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Chapter 1561: Ancient Spirit Sea

The sourceboxes in the Ancient Spirit Sea had to be traded for if one wanted to take them out. Lockbreakers were allowed to trade the sourceboxes in the sea for ones that they brought in from the outside world. Without this rule, the Ancient Spirit Sea naturally would have been depleted long ago.

Lu Yin easily approached a sourcebox. It was only a Discerning Elementary sourcebox, and the danger field was not even powerful enough to pierce through his skin. He easily recorded down its shape and danger field before leaving to find the next one.

He quickly found a second sourcebox, which was easy given the size of his domain. Even though he was being cautious and not directly observing the runes, his domain and sensitivity towards star energy fluctuations were enough for him to easily find sourceboxes.

The third, the fourth... the twelfth. Finally, the thirteenth sourcebox that he encountered was not a Discerning Elementary sourcebox, but rather a Perceptive Intermediate one. It had a powerful danger zone with a repulsive aspect that would make it difficult for most Enlighters to get close to it.

Lu Yin confidently entered the danger field and recorded the sourcebox's danger field before leaving.

Half a day later, another Lockbreaker found the same sourcebox and attempted to move closer to it. He was hoping to exchange the Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox that he already possessed for one of the sourceboxes in the sea. The danger field of this sourcebox was very well suited to the man's cultivation art, and if there was anything inside it, it would most likely be beneficial to him. Unfortunately, he could not even get close to the sourcebox and ended up having to leave in defeat.

Over the course of a single day, Lu Yin recorded twenty-seven sourceboxes. Given his speed, it should not take him long to complete the task that Xiu Ming had given him. However, Lu Yin had not realized that he had already circumnavigated the entire Ancient Spirit Sea. Thus, he would need to drop down to a deeper level to find more sourceboxes. However, the further down one went, the more dangerous the sourceboxes became.

Elsewhere, Dao Bo climbed back up the cliff once more, feeling frustrated.

Today, he had found no fewer than three sourceboxes, but each one had possessed a powerful danger field that he did not dare to approach. Thus, he had not been able to record down even a single sourcebox.

Casanova had encountered the same situation, and the two met up with each other as they had agreed upon earlier.

"Out of the sourceboxes that Wu Dan recorded, it seems that there was a Boundless Advanced one as well, right?" Casanova asked.

Dao Bo nodded. "That's right."

Casanova felt frustrated. "How can we compare to him? Even if a Boundless Advanced sourcebox fell down right in front of us, we wouldn't be able to record it since we can't even get close to one!"

Another figure burst out of the sea at this time. It was Qing Zhiyu, the leader of the Innerverses Lockbreaker Society's Distinguished Five. He was also a five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, which meant that he was only a single step behind Wu Dan. However, this was a step that Qing Zhiyu simply could not take.

"How was it?" Casanova asked.

Qing Zhiyu's face fell. "I can't compare to Wu Dan."

"Bullshit!" Casanova rolled his eyes.

"Hey, kid! How many sourceboxes did you record down?" someone asked. All of them were paying attention to Qing Zhiyu, as he was said to be the junior who was second to Wu Dan, not Lu Yin.

Qing Zhiyu looked up. "Thirty-two. Seven intermediate sourceboxes and twenty four elementary ones."

"That's only thirty one." Casanova responded. His eyes suddenly snapped back to Qing Zhiyu in surprise. "You recorded down a Boundless Advanced sourcebox?"

Everyone nearby was similarly shocked.

Qing Zhiyu lifted a hand, showing everyone that it was black. Clearly, he had been poisoned. "I did manage to record down an advanced sourcebox, but the danger field was poisonous, and it infected me."

"You're crazy! Are you alright?" Casanova's expression changed greatly upon hearing Qing Zhiyu's news.

Qing Zhiyu shook his head. "It's not actually that bad. Just painful."

A firm determination entered Dao Bo's eyes. "I'm going back in."

He jumped back into the Ancient Spirit Sea.

Casanova felt cornered by Qing Zhiyu's eyes, so he also jumped down. Meanwhile, Qing Zhiyu rested for a bit before racing back into the Ancient Spirit Sea as well. The three of them represented the Innerverses Lockbreaker Society, so they could not allow themselves to fall too far behind Wu Dan.

As he dove deep into the sea, Dao Bo found another sourcebox. He had already recorded down most of the sourceboxes close to the surface, which were Discerning Elementary sourceboxes. His gaze was firm, and he continued swimming further down.

After a while, he sensed another sourcebox, and he quickly rushed towards it. This sourcebox was shaped like a gourd and as large as a hill. It had red lines that periodically radiated off of it like waves, but they disappeared past a certain distance.

Dao Bo was not able to determine what sort of danger field the red lines were. He lifted a hand to sense the ambient star energy, but he was unable to detect any undulations, let alone the sourcebox's field. After thinking for a moment, he slowly moved closer until he reached the place where the red lines disappeared each time. Even at this distance, he was completely unable to sense anything.

Another red line spread out from the gourd-shaped sourcebox in the distance, and it moved through the surrounding area, slowly approaching Dao Bo.

In order to record a sourcebox's danger field, it was necessary for a Lockbreaker to fully understand the danger field. Thus, Dao Bo hesitated. He had fully released his domain, but he could not sense anything at all when the red line moved through it. In the end, he raised a hand and slowly moved forward to touch the red line.

His hand inched closer, but at the last moment, right before he made contact with the red line, a hand clasped his shoulder.

Dao Bo was terrified when he realized that someone had snuck up on him without him sensing anything. His domain was still out, and he spun around, only to see a familiar face. "Lu Yin?"

Lu Yin smiled. "Senior, it's not good to try to kill yourself."

Dao Bo was taken aback, and he glanced at where the red line had disappeared less than a centimeter in front of his finger. "Are you talking about that?"

Lu Yin moved past Dao Bo and raised his hand. His index finger swept over the red line, twisting it and shredding it as his finger moved through it. Dim spots of red light drifted away, and one of them fell onto Dao Bo's hand. In an instant, his hand was painfully burnt. He had not been able to react at all, but after Lu Yin casually pressed his hand down, the scorching temperature that had been burning Dao Bo's hand suddenly disappeared.

Dao Bo felt confused. "What is this?"

Lu Yin threw the bit of the red line twined about his finger back to the gourd-shaped sourcebox and absorbed the shocking temperature with his Creation realm star energy control. Otherwise, it would have been very difficult for him to remove the burning sensation from Dao Bo.

Though the red light had only touched Dao Bo's hand for an instance, he had still been severely burned. However, the injury was not important, as Dao Bo had some ointment to treat it.

"Thank you," Dao Bo said in a low voice, afraid to even look at his hand. It ached terribly. If not for Lu Yin, such pain would have scorched Dao Bo's entire body, and he would have been burned to death. Such a death would be truly miserable.

Even while realizing this, Dao Bo was absolutely dumbfounded by Lu Yin's strength. Just a spot of the red light had hurt Dao Bo so badly, but Lu Yin had been completely unaffected even when he toyed with the red line itself. Just how strong had Lu Yin become?

"Why is Senior doing here?" Lu Yin asked in an odd tone.

Dao Bo bandaged his hand. "No matter if one is from the Outerverse or the Innerverse branch of the Lockbreaker Society, all can come to the Lockbreakers World to train, as long as you qualify. That's why we're here."

"Are all of the Distinguished Five here?" Lu Yin asked.

Dao Bo shook his head. "How could the Distinguished Five still exist? Two of us died when the Sixth Mainland invaded the Innerverse. Before ZENITH, I managed to pass the exam to become a one star

Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, so I was added to their numbers. However, we're still short one person to make five.

"Lu Yin, I heard that you'd disappeared. What happened?" Dao Bo asked.

Lu Yin had a good impression of Dao Bo. The young man had helped Lu Yin out in the Astral Combat Academy, and even though nothing had been said, Lu Yin had later learned that Dao Bo was someone worthy of respect.

"I was unlucky. I went to a miserable place, but after two years, I was finally able to return. I actually just got back."

"That's good. The Neohuman Alliance is everywhere now, so be careful. With your strength and talent, they'll definitely be watching you."

Lu Yin silently laughed. At this moment, as far as the Neohuman Alliance was concerned, the stronger Lu Yin became, the better. It would be best for them if he managed to merge the Fifth and Sixth Mainlands, as that would allow them to mount a better resistance against the Perennial World. To a certain extent, even though the Neohuman Alliance was Lu Yin's enemy, they were also on the same side, which was a truly revolting thought.

"Do you want this sourcebox?" Lu Yin asked.

"Just to record it down. Upon arriving in the Lockbreakers World, we were given a task, and we also want to see how far behind Wu Dan's talent ours is right now."

You're too far behind, Lu Yin wanted to say, but he stayed silent. Their motivation was quite surprising. "I'm also recording down sourceboxes. Senior, would you like me to help you?"

Dao Bo grew somber. "No, I'll do it myself."

Lu Yin nodded. "Well then, Senior, take care. It's better to not touch a sourcebox that has an undetectable danger field like this one. By the way, this sourcebox might actually be a two star advanced one that not even Wu Dan might be able to get close to it."

Lu Yin then bade his goodbyes to Dao Bo.

Dao Bo stared at Lu Yin's back. Suddenly Dao Bo remembered that his junior was also a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker. Not only was Lu Yin's combat strength absolutely horrifying, but his lockbreaking ability also had to be incredible if he could easily deal with a danger field from a powerful sourcebox like this one. It seemed likely that Lu Yin had already surpassed Wu Dan.

Talent was something that could not be forced. Dao Bo was admired by countless people in the Human Domain, and innumerable people envied his talent. However, he felt the exact same way when looking at Lu Yin. The difference between them was suffocating.

Dao Bo was ignorant of the fact that even Wu Dan, Dao Bo's goal when it came to lockbreaking, felt the exact same way when looking at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin recorded down the gourd-shaped sourcebox and continued his search.

After Lu Yin had recorded down fifty sourceboxes, he realized that the entire process was becoming more difficult as he proceeded further. In particular, there was an oddly shaped sourcebox no bigger than his palm that had made him feel helpless. While looking at it, he could not find anywhere to start unlocking it, as the sourcebox did not have a fixed shape, but rather constantly shifted. On top of that, the danger field only radiated about a meter away from the little sourcebox, which was tiny. Lu Yin was unable to approach the sourcebox, and he was forced to skip it.

Right after that, he encountered similar situations with increasing frequency. In the depths of the Ancient Spirit Sea, he found another a sourcebox that had released a truly terrifying attack. Lu Yin had already lost his universal armor, and his puppet had also been destroyed. And since this particular sourcebox's danger field's power level exceeded 600,000, he had been forced to retreat.

Boundless Advanced sourceboxes gave off danger fields of various strengths. There were some that could even injure Envoys, and Lu Yin had no choice but to skip such sourceboxes.

Even after spending more than ten days in the Ancient Spirit Sea, Lu Yin had only managed to record a bit more than 70 sourceboxes. Even though people would occasionally exchange for one of the sourceboxes, the overall number of sourceboxes in the sea rarely ever changed.

Lu Yin suddenly had a thought; could there only be 100 sourceboxes in the Ancient Spirit Sea? If that was actually the case, then Xiu Ming was truly despicable, as he had given Lu Yin a task that was essentially impossible for him to complete at present.

One day, Lu Yin came across a Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox that looked easy enough to record. However, it was actually a part of a sourcebox array that had been arranged with two other sourceboxes, all at the Perceptive Intermediate level. The three sourceboxes' danger fields had overlapped to form an array, and Lu Yin was unable to get close to even a single one of the sourceboxes.

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Lu Yin felt completely helpless. No sourcebox array was easy to deal with. To record down these sourceboxes' danger fields, he would first have to disassemble the sourcebox array and then record down each sourcebox separately while dealing with all three sourceboxes' danger fields at the same time. Lu Yin's current level might be enough to let him succeed, but it would take a long time, and time was not something that he had.

Right when he was about to leave, he glanced to the side and saw a man approaching a little ways behind him. The man looked quite old and had a solemn expression on his face. He stopped at a similar distance away from the sourcebox array as Lu Yin and simply stared at three Perceptive Intermediate sourceboxes.

"Might I ask who Senior is?" Lu Yin asked.

The man looked over at Lu Yin. "Xu Feng."

Lu Yin had never heard of this person. "This junior is Lu Yin."

"I know. I've been keeping track of your progress," Xu Feng replied. He then returned his attention to the three Perceptive Intermediate sourceboxes. "Even if it is complicated, it's not that rare for sourceboxes to naturally form an array, though they do take a bit of time to study."

"Then this junior won't disturb Senior," Lu Yin said before moving to leave.

Xu Feng stopped him. "Wait."

Lu Yin looked back.

"Are you recording sourceboxes?"

"Yes."

"How many have you recorded so far?"

"Seventy-six."

Xu Feng was surprised. "You must have spent a long time here in the Ancient Spirit Sea."

Lu Yin considered his time. "Just over ten days."

Xu Feng was amazed. "As expected of a genius who exceeds even Wu Dan." He actually seemed rather emotional. "If my talent matched yours, I would have gone and recorded down this entire Ancient Spirit Sea by now."

"How many sourceboxes has senior recorded?" Lu Yin asked, curious.

Xu Feng's smile grew rather bitter. "Just over a hundred different sourceboxes."

"How many sourceboxes are in the Ancient Spirit Sea?"

"More than a hundred, possibly even more than two hundred."

Lu Yin did not believe it. If there were over two hundred sourceboxes, then why could he not find them?

"The deeper one goes in the Ancient Spirit Sea, the higher the rank of the sourceboxes. Even the sourceboxes that were used to create the Six Ancient Spirit Array came from the greatest depths of this Ancient Spirit Sea. Every Lockbreaker who visits the Lockbreakers World is among the best, so naturally, the majority of the sourceboxes in this sea are Perceptive Intermediate with only a few Discerning Elementary ones," Xu Feng explained.

Lu Yin looked down. He wanted to go deeper.

If he kept going down, then did that mean that he would eventually reach a depth where all of the sourceboxes were at the Boundless Advanced level? He refused to believe that the sea contained so many sourceboxes of that level, so it really must have mostly Perceptive Intermediate sourceboxes.

"Then this junior won't disturb Senior anymore," Lu Yin said before leaving.

Xu Feng continued to look at the three Perceptive Intermediate sourceboxes that naturally formed a sourcebox array. There were many people similar to Xu Feng in the Lockbreakers' World, and that was because Xiu Ming had once stated that whoever was able to record down all of the sourceboxes in Ancient Spirit Sea would be accepted as his disciple.

Over the next few days, Lu Yin purposely searched for Perceptive Intermediate sourceboxes that were easier to record, and he even occasionally returned to the upper layers of the Ancient Spirit Sea to

search for new Discerning Elementary sourceboxes. This methodology was much faster and efficient, and he soon recorded down a hundred sourceboxes.

Delighted with his success, Lu Yin returned to Xiu Ming's residence. "Junior Lu Yin greets Senior Xiu Ming."

Xiu Ming stared at Lu Yin. "Why are you here? Did you finish your task?"

"This junior has finished recording all of the required sourceboxes." He then opened his gadget and switched the display to show the records of the shapes and danger fields of all the sourceboxes that he had recorded down.

Wu Dan watched on with curiosity.

A hundred sourceboxes: thirty-six Discerning Elementary, forty-three Perceptive Intermediate, and twenty-one Boundless Advanced ones.

Wu Dan's fists tightened when he saw that Lu Yin had recorded twenty-one Boundless Advanced sourceboxes. While he had also successfully recorded down a hundred sourceboxes, he had not had such an impressive report. Among Lu Yin's list, Wu Dan even saw the large gourd-shaped sourcebox that he had never been able to approach. In fact, more than half of the advanced sourceboxes that Lu Yin had recorded down were ones that Wu Dan had seen but not been able to approach.

Xiu Ming was not at all surprised to see that Lu Yin had completed his given task. "What are your thoughts?"

Lu Yin replied earnestly, "There are no two sourceboxes in the entire universe that are the same. This time in the Ancient Spirit Sea has greatly shored up this junior's understanding of sourceboxes."

"Shored up? You still don't understand anything about lockbreaking," Xiu Ming countered.

Lu Yin grew frustrated; did this person still want to block him from progressing?

"Forget it. It seems that your thoughts are set on lockbreaking. Unlock two one star Boundless Advanced sourceboxes and one three star advanced sourcebox," Xiu Ming ordered.

Lu Yin was thrilled that the chairman had finally agreed to allow Lu Yin to take the promotion exam.

"Chairman, this disciple has a request," Wu Dan suddenly spoke up, addressing Xiu Ming, "This disciple wishes to play a game with Lu Yin."

Lu Yin's brow rose—a game?

Wu Dan then turned towards Lu Yin, an antagonistic expression on his face. "Lu Yin, do you dare to play a game with me? It's an Array Master's game."

Lu Yin blinked. "What's the game?"

"Stable Zone," Wu Dan said. Arrogance filled his eyes, as he assumed that Lu Yin did not know about this game.

Lu Yin said nothing and instead simply stared at Wu Dan.

"Stable Zone is a game that has been passed down since ancient times, and it's remained popular among Array Masters. The rules are very simple..." Wu Dan then began to explain the game, as he truly believed that Lu Yin did not know anything about Stable Zone.

Before going to Dragon Mountain, Lu Yin actually had been ignorant of the game, but during his time there, Grandmaster Qiu Ling had introduced him to the game and the limitless possibilities within it. In fact, Lu Yin quite enjoyed playing the game, but could he tell Wu Dan that he had already played against an Array Grandmaster? And that Array Grandmaster had even exclaimed at his talent.

Lu Yin's game had shocked countless people, including even an Array Master, Master Deng Guo.

"How about it? Lu Yin, do you dare to play?" Wu Dan stared at Lu Yin as he taunted him. Wu Dan really could not accept Lu Yin's talent. This person barely cared about lockbreaking at all, but he was still able to surpass all of Wu Dan's accomplishments. Even Grandmaster Xiu saw Lu Yin as someone with greater potential than Wu Dan even though Lu Yin was not focused on or devoted to lockbreaking. Wu Dan had already lost to Lu Yin during ZENITH and now at lockbreaking. So, he had to seize at least one victory from Lu Yin.

Stable Zone was a game that comprehensively tested every aspect of a Lockbreaker's understanding and control over a set of sourceboxes' danger zones. It was a thorough way of testing a Lockbreaker's abilities, as it could even reveal their natural talent for lockbreaking. If Wu Dan was able to defeat Lu Yin at this game, then it would prove that Wu Dan was not inferior to this person.

"Okay. If you want to play, then I'll join," Lu Yin said.

Wu Dan was ecstatic. "I won't bully you. We'll first play a game to let you learn and get used to the rules. Then, the second game will be our official match," he said.

He then turned towards Xiu Ming. "Might I ask Senior to be the judge?"

Xiu Ming showed a small smile. "Stable Zone. It's been a long time since I've played a game with Highsage Grandmaster. I truly miss it.

"Alright, you can play a game with two sourceboxes, and I'll judge your game." As Xiu Ming spoke, he tossed out two one star Boundless Advanced sourceboxes. This was the lowest difficulty level for Stable Zone, but this was also a game that could only be played by Array Masters.

Of the two sourceboxes, one released a gray fog the moment it appeared. If one looked closely at it, they would see that it was not actually fog, but rather an unknown energy that twisted the void into multiple, nearly indistinguishable folds. Once the folds accumulated to a certain density, the distortion started to take on the appearance of fog.

The other sourcebox had an invisible danger zone. It released an inaudible sound, but it was also powerful enough to cause the void to tremble.

Neither of the two sourceboxes had a very powerful danger zone, but both were potentially fatal to Wu Dan. After all, he was only a Hunter.

The two sourceboxes' danger zones overlapped and then merged. They canceled each other out in some areas while superimposing on themselves in others to create an unpredictable and chaotic danger zone.

Xiu Ming waved a hand, and his star energy spread out into the new danger zone. The sourceboxes eliminated the majority of the star energy, and the remainder transformed into black and white to form the game pieces for Stable Zone.

"Begin. Choose your color," Xiu Ming stated.

Wu Dan looked at Lu Yin. "You can choose first."

"White," Lu Yin casually replied.

Wu Dan became solemn. "Very well, I'll be black. The game has started. You can enter the danger zone at any time, and even if I don't enter, you can move to destroy all of the black star energy if you can."

Lu Yin nodded. Just like when he had played with Grandmaster Qiu Ling, he took his time to observe the area that was the game board.

Wu Dan did the same.

After enough time for a stick of incense to have burned halfway down passed, Wu Dan's expression worsened. This game board was extremely complicated. He was not very powerful, and it was also very difficult for him to enter the game board without disturbing the danger zone. The moment it was disturbed, there was no way of predicting what sort of reaction would occur.

Wu Dan was a talented and arrogant Array Master, but he would never do anything without full confidence. This was a part of him that he could not change.

Suddenly, Wu Dan looked up at Lu Yin, startled. Lu Yin was moving.

Xiu Ming also looked over at Lu Yin.

At this time, several other Lockbreakers arrived at Xiu Ming's home. There were both men and women, and all of them held very high statuses in the Lockbreakers World, and they were also all Array Masters.

Stable Zone was not merely a game; it was also an effective means for an Array Master to study and improve themselves. No Array Master would not be willing to watch a game, and this was also a key reason behind why the game had endured for so long.

Several people were shocked to see Lu Yin moving already. "Is he really that confident after such a short amount of time has passed?"

"Well, this is his first game. It's natural for the kid to want to take a risk and try it for himself."

"If the sourceboxes' danger zone is triggered and destroys all of the black and white energy, then he'll lose."

Lu Yin chose a peculiar starting position while everyone watched on. Right after that, he lifted a hand and waved it, triggering the sourceboxes' danger zone. His movement ignited a chain reaction, and the black pieces were quickly destroyed. A bit of the white star energy was also destroyed at the same time, but such a thing was unavoidable.

Wu Dan was shocked. Impossible! How?

Even an idiot could see that Lu Yin had not randomly messed around with the sourceboxes' danger zone. He was truly playing the game, just as he had against Grandmaster Qiu Ling, and he was intent on destroying his opponent's game pieces.

The game with Grandmaster Qiu Ling had allowed Lu Yin to make incredible progress in his Lockbreaking abilities, and that was not even considering the fact that the current game board was much simpler than the one that Lu Yin had played on before. While the danger zone looked complicated to Wu Dan, Lu Yin was able to see through it clearly.

Wu Dan just stared blankly at Lu Yin's move. The black star energy was destroyed bit by bit, but Wu Dan was not able to step onto the game board even after all of his black energy had been eliminated.

The gathered Array Masters who were watching were also surprised to see the game end so quickly.

Xiu Ming sighed in admiration. This was true talent. This child's talent was almost unbelievable, but unfortunately, his heart was not set on lockbreaking. If he did, the Lockbreakers World would belong to him, and he would lead all of the Fifth Mainland's Lockbreakers. Really, it was such a pity.

Lu Yin looked at Wu Dan. "Sorry, the game's over."

"What? How? Why are you so fast?" Wu Dan still could not believe that he had lost.

Lu Yin shrugged. "You told me that I could move before you stepped onto the game board. Maybe I was just lucky."

Wu Dan refused to accept the results of the game. "Let's play again!"

Lu Yin did not say no. After all, they had already agreed to play two games. "Sure."

Grandmaster Xiu Ming stared at Lu Yin for a moment before taking out two more sourceboxes. These ones were also one star Boundless Advanced sourceboxes. Their combined danger zone closely matched the level of difficulty of the one from the first game.

Everyone intently watched.

After enough time passed for half an incense stick to burn, Lu Yin once again made his move.

This time, Wu Dan also moved. He had not fully understood the danger zone that formed the game board, but he was not willing to suffer another crushing defeat.

Both youths stepped onto the game board simultaneously.

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Lu Yin did not disturb the sourceboxes' danger zone, but Wu Dan did. He immediately triggered changes in the game board that he could not control. Lu Yin understood Wu Dan's thoughts, as he had been similarly lost and confused when Grandmaster Qiu Ling had made her first move during their game of Stable Zone. Back then, Lu Yin had not been able to understand the changes that had taken place on the game board.

At this moment, Lu Yin was in the position that Grandmaster Qiu Ling had held during their game.

Grandmaster Qiu Ling had been merciful to her future apprentice, and she had calmly allowed Lu Yin to deal with the turbulence created by her attack, but Lu Yin had no intention of showing Wu Dan the same kindness. After all, Wu Dan was not Lu Yin's apprentice, and Lu Yin could see that the youth refused to accept the gap between them. In that case, Lu Yin would force Wu Dan to accept it. Lu Yin lifted a hand and agitated the sourceboxes' danger zone.

Wu Dan had wanted to observe the danger zone that formed the game board, but Lu Yin's movement had completely negated Wu Dan's efforts, and he was unable to understand anything that he saw. A sudden attack from the danger zone struck Wu Dan across the back, and he was thrown through the air. Lu Yin then seized complete control of the danger zone and used it to eliminate all of the black star energy pieces.

The gathered Array Masters were all shocked, as the ability that Lu Yin had displayed throughout the course of this game was terrifying.

Wu Dan lay on the ground with blood leaking out of his mouth. The fire in his eyes dimmed, as he had been completely defeated. It was the second game, but he still had no way to retaliate at all.

Lu Yin stepped out of the game board and bowed to Xiu Ming. "Senior, this junior will return to work on unlocking a sourcebox."

Xiu Ming nodded. "Go on."

"Yes, Senior." Lu Yin then nodded to the gathered Array Masters who had spectated the game before leaving.

The small group of Array Masters all stared at Wu Dan. He was the Lockbreakers World's most outstanding genius. Even though he had mastered a sourcebox array at a very young age and been treated as the most gifted Lockbreaker of his generation, he had just been utterly crushed by a peer. It was too depressing to watch.

They felt like a rabbit had died to a fox. Wu Dan not only represented himself, but he also represented the entire Lockbreakers' World.

Xiu Ming asked the audience to leave and then turned his focus onto Wu Dan. "You should have realized that you had no chance after the first game. The gap between you two is simply too large."

Wu Dan bitterly protested, "Chairman, the gap shouldn't be this big!"

Xiu Ming sighed. "His control over star energy has already reached the Creation realm, and his domain can even extend beyond what he can control with his star energy. Every aspect of his abilities, even including the sourcebox arrays that he has experienced, far surpasses your own."

Wu Dan felt confused. "Sourcebox arrays?"

Xiu Ming grew solemn as he explained. "From the first match, I was able to see that this was not his first time playing Stable Zone. He has come into contact and studied sourcebox arrays that greatly surpass what you have, and his experiences even surpasses those of many Senior Array Masters. It's possible

that he has mastered as many sourcebox arrays as a Realm Array Master, as there is no other way to explain his current abilities."

Wu Dan's face turned pale and gray. A Realm Array Master? Really? A Realm Array Master? That was a level that Wu Dan might not be able to reach for hundreds of years. Lu Yin really had moved too far beyond Wu Dan.

"There are certain people who are capable of achieving amazing things from the moment that they are born while others are destined to remain in obscurity. However, such things are not all that determine the future." Xiu Ming gazed at Wu Dan with gentle eyes. "Your heart is more pure than his, and you are also much more focused on lockbreaking than him. It does not matter if your talent is inferior to his. If you can't catch up to him within a year, then do it in two. If you can't do so in two, then take ten years, or a hundred. Wu Dan, you are a genius who has been nurtured by the Lockbreakers' World, and your future will be no worse than anyone else's."

Wu Dan slowly clenched a fist. "But Chairman, this disciple is still unwilling to accept this!"

"Then continue to compare yourself to him until the day that you surpass him," Xiu Ming said.

Determination grew firm in Wu Dan's eyes. "Yes, Chairman."

After leaving Grandmaster Xiu Ming's home, Lu Yin left the entire island and returned to the planet that he had been given.

At this time, he was close to improving his Lockbreaker rank to that of a two star Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker. He could not afford to spend the necessary time to increase his rank any further than that.

There were still so many tasks that he needed to complete.

A few days later, Lu Yin unlocked the first one star Boundless Advanced sourcebox, and it dispersed to reveal a red plant that was shaped like a creature. Lu Yin did not recognize the plant, so he simply put it away and started working on the second sourcebox.

Unfortunately, the second sourcebox revealed nothing. Lu Yin immediately continued on to start unlocking the three star Advanced sourcebox.

He eagerly anticipated successfully unlocking this particular sourcebox, but he ended up being disappointed as it held nothing as well.

The people of the Perennial World were generally split into two different mindsets regarding sourceboxes. Some believed that sourceboxes should only be used to set up sourcebox arrays while others believed that sourceboxes should be unlocked even though it was highly likely that the items sealed inside had already disintegrated.

No one could say which of the two opinions was right or wrong.

However, Lu Yin had started leaning towards the first mindset, as the financial losses of this round of Lockbreaking were massive. If he had simply sold the sourceboxes, he could have made an incredible profit.

Lu Yin currently had a billion star essence in his possession. While it might sound like a lot, Lu Yin still felt that he was short on funds. After all, he had no power vessels or useful items. At this point in time, one of his most important tasks was to obtain a new defensive item, though he did not know where he could go to find such a thing.

Unlocking two one star Boundless Advanced sourceboxes and one three star advanced sourcebox, in addition to recording down the shape and danger fields of a hundred sourceboxes in the Ancient Spirit Sea was finally enough for Lu Yin to be promoted to a two star Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker. It had not been easy.

Lu Yin let out a long breath as he looked at his gadget and saw that his Lockbreaker rank had improved. He wanted to continue improving his rank, but even if Grandmaster Xiu Ming did not block his efforts, he still would need to find enough sourceboxes. How could it be easy to find and gather more Boundless Advance sourceboxes?

Also, Grandmaster Xiu Ming's words had made Lu Yin more cautious. Sourceboxes were not easy to unlock, and no two sourceboxes in the entire universe were identical. There were also some sourceboxes that were impossible to fully see through. For example, Dao Bo had come across one such sourcebox, and if not for Lu Yin stopping him, Dao Bo would have touched the red lines emanating from the sourcebox, which would have put him in the ground.

After improving his Lockbreaker rank, Lu Yin's next goal was to visit Cong Ying. Lu Yin wanted to find out why this particular overseer was trying to make things difficult for Continental Shipping. However, before he even met with Cong Ying, Lu Yin could question a few people about the matter.

Before Lu Yin left the planet that he had been given, two familiar people arrived. They were the two mushroom heads.

"We heard that you were back, so we hurried over to find you." Xiao Chi pushed his glasses up. Excitement was written all over his face.

Lu Yin asked, "Is there something wrong with me?"

Xiao Shi still carried his massive history book. "I heard that you won a game of Stable Zone against Wu Dan. Is it true?"

Lu Yin nodded. "I beat him by a little bit."

"Amazing!" the two exclaimed. Their eyes seemed to be filled with stars as they stared at Lu Yin.

"You were really just too strong during ZENITH! That transformation made you look like the God of Death! Maybe you'll also be recorded down in this book one day," Xiao Shi said in admiration.

Lu Yin grew uncomfortable. For some reason, that sentence sounded like he had just been cursed.

"You should also get a mushroom haircut! Not everyone understands the glory of the mushroom head, but you're famous enough to start a new trend!" Xiao Chi said with bright eyes.

Xiao Shi just nodded along while looking similarly excited.

Lu Yin briefly pictured the Great Eastern Alliance being filled with mushroom heads... Chills ran down his back, and he quickly changed the topic by looking at Xiao Shi. "Tell me more about that person, the God of Death."

Xiao Shi flipped through his book. "I already told you everything that I've managed to find out about the God of Death. You can't judge the information provided by this book's size. It has records pertaining to the countless years of human history, so each topic has very little information written about it."

"Does it really have the history of the entire human race?" Lu Yin started to get curious. The God of Death had already been proven to actually have existed, as Lu Yin himself was living proof. In that case, it was possible that the book's contents were credible.

"Just part of it. There should be other books, but we don't have them in the Historical Archives on Mt. Microcosms," Xiao Shi lamented.

"Is there really nothing more about the God of Death?" Lu Yin pressed.

Xiao Shi turned around and read for a bit. As he did so, Xiao Chi stared at Lu Yin and tried to convert Lu Yin to understand the glory of a mushroom head.

Before long, Lu Yin felt a nearly irresistible urge to burn the two youths' mushroom heads, but suddenly, Xiao Shi exclaimed, "Well, there's this, but I don't know it's really connected to the God of Death."

"Tell me." Lu Yin instantly grew serious.

Xiao Shi's finger touched the book, and he carefully recited a passage, word by word. "The God of Death's domain brings darkness. It rises like a black wolf of smoke to rouse the world. When the smoke wolf rises, war will begin."

Xiao Shi continued to scan through the book after reading the one passage.

"Nothing more?" Lu Yin asked.

Xiao Shi confirmed, "No."

"Where is this God of Death's domain? Is there any more information?" Lu Yin asked.

Xiao Shi replied, "That sentence was the only information. There's nothing else."

Lu Yin felt disappointed. It seemed that this passage about a smoke wolf that would awaken the world and start a war was important enough to be recorded in this book, and even the God of Death had been mentioned. This indicated that the war would be no minor matter. Still, even if that was the case, it had taken place far too long ago, and human history had not recorded down anything else about it.

Lu Yin thought for a bit. Maybe he could check the historical records of the ancient clans, like the Daynight clan and the Court of Seven Names. It was possible that he would find more useful information there.

He even had a thought that the place in Aeternus Nation with the overpowering death energy might actually be the God of Death's domain.

After considering this possibility, Lu Yin immediately called Arch-Elder Zen about the location of Aeternus Nation that had been destroyed by the Progenitor of Secret Arts. However, Lu Yin was disappointed once again, as he was told that the Progenitor had not shared the location with the Fifth Mainland.

Could Lu Yin ask the Progenitor of Secret Arts himself for the location?

Lu Yin really wanted to find Aeternus Nation, as he could absorb death energy in that place, which would improve his God of Death Transformation ever further. He did not want it to become like the Ninesuns Cauldron Transformation, which had not been able to keep up with Lu Yin's increasing strength.

Lu Yin said goodbye to the Chi Shi duo as he left the Lockbreakers World under their expectant but disappointed eyes. He did not know when he would return to this place again.

San Liang was one of the guard masters on Mt. Microcosms. He was almost an Envoy, and his status was quite high. After all, this was the only way he could pursue his goal of becoming an overseer.

Lu Yin easily found San Liang's home, but that was also because Lu Yin had once Possessed the man, and therefore, he knew a great deal about this person.

When San Liang saw Lu Yin had come to visit, he greeted the youth in a solemn manner. "Alliance Leader Lu, please come in."

Lu Yin followed San Liang to a sitting room, where San Liang asked someone to prepare some tea for Lu Yin. The man's eyes flickered. His mind was racing, though he was also carefully studying Lu Yin's movements in an attempt to pry into what was on this youth's mind.

Lu Yin was amused at San Liang's behavior, and he simply picked up his teacup and took a sip. "What do you see in my body language?"

San Liang was startled. "What do you mean by that, Alliance Leader Lu?"

Lu Yin stared at the man for a moment before setting the teacup to the side. "What do you believe this action means?"

San Liang's expression instantly changed. This was not because of what Lu Yin had done, but rather because Lu Yin was actually aware that San Liang studied people's body language in order to gain a deeper understanding of the inner workings of their minds. This meant that Lu Yin knew that San Liang studied psychology, but that was impossible! No one knew about that, as it was San Liang's innermost secret.

"While I haven't studied psychology very much compared to you, I still know enough to see that your expression reveals your surprise. In that case, if I tell you something else, you might be even more surprised." A smile slowly spread across Lu Yin's face as he spoke. "I had Wang Wen's contact information be left for you."

San Liang's pupils instantly shrank to pinpricks. "That was you?!"

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Lu Yin picked up his teacup once again and savored the tea's fragrance. "It appears that you and Wang Wen have gotten along quite well."

San Liang tried to suppress the shock resounding within his heart, but Lu Yin's words had resolved some long-standing doubts of his.

To begin with, Wang Wen's contact information had suddenly appeared in front of San Liang without any sort of explanation. He had tried calling the person, and he had quickly hit it off with Wang Wen. One of the two wanted to become an overseer and needed external support while the other wanted to set up his own people within the Hall of Honor.

With Wang Wen's support and the resources of the Great Eastern Alliance, San Liang had become bolder. After all, he knew that Arch-Elder Zen and the Chief Justice both support the Great Eastern Alliance along with Leon's Armada, which was the most powerful of the Four Pirate Crews. This backing had given San Liang the courage to do many things, and not only had he gotten much closer to his dream of becoming an overseer, but he had also become more confident that he would gain the position.

However, despite the fact that everything had been proceeding so well, there was one particular lingering detail that made San Liang very uncomfortable—who had left him Wang Wen's contact information? Why had they done so silently, and also, why had they even sought San Liang out to begin with? San Liang had asked Wang Wen, but Wang Wen had not given him an answer. All that he had said was that San Liang would learn the truth when the time was right.

When Lu Yin had spoken with Wang Wen, he had mentioned San Liang, so Lu Yin was quite familiar with San Liang's current situation.

"I'm not interested in whatever you and Wang Wen are doing. Right now, I want to talk to you to learn about Overseer Cong Ying's situation," Lu Yin said.

San Liang's attitude instantly changed. He was sitting in front of the person who not only led the Great Eastern Alliance, but also the person who had given him the opportunity to become an overseer. He did not want to even imagine the efforts put into such matters.

Lu Yin was even bold enough to move against one of the Hall of Honor's overseers. San Liang knew without even thinking that he did not have the means to go against someone like Lu Yin. Thus, naturally, San Liang started treating Lu Yin with more respect. He wanted Lu Yin to understand that he would be an obedient overseer. "Regarding Overseer's Cong Ying's situation, I actually told Wang Wen that the entire matter is truly quite strange. Overseer Cong Ying is a stubborn and very principled man, and he will always follow through on his decisions."

Lu Yin silently listened. He was surprised by the description that San Liang gave of the overseer. Cong Ying was either extremely talented at hiding his true nature, like Bu Laoweng, or he genuinely hated the Great Eastern Alliance. However, the Great Eastern Alliance was based in the Outerverse, and so it seemed impossible for there to be any hatred between Cong Ying and the alliance. What other motive could he have for targeting Continental Shipping?

"I see." Lu Yin set his teacup down and started leaving. However, before exiting the room, he said, "If you run into any trouble, you can find me. I hope that you will send me any further news regarding the nine overseers as soon as possible."

San Liang let out several deep breaths as he watched Lu Yin leave. Even though San Liang had allied himself with the Great Eastern Alliance, he was actually moving closer and closer to becoming an overseer.

San Liang lived rather close to Overseer Ying's residence. While an ordinary person would not be able to travel such a distance even in an entire lifetime, Lu Yin was able to cover it very quickly.

Lu Yin traveled across Mt. Microcosms by tunneling through the void. Although some people saw him, no one moved to stop him. The incident involving Lu Yin and Highsage Wudi had left a deep impression on all of Mt. Microcosms' residents.

The nine overseers were all people who stood at the top of Mt. Microcosms, and yet one of them had still been bullied at his own home.

Additionally, the attitude that Arch-Elder Zen had publicly shown towards Lu Yin had essentially made all of Mt. Microcosms Lu Yin's personal garden.

Arch-Elder Zen was not the only one supporting Lu Yin, as even the elusive Chief Justice had shown his support of this youth.

The people who lived on Mt. Microcosms were not simple, and none of them would try to create trouble for Lu Yin over anything trivial.

"Lu Yin asks to see Overseer Cong Ying." Lu Yin opened his mouth to announce himself once he arrived outside a certain courtyard, but Lu Yin purposely did not refer to himself as a junior. He was not making a personal visit, but rather trying to open negotiations.

Overseer Cong Ying's home was different from Bu Laoweng's and the other overseers. His home looked like a courtyard, and it was quite neat and proper. The first impression that the courtyard gave was that the owner was a very principled and stubborn person.

A bit of time passed, and then Lu Yin was invited in. He was escorted by a man who was most likely Cong Ying's primary bodyguard.

It did not take long for Lu Yin to meet Overseer Cong Ying in person. The overseer looked very similar to how San Liang had described him; he had a serious face, and he would not treat strangers warmly.

"Greetings, Mr. Cong Ying." Lu Yin smiled. He spoke politely, but maintained an attitude that was neither servile nor arrogant.

In the past, he had seen the nine overseers as individuals with lofty positions, but at the present moment, Lu Yin saw them as nothing.

Cong Ying did not even offer Lu Yin any tea, and his face remained expressionless. "Lord Lu, are you here about Continental Shipping?"

Lu Yin nodded. "That's right. I really don't know how my Great Eastern Alliance could have offended an overseer to such a degree that an overseer would not hesitate to use their position and influence to block Continental Shipping's trade routes and even propose dissolving the company to the council of overseers."

Cong Ying spoke in a solemn tone. "I don't like beating around the bush, and I prefer to speak directly. It's because of the Giant Consortium."

Lu Yin frowned. "Giant Consortium?"¹

He was familiar with the group, as Brightstar Corp. was part of it.

"Alliance Leader Lu should already know that there was a specific race of giants that were highly intelligent. At their civilization's peak, they were able to create technological weapons on par with Envoys. This Giant Consortium was established on the foundation of these giants' technology," Cong Ying explained.

Lu Yin listened quietly.

"Giants are sometimes said to be human, but they are not exactly the same race as us humans. At least, I will not admit to such a thing. There are some giants that drink blood, others that are physically stronger than astral beasts, and yet others that excel at developing technology. I adhere to the belief that the race of technologically advanced giants were wiped out and that our ancestors worked to eliminate those giants' technology. At this time, the giants' technology is resurfacing, and I will not sit idly by and watch," Cong Ying continued to explain.

Lu Yin had to ask, "Are there giants within the consortium?"

"I don't know. I have not found any proof yet, as if I had, I would already have proposed to destroy the entire consortium." Cong Ying's eyes grew hard and cruel. "Lord Lu, if you stop cooperating with the Giant Consortium, then I will have no reason to target your Continental Shipping. Consider this matter carefully."

Lu Yin believed that the overseer must have said these same words to Wang Wen and others, but since Wang Wen and the others had clearly refused, it demonstrated the importance that Brightstar Corp. had in Continental Shipping, so Lu Yin was also unable to agree.

"Overseer Cong Ying, the consortium was built by a civilization that was already destroyed, so isn't the worry that you have towards it a bit exaggerated? Giant Consortium has been around for a long time."

"You just called it Giant Consortium. 'Giant' is even in its name, though I did not notice the coincidence at first. However, the day that Brightstar Corp. started cooperating with your Great Eastern Alliance, someone brought it to my attention."

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "Someone brought it up? Could Overseer Ying tell me who that was?"

Overseer Cong Ying fell silent.

Lu Yin casually said, "For you to be able to hold the position that you do, you clearly are not dumb. It's never good to be used as someone else's blade."

"Shamrock Enterprises', Yu Mu," Cong Ying spoke lightly.

A sharp glint entered Lu Yin's eyes; he had forgotten about Yu Mu and had not expected him to reappear at this time.

"Thank you, overseer. Goodbye." Lu Yin then left. He already knew that he would not be able to resolve his conflict with this overseer without abandoning Brightstar Corp.

"Alliance Leader Lu, I know that you have many bigshots supporting you, but I have also been an overseer for many years, and I have never made a mistake. Not even Arch-Elder Zen can easily remove me from my position. I am not the same as Bu Laoweng," Overseer Cong Ying said one last thing as he watched Lu Yin leave.

Lu Yin did not look back or even say a word. He simply walked away.

"Alliance Leader Lu, nothing good will come of the return of the giants' technology. Back then, it was agreed by all of the Hall of Honor's overseers to destroy the giants and eliminate their technology. If you insist on restoring the giants' technology, then the consequences will be unimaginable..." Overseer Cong Ying's voice gradually faded as Lu Yin continued to walk away. He had no desire to continue the conversation any further.

It was not that Lu Yin hated Cong Yin, but that they simply held opposing positions and views. Those differences had made them enemies, and Lu Yin saw no need to be polite to an enemy.

However, he was also intrigued by the idea of the giants' technology, so he intended to fully investigate it.

As soon as he left Overseer Cong Ying's home, Lu Yin sent Wei Rong a very simple message: 'Thoroughly investigate Cong Ying.'

Regardless of how Wei Rong wanted to proceed, the alliance already had two or three people on Mt. Microcosms, which meant that Wei Rong would be able to gather a great deal of information on Cong Ying. And as long as there was enough information, a solution could be found.

Also, on top of the alliance's two or three men, there was also Bu Laoweng. While Lu Yin wanted to keep Ming Yan away from the Neohuman Alliance, Overseer Bu Laoweng still had his uses.

If San Liang really did become an overseer, then two of the nine overseers would be supporting Lu Yin and the Great Eastern Alliance, which would be pretty good.

As for the other overseers, such as Overseer Xin and the others, they were all hesitant to target Lu Yin as Arch-Elder Zen supported him. Lu Yin actually had a considerable voice within the Hall of Honor.

Finally, Lu Yin reached his last stop on Mt. Microcosms: it was time for him to meet with the Chief Justice of the Interstellar Supreme Court.

Lu Yin wanted to know why the Chief Justice had repeatedly helped him.

Arbitration World was shrouded in an eternal chill. This place saw only executions and trials, and few people were able to leave this place in the same state that they had entered.

Even though Lu Yin was able to freely wander about Mt. Microcosms, he was still stopped before he entered Arbitration World. This was not a place where Lu Yin could freely move about.

Lu Yin had no way of getting in touch with the Chief Justice, so his only option was to get in contact with Mu En.

However, Lu Yin found that he was unable to get to Mu En either.

Lu Yin felt that he would have to return in failure, but then someone emerged to greet him. It was one of the Judicial Commissioners: the Shadow of Death.

The Shadow of Death was the strongest of the three Judicial Commissioners, as well as the oldest. It was said that the Shadow of Death was from the same generation as the Chief Justice and that he had a terrifying power level of more than 800,000.

The Shadow of Death looked like nothing more than a shadow, and he merged into Lu Yin's own. Lu Yin's back went cold at the sight, and he felt incredibly vulnerable.

"I will take you to see the Chief Justice," the Shadow of Death said, and Lu Yin was given no choice in the matter. He was actually dragged away by his own shadow.

This experience reminded Lu Yin of the Ghost Monkey. He wondered where the strange beast had ended up.

Lu Yin had expected to find the Chief Justice on the massive planet where he held court, but the Shadow of Death actually dragged Lu Yin to a corner of the Arbitration World.

Arbitration World was an extremely dark place that was only illuminated by a few stars. Lu Yin was taken to a corner of Arbitration World that was so devoid of light that he could not even see his own hands. No matter where he looked, there was no hint of any light.

Lu Yin was a powerful cultivator who had already become an Enlightener, and yet he was unable to even see his own hand. This was the first time that he had experienced such a thing, and it was completely different from how his senses had been mixed up and confused by Shaman God.

Suddenly, the space nearby him twisted, and light gradually returned. Lu Yin looked around. He was once again able to see his own hand, but there was nothing else aside from pure darkness in front of him. He quickly bowed. "Junior Lu Yin greets Senior Chief Justice."

Truthfully, Lu Yin was feeling a bit of panic at this moment since he did not have High Sage Wudi's support. Lu Yin had stolen the Chief Justice's little red bell, and Lu Yin had no idea if this matter had ever come to light.

"What's the matter?" the Chief Justice asked in an indistinct voice.

Lu Yin respectfully replied, "I wish to thank you for supporting the Great Eastern Alliance."

The Chief Justice did not respond.

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Lu Yin looked up and continued, saying, "If the Chief Justice had not spoken up, the Great Eastern Alliance would not have been able to enjoy their peace over these last two years. I also wish to thank the Chief Justice for his impartialness during my trial."

"If those who exact justice need to be thanked, then how is there fairness?" The Chief Justice's tone remained casual.

"The Chief Justice's words are true."

Silence filled the air for a moment. Lu Yin actually wanted to ask the Chief Justice why he supported him, but Lu Yin found himself unable to speak the words aloud. Facing the Chief Justice, who was one of the most powerful figures in the entire Human Domain, Lu Yin did not know what to say. The atmosphere in the place was just too cold.

Lu Yin felt like he was being confronted by an executioner—a cold and ruthless executioner who was completely mysterious. Even though Lu Yin had been chased by a Semi-Progenitor before, he still felt rather nervous when facing the Chief Justice.

"There's no need for you to thank me. Even though Master did not give me any specific instructions, since we are both his disciples, I have an obligation to help you." The Chief Justice's words left Lu Yin completely confused.

"Master?" Lu Yin tried to understand.

The Chief Justice was completely hidden in the darkness, but his words were perfectly clear: "Mister Mu."

Lu Yin was startled. "Yo- you are Mister Mu's disciple?"

"To be precise, I am one of his disciples," the Chief Justice clarified.

Lu Yin suddenly felt completely foolish when he realized that a figure whom he had always looked at with awe and worry was actually a fellow disciple!

In an instant, the mysterious and unpredictable image that surrounded the Chief Justice collapsed for Lu Yin, and his jaw dropped. "Are you my senior brother?"

"Yes."

"You already knew that I was Mister Mu's disciple?"

"That's right."

"So, you deliberately helped me during my trial?"

"If you had actually been transformed by death energy, I would have killed you without mercy."

Lu Yin blinked. "Master never said anything to me."

"You never asked."

Lu Yin was left speechless, as the Chief Justice's words were quite accurate.

"Well, in that case, how should I refer to you?" Lu Yin asked.

The Chief Justice fell silent for a moment, "Chief Justice."

Lu Yin was stumped. "You want to be called Chief Justice?"

"Do you want everyone in the universe to know about our relationship?" the Chief Justice asked in a rhetorical manner.

Fuck yes! Lu Yin swore in his heart. Of course he wanted everyone in the entire universe to know that the powerful Chief Justice of the Interstellar Supreme Court was his senior brother! That would be amazing!

"Wouldn't that be fine?"

"No." The Chief Justice instantly destroyed Lu Yin's hopes.

"You can leave now," the Chief Justice stated.

Lu Yin stared at the pure black sphere in front of him. This person was actually rather kind, and he actually acted like a senior disciple towards Lu Yin, which was the complete opposite of Highsage Wudi, who had also told Lu Yin to call him senior brother. For a moment, Lu Yin felt at ease. "Um... when Master accepted me as a disciple, he offered me a gift, ahem."

Lu Yin coughed as he stared awkwardly at the Chief Justice.

The Chief Justice remained silent, but then, a familiar little blood-red bell suddenly appeared and floated over to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin blinked. What was this supposed to be? Was this some sort of belated gift?

"This is for you," the Chief Justice stated.

Lu Yin swallowed and pretended to be ignorant. "What is it?"

"It's an emblem that can also influence cultivators with a power level of over a million," the Chief Justice said.

Lu Yin solemnly accepted the bell and put it away. Naturally, he already knew about the bell's capabilities, as another such bell was the only reason why Yuan Shi had been able to block the Sixth Mainland's invasion of the Outerverse.

At that time, Lu Yin's strength had only been enough for him to use the blood-red bell to intimidate people, but at present, things were different. Lu Yin was actually able to use the bell itself. It could stun any of his opponents, which would give him the opportunity to use a Vacuum Palm. The bell had almost the exact same effect as the piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide that he had once possessed. Back then, Lu Yin had used the hide to stun Enlighteners while attacking them with a powerful gun.

"Thank you, Senior Brother." Lu Yin quickly offered his thanks.

"Time to go." After Lu Yin heard those words, darkness surrounded him once more, and his body was moved without his control. He was dragged back out of the Arbitration World by his shadow.

"Judicial Commissioner, wait! This junior needs to speak with the Chief Justice." Lu Yin wanted to ask for something else, as he wanted a defensive piece of equipment, as those were the best-suited for him.

The Shadow of Death ignored everything that Lu Yin said and simply dragged him out of the Arbitration World.

Lu Yin felt helpless; was he being driven away?

"Wait, Lord Shadow, please take a look at this." Lu Yin took out the little blood-red bell.

Lu Yin's body finally paused just outside the entrance to Arbitration World, and his shadow twisted. "The Chief Justice's emblem."

"If I have this, does it mean that I'm a part of the Interstellar Supreme Court?" Lu Yin asked.

"It can be seen like that," the Shadow of Death instantly replied.

Lu Yin's eyes lit up. "Can I give orders to the members of the Interstellar Supreme Court?"

"Yes."

Lu Yin became ecstatic. When he had Pilfered that blood-red bell so long ago, he had not dared to use it openly, but this one was completely legitimate. With this, he could use it as intended. It would be a powerful weapon for him in the future.

Had the Chief Justice given it to him for that explicit purpose, or had it just been a casual gift to protect a junior? It did not matter to Lu Yin. All that mattered was that many issues would become much easier with this bell.

In order to avoid leaving a bad impression with the Chief Justice, Lu Yin simply left the Arbitration World. However, he returned a few minutes later before leaving for a second time. The second time, he left with an expert who was on the cusp of becoming an Envoy.

Lu Yin did not know how to get to Black Street, so he used his newly acquired authority with the blood-red bell to pick up an expert to act as a guide for him. Members of the Interstellar Supreme Court possessed status, ability, but most importantly of all, style.

Since he was back in the Fifth Mainland, Lu Yin saw no need to keep a low profile; rather, he wanted to be extremely high profile.

The expert from the Interstellar Supreme Court only moved out because he saw the Chief Justice's emblem. He did not even consider Lu Yin's possible identity, as the man did not know who Lu Yin was, as he perpetually stayed within Arbitration World. However, the man's attitude quickly changed when Lu Yin reunited with Liu Ye and Fei Hua. At that time, the expert stared at Lu Yin in utter disbelief.

The expert could not fathom what sort of youth could warrant two Envoys to serve as his bodyguards, especially since, in the expert's senses, neither of the Envoys were any weaker than one of the Judicial Commissioners.

The man was not wrong, as both the Calm of Despair and the Virtue of Righteousness had a lower cultivation than Liu Ye and Fei Hua. Only the Shadow of Death was stronger than these two Envoys.

Lu Yin also took Luo Shen with him, and they followed behind Liu Ye, Fei Hua, and the expert from the Interstellar Supreme Court. They then left Mt. Microcosms and started for Black Street.

To outsiders, Lu Yin looked like a stereotypical young master from an influential family with a beautiful lady, bodyguards, and even a tour guide.

It was rather rare to see such a group in the dangerous regions of the Neoverse that surrounded the Honor Zone.

There was no lack of rich young masters in the Neoverse. There were direct family members of the nine overseers, relatives of other powerful figures from Mt. Microcosms, and even relatives of the Interstellar Supreme Court's experts and more. The Honor Zone was an exaggerated situation, as the numerous hidden worlds contained countless rich young masters. Still, there was only one youth who had Envoys as his bodyguards.

This was such a startling sight that Lu Yin created quite a sensation when he left Mt. Microcosms.

Lu Yin looked back at the mountain with great fondness. Arch-Elder Zen was very protective of him, as he was a youth who had opened all three meridian points and would eventually become a Progenitor. His status in the Fifth Mainland was comparable to that of the Perennial World's four Junior Progenitors.

On top of that, Lu Yin had just discovered that the Interstellar Supreme Court's Chief Justice was actually his senior disciple. With everything put together, Mt. Microcosms really was about to become Lu Yin's back yard.

Ah Da quickly found a cniu and then guided Lu Yin, Liu Ye, Fei Hua, and Luo Shen away from the Honor Zone.

Ah Da was the name of the expert from the Interstellar Supreme Court.

The cniu tore the void open with a dull explosion. As it did so, they were confronted by another cniu headed straight for them.

The cniu that Lu Yin and the others were riding quickly changed direction, though the other beast continued to charge straight forward.

Lu Yin grew upset that the other party was not showing him any hint of respect when he was in his own backyard.

As the two cnius passed each other, Lu Yin turned his head to look at the other rider. He saw a woman sitting atop the other cniu. She was young and beautiful, but her face was cold, though her garments were extremely gorgeous.

The woman saw Lu Yin as well, but she simply looked away and completely ignored him .

Lu Yin raised his eyebrows, really arrogant, but in the end, he didn't care about her.

"Brother Lu, this cniu is so fast!" Luo Shen was startled, and she looked at everything with a sense of wonder.

When Lu Yin turned his attention back to Luo Shen, his mood immediately improved. Luo Shen was much more beautiful than the arrogant woman that they had just passed by. "This is the best way to move around in the Honor Zone, and Ah Da worked hard to find one for us."

Luo Shen quietly agreed, and she stared at Lu Yin with tender eyes that radiated pure joy. She had no idea where they were going, but it did not matter. She only needed to follow Lu Yin.

The atmosphere grew awkward, and Lu Yin pursed his lips. He glanced over at Liu Ye and Fei Hua, though he completely ignored Fei Hua and instead addressed Liu Ye. "What's your impression of Mt. Microcosms?"

"There are many experts there."

"Of course. It's Mt. Microcosms, which is the Fifth Mainland's core," Lu Yin said.

Fei Hua instantly mocked him, "What a pity that there aren't any Progenitors."

Lu Yin momentarily choked on his own words.

Ah Da was startled, and he glanced over at the couple. A Progenitor? The Fifth Mainland had not seen such a powerhouse for eons. Was this woman suggesting that she had seen a Progenitor before?

Back at the border of Mt. Microcosms, the beautiful woman riding on the cniu suddenly let out a little yelp. She turned to look back, as she had finally remembered why that youth looked so familiar. He had been with Hightsage Wudi when he had created a huge commotion at the top of Mt. Microcosms. Later on, Lu Yin had become the champion of ZENITH. No wonder she had thought that he looked familiar.

Upon realizing Lu Yin's identity, the woman could not stop herself from regretting that she had missed the opportunity to meet such an important person. He was the person who controlled the Outerverse's Great Eastern Alliance. He was supported by Leon's Armada, Eversky Island, the Chief Justice, and even Arch-Elder Zen! Lu Yin stood at the peak of the universe, and everything troubling her could be easily dealt with if she was able to cooperate with such a person.

The more the woman thought, the more she regretted her missed opportunity.

There were certain opportunities that disappeared forever after being missed the first time. Although the woman wanted to chase after Lu Yin, she had no idea where he and his party were headed to, which left her with no choice but to return to Mt. Microcosms.

Atop the cniu that was leaving the Honor Zone, Lu Yin introduced Luo Shen to the idea of hidden worlds. He would occasionally point to some inconspicuous items and tell her that they were hidden worlds, which amazed Luo Shen.

It had reached the point where Ah Da had to stop listening; those things weren't actually hidden worlds!

It did not actually matter if Lu Yin was correct or not, as no one would expose him. He sometimes felt the need to try to show off when in the presence of a beautiful woman, and on top of that, he genuinely felt like he owed Luo Shen a debt. Naturally, he wanted to make up for it as best as possible, and he just wanted her to be happy.

"Brother Lu, Shang Qing was quite upset to return when we did," Luo Shen suddenly mentioned as she looked at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin rolled his eyes. "There's nothing that I can do about that. I told him that Bai Xue's staying in Seed Garden and that it's impossible to get her out of there. He just needs to move on and forget about her. He won't be able to ever see her again."

"It would be wonderful if it were that easy to forget," Luo Shen muttered to herself as she stared off into the distance with a conflicted expression on her face.

Lu Yin grew embarrassed.

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It was at this time that Lu Yin received a notification on his gadget. His eyes narrowed after he looked at it; a good show was about to begin.

Lu Yin had just received word from Overseer Cong Ying that Shamrock Enterprise's Yu Mu had been the one to instigate him into working against Continental Shipping. Thus, Lu Yin had requested that the Great Eastern Alliance, San Liang, and Bu Laoweng gather as much information about Shamrock Enterprise as possible.

Lu Yin was not someone who did not fight back.

As expected, useful information had just been delivered to Lu Yin—Shamrock Enterprise was about to take control of a hidden world on Mt. Microcosms.

Shamrock Enterprise was not actually a Neoverse power, but rather one from the Innerverse. It also was not a regular political power as it was actually a massive corporation.

While everyone believed that Shamrock Enterprise was still headquartered in the Innerverse, the truth was that they had already bought a hidden world in the Honor Zone and relocated their headquarters there. Their goal this entire time had been to move their hidden world to Mt. Microcosms.

Mt. Microcosms was the safest point in the entire Fifth Mainland. Shamrock Enterprise lacked the strength to stand on its own in the Neoverse like Aurora Enterprises or the Cosmic Sect. The company's only option was to move their hidden world to Mt. Microcosms in order to gain a measure of safety.

This in and of itself was not a big deal. The Hall of Honor actually only used around one percent of the Honor Zone, and that was enough to shelter nearly a hundred hidden worlds. Given the size and influence of Shamrock Enterprise, it was perfectly reasonable for them to have this level of protection for themselves.

The entire transaction was almost completed, at least according to the information that Lu Yin had received from Bu Laoweng. The nine overseers were nearly unanimous in their support for Shamrock

Enterprise's hidden world to move to Mt. Microcosms, and Shamrock Enterprise had already paid a steep price.

How interesting, Lu Yin thought to himself. He immediately asked Bu Laoweng to alter his position on the matter. Shamrock Enterprise had already reached out to Bu Laoweng, and he had agreed to allow them to gain access to Mt. Microcosms.

If Bu Laoweng changed his position, then it meant that at least four of the overseers would be refusing to allow Shamrock Enterprise to move their hidden world to Mt. Microcosms.

Two of the Hall of Honor's nine overseers were from the Innaverse, two were from the Cosmic Sea, and the other five were all from the Neoverse. Of the various overseers, Bu Laoweng was under Ming Yan's complete control, which meant that he was completely obedient to Lu Yin. The two overseers from the Innaverse were clearly Lu Yin's enemies, though it was unknown if their stance was due to the Great Eastern Alliance or Continental Shipping. Regardless, they were most likely opposed to Lu Yin. In that case, only the two overseers from the Cosmic Sea and three of the five from the Neoverse could be approached.

Nan Yuan represented the Seven Courts, and Lu Yin was unable to approach the man due to a previous conflict between them. Of the remaining two Neoverse overseers, one was known as San Shang while the other was Si Hong. Si Hong was the overseer whom San Liang was trying to replace, and his efforts had nearly succeeded. Thus, San Shang was the only one of the overseers that Lu Yin had never interacted or had any sort of conflict with.

Also, Lu Yin knew that several of the overseers had been helped by Yuan Shi in the past, and Lu Yin knew that things would be much easier if he knew who those particular overseers were. After all, everyone knew that Yuan Shi had given Lu Yin a great deal of support.

Lu Yin immediately tried to call Yuan Shi, but he was not able to get in touch with the old man.

Without any other option available, Lu Yin could only contact Overseer Xin.

"Alliance Lu, it's truly a relief to see that you have returned safely." Overseer Xin had always been friendly towards Lu Yin.

Lu Yin smiled. "Many thanks for Overseer Xin's care. It appears that Overseer Xin is also doing well."

Overseer Xin showed a small smile. "Is there any matter for Alliance Leader Lu to be looking for me? Though that doesn't really matter."

Lu Yin's expression instantly changed, and he grew serious. "I heard that Shamrock Enterprise's hidden world will soon be moving to Mt. Microcosms. I am hoping that Overseer Xin will refuse their request."

Xin Jiao's eyes flickered. "Has Shamrock Enterprise offended Alliance Leader Lu?"

With things at this point, Lu Yin saw no reason to hide anything. "That's right."

Xin Jiao started thinking. "Alliance Leader Lu halted his efforts in the Blaze Realm right after conquering the territory. Might you be willing to share your reasons with Xin Jiao?"

Lu Yin then remembered that, after he had conquered the Blaze Realm, Xin Jiao had actually directly called Lu Yin to ask him to stop his war efforts, claiming that there was no reason to create more enemies without just cause. Back then, Lu Yin had already lost his desire to continue his campaign against the Inniverse, so he had happily agreed to the overseer's request.

"Naturally, with Overseer Xin making a special effort to contact me, I wanted to show my respect," Lu Yin replied.

Xin Jiao smiled. "Since that's the case, then I will naturally show my respect for Alliance Leader Lu at this time. I will oppose their request."

"Thank you, Overseer Xin," Lu Yin said with a smile.

"However, only if more than half of the nine overseers refuse their request will they be stopped. Does Alliance Leader Lu have any others on the council you are in touch with?"

"I must ask Overseer Xin for her advice," Lu Yin said.

"Both Mr. You¹ and I are from the Cosmic Sea, but we have no special relationship. Since this matter has no bearing on the Cosmic Sea, he has no reason to follow my lead on this. If Alliance Leader Lu wishes to gain Mr. You's support, then you could go through Yuan Shi."

Mr. You was another one of the nine overseers.

Lu Yin was pleasantly surprised by this news. "Is Mr. You someone who received Yuan Shi's support?"

Xin Jiao nodded. "And the support that he received was not minor either. Also, both old San Shang and Cong Ying have received Yuan Shi's assistance in the past."

Lu Yin had been aware that Yuan Shi wielded great influence within the Hall of Honor, but unfortunately, the old man never personally interfered in any of the Hall of Honor's matters. If he did, Lu Yin would have never been targeted by Bu Laoweng. "I understand. Thank you, Overseer Xin."

Lu Yin had no desire to reach out to Cong Ying. The old man was stubborn, and he also already saw himself as Lu Yin's enemy. It seemed unlikely that their relationship could be repaired with just Yuan Shi's influence, as Cong Ying would not have set himself up as an enemy of Continental Shipping if their issue could be resolved so easily. After all, Cong Yin was well aware that Lu Yin was behind Continent Shipping. In that case, Lu Yin could only approach Mr. You or San Shang.

Mr. You was a quiet, middle-aged man, and he was very polite in his dealings with Lu Yin. Lu Yin hoped that the overseer would also refuse to allow Shamrock Enterprise's request to move their hidden world to Mt. Microcosms.

"Leon's Armada has a good relationship with my Longevity Brigade. If I can help, then I will naturally do so," Mr. You said with a smile.

It was only at that moment that Lu Yin realized that Mr. You was from the Cosmic Sea's Longevity Brigade.

The Longevity Brigade was the oldest of the Cosmic Sea's Four Pirate Crews, and it was also the most mysterious. They had a good relationship with Leon's Armada, and it was clear that the benefits that

Shamrock Enterprise had offered Mr. You were not as valuable as Lu Yin's favor. Mr. You was well informed about Lu Yin, and he also knew about Leon's Armada and the implications of them supporting Lu Yin.

Old man San Shang also readily agreed to Lu Yin's request. No one actually remembered the overseer's original name, and he was simply called old man San Shang because it was the third time that he had become an overseer.

He was also the oldest of the nine overseers.

Lu Yin did not know what to say when he saw an old, seemingly dying, man on the display of his gadget. Did such an ancient person really need to be an overseer? He was simply waiting to die!

Worried that the old man would forget what their conversation was even about, Lu Yin made sure to remind the old man once again. "Overseer San Shang, please refuse. Refuse!"

"Cough, cough, cough, I know. Don't worry, Alliance Leader Lu, I'll refuse." The old man coughed out his response.

Lu Yin ended the call, truly amazed that such an old man was capable of fulfilling his duties as an overseer.

Bu Laoweng, Xin Jiao, Mr. You, old man San Shang, and Overseer Si Hong, who was being manipulated by Wei Rong, made for five overseers. This was enough.

All Lu Yin needed to do now was wait for the entertainment to begin.

Ah Da was still sitting in front of Lu Yin on the cniu, and he was absolutely shocked at how Lu Yin was wielding his own, personal influence to alter the nine overseers' decisions.

The nine overseers were supposed to be the Hall of Honor's primary decision-making body. Even if the Interstellar Supreme Court enjoyed an authority that far surpassed the overseers, their overall influence certainly exceeded the Supreme Court, as the Supreme Court did not have the authority to interfere in the affairs that fell under the overseers' jurisdiction.

Ah Da felt like he was essentially watching Lu Yin transform his hands into clouds in order to make it rain. It was only then that Ah Da remembered that Lu Yin also had the Chief Justice's emblem, which meant that Lu Yin had almost unparalleled power within the Hall of Honor!

Even though Liu Ye and Fei Hua had no real understanding of the power structure in the Fifth Mainland, the power that Lu Yin held was readily seen.

In addition to the hidden worlds, Lu Yin also pointed out some of the more visible powers that existed in the Honor Zone. Their small group also saw Neverland, the country established upon the back of a bird with the same name. There were only a few such odd powers or kingdoms in existence, but there were more common in the Honor Realm.

Lu Yin had received all of his knowledge about the Honor Zone from Mu En, and at this time, he was able to share a bit of what he had learned with Luo Shen, and even Liu Ye and Fei Hua were amazed by some of the oddities that they witnessed while traveling.

For example, they saw a kingdom that had been built within a stone. This stone was actually transparent, and the wind constantly rolled it about. No matter where a person was from, this would be an odd sight.

After they left the Honor Zone, their next destination was Black Street.

It was at this moment that Liu Ye and Fei Hua saw a spacecraft for the first time.

The Perennial World did actually have spacecrafts, but they could only be found in places like White Mountain, Dragon Mountain, and some of the places in the Celestial Frost Sect where civilizations were specially cultivated. Some of those civilizations had developed their technology to the level of spacecraft, but the couple had never come into contact with such civilizations. In other words, the Perennial World's spacecraft were too slow for people to actually use.

Lu Yin also felt that the ship was too slow. He had a black-hole grade collapsible Aurora, but it was too small for the entire group, so Lu Yin had no choice but to ask Ah Da to guide them. Liu Ye and Fei Hua were both Envoys, and they flew in front as the group made their way towards Black Street.

Hightsage Shenwei had led Lu Yin along when Lu Yin had first visited the Neoverse, and the speed of an expert with a power level of over 900,000 was not something that Liu Ye and Fei Hua could compare to. Thus, when the couple carried Lu Yin and the three into the void, Lu Yin found the trip to be rather dull, so he sent Luo Shen into Zenith Mountain.

If he hadn't been in such a hurry to see Ming Yan, Lu Yin would have preferred to take his own spaceship.

If a person didn't visit Black Street, they would never know that the Neoverse was home to such a filthy place.

Black Street was also known as the Forgotten Land, as it was located at the place where all of the waste from the entire Neoverse was dumped after passing through various stages of processing and recycling. The Forgotten Land was the nastiest corner of the Neoverse, and it was where all useless things would eventually find themselves.

The trash found in this place was not merely waste and refuse, but also human trash. Anyone who was unable to make their way in the Neoverse would end up either leaving or find themselves at Black Street.

This place was also home to every sort of underworld business imaginable.

It seemed impossible for this place to have once been one of the five centers that the Neohuman Alliance had expended every available effort to find.

The vessel slowly traveled through space, moving past the garbage-filled territory.

Liu Ye and Fei Hua's faces grew increasingly worse. They had never seen such a disgusting place before.

In particular, Fei Hua was almost struck by some trash when she was flying through the void.

"Is this Black Street?" Lu Yin asked.

Ah Da replied, "This is the Forgotten Land. In the deepest section of this place, there's a region dedicated to cleaning up all of this cosmic waste. There are many people there who try to survive off of this waste, and that is Black Street."

Lu Yin did not bring Luo Shen back out. He was about to see Ming Yan, and doing so with Luo Shen would simply be awkward.

"The garbage that you see here has already been filtered and processed several times, so everything that can be recycled has already been cleared away. Thus, all of this is either useless or too difficult to process," Ah Da continued his explanation.

Lu Yin stared out into the trash-filled space. It stretched out far beyond what he could see, and it even covered the stars. The waste in this place really was useless and without any value at all.

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"Since everything here's completely useless, how does anyone make a living?" Lu Yin asked.

Ah Da replied, "Ninety nine percent of the trash here is useless, which means that those living here survive by hoping to stumble upon that one percent. It's not easy to survive in the Neoverse, and worms and bugs have appeared here in Black Street. As long as one has the ability, they can actually thrive here."

Lu Yin frowned. This was actually where Ming Yan was staying, which Lu Yin was not comfortable with. The hidden master of the Azure Mansion was also the master of Black Street. In other words, if Ming Yan had not been as capable as she was, she would have been tossed aside like the rest of the miserable wretches that lived in this trash heap.

Lu Yin clenched his fists. If not for how useful Bu Laoweng was alive, he really would have smacked him to death.

Strange creatures occasionally wriggled through the garbage piles drifting through space, and there were also all kinds of odd astral beasts that would eat something.

There was a strange ecosystem in this place. Even though humans could not survive off of the waste in this place, creatures would adapt to every kind of habitat imaginable.

There was a bang as a spacecraft exploded off in the distance, instantly killing everyone in it.

Lu Yin and the others watched as a dark shadow left, but they did not move to stop it.

That attack had been an assassination, a perfect one.

Lu Yin was not surprised to see such a thing occur, and Ah Da was also used to such sights. The vessel that had been attacked had also been heading towards Black Street, which meant that it definitely did not have a simple purpose.

Since they were traveling to what was known as the dirtiest place in the Neoverse, such occurrences did not surprise Lu Yin at all.

The holes in the garbage drifting through space formed passageways that led to Black Street, and they formed a natural maze.

A long time later, the spaceship finally arrived at Black Street.

What was known as Black Street was actually a massive mainland that joined up to a pile of garbage on the horizon. It was covered with humans who looked like ants, and these people survived off of the waste in this place.

Surprisingly, Black Street was a very prosperous place, and it was not as gloomy and dark as Lu Yin had expected. The mainland itself was wide enough to fit more than ten planets lined up side-by-side.

There were no procedures required to enter Black Street, as anyone could come.

Lu Yin and his little group docked their ship, and they were almost instantly surrounded by people who wanted to introduce them to various businesses.

"Sir, do you need anyone assassinated? This little one will take you where you need to go. Their assassination rate is 100%! Guaranteed to be perfect and fairly priced as well."

"Sir, this little one has an offer that comes with a beautiful assassin who will keep you company throughout the entire process. High quality and low price."

"Sir, come and see this young sister here. We have every type of service you could want. Everything is freely available, even watching authentic matches with guaranteed bloodshed."

"Sir..."

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"Get lost!" a deafening shout echoed out from nearby.

Lu Yin looked over to see a group of people quickly approaching them. As they did so, they drove away the crowd of peddlers, and the man in front bowed to Lu Yin in a very respectful manner. "Sir, Boss sent this underling out to pick you up."

Lu Yin had called Ming Yan before arriving, and these were the people that she had sent out to pick him up.

If not for the rubbish that was ubiquitous in the entire region, Black Street would have just been another ordinary landmass. From the outside, none of the dark and shady dealings could be seen.

However, after unleashing his domain, Lu Yin became incredibly uncomfortable. He was flooded by all kinds of wailing and crying while he saw all kinds of heartbreaking scenes. The overwhelming misery shocked him, and he could not understand how Ming Yan could tolerate staying in such a palace.

There was a scream as a woman was grabbed by her collar and dragged off somewhere.

This was not an uncommon event.

Blood filled the dark corners of Black Street that were only occasionally cleaned, and some areas had even been infested by bugs since no one ever cleaned them.

This was not a place that ordinary people would ever visit.

Fortunately, Lu Yin had put Luo Shen in Zenith Mountain. He let out an emotional sigh.

He was no saint, and he was also incapable of saving the people in this place. Even if he could clean up Black Street, there were simply too many places in the universe like Black Street.

As they continued walking along, the surroundings continuously improved. There were some people hidden in the shadows who stared at Lu Yin and the others with envy and desire.

Once Lu Yin arrived at Ming Yan's residence, he turned back to observe the path they had taken through Black Street. The two places were essentially two different worlds.

Ming Yan lived in a place with clear running water and green mountains. No garbage could be seen in the sky overhead, nor were there any dark and dirty hidden corners. White clouds drifted above them, and a floral fragrance filled the air. It was like a fairy wonderland that had descended down onto earth.

So there were opposing extremes even in this place.

Everyone in Black Street saw Bu Laoweng as their master, and his control of Black Street alone had given him a special status among the Hall of Honor's nine overseers.

Black Street processed an untold amount of waste from the entire Neoverse, and it was also one of the guardian nodes. This was what made the place that Bu Laoweng had built up so unique and what had allowed for the rise of the bizarre location that was Black Street.

However, Black Street was actually under the control of a beautiful girl at the moment, and she was snuggling in Lu Yin's arms.

As he held Ming Yan, Lu Yin felt complete.

He had never spent much time with Ming Yan, except for the one time after they had first been separated for a long time, and the separation had created a strange misunderstanding between them.

"Brother Lu, Yan'er missed you so much!" Ming Yan whispered, her eyes flushed with happiness.

Lu Yin lifted her head. "Tell me about what you've been doing. Don't leave anything out."

Ming Yan blushed and then sighed.

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Half a day later, Ming Yu formally asked to meet with Lu Yin.

Lu Yin kept his arms wrapped around Ming Yan, preventing her from leaving, and at the same time, he looked at Ming Yu. "I saw you in the Mountain and Seas Zone."

Ming Yu was very nervous about speaking with Lu Yin. He was different from Ming Yan, and he exerted an immense pressure on Ming Yu that made it hard for her to breathe. "This little one used Sir Lu Yin's name as protection. I ask for sir's judgment now."

Lu Yin replied, "I appreciate smart people, and you even saved Yan'er. Thus, we can forget about the whole thing."

"Thank you, sir." Ming Yu heaved a sigh of relief as her expression visibly showed relief.

"Where's Bu Laoweng?" Lu Yin asked.

Ming Yan replied, "I had him locked up. I'm controlling him with Vitality Poison, so he doesn't dare to go against me."

Lu Yin stared deep into Ming Yan's eyes. They were clear, limpid, and still as pure as the first time Lu Yin had seen them. Despite all that Ming Yan had gone through, the white-haired Ming Yan had taken on the entire burden of the girl's negative emotions. "Don't mention Vitality Poison again. Avoid using that specific name in the future."

Ming Yan nodded, happy to please Lu Yin.

Ming Yu was startled by the behavior, as Ming Yan was currently behaving completely different from the woman whom Ming Yu was familiar with. While the black-haired Ming Yan initially seemed like a soft person, she was used to wielding the authority of an empress, and her aura dominated others. But her overbearing aura was currently being suppressed by Lu Yin's presence, and Ming Yan seemed like nothing more than a well-behaved child.

This was the charisma of this particular man. He had subdued the Outerverse, conquered the Blaze Realm, and controlled forces that Ming Yu could only guess at. Only a man like this could be worthy of Ming Yan.

The two of them together were essentially the deciding voice of the Hall of Honor's overseers.

"This place is not suitable for you to live in." Lu Yin repeated his warnings regarding the Neohuman Alliance. He was hoping for Ming Yan to return to the Great Yu Empire and stay on Zenyu Star, which would give him great peace of mind. That, or she could go to Earth.

Ming Yan immediately changed the subject. "Brother Lu, Ming Yu has a gift for you."

Lu Yin was caught off guard, and he turned to Ming Yu. "A gift?"

Ming Yu spoke in a very respectful tone. "Since Your Highness has returned safely, your subordinates should prepare some gifts."

She clapped her hands.

Soon, a little boy was brought to them. He knelt on the ground, clearly so nervous that he would not even look up.

Lu Yin was completely confused.

Ming Yu explained, "He is old man San Shang's great-grandson."

Lu Yin's brows rose high. "Overseer San Shang? That old man?"

The little boy looked up as soon as he heard "San Shang." His face turned pale, and he started trembling.

"Sir, old man San Shang is being targeted right now. First, his eldest son married a woman, but he died soon after. That woman then went after old man San Shang by capturing all of his descendants and their families in order to gain control of old man San Shang. This child was the only one who escaped, but his luck was bad, and he eventually ended up being captured by pirates and sold to Black Street."

Lu Yin let go of Ming Yan and stood up to approach the child, where he crouched down. "What's your name?"

The child was scared, and he looked at Ming Yu before licking his dry lips. "Bo."

"Your name's Bo?" Lu Yin asked.

The little boy nodded and looked up. He saw Lu Yin's gentle eyes, which helped him summon his courage. "Sir, can you help me?"

Lu Yin smiled and ruffled the little boy's hair. "Take him away for now."

The little boy was led away.

"Who's supporting that woman?" Lu Yin asked. Not even an idiot would believe that there was no one behind a woman who was able to attack one of the Human Domain's nine overseers.

Not a single one of the nine overseers was a simple person. Even if they decided not to pay for protection, countless desperate powerhouses would line up to take up the task. For example, Bu Laoweng had easily maintained his control over Black Street. Even though there was no powerhouse above the Envoy realm following Bu Laoweng, that was mostly because the number of such powerhouses in the Fifth Mainland were simply too few. If an overseer wanted to raise an army, untold Enlighteners would flock to follow them.

Old man San Shang had made no plays to gain power or influence, but the power that he wielded could not be ignored. How could such a man be easily subdued by a woman and then have all of his family and descendants imprisoned? There had to be truly unusually strong power to be supporting the woman.

Ming Yu politely answered, "We have been looking into this ever since Bo was discovered, but we have linked no forces to her."

Lu Yin sat down, and Ming Yan casually moved behind him and began to massage his shoulders.

"Then just leave her alone and keep an eye on her," Lu Yin casually ordered. He always made plans before making a move. He would not rashly become enemies with whoever was supporting this woman before he learned who they were. Besides, they had Bo in their control, so Lu Yin could make a move at any moment.

"Yes sir," Ming Yu replied demurely.

Lu Yin had no intention of making trouble for this woman, and yet she had still sought out Lu Yin on her own. Though it was old man San Shang who had called Lu Yin, Lu Yin knew that the woman was the one making the overseer's decisions.

"Alliance Leader Lu, I'm truly sorry, but I may not be able to follow through on what I promised you," old man San Shang apologized in a hoarse voice.

The ancient man looked pale on the display, and he really did look as though he could die at any moment.

Lu Yin frowned. "Senior, are you saying that you will now agree to Shamrock Enterprise's request to move their hidden world to Mt. Microcosms?"

Old man San Shang nodded. "I'm old, and I tend to forget many things. This old man has already come to an agreement with Shamrock Enterprise, and I cannot go back on my word. You must understand."

Lu Yin looked away. "This junior does understand."

"Then goodbye, Alliance Leader Lu," old man San Shang said before ending the call.

Lu Yin rubbed his gadget as his eyes flitted about.

Ming Yan prepared some tea for Lu Yin and quietly asked, "Has he changed his mind?"

Lu Yin gave a small smile. "It looks like he was forced to go back on what he told me. That woman probably forced him to do this. Things aren't adding up, so it's possible that she only just learned of our agreement, and if that is indeed the case, then she should be calling me herself soon.

"Let's go. I'd like you to show me around Black Street. Though skip the front section—that place is too filthy."

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Ming Yan nodded. "I don't go there either."

A bit of concern then entered her voice, "Brother Lu, you won't hate Yan'er because of this, right?"

Lu Yin laughed. "Why would you say that?"

Ming Yan anxiously continued, saying, "This place is just so dirty, and Yan'er actually wants to clean it up. However, the filth is a defining feature of Black Street. Even though Bu Laoweng is Black Street's master, there are many important people who are connected to this place, and many of those connections are complicated. Any small move could easily result in massive backlashes, so Yan'er can't easily change things."

Lu Yin's eyes lit up. "Are a lot of important people from the Neoverse connected to this place?"

Ming Yan frowned. Disgust filled her voice as she answered, "Humanity exposes its true nature in the dark. That's where humans' most primitive nature is found. There are some people who shine in the light, but once they enter the darkness, they're worse than beasts."

Lu Yin understood. "Yan'er, help me gather information on all of those people. It would really help Big Brother Lu."

Ming Yan readily agreed.

For some reason, the white-haired Ming Yan never showed herself during this visit, which let Lu Yin be more affectionate with Ming Yan. They stayed close to each other for a long time, and he engraved the softness on his skin and the heartbeat against his own into his soul, and it washed all of his exhaustion away.

The next day, old man San Shang called Lu Yin once again. However, the overseer did not appear on Lu Yin's display after the call connected; rather, it was a certain woman. It was actually the same arrogant woman that had run into Lu Yin when they had been leaving the Honor Zone on a cniu.

"It's you?" Lu Yin was surprised.

The woman smiled. "Alliance Leader Lu, I will never forget seeing you at Mt. Microcosms. I'm Qing Tan, and I offer you my respects."

As she spoke, the woman slowly bowed, causing the black silk clothing to fall. She had a provocative demeanor.

She was naturally a beautiful woman, but at this moment, she had restrained her arrogance. This made her appear like an entirely different person, though her movements and expressions were also very natural. Her snow-white skin was crystal clear, and she was wearing a slightly see-through mesh veil, which allowed Lu Yin to see her conspicuous red lips. Everything about the woman seemed both unusual and alluring.

Lu Yin had seen many women before, and while many women attempted to be seductive, few could accomplish it to the degree where even Lu Yin's mouth would go dry. This woman was almost on the same level as Madam Nalan.

"You're calling me with old man San Shang's contact info. Do you have some connection to old man San Shang?" Lu Yin asked, acting both ignorant and curious.

Qing Tan showed a slight smile. "My deceased husband was old man San Shang's son. My father-in-law is currently in poor health, so this little girl handles many of his affairs."

Lu Yin nodded. "In that case, what matter do you have to call me?"

"My father-in-law mentioned that Alliance Leader Lu does not wish for Shamrock Enterprise to be allowed into Mt. Microcosms. This little girl can help." Qing Tan smiled.

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "Your conditions?"

Qing Tan shook her head. "This little girl has long since admired Alliance Leader Lu. As long as Alliance Leader Lu speaks his request, this little girl will not refuse."

Lu Yin smiled. "Thank you so much, Miss Qing Tan."

Qing Tan bowed once more. "It's Qing Tan who would like to thank Alliance Leader Lu for giving her such an opportunity. Without it, I would have never had the opportunity to speak with Alliance Leader Lu. If time permits, Qing Tan would like to visit Alliance Leader Lu in person."

As she spoke, she licked her lips and acted even more coquettishly.

"A time will certainly come." Lu Yin smiled.

Lu Yin quickly ended the call. Just what was this woman's motives? Why was she trying to show Lu Yin kindness? Had she moved of her own accord, or was it on behalf of the powers behind her that allowed her to control an overseer?

As he thought about this strange scenario, Lu Yin sent Wei Rong a message, asking him to look into who was behind Qing Tan.

However, since Qing Tan was offering her assistance, Lu Yin did not need to deal with her for now. As long as he was able to achieve his goal, he did not really care who was controlling old man San Shang.

On Mt. Microcosms, the nine overseers started a council session. They only occasionally held these sessions, as they usually met virtually unless there was a major matter that required their physical presence.

More than an hour into the meeting, Overseer Nan Yuan said, "The next issue is Shamrock Enterprise. They have officially submitted an application stating their hopes of being allowed to move their hidden world to Mt. Microcosms. Please consider the matter and vote."

On Mt. Microcosms, Yan1 was smiling as he chatted with a friend. He did not even consider the possibility of something going wrong with their application to move Shamrock Enterprise's hidden world and headquarters to Mt. Microcosms. In fact, given the company's power and influence, their headquarters could have moved to the mountain long ago. However, Leaf King did not want to be stuck in a hidden world, as he instead dreamed of ruling over his own territory in the Neoverse, just like the Cosmic Sect or Aurora Enterprises. However, that dream was still too distant for them.

Even the mysterious Leaf King was not able to accomplish such a thing quite yet, so he could only wait longer.

"Brother Yan, you and I will only have more opportunities to meet with each other from now on." The man accompanying Yan was an expert who guarded Mt. Microcosms, just like San Liang.

Yan smiled. "That's only natural. When that happens, I'll have to trouble Brother Li to show me around Mt. Microcosms a bit more. We'll definitely visit all of the hundreds of hidden worlds on Mt. Microcosms one by one."

"Given Shamrock Enterprise's power, there's no need for us to visit all of them—we'll just go and visit a few of the more important hidden worlds. The most important thing to do right now is to maintain a good relationship with the overseers."

"Of course. Brother Li, this is the latest pharmaceutical that our company has developed. Brother Li should be able to use it with your training, as it matches your battle technique very well."

"Thank you, Brother Yan."

Yan's gadget beeped with a notification at this time, and his expression changed drastically when he saw the message. His previously happy mood turned to suffering before falling to despair.

"Brother Yan, what's wrong?" Brother Li asked.

Yan's face twisted. "We failed."

Brother Li was shocked. "How is that even possible? With Shamrock Enterprise's abilities, you absolutely qualify to enter Mt. Microcosms, and that's not even taking into account how Brother Yan already has everything in hand.

Yan quietly said, "Overseer Xin Jiao, Mr. You, old man San Shang, Si Hong, and Bu Laoweng all voted against our move."

Brother Li frowned. "How come? I'll help you look into this."

Yan nodded. "Thank you, Brother Li."

He had built up a good relationship with Mt. Microcosms' guards. That was because the guards were the ones who were best informed about the ins and outs of Mt. Microcosms, and all of them had connections to powerful forces.

Soon, Brother Li looked back at Xiang Yan and solemnly stated, "Shamrock Enterprise has offended someone, so half of the overseers voted against your request."

"Who?" Yan asked eagerly. He desperately wanted to discover just who had enough influence to overwhelm Shamrock Enterprise's efforts, as this indicated that they had a direct relationship with the nine overseers.

"Lu Yin," Brother Li quietly stated.

Yan was first confused, but then startled. "The Leader of the Great Eastern Alliance? That Lu Yin?"

Brother Li nodded.

"Isn't he missing?"

"He's already returned. I was told by San Liang, who has a very good relationship with Overseer Si Hong. It was because of Lu Yin's relationship with Overseer Xin Jiao that you were rejected. Without such a relationship, it's impossible for the nine overseers to have refused you."

Yan frowned. "What about Bu Laoweng? Did he also vote against us because of Lu Yin?"

Brother Li's smile grew bitter. "Ever since Eversky Island's Highsage Wudi kicked up such a fuss on Mt. Microcosms, Bu Laoweng has become an overseer in nothing but name, as he lost his privilege as an overseer."

Yan's hands were trembling. It should not have been a big deal for Shamrock Enterprise to enter Mt. Microcosms, and this was not even Leaf King's true desire. However, their only way forward was to first enter Mt. Microcosms and then continue working towards greater goals. Their failure to enter Mt. Microcosms was completely unexpected.

After hearing that Lu Yin had been the one to cause them such trouble, Yan was instantly thought of a motive: it had to have something to do with Yu Mu, as he was the only person from Shamrock Enterprise who had ever offended Lu Yin. In particular, before Lu Yin disappeared, Yu Mu had submitted a report regarding traces of the giant's technology resurfacing. Yu Mu must have done something behind the scenes, as there was no other reason for Lu Yin to have created such trouble for Shamrock Enterprise this soon after returning.

"Brother Li, thank you very much. I will speak with Lu Yin," Yan solemnly expressed his gratitude.

Brother Li sighed. "Brother Yan, you and I are friends, so let me give you a bit of advice: don't become enemies with Lu Yin. He has built up an incredible status in Mt. Microcosms, not only with the overseers, but also with the Interstellar Supreme Court, and even Arch-Elder Zen."

Yan blinked. "Thank you."

On a certain planet in the Outerverse, Yu Mu was quietly listening to Xiao Qin giving a report. Xiao Qin was the secretary of Shamrock Enterprise's assets in the eastern regions of the Outerverse.

"Mr. Yu, with the Sixth Mainland occupying the western part of the Outerverse, my Shamrock Enterprise has to shift its activities to the eastern region, and our assets there have improved rapidly. President Shen..."

Yu Mu did not know why, but he felt increasingly uneasy as he quietly listened to Xiao Qin's report, and his eye even started twitching. Unfortunately, he could not figure out what was making him so nervous.

"As for the resources that we're supplying the Great Eastern Alliance with, I must ask Mr. Yu to give his instructions on this as well," Xiao Qin said.

Yu Mu instantly replied, "Continue to cut it down. Sell them medicines with reduced efficacy, and tell Shen Fu to continue spreading word throughout the Great Eastern Alliance that Lu Yin is dead and that he will never return."

Xiao Qin nodded.

At this moment, Yu Mu's gadget rang out with a call. He glanced down and saw that Yan was calling.

Yan was the secretary for Shamrock Enterprise's Innaverse president, which meant that Yan held extensive influence in the corporation. It was to the extent that even Yu Mu, the Outerverse chairman, could not ignore Yan.

"Secretary Yan, for what reason are you calling me?" Yu Mu asked politely.

"Yu Mu, what did you do to Lu Yin? I need to know everything." Yan suppressed his anger as he quietly asked.

Yu Mu's eye started to twitch worse and worse. "Lu Yin?"

"He's back, and he's targeting us," Yan stated.

Yu Mu finally understood why he had been so ill at ease.

The call soon ended, and Yu Mu's face had gone completely pale. Lu Yin had actually returned? How was that possible!? He should have disappeared forever, but he had actually come back.

Lu Yin's return caused Yu Mu to start to panic, especially since Shamrock Enterprise had suffered such a heavy blow almost as soon as the youth reappeared.

Half of the nine overseers had refused to allow Shamrock Enterprise to enter Mt. Microcosms. This was not actually a terrible problem for Shamrock Enterprise; they had already been in the Honor Zone for many years and done quite well. The troubling part of this incident was that it gave the rest of the Human Domain the impression that the Hall of Honor's nine overseers would not work with Shamrock Enterprise, and that would badly damage the company's image.

Yu Mu felt confident that as soon as word of this incident spread, Shamrock Enterprise would see their reputation and status plummet for a while.

Just how had Lu Yin built up this kind of influence so soon after his return?

Back on Mt. Microcosms, Yan's eyes danced about. Yu Mu had actually reached out to Overseer Cong Ying behind the company's back and revealed that Lu Yin had possible connections to the ancient giants' technology. No wonder Overseer Cong Ying had been actively targeting Continental Shipping. Everyone had assumed it was because of Cong Ying's relationship with Bu Laoweng, but it turned out to actually be because of Yu Mu.

Yu Mu's methods had not been bad. He had not directly intervened, and had actually done nothing more than share a bit of news. It would have been easy to learn that Cong Ying's predecessors had strongly advocated for the destruction and annihilation of all giant technology.

After considering the matter for a long time, Yan decided to reach out to Lu Yin to evaluate the youth's attitude.

Chapter 1569: Sincerity

Yan had no means of directly getting in touch with Lu Yin, so his only course of action was to reach out to Brother Li, and through the guard's relationship with Overseer Si Hong, reach out to Overseer Xin Jiao. Only after all of that was Yan able to contact Lu Yin.

The gadget's display twitched, and then a youthful face appeared in front of Yan. He greeted the young man in a respectful manner, "Yan, of Shamrock Enterprise, greets Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin was still on Black Street. While Yan believed that Lu Yin had not expected the call, the truth was that Lu Yin had Yan under constant surveillance. In particular, San Liang had been keeping an eye on Yan at Lu Yin's orders. "Yan? Secretary of Shamrock Enterprise's Inniverse president?"

"I'm flattered to learn that Alliance Leader Lu has heard of me." Yan smiled while demonstrating a very courteous and respectful attitude.

Lu Yin indifferently commented, "I've heard about all of the people in Shamrock Enterprise who are worth paying attention to. After all, know yourself and know your enemy to win a hundred battles."

Yan was taken aback. "Your enemy? Why would Alliance Leader Lu say such a thing?"

"I don't like to beat around the bush," Lu Yin casually commented.

Yan's face grew stiff. "Alliance Leader Lu, there has been some misunderstanding between our Shamrock Enterprise and you, and I hope we can resolve it."

Lu Yin sipped his tea. "There's no rush. Actually, there's a question I've always wanted to ask."

Yan smiled. "Please tell me."

Lu Yin looked at Yan. "To my understanding, Shamrock Enterprise has scouted talented youths from across the entire Human Domain in order to nurture them as 'seeds.' With this information, what's the difference from your 'seeds,' and the moles that other large organizations plant in other powers?"

Yan's expression instantly changed. "What exactly do you mean, Alliance Leader Lu?"

"Exactly what I said. I want to know more: have any of your seeds been sent into the Great Eastern Alliance?" Lu Yin asked in a laid back manner. Given his experiences and all that he had seen in the Perennial World, he was not overly concerned with Shamrock Enterprise. He had once seen the company as a mysterious and unpredictable power that spanned the universe, but at the moment, he saw Shamrock Enterprise as just another organization on the same level as Smokecloud Sect in the Middle Realm. In fact, Shamrock Enterprise fell behind when it came to top-level powerhouses, as Smokecloud Sect had a Semi-Progenitor.

After climbing to a certain height, everything that one saw would appear to be very small. This was what provided Lu Yin with his confidence when dealing with Shamrock Enterprise.

A massive corporation? The Leaf King? So what.

Yan reluctantly smiled. "Alliance Leader Lu has been overthinking things. My Shamrock Enterprise's seeds are different from moles. Our seeds are forthright. For example, your former classmate Darkvoid never hid his status as a seed. Another of our seeds was also studying in the Astral Combat Academy with you: Tu Bo was another of our seeds."

Lu Yin nodded. "That's good. If there are any of your seeds in the Great Eastern Alliance, it would be best to let me know sooner rather than later, as their presence could easily cause misunderstandings."

Yan remained polite. "It's fear of just such a misunderstanding that there came a need to speak with Alliance Leader Lu."

"Tell me," Lu Yin spoke indifferently.

Yan was not used to needing to act in such a manner. He was the secretary to Shamrock Enterprise's Inniverse president, as well as a powerful Enlightener in his own right with a power level of more than 400,000. In the absence of an Envoy, Yan could be nearly be considered a top powerhouse, and there were not many Envoys in the entire Human Domain. There were very few people who would dare speak to Yan in the same manner as Lu Yin was doing, and it was starting to upset the secretary.

However, Yan suppressed his discontent. Lu Yin had a status in the Hall of Honor and on Mt. Microcosms that not even Shamrock Enterprise as a whole could compare to. This was also the same youth who had trashed Daynight Flowzone. He was a madman, and it was best not to become enemies with such a person.

"We are aware that Yu Mu has caused Alliance Leader Lu and the Great Eastern Alliance to suffer some losses, and because of this, Shamrock Enterprise has decided to punish Yu Mu internally. He is losing his status as chairman of our Outerverse holdings, and we are also offering the Great Eastern Alliance compensation. We are doubling the resources you were previously promised, and if you would like, Alliance Leader Lu, you can make use of Shamrock Enterprise's resources at will, so long as doing so does not affect our normal operations." This was a very enticing offer.

In fact, this offer was one that even the leaders of the Innaverse's eight great flowzones would get excited about. Shamrock Enterprise had made arrangements to move their headquarters within a hidden world over to Mt. Microcosms for less expense than they were offering Lu Yin. This was a price that they could only pay with Leaf King's personal approval.

Shamrock Enterprise had never before offered up such a steep price as a form of reconciliation, and it demonstrated their sincerity.

And yet, Lu Yin refused. He was genuinely tempted by the offer to make use of the company's resources as he wished, but with the condition that he could not affect their regular operations, it meant that the amount of resources available would be quite limited. Also, Lu Yin did not believe that Shamrock Enterprise would truly allow him to make use of such resources however he wished. Still, conditions had been offered, so a response was needed. "Do you truly realize just how much trouble Yu Mu has caused for Continental Shipping? An overseer is currently targeting my Great Eastern Alliance, and the damage that's been caused already is irreparable."

Yan sighed. "That is true; Yu Mu has caused the Great Eastern Alliance to suffer terrible losses. My Shamrock Enterprise will do our best to make up for this matter, and I ask Alliance Leader Lu to be magnanimous and not be concerned about such a minor person."

There had once been a time when Yu Mu had condescendingly thrown a cosmic ring to the ground in front of Lu Yin as compensation for a misunderstanding. At that time, the Outerverse chairman had been arrogant, and had even dragged En Ya through the void. This had been a terrible insult to Lu Yin at the time, and yet, already, Yu Mu was just a minor individual.

"The conditions you've offered will remain the same, and if you manage to find a way to have Overseer Cong Ying stop targeting Continental Shipping, all misunderstandings between me and your Shamrock Enterprise will be completely resolved," Lu Yin stated.

Yan grew embarrassed. If such a thing were possible, he would have already done it long ago. Overseer Cong Ying was a stubborn man, and not even Shamrock Enterprise could change his mind. Yan had already investigated this matter. "Alliance Leader Lu, you are also familiar with the overseer's personality, and if not even you can change his mind, you must understand that it's even more difficult for us to do so."

Lu Yin laughed. "You're merely demoting Yu Mu, and you claim that Cong Ying is too difficult to deal with. Is this how your Shamrock Enterprise shows its sincerity? With an offer of just some mere resources?"

"Alliance Leader Lu, I have already offered you the best conditions that my Shamrock Enterprise has ever given anyone! Please consider this matter," Yan solemnly requested.

Lu Yin just shook his head. "It's better for you to consider this matter."

With that, Lu Yin ended the call.

Ming Yan stepped out from behind him. "Do you really want to become enemies with Shamrock Enterprise?"

"That all depends on the situation. How much do you think I could gain from the situation if I'm able to swallow all of Shamrock Enterprise?"

Ming Yan considered the question. "I don't know. Shamrock Enterprise has businesses that cover the entire Human Domain, and the amount of resources they dump into any one of their seeds is enough for a regular cultivator to become an Explorer. That's also not considering the fact that most of their seeds require excessive resources compared to ordinary cultivators. The resources needed for any one of them must be unfathomable.

"The more accurate that is, the more difficult they'll be to deal with. I've also heard that Leaf King is very mysterious."

Lu Yin nodded. Leaf King was the only person from Shamrock Enterprise who Lu Yin was still wary of. If Leaf King became Lu Yin's enemy, his only option would be to leave the matter to his senior brother, the Chief Justice.

"By the way, I want to give you something," Ming Yan said as though just remembering something. She became excited and pulled Lu Yin out of the room.

"What gift?"

"Your favorite!" Ming Yan tried to act mysterious.

Lu Yin blinked; his favorite?

Black Street was massive, and with Ming Yan controlling Bu Laoweng, it essentially meant that she directly controlled the old man's wealth that he had accumulated over many, many years.

The darker and more violent the place, the more exaggerated the speed at which wealth could be accumulated. Black Street was nothing but quick money.

As he stared at a veritable mountain of star essence that had been stacked up, Lu Yin was absolutely stunned. There had to be more than a billion star essence gathered!

"What's this?" Lu Yin was truly surprised.

Ming Yan smiled proudly. "How is it? Do you like it?"

Lu Yin subconsciously nodded a response, which made Ming Yan even happier. "This is what Bu Laoweng's managed to save up over the years. This not only comes from Black Street, but also from his position as an overseer. Unfortunately, that old man's plans were rather grand, and so a lot of his wealth was spent on Azure Mansion to improve his networking resources. Otherwise, the total amount will be much more than this."

Lu Yin understood her explanation. This was just like the Blaze Realm. Even though it had controlled a third of Blazing Mist Flowzone, their treasury had only held a relatively small amount of star essence. This was mostly because the funds were constantly being used. Bu Laoweng had created Azure Mansion and was the person who controlled Black Street, but that also meant that his operating costs were similarly higher. It was not bad at all for him to have been able to save up so much star essence.

"There's a total of 1.36 billion," Ming Yan reported, which made Lu Yin kiss her. He was enjoying a sudden windfall of an incredible amount of wealth, and it was even enough money to Enhance many items.

With this sudden influx, Lu Yin's liquid assets amounted to a staggering 2.4 billion star essence stored in his cosmic ring.

"Brother Lu, actually, if you need more money, Yan'er can sell off a bunch of Bu Laoweng's properties, and Azure Mansion's costs can be reduced, which would allow for a large amount of money to be gathered very quickly," Ming Yan said.

Lu Yin hugged Ming Yan and told her, "There's no need for that for now. Yan'er, thank you!"

Ming Yan hung her head as she smiled.

Suddenly, her hair turned white.

Lu Yin pursed his lips, and the long-absent white-haired Ming Yan was showering herself.

She stared at Lu Yin with cold eyes. "Remove your hand."

Lu Yin coughed and released her. "Um, why are you here?"

White-haired Ming Yan snorted derisively. "Can I not? This is my place."

Lu Yin fell silent and simply gathered up the star essence into his cosmic ring.

Bu Laoweng had also gathered up a great number of treasures in addition to simple star essence. There were power vessels and many other treasures, but all of the items were rather weak, and given their materials, none of them would serve Lu Yin's needs even after upgrading them.

White-haired Ming Yan then led Lu Yin to a different area. "This place holds some materials that no one knows what they are for. Some were picked up from the trash, while Bu Laoweng collected other bits. However, not even he knew what this stuff can be used for, so you'll have to just see if there's anything useful for you here."

Lu Yin looked over the gathered materials. He actually did not recognize any of them himself. If the Ghost Monkey were present, he might have been able to help Lu Yin.

Still, it did not matter if Lu Yin recognized the materials or not. He needed to get a new universal armor, and that would need many different materials, and the more precious the materials, but better the quality. After considering what he had needed to go through the last time to get his armor made, Lu Yin decided to Disassemble all of the gathered materials.

"Resources are never enough," Lu Yin said.

White-haired Ming Yan merely glanced over at him. "Then I'll return to Black Street to find some more for you."

Lu Yin was about to refuse, but Ming Yan continued, "We are in the Neoverse's trash heap, so it's possible to occasionally find some ancient materials."

"Oh, that would be good," Lu Yin replied before watching as Ming Yan left.

There were very few people in the entire universe who Lu Yin was comfortable enough with to use his die, but Ming Yan was certainly one of them. However, he did not stop her from leaving. He really did need more materials, and ancient materials would be much better.

Occasionally ancient items would appear that could not be processed or recycled given contemporary abilities, but Lu Yin could still do so.

He raised a hand and brought out his die. He tapped it, and it slowly spun before stopping on six pips.

Lu Yin had not removed his cosmic ring this time, and he had no complaints when he saw that he had rolled a six. He acknowledged that there was no better means of gathering information or experience than his die's Possession. He had thought about rolling the die while in the the Lockbreakers World in hopes of being able to Possess a powerful Lockbreaker and gain lockbreaking experience, but he was afraid of being found out, given the size of the Lockbreakers World.

Chapter 1570: The Man Behind The Scenes

Lu Yin would never forget all the benefits he had reaped from continuously Possessing people in the Perennial World. He had discovered Liu Shaoge's presence in the Perennial World, uncovered clues to the Hidden Earth Society, learned information about Yu Chen's jade butterflies, and even managed to travel to the Cloud Shuttle with Xia Ru. All of that had only been possible because of Possession. Given his previous results, Lu Yin felt that he might as well try it in the Neoverse as well.

If he was able to Possess everyone in the universe once, then he would essentially become the absolute master of the universe.

The scenery changed before his eyes, and Lu Yin reappeared in that strange space. He glanced around and then immediately merged with the brightest light orb that was around him.

Given Lu Yin's current strength, anyone he Possessed would undoubtedly be important, which meant that he would always gain valuable information.

As his vision changed once again, Lu Yin almost ran into a planet that was in front of him. There were two people fighting each other, and Lu Yin recognized them both: Nan Yanfei and Di Fa.

Was he in the Sixth Mainland? No, this was the Outerverse.

Almost all of the survivors from the Sixth Mainland had been relocated to the Outerverse, and Realmings like Nan Yanfei and Di Fa were no exceptions. They had also participated in ZENITH.

Shang Qing's summoned Progenitor Chen had smacked Nan Yanfei down to the base of Zenith Mountain, and that one blow had eliminated him from the competition. Di Fa had suffered even more. First, he had been hit by Shang Qing's secret technique, Banish, and later, he had been smashed down

to the foot of the mountain by Lu Yin. Di Fa had even failed to climb back up the mountain after being sent to the bottom of the mountain, and his ranking in ZENITH had been truly pathetic.

At the moment, the two were fighting against each other on a planet in the western region of the Outerverse.

Lu Yin had Possessed an Imprinter from the Blood Homage Realm. In other words, Lu Yin had Possessed an Envoy. With his current battle strength, a bright orb had to represent an Envoy, as anyone weaker would be much dimmer.

This was not Lu Yin's first time Possessing an Envoy, but that had been an extremely injured Envoy whose stellar energy vortex had been destroyed. Only then had Lu Yin been able to Possess that powerhouse.

This meant that the Imprinter that Lu Yin was currently Possessing was the first full strength Envoy that Lu Yin had ever Possessed.

This experience allowed Lu Yin to truly understand the difference between an Envoy and an Enlighter. Envoys used stellar energy to cultivate and had to create a vortex of stellar energy within their body. The body then became a container for that energy while the stellar energy was like a gas that filled the body. The stellar vortex was like a galaxy slowly rotating in space. Thus, Envoys had entered a different realm of cultivation, and they were unimaginably more powerful from when they had been Envoys. Envoys were people on a completely different path of cultivation from Enlighters.

Envoys needed to absorb stellar energy from the true universe in order to slowly expand their stellar energy vortex within their body. From the memories of the Imprinter that Lu Yin had Possessed, he learned that the stellar energy vortex had to grow to a certain point before it transformed. However, the transformation process was very lengthy.

Lu Yin remembered how Semi-Progenitor Liu Hua had been poisoned by Vitality Poison in the Perennial World's New World when they had been defending the Folded Mountains. Marquis Xiang had said that the poison was engineered to destroy the Semi-Progenitor's inner world. Did that mean that stellar vortexes eventually developed into inner worlds?

The Sixth Mainland's Envoys were different from the Envoys of the Perennial World and the Fifth Mainland as they cultivated imprints.

Lu Yin had always believed that cultivating imprints was the wrong path of cultivation, as it made it incredibly difficult to reach the ultimate level of power. Still, Lu Yin had to admit that imprints were by far the best method for Envoys to survive stellar tribulations. The Sixth Mainland had many more Envoys than the Fifth Mainland, and it was all because of their imprints.

Usually, Envoys had to struggle to survive each tribulation, but the Sixth Mainland's Envoys had imprints, and that extra boost of strength gave them a much better chance of surviving stellar tribulations. In fact, their success rate was so high that, in some ways, the Sixth Mainland could compare to the Perennial World.

There was a sudden bang; off in the distance, Nan Yanfei had brought out his imprint of the Bluedome Elder. Across from him, Di Fa had also unleashed his imprint of the Bluedome Elder, and their battle quickly escalated.

Lu Yin did not have time to focus on the Realmings' battle as he was entirely focused on processing and filtering the Imprinter's memories. Another person's cultivation path would become Lu Yin's own invaluable experience.

In the Imprinter's memories, Lu Yin saw a countless number of Aeternal's monsters wreaking havoc upon the Sixth Mainland. He saw countless people die, he saw the mainland itself collapse, he saw the three Progenitors fighting with all they had, and he saw the blood of countless powerhouses stain the ground red.

As time passed, Lu Yin saw memories of the Imprinter fighting against other families within the Sixth Mainland, and he even saw the incredible power of Bluedome Elder. Suddenly, an image flashed, and Lu Yin's pupils shrank. Was that Qing Tan?

He had never expected to see Qing Tan appear in this Imprinter's memory.

According to the Imprinter's memories, the powerhouse had been visiting a statue of the Bluedome Elder, and Qing Tan had been standing beneath the statue. Lu Yin carefully studied the memory, but he found absolutely no information regarding Qing Tan's identity, only that the Imprinter was certain that the woman had a close relationship with the Bluedome Elder.

Qing Tan had to be someone from the Sixth Mainland who followed the Bluedome Elder.

This meant that the power behind Qing Tan was the Sixth Mainland! It was no wonder why she had been able to easily control one of the Hall of Honor's overseers.

In terms of both top powerhouses and overall number of experts, the Sixth Mainland far surpassed the Fifth Mainland. In fact, the Fifth Mainland had only been able to stand on the same level as the Sixth Mainland due to the foresight and preparations of their former Progenitors, but if it came to a true battle, then the Fifth Mainland was not the Sixth's opponent.

The Sixth Mainland seemed to be unwilling to accept only taking the Outerverse, and they also had had plans to take over the Neoverse. As it turned out, part of that plan was to seize control of the overseers.

It was even possible that old man San Shang was not the only one of the nine overseers to have fallen under the Sixth Mainland's control. The others might have already been compromised as well.

"Nan Yanfei, there's no point to the two of us fighting—let's find some people from the Fifth Mainland," Di Fa loudly suggested.

Nan Yanfei replied, "Do you want to go to the Innerverse? Forget it! Just calm down for now."

"There's no need to go to the Innerverse. Have you forgotten about the Daosource Sect's ruins? Even though you and I aren't a part of the younger generation anymore, there's no rules that say that we can't go back. After all, the universe has changed," Di Fa said.

"That's true. I've heard that the Fifth Mainland's Ten Arbiters still show up in the Daosource Sect's ruins sometimes."

"That sounds like a plan."

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Lu Yin ended his Possession, and his consciousness returned to Black Street. When he checked his cosmic ring, he was relieved to see that he had not used much of his funds. Only a few million star essence had been consumed, which was not very much.

Lu Yin immediately wrote a note to Wei Rong, informing the man of Qing Tan's identity and asking Wei Rong to focus his investigation onto those lines and to keep an eye on Qing Tan.

If the Sixth Mainland had started moving against the Neoverse, then there was no way that Qing Tan was their only person. Lu Yin could not startle the hidden snake, but since he had already uncovered Qing Tan's background, she would not be able to escape.

Lu Yin then continued rolling his die, but his next roll was a one, and a weapon dropped out. He used a bit of his strength, and the thing broke. He just tossed it away and rolled the die again.

Finally, he rolled four pips, which was perfect.

After entering the Timestop Space, Lu Yin took out the materials that he had received from Ming Yan. After that, he continued rolling his die.

As long as he was in the Timestop Space, he could get any roll he wanted, no matter how long it took.

His next roll finally landed on two pips.

Lu Yin had frequently gotten this roll in the past, but while it had mostly been useless back then, it was exactly what he needed at this moment.

As soon as Lu Yin saw the black hole appear, he used some star essence to increase its duration and then started processing the materials.

While the wider universe had achieved a state of advanced technology, there were still certain processes that were impossible. For example, there were some materials that could not be separated after being mixed together.

However, Lu Yin's innate gift was able to separate all materials into their base components, which was what gave him the confidence of extracting something valuable.

As he watched the various bits of materials be separated into their raw components, Lu Yin saw that some glowed while others were impervious to his physical strength. He knew that all of these materials had to be invaluable.

Nothing that ended up in the Neoverse's landfill could be reused or recycled.

After some time passed, the ground was covered with raw materials that could not be refined any further. Lu Yin was quite satisfied with what he had accomplished, and he stored everything away.

He wanted to speak with the people that he had imprisoned on Zenith Mountain, but he felt that it would be better to do that after leaving Black Street. This was mostly because Long Xi was still on Zenith Mountain, and Lu Yin would feel guilty if he saw her while Ming Yan was around.

When Lu Yin left the Timestop Space, only one second had passed in the outside world.

Lu Yin waited a bit, and when white-haired Ming Yan returned, she threw a cosmic ring over to him. "This is everything for now."

Upon inspection, while the items within seemed like garbage, they all gave off a very ancient-like aura.

Lu Yin put the ring away, and then he turned to look at Ming Yan. However, before Lu Yin could say anything, white-haired Ming Yan coldly informed him, "Don't even bother saying it. I'm not leaving."

Lu Yin shrugged. "The Neohuman Alliance really is much more than what you think."

"Since the Hall of Honor has always managed to keep the Neohuman Alliance suppressed, then there must be a way to defeat them. If that's the case, then why can't I go after them?" Ming Yan retorted. "This is my revenge, and I will take it for myself."

Lu Yin knew that he would not be able to convince the white-haired Ming Yan, but the black-haired Ming Yan was fine to deal with. Since Ming Yan would never agree with what Lu Yin asked, it would be better for Lu Yin to simply stay silent. The white-haired Ming Yan had an expression filled with both stubbornness and serenity when she had bluntly refused Lu Yin's unspoken request.

"Are you sure that the Vitality Poison will help you?" Lu Yin asked.

Ming Yan's eyes lit up. "Do you have some? Give it to me."

At that moment, Lu Yin remembered Semi-Progenitor Liu Hua. That woman would be furious if she heard such a request. The Vitality Poison had almost destroyed a dignified Semi-Progenitor, and it had left her badly wounded at the very least. This poison had been strong enough to remove a Semi-Progenitor from the battlefield behind the Mother Tree. This was a large part why many cultivators refused to fight against corpse kings in close combat, and yet Ming Yan wanted to actually ingest that terrible poison.

"Are you sure that you'll be ok? The Vitality Poison that you had before was very weak—it was only ranked No. 91. The most powerful Vitality Poisons can even badly wound a Semi-Progenitor." Lu Yin tried to caution the woman.

The white-haired Ming Yan revealed a rare expression of excitement. "The stronger the Vitality Poison, the more useful it is for me."

Lu Yin blinked. They were seeing the same thing from two completely contradictory viewpoints.

"If you eat food, then in the worst case scenario, you can overeat and get bloated to death. But does that make food poisonous?" Ming Yan asked. Lu Yin had no idea how to reply.

Vitality Poison was something that even Semi-Progenitors feared, but Ming Yan saw it as nothing more than sustenance. At worst, she would suffer from overeating.

"So do you have any?"

"No."

"Then find some! As much as possible. The more of that poison that I eat, the stronger I'll become."

"Alright, I'll do my best."

Beep, beep, beep. Ming Yan's gadget sounded with an alert, and her expression changed when she saw it. "The Neohuman Alliance is contacting Bu Laoweng."

Lu Yin's expression grew focused, and he looked over.

Lu Yin saw a line of text appear on the gadget's display: Go to Lu Yin and devote yourself to him completely.

These few words left white-haired Ming Yan in a state of shock, and she gave Lu Yin a very odd look.

When Lu Yin saw the message, he instantly knew it had come from Shaman God. That old monster wanted to help Lu Yin build up his power in the Fifth Mainland for when the Perennial World launched their attack. Aeternus wanted to trigger a civil war within humanity in order to weaken them.

Lu Yin turned to face Ming Yan's eyes, and he said, "It's rather complicated, but I can promise that I'm not a member of the Neohuman Alliance."

"I know," Ming Yan replied.

The first thought that would occur to anyone who saw that message was that Lu Yin was a member of the Neohuman Alliance and a high-ranking member at that. Why else would the Neohuman Alliance help him?

"Do you really believe me?" Lu Yin actually wanted to explain himself, but he did not know where to even begin. The Neohuman Alliance was certain that Lu Yin could lead the Fifth Mainland against the Perennial World; who would believe such a claim?

However, this message also told Lu Yin that the Perennial World was preparing to invade the Fifth Mainland and kill him. There was no other reason for Shaman God to spare no effort in assisting Lu Yin to gain a better foothold in the Fifth Mainland.

It would not be long before war broke out between the Perennial World and the Fifth Mainland. Lu Yin needed to hurry.