“Of course, you guys did not waste your time for nothing the past ten years. I’ve seen all your progress.” Han Xiao smiled.

Hearing this, everyone could not help but smile. They were in a good mood.

When facing the enemy again, everyone realized that they had relaxed quite a bit. The enemy’s improvement was limited, but their own improvement was huge. This was undoubtedly the result of His Excellency Black Star’s ten years of special training.

The Beyond Grade As deeply experienced the growth brought by the special training and their gratitude toward Han Xiao grew deeper. They looked at Han Xiao with admiration and respect.

More than ten years ago, the World Tree had given them a lot of psychological pressure, and they felt that the World Tree was extremely difficult to deal with after a few exchanges. However, with Black Star as their confidence, they no longer had any psychological trauma.

After more than ten years of fermenting, Han Xiao had gained more respect. Because there was an intrinsic difference between a Transcendent and the Beyond Grade As, he had subtly improved the attitudes of many Beyond Grade As toward him. The way the Beyond Grade As viewed him now was similar to how Calamity Grades respected and supported the Beyond Grade As. The concept of superiors and subordinates was more deeply rooted in the hearts of the people and most Beyond Grade As had already accepted the changes in their relationship.

“It’s all thanks to Aurora that we were able to achieve such a great victory,” Beyoni said with admiration.

Hearing this, everyone started bootlicking.

There were no casualties in this victory and it was naturally Aurora’s contribution that forced the World Tree experts back. Her healing power was stronger and more accurate than ten years ago and many Beyond Grade As were eager to suck up to her.

“It’s alright. I just did my job.”

Aurora was used to being humble, expressing her fear of being the MVP. At the same time, she secretly glanced at Han Xiao, anticipating his praise.

Han Xiao did not see the look in her eyes. He smiled and said, “Speaking of contributions, EsGod’s killing this time... cough, forcing the Subduing Tree King to die is also a great contribution.”

Everyone was stunned and turned to look at the calm EsGod.

Although EsGod had performed a meritorious deed, he had a grudge with many of the people present. Now that they were fighting side by side, everyone had a complicated impression of him.



EsGod glanced at Han Xiao. "If the Subduing Tree King was not afraid of your ambush, he would not have self-destructed so easily. Tree Kings indeed live up to their name. He's not that easy to deal with."

Hmm... although you're humble, when I think about how you played with the Subduing Tree King, I feel like you're posturing...

Han Xiao thought to himself and waved his hand. "You still contributed."

EsGod smiled and did not continue.

What was the use of contributions? He would not be allowed to revive. He did not care if he made any contributions. It was just a mission from the Underworld.

At this moment, Kasuyi rubbed his chin and said, "It's a pity that the Subduing Tree King self-destructed too decisively, causing the enemy to retreat in time. We did not cause more casualties to the enemy, and we only managed to kill about ten enemy Beyond Grade As. Among them, only the Subduing Tree King was a powerful individual."

"This isn't a big problem. It might be a good thing if we look at it from another perspective." Han Xiao waved his hand and smiled. "Think about it, since the Subduing Tree King died in battle, the ones in charge of the overall situation will have to be changed. If we had heavily injured their Beyond Grade As in this wave, then even if the next Tree King wants to fight, he probably won't have enough force. Now that we have left the World Tree with a relatively intact high-level strength, the new Tree King will have the chips to fight again in a short period." "There's such an explanation?" Kasuyi was surprised. "What's so strange about that? My goal is to seal a sufficiently powerful Tree King. If they shrink back, how am I going to attack? I hoped you guys wouldn't seriously injure the enemy this time. This is called baiting the big fish. Killing the Subduing Tree King is enough for now."

Han Xiao nodded.

Hearing this, one of the revivors laughed and said, "Haha, it's a good thing we didn't join the battle this time, or we would have ruined your plan."

"Of course, we can't just reveal all our trump cards in just a probing battle. We will catch them off guard next time." Han Xiao smiled.

The Revivors and some of the new Beyond Grade As originally felt that it was a pity that they did not make a move this time, but they were relieved now and focused on the big picture.

They gathered together and analyzed the results of the battle for a while before dispersing to do their own things. From time to time, they would look up at the live broadcast of the battle. At this moment, they had the upper hand, so there was no need for them to attack again. Han Xiao chatted with Ames and browsed through the deployment of the Galactic Alliance Army. Suddenly, he felt a squeeze beside him. Jotina walked over and sat beside him.

Han Xiao turned around and saw Jotina staring at him with a burning gaze, as though she wanted to swallow him alive. "What are you doing now?" Han Xiao raised his brows.

"I want to stay by your side." Jotina licked her lips.

"Then sit properly. Don't come close."

Han Xiao was helpless.

He knew that Jotina had always been craving for his body and had rejected her many times. However, she had never given up and kept pestering him.

In the past, Jotina would restrain herself because of the huge gap between them, but ever since she became a Beyond Grade A, she became more and more unrestrained. Especially when everyone was on standby at the frontlines, this woman kept harassing him.

“No, I want to lean on you.” Jotina did not hide anything and hugged his arm boldly.

Han Xiao had no choice but to pull his arm out. However, Jotina leaned her head on his chest and wrapped her arms around his waist. “Don’t you think this is the wrong time? Can’t you be mindful of your image?”

Han Xiao’s mouth twitched. After all, Jotina was a Beyond Grade A who was willing to stay in the army, so it was not convenient for him to beat her up.

“It’s alright, you guys continue.” The Beyond Grade As glanced over, not surprised at all. They were already used to it.

“...Do you think I’m air?”

Ames looked at the two of them and could not take it anymore.

It would have been fine if Jotina had sat on Han Xiao’s other side, but this woman had snatched her seat and pushed her to the side. Wasn’t this a provocation?

“This is your exclusive seat? Can’t I sit here?” Jotina looked back at her with hostility.

Ames could not be bothered with her. This was not the first time Jotina had targeted her, and she was speechless.

She crossed her arms and looked at Han Xiao. “You look very comfortable.”

“Of course not.”

Han Xiao shook his head and pushed Jotina away. He then sat down on the other side of Ames and dragged Lagi to his side.

Seeing this, Jotina snorted and did not move closer. She turned around and sat at the side, glaring at him.

Ames patted Han Xiao’s chest and said with a smile that was not a smile, “You’re very popular now. Many people want to snatch you away from me. Are you going to have a new lover one day?” Han Xiao stroked his chin and pretended to tease. “I think that the reason why people are coveting me is because there are gaps in our relationship. If we form a family and have offspring, others will know better and give up.”

“...We’ll see.”

Ames leaned her head on Han Xiao’s shoulder and replied softly.

Their relationship had long been made public, and this was not the first time Black Star had brought up the topic of having offspring. However, if she simply did not want to have children, how troublesome would that be? It was just that after more than ten years, Ames’ tone had also changed from firm rejection to hesitation. The ‘threat’ from Jotina made her waver more and more.

Han Xiao did not insist.

In the past few years, he had tried to cultivate his descendants with his life energy and bioengineering. However, he realized that there were many flaws in the life-form created by such gene cultivation. They could not inherit the three inherited talents and could not achieve the expected effect. Thus, his plan to quickly expand the race could only be put on hold.

Since he could not use the Mechanic method, he could only rely on fertilization.

Beep beep!

At this moment, his communicator rang.

Han Xiao took it out and took a look. It was a message from the person in charge of the secondary dimension expedition outpost.

The content was simple, but it made Han Xiao’s pupils contract.

“Your Excellency Black Star, the Abnormal Creature Egg that you told me to pay attention to has shown changes. Please come quickly.”

More than ten years ago, Han Xiao had reached a consensus with the Realmless King. He had borrowed part of the territory and transformed it into the outpost of the secondary dimension expeditionary army of the three Universal Civilizations. They had worked together for a long time.

The so-called Abnormal Creature Egg was the Pivotal Snake Egg. Han Xiao had specially instructed the person in charge of the expedition outpost to monitor it. It had not changed much in the past ten years and this was the first time something had happened.

“I have something to do, so I’ll be leaving for a while. Kasuyi will temporarily give the orders on my behalf.”

Han Xiao stood up without hesitation and left after changing into the King.

On the other side, World Tree Base, Tree King Palace. Fortitude Tree King was seated on the throne, two rays of light appeared on the other two empty seats, quickly turning into the figures of the Ancestral Tree King and Secret Tree King.

As soon as he regained his physical body, the Secret Tree King said impatiently,

“How are you guys fighting? Why is the Subduing Tree King dead again?”

“Just a small accident.” The Fortitude Tree King had always been at odds with him.

The Secret Tree King snorted. "Accident? Heh, don't make excuses for your incompetence. Look at your results. You participated in the battle twice and lost the Heart Tree King and the Subduing Tree King respectively. You're simply embarrassing us." "It's different this time. The enemy has revealed a new trump card. The reason the Subduing Tree King self-destructed so decisively is because of the Heart Tree King's case," the Fortitude Tree King retorted.

"As a Tree King, he died so easily. I don't think he deserves the Tree King Crown. It would be better if we change to someone else," the Secret Tree King mocked.

"Alright, stop arguing. There's no problem with the Subduing Tree King's choice. At least he was not sealed by the enemy..."

At this time, the Ancestral Tree King raised his hand and stopped the two of them from arguing. Although his tone was calm, he was actually feeling depressed. The Subduing Tree King had died too quickly. He had practically self-destructed the moment he left the base. If not for the fact that replacing a Tree King was more troublesome, he really wanted to dismiss the Subduing Tree King.

Hearing this, the Fortitude Tree King did not argue and continued, "The Subduing Tree King's sacrifice is worth it. He has probed out a new strong enemy for us..."

He shared the battle details with the two of them, emphasizing EsGod's strength.

The Ancestral Tree King narrowed his eyes and said,

"To think that the enemy still has such a strong opponent... Including Herberlon, there are already three people who have the strength of a Tree King. There's no lack of people among the other Supers who can fight against a Tree King. Their individual strengths are too developed, and we might not have the advantage." "It's mainly because the experts from the other races are unable to take action. Otherwise, it would be much easier." The Fortitude Tree King was helpless.

Black Star's existence had directly crippled a large group of their foreign experts, and they did not have all the high-level combatants that could enter the battlefield. Otherwise, they would not have been so passive.

The Ancestral Tree King nodded. "Yes, that's true. Our only advantage right now is the endless revivals. However, the opponent's recovery-type Esper is not simple. Although the Exchange tactic is effective, it's not easy to use it... Comparatively, recovering on the spot is considered immediate combat power for them, but we're only using it after the battle. It won't help much in a head-on battle, so we're at a disadvantage." "Then what should we do?"

"Hmm, our advantage is that the cost of trial and error is close to zero. We can try a few more times like today, so we don't have to care too much about the casualties. As long as we can obtain more information about the enemy, it will be worth it." The Ancestral Tree King said.

The Fortitude Tree King coughed and said, "However, ordinary probing won't make the enemy feel pressured. I think it's better for us to attack together."

The Ancestral Tree King did not doubt him. He thought for a while and said, "You're right. Today, two Tree Kings were at a disadvantage. It seems like only the three of us together can force out the enemy's strength. It would be best if we can kill that Esper." "I think the descent of the Tree God is more

reliable..." the Fortitude Tree King suggested. The Ancestral Tree King frowned slightly and shook his head. "The Heart Tree King's Tree King Crown is gone. Even if we use the Tree God's Descent, it won't be complete. Furthermore... I don't like that feeling." If it was not necessary, he would not be willing to use the Tree God's Descent. This was not a comfortable thing.

The Fortitude Tree King agreed and changed the topic.

"By the way, the enemy has built a defensive circle at the border, and it seems like they destroyed quite a few Star Clusters. What do you plan to do?"

The Ancestral Tree King did not mind and casually said,

"That's normal. Since they know our advantage, they will naturally make such a choice... Think of a way to steal their intel and confirm the enemy's territory. It's best to obtain the coordinates of the other Star Fields and have our troops jump over to open up a new battlefield, avoiding their border defense circle.

Also, they seem to be looking for the main body of the mother tree. I don't know where they got this information from, but we need to search for their traces in the secondary dimension. Also, find a way to confirm the entrance of the enemy civilization into the secondary dimension and open up the secondary dimension battlefield."

Now was not the time to stop the war. Since they were near the enemy's territory, there were more options to attack. Compared to attacking the Flickering World's defense circle, the Ancestral Tree King was more inclined to gathering intelligence and opening up more battlefronts to amplify the World Tree's advantage.

"Understood."

The Fortitude Tree King nodded vigorously.

He had deliberately emphasized how difficult it was to deal with the enemy so that he could pull the other two Kings into the team. This way, he would not have to worry alone. Perfect!

#### Chapter 1409 Special Sense, Birth of a Pivotal Snake

While the three tree kings were discussing, they suddenly paused at the same time and fell silent. They all sensed a message from the mother tree's consciousness.

A strange light flashed across the Ancestral Tree King's eyes as he slowly said,

"Mother tree sensed that another natural enemy has appeared and told us to kill it."

"Is it that strange creature again? It's actually not extinct." The Secret Tree King was a little interested.

The Ancestral Tree Dynasty nodded. "Hmm, the secondary dimension is suitable for you. Go and lead our kindred to resolve this matter. Try to find its location before the natural enemy enters adulthood."

“I’ll try my best.” The Secret Tree King did not comment further.

This was not the first time the World Tree had discovered a natural enemy. In the early years of the civilization, there were records of natural enemies invading.

The restraining relationship between the two sides came from the abnormal entanglement at the information state level. There was a two-way connection, so the World Tree Civilization had always paid attention to the existence of natural enemies.

The World Tree’s ability to sense its natural enemy was divided into two phases. When the natural enemy was in its infancy, the World Tree would only know of its existence and would not be able to sense its exact location. As the natural enemy gradually matured, the sense towards it would also become stronger. When any natural enemy entered adulthood, the World Tree would be able to track their location accurately to kill them, eliminating a large number of natural enemies.

However, the World Tree could only sense its natural enemy after it was born, and it could not discover the embryo that the natural enemy had given birth to. Therefore, it had never been able to kill all of them. In the end, there were still some that managed to slip through the net, so it could only settle for the next best thing — taking the initiative to kill the infants.

In fact, the World Tree had always been focused on expanding in the secondary dimension, and part of the reason was that it was dedicated to exterminating its natural enemy. Once it sensed something, it would immediately inform the Tree Kings to kill the younglings of its natural enemy as soon as possible and not allow its natural enemy to enter adulthood. This was a very high priority, and only the Tree Kings knew of the details.

The Fortitude Tree King could not help but ask, “What about the frontline war?”

“Let’s first eliminate the mother tree’s natural enemy. It seems like our operation will have to be postponed.” The Ancestral Tree King glanced at him, thought for a moment, and added, “Don’t forget to water the Subduing Tree King.”

Secondary Dimension World, expeditionary army outpost.

A huge ring-shaped teleportation gate was suspended in the dimensional space. This was the gate that the three Universal Civilizations used to enter and exit from the main universe. There were many secondary dimension fortresses around it, and groups of exploration teams came and went.

With a flash of light, Han Xiao’s figure appeared on the special transportation platform.

The person in charge of the outpost was already waiting there. He immediately came forward.

“Your Excellency Black Star, you’re finally here.”

“How’s the situation now?” Han Xiao looked at him and asked.

“That embryo’s absorption rate of dimension energy suddenly increased by a million times. I don’t know if it’s good or bad. You should go take a look yourself. I’ve already prepared the vehicle for you.”

“Alright... By the way, how did the Realmless King react?”

“He went there a step earlier. He should be observing the changes in the embryo at a close distance.”

“Alright, I’ll go too.”

Han Xiao nodded.

After more than ten years of development, the secondary dimension that the Realmless King had lent out had already been modified by the three Universal Civilizations. Currently, the three Universal Civilizations were using this outpost as a springboard to greatly increase the expeditionary army’s strength. Furthermore, the three Universal Civilizations used their tradition of being hooligans to convince the Realmless King to take out more territories for them to build their bases. Currently, this area had already become a ‘shallow dimension’, where the three Universal Civilizations could enter and leave to and from the main universe directly.

Even if the Realmless King was unwilling to provoke the World Tree, he was now tied to the same war chariot by the three Universal Civilizations.

Han Xiao sat on the carrier, set the coordinates of the dimension, and started the engine. The heavy particle thruster spewed out raging flames and quickly turned into an invisible tail stream. The conventional engine transitioned to the dimensional shuttle engine, accelerated to the critical point, and disappeared from the spot, performing a hyperdrive jump. The shuttle entered a colorful tunnel. Not long after, the carrier suddenly shook, and the light outside the window disappeared, turning into a black secondary dimension space. They had arrived at their destination.

A grayish-white embryo floated in the middle of the dimension, guarded by a large number of mechanical troops.

The projection of the Realmless King was right beside him. When it sensed the vehicle entering, it could not help but turn around. When it realized that it was Han Xiao, it approached him.

“Black Star, you’re here too.”

“Tell me about the situation.” Han Xiao flew to his side.

“The energy of this dimension is flowing into the embryo at an extremely high speed. If this continues, it will collapse very soon. I feel that this embryo is about to be born...” the Realmless King explained.

Han Xiao nodded and looked at the embryo.

The gray fog under the membrane was originally very stable, but at this time, it was like boiling water, and it was fluctuating wildly. The long black shadows inside were becoming more and more distinct, attacking the membrane from the inside, causing bumps to appear on the embryo.

In Han Xiao’s senses, this embryo seemed to have turned into an energy black hole. The quality, space, and energy of this secondary dimension were all collapsing toward the embryo and being devoured. When some eggs were born, they would eat the eggshells to replenish their nutrition. In Han Xiao’s

opinion, the second dimension where the Pivotal Snake Egg drained its energy from, like a parasite, was similar.

Not long after, the secondary dimension became riddled with holes. The remaining debris was quickly eaten up by the Pivotal Snake Egg, and the embryo was directly exposed in the space storm.

Han Xiao had already retracted his mechanical army. He did not interfere with the changes of the Pivotal Snake Egg and watched from the side with the Realmless King.

Chi!

The membrane suddenly split open, and the grayish-white fog inside leaked out, spreading outwards. The surrounding chaotic space stream could not penetrate this layer of fog.

Han Xiao pulled over a cloud of fog and analyzed it. He realized that the substance formed by this fog was a special biological particle that could isolate space storms and seemed to have the ability to shatter through space, allowing one to travel through dimensions. The membrane quickly shriveled, but the fog was still increasing, covering the appearance of the Pivotal Snake. Only a black shadow could be seen in the gray fog, like a dragon hiding in the clouds.

Right at this moment, the Pivotal Snake suddenly flew in the opposite direction of the two of them.

“Is he trying to escape?”

Han Xiao’s eyes sparkled, and with a wave of his hand, the space device locked onto the Pivotal Snake, preventing it from moving. He slowly approached and flew into the gray fog. The interface immediately indicated that he had received continuous attacks. The surrounding gray fog was actively repelling outsiders, but the damage was too low and could not break through his defense. He did not lose any health at all.

Entering the center of the gray fog, Han Xiao finally saw the true appearance of the Pivotal Snake...

This was an enormous dark gold snake-shaped creature. It did not have an outer carapace, and its entire body was gleaming with a metallic luster. Its skin was constantly releasing more gray fog. This seemed to be something that was automatically generated by it, so it should be an external protective layer. It had two pairs of enormous membranous wings on its back and a pair of sharp claws on its abdomen. Its head looked like a snake’s head, but it did not have a mouth or nose, only a pair of cold golden vertical pupils.

Compared to the Space Louse, the Pivotal Snake looked much more beautiful.

“Although it’s called a snake, it looks more like a dragon...” Han Xiao thought to himself. He took out his psychic communication device and tried to communicate with the Pivotal Snake.

Han Xiao could feel the Pivotal Snake’s cold and aloof emotions, but it did not respond to his probing. ‘Eh, newborn animals treat the first creature they meet as their parents. Isn’t this how they act...

Even if it’s not like this, with my charisma and affinity, this little animal shouldn’t be so cold to me...’



Han Xiao was curious and tried a few more times. However, the Pivotal Snake only stared at him with its cold golden eyes and did not reply. It was as though it was extremely wary of the outside world.

Seeing this, he stopped communicating and directly poked the Pivotal Snake.

The next moment, the other party's attributes popped up on the interface. Han Xiao quickly browsed through and was stunned. In the Pivotal Snake's stats window, there was a talent ability that could sense the World Tree's main body. However, it was currently in a gray frozen state, and the ability introduction stated that it would only be activated when it reached adulthood. At this time, the Pivotal Snake was still a hatchling.

"Such talent! As expected of the World Tree's nemesis!"

Han Xiao was shocked and immediately became surprised.

This was a pleasant surprise. This meant that the three Universal Civilizations had a stable way of finding the World Tree's main body. They no longer had to place all their hopes on luck!

Hmm, that doesn't seem right. If not for Harrison, he wouldn't have been able to touch the Realmless King, much less the Pivotal Snake Egg... In the end, it was all because of Harrison's luck?!

"His Luck Glow is stronger than I thought..." Han Xiao was speechless, and his brain immediately started thinking.

He did not expect the Pivotal Snake to have such an ability, which meant that his plan could be changed. With such a trump card, the most important thing now was to nurture the Pivotal Snake infant and let it enter adulthood as soon as possible. This way, he could directly mess with the World Tree's heart like a playboy.

"However, the expeditionary army cannot pause its actions. Who knows how long it will take for the Pivotal Snake to reach adulthood..."

Han Xiao made up his mind and continued trying to communicate with the Pivotal Snake. However, the Pivotal Snake hatchling still did not respond. It seemed like it would do whatever it wanted, and Han Xiao did not know what to do with it. After all, this was the first time he had come into contact with a Pivotal Snake. He wondered if all newborn Pivotal Snakes were like this.

He did not dare to deactivate his control over the Pivotal Snake hatchling either. Judging from how this thing ran away the moment it was born, it was most likely going to die if he let it go.

Han Xiao had no choice but to put the communication problem aside for the time being. He grabbed the Pivotal Snake and walked to the Realmless King's side.

"It's a very strange creature that's very useful to me. It feeds on secondary dimensions. Since you're called the Lord of a Million Dimensions, I'll leave the feeding mission to you."

The Realmless King's face fell when he heard this.

Those secondary dimensions were all territories that he had collected. Lending them to the three Universal Civilizations was already very depressing, and now he even wanted to feed them to this creature? Do you really think I'm a dog that you can slaughter as you please?!

Seeing that he did not respond, Han Xiao raised his brows. "You're not willing?"

"...I'm honored." The Realmless King agreed to Han Xiao's unreasonable request without hesitation.

Stop talking, I'm a coward.

"Don't worry, I won't let you feed them for nothing. The three Universal Civilizations will give you some main universe materials in exchange."

Han Xiao smiled and comforted him.

Since the Realmless King liked to collect trash, the three Universal Civilizations would definitely not be stingy with this cost. After all, what they did not lack the most was trash.

After successfully persuading the Realmless King to be generous, Han Xiao turned to look at the Pivotal Snake hatchling again. His eyes sparkled, as though he had seen the light of hope.

The Pivotal Snake lowered its head and looked at him. Its golden eyes flashed with a human-like look of rejection as if it was a prisoner facing a guard.

Sensing this emotion, Han Xiao narrowed his eyes.

"My first impression of it isn't too good. Could it be that the Pivotal Snake loves freedom? It seems like raising this creature won't be that easy."

#### Chapter 1410 Hidden Change

Han Xiao did not continue to stare at the Pivotal Snake. He left an Observer's Mark and summoned two apostles and a group of elite mechanical soldiers to act as bodyguards. Only then did he bring it back to the outpost to inform the leaders of the three Universal Civilizations.

The leaders of the three Universal Civilizations were overjoyed when they learned about the situation of the Pivotal Snake. They immediately told the expeditionary army to cooperate with the Realmless King to nurture the Pivotal Snake's infant and provide strict protection. They also treated the Pivotal Snake's abilities as top secret.

The Pivotal Snake's infant was extremely wary of the outside world, but it was born with the desire to absorb more nutrients. The Pivotal Snake only calmed down a little when the Realmless King unwillingly took out a new secondary dimension to feed it. It started to absorb the dimension energy and ate obediently. Han Xiao did not leave immediately. Instead, he stayed there for a while and tried to communicate. However, the Pivotal Snake had always ignored the others, so he had no choice but to temporarily give up on the idea of gaining Favorability.

After staying in the secondary dimension world for seven to eight days, the battle on the frontlines also came to an end. The World Tree once again lost the battle, and the Flickering World border defense circle repelled the enemy. The two sides were still in a stalemate.

The results of this battle were announced by the three Universal Civilizations, and the victory at the individual strength aspect was emphasized. The galactic residents were overjoyed, and their sense of security increased greatly. Their confidence in the war increased to a certain extent.

The frontline battle report also spread to the Holy Accord Organization, causing many of the Holy Accord Revivors to exclaim.

“The strength of the Beyond Grade A Association is getting stronger. They don’t even need to use their full strength to kill a Tree King.” “I can tell that they’re much stronger than ten years ago. So remarkable. Sigh, I also wanted to participate in Black Star’s training.”

“It’s a pity we can’t expose ourselves easily...”

Many of the Holy Accord Revivors sighed with complicated expressions.

These revived individuals who lived in seclusion in the Holy Accord did not appear in the outside world, and they were still unregistered. Although they had already reached an agreement with Han Xiao to take action when the time came, they had not been summoned yet. They could only continue to hide their existence in the Holy Accord and not participate in the training.

Some of them originally wanted to participate, but Han Xiao did not allow them to be exposed, so they could only give up. Having lost this opportunity, they could not help but feel regretful. If they had known that they would have to participate in the war anyway, they would have chosen to leave their seclusion together with the rest of the revivors at the start.

“Hey, Oathkeeper, when can we join the battle?” someone could not help but ask.

Oathkeeper was expressionless as he said coldly, “Don’t ask me. My words don’t count.”

“Then hurry Black Star more. Otherwise, what’s the use of you?”

Oathkeeper took a deep breath and calmed himself down.

Ever since Black Star became a Transcendent, his leadership position in the Holy Accord organization existed in name only. He had no choice but to ask Black Star for his opinion in almost everything.

What was even more outrageous was that these snobbish Holy Accord Revivors used to be grateful to him when they just revived and respected him. Now that a new generation had replaced the old, these people had all become Black Star’s lackeys and did not give any regards to him, the leader of the organization in name. It was seriously infuriating.

However, Black Star was the only Transcendent in the current Galactic Society, so what else could he do? Oathkeeper had already given up on competing with Black Star. His subordinate position was becoming more stable, and he had to accept reality.

One of the Holy Accord Revivors rubbed his hands and said with a deep voice, “Black Star has given the three Universal Civilizations such a huge advantage. According to the current situation, we might not even have the chance to make a move. Just the association and the direct descendants of the civilizations are enough to deal with the high-level combatants of the enemy... With Black Star’s personality, he might continue to hide our existence as a trump card if he can suppress the enemy.”

“That makes sense. Doesn’t that mean we can enjoy the chance to revive in the Sanctum for free?”

Everyone’s eyes lit up.

Secondary dimension world, World Tree territory.

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Oathkeeper took a deep breath and calmed himself down.

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What was even more outrageous was that these snobbish Holy Accord Revivors used to be grateful to him when they just revived and respected him. Now that a new generation had replaced the old, these people had all become Black Star’s lackeys and did not give any regards to him, the leader of the organization in name. It was seriously infuriating.

However, Black Star was the only Transcendent in the current Galactic Society, so what else could he do? Oathkeeper had already given up on competing with Black Star. His subordinate position was becoming more stable, and he had to accept reality.

One of the Holy Accord Revivors rubbed his hands and said with a deep voice, “Black Star has given the three Universal Civilizations such a huge advantage. According to the current situation, we might not even have the chance to make a move. Just the association and the direct descendants of the civilizations are enough to deal with the high-level combatants of the enemy... With Black Star’s personality, he might continue to hide our existence as a trump card if he can suppress the enemy.”

“That makes sense. Doesn’t that mean we can enjoy the chance to revive in the Sanctum for free?”

Everyone’s eyes lit up.

Secondary dimension world, World Tree territory.

Numerous members of the World Tree were gathered there, and every spaceship was glowing with green light.

“The search force has been assembled. Please give instructions.”

In the bridge of the flagship, the Secret Tree King was inspecting the troops. An executive officer walked over quickly and reported in a low voice.

The Tree King nodded and said casually, “Since everyone is here, let’s go.”

In order to find the mother tree’s natural enemy, he had specially come to the secondary dimension world to manage the situation and spent a few days gathering a large number of Blessed Races.

Although the nemesis had not been born for long and Mother Tree's perception was vague, the World Tree was extremely powerful in the secondary dimension. It had countless troops stationed there, and it was not afraid of spending time to find a needle in a haystack. At this time, the Secret Tree King thought of something and sneered.

"By the way, the enemy seems to have been searching for the main body of the mother tree. We can also solve this matter by capturing the enemy's team and obtaining their intelligence."

"Understood."

The order was quickly passed down, and the search fleet formed by the World Tree's Blessed Races started moving, turning into streams of light and scattering.

Seeing this, the Secret Tree King narrowed his eyes, raised his palm, and dense magic power flashed between his fingers.

He decided to take action personally this time. If he was lucky enough to meet the enemy's fleet in the secondary dimension, he would not let any of them escape.

In a desolate universe belt in the explored universe.

A small spaceship slowly landed on a desolate planet. The ground cracked open automatically, revealing a parking orbit. The spaceship smoothly connected with the orbit, moved in, and disappeared into the dark hole. Very soon, the hole closed again, and the disguise was restored. After gliding in the darkness for a while, the spaceship finally stopped and arrived at a secret underground base. The hatch slid open, and a figure walked out. On the other side, another person was already waiting on the platform. When he saw the person, he said in a deep voice, "How's the situation outside?"

"Another Tree King has been killed. The three Universal Civilizations and the World Tree are in a stalemate. According to this trend, the World Tree will not be able to break through the border defense circle for a very long time."

"Is that so... it seems like the three Universal Civilizations are still very tenacious. With Black Star around, it's still unknown who will win."

"Right now, the World Tree's biggest weakness is the lack of intelligence. If they get enough intelligence, the situation will change drastically... What did the superiors say?"

"Our superiors have already given orders for us to find a way to provide information about the galactic society to the World Tree while hiding ourselves. The most important thing is to provide the coordinates of the various Star Fields controlled by the three Universal Civilizations so that the World Tree can obtain a detailed strategic map... The Star Alliance has also agreed to this operation. They have always wanted to get rid of the threat of the three Universal Civilizations. After observing for so long, they have finally found a perfect opportunity to destroy them with a borrowed knife."

"Phew, I can't remember how many years I've been hiding here. I can finally take revenge... It's time for the three Universal Civilizations to pay the price for what they did back then!"

The two of them had strong hostility toward the three Universal Civilizations.

