

## ODYSSEY 1591

### Chapter 1591: Fennel Flowzone

Fennel Flowzone was basically a gateway to Venom Flowzone, and the flowzone was like a small island in the Innerverse. However, despite being even smaller than Northline Flowzone, Fennel Flowzone was a very lively place.

Venom Flowzone was unique throughout the entire Innerverse. It was filled with all kinds of poisonous insects and hidden monsters. Additionally, it was home to many people whose cultivation were lacking and who had been forced to resort to other methods. This was the reason why Venom Flowzone was a desirable place to many people, and its status had only increased after the Sixth Mainland had attempted to attack the Divine Venom Dynasty. The flowzone's mystery had only risen after that incident.

Also, the price of Venom Flowzone's poisonous bugs was very high.

At the moment, Venom Flowzone was focused on the Great Eastern Alliance. All of the alliance's former opponents had either surrendered or been acquired, but the aftermath of these forceful acquisitions no longer concerned Lu Yin.

"Ah!" There was a small scream as a pale-faced Luo Shen stared at a poisonous bug floating just outside their vessel, and she hid behind Lu Yin.

He looked over, and his mouth twitched; the creature was truly revolting.

This poisonous creature looked like a cross between a centipede and a toad. It had hundreds of legs, but it also had the head of a toad filled with bulging pustules.

With a wave of Lu Yin's hand, the creature was sent away.

Lu Yin filled his eyes with star energy and looked out at outer space, where he saw runes everywhere. Each one represented a poisonous creature floating around, and some of them were even larger than a spacecraft. At the same time, there were also many spacecraft flying through the area.

These vessels were catching poisonous creatures, as they not only moved through outer space, but also inhabited many of the nearby planets.

Luo Shen became increasingly afraid. In such a place, there was no need to mention her—most people would also be terrified.

The Fennel Flowzone had been taken over by the Great Eastern Alliance many years ago. After Lu Yin arrived, he was greeted by Wei Rong and Ku Wei.

"Boss, you're finally here! Boss, Little Wei has been waiting for you for so long!" Ku Wei immediately dropped down to embrace Lu Yin's legs the moment he saw Lu Yin.

Lu Yin was rendered speechless, and he kicked Ku Wei away. "Knock off the references. Just call me 'master.'"

In order to save Ku Wei from the Ku family of the Seven Courts, Lu Yin had become Ku Wei's Lockbreaker master.

"Master, you're finally back. Little Wei has suffered with you gone!" Ku Wei howled.

Suddenly, other miserable wails rang out, and countless people from the Great Eastern Alliance turned to look.

"Alliance Leader! My lord, you're back! My lord, Little Tan has been waiting for you and has suffered so much." The person who was making such a commotion this time was the Blaze Realm's Elder Tan. After deciding to follow Lu Yin, the elder's entire personality had changed.

Ku Wei glared at Elder Tan. "Get lost! Don't stop me from enjoying my time with my master."

Elder Tan blatantly ignored Ku Wei. "Alliance Leader, Little Tan has been waiting for you and suffering all the awhile."

Lu Yin rolled his eyes. The star energy in the area suddenly trembled, and both of the men were sent flying, which caused Luo Shen to giggle as she watched the scene.

Wei Rong bowed to Lu Yin. "Your Highness, welcome home."

Lu Yin nodded and asked some workers to get Luo Shen settled in. He then led Liu Ye and Fei Hua towards the Greenlight Forest, which was the closest place to Venom Flowzone.

The Greenlight Forest was also the most valuable location in all of Fennel Flowzone. It was not a planet, nor was it a mainland. Instead, it was the dried-up corpse of a massive poisonous bug that had been dead for an unknown amount of time. It had been so long that trees had grown on the corpse, and amazingly, these trees bore fruits that gave off a green light. This was able to give immunity to most of the poisonous gasses in Venom Flowzone, and they were also able to avoid being eaten or destroyed by many of the poisonous creatures.

These glowing green fruits were a necessity for any cultivator who wanted to enter Venom Flowzone. The Greenlight Forest had previously been controlled by the Divine Venom Dynasty, but had recently been taken over by the Great Eastern Alliance.

"The Divine Venom Dynasty allowed us to take the Greenlight Forest?" Lu Yin asked.

Wei Rong said, "The Divine Venom Dynasty was built up a myth regarding themselves within Venom Flowzone, and it's true that Venom Flowzone is too difficult to attack. However, outside Venom Flowzone, even though they use techniques that are more bizarre than the Sword Sect, they are not that strong. The alliance can only step back when it comes to Venom Flowzone, but as compensation, we promised guard their gate in Fennel Flowzone for them. Information regarding anyone who enters Venom Flowzone is always shared with the Divine Venom Dynasty."

"The Divine Venom Dynasty places too much importance on their environment within Venom Flowzone." Lu Yin instantly saw the problem. The Divine Venom Dynasty did not care too much about things outside of their own flowzone. Even if Fennel Flowzone was a portal to their domain, they were completely confident that no one could force their way into Venom Flowzone. If even the Sixth Mainland had failed, what could the Great Eastern Alliance do?

Wei Rong smiled. "I like their confidence."

Lu Yin smiled and looked to the west.

"Master, this disciple will show you around Fennel Flowzone." Ku Wei took every opportunity he found to spout flattery.

Not to be outdone, Elder Tan chipped in, "Alliance Leader, this subordinate will show you Venom Flowzone."

"Master, your disciple has prepared a lot of special food for you."

"Alliance Leader, your subordinate has prepared a beautiful girl."

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Lu Yin had no desire to pay any attention to either of the two.

Liu Ye and Fei Hua were both very curious about Fennel Flowzone, so they stayed silent as everyone moved along. No one was able to sense the two Envoys' strength.

If anyone told the people present that Liu Ye and Fei Hua were experts with power levels that exceeded 700,000, everyone's attitude would drastically change in an instant.

It did not take long for Lu Yin to step foot on the Greenlight Forest. This was the first place he had visited in the Inniverse that truly belonged to the Great Eastern Alliance.

Lu Yin's arrival in Fennel Flowzone drew the attention of the members of the Divine Venom Dynasty, but nothing more than their attention. After all, the dynasty cared for nothing about the outside world.

Periodically, there would be a surge in the poisons within Venom Flowzone, and the toxins would spread, polluting even the tributary astral rivers separating the flowzone from its neighbors. Lu Yin's arrival happened to coincide with one such poison tide.

Lu Yin stood in the Greenlight Forest and watched as countless strange poisons flowed through, painting the starry sky. There were all kinds of poisons to be seen. Lu Yin sighed. "It's really quite amazing."

He felt that it would be good to go to the Divine Venom Dynasty to get some poisons that he could then enhance them like crazy.

Events had proven that poison remained very useful in combat.

"A large number of people are lured out after the poison tides each year, as the tides push out some of the rarer poisons from the depths of Venom Flowzone, as well as some planets that are filled with poison.

A violent whistling was heard, and Wei Rong's expression instantly changed. "That's a Babybud. They have very powerful poisons and can be the size of a star. They're creatures that are normally not provoked within Venom Flowzone."

A shadow passed by up above, and Lu Yin looked up to see an incomparably massive creature that was covered with poisonous gasses of all different colors. He even saw mountains and swamps on the creature's skin.

In this place, a Babybud was definitely a creature that was considered extremely powerful, and Lu Yin estimated by the runes he saw that it had a power level of about 450,000.

"After a Babybud shows up, it's necessary to wait a few days before moving even if the poison tide has already finished. Things will become much safer after it returns to Venom Flowzone," Wei Rong explained in a helpless manner.

"That's a very interesting creature. Liu Ye, do you remember that poisonous bug we ran into in the Lower Realm? This thing's very similar to that," Sister Fei Hua said.

Liu Ye agreed, "It's a bit close, but somewhat smaller. I'll go grab it to take a closer look."

"I'll go with you." With that, both of them disappeared.

Wei Rong was startled by their actions. "Your Highness, those two...?"

"Just let them go. It's just a little bug," Lu Yin indifferently dismissed Wei Rong's concerns.

Wei Rong's expression changed a bit, and he took a careful look at Lu Yin. He had changed. In the past, Lu Yin would absolutely have been cautious of a creature like a Babybud that had a level of strength that approached that of an Envoy, and yet he had just called one a little bug?

For Liu Ye, Fei Hua, or even Lu Yin, a Babybud really was just a little bug. Lu Yin was able to with average one-tribulation Envoys who had power levels of more than 500 thousand. It was a different perspective

As for Liu Ye and Fei Hua, they were both terrifying powerhouses with power levels of more than 700,000. Even Long Kui had once admitted to not being able to face the two of them together, which meant that when cooperating, the Flying Blossom Willow Leaf Duo were able to defeat opponents with power levels of more than 800,000.

Together, they were approaching the strength of Yuan Shi. A Babybud truly was just a bug.

There were many of the Great Eastern Alliance's experts in Fennel Flowzone, but no top-tier powerhouses. The strongest person present was Duane Daynight, who was an Enlighter from the Dayking clan who had a power level of 430,000. Naturally, he could not deal with a Babybud.

None of the people present were aware of the fact that the Babybud had not been released from Venom Flowzone by the poison tide, but had been released by the Divine Venom Dynasty. This was not some attack on the Great Eastern Alliance, but was merely intended to act as a deterrent.

The Divine Venom Dynasty did not care about Fennel Flowzone, as they believed that no one could touch them, but that was on the premise that Venom Flowzone remained easy to defend and difficult to attack. They needed to maintain their air of mystery and fear to protect Venom Flowzone. After a Babybud moved out, no one would dare do anything and no one would be able to enter Venom

Flowzone. Their mysterious reputation would grow even stronger. This was the way that the Divine Venom Dynasty handled things.

They actually had their own methods to ensure their survival, and they did not truly ignore the rest of the Fifth Mainland.

Inside Venom Flowzone, a group of people stood tall in space as countless poisonous objects passed by them. They did not react to any of the toxins, and acted as though such things did not even exist.

"Prince, those people out there who saw the Babybud probably won't dare try to enter for at least half a year," one person commented with a smile.

Everyone else in the group quickly agreed

There was a middle-aged man standing in the middle of the group, and a smile appeared on his face after hearing their words. He proudly stated, "Of course not! They wouldn't dare enter even if they had ten times the courage they possess."

"The Great Eastern Alliance must have been frightened as well. Each year, the prince releases some powerful poisons with the poison tides, and that should be enough to keep the Great Eastern Alliance from doing anything rash."

"The prince's wisdom is unparalleled! If those idiots in the Blaze Realm had possessed half of his wisdom, they would never have been destroyed by the Great Eastern Alliance."

The prince laughed loudly. "How could the Blaze Realm ever compare to my Divine Venom Dynasty? My imperial brother entrusted me with this matter, so naturally I'll handle it properly."

At this moment, they heard a shrill whistle off in the distance, and several people's expressions instantly changed. When they looked over, they saw the Babybud violently struggling as though it had just suffered an unimaginable attack. "This bug dares fight back?"

Suddenly, the Babybud started shrinking, and it fell into the Greenlight Forest and disappeared.

"Take it easy! Don't kill it too fast." Another voice was heard.

"Don't worry, bugs are incredibly durable. This thing can't die."

"Be a bit more careful."

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The people within Venom Flowzone were all stunned; the Babybud had been captured? A bug?

The prince swallowed. There was an Envoy out there. Absolutely an Envoy! Who except for an Envoy could grab a Babybud so casually while not giving the creature the slightest opportunity to resist. There were Envoys in Fennel Flowzone. The Great Eastern Alliance had true powerhouses.

Wait, hadn't the reports claimed that the alliance had no Envoys? They had needed to borrow an Envoy from the Sea King's Dome? Then where had these Envoys come from? There were two of them!

"Let's go. We're returning to the Dynasty," the prince decisively ordered. He turned around and prepared to leave. He needed to report this matter to the emperor. The Great Eastern Alliance had hidden their strength too well; they actually had two Envoys in Fennel Flowzone! What did they want? With two Envoys, the Ross Empire and the sylvan dragons could have been eliminated long ago, so what was the alliance doing in Fennel Flowzone?

Even though the Great Eastern Alliance could not compare to the strength that had been mobilized when the Sixth Mainland had attacked Venom Flowzone, from the prince's perspective, the alliance was even more dangerous than the Sixth Mainland. At least the Sixth Mainland had been enemies with the entire Fifth Mainland, while the Great Eastern Alliance was possibly focused exclusively on Venom Flowzone.

Chapter 1592: Transience

Just as the prince was about to leave, a figure appeared behind him. He and the others in his group were all startled, as they had not noticed when this person had arrived.

"Looks like Mr. Lu's invited a few people." Liu Ye had shown up next to the people. He and Fei Hua had noticed the group when they had taken the Babybud, and they had reported their presence to Lu Yin, who had asked Liu Yu to bring the people over.

Liu Ye made his move, and the prince and the others were completely unable to resist. All they could do was watch as they were taken to the Greenlight Forest.

Some distance away, they saw the massive Babybud had shrunk down to only the size of a mountain range. Still, despite its diminished size, it still radiated a shockingly powerful aura.

Lu Yin was standing rather close to the Babybud, watching as Fei Hua muttered something. The prince and his entourage appeared behind Lu Yin.

Lu Yin turned around and observed the prince.

The prince grew embarrassed and after realizing that he had been discovered. "So the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance has returned? I had heard that you had disappeared, and my Divine Venom Dynasty had constantly worried over the safety of Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin smiled. "Thank you. In that case, who might Your Highness be?"

"Prince of Divine Venom Dynasty, Qing Li."

Lu Yin respectfully greeted the man, "So you're His Highness the prince. I've been rude. What might have brought Your Highness out to the border between Venom Flowzone and Fennel Flowzone?"

"The poison tide. My Royal Brother is worried about the safety of the many cultivators in Fennel Flowzone, and so I brought some antidotes with me to help people resist the poison."

Lu Yin found the prince highly entertaining, as he did not even blink as he blatantly lied. Lu Yin glanced over at the Babybud. "Your Highness should know that even though this creature's poison has no intelligence, it can still compare to an attack from an expert with a power level of more than 400,000, and the creature should have no difficulties distinguishing an enemy or recognizing who threw it out of Venom Flowzone."

Qing Li's expression suddenly changed and he stopped talking.

Lu Yin smiled. He had merely been randomly talking, as he had no evidence to support such a claim. Even if the Divine Venom Dynasty truly had tossed the Babybud out into Fennel Flowzone, it was certainly within their rights.

After seeing that Qing Li did not say anything more, Lu Yin suddenly said, "It's said that the Divine Venom Dynasty is unmatched when it comes to poisons. Is there a poison that is completely undetectable to cultivators and that after poisoning, their body will be paralyzed and their reactions slowed?"

Qing Li's pupils shrank, and he took a little while to respond. "There are many poisons that are undetectable to cultivators, and there are quite a few that my Divine Venom Dynasty possesses. Why does Alliance Leader Lu ask?"

Lu Yin was surprised. "Quite a few? Can Your Highness bring some out?"

Qing Li grew awkward. "Alliance Leader Lu may not know, but poisons are the most common methods of attack in my Divine Venom Dynasty, so just like a cultivator's battle techniques, people are unwilling to casually reveal their poisons."

"What about buying them?" Lu Yin asked.

Qing Li grew increasingly uncomfortable. "Well, we don't usually sell poisons."

"You little old man, do you realize just who you're talking to? My master is the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance, peerless within his generation! He is an Honor Chosen of the Hall of Honor, and the Cosmic Sect's first disciple! He's been named a disciple of Eversky Island, and is even a two-star Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker. He's supported by Leon's Armada and a member of the crew, and a frequent guest of the Seven Courts. He's a top tier VIP of Aurora Enterprises, and a top VIP of the Mavis Bank. He's stepping down by offering to do business with you; can't you even recognize when someone's giving you something good?" Ku Wei jumped out of nowhere and started shouting.

His volume startled Qing Li. He was a prince of the Divine Venom Dynasty, so when had he been yelled at in such a manner?

One of the people standing behind Qing Li shouted, "Impudence!"

"You're arrogant! You don't even see who you're talking to! My master offered to buy your poison out of pity; can't you see a good thing when it's in front of you?" Ku Wei roared.

Lu Yin looked at Ku Wei with an approving gaze. Sometimes people like him were needed to give off a desirable effect. However, Lu Yin realized that it was extremely hard for him to say these lines while it seemed like a natural thing for Ku Wei to say, as if he had recited the same lines a million times.

Qing Li's expression turned ugly, and he stared at Ku Wei. Stupid lackey.

"If you don't want to sell it, could you at least let me take a look?" Lu Yin asked. His tone of voice had soured a bit.

Ku Wei grew impatient as he stared at Qing Li. "Hurry up and take it out! Do you still want us to do it for you? Look at that poisonous creature; if you don't pull out what you were told to, you'll end up in that thing's mouth."

Qing Li was infuriated by Ku Wei, but the prince merely snorted and retrieved some poison from his cosmic ring. "This is a poison that I personally developed that's called Five Steps Dispersal. If a cultivator below a Hunter is infected with this toxin, they will die after taking a single step without fail."

Ku Wei quickly stepped forward to grab the poison, and he then carefully handed it over to Lu Yin with a smile. "Master, look at this."

Lu Yin said nothing as he observed the poison. However, he was looking at the poison's runes, and saw that it basically matched a power level 100,000, which aligned with what Qing Li had said. "Your Highness the Prince must be joking; what's the meaning of bringing out this poison?"

"You little old man, you'd better realize what's good for you!" Ku Wei roared.

Qing Li glared at the youth. Still, after gritting his teeth, he took out another poison. While he claimed it was a poison, it looked more like a live snake. It was brightly colored, but was as small as a fingernail. "This is snake venom that my Divine Venom Dynasty researched. This one's effective on even Hunters, as it's able to infiltrate a body faster than a human can react, and even Enlighters will struggle to deal with this poison."

Lu Yin's eyes grew colder. "I'm asking about a poison that's essentially undetectable to any cultivator and that will paralyze a person after they're struck by it."

Qing Li took out a few more poisons, but even the most powerful toxin was something that was only difficult for Enlighters to detect, not impossible.

"It seems that Your Highness is playing with me. I'm able to easily see whether or not everything that you've brought out is poisonous. I was hoping that Your Highness would bring out a poison that I could not see through," Lu Yin spoke slowly.

Ku Wei instantly started spouting threats, "Do you want to play in the Babybud's mouth?"

Qing Li did not know how to respond. "Alliance Leader Lu, there are several other poisons that are kept by the Dynasty that even Enlighters struggle to detect, but my imperial brother is the only one with access to those."

"Has Your Highness heard of runes before?" Lu Yin asked.

Qing Li's expression instantly changed. "The method developed by the legendary Rune Progenitor?"

Lu Yin lifted his head and stared off into the distance. "In this Fifth Mainland, absolutely everything has runes, and the poisons you just showed me that are supposed to be hard to detect all show runes revealing their strength. What I am needing is a poison that has no runes, much like a curio."

Qing Li's expression revealed no change. "That, our dynasty doesn't have anything like that."

"And yet I heard that Nightking Zhenwu received such a poison from the Divine Venom Dynasty, and I even suffered from it myself," Lu Yin casually mentioned.



Qing Li immediately denied the possibility, "That's impossible. Nightking Zhenwu's poison must have come from somewhere besides my Venom Flowzone."

Lu Yin stared at the prince. "Qing Longlong told me."

Qing Li was startled. "How did she know?"

The moment the words left his mouth, he realized that he had been tricked. He looked up at the smug glint in Lu Yin's eyes, and Qing Li's heart sank.

"Your Highness, how long do you want to try to keep this matter hidden? You are welcome to stay as my guest here or in the Great Eastern Alliance. I believe that your Emperor Qing Shaohuang will find it difficult to stop me. How about for a year, or a hundred, or maybe even a thousand years?" Lu Yin's voice remained light.

Qing Li's face twitched, and he visibly struggled with something internally. "Send away your people."

Lu Yin waved a hand, and everyone retreated to leave him alone with Qing Li.

Qing Li grew somber as he stared at Lu Yin. "Alliance Leader Lu, my Divine Venom Dynasty holds no hostility towards you."

Lu Yin stayed silent and calm.

"The poison that Nightking Zhenwu received from my Divine Venom Dynasty is called Transience. It's a poison that my imperial brother has occasionally been able to develop from a strange flower. It is absolutely colorless and tasteless, and it is even comparable to a curio. Even if a person cultivates the Rune Progenitor's technique, they will not see any runes. It is my Divine Venom Dynasty's most precious poison.

"The reason why I gave it to Nightking Zhenwu is because when my Divine Venom Dynasty was first established, an ancient powerhouse from the Daynight clan provided great assistance, which caused my Divine Venom Dynasty to owe the Daynight clan a favor. We had no intention of helping the Daynight clan work against Alliance Leader Lu," Qing Li explained.

It was only at this moment that Lu Yin learned that the poison that he had been afflicted with on Nightking Planet was known as Transience. At the time, Lu Yin had not been able to detect any trace of the poison, and if not for his die and the withered Root of Intelligence he had possessed, he would have died on Nightking Planet.

"Back then, I nearly died," Lu Yin said, his face sullen. Even though the Divine Venom Dynasty had little connection to that particular incident and held no animosity towards Lu Yin, he was unable to look past what had happened to him.

Qing Li also understood this detail. "What is it that you want, Alliance Leader Lu?"

Lu Yin stared at the prince. "I want Transience."

Qing Li frowned. "My imperial brother won't agree. Transience is something that no one other than Nightking Zhenwu has ever received, not even the emperor's own daughter, Qing Longlong, let alone me."

"I want to talk to Qing Shaohuang."

"Unfortunately, the emperor is currently in seclusion to develop a poison. If Alliance Leader Lu does not believe me, you are welcome to try to contact the emperor."

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "What do you think about the Fifth Mainland?"

Qing Li grew confused, as he could not understand such a sudden change in topic. "What does Alliance Leader Lu mean by such a question?"

"Your Highness, if you wish, I, Lu Yin, can help you go anywhere you would like without needing to be trapped in Venom Flowzone," Lu Yin said.

Qing Li shook his head. "Alliance Leader Lu is overthinking things. Those born in Venom Flowzone all have dealt with poisons their entire lives, it is difficult for any of us to leave and try to adapt to the outside world. This is part of the reason that the Hall of Honor has not paid much attention to my Divine Venom Dynasty; it is precisely because the Divine Venom Dynasty has no interest in the outside world."

Lu Yin felt stuck, as he was hoping to be able to place a contact within the Divine Venom Dynasty, but such a thing did not seem like it would be easy.

"Those various poisons you just saw are a gift for Alliance Leader Lu as compensation for the Babybud. Alliance Leader Lu, I understand your desire to get your hands on Transience, and honestly, anyone who knows of the poison wants it. Unfortunately, no one is able to get it, and so I must suggest that you set aside this desire," Qing Li said.

Qing Li left shortly after that, as Lu Yin did not make things difficult for the prince.

This was not the time to create a bad relationship with the Divine Venom Dynasty, and Lu Yin had no reason to move against the prince.

As for Transience, Lu Yin was determined to find a way to get it. A poison that was comparable to curios was simply too useful. If he also managed to Enhance it, there would definitely be a use of the poison.

However, this was not an appropriate time for Lu Yin to visit the Divine Venom Dynasty. Lu Yin was rather ignorant of the empire, though he had already been cautioned about the difficulty of getting Transience from Qing Shaohuang. Lu Yin was not able to use threats and violence everywhere he went.

Also, Qing Shaohuang would not particularly care about Lu Yin's status.

Lu Yin's purpose in Fennel Flowzone was to wait for the Wen family. He did not know what he might be able to get from the Wen family, so he intended to first speak with them.

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In the Outerverse, on a planet that belonged to Shamrock Enterprise, Yu Mu was gasping for air. He was kneeling on one of his knees, and blood streamed from his mouth to drip on the ground. Both of his eyes were crimson, though one was even blind.

A pair of long, snow-white legs strode in front of the man. They belonged to a young girl who had bright eyes and white teeth. She was quite beautiful, but her eyes gave her a bit of a cheeky demeanor. She raised her head and looked up into the sky. "I honestly prefer acting like an average person, and the position of Outerverse president is nothing I want, but who forced you to make such a grave error, Master."

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Yu Mu gazed at the girl in horror. "You aren't dead."

The girl smiled brightly at him. "Of course not."

"Are you a seed?" Yu Mu spat out blood as he struggled to speak.

The girl nodded. She behaved in a refined manner. "At first, the company made the arrangements for me to accept you as my master, but you were so bothered by my talent that you tried to kill me. It's quite tragic, really."

Yu Mu showed a miserable smile. "I never expected to face this day. Yu Er, do you still see me as your master?"

"Of course! A master is a relationship that lasts forever, and a master is someone who will be missed forever." The cunning glint in the girl's eyes suddenly turned incredibly cold, and the same chill entered her voice.

Yu Mu hung his head. "That's good. That's good. It's wonderful to see you before dying. Actually, Master feels quite guilty."

The girl's gaze grew sharp, and she suddenly grabbed at Yu Mu. Her hand passed through his body, but no blood could be seen. His body disappeared.

The girl was startled; the true universe? Unless she was wrong, he had absolutely just fled into the true universe. But how could that be? His power level did not even reach 400,000, so how could he enter the true universe?

The girl entered a daze as she stared at the blood on the ground. The next moment, her eyes blazed with fury; that old corpse couldn't have fled very far!

In space, some distance away, Yu Mu coughed up blood as he fled to an abandoned planet nearby to hide.

The planet was not far from where Yu Mu had been, so he knew that Yu Er would come after him. In order to survive, his only option was to beg for help. However, there was only one person capable of saving Yu Mu: Lu Yin.

The youth was an enemy who had driven Yu Mu into a corner, but he was also the only person capable of saving Yu Mu at this time.

Yu Mu quickly accessed his gadget and called Lu Yin.

After waiting for an agonizing amount of time, Yu Mu finally heard a voice: "Master dear, I know you're here. You can't escape, so come out! I won't kill you."

The girl's clear voice echoed through the planet, sounding like something from Yu Mu's nightmares.

He looked up to see her standing high up in the sky with a hand raised to attack the planet.

At this same moment, Yu Mu's gadget connected his call, and Lu Yin appeared on the display.

The moment the call connected, Lu Yin saw a girl standing in the sky, attacking the planet. Almost instantly, the display went dark.

On the Greenlight Forest, Lu Yin was stunned by what he had just seen; What just happened? Did Yu Mu just die? Who is that girl?

"Brother Lu, do you need to take care of this?" Luo Shen softly asked.

"It's fine."

He soon received another call on his gadget, and Lu Yin immediately answered. The display showed Yu Mu. He had lost the use of an eye, and looked pathetic, which was shocking to Luo Shen.

"All- Alliance Leader Lu! Save me!" Yu Mu's voice broke as he begged for help. He kept his voice pitched low, and fear filled his eyes.

Lu Yin was surprised. "What's going on?"

"The conflict with you cost Shamrock Enterprise heavy losses, and the company not only ordered me to be replaced, but also to be silenced, as they need to keep a massive secret hidden," Yu Mu spoke quickly. He was panting, and constantly glancing over his shoulder as he spoke. He was clearly hiding and scared.

"Continue."

"Alliance Leader Lu, you're the only one who can save me! I swear, if you save me, I'll give you Shamrock Enterprise's greatest secret!" Yu Mu eagerly offered.

Lu Yin's expression suddenly sharpened. "Why should I trust you?"

Yu Mu gritted his teeth, which caused blood to leak from the corner of his mouth. "Because I just managed to escape by fleeing into the true universe."

Lu Yin's eyes went wide. The true universe was a place that only Envoys could enter, or at least someone with strength that was comparable to an Envoy, such as Lu Yin. Yu Mu's power level barely surpassed 300,000 at best, so how could he enter the true universe?

"I don't believe you," Lu Yin bluntly replied. Not even the Perennial World had the means to allow an Enlighter to enter the true universe, so it was clearly impossible for Yu Mu to have done such a thing.

Yu Mu's voice sounded increasingly stressed, "Alliance Leader Lu, save me! If I'm lying, it's not a terrible loss, but what if I'm telling the truth? I can tell you what I used to enter the true universe! It's called a

stellular energy pill and it's the thing that Shamrock Enterprise has always been researching. They only recently succeeded, but now it's possible for the pill to be mass-produced."

"Where?" Lu Yin whispered.

Yu Mu delivered the location, and Lu Yin immediately contacted Elder He. At the moment, Yu Mu was quite close to Enron Planet, which was where the people from the Sea King's Dome had taken up residence.

"Alliance Leader Lu, Shamrock Enterprise will send people to find me as soon as possible! I only have one stellular energy pill left, so I can only escape one more time."

Yu Mu urged Lu Yin to hurry, only for Lu Yin to suddenly yell, "RUN!"

He had seen a figure appear behind Yu Mu in the display. It was the same girl from before.

The display went dark, and Lu Yin stood rooted in place, lost in thought. Could the stellular energy pill be real, or was the whole thing a scam?

It did not seem likely for Yu Mu to be willing to risk lying. Lu Yin was Yu Mu's enemy, so why would the man ask Lu Yin to save him? Besides, if Yu Mu was lying, he knew beyond any shadow of a doubt that he would die. Was there really a pill that the Shamrock Enterprise had created to allow an Enlightener access to the stellular universe?

However, this whole thing sounded completely impossible.

In the Outerverse, Yu Er stared at the empty space before her. She had clearly seen Yu Mu, and yet he had escaped from her once again by fleeing into the true universe.

She had no idea how he had accomplished such a thing, but it had looked like the old corpse had been talking to someone, and it had looked to be Lu Yin.

Lu Yin was no stranger to Yu Er. She had stayed within the Great Eastern Alliance for quite a while, and she had also spent time in the Innerverse and the Cosmic Sea. Lu Yin had been a legend for nearly ten years, so she had seen far too many stories about him.

The old corpse had been forced into his current corner because of his grudge with Lu Yin, so why would he reach out to Lu Yin?

There were too many questions that Yu Er needed answered. She had to find that old corpse.

After half a day of searching, Yu Er found Yu Mu on a meteorite, flying to the east.

Yu Mu despaired; was he out of time? Lu Yin had not had the time to save him.

"Oh, Master dear, were you talking to Lu Yin? Why? Also, how are you able to enter the true universe? Can you tell your disciple?" Yu Er moved to stand in front of Yu Mu. She had the strength to catch him in an instant, so she was comfortable confronting him directly as she spoke to him in a soft voice.

Yu Mu sneered at her. "What? You don't know about the stellular energy pill?"

"Stellular energy pill?" Yu Er had never heard of such a thing.

Yu Mu mocked the girl, "Looks like the company doesn't trust you if they didn't even tell you about the stellar energy pill."

"Then can Master tell me?" Yu Er asked as she stared at Yu Mu. Her long, snow-white legs formed a stark contrast to the dark and dead surface of the meteorite.

Yu Mu shook his head. "In regards for our relationship, I'm going to warn you not to dig into this. The waters of Shamrock Enterprise are deeper and darker than you know."

Yu Er grabbed Yu Mu and told him, "Go back with me."

Suddenly, Yu Er grew stiff. The void had broken open, and an old man emerged from the true universe. "Little girl, please let him go. He's my guest."

Yu Er turned to stare at the old man who was looking at her with solemn eyes. "An Envoy?"

Yu Mu glanced at the remnants of the shattered meteorite behind him and heaved a sigh of relief. He had survived.

Elder He moved in front of Yu Mu and clasped his hands behind his back. He led Yu Mu away. The Envoy was quite curious about the man he had rescued, as Elder He was privy to the grudges between Yu Mu and Lu Yin, so naturally, Elder He had not expected Lu Yin to make any efforts to save this man. There had to be more to their relationship than Elder He knew.

However, such things did not matter to Elder He. He was simply saving Yu Mu in order to earn a favor from Lu Yin that could be used to help find the Sea King.

The people of the Sea King's Dome were absolutely certain that the Sea King was not dead, but they also had no idea where he could be. They were helpless to find or save him, so all they could do was rely on Lu Yin.

Lu Yin was already making his way towards the Outerverse. He was incredibly interested in the stellar energy pill that Yu Mu had mentioned, and Lu Yin also needed to collect Aegis's cloakstone.

The moment that Lu Yin left Fennel Flowzone in one direction, the Wen family entered the flowzone from the opposite direction. Upon learning that Lu Yin had just left for the Outerverse, the Wen family was left with no choice but to chase after him.

It was nearly half a year since Lu Yin had returned to the Fifth Mainland from the Perennial World. On one particular day, some people appeared in the far western region of the Technocracy, and they made their way towards the Sky Creation Academy.

The Sky Creation Academy was the true core of the Technocracy, and it was found in their largest city. In fact, the city actually held the same name: Sky Creation Academy.

During the Tournament of the Strongest, the Technocracy's participants—Yun, Domi, Yarpet, and the others—had all come from Sky Creation Academy. During ZENITH, Wang Yi had represented the exact same place.

Sky Creation Academy was home to many research teams, and Hui Kong frequently visited the place.

However, Hui Kong was to present at this moment, but instead on a barren planet far away, smashing a huge mechanical monster to pieces.

"You old bald corpse, I'll tear you apart sooner or later!" The mechanical monster spoke in a clear, and furious, voice.

Hui Kong grinned. "Little baby, go home and drink some milk. You're starting to get old, and yet Grandpa Hui is as young as ever."

"You shameless baldy!" There was a bang as the mechanical creature was completely smashed.

Hui Kong looked up and blew out a long breath. "If only Brother Lu were here; there's so much raw materials for him to use."

A day later, Hui Kong was roasting a giant beast he randomly caught, when suddenly, his expression drastically changed. He stood and stared off in the distance, unprecedentedly solemn.

A short while later, an old man tore through the void and stepped out. His face remained calm as he looked at Hui Kong. "Someone from the Forsaken Land?"

Hui Kong's eyes instantly narrowed. "Someone from that place."

"This old man is Wang Shang, from the Wang family of the four ruling powers. I understand that you are someone from the Forsaken Land, so maybe you will recognize this person." After speaking, the old man raised a hand and drew an image in the air.

Hui Kong's pupils shrank as soon as he saw the image, Brother Lu?

"Looks like you know him. Take me to him," the old man solemnly ordered, his tone leaving no room for questions. He was a rare six-tribulation Envoy from the Wang family who had always stayed on the rear battlefield. His appearance in the Technocracy was merely a coincidence, as he had received an order from the Wang family. He knew very little about the Forsaken Land, but he did not need to know anything; after all, it was a cultivation wasteland.

Regardless of how many experts the Forsaken Land might possess, they were nothing but maggots to Wang Shang. There was no one in the Forsaken Land who was worthy of his attention. He had survived on the rear battlefield for thousands of years, so he fully believed he could survive even if faced with an entire group of the Forsaken Land's powerhouses.

Hui Kong's expression grew solemn. He could feel the old man's strength that had been tempered with blood and battle. This Wang Shang possessed a monstrous killing intent. Even if Hui Kong had stayed in the Technocracy for many years, he could not release the same sort of aura as this old man. It was possible that Wang Shang was actually stronger than Hui Kong.

"I don't recognize him," Hui Kong said.

Wang Shang sneered, "If this old man is certain that you know him, then it must be true. Take this old man to him."

Wang Shang raised a hand and slapped it down. Simultaneously, black ropes appeared from all directions to bind Hui Kong. It was a secret technique: Confinement.

Hui Kong's expression changed yet again. Hui Secret Art: Omnibreak. A secret technique that could allow a person to see weaknesses in order to defeat the strong while being weak.

Secret technique clashed with secret technique, but Hui Kong saw through Confinement and was not trapped, shocking Wang Shang. "It seems like I've underestimated you."

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Space exploded as two experts with power levels of at least a million went head-to-head. Their battle alerted the entire Technocracy, though there was not even the slightest response to Wang Shang's arrival.

Puff

Hui Kong spat out blood as he stared at Wang Shang in amazement. Hui Kong did not even understand what had just happened; how had he been injured?

Wang Shang actually looked quite embarrassed, and he was clearly impressed by Hui Kong. "I truly underestimate you. I never expected to find such a master in the Forsaken Land. However, you can't go against my Wang family, so take me to find this child or tell me if you have some connection to him."

Hui Kong touched his bald head. "Go to hell! He's my brother!"

He then raised both hands high and pressed down with them. A Golden Meteor appeared overhead and smashed down towards Wang Shang.

Wang Shang sneered. "Just a trick from a little worm!"

He raised his own hand. "Four Arts: Celestial Blade." A sharp blade slashed out and cut across the meteor, but the power of the meteor was tremendous, and it forced Wang Shang and his Celestial Blade to retreat. He felt his internal organs tremble, and his arms cracked. Hui Kong had used his family's inherited battle technique, Golden Meteor, which had come from Progenitor Hui. It was not a simple technique to face.

Wang Shang raised a hand yet again, though this time he aimed it at Hui Kong. Wang Shang intended to first badly injure his opponent.

A key characteristic of the Golden Meteor technique was that each meteor could be individually cultivated. After a period of time, a cultivator would be able to condense a meteor with almost their full strength, and there was no limit to the number of meteors that could be cultivated in this fashion.

Hui Kong had been in the Technocracy for countless years, and he had constantly been cultivating Golden Meteors as a deterrent towards the Technocracy. At this moment, he was using them against Wang Shang.

Just as Wang Shang was about to attack Hui Kong, numerous Golden Meteors appeared above his head, and each of them shot towards him.



Even if Wang Shang had survived the slaughter of the rear battlefield and had become fearless in the face of death, he still was not able to take on so many powerful attacks, especially when he was already being pushed back. He tore through the void to make his escape.

However, if the Golden Meteors were so easy to evade, they would never have become the Hui family's inherited battle technique.

The Golden Meteors shot into the void, chasing after Wang Shang and smashing into him.

Hui Kong gasped for breath. Even if he survived, he knew he was already badly injured. There were too many bizarre techniques in the universe, and there was also an insurmountable gap in existence. Fortunately, Hui Kong had held a trump card.

What the hell did Brother Lu do? Why would such a powerhouse from that place be personally chasing after him?

However, the fact that such an expert was trying to kill Brother Lu also showed that the kid was alive, which was good news.

It looked like Hui Kong would no longer be able to stay in the Technocracy; though that person had been forced back, someone would definitely return, and with greater strength.

While this incident was playing out in the Technocracy, another incident was unfolding in the Outerverse.

Elder He took Yu Mu towards Enron Star, but as they were traveling, they encountered an expert from the Sixth Mainland who had been sent to target Aegis.

The Di family had not been the only ones to target Aegis, as the Autumnfrost family had done so as well.

The Sixth Mainland's Bloodburn Realm had three powerful families, which were the Di family, the Mojiang clan, and the Autumnfrost family. Of the three, the Mojiang clan and the Autumnfrost family had World Imprinters as their ancestors, while the Di family alone had possessed a Cosmic Imprinter. The Di family's ancestor had also one of the Daosource Sect's Ten Venerables, but when disaster had struck the Sixth Mainland, the Di ancestor had been killed during the fighting. The Mojiang clan's ancestor had died long ago, so only the Autumnfrost family had managed to maintain their position in the Bloodburn Realm.

The Sixth Mainland had since moved into the Fifth Mainland's Outerverse, which meant that the nine Realms were no longer physically divided from each other. Still, people felt a closer connection with those from the same Realm, and so most of the refugees from the Bloodburn Realm had taken refuge with the Autumnfrost family.

"Who might you be?" Elder He studied the cultivators from the Sixth Mainland who stood in front of him. The Envoy was solemn, as he held great animosity towards the people of the Sixth Mainland.

The powerhouse from the Autumnfrost family was known as Uncle Hua. He was an Envoy with a power level of more than 600,000, and he was followed by Di Fa, Autumnfrost Qing, and others from the Sixth Mainland.

"I'm Elder Autumnfrost Hua. Who are you?" Uncle Hua asked. He had deliberately intercepted these two people after seeing that one of them was an Envoy. Since the Sixth Mainland had moved to the Outerverse, they naturally wanted the locals to accept new overlords, and also to win over the Outerverse's experts. Winning over experts was the fastest method of taking over an area, especially Envoys, as such powerhouses were usually followed by a large number of cultivators.

Elder He's tone grew more aggressive, "I'm just passing by, so please let me move out of your way."

Uncle Hua frowned, and Autumnfrost Qing spoke up from behind the Imprinter, "Are you really so rude that you won't even share your surname?"

Killing intent flickered through Elder He's eyes. "Just what is it that you want?"

Uncle Hua replied, "You're an Envoy in the Outerverse, so are you an Outerverse cultivator, or just a passerby?"

"That's none of your business," Elder He retorted.

Uncle Hua's voice grew cold, "The Fifth Mainland's Outerverse now belongs to my Sixth Mainland, so everyone who belongs to the Outerverse also belongs to my Sixth Mainland; how can your identity be none of my business?"

"The Sixth Mainland? Just a group of stray dogs without a home," Elder He replied disdainfully.

Autumnfrost Qing and others grew furious, Uncle Hua's eyes instantly went wide. "What arrogance!"

As the Imprinter shouted, the imprint of Ancestor Autumnfrost appeared behind the expert, and his terrifying aura caused space to tremble.

Elder He was fearless, and he prepared to attack. However, Yu Mu, who had remained behind Elder He, suddenly shouted, "Senior, Junior Yu Mu wishes to ask for something."

Elder He suddenly looked back, murder raging in his eyes. "Shut up."

An odd weapon appeared in Uncle Hua's hand, and he attacked. Elder He reacted quickly, but despite it being a casual blow, Elder He was smacked back, and he spat out blood.

Uncle Hua had a power level of more than 600,000, which already exceeded Elder He's cultivation level. Additionally, cultivators from the Sixth Mainland enjoyed an innate suppression towards people from the Fifth Mainland. With the support of the imprint and the Imprinter's bloodline, Elder He was absolutely not Uncle Hua's opponent.

Uncle Hua snorted coldly and turned to look at Yu Mu. "What do you want?"

Yu Mu was thrilled. He truly did not care about the Fifth or Sixth Mainlands, he just wanted to survive. He felt it would be safer to turn to the Sixth Mainland, with which he had no connection or relationship, than to be saved by Lu Yin. This was because Yu Mu did not believe that Lu Yin would ever let him go.

"This junior is Yu Mu, Outerverse president of the Fifth Mainland's Shamrock Enterprise. I wish to join the Autumnfrost family," Yu Mu said as he gave a respectful bow.

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The Astral River Ark had once amazed Lu Yin, but he had since visited the Neoverse, Perennial World, the Honor Zone, the Bifrost, and the Mother Tree. Everything in the entire Fifth Mainland had become less impressive to Lu Yin's eyes.

Beep beep beep

Lu Yin answered the call.

"Alliance Leader Lu, I'm sorry. I failed." Lu Yin heard Elder He's voice, but the Envoy sounded weak and was coughing.

Lu Yin was taken aback. "Shamrock Enterprise sent out an Envoy?"

"It was someone from the Autumnfrost family."

Lu Yin grew curious, "How did you get involved with someone from the Autumnfrost family?"

Elder He gave an explanation, and then apologized again, "I'm at fault for Yu Mu being taken away."

Lu Yin quickly comforted the older man, "Elder He is exaggerating the matter. You are in no way at fault for this matter. I'll handle this, so please return to Enron Planet to recover."

"Very well." Elder He then ended the call.

Lu Yin then immediately contacted Starfox. There was no chance that it was a mere coincidence that someone from the Sixth Mainland's Autumnfrost family had appeared in the area.

In order to promote a peaceful takeover, and also because of the Aeternals' invasion, the Sixth Mainland had been proceeding peacefully with their takeover of the Outerverse, and they had restrained themselves from employing acts of war as they had slowly moved eastward. With the Autumnfrost family sending people into the central weaves of the Outerverse, Lu Yin suspected that it might have something to do with Aegis.

Lu Yin mentioned his suspicions to Starfox, and though the old assassin was shocked, he was also grateful towards Lu Yin. Starfox quickly fled with everyone from Aegis.

Starfox had already made an attempt to travel to the west in order to speak with the Di family, but things had not gone well. Lu Yin's information regarding the presence of members of the Autumnfrost family left Starfox fully convinced that the family was targeting Aegis.

The Di family had already submitted to the Autumnfrost family.

At the same time that Lu Yin was reaching out to Starfox to allow Aegis to evacuate, Yu Mu was speaking to Uncle Hua.

"Aegis is an organization that belongs to Lu Yin. That child has a special position within the Hall of Honor that allows him to recruit subordinate organizations. The Envoy from just now is someone from the Sea King's Dome, so he will definitely report Senior's presence here to Lu Yin," Yu Mu explained.

Uncle Hua immediately sped up. He was moving straight towards Aegis.

Uncle Hua was already quite familiar with Lu Yin's reputation. Even though Uncle Hua had never personally encountered the youth, Lu Yin had put on a terrifying performance during ZENITH. On top of that, Lu Yin potentially remained the Sixth Mainland's greatest obstacle to successfully taking over the Outerverse. If not for the Great Eastern Alliance, the Sixth Mainland's progress would have been much faster.

The moment Autumnfrost Qing heard Lu Yin's name, the youth clenched his fists and his face twisted into a hideous expression. It was Lu Yin yet again! If possible, Autumnfrost Qing really wanted to kill Lu Yin.

Thinking of Lu Yin caused Autumnfrost Qing to think of Yan Xiaojing and that fatty. Autumnfrost Qing had never stopped looking for those two, as they both needed to die. He could not allow either of those two to escape.

Di Fa stared out into space. Lu Yin had gone missing for a long time, and so Di Fa had not expected to discover that Lu Yin was still alive after vanishing for two full years. After Lu Yin's return, he had created a massive commotion in the Daosource Sect's ruins, and had even smashed Di Fa and Nan Yanfei into a sea, nearly killing them. The gap between Di Fa and Lu Yin had only grown larger with time, so would they meet again during this excursion to chase after Aegis?

When Uncle Hua and his party came to the Aegis Planet, they found that the place had been completely abandoned. There was not a living soul on the planet.

Not only had Lu Yin provided warning with sufficient time, Starfox and the others had already prepared themselves for this situation.

Uncle Hua's face grew ugly.

Yu Mu quickly spoke up, "Senior, that person from the Sea King's Dome who spoke to Lu Yin. This junior knows where the people from the Sea King's Dome can be found."

"Show me." Uncle Hua's voice betrayed his bad mood.

Far away, Elder He had returned to Enron Planet. He spoke to the other elders there of what had happened, and Hai Qiqi used her venomous tongue to mock Uncle Hua and others as being worthless. Elder He fell silent for a bit, but then he ordered everyone to evacuate.

"Elder, do we really need to leave?" Hai Dashao asked.

Elder Tong's eyes flickered, "Yu Mu had to have recognized Elder He, and he also knows our relationship with Lu Yin. Even if I don't know what will happen with the Autumnfrost family, I do know that Lu Yin will never allow Yu Mu to be taken away. Conflict between them has become inevitable, and we are too exposed. We can easily become targets."

"So we leave," Hai Dashao affirmed.

Hai Qiqi was reluctant, "Why does Lu Yin want us to wipe his ass?"

After the passing of several years, she had gradually recovered from the shadow that the loss of the Sea King had cast over her heart. Even though she had not fully recovered, she was doing much better than she had before.

"If you want to bring the Sea King back, you will have to rely on Lu Yin's power. Only the Great Eastern Alliance is able to make those people from the Sixth Mainland wary. Lu Yin's foundation goes too deep, and his influence spreads further than anyone else," Elder Tong spoke with evident emotion. He glanced at Hai Qiqi, thinking it would be great if Lu Yin and Qiqi would get together. In the past, the Sea King could have forced the two together, but such a thing had since become impossible.

Uncle Hua led Yu Mu and the others to Enron Star. However, they were met by the sight of an ordinary planet that was inhabited solely by regular humans. There was no trace of anyone from the Sea King's Dome.

This caused Uncle Hua to become even more frustrated. The fury of an Envoy caused space to shake, and the planet suffered from disasters like tsunamis and earthquakes.

No one dared to say a word to Uncle Hua, though they also could not have cared less about the lives of the regular humans on the planet.

#### Chapter 1595: Hidden Seeds

Suddenly, space shattered in front of Uncle Hua as a palm attack struck at him. Even though the Envoy saw it, he did not have time to evade, and the invisible palm print struck him. Though the palm print itself was invisible, it was shrouded with a golden light, and it pierced through his body, and burst out his back. As it struck, his defenses were suddenly weakened, particularly in the exact location where the attack hit him. He could not stop himself from spitting out a mouthful of blood as his body was sent tumbling back through space.

Uncle Hua spat out a second mouthful of blood, and Ancestor Autumnfrost's imprint suddenly appeared behind the Envoy as he twisted his body and stabilized himself in space.

He gasped for breath as blood dripped from the corners of his mouth, and he stared at Enron Planet. The palm attack that had struck him had been incredibly powerful, and had also used the Overlaying Stacks Path. If not for the fact that the attacker was not an Envoy, Uncle Hua would have been in grave danger. As it was, he had still been wounded by the palm.

"Who?" Uncle Hua shouted sharply. His eyes were blood-red, and his imprint did not disappear from behind his back. He even activated his bloodline in order to be as careful as possible.

Autumnfrost Qing and others who had been traveling with Uncle Hua raced to get behind him for protection.

Up ahead of them, Lu Yin emerged. His expression was grim as he stared at Uncle Hua.

The moment that they saw Lu Yin, several of the people's expressions changed drastically. Of particular note was Yu Mu, who had turned completely white. A cold sweat drenched the man's back.

"You're from the Autumnfrost family? What gave you the courage to enter my Great Eastern Alliance's territory?" Lu Yin shouted. His golden battle force twined around both of his arms.

Uncle Hua stared at Lu Yin. "Are you Lu Yin?"

"Answer me! Who gave you the courage to come here? Ancestor Autumnfrost?" Lu Yin demanded.

"Arrogant! You're nothing but an Enlighter; how dare you speak to a senior Envoy in such a manner!" Autumnfrost Qing shouted.

Lu Yin glanced over at Yu Mu, and then turned his focus back to Uncle Hua.

Uncle Hua stared at Lu Yin, feeling an overwhelming fear. He had not considered that the attack that had just struck him could have come from this youth. This child clearly had the strength to go up against an Envoy on equal terms, which was terrifying. How could an Enlighter be so strong? There was no one from the same generation as Lu Yin, not even the Daosource Three Skies, who could stand up to an Envoy. This child's strength was horrifying.

If this youth was allowed to mature, it would absolutely bring about a disaster for the Sixth Mainland. Thinking about this possibility, Uncle Hua shouted back, "All of the Outerverse has been given over to my Sixth Mainland! What is this Great Eastern Alliance? Lu Yin, do you really want to make trouble with me? Do you want the Sixth Mainland as your enemy?"

"Bullshit!" Lu Yin raised a hand and instantly attacked with another Vacuum Palm. Uncle Hua's expression changed, and a bizarre weapon appeared in his hand that he swept out.

Lu Yin was watching Uncle Hua's runes. This attack clearly exceeded a power level of 600,000, which was quite powerful, but Truesight immediately weakened it.

As Uncle Hua's counter-attack swept out, he was clearly able to sense that something had gone wrong, as his attack had suddenly been drastically weakened. Lu Yin's Vacuum Palm fell and slapped Uncle Hua's weapon, knocking both the weapon and Uncle Hua back. However, the Envoy had been prepared this time, and he did not suffer as badly as he had from Lu Yin's initial attack, though the difference was not very great. Uncle Hua had not expected to suffer so badly from Lu Yin's attacks even when prepared.

Lu Yin's strength had reached a level that people like Di Fa who had fought against him in the past were in denial at what they saw before them. Lu Yin was facing an Envoy, and still forcing his opponent back!

Uncle Hua passed through the void and disappeared. At the same time, Lu Yin did the same, and they both entered the true universe, and Vacuum Palms continued to rain down on Uncle Hua.

The Envoy had not imagined that Lu Yin would actually be able to enter the true universe, and the Envoy was soon beaten back into the visible universe. An astral chessboard appeared beneath Lu Yin's feet, and he moved to appear directly behind Uncle Hua. However, the Envoy seemed to expect this change, and he attacked from an unexpected angle, forcing Lu Yin to fall back.

Just as Uncle Hua was about to follow up on his attack, Liu Ye appeared and instantly stopped Uncle Hua. "'Mr. Lu, why would you bother fighting with us present?"

Both Liu Ye Fei Hua revealed themselves.

Lu Yin had brought the two Envoys with him to the Outerverse, though he had left Luo Shen in Fennel Flowzone. He had asked Wei Rong to provide an escort to take Luo Shen back to the Great Eastern Alliance.

Seeing two Envoys suddenly appear startled everyone from the Sixth Mainland, especially Uncle Hua. He had never expected such powerful people to be accompanying Lu Yin.

"So this is an imprint? It's quite an odd power." Sister Fei Hua stared at the image of Ancestor Autumnfrost that could be seen behind Uncle Hua.

Liu Ye was curious about something. "It's a power that can strengthen people to give them a slightly stronger power level than what they naturally possess. These imprints are certainly something that is worth studying here in the Forsaken Land."

He then casually asked, "Have you ever seen this sort of power before?"

Liu Ye was caught off guard. "Should we have?"

"Visualization," Lu Yin spoke a single word.

This answer startled Liu Ye. "It's actually is rather similar."

Uncle Hua was completely incapacitated. Facing two powerhouses with the strength of Liu Ye and Fei Hua, the Sixth Mainlander was unable to even give voice to any sort of threat. He was already Lu Yin's prisoner.

"Alliance Leader Lu, what do you want?" Uncle Hua asked.

Lu Yin intended to allow someone to return to the Autumnfrost family to report this incident to them so that the family would pay a ransom for their captured members, while also threatening the Sixth Mainland, but he suddenly thought of something else.

"Mr. Yu, you're quite good at going where the wind blows," Lu Yin spoke directly to Yu Mu.

Yu Mu showed a bitter smile. "Lord Lu, you and I are enemies. The only reason you moved to save me is because you were convinced by what I mentioned to you. However, I found a better offer. This is how business transactions work."

Lu Yin nodded. "That's true, we merely had a deal. However, if you were the one who led these people to Enron Planet, then that's outside of any deal we made, and is actually you working directly against me."

"The people from the Sea King's Dome aren't part of your Great Eastern Alliance, which means they have nothing to do with you, Alliance Leader Lu," Yu Mu quibbled.

Lu Yin laughed. "This isn't some kind of argument; I'm simply telling you that you made things difficult for me."

Yu Mu sighed. "I'll tell you everything about stellar energy pill. All I ask is that Alliance Leader Lu will allow me to live."

Lu Yin's eyes flickered. "Well then, let's talk."

Yu Mu grew wary. "I'm speaking to you as the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance, which means that the people who follow you and everyone who is part of the alliance cannot be allowed to do anything to me, nor can any of them hire an outsider to move against me. On top of that, you have to safely deliver me to the Astral Wilderness."

"You're in no position to make any demands of me. I can promise you that neither I nor any of my people will target you, but if you want to go to the Astral Wilderness, you'll have to accomplish that on your own," Lu Yin said.

Yu Mu quickly replied, "Alliance Leader Lu, we're talking about the stellar energy pill! Once the production of it is mastered, it will provide invaluable assistance to your Great Eastern Alliance, the value of which cannot compare to my simple requests. Actually, I have one more thing: give me the universal armor that you've been using."

Lu Yin stared at Yu Mu. "You're truly interesting. Since I already know that Shamrock Enterprise as the stellar energy pill, I have the means to learn more. Getting the information from you merely saves me a bit of trouble. You're not only my past enemy, but you're still plotting against me? You want to take away my protection? Do you really think that I won't just kill you?"

Yu Mu snorted derisively. "I may be afraid of death, but I also know that if my conditions are not met, I'll absolutely die. Shamrock Enterprise has hidden too many of their seeds, and it's possible that there are even some close to you, Alliance Leader Lu. You may not even be able to keep yourself safe unless all of them are killed. This is taking out two birds with one stone."

"I can send you to the Astral Wilderness, but that's as far as I will bend. If that's not good enough, then you can just die." Lu Yin's voice remained casual.

Yu Mu gritted his teeth. He was absolutely certain that Lu Yin wanted the stellar energy pill, as there was no other reason for Lu Yin to have instantly mobilized the Envoy from the Sea King's Dome, or rushed out to the Outerverse himself. However, Lu Yin had also been right about something else he had mentioned; after learning of the existence of the stellar energy pill, Lu Yin would be able to find out more through alternate channels. Yu Mu was not willing to take such a gamble. He was afraid that he would push Lu Yin too far, and that would spell Yu Mu's death.

If Yu Mu was not so desperate to survive, he would never have turned to Lu Yin for help, nor would he have instantly gone over to the Autumnfrost family at the first opportunity. Yu Mu cared more about his survival than anything else.

"I want to join your Great Eastern Alliance," Yu Mu declared in a low voice, once again modifying the conditions of their agreement.

Lu Yin's expression grew sharp, and he considered the new request. "Alright."

While the Great Eastern Alliance would welcome all who wished to join, as the overall leader, Lu Yin had the authority to arrange personnel changes, and Yu Mu would be sent to the frontline in the most dangerous regions. While the man's identity would naturally be changed, it would be impossible for anyone to predict his final fate.

"The stellar energy pill is the goal of one of Shamrock Enterprise's research projects. I have no idea how long it has been going on for, but I only qualified to learn about it after I became the Outerverse president. At that time, the pills were able to allow entry to the true universe, but a person was unable



to move at all. Now, Enlighters are able to instantly enter the true universe and move about in it," Yu Mu explained.

"However, travel through the true universe is only one use of the stellar energy pill, and it has further uses. Shamrock Enterprise was not only studying how to make these pills, but also various uses for them. The pills are more generally used to draw the attention of the true universe."

Lu Yin's curiosity was piqued, and a vague possibility had occurred to him. "Keep going."

Yu Mu obliged. "When Envoys fight, they not only face each other, but also the true universe. The moment that the true universe notices them, it can strip away the stellar energy that is stored within their body. If that happens, the impact on any fight doesn't even need to be mentioned. If several stellar energy pills are used simultaneously, such an effect can be triggered."

Lu Yin understood, as this was another reason why all Envoys wanted curios. Such treasures were able to conceal an Envoy's stellar energy from being noticed by the true universe, which was invaluable for both cultivating and fighting. Stellar energy was a two-edged sword for Envoys, as well as one that only targeted Envoys.

"Where is the stellar energy pill research team?" Lu Yin asked.

Yu Mu grew solemn. "The company's hidden world headquarters. Actually, the research team's presence there is exactly why the company wanted to move their hidden world to Mt. Microcosms. Otherwise, they would have avoided such a move in order to escape attention."

The last of Lu Yin's questions were finally answered. He had always wondered why Shamrock Enterprise had avoided relocating their hidden world to Mt. Microcosms, as it would be best to move there for the protection that could be had there. At this moment, Lu Yin finally had an answer.

"In other words, the research into the stellar energy pill only recently achieved success?" Lu Yin said.

Yu Mu answered, "They were successful about ten years ago, and I've been testing them for that long. It's why I was able to get a few, though I used them all while trying to escape pursuit."

"Aside from the hidden world headquarters, do any of the company's other branches have some of these pills?"

"Absolutely not. The stellar energy pill is the company's greatest secret. Even the woman who nearly killed me and is taking over my position as Outerverse president, Yu Er, knows nothing about even the existence of the stellar energy pill. I only know of it because of my age."

Lu Yin was caught off guard. "That woman's name's Yu Er?"

Yu Mu's face grew dark. "She was my disciple, but she betrayed me. She's a hidden seed. Alliance Leader Lu, you must be careful about Shamrock Enterprise's hidden seeds! Not only are they each very powerful, there must be some already hidden within the Great Eastern Alliance. Yu Er was actually hiding within your Great Eastern Alliance, and she only revealed herself in order to replace me. If not for that, I would never have even known that she was still alive."

Chapter 1596: Bizarre Sect

Lu Yin was not particularly concerned what happened to Yu Mu, as experts who did not have the strength of an Envoy did not qualify for Lu Yin's notice. "How can I get the stellar energy pill?"

Yu Mu fell silent. Shamrock Enterprise was trying to hunt him down, so it was impossible for him to get the pill.

Lu Yin stared at Yu Mu. "I would expect that you have someone you're familiar with who's already in the hidden world of the company's headquarters. So long as you find a way to get me that stellar energy pill, I will guarantee a very bright future for you. At the very least, you won't have to fear for your life."

Anticipation entered Yu Mu's eyes, though he tried to keep it hidden. "There's simply no way. The company's management is very strict, and since I've been blacklisted, the people who I know in the headquarters will all come after me to kill me if they see me now."

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "I can give you a universal armor strong enough to defend against Envoys."

"This subordinate will do his best," Yu Mu replied. He had been very interested in Lu Yin's universal armor. The entire universe was aware that Lu Yin had very powerful items and power vessels, so if Yu Mu could get one from Lu Yin, the man would no longer need to worry about being chased down and killed. If he could get Lu Yin's universal armor, Yu Mu would wear it even to sleep.

However, Lu Yin also did not believe that Yu Mu would actually be able to get a stellar energy pill from Shamrock Enterprise's headquarters. He believed that it was already on Yu Mu's hands and that Yu Mu had hid it someplace safe.

The stellar energy pill was Yu Mu's only lifeline, so even if Lu Yin threatened him to hand it over, Yu Mu would deny that it was on him. Lu Yin could not force the matter, and could only wait for Yu Mu to deliver, while hoping that it would not take too long.

A day later, Lu Yin landed on a planet that belonged to Aegis, joined by Black Mask, Starfox, and several others.

At the moment, Aegis could not come close to comparing to their peak period. The assassin who had looked like a child had died, and the organization had never been able to replace others who had been killed, such as The Magistrate, Peerless Beauty, Feng Zi, and others.

Why Aegis had many assassins who were at the bottom of the organization, the loss of their more powerful assassins had greatly harmed their business. It had become impossible for them to target Hunters without sending out Black Mask or others of a similar level of strength.

"The Sixth Mainland has already taken over the western region of the Outerverse, and they're not very far from here. You're able to move over at any time, so what are you still doing here?" Lu Yin asked. He stood atop the highest mountain on the planet, and he was looking down. Black Mask and Starfox stood behind Lu Yin.

Starfox replied, "I'm used to this place."

"In that case, are you planning on joining up with the Sixth Mainland?" Lu Yin asked.

Black Mask said, "No."

"So then you want to die?" Lu Yin laughed.

Starfox and Black Mask glanced at each other, not sure how to respond.

"Is there something here that you can't abandon?" Lu Yin asked.

Starfox felt cornered. "Alliance Leader Lu-"

Lu Yin quickly raised a hand to interrupt the man, "Just remember that I am also a part of Aegis's top management, which means that I'm also qualified to know everything concerning Aegis. Consider the situation before speaking."

Starfox thought for a while. "There are cracks in the void on this planet, and there are ruins of an ancient sect within those cracks."

Lu Yin's eyes instantly went wide, and a cold light flickered in them as he stared at Starfox.

Black Mask moved to stand in front of Starfox. "We found the ruins, and there was no need to tell you about them, Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "Show me."

The planet was desolate. When standing in the place where Black Mask and the others had remained in cryostasis, it was possible to see an erect dagger. It looked ordinary, but there were two very ancient characters etched into the side of the blade.

"Bizarre Sect. The characters mean Bizarre Sect," Starfox said. He stretched out a hand to touch the dagger, and his body then suddenly disappeared.

Lu Yin's eyes lit up. This crack in the void reminded him of the ancient centipede he had once visited. That centipede had fallen out of a crack in the void, while this dagger was connected to such a crack.

Lu Yin raised his hand to touch the dagger, and blackness covered his vision as his eyes went wide. A moment later, he was inside the spatial crack. It was a dim space, and when he looked around, everything seemed rather bleak. Off in the distance, a black sun could be seen. He could not even guess how much time had passed with the sun hanging in that place.

He was standing in ruins that were even more crumbled than the Daosource Sect's ruins. The spatial pocket was not overly large, but it was certainly not small. Lu Yin released his domain, but all he could see were broken buildings, and some of them instantly collapsed to powder the moment Lu Yin's domain touched them.

"Alliance Leader Lu, the buildings here are too old, so you can't touch them, or else nothing will be left," Starfox reminded.

Black Mask also entered the space. "Bizarre Sect was the name of this sect. We managed to find some battle techniques here, but unfortunately, due to their age, everything we found was incomplete. The battle technique that Calcifer used during the Astral Combat Academy's tournament was one of the techniques that came from this place, but just like the others, it was incomplete and not very effective."

"Apart from the damaged battle techniques, what else did you find here?" Lu Yin asked, carefully making his way through the space.

This sect should have been very powerful in ancient times. Lu Yin saw a few traces of battle, but because of so much time passing, it was impossible to determine any details at all.

"Everything else is gone. If we could have actually gotten anything from this place, Aegis would not have remained a minor assassination organization that was forced to remain in the Outerverse," Starfox commented.

While the words sounded right at first, were they really so attached to this planet just because of these ruins?

Lu Yin turned to look at Starfox. "Did you also find the cloakstones here?"

Starfox's body shook a tiny bit. "That's right. Look, Alliance Leader Lu, and you can see that among the ruins, there are some buildings that were constructed out of cloakstone. It's believed that in ancient times, the members of this sect used the cloakstones specifically to remain hidden from others. Those stones are the only things that remain useful from here."

"True. It would seem that this sect was quite powerful long ago if they only used cloakstone as a building material," Lu Yin casually commented.

Starfox's expression changed drastically, and he glanced over at Black Mask.

Lu Yin looked at the two, amused by their interactions. "There are times that I really can't understand why you two are so on guard against me. Without me, Aegis would already have been ruined or even completely destroyed, and yet is this really how you treat your benefactor?"

Black Mask grew solemn. "If Alliance Leader Lu knew in the past that cloakstone is a curio, would you have left them to us assassins?"

Lu Yin was startled at the question, but he still shook his head. "It's too much of a waste to use such a thing for assassinations."

"Curios are helpful to Envoys, but we don't have any Envoys. We don't have the strength to qualify to interact or trade with an Envoy, and even just one could easily destroy us. Our position should be clear," Starfox made excuses.

Lu Yin nodded. "I understand what you're saying. In that case, you can deal with me. I won't destroy you, and I also won't steal from you. After all-" Lu Yin suddenly smiled. "We're part of the same organization."

The corner of Starfox's mouth twitched even as his heart sank. Part of the same organization? Lu Yin spoke as though he had no intention of making a trade or a purchase. Starfox and Black Mask looked at each other, both of them saw bitterness in the other's eyes. Their most worrying problem had just arrived.

They had previously guessed that Lu Yin would eventually discover that cloakstones were actually curios, but they had not expected that day to arrive so soon. After all, just how old was this child?

"Fifty-nine cloakstones were discovered in Bizarre Sect. How many does Alliance Leader Lu need?" Starfox asked.

Lu Yin blinked. "You want some too?"

Starfox immediately became angry. "We were the ones who found them!"

Lu Yin dismissively waved a hand. "Honestly, it's a waste for them to stay with you, so just sell all of them to me and tell me what you want."

"Alliance Leader Lu, the cloakstones form the foundation of Aegis. Without them, it's impossible for us to hide ourselves completely," Black Mask explained in a low voice.

Lu Yin thought for a while. "Then I'll leave you two of them."

Starfox gritted his teeth. "Alliance Leader Lu, you're demanding more than we even guessed; far more!"

He wanted to say more, but as he looked at Lu Yin, Starfox was struck again by the realization that this person was not anyone who Aegis could afford to provoke.

Lu Yin glanced around. "Actually, compared to the cloakstones, you should focus more on staying alive and protecting Aegis. If you stay here, you will eventually be devoured by the Sixth Mainland. If you want to move to the Inniverse, there's no space available for you there, and it's even worse in the Cosmic Sea and the Neoverse. The reality is that only the Great Eastern Alliance can protect you.

"Since I can protect you, shouldn't you give me adequate compensation? Besides, I'm not taking anything for free. Just speak up; I've got some good stuff for you." At this moment, Lu Yin took out the giant mechanical arm and threw it over to Starfox. "Give it a try."

Starfox's eyes lit up. He had seen this arm before, as Lu Yin had used it when fighting against Yu Mu one time long ago.

The moment he put the arm on, Starfox felt something was off, and he looked at Lu Yin in shock. "Alliance Leader Lu, this?"

Lu Yin smiled. "This thing can release attacks comparable to a power level of 500,000. I'm giving you this in exchange for the cloakstones. Is it worth it? Also, the Great Eastern Alliance will protect Aegis. No matter if it's in the Outerverse or the Inniverse, Aegis will always have a safe place as a member of the Great Eastern Alliance."

Starfox stroked the giant arm with glittering eyes. This thing provided a battle power of almost half a million! That was the level of an Envoy! This item gave Aegis strength close to that of an Envoy.

Lu Yin looked at Black Mask, who was also staring at the mechanical arm. However, the machine was not very appealing to Black Mask. He was an assassin, and such an item was too conspicuous for his use.

"Not enough? Then how 'bout this?" Lu Yin took out an Enhanced flashbomb. "When this thing bursts, it can instantly blind an Enlighter with a power level of up to 300,000. This should be something that you would like, right? I can give you five."

Starfox's eyes lit up yet again and he quickly took the flashbomb. Neither of the older men doubted Lu Yin's words. Even though Lu Yin could act like a tyrant, he was still an honest person and he would not lie to them about such things.

"If that's still not enough..." As Lu Yin spoke, neither Starfox nor Black Mask were able to stop themselves from looking over. Were they going to get even more treasures?

"Then it means that you want to betray the Fifth Mainland and go over to the Sixth Mainland, in which case I can only apologize." Lu Yin's voice grew icy as the stared at the two men.

Starfox quickly replied, "It's enough. Alliance Leader Lu, I can give you fifty of the cloakstones. You should already know just how valuable curios are."

Lu Yin considered the proposal and agreed. Fifty cloakstones was indeed enough. He did not even have so many Envoys following him, though the curios could be used to recruit Envoys.

"So, now can you tell me why you're so reluctant to leave this place?" Lu Yin pressed.

Starfox felt trapped, but it was too obvious that they did not want to leave the planet. Anyone would be able to see the same as Lu Yin.

Black Mask looked up at the black sun. "That."

Lu Yin followed the assassin's gaze, surprised by the answer. "The sun?"

"When I first discovered Bizarre Sect, there were people here," Black Mask explained. "The people had died long ago, and all of their bodies were stiff, but all of them were also kneeling and worshipping that sun."

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Lu Yin's eyes flickered.

"Everyone in every part of Bizarre Sect was kneeling and worshipping that sun. At first, we did our best to approach the sun, but we were never able to get close to it. As the years have passed, we've managed to determine that the sun is the most valuable treasure here, and it is likely completely invaluable. As for why we've never been able to get close to the sun, it's because it possesses some aspect of spatial properties," Starfox said.

Lu Yin frowned. The most amazing concepts in the universe were space and time. His own die had the power of Timestop, and that alone had allowed Lu Yin to reach his current level, while also saving his life countless times. Lu Yin had once watched as Long Tian had grabbed space with his innate gift, and doing so had caused Bai Shaohong and others with the incorrect perception that Long Tian's innate gift was related to space, which had left them all jealous.

Anything that had a connection to the laws of space or time, whether an innate gift, battle techniques, cultivation arts, or natural treasures, would be able to ignite the entire universe into moving and racing to take it.

It was no wonder that Starfox and the others were unwilling to leave the planet; there was a strange treasure related to the law of space sitting right before their eyes. No one would want to abandon such a thing.

You weren't able to get close despite everything you've tried?" Lu Yin asked.

Starfox replied, "While this pocket space is only so big, it's impossible to approach the black sun."

Lu Yin put on his bodysuit armor directly. He did not fully believe the two assassins, so he leapt off the ground, tore through the void, and shot towards the black sun.

Black Mask made no move to stop Lu Yin, as neither of the assassins believed that Lu Yin would be able to accomplish anything at all.

Lu Yin tore back out of void and reappeared. He was not far away from the black sun, so he re-entered the void and continued on his way. Then, while still some distance away, he entered the true universe to keep approaching the sun. Finally, he did not tear through the void or space, and just flew towards the black sun that remained off in the distance.

He was able to see the end of the pocket space, but could not approach the black sun.

This defied common sense; either the black sun was further away than it appeared, or it was a fake.

However, how long could a fake star last? Every part of the Bizarre Sect had aged and faded, but according to Starfox, they had seen that everyone in Bizarre Sect had been bowed to the black sun, which suggested that it should not be fake.

Lu Yin continued his attempts.

Down below, the two assassins watched Lu Yin's movements in the sky. While he seemed to be moving towards the black sun, the truth was that he never moved much at all.

It was a strange scene that gave them chills, but it also cheered them up. They became increasingly convinced that the black sun possessed some aspect of space, for without such a power, how could someone like Lu Yin who could go head-to-head with Envoys fail to approach the sun even when traveling through the true universe?

Half a day passed, and yet Lu Yin was still unable to get close to the black sun. His efforts were futile, and there was no way to succeed as he was, but was there some other way?

He immediately thought of the Stonewall Scriptures. What would happen if he recited it?

However, this time nothing happened, and it turned out to be useless to recite the Stonewall Scriptures. He was still unable to approach the black sun.

However, the more difficult it was to succeed, the more determined Lu Yin became. He wanted to see what was at the black sun, so he intended to use everything at his disposal: the Yu Secret Art, his domain, battle force, the Teleportation Formation, and even Truesight. Nothing worked, and he was still unable to approach the sun.

Suddenly, something trembled within his body. Lu Yin ducked his head and placed a hand over his heart in shock; it had been a reaction from the black and white mist!. He had merely accidentally touched the black and white mist, but there had been a reaction. He looked back up at the black sun. It was bigger, which meant that he had moved closer.

Lu Yin's eyes blazed; did this mean he could approach?

He shifted aside his fatesand, and the black and white fog roiled as death energy leaked from his body. Once again, he suddenly found himself closer to the black sun, and Lu Yin was vaguely able to see that a bit of black had stretched out from the sun to connect with him.

Lu Yin stared at the black sun. Could it be that it was death energy? Could that entire black sun be death energy?

Down below, Black Mask and Starfox were both completely flabbergasted as they watched Lu Yin slowly approach the black sun. How was he doing it?

Starfox's pupils fluctuated. "That's impossible! We tried everything over the years and always failed."

"He's getting closer. It's his," Black Mask bitterly observed.

Neither of the old assassins even considered trying to steal the black sun from Lu Yin. First of all, it was impossible. On top of that, there were those Envoys Liu Ye and Fei Hua waiting outside.

Even though Lu Yin was approaching the black sun, he was doing so very slowly. Still, regardless of his speed, he was still making progress.

His God of Death Transformation used the black and white fog within his body, but he had used too much of it during the last battle of ZENITH. He had later relied on Crown Prince Gui Qian's death energy in the Perennial World, which had been the only way that Lu Yin had managed to succeed.

If the black sun truly was death energy, it would provide an incredible boost to the black and white mist within Lu Yin's heart.

However, how could there be death energy in this place? What did this Bizarre Sect have to do with the God of Death?

Lu Yin remembered the God of Death Domain that Xiao Shi had mentioned; could that be what the black sun was?

Lu Yin had no idea how much time passed. It might have been a long time, or almost none at all, but he found himself very close to the black sun. It was ten times bigger than it had appeared at first, which was ample proof that he was getting closer and closer to it.

Black Mask and Star Fox also tried to approach the sun, but they ended up with the same results as ever; failure.

The death energy leaking from the black sun became more and more noticeable, and soon Black Mask and Starfox were able to see that a black gas connected Lu Yin to the sun. They both grew nervous, as they had no idea what would happen.



The death energy entered Lu Yin's body, and he continued to absorb it. It replenished the black and white mist in his heart.

From down below, it was obvious that there was a black line that connected Lu Yin to the black sun, though Lu Yin continued to move closer and closer to it.

The black line was death energy, and the connection grew thicker and bigger. Finally, it looked like a river that crossed the sky.

Even though Lu Yin continued moving closer to the black sun, he was still a long ways away, and the distance made the black river connecting him to the sun even more magnificent looking.

As he absorbed more and more death energy, and the black and white mist inside his body became more and more condensed. Lu Yin's eyes gradually turned pitch black. Death energy twined about his body, looking like chains. He looked like a god of death.

Suddenly, Lu Yin started quickly dropping back towards the ground, moving further and further away from the black sun. The stream of death energy leaking from the sun also grew thinner and thinner before finally breaking off and retracting to the sun.

Lu Yin slammed into the ground with a loud bang. His impact created a gust of wind that swept out, and it reduced all of the buildings from the Bizarre Sect to dust.

The two assassins felt the destruction was regretful, but there was nothing they could do about it. They looked at Lu Yin and felt the overbearing aura he exuded. What they felt from him caused them to feel panic and terror that rose up from the bottom of their hearts.

Lu Yin turned his back to the two men. His breathing fluctuated from quick to slow, but it gradually stabilized and his eyes slowly returned to normal.

He looked up, afraid. That had been dangerous, and he had almost lost consciousness. Death energy was able to cause people to lose their sanity, and Lu Yin could not allow himself to absorb too much.

Despite all that he had absorbed, he had never actually gotten anywhere close to the black sun. If he had actually entered the sun, he believed that he would become nothing more than a puppet to death energy.

It was possible that the death energy in this sun was comparable to the amount that had been back in Aeternus Nation. He felt 90% confident that this was a God of Death Domain.

Absorbing the massive amount of death energy had condensed the black and white mist in his heart a great deal, and it was much more than what he had possessed during ZENITH. This was actually related to his higher cultivation, as it had allowed him to absorb more death energy.

The more death energy he absorbed, the stronger his God of Death Transformation should be. He could not even guess how powerful his transformation should be after this boost.

"Alliance Leader Lu?" Starfox hesitated for a time before finally nervously calling out to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin turned around and looked at the two old assassins. "Let's go. I can't approach it."

Starfox and Black Mask glanced at each other. "Alliance Leader Lu, could you tell us just what it is?"

Lu Yin replied, "It's nothing that you can touch. If you do, it will absolutely kill you."

"Could Alliance Leader Lu explain a bit more?" Black Mask asked. He was truly unwilling to not know anything even after staying in this place for so long and trying for the untouchable treasure.

Lu Yin considered the request. "Have you heard of the Specter Clan?"

Black Mask blurted out, "The clan that should be wiped out?"

Lu Yin nodded and looked back up at the black sun. "That thing's connected to the Specter Clan, and touching it will likely transform a person into something like the Neohuman Alliance's zombies."

"Then how were you able to touch it?" Starfox asked. He suspected that Lu Yin was lying to them.

Lu Yin gave a small smile. "Because I already survived the Specter Clan's attempt to transform me."

Starfox and Black Mask were both shocked; they had not expected Lu Yin to reveal such a thing.

However, this information was not secret. All of the high-level officials of the Hall of Honor were already aware, and so Lu Yin had no intention of hiding anything. His God of Death Transformation was too distinctive, and it would give him away even if he wanted to keep the matter hidden.

"Let's go. Don't worry about this place. It won't matter even if the Sixth Mainland finds it," Lu Yin said. Nothing in this space had any value except for the death energy, and the death energy was useless to the Sixth Mainland. Also, it was possible that no one from the Sixth Mainland would even notice anything. All they would likely discover would be the impossibility of approaching the black sun.

If that black sun really was a God of Death Domain, then the power it held was too great. Forget a lone Envoy, it was likely that even a group of Semi-Progenitors would not be able to approach the sun.

After leaving the space that held the ruins of the Bizarre Sect, Lu Yin took fifty cloakstones and started back towards Zenyu Star with Liu Ye and Fei Hua. Aegis had also agreed to move to Frostwave Weave as soon as possible.

Additionally, the people of the Sea King's Dome and several other powers from the central weaves had decided to move to Frostwave Weave. It was clear that the Sixth Mainland would soon completely take over the central weaves as well, and it would quickly become difficult for people to move.

After so long, Lu Yin was finally going to return to Zenyu Star. It felt like returning home. Zenyu Star and Earth were Lu Yin's home. The Perennial World and his past as Lu Xiaoxuan was something he felt no connection to. Even if his memories eventually returned, he would remain Lu Yin. He would always be Lu Yin.

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His gadget beeped, and Lu Yin glanced down to see that Madam Yōu was calling him. Lu Yin had no desire to get involved with the Yōu family or the Seven Courts, at least not at the moment.

Nothing would remain perfectly hidden in the universe. No matter what happened with the Yōu family, the moment that Lu Yin's connection was exposed, it would cause all of the eight great flowzones to become wary of him, which would completely void the entire reason that Blazing Mist Flowzone had been abandoned by the Great Eastern Alliance.

Some time later, Lu Yin's gadget beeped again. This time, it was not Madam Yōu calling him, but Balsam, the Innerverses president of Shamrock Enterprise.

Lu Yin had known that the woman would call him again, though he had not expected her to be able to endure for so long. More than ten days had passed since Yu Mu had escaped his hunter, and yet Balsam had only called Lu Yin when he was just about to enter Frostwave Weave. She must have been spending these days investigating the matter.

"Alliance Leader Lu, I'm sorry for being so bold as to disturb you," Balsam said politely.

"What's the matter?"

"Excuse me, but does Alliance Leader Lu have Yu Mu in his possession?" Balsam asked. The woman was not beating around the bush.

Lu Yin bluntly replied, "He's not here."

Chapter 1598: Arrow Sect

Balsam went silent for a while after hearing Lu Yin's blunt denial. "Yu Mu caused my Shamrock Enterprise and the Great Eastern Alliance to have a bad relationship, and that matter created grave losses to my company. We decided to punish him for this matter, and his punishment was to be death. I was told that Yu Mu was taken by your people; does Alliance Leader Lu really not know anything?"

"I know a bit. Yu Mu proposed a deal to me, claiming he would offer me some kind of medicine in return for me saving his life. I asked Elder He from the Sea King's Dome to save Yu Mu. I had intended to bring him to the Great Eastern Alliance, but halfway along the journey, the Sixth Mainland's Autumnfrost family intercepted them, and Yu Mu's whereabouts are now," Lu Yin explained.

Balsam was caught off guard. She no longer had any idea what was going on. When Yu'er had tried to send a report to Balsam, the Innerverses president had not been able to answer to the call. Balsam had called Lu Yin the moment she had received the report, but she had not expected the matter to have involved the Sixth Mainland's Autumnfrost family.

That family was one of the three most powerful clans from the Bloodburn Realm. Even if the Sixth Mainland had been invaded by monsters and had lost many of their top powerhouses, the Autumnfrost family still had World Imprinters, which meant experts with power levels of more than 800,000. This made the family a power on the same level as the Sword Sect, the Daynight clan, and the other top powers of the Innerverses' eight great flowzones.

"Why was Autumnfrost family there? Did they take Yu Mu?" Xiangzhi asked strangely.

Lu Yin snorted derisively. "Yu Mu's just scum. First he enticed me with certain conditions, and then, while traveling, he met a powerhouse from the Autumnfrost family, and he immediately turned over to them. Not only did he betray our agreement, he also caused Elder He to be seriously injured. I hope that

if Shamrock Enterprise manages to catch him that you'll give me an invitation to watch his punishment. I need to find some release for the hatred that's been built up towards him."

Balsam had no idea if Lu Yin was telling the truth or not. This matter now involved the Autumnfrost family. While Shamrock Enterprise had managed to keep some of their intelligence operatives active in the western reaches of the Outerverse, it was impossible for them to infiltrate the Autumnfrost family. It would not be easy to prove Lu Yin's words true or false.

"Alliance Leader Lu, Yu Mu is a very treacherous man. What he says cannot be trusted," Balsam warned.

Lu Yin's voice grew cold, "You don't believe me? You think I'm hiding Yu Mu? Go ahead and investigate this matter. You'll learn that some powerhouse from the Autumnfrost family entered our region of the Outerverse. Elder He shared that the expert is known as Uncle Hua and also the man's appearance."

Balsam thought for a few moments. "Very well, we'll look into this. I'm sorry for the trouble, Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin continued the conversation, "Actually, I'm quite curious about something; Yu Mu mentioned that your Shamrock Enterprise's managed to develop something called a stellar energy pill and that it can allow someone to enter the true universe. He offered this to purchase the right to join the Autumnfrost family. Does your Shamrock Enterprise really have such a thing?"

Balsam sneered, "Entering the true universe? That's something limited to only Envoys. The universe is utterly mysterious, so how could a medicinal pill manage to accomplish such a thing? If my Shamrock Enterprise actually had the ability to create this so-called stellar energy pill, I would have teamed up with Aurora Enterprises long ago to step onto the same level as the Mavis Bank. How could we have failed to enter Mt. Microcosms?"

"Alliance Leader Lu, how could a person as smart as you possibly believe such nonsense from Yu Mu?"

Lu Yin hesitated. "But he did break into the true universe in order to escape. How else could he have survived?"

"Yu Mu managed to get his hands on many treasures due to the years he held the position of Outerverse president of Shamrock Enterprise. I've heard that several families or sects from ancient times have been discovered hidden in spatial cracks, and it's normal for such places to hold some life-saving means," Balsam said. She quickly continued, "If you don't believe me, you are welcome to visit my Shamrock Enterprise. As the Innaverse president, I am able to investigate any pharmaceuticals manufactured by Shamrock Enterprise. The Alliance Leader Lu can come and check if there are any of these so-called stellar energy pill."

Lu Yin's voice instantly turned cold. "It would seem that Yu Mu did indeed lie to me. I apologize, Miss Balsam, for interfering in your company's attempt to punish Yu Mu. Don't worry, I will compensate you for this incident."

"There's no need for that. He's just an abandoned dog that no longer holds any value. I was reaching out to Alliance Leader Lu just to make sure that he didn't create any additional misunderstandings. However, since he's been taken away by someone from the Autumnfrost family, we will ask approach them to ask about this matter Alliance Leader Lu, please excuse me," Balsam excused herself.

Lu Yin hummed and ended the call.

Behind him, Sister Fei Hua voiced her admiration, "You spin an impressive web. You target the Autumnfrost family and don't give them any out while removing yourself from the company's suspicions. You even reminded that woman that Yu Mu tried to use the stellar energy pill as a bargaining chip to join the Autumnfrost family, which means that no matter how they deny their involvement, even if they tell Shamrock Enterprise that Uncle Hua is missing, they will never be believed."

Liu Ye let out an emotional sigh. "No wonder you're able to deceive everyone. You threw the entire Perennial World into chaos, and even disrupted the four ruling powers. The White Dragon Clan became the source of a joke that won't be forgotten for a long time to come. Not even the Progenitors were able to see through you. Your actions were truly ruthless."

Regardless of the words that Lu Yin heard from Liu Ye, Lu Yin did not think the Envoy was giving a compliment. "I'm just trying to protect myself."

"Can that stellar energy pill really allow an Enlighter to enter the true universe?" Sister Fei Hua asked. This was something that was unheard of even in the Perennial world.

Lu Yin shrugged. "No clue. I hope so, but in the current universe, it's impossible to know if it's true or not."

Liu Ye and Fei Hua looked at each other before looking back at Lu Yin. Their expressions made it clear that they felt that Lu Yin was the most deceptive person of all.

Sometimes one needed to muddy the water in order to fish. Shamrock Enterprise might not believe any response that the Autumnfrost family gave, and that was even if the family was willing to provide any explanation at all. Given the typical personalities of people from the Autumnfrost family, Lu Yin felt it was highly likely that Shamrock Enterprise would not receive any answer at all, and the family might even suspect that Shamrock Enterprise might have done something to Uncle Hua and the others who had been with him.

Of course, suspicions would also be raised concerning Lu Yin. All he was hoping for was to buy a bit of time in order to give Yu Mu an opportunity to obtain a stellar energy pill. As long as Lu Yin could get a stellar energy pill, the Autumnfrost family would be released. At that time, Lu Yin would be able to hold negotiations with Shamrock Enterprise.

Lu Yin stared at the three rings of mainlands that circled a familiar planet, and he started to grow excited about being back.

He had left Earth, moved to Zenyu Star, and then continued on to cultivate at Astral-10. While at the academy, Lu Yin had frequently returned to Zenyu Star, but not once had he ever been as excited as at this moment.

He had truly come close to dying during this last adventure. He had fully believed that he would not be able to return from the Perennial World, so he felt incredibly nostalgic while gazing at Zenyu Star.

Lu Yin was an incredibly poor regent for the Great Yu Empire. He had not held a cabinet meeting in a very long time, and he also had no plans to hold one again any time in the future. His status as the

leader of the Great Eastern Alliance was much greater than being the royal regent of the Great Yu Empire.

Lu Yin's arrival raised no ripples on Zenyu Star, as only a few people were even aware of his return.

At the gate of King Zishan's palace, Kayze looked at a familiar figure. The guard trembled and he quickly bowed. "This subordinate welcomes His Highness's return."

Lu Yin grunted and stared at Kayze before complimenting the man, "You've improved a great deal."

Kayze bent low, not even daring to look at Lu Yin. "My thanks, Your Highness, for your praise."

Originally, Lu Yin had only subdued Kayze due to a whim. Lu Yin's thought at the time was that if he had any sort of run-in with the Dire Barbarian clan turned in the future, Kayze would provide a connection. However, the Dire Barbarian clan had become insignificant to Lu Yin. He could easily destroy a clan that did not even have a single Envoy. However, Kayze had been acting as Lu Yin's doorman for many years, and Lu Yin had become used to the man.

"Ahh! Your Highness is back! I'll go prepare some floral tea." Zhao Ran had been startled to see Lu Yin, and she quickly fled.

The girl was as flighty as ever, but seeing that she had managed to remember him gave Lu Yin some hope that she would be able to recover her memory.

Liu Ye and Fei Hua were both settled into the palace. They were not able to go far from Lu Yin, and he also needed two such powerful bodyguards nearby.

"Your Highness, have a taste!" Zhao Ran had already made a cup of floral tea for Lu Yin, and he stared at it blankly. How could the girl's drinks have become even more disturbing and bizarre to look at.

Previously, she had simply prepared excessively colorful drinks, but Lu Yin felt that he saw creatures swimming about within the floral tea. Can this thing actually be drunk?

Zhao Ran stared at Lu Yin with great excitement. She looked like a child who waiting to be rewarded.

Lu Yin pursed his lips. "Why don't you take a sip first?"

Zhao Ran was visibly confused. "Why? It's delicious! Does Your Highness not like it?"

Lu Yin coughed. "No, it's just-"

Suddenly, Kayze's voice was heard, "Your Highness, Qiong Shanhai, master of Millions City, is asking to see you."

"Let him in," Lu Yin quickly replied. He then looked at Zhao Ran. "Head on out for now, and I'll see you in a bit."

Zhao Ran grunted and stared at her floral tea. She looked rather hurt.

Qiong Shanhai soon entered, and he quickly bowed as soon as he saw Lu Yin. "Qiong Shanhai greets the alliance leader."

Lu Yin made a welcoming gesture. "Where's Xi'er? Didn't she come with you?"

Qiong Shanhai showed a bitter smile. "That girl has been very busy recently, and so she did not come. I apologize for her rudeness."

Lu Yin waved a hand. "I just wanted to thank her for dealing with Shamrock Enterprise. Please thank her for me."

"We're the ones who should be grateful towards Alliance Leader Lu. If not for your Great Eastern Alliance, I don't know where our Millions City would have gone," Qiong Shanhai rebutted.

"It's not that much." Lu Yin smiled.

Qiong Shanhai sighed. "Your Highness must be unaware of the Phoenix family. Word is that they are not doing well at all."

The Outerverse's Phoenix family, which was known as the Dark Phoenix family, had previously been located in Endless Weave. When the Sixth Mainland had attempted to invade the Outerverse, Mister Mu had shifted the entire border warfront from Endless Weave into Southside Weave, and naturally, the Dark Phoenix clan had been moved as well. At the moment, the western regions of the Outerverse had fallen to the Sixth Mainland's rule, and the Dark Phoenix clan had fallen under the Sixth Mainland as well.

The Dark Phoenix Clan had once joined the Great Eastern Alliance, but when the Sixth Mainland had started taking over the Outerverse, Wang Wen had reached out to the Dark Phoenix Clan. They had been unwilling to leave the western weaves, and a continued relationship with the Great Eastern Alliance would also be impossible due to the Sixth Mainland's sovereignty. Eventually, the Dark Phoenix clan had fallen under the Sixth Mainland dominion.

"Which of the Sixth Mainland's families rules over the Dark Phoenix?" Lu Yin felt a bit curious. He truly knew almost nothing about how things were in the western regions of the Outerverse at the moment. It seemed like he would need to take some time to speak with that Uncle Hua.

Qiong Shanhai replied, "The Arrow Sect."

Lu Yin was surprised. "What? The Sword Sect?"<sup>1</sup>

"Arrows, like archery. The Arrow Sect used to be a power in the Progenitor of Secret Arts' East Realm. They once gave birth to a powerful Empyrean Imprinter known as Arrow God of Wilderness. They were one of the top powers in the Sixth Mainland. The members of the sect have the bloodline of giants, and they are skilled at using a bow. Each of their arrows is more than five meters long, and extremely deadly, as they carry a terrifying amount of power. They took control of the Dark Phoenix clan and are using the clan as mounts."

Lu Yin's expression suddenly changed. "Mounts?"

Qiong Shanhai sighed. "The members of the Arrow Sect are all giants. They roam about space and use their archery skills to kill their opponents. Given their battle techniques, they need mounts, and the Dark Phoenix clan has been taken to fill that need. Honestly, the Dark Phoenix clan must be mourning the fact that they didn't move to Frostwave Weave when they had the chance."

Lu Yin had not expected such a miserable fate to have befallen the Dark Phoenix clan. They had been a powerful clan that had killed their way out of the Innerverse, and yet they had been reduced to acting as the mounts for others.

However, it was the fate that the clan had chosen for themselves. The Great Eastern Alliance had not abandoned the Dark Phoenix clan, and had even given them an opportunity, but the clan had refused the hand that had been offered.

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"Alliance Leader Lu, there are rumors claiming that the Arrow Sect has its eye on the Neo-Vestige Sect, and that they even sent several groups of people to the Neo-Vestige Sect to observe their archery skills," Qiong Shanhai mentioned a reminder to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin had no concerns about the Neo-Vestige Sect joining the Arrow Sect. That was completely impossible since the Neo-Vestige Sect's Arrow Mountain elder had been killed by the Sixth Mainland.

The Sixth Mainland had already sent people to the Hall of Honor in order to seize indirect control of the overseers, so they must have been doing even more things in the dark. Lu Yin knew that there was no way the Sixth Mainland would be satisfied with just the Outerverse, which meant that they would sooner or later become enemies once more.

"Thank you for that reminder, City Master," Lu Yin expressed his gratitude, but then he pointed to the glass of floral tea that sat on the table. "City Master, please have some tea."

The truth was that Qiong Shanhai had noticed the tea the moment he had entered the room. It was impossible to ignore something that was so obviously poisonous.

It was the floral tea that Zhaoran had prepared. Lu Yin had his own glass, and the glass on the table had been specifically poured for Qiong Shanhai.

"Alliance Leader Lu, what is this?" Qiong Shanhai asked warily after noticing what looked to be tiny creatures swimming in the glass.

Lu Yin smiled. "It's a floral tea that Zhao Ran recently developed. It should taste quite good. City Master, please taste it and give me your impressions."

Qiong Shanhai was stunned. His first reaction was thinking that Lu Yin was wanting to take over Millions City, and that was the reason to poison him in this place. However, a moment's thought was enough for Qiong Shanhai to realize that Millions City held little value for the current Lu Yin. There was money, but that was not enough for Lu Yin to poison someone.

Both anxious and suspicious, Qiong Shanhai took a sip.

Lu Yin stared intently.

Qiong Shanhai set the glass down in shock. "It's delicious."

Lu Yin smiled. "Zhao Ran will be very happy to hear it."

Qiong Shanhai left shortly after, and Elder Tie arrived.



The Lan family, Millions City, the Sea King's Dome, Aegis, Amethyst Exchange, and all of the major powers of the Outerverse had started flooding into Frostwave Weave to seek shelter. Naturally, with Lu Yin's return, each of them wanted to meet with him personally.

Lu Yin and Elder Tie had little to say to each other. The Lan family had moved to Frostwave Weave and acted as a guardian of the weave. Elder Tie was also one of the Great Yu Empire's protectors, along with some of the powerhouses from the Dayking clan.

Lu Yin spent the next three days visiting with the various people who wanted to see him. Seeing Lu Yin in person was reassuring to them, and people would panic if Lu Yin did not meet with people.

Wendy Yushan had gone to visit the Lingling Clan in the Innerverse, and Lu Yin had no idea where Zhuo Daynight had gone. As for Lan Si, he had gone to train, though Lu Yin did not know where.

Lu Yin was debating with himself whether or not to release Long Xi and the others so that they could stretch a bit, but after considering the matter, he decided not to. It would be hard to keep them all under control.

"Your Highness, Wang Wen is asking to see you," Kayze announced.

"Let him in."

Wang Wen soon entered the room, looking sleepy and even yawning as he walked in. "Your Highness chess piece bro, are you done?"

Lu Yin was a bit tired himself. "Yeah, finally."

"You can't blame them. You disappear for years on end, and the situation here in the Outerverse has become quite complicated. They all want to see you and learn your position on matters," Wang Wen stated.

"Where do you see the Great Eastern Alliance going in the future?" Lu Yin asked. This was also a reason why Elder Tie and the other people had made a point of visiting Lu Yin. Soon er or later, the Sixth Mainland would gain complete control of the Outerverse, and that time was not very far away. Even the Great Eastern Alliance would need to leave.

The various powers within the Innerverse's eight great flowzones had long since stabilized themselves, which meant that there would inevitably be backlash and retaliation with the arrival of many different forces from all parts of the Outerverse. Arranging everyone into the Innerverse was the biggest problem at this moment.

There was no way that the Hall of Honor would simply ignore such a matter, and plans were already being laid. Still, despite the best of plans, it would be impossible to avoid all conflict with the eight great flowzones. After all, their holdings were being shaken.

Many things depended on how the Great Eastern Alliance chose to go about things. They could choose to move into a minor flowzone, or they could go up against one of the eight great flowzones.

The Great Eastern Alliance had moved into Fennel Flowzone in order to give the eight great flowzones the impression that the Great Eastern Alliance was harmless, and results were finally showing.

However, how could Lu Yin truly be striving to remain in Fennel Flowzone? Despite the size of Blazing Mist Flowzone, it still was unable to hold the entire Outerverse. Lu Yin wanted far more.

Wang Wen casually opened a star chart and pointed at First Flowzone. "This is what I want most."

Lu Yin laughed. "Don't mess with the Sword Sect."

Wang Wen stretched his waist. "Two years ago, the Daynight clan was not an easy opponent for us to mess with."

"We succeeded there because of Leon's Armada. If we had relied on just ourselves, we would not have qualified to even have carried the shoes of the powers involved in that incident," Lu Yin said.

"There's always a way. More than two years have passed since then, and we've made incredible progress. Does Your Highness have any idea how many androids we now have with the strength of Explorers?" Wang Wen asked.

Lu Yin grew curious. "How many?"

Ban Jiu was in charge of this particular project, and Lu Yin had not looked into it yet.

Wang Wen raised four fingers. "Four thousand."

Lu Yin was caught off guard. "The Rapid Response Team only has nine hundred Explorers."

"They have two thousand now," Wang Wen corrected.

Lu Yin was again surprised. "They grew that much?"

Wang Wen continued, "The Sixth Mainland is taking over the Outerverse, but ordinary people are able to adapt. For them, it really doesn't make much of a difference whether they're under the Fifth or Sixth Mainlands. However, it's a different story for cultivators, particularly powerful ones. In just two years, we've doubled our number of Explorers, and we've almost doubled our number of Hunters and Cruisers, not to mention the battleships that have been produced by alliance.

"Given our current strength, we're capable of winning a fight with the Daynight clan even without being able to compare when it comes to top powerhouses. We are much stronger than the leaders of any one of the eight great flowzones. Just ask the Sword Sect, the Daynight clan, or Chaosgod Mountain just how many experts they can mobilize with the strength of Explorers of above. Even if we can't quite compare when it comes to the number of Enlighters we have, we still come quite close.

"All we're missing are top-tier experts."

Lu Yin smiled. "We don't fall behind in that category, either. I brought two Envoys with me who each have a power level of more than 700,000, and they can defeat experts with power levels of more than 800,000 when the two of them work together. I can also call upon the Interstellar Supreme Court at any time. On top of that, with my power, I can be considered the Cosmic Sect's most important disciple."

Wang Wen rolled his eyes. "You really know how to go big."

Lu Yin laughed loudly. Even without considering the Great Eastern Alliance's regular troops, just the androids and cultivators that Wang Wen had mentioned were enough to launch a campaign against the Innerverse. It was plenty.

"I want to form an invincible army," Lu Yin suddenly stated.

"What level of soldiers are you thinking?"

"We'll go with the ones you just said. I want to prepare them as best as possible; make each one of them a Realmbreaker on their own."

Wang Wen's interest was piqued. "Playing around with something like that's too expensive."

Lu Yin grew serious. "This would just be the first step. If everything goes well, we'll repeat this method of creating invincible soldiers to all of our troops. You can't even imagine just how terrible our enemies in the future will be."

Lu Yin was referring to the Aeternals. Corpse kings were fearless of death, and they were also scheming. They were constantly researching all kinds of poisons and were also cultivating traitors to humanity. Even though the Perennial World had powerful experts and even Progenitors that blocked the Aeternals from advancing on the Fifth Mainland, there seemed to be holes in that wall. Still, the Fifth Mainland was relatively safe.

Lu Yin intended to fully prepare before the Aeternals launched an all-out attack on the Fifth Mainland.

Wang Wen had to ask, "What are you talking about? Is there a powerful enemy?"

Lu Yin nodded. "We'll give the order. I've already prepared equipment for them."

Wang Wen nodded. "Alright. By the way, overall, the Great Eastern Alliance is missing a capable general."

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "I have someone in mind."

The Great Eastern Alliance's Rapid Response Team had been formed from experts who came from all of the alliance's major members. They were tasked with protecting the alliance's resources and deploying at the fastest possible speed. They had also been part of the forces that had moved against the Daynight clan in the Innerverse. They were the alliance's more elite troops.

Lu Yin had always been the one to hold the authority to deploy the Rapid Response Team, but he had been missing for two years. Even though the RRT had remained, no one had possessed the authority to command them or utilize them to their greatest potential. With Lu Yin's return, the unit was finally activated once again.

As Wang Wen had reported, the RRT had constantly added new members, and the older members had improved their strength. At the moment, the team was composed of more than 6,000 cultivators with at least the strength of an Explorer. They would become his sharpest knife, and when the time was right, he would also rename the team.

Elsewhere in the Outerverse, in Vastdearth Sect, Elder Hua Qiao went to find Sect Master Meng Tianlong. "Sect Master, we've lost contact with our informant in that special unit."

Meng Tianlong was lost for a moment. "Which unit?"

Hua Qiao solemnly replied, "The Rapid Response Team."

Meng Tianlong was startled. "How could that happen? Did they suffer some accident?"

"Lu Yin has returned," Hua Qiao answered.

Meng Tianlong started to think. "There's no response at all?"

"I can't get in touch with anyone. All of the people we sent there are elite disciples. I don't know what Lu Yin wants to do with them," Hua Qiao said.

Meng Tianlong's voice grew bitter, "No matter what he does, we can't stop him."

In the past, nothing that the alliance's troops had done was able to be kept hidden from the major members of the alliance, especially more powerful groups like the Vastdearth Sect. As the Great Eastern Alliance had stabilized, troop movements had become more hidden, and after Lu Yin's return, none of the allies had any hint of control over the alliance's military.

Even disregarding the Vastdearth Sect, not even the Neo-Vestige Sect was able to learn anything at all. They had once been one of the three untouchable powers of the Outerverse, and naturally, the Neo-Vestige Sect had sent elite disciples to join the RRT, but they had since lost all contact.

The RRT seemed to have completely disappeared.

Lu Yin had cut off the Rapid Response Team's contact with all outsiders in order to prevent the troops from being infiltrated by the Aeternals. The Perennial World's Redbacks had left a deep impression on Lu Yin.

On the Outerverse's Zenyu Star, members of the Wen family finally arrived.

The family was represented by an elder powerhouse known as Wen Yao, and also by Wen Sansi.

Lu Yin met the two in King Zishan's palace.

Before meeting Lu Yin, Wen Yao had assumed that he would be able to take on the role of a senior, and Lu Yin as the junior, but he dismissed such presumptions the moment he saw Lu Yin. The elder felt danger from Lu Yin, as well as an unsuppressable fear.

Wen Yao has cultivated for hundreds of years and had survived many life or death situations. He absolutely trusted his senses; Lu Yin was able to decide the elder's life or death.

This was also Lu Yin by himself, not anything due to his position as the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance.

Wen Yao was unable to understand what he was sensing; Lu Yin was clearly a youth from Wen Sansi's generation—no, Lu Yin was actually younger than Wen Sansi. In that case, how had Lu Yin managed to

achieve such a level of strength? No matter how powerful Wen Sansi was, he could not beat Wen Yao, an expert with a power level of 400,000. The thought itself frightened Wen Yao.

"The Wen family's Wen Yao greets Alliance Leader Lu." Wen Yao behaved in a very polite manner.

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Wen Sansi remained silent and stood behind Wen Yao. The elder represented the Wen family, while Lu Yin represented the Great Eastern Alliance. In this situation, Wen Sansi was a mere junior.

Lu Yin smiled. "Take a seat, honored guests."

He signaled for Zhao Ran to bring tea as he welcomed the guests. However, he had previously specifically told her not to serve her floral tea, in order to avoid scaring his guests.

Lu Yin spoke again as the three took their seats. "I heard that Senior Wen visited Fennel Flowzone? There was an urgent matter that I needed to attend, so I wasn't able to wait in Fennel Flowzone. My apologies for forcing Senior Wen and Brother Sansi to make an extra trip."

Wen Yao laughed. "Such critical issues come first, Alliance Leader Lu. It's nothing for idlers like us to make an extra trip or two. Was everything handled well? Let us know if the Wen family can be of any help; we will never refuse requests that are within our means."

Lu Yin was elated at the offer. "That's wonderful! Can I take your word for it?"

Wen Yao was dumbfounded at Lu Yin's response. He had merely been speaking in a manner required by propriety; who would actually take such words at face value?

Wen Sansi was similarly speechless, though he was not completely surprised given his slight familiarity of Lu Yin.

"You can count on the Wen family at any time," Wen Yao decided to show some level of generosity since it would look bad to refuse at this point. Additionally, they were about to ask about after the seven-layered Literary Prison, so it would be for the best if they could get Lu Yin to owe them a favor.

Lu Yin coughed. "Given the current situation, I'm sure that Senior is aware of how the Outerverse has already been promised to the Sixth Mainland. My alliance is destined to become homeless, so I wonder if we might be able to find a home in Erudite Flowzone?"

Wen Yao was not expecting Lu Yin to make such a request. How could anyone bring up such a request as though it were nothing? If not for the smile on Lu Yin's face, Wen Yao would absolutely see such a request as a provocation intended to start a war!

"Alliance Leader Lu must be joking; if the Great Eastern Alliance is unable to find a place to call home, the Wen family will gladly help you search for somewhere." Wen Yao laughed.

Lu Yin replied with a regretful tone, "That's a pity. If that's the case, we can only look at some small flowzones. Senior, please help us keep an eye out for any small flowzones that might suite my alliance."

"That's a given. Please rest assured, Alliance Leader Lu," Wen Yao replied. He could not determine which of Lu Yin's words were authentic. If Lu Yin really was eying the eight great flowzones, there was no need

to mention such a thing. However, if there was no such intention, then Wen Yao could not understand the purpose of mentioning such a request.

However, Lu Yin's goal was simple: between the truth and the deceptions, the leaders of eight great flowzones would not be able to lower their guards, even if the Great Eastern Alliance kept to themselves within Fennel Flowzone. Spies would continue to observe, and protesters would continue to resist. All Lu Yin wanted to do was muddy the waters.

Lu Yin took a sip of tea and continued to avoid the topic of the seven-layered Literary Prison. Wen Yao shot Wen Sansi a glance, and the younger man quickly spoke up, "Alliance Leader Lu, do you possibly remember our meeting in the Daosource Sect ruins?"

Lu Yin thought for a moment. "What is Brother Wen trying to say?"

"Does Brother Lu have the method to cultivate the seven-layered Literary Prison?" Wen Sansi asked.

Wen Yao's eyes remained locked on Lu Yin as though the older man was trying to glean something from the youth's expression.

Lu Yin said, "Yes, but also no."

"How so?" Wen Sansi asked curiously.

Lu Yin replied, "I have someone held captive who possesses the knowledge of the seven-layered Literary Prison. Since he's my prisoner, I can get the information from him if I act diligently, but there's also naturally a possibility that I'll gain nothing."

"Who's the man?" Wen Yao could not resist asking.

A smile crept across Lu Yin's face. "Wen Diyi."

Wen Yao and Wen Sansi looked at each other, visibly confused. "While our Wen family has hundreds of descendants, there has never been anyone named Wen Diyi, and no one would even dare take such a name. There is no best writer.<sup>1</sup> Where did this person come from?"

Lu Yin shrugged. "I can't answer that. However, he does indeed know the seven-layered Literary Prison."

Wen Sansi's eyes flashed. "How can Brother Lu's words be verified?"

Lu Yin took out Zenith Mountain and gestured an invitation towards Wen Sansi. "Brother Wen, a match, if you don't mind?"

Wen Sansi's eyes narrowed. "Sure."

Lu Yin took Wen Sansi into Zenith Mountain and they appeared somewhat close to Wen Diyi.

Lu Yin was more than familiar with his current situation, as he had already used Yun Tingting to manipulate Smoke-Eater Peaks. With Wen Diyi, Lu Yin expected to be able to do the same with the Wen family. Still, there was one particular detail that was giving Lu Yin a headache: someone like Wen Diyi would be difficult to deal with. The more well-read the person, the prouder they would be. One could call such people pedantic or pretentious, but intellectuals would never lack a sense of pride.

Since Wen Diyi dared to refer to himself as number one, he would likely be even more difficult to deal with. Furthermore, Lu Yin had not even considered what he wanted to get out of the Wen family.

Wen Diyi was cultivating with his eyes closed. He appeared much calmer than Yun Tingting had been, and he spoke when he saw Lu Yin and Wen Sansi approaching, "Is it my turn?"

"You know why I'm looking for you?" Lu Yin asked.

Wen Diyi answered calmly, "Yun Tingting informed me that we've already arrived in the Fifth Mainland." The man looked over at Wen Sansi as he continued, "If I'm not wrong, you can use the Literary Prison, correct?"

Wen Sansi's eyes flickered. "You're Wen Diyi?"

Wen Diyi grew solemn. "The Wen family doesn't only exist within the Perennial World; descendants also remained in the Fifth Mainland. When the Perennial World separated from the Fifth Mainland, the Wen family left behind a bloodline, as well as an inheritance."

He stared at Wen Sansi. "You being here proves your inheritance is incomplete. How many layers of Literary Prison can you use?"

"There are no layers. Literary Prison is all that it is," Wen Sansi replied.

Wen Diyi frowned. "The inheritance here is truly incomplete. Since I'm already here, it's impossible for me to ever go back to that place. I can teach you several layers of the Literary Prison but I have a single condition: let me stay as part of the Wen family. I shall be recognized as a member of the family."

Wen Sansi raised his hand instantly trapped Wen Diyi with a Literary Prison. It was nine-by-nine, which was the highest level of mastery possible for the Literary Prison that the Wen family had inherited. Wen Sansi was providing a test.

Wen Diyi observed the Literary Prison that surrounded him before taking a single step forward. He surrounded himself with an inverse Literary Prison, and it restrained Wen Sansi's technique. Quickly, a two-layered Literary Prison appeared, and it shattered Wen Sansi's Literary Prison. Finally, Wen Diyi made another move that completely trapped Wen Sansi within a seven-layered Literary Prison.

Wen Sansi was shocked beyond words; the seven-layered Literary Prison truly did exist! Even if he had believed Lu Yin's words in the Daosource Sect's ruins, seeing it in its full glory was something else entirely. The seven-layered Literary Prison completely subverted the Wen family's long inherited knowledge. Who could have imagined that they had only ever been cultivating a fragment of the true Literary Prison.

"Virtue Archives possesses eighteen layers of the Literary Prison, but I have only managed to cultivate up to the seventh layer. I don't have the complete technique that encompasses all 18 folds. Still, for you, I expect that this is already plenty," Wen Diyi said as he dismissed his Literary Prison.

Lu Yin glanced at Wen Sansi, and then to Wen Diyi. Both men were essentially on the same level when it came to their combat power; Wen Diyi had a more complete inheritance, but Wen Sansi possessed an exceptional innate gift. It would be difficult to determine a winner between these two in a fight, but if

Wen Sansi managed to obtain the seven-layered Literary Prison, his strength would surge, as would the power of the entire Wen family.

This was quite the temptation. What exactly did a cultivator desire? They wanted to fight for their lives. Thus, the stronger one became, the greater their chances of success. This seven-layered Literary Prison would provide the Wen family with a greater chance for "life."

"I am willing to pass the inheritance on to your family, but for that to happen, we first have to leave this place. What are Brother Long- no, Brother Lu's conditions that he offered you?" Wen Diyi asked, looking genuinely curious.

Wen Sansi looked over at Lu Yin. "Brother Lu, your conditions?"

Lu Yin had not been expecting everything to go so smoothly. Since Wen Diyi had not refused to pass on the seven-layered Literary Prison, the only problem was for Lu Yin to list his conditions. However, what conditions? He had not even thought of any!

"Brother Lu, precisely what conditions need to be met for you to let us take Wen Diyi?" Outside Zenith Mountain, Wen Yao was given an update by Wen Sansi. The elder then turned to Lu Yin while trying to suppress his emotions.

Lu Yin stayed silent for a while. "Please let me think about it. Too many things have happened recently, and I haven't had time to properly consider this matter."

Wen Yao frowned, as he felt that Lu Yin was trying to get more from them. "Alliance Leader Lu, please name your price. We will not haggle with you so long as your request remains within my family's means."

Before making this trip, Wen Yao had thoroughly investigated Lu Yin, with a special focus on the youth's preferences. Still, the elder had not expected the youth to be such a money-grubber.

Lu Yin waffled. Star essence provided Lu Yin with the means to increase his strength and abilities, but he had no idea just how much he could sell Wen Diyi for, as Lu Yin was completely clueless as to the Wen family's resources.

If they could only offer him a few hundred like he had taken from the Blaze Realm, then he would rather keep Wen Diyi.

"Senior and Brother Wen can either return home or enjoy yourselves for a bit here on Zenyu Star, and I'll inform you as soon as I've made up my mind," Lu Yin told them.

Wen Sansi replied, "Brother Lu, you are already aware of what the seven-layered Literary Prison means to my Wen family. I can tell you bluntly, it is important, very important! However, you also need to remember a certain detail: no one other than us in the entire Fifth Mainland possesses any interest at all in the seven-layered Literary Prison. It's a technique exclusive to the Wen family, so you won't find a second buyer."

Lu Yin laughed. "Brother Wen is definitely wrong about that! I believe the Sword Sect, Beast Tamers Flowzone, Chaosgod Mountain, and even various powerhouses from the Neoverse would be interested in someone like Wen Diyi."



People would certainly be interested in Wen Diyi, though not the seven-layered Literary Prison. What they would be concerned about would be preventing the Wen family from acquiring the seven-layered Literary Prison. It would not matter to such people if they were able to cultivate the technique themselves or not, but everyone would feel threatened if the Wen family's strength rose because of this technique, especially the Sword Sect.

After Daynight Flowzone had been overturned by Lu Yin, the Wen family and the Sword Sect had become the strongest powers within the entire Inniverse, and they had constantly been competing with each other since that time. If the Sword Sect learned of the existence of the seven-layered Literary Prison, they would destroy it at any costs, just to keep it out of the hands of the Wen family.

Wen Sansi's eyes flashed. "Brother Lu, I expect you've already come to a decision?"

Lu Yin answered, "As I said, you can wait on Zenyu Star for a bit, and I'll make sure to let you know as soon as I'm done thinking."

Wen Yao became impatient. "Alliance Leader Lu, you're from the Astral Combat Academy! Erudite Flowzone's Lost Radiance Academy has always maintained a good relationship with your alma mater, and Sansi has helped you in the past as well. We hope you can take such things into consideration and deliver Wen Diyi to us as soon as possible to prevent anything from happening."

"Brother Lu, things haven't been peaceful within the Inniverse as of late. The Wen family seems to have been targeted, and the same is true of Lost Radiance Academy. Han Chong is actually dead. We urge you to reach a decision soon," Wen Sansi urged.

Lu Yin was surprised. "Han Chong's dead?"

Wen Sansi nodded. "Not only Han Chong, but also of his family's elders along with some of the Wen family's members have also died. The Neohuman Alliance seems to have had something to do with it, and they've locked on to us. This is why I'm afraid things could get bloody if any information regarding the seven-layered Literary Prison gets leaked."

Lu Yin found this rather odd; why would the Neohuman Alliance target the Wen family? Did the Wen family possess something worthy of such attention? Even if the Wen family did have such a thing, what connection could it have to Han Chong? He had only been a mere Cruiser.