

Odyssey 1721

Chapter 1721: The Third Fleet

Once Lu Yin and the others met with Little R1O, they were quite close to the Third Fleet.

Half an hour later, Lu Yin saw First Edition City's Third Fleet.

At this moment, Lu Yin was not the only one shocked, as the First Protector had the same reaction.

Spacecraft spread across space and out of sight. There were at least a million vessels, nearly 100,000 of which were battleships. The remainder were all transports or androids. There were hundreds of millions of androids. This was the Third Fleet.

It was no wonder that the Technocracy was able to contend with the Human Domain. Lu Yin had not understood this in the past, as cultivators were quite common in the Human Domain, and there were countless cultivators at just the Outerverse's border. While there were not that many cultivators who had reached the level of an Explorer or beyond, once they were gathered from all across the Outerverse, the numbers were quite impressive. This was also not even considering the Innerverse, the Cosmic Sea, the Neoverse, or the 3,000 hidden worlds.

The Hall of Honor was able to mobilize every last human cultivator.

At this moment, Lu Yin finally realized that the Technocracy had an astonishing number of androids. In addition to the androids and the battleships, there were different kinds of technological weapons. These were not only the ones that were visible to the naked eye, but also the ones that remained hidden within the Master Brain's manifested thoughts. All of space throughout the entire Technocracy was packed with mechanical weapons.

Lu Yin and the First Protector were also only looking at the Third Fleet. First Edition City still had two more fleets, and those forces were absolutely capable of standing up to the Human Domain.

There was a massive sphere at the center of the Third Fleet that looked like a planet, but was not. It was entirely composed of some mysterious, crystal-like material. It looked a great deal like crystal, and it refracted the light in a beautiful manner.

Lu Yin initially believed the sphere to be some kind of weapon, but Little R1O gave an explanation, and Lu Yin finally understood that the sphere was actually the commander of the Third Fleet: Chong.

The prevalent creatures living in the Technocracy were the dominant consciousness, and they were able to take control of any mechanical form that was able to house their consciousness. The sphere was actually such an object, and it was controlled by the dominant consciousness known as Chong.

"The Third Fleet's Admiral Chong is quite powerful, though you can't tell from outside. After reaching the battlefield, you would have realized that Admiral Chong's body is a celestial body with a powerful gravity field due to being compressed as much as possible. Any attack from the commander will match a power level of a million." Little R1O then quietly shared that he had been assigned to a battleship. Naturally, Lu Yin and others had been assigned to the same place.

Lu Yin was surprised at Admiral Chong's strength. "Attacks with a power level of a million?"

Little R1O nodded. "That's right. The most powerful things in the universe are not you humans, nor us androids, cyborgs, or even the astral beasts. The celestial bodies are the most powerful, and there are some objects or phenomena that are able to shatter everything we think we know. You should already know about Stellar Tempest and the black hole that forms a barrier across the Human Domain's Starfall Sea. Both of those are celestial bodies.

"Admiral Chong uses a type of celestial body for his body. The material that makes that sphere is compressed, and by shifting the density, he is able to unleash attacks from the sphere. Each of those attacks can reach a power level of a million. He's one of First Edition City's most powerful commanders, and the commanders are second only to the city master."

"What about the vice city master?" Lu Yin asked out of curiosity.

Little R1O shook his head. "I don't know. The vice city master has always stayed within the city and has never left or stepped onto the battlefield. Their precise strength is unknown."

Little R1O did not know, but Lu Yin was aware that the android that he had Possessed had been as strong as an Envoy, and yet it had been almost entirely destroyed by the vice city master simply blocking an attack from Lu Yin. The Vice City Master's power level absolutely exceeded a million.

The higher Lu Yin climbed, the greater the powerhouses he encountered.

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At one point in time, Yuan Shi had been the most powerful being Lu Yin had ever seen, as the old man had a power level of a million. However, Lu Yin's thoughts of power had recently been shattered after a corpse king he had Possessed had been destroyed by a Progenitor, and also from the scene he had witnessed on Mount Punishment in the Celestial Frost Sect's ruins. Lu Yin had witnessed and even experienced the power of Progenitors.

The Third Fleet had received its orders, and they started towards the Sophic Rift. Their departure was truly spectacular. Many androids from First Edition City watched, and many dominant consciousnesses remained in the transport tubes to watch while chatting with each other. It was exactly like how humans would see their armies off; First Edition City was seeing the Third Fleet off.

Among the viewers, somewhere in the city, the vice city master was standing in a respectful manner.

"If you can't find anything, then just stop investigating this." A deep voice spoke.

The vice city master felt reluctant to agree. "City master, I have never missed anyone trying to sneak into the Technocracy! Everyone has been discovered and either killed or expelled. We must find out who sneaked in this time, as to do otherwise would be neglecting our responsibilities."

"Maybe it's a human's innate gift," the deep voice replied. It was full of majesty and grandeur, but spoke in a very casual manner.

The vice city master felt frustrated. "City Master, allow your subordinate to continue investigating! I will definitely get to the bottom of this; it must be connected to the Sixth Mainland."

"The Sixth Mainland? They've already lost everything, so there's no need to worry about them. If you want, you can keep looking into this. It's your call."

"So what about the Sixth Mainlanders?"

"Just don't worry about them. They've lost their Sixth Mainland, so they're nothing more than a bunch of poor homeless bastards now."

"Yes, City Master." After speaking, the vice city master's bear-shaped android left the room in a respectful manner.

After a bit, the deep voice continued, "They were already deceived, and then they took the wrong path with their cultivation. Now, they've lost their homeland. They will need to take responsibility for their own mistakes. They have not yet paid the full price due."

After that, the voice disappeared.

Not even the vice city master could determine where this deep voice came from. The city master of First Edition City had been the ruler of it for a long, long time.

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The Technocracy was about the same size as the Human Domain's Outerverse. First Edition City was master of half of that territory, which meant that their domain encompassed an area equivalent to more than thirty weaves.

First Edition City's location within its territory was rather close to the Sophic Rift, but because the entire Third Fleet was moving together, their speed was much slower than moving independently, and it took them several days to reach the battlefield.

There was also a large number of cyborgs within the Third Fleet. These cyborgs were the same as Emperor Luo, as they had originally been human or some other biological creature that had then been adapted and modified. The most important thing about the cyborgs was that they lacked a dominant consciousness and that the bodies had their original minds.

It seemed that it would make sense for the cyborgs to be the vanguard of the war of attrition that First Edition City waged with Sky Creation Academy, but that was not actually the situation. No matter if it was the battles with the Human Domain or Sky Creation Academy, few cyborgs entered the fighting. Most of them lived throughout the Technocracy, and they rarely joined in the fighting.

Lu Yin found this quite strange.

Of the Great Eastern Alliance's militaries, the Redemption Army he intended to create would be made up of his former enemies. The Redemption Army would be sent to the most dangerous battlefields, as it would keep the Lu Elite Troops and the colossal giants from being the tip of the spear. Lu Yin's secret wish was to see all wars fought with androids instead of living humans.

The Technocracy was truly an odd place.

With all of the oddities piquing his curiosity, Lu Yin led Emperor Luo as the two of them followed Little R10 on a tour of the Third Fleet.

"There are no fewer than ten research teams here with the Third Fleet. Some of them are here to maintain and repair the spaceships, others are here to repair the androids, while others are supposed to

find the enemy's flaws and weaknesses on the battlefield. War here in the Technocracy is quite different from how you wage your wars in the Human Domain. There's nothing here like regional tactics, as our fight is through technology and invention," Little R1O explained as they approached a vessel that held a research team.

The research team they were approaching was called the Boom Boom Team, and their focus was the last thing that Little R1O had mentioned: finding the enemy's weakness. At the moment, they were studying the battlefield before arriving on it, as the Fourth Fleet had sent back data that could be studied. The research team was studying the most recent androids and weaponry that Sky Creation Academy had fielded.

There were several people, but Lu Yin and the others did not disturb them.

Little R1O was not familiar with most of the other research teams, and they passed by one, crossing a tether that connected one vessel to another in order to continue their exploration.

One by one, Lu Yin saw several of the research teams. Some of them were friendly and greeted the three people and even invited them to visit, while others vanished behind closed doors.

In addition to the research teams, they also stumbled upon the armory, and they were allowed to enter and examine some of the weapons.

Lu Yin found a bit of material that seemed similar to what made up the surface of Admiral Chong's massive body. Lu Yin picked it up and exerted a good bit of his strength, but the substance showed no reaction at all.

"Over there is the ship with the cyborgs, but there's no reason to meet with them. They're narrow-minded, and no one likes them," Little R1O spat in disgust.

Lu Yin nodded in agreement. He had no interest in seeing the cyborgs.

Two days passed as Lu Yin wandered about the Third Fleet. If he had been an outsider visiting the Great Eastern Alliance's militaries, would he ever have been allowed such freedom while exploring? He had even visited the Third Fleet's armory and handled their weapons.

Just when they were about to return, Lu Yin paused and turned to look towards the cyborgs' ship. He sensed eyes locked onto him that held surprise and disbelief.

Lu Yin frowned; someone was staring at them. Given the emotions behind the eyes that were looking at them, was it possible that they had been recognized? That should be impossible, as they had not been discovered even in First Edition City.

The next moment, a woman emerged from the cyborgs' vessel. Her face was half-mechanical and half-human. The human features were beautiful, but the mechanical aspects were a bit depressing, especially the eyes. One of her eyes was a normal person's, while the other was green.

The woman picked up a foot and entered the true universe. She tore through the void to reappear in outer space in front of Lu Yin and the others. She opened the hatch of the spacecraft they were in and instantly appeared less than a meter away from Lu Yin and the others.

Neither Lu Yin nor Emperor Luo moved, but Little R1O shouted, "What do you want?"

The woman's eyes were staring past Lu Yin at Emperor Luo. "How dare you come back here!"

Lu Yin's eyes twitched, and he remembered the video that Emperor Luo had shared before. He had been attacked by a woman; could this be her?

"I don't want to. I'm just following orders," Emperor Luo replied stiffly.

The woman stared at Emperor Luo, completely unconcerned by Lu Yin. "Give me everything and I'll forget what happened."

Emperor Luo stood in place, silent and unmoving.

The woman's mechanical side of her body moved, and she suddenly attacked. She grabbed for Emperor Luo, but he simply raised a hand. The beam attack that the hand was capable of releasing made the woman feel danger, and she reflexively retreated.

Emperor Luo made no further moves, and Lu Yin pushed the man's hand down.

Lu Yin looked at the woman. "He belongs to me now."

The biological half of the woman's face frowned, and she continued staring at Emperor Luo. "The strength of an Envoy? You definitely have the power of an Envoy."

Emperor Luo lowered his hand and quietly moved to stand behind Lu Yin.

The woman finally turned to look at Lu Yin. "Who are you?"

Before Lu Yin could even reply, Little R10 burst out in anger, "Who are you? You dare treat my friends like this? These are my Little R10's friends!"

The woman was shocked. "The Sixth Mainland?"

"Yes, he's taken refuge with my Sixth Mainland. He's responsible for protecting us on our trip to First Edition City to negotiate with the vice city master. What is it that you want?" Lu Yin spoke slowly, and he deliberately made it clear that he was upset.

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The female cyborg snorted derisively as she stared at Lu Yin. "I don't care who he is now; the things from back then have to be returned. Your Sixth Mainland doesn't research any technologies, so give the data to us, and we can provide you with what you need."

"We need hundreds of thousands of androids," Lu Yin instantly replied.

The woman snapped back, "I'm not exaggerating; the Technocracy has completed a tremendous amount of research in that field, and another android is nothing more than an extra vessel most of the time, which means they're not worth as much as you believe. Trading something worthless for a good relationship is a good deal, and it also works out for you. We'll even help you in your negotiations with the vice city master."

Lu Yin shook his head. "You're a cyborg, so why would you speak up for us?"

"Hey, cyborg, don't you see Little R1O standing here? I'm the genius Little R1O! Move back now!" Little R1O shouted and moved in front of Lu Yin.

The woman turned around and left in a very decisive manner. "The Sophic Rift is a very cruel place. I don't know what you plan to do there, but I hope you make it back alive."

With that, she left.

Little R1O was truly furious. "Ignoring me, Little R1O? That's too much! They need to be punished! Those cyborgs are getting more and more unruly."

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Lu Yin patted Little R1O on the shoulder. "Just forget it. It really doesn't matter. Don't let her ruin your mood."

"Ah Qi, I'm sorry. Not only did I fail to accomplish what I promised you, I also caused you to suffer such an insult; you were threatened by a cyborg! Don't worry, I won't forget about this matter."

Lu Yin smiled. "Little R1O, I hope you'll remember that our friendship is pure and has been untainted by any ulterior motives, so please just let this matter drop. If you defend me, outsiders will see it as a blessing in disguise. If I allow you to do this, it actually won't help me out. For my sake, and for our friendship, just drop it. Cheer up, as only when you're happy will you be inspired to do further research.

"That woman's just a bystander in our lives, and we'll forget her before you know it."

Little R1O stared at Lu Yin for a moment, emotion clouding his eyes. "Ah Qi, you are too- too... Right, open-minded. The term you humans use is open-minded. Ah Qi, you're too open-minded. Only your boldness and magnanimity can stop this war. You know what, I take back what I thought before: Ah Qi, you can definitely do this!

"There's a certain fearless spirit among some humans, and you have it, Ah Qi."

Lu Yin patted Little R1O on the shoulder again. "I just don't want our friendship to get polluted by other interests. Of course, if something happens to me and I can't deal with it by myself, I'll definitely ask my friends for help."

"Of course! Don't try to be polite." Little R1O was very happy.

Emperor Luo quietly watched as Lu Yin spoke with Little R1O, until he finally could not listen any longer. He stared off into the distance. The cyborg woman was still staring at Emperor Luo from the distant spaceship, and her eyes were incredibly cold.

After they parted with Little R1O, Lu Yin's expression fell away. "Who is that woman?"

"One of the district managers for First Edition City. There's a region beneath First Edition City, and it's completely inhabited by cyborgs. I used to live there."

"Is she the one who was in that recording you shared with me?" Lu Yin asked.

Emperor Luo nodded. "She may not be one of the most powerful cyborgs, but she is definitely the most conniving. She's the only cyborg who's able to meet with the city master."

Lu Yin was taken aback. "And yet you were able to escape from someone like her back then?"

"She wasn't as powerful then as she is now. She's improved, just like me."

"Then how do you know she can meet with the city master?"

Emperor Luo's voice dropped low, "Her entire district knows her, and she's basically a saintess to all the cyborgs. That's because she's the one who managed to get the cyborgs to be allowed to live in First Edition City."

The term saintess was one that spurred people's imaginations. Anyone who was able to be referred to as a saintess was someone who was treated as a spiritual pillar of a community. That woman was the cyborgs' spiritual pillar.

"Why does she care so much about getting the technology to develop androids with the strength of Envoys?" Lu Yin asked.

Emperor Luo explained, "So that she can work with a research team, though I don't know specific what for. There's more than just one research team in First Edition City that has the means to design androids with the power of Envoys, but they can't actually make them due to a lack of resources. Humans need to survive a stellar tribulation in order to be able to break through and become Envoys, while there are harsh requirements for the materials needed to produce androids at that level.

"Materials form the very foundation of an android's strength, which is precisely why there aren't very many androids in the entire Technocracy that have the strength of an Envoy, as the materials that are required for those are simply too rare."

Lu Yin had heard mentions of materials more since coming to the Technocracy than ever before, and he was gaining more and more confidence in his earlier guesses.

With Emperor Luo being targeted, and their close proximity to the Sophic Rift, Lu Yin was no longer in any mood to simply hang out.

Soon, there was a brilliant flash from far away, and it was quickly followed by a shockwave that was powerful enough to distort space. A violent force shook the spacecraft Lu Yin was in, and an alarm went off. They had arrived at the Sophic Rift.

Before seeing it with his own eyes, Lu Yin had been unable to even imagine the scene of hundreds of millions of androids and mechanical creatures fighting each other in space. Battleships clashed with each other, and machines tore each other apart. There were even odd attacks that appeared from nowhere.

The Third Fleet was given no time to prepare at all, as the moment they arrived at the Sophic Rift, there was a battle. Countless of the giant mechanical claws suddenly appeared to grab at the spaceships, and countless beams of light shot out from the Third Fleet's battleships. All of the nearby space was lit up for a great distance in all directions.

There was a massive shadow and a terrible roar. It was an enormous mechanical giant that was charging at the Third Fleet with a hand held high. The mechanical arm continued into a massive sword that

slashed down, slicing through the void. This was a strength that was beyond the scope of an Enlighter, and an entire line of the Third Fleet's vessels was destroyed.

The ruined ships were not completely destroyed, and they merged together to form a giant cannon that aimed at the mechanical giant. There was a boom, and the mechanical giant's sword was struck by the cannon blast. The giant was sent tumbling backwards, the edge of its sword cracked.

Waves of terror swept the entire fleet.

This was merely what Lu Yin saw in the first instant on the battlefield. The Sophic Rift was far more intense than he imagined it would be.

He suddenly felt that First Edition City had held back their firepower when facing the Human Domain, nothing more than a minor skirmish on the side. It was clear from seeing the Sophic Rift that First Edition City's primary concern was Sky Creation Academy.

The mechanical giants were Sky Creation Academy's androids. Each of the giants was tens of thousands of meters tall, and each one was incomparably massive. There were also countless writhing mechanical creatures within the Third Fleet that looked similar to an octopus, and they suddenly took action and shot towards the giants.

Countless spaceships appeared in the distance, and the Third Fleet's battleships turned to launch a volley of attacks at the same time that the distant ships attacked.

Boom

Boom

Boom

Space everywhere was churning. There were no planets on the battlefield, though if there ever had been, they had long since been completely destroyed.

Little R10 and Lu Yin were situated in the middle of the Third Fleet, and they were not far from Admiral Chong. Even though they were able to clearly see the battlefield and were witnessing its fierce cruelty, they were a vast distance away from the fighting.

Little R10 became nervous, and his face grew pale. He watched for himself as battleships were destroyed. Each of those vessels held hundreds of androids, and even though their strength fell far short of the androids he had designed and made, they were still androids. All of them had disappeared without any sign of resistance, and the debris from their passing filled the area.

If the ship that Little R10 had been assigned to was similarly attacked, he believed he would be done for.

Lu Yin, the First Protector, and the others stared into the distance at the bright lights that continuously flickered. Each flash represented the end of some spaceship or mechanical creature. All they could see was war and the endless destruction of machinery.

"This is the battlefield where First Edition City and Sky Creation Academy fight each other," the First Protector commented in an emotional tone. "The fighting between the Human Domain and First Edition

City has never been this intense. This fighting seems to be completely devoid of all tactics; it closer resembles a desperate fight for mutual destruction."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. If his Lu Elite Troops entered this battlefield, they would struggle to gain any sort of advantage. While the average soldiers in that army was stronger than the average android on this battlefield and possessed protective measures far beyond anything Lu Yin had seen any other army possess, their numbers were too few, and they lacked top-tier powerhouses with true strength.

Attacks as powerful as what Enlighters were capable of, or even what Envoys could unleash, would occasionally appear in all different direction. This was even disregarding that Lu Yin had already seen several androids within the Third Fleet that had the strength of an Envoy. When he had accompanied Little R10 in exploring the Third Fleet, Lu Yin had seen some truly bizarre androids, such as walking cube, a heat source that had eyes, and much more.

It was impossible to guess what sort of power such bizarre things could release, and Lu Yin knew for absolute certainty that his Lu Elite Troops would suffer if they faced such an army.

Additionally, Lu Yin and the others were only seeing the first minor bit of combat on the battlefield, and things were settled within less than a day. Seeing the unfathomable amount of debris filling space, Lu Yin turned to ask Little R10, "Is all of this trash still useful?"

Little R10 replied, "Some of it can be recycled, and some can't, but we just leave it for the scavengers."

"I've always been curious, who do the scavengers belong to?" Lu Yin asked.

Little R10 thought for a moment. "Both First Edition City and Sky Creation Academy work to produce scavengers, and they work together to clean the battlefield. If they didn't, the armies wouldn't be able to move a single inch into the Sophic Rift."

"Where do the scavengers take the trash?" Lu Yin asked.

Little R10 shook his head. "I don't know."

After a while, Little R10 told Lu Yin, "Ah Qi, we're about to reach the center of the battlefield. The Fourth Fleet is pulling back to return to First Edition City and replenish their resources. After that, the Third Fleet will need to take over, and then the real battle will start. Is there anything you can do to stop this war?"

Lu Yin's expression grew solemn. "I want to find Sky Creation Academy's commander here in the Sophic Rift and talk to him."

Little R10 nodded. "Best of luck, my friend. The fighting here isn't ceaseless, and there are moments of peace. You can act as a special envoy at that time, and I hope you succeed."

Lu Yin smiled. "Little R10, if I pull this off, could you visit my home? I, Ah Qi, would like to invite you."

Little R10 was thrilled to receive an invitation. "That would be great! I've wanted to see the human regions for a long time, so that would be perfect. Oh, also, I'll send some of my androids over to keep you safe."

Lu Yin shook his head. "No need. We can protect ourselves."

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Off in the distance, a bright light approached from far away, and it quickly shot past. The next moment, the ship that Little R10 had been assigned to was split in two. More than just that spacecraft, dozens of ships behind had been severed as well.

This had been an overwhelming attack, and it had not come from a sharp blade like a sword or knife, but from a blunt object.

Chapter 1723: Contact With The Lost Course Army

As the forces of Sky Creation Academy and First Edition City clashed, a distant spacecraft suddenly exploded. The force of the explosion shot out shrapnel in all directions, and one of the hatches had been propelled by the force, and it had shot forward like a bullet, and it had been the cause of the loss of Little R10's ship.

This was something that was perfectly common in the Sophic Rift. This place was a terrible meat grinder, and both sides of the war were constantly burning through their resources.

Lu Yin stood in outer space, and his head slightly tipped to the side as a bit of metal shot by. The surface of the shrapnel burned away, as its speed had surpassed what it could withstand.

Behind him and a bit off to the side, a giant mechanical claw moved to grab Lu Yin, but he lashed out with a hand and grabbed it. He threw it forward, amplifying the force of the throw with the use of the Overlaying Stacks Path. There was too much power behind Lu Yin's throw, and the claw smashed through multiple ships that had laid in its path.

From the perspective of the entire battlefield, Lu Yin only occupied a tiny corner that no one paid any attention to.

Instead, everyone's attention was locked on the battle between two behemoths a long way off.

Not only Lu Yin was enthralled by the fight, but even the First Protector was amazed at the sight.

They were watching Admiral Chong reveal his strength. The admiral was clearly just a sphere, but it was capable of generating a terrifying gravitational field. Everything nearby would be pulled towards the admiral, including even light and sound. No one dared approach Admiral Chong, with the sole exception of an incomparably huge mechanical giant.

This giant far surpassed the size of even the Warden of Gaia's Swamp. This monstrosity's size exceeded that of a planet, and was similar to the size of Admiral Chong. Lu Yin watched as the giant punched right in front of Admiral Chong. The force of the enormous fist was offset by the terrifying gravity of the sphere and was redirected in all directions. The attack swept over the battlefield.

Everywhere, no matter if they were from First Edition City or Sky Creation Academy, every spacecraft and mechanical creature was destroyed.

The shockwave from the exchange was so powerful that it even reached Lu Yin.

This was a battle between beings with power levels of over a million.

Unlike humans who had reached such a level of strength, the machines used technological methods in their combat: this was pure destructive power. These mechanical beings did not enter the true universe, nor did they use battle techniques or have innate gifts. These beings from the Technocracy used brutal destructive power and toughness.

It was utterly impossible within the Human Domain, and so it was unimaginable that the Technocracy could create machines that could exert a power level of over a million.

Hundreds of millions of androids fought each other, and the end result was a literal sea of debris.

Lu Yin stared out at all of the materials that were floating about, but his thoughts were on the data that Huan Sha had analyzed and how she had discovered that some of these materials always disappeared.

Off in the distance, reflective materials covering Admiral Chong's body sloughed off. Every time something fell off, a powerful gravitational wave would sweep out in one direction. Before Lu Yin could even react, the First Protector grabbed him, and they both disappeared. Where Lu Yin had just stood, gravity suddenly distorted space, and everything there was reduced to dust.

Lu Yin reappeared far away, and he heaved a sigh of relief, as he had almost been wiped out by Admiral Chong.

"That's an attack from someone with a power level of a million; they can affect a massive area, so be careful," the First Protector cautioned.

Lu Yin stared into the distance at the incomparably massive mechanical giant that had fought against Admiral Chong. Lu Yin had no idea how Sky Creation Academy had managed to build such a thing.

"Do you still want to go to Sky Creation Academy after all of this?" the First Protector asked.

Lu Yin said, "I would like to try, so we can at least find Sky Creation Academy's location."

The First Protector shook his head. "It's too dangerous."

"If all of these androids are sent against the Human Domain, I don't know how we'll survive," Lu Yin suddenly commented.

The First Protector's expression froze for a moment, and terrible fear could be seen in the depths of his eyes.

"There's not only these androids, but also endless numbers of corpse kings from the Aeternals' forces, and if they also work with the Astral Beast Domain, I doubt humanity would be able to survive a single battle," Lu Yin continued.

The First Protector's voice dropped a bit lower, "It's impossible for the Astral Beast Domain working with the others, as they're also enemies of the Aeternals."

"We all believe the Aeternals to be the astral beasts' natural enemy as well, but the Aeternals prey on humans. From the Astral Beast Domain's perspective, is there any real difference between us humans and the Aeternals?" Lu Yin asked back.

The First Protector said nothing.

"Maybe there is a difference, since us humans are easier to deal with than the Aeternals," Lu Yin said.

The First Protector sighed. "As you can see, we've already reached the battlefield for the war between First Edition City and Sky Creation Academy, which was our original first goal on this trip. However, we want to get to Sky Creation Academy and investigate, especially while not being detected, and that's impossible."

"I still want to give it a try," Lu Yin replied. He did not actually want to go to Sky Creation Academy, but was instead simply waiting for an opportunity to implement his true plan.

The First Protector was clueless as to Lu Yin's thoughts. In the old man's opinion, since it was impossible to secretly investigate, any attempt to continue was meaningless. The Neohuman Alliance had remained hidden within the Human Domain for so many years without being discovered, and it would be far more difficult to find traces of them in the Technocracy.

Lu Yin spent more than a day watching the distant fight between Admiral Chong and the oversized mechanical giant. As he watched, the entire battlefield grew more and more odd to his eyes.

During humans' war, if powerhouses at the level of Envoys or above fought each other, they would enter the true universe in order to avoid the shockwaves from their confrontation spreading out and wreaking havoc among the weaker humans. However, there was no such consideration in the Technocracy's civil war. No matter how intense Admiral Chong's fight with the giant became, there was a constant stream of androids arriving around the two powerhouses to fight as well, and each time, the androids would be instantly wiped out by the two monsters.

This was completely ridiculous, and it was a waste that should at least be avoided by someone at Admiral Chong's level.

A few days later, the fighting paused briefly for the battlefield to be cleaned. The Third Fleet had already suffered terrible losses, and countless shattered spacecraft drifted through space along with an infinite amount of other debris. It looked like an ocean in space.

Lu Yin received a message on his gadget to meet up with Little R10.

Little R10's expression was ugly, and his head was hanging low. There were still more than a dozen of his personal androids in fighting condition, but most of his forces had already been lost.

Lu Yin tried to comfort the researcher. "As long as you're alright."

Little R10 wailed, "Ah Qi, I only really understand after seeing this battlefield! Many of the ideas that I used to have were just too naïve. Honestly, I've created a few designs for things that I've sent to the vice city master, but I never received any response. The vice city lord then told me that they'd find a chance for me to get here to the battlefield, and I finally understand why they said that."

Lu Yin patted his friend's shoulder.

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"I only have about a dozen androids left. The Third Fleet's already sent someone to ask if we want to stay here on the battlefield. How do you feel about it, Ah Qi?" Little R10 asked.

Lu Yin answered, "Help me get in touch with Admiral Chong. I want to act as a special envoy for the Third Fleet to visit the enemy."

Little R10 was startled. "You still want to go?"

Lu Yin nodded determinedly.

Little R10 was impressed. "Ah Qi, you're so brave! Alright, I'll get in contact with Admiral Chong."

First Edition City's Third Fleet was facing off against Sky Creation Academy's Lost Course Army. There was a noticeable difference in the two armies, as Sky Creation Academy tended to use a more humanoid design for their combat models. As for First Edition City, they had their First, Second, and Third Fleets, which were all filled with diverse and strangely designed androids and mechanical beasts.

Admiral Chong agreed to Lu Yin's request and reached out to the Lost Course Army. Sky Creation Academy's forces agreed, so Lu Yin and his companions were allowed to act as special envoys.

Special envoys were rare even when considering the entire history of the Sophic Rift. This was part of the reason why the Lost Course Army was quite curious what people from the Sixth Mainland wanted to say to them.

"The Lost Course Army produces powerful giants, as they believe that size equals invincibility. Much of what you'll see within the Lost Course Army will be massive, and go ahead and compliment them on it," Little R10 explained as he escorted Lu Yin and others to the edge of the Sophic Rift.

Lu Yin nodded. "Got it. We'll be right back."

The Sophic Rift separated First Edition City from Sky Creation Academy, so crossing the battlefield meant entering Sky Creation Academy's territory.

After crossing the battlefield, Lu Yin saw the Lost Course Army. He had not carefully observed the enemy while on the battlefield, as most of his attention had been focused on the battle between Admiral Chong and the super-sized mechanical giant. When Lu Yin saw the Lost Course Army at this moment, he could not help feeling overwhelmed when he saw their battleships, as they were truly massive.

The Lost Course Army's battleships were much larger than any that the Third Fleet possessed, and the cost to produce so many ships of such size had to be exorbitant. Lu Yin did not believe that Sky Creation Academy was capable of bearing such expenses without receiving outside support.

The materials available to half of the Technocracy could not be enough to support such expenditures, and the same was true of First Edition City. Neither of the Technocracy's powers could supply the materials that they used for their armies.

A pair of eyes stared at Lu Yin and the other humans.

There were the three androids with the strength of Envoys, Lu Yin, the First Protector, Emperor Luo, as well as a few of the cultivators who had followed the Cloud Valley Master's swordsman into the Technocracy. All of them had accompanied Lu Yin.

There was a loud noise, and it startled one of the Sixth Mainlanders, and he turned pale.

There were a lot of cyborgs within the Lost Course Army, and they started laughing.

High overhead, a massive head was dropping down towards them while revealing sharp teeth.

Emperor Luo looked up, and a red light flickered in his eyes. This huge head belonged to an incomparably large astral beast that had had half of its body replaced with machinery. It was one of the cyborgs.

"Human, I saw you out on the battlefield, and you destroyed a lot of our ships!" The astral beast spoke in a very loud, but very flat voice. As soon as it spoke, many other cyborgs looked over.

Lu Yin looked up and stared at the creature. "I didn't destroy you, so you're very lucky."

"What did you say!" the astral beast roared and swung a massive paw down.

Lu Yin just arched a brow.

Just as the mechanical claws were about to fall upon Lu Yin and the others, the astral beast froze. Two fingers pinched the massive body, and then tossed it far away.

That was exactly what happened, the massive cyborg had been thrown away like a bug.

A mechanical giant suddenly appeared, and it looked down at Lu Yin and other humans.

This giant was 20,000 meters tall. While it was not as large as the Warden of Gaia's Swamp, it was still much bigger than the astral beast, and the giant's strength was also comparable to an Envoy.

"The army commander won't meet with you, so what do you have to say to me?" The giant lowered its head to stare at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin looked up. "The fundamental reason for this war between First Edition City and Sky Creation Academy should be the need for materials."

The mechanical giant did not respond, and simply stared at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin continued, "On behalf of the Sixth Mainland, I would ask that First Edition City and Sky Creation Academy call a temporary truce, and in exchange, my Sixth Mainland is willing to compensate the materials needed."

"Human, do you have any understanding of the Technocracy?" the mechanical giant raged.

Lu Yin was unfazed by the anger shown.

"The war here in the Sophic Rift has continued for so long that not even we know why the war was started. Materials? No. Territory? No. This is a war that's continued since ancient times, and it cannot stop until one of us is completely eliminated. You want to buy peace with just some materials? Stop dreaming!" the mechanical giant shouted.

There were outbursts all around: "Stop dreaming."

"Wake up, human."

"Leave!"

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"My Sky Creation Academy has nothing to do with your Sixth Mainland, and we also have no hostility with the Human Domain. Don't try to get involved in the Technocracy's civil war, or else you'll become an enemy of Sky Creation Academy!" The mechanical giant continued its shouting.

Chapter 1724: True And False

Lu Yin was unwilling, "Is there no possibility of a temporary peace? A hundred years, or even ten years would be enough."

"Not possible, and you don't qualify to even discuss such things." The mechanical giant threw a punch into empty space. "Go back. If we meet on the battlefield, we will not let you go, regardless of where you come from."

"Where is Sky Creation Academy?" Lu Yin shouted.

The mechanical giant replied, "Not far behind the battlefield. If you are able to cross the battlefield and break through the Lost Course Army, you can find Sky Creation Academy, like that bald man from the Human Domain known as Hui Kong did. There's no need to speak any further. Leave."

With that, the giant leaped up and disappeared. Lu Yin had no idea where the construct had gone.

He and the others were then dismissed and sent away.

As they returned to the other side of the Sophic Rift, Lu Yin turned around. All of the set up was complete, so he could finally begin implementing his plan.

"Do you still want to try to get to Sky Creation Academy? I'm not confident about sneaking over there," the First Protector said.

Lu Yin replied, "Did Senior sense any corpse kings within the Lost Course Army?"

"Do you?" The First Protector showed some surprise, but Lu Yin shook his head.

The First Protector heaved a sigh of relief. "That was why I hadn't said anything yet."

Lu Yin lowered his voice, "This junior is not willing to just leave."

"What else do you want to do? It would be best if you could travel to Sky Creation Academy as a special envoy, but unfortunately, that's not possible," the First Protector complained.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "Then we should go back to our original plan: just charge over from this battlefield."

The First Protector hesitated for a long while, and Lu Yin eventually looked up at the old man. "Senior, our original plan was to sneak deep into the Technocracy by using Emperor Luo's secret path, and then make our way over to Sky Creation Academy. We're already close, so I have to try to get there no matter how dangerous it may be."

The First Protector could only helplessly nod in agreement.

Back in Endless Weave, Lu Yin had persuaded the old man to use an alternate way to enter the Technocracy by approaching First Edition City. This was already the fourth time that plans had changed, and the First Protector had no real reason to refuse.

Lu Yin's failure to broker a truce was not anything that Little R10 found unexpected, but Little R10 could only try to comfort Lu Yin after his return, "Just come back, Ah Qi. The war here in the Sophic Rift has been going on for far too long, and no one can put a stop to it. You've already done your best, and your Sixth Mainland will have to see the efforts you've put in."

Lu Yin's voice was bitter, "Thank you, Little R10. Still, even though I failed this time, I'm not giving up."

"What else can you do?" Little R10 felt puzzled.

Lu Yin clenched his fists. "I'm going to Sky Creation Academy!"

Little R10 was caught completely off guard. "You want to go to Sky Creation Academy? Ah Qi, this isn't anything to mess around about! Sky Creation Academy is not First Edition City, and they will not welcome you. You'll find it hard to leave again after you get there, and it's nearly impossible for you to even get close to Sky Creation Academy."

Lu Yin remained stubborn. "I still have to try, for the sake of my clan and the Sixth Mainland."

Little R10 stared blankly at Lu Yin for a long while.

"Little R10, why are you staring at me?" Lu Yin wondered.

The android lowered his head. "I'm sorry, Ah Qi."

"Why are you apologizing?"

Little R10 remained silent for a bit before whispering, "I apologize for my previous behavior. You think about your clan, but I... I've used the bodies of your clan members for experiments. I'm truly sorry, Ah Qi."

Lu Yin felt quite curious. "What do you mean, my clan members' bodies?"

Little R10 started explaining, "Your clan-"

He then paused for a moment and accessed his gadget and shared a picture. It was of a man lying on a high-tech bed. Half of the man's body had been replaced with machinery, and there were all sorts of lights visible.

Little R10 apologized yet again, "I'm sorry, Ah Qi, but this was one of your clan members. I used him as a test subject, but your words just now made me realize that was a mistake. Your clan is very dear to your heart, so I will return him to you."

Lu Yin stared blankly at the person in the picture; was that Ancestor Autumnfrost?

How? Wasn't Ancestor Autumnfrost in the Outerverse?

"Little R10, what happened to him?" Lu Yin asked hurriedly.

Little R10 thought that Lu Yin was angry, which caused Little R10 to feel even more guilty. "I'm sorry, Ah Qi, but I used him as a test subject. When I found him, I could tell that it was the corpse of a powerful human, so I wanted to use it for some tests. I never expected to meet you, who's one of his clan members, so I'll return him to you."

"You mean he's dead?" Lu Yin frowned.

Little R10 nodded. "He was already dead when we found him."

Impossible! Lu Yin stared at the image of Ancestor Autumnfrost on the screen. It was clearly Ancestor Autumnfrost, and if Lu Yin remembered correctly, when the Sixth Mainland had cooperated with the Technocracy to attack the Outerverse through Endless Weave, Ancestor Autumnfrost had teamed up with Ancestor Mojiang to fight against Yuan Shi. Yuan Shi had badly injured the two ancestors. Ancestor Mojiang had then died, but Ancestor Autumnfrost had escaped.

Ancestor Autumnfrost was still alive and thriving in the Outerverse, leading one of the most powerful families in the Bloodburn Realm. Of the other top families, one of the Ten Venerables, Ancestor Di, had been killed by Aeternus, and Ancestor Mojiang had been killed by Yuan Shi. This had left Ancestor Autumnfrost as the Bloodburn Realm's only World Imprinter, which was also why many of the members of the Mojiang clan had taken refuge with the Autumnfrost clan.

So why in the world was Lu Yin staring at Ancestor Autumnfrost's corpse?

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"Little R10, when did you find him?" Lu Yin asked.

Little R10 took a moment to remember. "Nine years... Yes, nine years and one month ago."

"How do you know that so precisely?"

"Ah Qi, we need to keep track of dates and all other data when conducting research, so everything that happened from the moment he was picked up to the start of all of our experiments and beyond was carefully dated and documented," Little R10 explained.

Lu Yin started thinking; nine years ago was the time that the Technocracy and the Sixth Mainland had invaded the Outerverse, and it almost precisely coincided with when Ancestor Autumnfrost and Ancestor Mojiang had been wounded and driven back by Yuan Shi. Did this mean that Ancestor Autumnfrost had already died back then? In that case, what was the current Ancestor Autumnfrost's real identity?

Lu Yin stared out into space in the direction of the Human Domain; one of the two Ancestor Autumnfrosts had to be a fake.

Lu Yin did not believe that Little R10 had any motivation to try to deceive Lu Yin with a fake, and Little R10 most likely did not even know of the existence of Ancestor Autumnfrost. In that case, there was only one possibility: the Ancestor Autumnfrost currently leading the Autumnfrost family in the Outerverse was an imposter.

"Ah Qi, take them back with you. I'm really, truly sorry," Little R10 yet again apologized.

Lu Yin smiled. "It's fine. Little R10, there are also wars between different groups of humans, and not all of us from even the same clan are friends. I have no relationship with that person, so let's just go back to First Edition City. We can talk about this there."

"Okay."

Lu Yin had visited with Sky Creation Academy's army in order to negotiate a temporary truce, but had predictably failed. Because no one had expected his success, this failure did not create even a single ripple in the Third Fleet.

Throughout his entire time with the Third Fleet, Lu Yin never once spoke with Admiral Chong, and the only time the admiral had even heard of Lu Yin had been when the human had requested to speak with the Lost Course Army as a special envoy. Admiral Chong had no impression at all of this human.

The only person who paid attention to Lu Yin's movements was the cyborg woman, the one who was seen as their saintess. Her name was Xin Yu, which was a nice name.

"I certainly underestimated your courage; you actually dared to go speak with the Lost Course Army." Xin Yu sought out Lu Yin and his group, though her voice was as cold as ever.

Lu Yin looked over at the woman. "What are you doing here?"

Xin Yu stared at Emperor Luo. "Your strength increased because of those designs from back then. As long as you return them, I can ask First Edition City's master to send more androids to the Outerverse to fight against the Human Domain."

"Are design schemes for Envoy-level androids really so rare for First Edition City?" Lu Yin asked in an odd tone.

Xin Yu looked at Lu Yin. "You clearly don't realize that any technological breakthrough is only accomplished after countless experiments. Data from previous experiments is extremely valuable, and it even can offer new inspiration, which can be worth more than anything."

She turned back to Emperor Luo. "The data he possesses might be useless, but it could also be able to inspire a reformation.

"This is no different from your humans' lockbreaking: you might uncover something that can change the universe, or it might be complete trash."

"You humans'? Like you aren't human?" Lu Yin mocked.

Xin Yu coldly retorted, "Whether or not I'm human doesn't matter. Return those designs, and I can help you reach your goals. If you give me those, I can help you get almost anything, so long as it isn't too excessive."

Lu Yin and the First Protector glanced at each other. If Emperor Luo's stolen technology could truly offer inspiration or aid to First Edition City, it was impossible for them to share it.

"Let's go." Lu Yin started leaving.

Xin Yu frowned as she watched Lu Yin. "This battle will last a long time, and I know you'll be back to the city within just a few days. It would be best for you to reconsider, as how are you going to be able to explain yourselves when you go back empty handed? I can help you; I am able to get you what you came for."

With that, she finally left.

If Lu Yin and others truly represented the Sixth Mainland, naturally they would be willing to purchase Xin Yu's help with the design schemes, as it would allow them to get more androids from First Edition City. However, they were imposters, and were actually the Sixth Mainland's enemies, so they felt things would be much better if Xin Yu developed a hatred towards the Sixth Mainland, so they were happy to secretly provoke more conflicts.

The fighting soon resumed on the Sophic Rift, and countless explosions, attacks, and black holes appeared in space. On this terrible battlefield, life was incredibly cheap.

Lu Yin started being targeted by a cyborg astral beast with the strength of an Enlighter. Lu Yin was not able to reveal his full strength, so he slowly fought against the cyborg for half a day.

The astral beast started to become impatient, and also quickly grew more and more anxious. In the end, it was killed by the cubic android Lu Yin had seen before.

"Human, no need for any thanks." The cube greeted Lu Yin before attacking one of the Lost Course Army's battleships.

The Third Fleet had too many androids to even count, and while the same was true of the Lost Course Army's numbers, they had a far larger proportion of massive-sized cyborgs.

A shockwave swept towards Lu Yin from the distance, and it was hurling many ships through space. Lu Yin raised a hand and tore through one vessel with a palm attack. The shockwave came from a distant attack from a powerful combatant with the strength of an Envoy.

Admiral Chong and the largest mechanical giant were still tirelessly fighting each other, and occasionally a shockwave from their slash would sweep out in all directions. Lu Yin had become far more vigilant, so he was able to avoid the shockwave's every time even without the First Protector's assistance.

During one particular clash between the two primary combatants on the battlefield, the mechanical giant accidentally smashed one of the androids from the Hall of Honor that had accompanied Lu Yin and the First Protector. The mechanical giant suddenly roared, "Despicable! Your First Edition City is becoming more and more despicable! You actually hid an Envoy-level android within the regular military!"

"What are you even talking about?" Admiral Chong shouted back.

The giant solemnly replied, "You know what I said."

An android with the strength of an Envoy had just been instantly destroyed, and Lu Yin felt the pain of the loss.

The First Protector was feeling the same agony. While the Hall of Honor had long since developed the technology to produce Envoy-level androids, very few could be made due to the limited availability of

the required materials. One of those had just been lost, and they could not even retaliate or react, which greatly pained the First Protector. His expression grew worse and worse as he stared at the oversized mechanical giant.

If not for the fact that the First Protector was so wary about the Technocracy, he would have already destroyed the giant.

Chapter 1725: Why Is It Gone?

"When do you want to leave?" the First Protector asked, his tone betraying his rotten mood.

Lu Yin said, "We should wait a bit longer, as there's still quite a bit of attention on us right now."

The First Protector was still upset, and he had the remaining two Envoy-level androids from the Hall of Honor pull back. At this time, they needed to hide themselves before crossing the entire battlefield and sneaking into Sky Creation Academy. If they were discovered, they would just explain that they were the Sixth Mainland's representatives, which was a wonderful cover.

Lu Yin was secretly calculating the time; it was almost the right moment!

With a thought, an astral chessboard appeared beneath his feet, and he moved.

His body suddenly shifted across the battlefield to appear between Admiral Chong and the oversized mechanical giant. A leaf appeared in Lu Yin's hand, and with the Yu Secret Art, it suddenly disappeared. When it reappeared, it had been stuck to the body of the massive giant.

This leaf was the bit of Origin Matter that Lu Yin had Pilfered with his die. He hoped to use the Origin Matter to push Sky Creation Academy into the forefront, which had been his plan all along.

His entire purpose in traveling to the Technocracy was to shove Sky Creation Academy into the limelight for the entire universe. After that, even if someone from the Perennial World was sent over, Lu Yin would learn about it almost immediately, as such news would be instantly sent to the Fifth and Sixth Mainlands.

Since it was impossible for Lu Yin to stop the Perennial World by himself, he wanted to drag everyone else into the fight. Origin Matter was too valuable. Even in the Perennial World it was fought over by everyone, not to mention in the Fifth and Sixth Mainlands.

Lu Yin believed that the moment news of Sky Creation Academy possessing Origin Matter spread, both the Fifth and Sixth Mainlands would erupt into chaos, especially the Sixth Mainland. It was even possible that their Progenitors would make a move.

Origin Matter was necessary for a person to become a Progenitor, which meant that it was impossible to estimate its value, so he felt a tinge of pain from using the only bit he had.

Once the leaf was stuck onto the giant, a vague and indescribable aura began to spread.

The same aura had appeared when Lu Yin had first obtained it with his die, and it had only stopped after he stored it away in his cosmic ring. However, there was nothing to stop the aura from spreading through the Technocracy, and the First Protector quickly sensed it.

Lu Yin had absolutely no worry that news of the Origin Matter would not spread, as there was no place in the universe that was perfectly sealed. Even though the Technocracy was mysterious and information about it rarely leaked outside, Lu Yin absolutely believed that the Fifth and Sixth Mainlands had their own means of learning certain details. Otherwise, their countless years of war would have been for naught.

Lu Yin moved across the chaotic battle, and he rushed up to the First Protector in excitement. "Senior, I just saw some Origin Matter!"

The First Protector was caught off guard and was startled by Lu Yin's exclamation, and then his eyes went wide. "What did you just say?"

"I just saw some Origin Matter! It's on that massive robot!"

How absurd! How could there possibly be Origin Matter on the mechanical giant? Even though the First Protector truly did not believe the ridiculous claim, he still glanced over. After all, if they could pick up a bit of Origin Matter, their trip would not have been made in vain. Each bit of Origin Matter was no different from another potential Progenitor, and such prospects were too important to the Fifth Mainland.

At the same time, the leaf's aura was spreading across the battlefield faster and faster, and it quickly spread outside of the Sophic Rift. It was undetectable to ordinary cultivators, but anyone who had reached the Envoy level would instantly sense it.

For example, Xin Yu. She felt a sense of vitality wash over her, like a new breath.

The First Protector also felt the aura. He stared at the mechanical giant, looking at the leaf that was stuck to the enormous carapace; how could there be Origin Matter in this place?

Lu Yin blew out a long breath, as he had succeeded. The Origin Matter's aura was spreading, and the Fifth and Sixth Mainlands would absolutely learn of this. After this, the situation would no longer be in his hands.

Instead, Lu Yin started mourning the loss of his Origin Matter.

Lu Yin had actually wanted to take the Origin Matter back after exposing it, but he had quickly realized that other people were far from stupid. Without real Origin Matter present, how would Sky Creation Academy possibly remain as the focus of everyone's attention?

The only option was to sacrifice the Origin Matter and make it into a treasure that everyone genuinely fought for. In this manner, everything would make sense to outsiders, and it would not feel like a contrived scheme that someone else had put into play.

Lu Yin had never believed himself to be much more intelligent than others, so if he tried to outsmart people, he would ultimately catch the short end of the stick. Besides, this Origin Matter had been free, so it really was as if he had never gotten it at all.

The Origin Matter's appearance had no effect on the androids; they did not recognize it, and they could not sense its aura at all. Even the largest mechanical giant could not feel that it had Origin Matter stuck

to its body while it was fighting with Admiral Chong. Only the First Protector and the most powerful cyborgs were able to sense the Origin Matter's presence.

The First Protector was eager to grab it, and he started plotting how he could surreptitiously collect the Origin Matter.

Suddenly, the leaf disappeared.

It not only disappeared from the First Protector's sight, but also from that of Xin Yu and all the other Envoy cyborgs in the Lost Course Army's sights. Everyone who had sensed the leaf previously was stunned, as it had vanished.

Lu Yin was also startled; what had happened to the Origin Matter? Why was it gone? Could it have been smashed to nothing by Admiral Chong's attack?

The next moment, a figure emerged from the void. He was holding a woman in one hand and the Origin Matter in the other. There was a smug smile on the old man's face. "I never thought that I'd pick up something this good as soon as I stepped foot in the Forsaken Land! Origin Matter? Who would put this on their body? That's way too excessive. Fortunately, it was seen by this old man, hahahaha!"

Lu Yin stared in stupefaction at the old man who had just appeared. Kui- Kui Luo?

Lu Yin had never dreamed that Kui Luo would suddenly appear at the most important juncture of this plan and steal the Origin Matter!

Wait... is he holding onto Wang Yun?

Instantly, Lu Yin understood that Kui Luo had taken Wang Yun hostage and used her to travel to the Technocracy.

Kui Luo's appearance in the Sophic Rift drew a great deal of attention, and the First Protector instantly attacked in an attempt to steal the Origin Matter from Kui Luo.

However, Kui Luo swept through the nearby region of space with his spiritual force, stopping the First Protector in his tracks. The old man's face paled. Semi- Semi-Progenitor!

Kui Luo was also startled, and he turned his head to stare at Lu Yin. The old man had noticed Lu Yin's presence the moment he had scanned the area. Had he actually already found Lu Yin? "Lu Xiaoxuan?"

Lu Yin and Kui Luo both stared at each other slack-jawed. "Put the leaf back!"

Kui Luo was taken aback. "What are you talking about?"

Lu Yin grew increasingly anxious. "Put the leaf back! It's mine."

Just as Kui Luo was about to reply, his head suddenly turned to stare in another direction, and his expression drastically changed. "So fast? That's not good. They're here to kill you."

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He then looked back at Lu Yin. "Don't expose yourself. Bai Laogui and Wang Si are here to kill you."

Lu Yin's scalp went completely numb; Bai Laogui and Wang Si were both Semi-Progenitors!

Space trembled as a peerless strength swept over in the distance, causing everything in the Sophic Rift to come to a complete stop.

The largest giant, who was the commander of the Lost Course Army, looked over. This power?

"Kui Luo, stop right there!" Wang Si howled. Her voice rang out, and it caused many of the androids to explode.

Lu Yin grew pale, and he clenched his hands into tight fists.

The First Protector grew solemn, as this tremor contained a weight that he could not withstand. This was the power of an inner world, which was the unique power of a Semi-Progenitor. Another one had just arrived on the tail of the first.

Kui Luo laughed wildly. "You old bat, you really are impressive at chasing me down!"

He quickly moved further away.

"Kui Luo, you're courting death!" Another fierce shout echoed, this one from Bai Laogui, a Semi-Progenitor from the Celestial Frost Sect's Bai family.

Kui Luo instantly taunted the other two. "Just you two want to deal with me? Quit dreaming! It's useless even if you both are secret lovers."

The next moment, Wang Si and Bai Laogui suddenly appeared in the Sophic Rift at the same time. They stared at Kui Luo off in the distance but did not go after him. Their goal was to hunt down Lu Yin, not deal with Kui Luo.

They had only encountered Kui Luo out of sheer coincidence, and the two of them had no desire to stay even after discovering his presence.

Lu Yin started to panic; that old fart Kui Luo had actually led these two old monsters to the Technocracy instead of somewhere else. This was a huge problem, as the moment either Semi-Progenitor scanned the area, Lu Yin would be discovered.

Even though Lu Yin was panicking, Admiral Chong had not. Instead, it shifted a layer of material covering its body and released the most powerful gravitational wave possible towards Wang Si and Bai Laogui in an attempt to lock them down and trap them. Androids had no concept of the power of a Semi-Progenitor, not even those at the level of Admiral Chong and the massive mechanical giant.

Wang Si and Bai Laogui had both appeared on the battlefield without any sort of precursor or explanation for their presence. However, they had appeared from the direction of Sky Creation Academy, and the mechanical giant had not moved against them. So, to Admiral Chong, Sky Creation Academy was cooperating with these two people, and he did not hesitate to attack.

The gravitational wave created a storm across the battlefield that tried to pull Wang Si and Bai Laogui across it.

Bai Laogui just frowned. "Annoying."

He waved a hand, and an invisible power overwhelmed Admiral Chong and shattered the android's body.

This left the entire battlefield completely silent. Admiral Chong was a monster with a power level of a million, so how had he been disintegrated so casually?

The enormous mechanical giant stared at the two humans in shock, but they simply ignored him.

"We'll go straight to the Forsaken Land to deal with Lu Xiaoxuan. Kui Luo is also looking for him, so we can't let Kui Luo get to him first and hide the brat," Bai Laogui stated solemnly.

Wang Si frowned. "There are also the Forsaken Land's Semi-Progenitors. The fact that Wang Shang was forced to retreat shows that Lu Xiaoxuan has a tremendous amount of influence here. Don't forget how much of a mess that kid created in the Perennial World. Do not be complacent."

"He's just a baby. Even if Lu Xiaoxuan hadn't forgotten everything from back then, he still would be no match for either of us."

"I meant the Forsaken Land's Semi-Progenitors."

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Lu Yin, the First Protector, and everyone else on the battlefield instantly understood their position, and no one spoke. The humans had hidden themselves inside a damaged spacecraft and did not even dare to look at Wang Si or Bai Laogui.

This was especially true of Lu Yin. These two old people had come here specifically to hunt him down, so he would die the moment he was discovered.

Suddenly, Kui Luo returned. He had wanted to lure Wang Si and Bai Laogui away from the battlefield, only to discover that they were completely ignoring him. "Hey, old bat, do you not want your granddaughter anymore?"

He lifted Wang Yun up.

Wang Si glared at Kui Luo with cold eyes. "If I were you, I would have never saved Lu Xiaoxuan. Isn't it safer to live in peace?"

Kui Luo sneered. "Safe? With you traitors?"

Wang Si's eyes grew hard. "What relationship do you have with the Lu family? Back then, you didn't hesitate to charge into the center of Dragon Mountain to save him, and now you've chased him to the Forsaken Land."

These three did nothing to conceal their conversation. None of them saw the androids as human as they were more than a bunch of machines in the eyes of the Semi-Progenitors.

"Old woman, I just like him while I don't like you, get it?" Kui Luo rolled his eyes.

Bai Laogui's gaze grew sharp. "Stop the nonsense! Today I'll deal with you."

Even as he spoke, he pointed a finger: Celestial Being Shows the Way. At the same time, Wang Si also attacked.

Kui Luo vaguely glanced towards Lu Yin, and then, without any hesitation, he fled far away. As long as the other two Semi-Progenitors were led away, Lu Xiaoxuan would not be discovered.

Lu Yin had the same thoughts.

However, Lu Yin, Kui Luo, and Wang Si each had their own plans, but they had all forgotten one thing: they were in the Technocracy, and everything in this place was under constant surveillance. Even Arch-Elder Zen was wary of this place.

Chapter 1726: Identity

Arch-Elder Zen had once mentioned to Lu Yin that there was a power within the Technocracy that not even Semi-Progenitors were willing to provoke. However, that power would not suddenly appear for no reason.

But after Bai Laogui and Wang Si unleashed their strength as Semi-Progenitors, the terrifying power that hid deep within the Technocracy was suddenly triggered.

The sky collapsed.

Space throughout the entire Technocracy instantly and drastically changed. A net stretched over the Sophic Rift, or rather, over the entire Technocracy. It looked like a net, but Lu Yin had once Possessed an Envoy-level android, and he knew that this net was actually the manifestation of the Master Brain's thoughts.

The entire Technocracy was actually enveloped within the Master Brain's thoughts, and the manifestation of these thoughts into tangible objects had become First Edition City, Sky Creation Academy, and the Technocracy's network that connected the entire region. This was the true, terrifying power of the Technocracy that not even Arch-Elder Zen and the others dared to probe too deeply.

Although this power was not that of a Progenitor, there were similarities.

A Progenitor was able to perform many unbelievable feats, and the Technocracy's Master Brain had accomplished one at this moment.

Wang Si, Bai Laogui, and Kui Luo all looked up in utter disbelief.

"How is this possible? Is this an inner world? No, is this the strength of a Progenitor? How could such a power exist in this place?" Wang Si was shocked. Their Wang family had cooperated with the Technocracy's Sky Creation Academy for many years, but even they had no idea that the Technocracy possessed this level of power.

After the net of manifested thought covered the entire Sophic Rift, it swept through everything and imprisoned all non-mechanical beings. Lu Yin was no exception, and neither were Wang Si, Bai Laogui, or Kui Luo. The three Semi-Progenitors were trapped by the Master Brain's manifested thoughts, and they all disappeared from the Sophic Rift.

When the Master Brain's thoughts disappeared, the only beings left on the battlefield were the androids and cyborgs. The Third Fleet and the Lost Course Army had been left untouched.

Little R10 blinked; what had happened to Ah Qi? What about those people from the Sixth Mainland? They had all disappeared.

Up above the Sophic Rift battlefield, within an invisible pocket, the Master Brain's thoughts had created another space. This was the spatial layer where the giant mechanical claws that constantly monitored the entire Technocracy were hidden.

Lu Yin and the other humans had all been imprisoned in this place, and none of them were able to move. Each person's body had been immobilized by the Master Brain's thoughts.

The First Protector was in the same situation as everyone else. The old man's understanding of the world had been shattered repeatedly after Kui Luo suddenly appeared. Three unknown Semi-Progenitors had suddenly appeared on the Technocracy's battlefield. Before this, the First Protector had actually believed that moving about the Technocracy was not a big deal.

Unfortunately, he had delayed matters by vacillating between trying to get to Sky Creation Academy and returning to the Human Domain.

Nearby, both Wang Si and Bai Laogui stared blankly at Lu Yin. After being captured, the two had instantly noticed Lu Yin, as all of the humans had been teleported to a small area.

Neither of the two Semi-Progenitors could have imagined that their mission target would actually be right where they had entered the Forsaken Land.

Lu Yin looked up at the two Semi-Progenitors. "Is this a coincidence?"

Bai Laogui's pupils instantly constricted, and his fingers twitched as he tried to break free, only to discover that it was impossible.

Wang Si growled. "Even if it isn't a Progenitor, this is not a power that we can break free from. This power has existed for far too long, and whatever controls this strength is infinitely close to the Progenitor level."

Bai Laogui glared at Lu Yin. "Lu Xiaoxuan, you killed my Celestial Frost Sect's Junior Progenitor and even colluded with Aeternus! You deserve to die."

Lu Yin's eyes instantly turned cold. "Old man, did that woman empty your body and brain? When did you ever see me working with anyone from Aeternus?"

"Your impudence!!" Wang Si shouted angrily.

"You're arrogant! Old woman, when my Lu family was still around, you were nothing more than a dog. Even though my Lu family's been exiled, you're still nothing but a dog to my eyes," Lu Yin mocked.

Wang Si became furious. "The Lu family monopolized the resources of the entire Perennial World and did whatever they wanted. They deserved to be exiled!"

"Hahaha, old woman, there's no reason to say things so nicely. Did you forget how you dealt with the Lu family? Do you want me to remind you?" Kui Luo laughed.

Wang Si's eyes became bloodshot. "Shut up, Kui Luo!"

"Lu Xiaoxuan, if you are still your own person, then kill yourself! Otherwise the human race will end up slaughtering each other because of your existence, which will only help Aeternus. This is the only way for you to prove your innocence! Do this, and my Celestial Frost Sect will announce to the entire Perennial World that Lu Xiaoxuan did not betray humanity and that your Lu family did not collude with Aeternus," Bai Laogui shouted.

Lu Yin looked at him as though seeing an idiot. "Old man, is there something wrong with you? What's with you? How dare you slander my Lu family!"

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"Believe it or not, in another 10,000 years, the entire Perennial World will curse the Lu family for colluding with Aeternus, and you, Lu Xiaoxuan, will be cursed for hundreds of millions of years!" Bai Laogui threatened.

This was a threat from the Celestial Frost Sect, as Lu Yin's mere existence threatened their reputation and influence. The Celestial Frost Sect led the four ruling powers of the Perennial World, and they could indeed carry out such a threat. As more time passed, people would remember the existence of the Lu family even less. History was written by the living.

Lu Yin stared at Bai Laogui. "You'll never get the chance, as I will level the entire Celestial Frost Sect."

"The ignorance is astounding!" Bai Laogui sneered.

To the side, the First Protector silently listened as the others spoke. He heard the Perennial World, the Celestial Frost Sect, the Lu family, and Lu Xiaoxuan all be mentioned. The more the old man listened, the more terrified he became.

Kui Luo was still insulting Wang Si and airing the woman's dirty laundry in a crazy manner. There were even some details that were so horrid that Lu Yin had to block them out. Others were clearly made up, especially a story that Kui Luo concocted about an affair between Wang Si and Bai Laogui. At that moment, Wang Yun was dazed. From the looks of it, she had half-believed them to be true.

"It was the right choice for you two to split up back then. It was best for the Wang family and the Bai family..." Kui Luo continued speaking without ever letting up.

Wang Si was absolutely furious, and her body was trembling. In contrast, Bai Laogui simply glared at Lu Yin.

"By the way, don't you two have a bastard child?" Kui Luo asked.

Finally, Wang Si roared, "SHUT UP!"

Bai Laogui then turned to look at Kui Luo while gritting his teeth. "I swear, one day I will pin you down and peel your skin off."

Kui Luo showed an odd smile. "Sorry about exposing your secrets."

He then looked back at Lu Yin. "These stories are fun. Do you want to hear to another segment?"

Lu Yin did not want to harp on these useless matters, and instead said, "How can we get out?"

Kui Luo shrugged. "Don't know. We're being trapped by something very strange. It's similar to an inner world, but it's much stronger than any of us. We won't be able to get out unless we're released."

"Aren't you worried about being stuck here forever?" Lu Yin wondered.

Kui Luo sighed. "There's no way out."

Lu Yin fell silent, and Kui Luo did the same.

Wang Si also stayed silent at this time. Everyone who had been trapped here was incapable of moving, which meant that words were the only weapons available at this moment. Since Kui Luo's gift of gab was traumatizing Wang Si, she no longer dared to antagonize the man. Bai Laogui had the same thought.

Lu Yin noticed the First Protector looking at him, as well as the shock and confusion in the old man's eyes.

Lu Yin knew that it would be impossible to keep his secret hidden for long; his identity as Lu Xiaoxuan would soon be revealed to the Fifth Mainland.

This was not what Lu Yin wanted, but he had never expected three Semi-Progenitors to suddenly appear on the battlefield. As soon as Kui Luo had shown up, Lu Yin's plans had been completely disrupted. All that could be said was that everything had happened too quickly and there were too many coincidences.

"Does Arch-Elder Zen know about this?" the First Protector asked while staring at Lu Yin with complicated emotions filling his eyes.

Few people in the Fifth Mainland were aware of the truth of the past, especially the fact that the Perennial World was a traitor that had betrayed the Fifth Mainland. Also, the Perennial World had been led by the Lu family.

The Lu family, the Celestial Frost Sect's Bai family, the Wang family, the Xia family, the Liu family, and the Nong family had all abandoned the Fifth Mainland, which was why the Fifth Mainland held such hatred for the primeval surnames.

Other than those at the very top, no one in the Fifth Mainland understood this. Most people believed that the primeval surnames were the Fifth Mainland's enemies, but in truth, the families of the primeval surnames had abandoned the Fifth Mainland, and they were not mortal enemies. This was also why Lu Yin, who had a primeval surname, had been able to repeatedly go from being in danger to being protected.

If the primeval surnames were true enemies of the Fifth Mainland like the Neohuman Alliance, then how could Lu Yin have survived for so long? How could Arch-Elder Zen, Eversky Island, or any of the other major powers have ever allowed Lu Yin to continue to mature?

Lu Yin was simply regarded as someone from Earth with a primeval surname. No one had thought that Lu Yin would actually be a member of the Perennial World's Lu family. Also, judging by his talent, there was no possibility of him being a random nobody in the family.

Lu Yin shook his head. "No, I never told anyone."

The First Protector's voice grew bitter. "The Lu family was exiled by the four ruling powers, so you came to my Fifth Mainland to fight back against the four ruling powers, right? Is this why you united the Outerverse and why you're trying to conquer the Innerverse?"

"Lu Yin was the one who united the Outerverse, not Lu Xiaoxuan. All my memories from back then are completely gone," Lu Yin somberly explained.

How could the First Protector possibly believe such a thing? People like Lu Yin who were both unbelievably talented at cultivating and yet also capable of achieving something like uniting the Outerverse were essentially nonexistent.

"What's your position within the Lu family?" the First Protector pressed.

Lu Yin did not even know the answer himself.

Off to the side, Bai Laogui sneered, "It seems like this Forsaken Land is ignorant of Lu Xiaoxuan's identity. Then let me tell you: his name is Lu Xiaoxuan, and he is an heir of the Lu family. The Lu family has already been eliminated, so Lu Xiaoxuan's mere existence is an offense to my Perennial World. His life is enough to provoke us into going to war."

The First Protector stared at Bai Laogui, his eyes flickering. The First Protector had never thought that Lu Yin would have such an important status. It was no wonder why he had caused three Semi-Progenitors to visit the Fifth Mainland.

"You damned old fart, how shameless can you be to spout such shit? As long as the Lu family returns, they will instantly return to their position of ruling the Perennial World. How could a civil war among humans happen after that?" Kui Luo swore.

Bai Laogui stared at Kui Luo. "You definitely have a connection to the Lu family. Kui Luo, what is your relationship with them? Despite your unruly nature, you were willing to hide in cryostasis after the Lu family was exiled. What's your goal?"

Lu Yin also stared at Kui Luo, as he had also realized that Kui Luo had a different attitude when it came to the Lu family.

In the past, Lu Yin had thought that Kui Luo had rescued him from Dragon Mountain because of the old grandpa from Driftcharge Planet. While this might have been partially true, Kui Luo's attitude had also changed a great deal after he learned of Lu Yin's true identity. The subtle shift in attitude would be difficult for an ordinary person to notice, but Bai Laogui, Wang Si, Lu Yin, and the others were far superior to ordinary humans. They had all noticed this change: Kui Luo was doing his best to uphold the Lu family's reputation.

Kui Luo revealed a strange smile. "I have a very simple goal, old man."

Bai Laogui and Wang Si both solemnly stared at Kui Luo.

Kui Luo sneered at them both. "I just want to see you humiliated."

Bai Laogui's eyes flared, and he glared at Kui Luo. This bastard was the biggest shit-stirrer in the entire Perennial World! They should have gathered all of the powers to get rid of him long ago.

Bai Laogui stopped paying attention to Kui Luo, as it would be impossible to get any information from the obnoxious man. Instead, he shifted his attention to the First Protector. "What's your status in this Forsaken Land? You have passed seven stellar tribulations, which makes you below only a Semi-Progenitor. Tell the masters of this Forsaken Land to eliminate Lu Xiaoxuan, or else not only will chaos reign in my Perennial World, but your Forsaken Land will also be threatened.

"Lu Xiaoxuan's existence is able to rouse a vast number of the Lu family's old supporters, and Aeternus would be only too happy to see us humans fighting each other. Lu Xiaoxuan must die. This is his only fate."

The First Protector was silent.

Chapter 1727: The Origin Progenitor's Sutra

Lu Yin stared at Bai Laogui. "Old man, isn't that enough already?"

Bai Laogui glared back at Lu Yin. "You Lu bastard, your life was doomed the moment you were born. You must die for the sake of the Perennial World and for the sake of everyone living there. Do you truly want your Lu family to suffer for hundreds of millions of years of infamy? You can do nothing about my four ruling powers, and everything that you do to resist merely saps away at the united strength of humanity, helping Aeternus. You are a traitor to humanity!"

"You're just a pack of dogs that once only knew how to bark and later turned on their masters. You don't have any right to condemn me," Lu Yin coldly retorted.

Bai Laogui gave a derisive snort as he redirected his attention back to the First Protector. "Did you hear that? Report back to whoever is in charge of this Forsaken Land: eliminate Lu Xiaoxuan, and you will remove mankind's greatest hidden threat."

"That crazy broad Wang Si must have scrambled your brain. Get yourself out of here before you start talking shit," Kui Luo scolded.

Wang Si ground her teeth and shot a vicious glare at Kui Luo. She had been staying silent, and yet, she had still been dragged into the man's insults.

Bai Laogui continued in a low voice, "Did you hear me? If by some miracle Lu Xiaoxuan manages to escape back to your Forsaken Land, have your masters eliminate him."

The First Protector suddenly lifted his head to stare at Bai Laogui. "Old man, who the hell are you to speak to me like this?"

Bai Laogui was caught completely off guard by this response. Wang Si was also stunned, and even Lu Yin was left in a daze as he stared at the First Protector in astonishment. Lu Yin had never thought that the old man would have the guts to speak to a Semi-Progenitor in such a manner.

Bai Laogui was a Semi-Progenitor. In theory, no one would want to offend such a person without some sort of pre-existing grudge, especially someone like the First Protector who always acted cautiously and was terrified of death. Lu Yin had had to continuously prod the old man into continuing on with their mission in the Technocracy, and he had never thought that the old man would be bold enough to insult a Semi-Progenitor.

"What did you just say? How dare you speak to me like that?" Bai Laogui shouted in rage. His gaze towards the First Protector became even colder than when he looked at Lu Yin, as the First Protector had stepped on Bai Laogui's dignity.

Lu Yin was Lu Xiaoxuan, which meant that his status was actually higher than Bai Laogui's, and the two were also mortal enemies. No matter what insults Lu Yin said, it was only to be expected. Also, there was no need to even mention Kui Luo, as it was expected for that old man to curse anyone nearby.

But why would someone who was not even a Semi-Progenitor dare to scold Bai Laogui? This old man was someone from the Forsaken Land, which meant that some trash of the Forsaken Land had just dared to insult Bai Laogui! The more the man thought about the First Protector's words, the more angry he became, as he felt completely humiliated.

The First Protector clenched his fists as he stared at Bai Laogui. "Are a bunch of deserters who fear death and abandoned their ancestral home thick-skinned enough to come back here?"

"How bold!" Wang Si shouted angrily. "Who gave you enough courage to speak to us in such a manner?"

The First Protector continued chastising in a stern tone. "Who are you people? You escaped, and yet you want to come back now and show off your strength? Do you really believe yourselves to be strong? If not for the sky that changed, if you hadn't escaped back then, then how could you have become more powerful than us? How did you even manage to become Semi-Progenitors after running away back then? You would have already died by then, and you don't have any right to even speak to me.

"Also, this is the Fifth Mainland, not the Forsaken Land. This is your ancestral home! You should call this old man 'Ancestor'!"

Both Bai Laogui and Wang Si's pupils shrunk, as their rage had reached a level where it felt like it could practically manifest.

Lu Yin stared at the First Protector in admiration. "Senior, that was impressive! Especially that last line, that was amazing!"

Kui Luo also looked at the First Protector in surprise. He had not initially paid any attention to the old man, and he certainly had not expected the First Protector to be so stubborn and have such a vicious tongue.

The First Protector shot a cold glare at Lu Yin. "You should also shut up! Your goals are selfish, and you want to use my Fifth Mainland to deal with those deserters and help your family. Do you understand what this will do to my Fifth Mainland? You will bring the disaster of war upon us all! All of you are deserters! If you already escaped, then don't come back here. Why did you come back and drag my Fifth Mainland into your mess?"

Kui Luo pursed his lips, as the First Protector was directing his words towards all of them. Even though the words were vicious, Kui Luo could not retort, as the First Protector had spoken well and true.

Lu Yin's fingers trembled, as the First Protector words had struck Lu Yin straight in the heart. Since he had escaped, then why had he returned? After abandoning the Fifth Mainland, why had they all returned? They had dragged the Fifth Mainland into an outside conflict.

Lu Yin could not deny anything that the First Protector had said, as the old man had spoken truly on behalf of the entire Fifth Mainland.

"The Forsaken Land is the Forsaken Land. We did not escape from this place, but rather abandoned it. This place no longer has any value, you vermin," Wang Si spat.

The First Protector said nothing in argument. They both held different perspectives, and neither would be able to convince the other. The Fifth Mainland powerhouse had merely been provoked into saying what lay in his heart by Bai Laogui's earlier words.

"Senior, you're right," Lu Yin spoke softly as he looked at the First Protector. "My goal all along was to unite the Fifth Mainland in order to retaliate against the Perennial World, but I never considered the position and feelings of the Fifth Mainland. I am Lu Yin, it's true, and yet I am also Lu Xiaoxuan. These are both facts that cannot be changed."

The First Protector frowned.

"If I manage to return, this junior will explain the situation to Arch-Elder Zen and Highsage Grandmaster and receive their judgment. This junior will always be Lu Yin, the person who moved to unite the entire Outerverse and rose to my current position one step at a time. I will accept whatever decision is made, and I will not object if I am forced to leave the Fifth Mainland and return to the Perennial World, regardless of if that means that I am returning to get my revenge or simply to be hunted down. My future will have nothing to do with the Fifth Mainland, and I will never get the Fifth Mainland involved."

Only the fittest survived in the universe, and strength reigned supreme. Lu Yin had united the Outerverse, and he was well on his way to conquering the Innerverse as well. His intention had been to lead the Great Eastern Alliance against the Perennial World, regardless of victory or defeat. This had been his goal, but he had forgotten about the Great Eastern Alliance. Each alliance member had their own goals and desires, as did the entire Fifth Mainland; would they be willing to follow Lu Yin in his quest for revenge?

Such thoughts were normally pointless, as there was no need for Lu Yin to consider such matters given his position, but the First Protector's words had struck Lu Yin deeply. Regardless of his status or strength, he had his own goals and plans. As far as the Fifth Mainland was concerned, Lu Yin would always be an outsider.

Lu Yin's words caused the First Protector's expression to soften.

Kui Luo just rolled his eyes, as Lu Yin's words were a load of crap in his mind. After being exposed, what else could Lu Yin have done aside from confess? Words were cheap, and there was no reason for Lu Yin to say anything at all. The brat was becoming more and more hypocritical.

Bai Laogui and Wang Si glanced at each other, and they both saw disdain in the other's eyes.

"Retaliate against the Perennial World? What a joke! Lu Xiaoxuan, do you even understand what you're talking about? Retaliate?" Wang Si mocked.

The First Protector turned towards Wang Si. "Shut up you old slut! You're such an eyesore!"

Wang Si became enraged. "You're courting death!"

She then struggled to break free from the Master Brain's manifested thoughts in order to attack the First Protector.

The First Protector just gave a disdainful snort. "Trash like you can't even make waves in my Fifth Mainland."

"Bastard!" Bai Laogui shouted angrily.

Kui Luo rolled his eyes. "You two are such idiots! How did the four ruling powers end up sending you two?"

"Because there's no one else left. Anyone else would be even dumber than these two," Lu Yin suggested.

"You Lu bastard, you'll surely die without even being buried!"

"My four ruling powers will never let you go! The Forsaken Land will die with you!"

"Our Hall of Honor would be able to slay as many trash like you no matter how many are coming."

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The war in the Sophic Rift continued on beneath the pocket space that had been created by the manifested thoughts.

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Little R10 contacted the vice city master, asking for Lu Yin to be rescued, but it was useless.

After hearing the report from Little R10, the vice city master remained silent for a long time. The materialized thoughts controlled the entire Technocracy, as that was the Master Brain's power. The Master Brain had not made a single move in countless years, but the simultaneous appearance of three Semi-Progenitors had been enough to alert the Master Brain into taking action.

Of Lu Yin's group, Emperor Luo had been left on the battlefield along with the two Envoy-level androids from the Hall of Honor. None of the three had been trapped by the manifested thoughts, as they were a cyborg and two androids.

However, this had also exposed them all.

Even if Emperor Luo was ignored, the presence of two Envoy-level androids had surprised First Edition City, and the Third Fleet had quickly captured the androids.

The fighting continued on for half a month, and during this time, Kui Luo cooperated with the First Protector to verbally abuse Bai Laogui and Wang Si without any restraint. Wang Yun silently watched on

without making any attempt to interrupt, but Lu Yin would occasionally interject, and his words were even more barbed than the two old men's.

Some distance away were the cultivators from the Sixth Mainland, none of whom qualified to even be noticed by any of the people speaking. Also, the distance between the Sixth Mainlanders and the others was large enough that they could not even hear Lu Yin and the others, which prevented a great deal of trouble.

Eventually, after more than a month passed, Lu Yin's heart sank. He no longer had any desire to mock Bai Laogui and Wang Si as he was instead wondering if he would ever be able to escape.

Lu Yin asked Kui Luo about this, but the old man's answer left Lu Yin disappointed.

Wang Si and Bai Laogui finally lost all interest in speaking as well. They had tried to escape multiple times but failed.

Everyone eventually fell silent for more than ten days.

Finally, on one day, Kui Luo sent a voice transmission to Lu Yin, "Do you still remember the full text that that person gave you?"

Lu Yin was startled. "I remember. I constantly recite it."

"Recite the whole thing again," Kui Luo ordered.

Lu Yin did not know what was going on. The Stonewall Scriptures were invaluable, and reciting them had saved Lu Yin too many times for him to remember. Thus, he was a bit reluctant to share the Stonewall Scriptures with Kui Luo.

"Forget it, don't bother reciting it if you don't want to. Anyway, it's already a certainty that you are Lu Xiaoxuan. Hey, did that old man tell you the name of that passage?" Kui Luo asked.

Lu Yin's heart skipped a beat. "No. Do you know it?"

Kui Luo fell silent for a bit before saying, "The Origin Progenitor's Sutra."

Lu Yin's eyes lit up; were the Stonewall Scriptures actually known as the Origin Progenitor's Sutra? This was the first time that Lu Yin had heard this name.

"You've been reciting the text out of order, but I'll correct that. You'll need to recite it and relearn it," Kui Luo said.

Lu Yin was startled. "You know the correct order? How do you even know that the old man mixed up the order?"

Kui Luo rolled his eyes. "Of course I would know, as we had a long-standing agreement that when we needed to share the sutra, we would rearrange it in a specific order. As long as he's the one who taught you, I know how to fix what you learned. However, if you learned it from someone else, you'll suffer."

As Kui Luo gave his warning, he stared at Lu Yin with eyes that were filled with deep meaning.

"Who the hell are you? What's your connection to the Lu family?" Lu Yin asked.

Kui Luo casually replied, "You'll find out when you find out, but I can't tell you right now. You'll need to wait until you become an Envoy at the least."

"I can already defeat two-tribulation Envoys, and I can summon Envoys from my Champions' Stage with death energy, which means that I can face off against several two-tribulation Envoys at the same time," Lu Yin replied.

Kui Luo shook his head. "You can't compare yourself to regular cultivators. The lowest that you should compare yourself to are Progenitors when they possessed your level of cultivation. Do you think you're a genius? I can't speak for certain about other things, but the one thing that is absolutely guaranteed is that you are nowhere near Lu Xiaoxuan's level right now."

Chapter 1728: Transformation

Lu Yin was completely stunned at Kui Luo's comment; just what did this mean?

"Your memory's disappeared, your bloodline's been sealed, your foundation has been reformed, and your innate gifts were returned to the beginning. You have essentially started over with a new life. You are Lu Yin while Lu Xiaoxuan is Lu Xiaoxuan. Back when Lu Xiaoxuan had already created the Heaven-Shattering Palm, which later became one of the Lu family's unique battle techniques. This technique is so profound that its creation caused Progenitor Lu to appear. This is not something that you are capable of doing right now," Kui Luo explained.

It was strange to be compared to himself, but Lu Yin had truly become Lu Yin. Still, he was not convinced by Kui Luo's words. "Are you saying that I can't compare to my past self, when Lu Xiaoxuan was at the same age that I am now?"

"I don't know about that, but you can't compare to Lu Xiaoxuan. Your cultivation is too diverse and messy. Consider this carefully: do you have any techniques that you have created by yourself?"

Lu Yin was taken aback, and his head dropped down as he started to review everything he had learned and mastered. He actually had not made a single technique on his own. It was true that he was very powerful, but his strength relied entirely on his predecessors, including his lockbreaking techniques, spiritual force, and battle force.

"Lu Xiaoxuan followed the orthodox methods of the Lu family and trained in their techniques from childhood, progressing step by step while maintaining a firm foundation. Although he did use the Champions' Stage and mastered all of the Lu family's unique techniques, he never abandoned his attempts to create his own battle techniques. Finally, one day, he created the Heaven-Shattering Palm, shocking the entire Perennial World and causing Progenitor Lu to show himself. The entirety of the Perennial World was brought together by this achievement, precisely because of how shocking it was.

"He accomplished an unprecedented feat, as his technique was profound enough to be added to the Lu family's collection of unique techniques for those beneath the Envoy realm. This was something that no one has ever managed to do in the past. Lu Xiaoxuan became a paragon that represented the pinnacle that could be reached within any given realm. If there was a fight, I couldn't say who would come out on top, but at least in terms of pure cultivation, you are far inferior to Lu Xiaoxuan, as you can only fight by using the strengths of others.

"For example, the God of Death Transformation that you use is the legendary God of Death's ultimate inheritance, and it is as powerful as everything that Lu Xiaoxuan mastered combined, but it is not your power."

Kui Luo's words echoed in Lu Yin's mind: not his power. Lu Yin started reviewing all of his numerous, constant battles. He had proceeded by using his Vacuum Palm, his domain, spiritual force, battle force, and lockbreaking techniques. He had steadily proceeded until he had become peerless within his generation with the God of Death Transformation that had shocked the entire universe. However, not one thing that Lu Yin used or possessed was something that was uniquely his.

Suddenly, Lu Yin remembered something that Crown Prince Gui Qian had once mentioned, about how an ancestor from Specter Abyss had once explained that unique powers could alter the entire universe once they were taken to an extreme level. Stellar energy was not strictly necessary for cultivation as death energy was able to replace stellar energy for the members of the Specter Clan, and the Rune Civilization also had an alternate cultivation method. The God of Death and the Rune Progenitor had each changed the universe through the use of their own, unique power.

What about Lu Yin? He felt a bit confused, as just what was his unique power? What could he possibly create on his own?

Seeing Lu Yin's confusion, Kui Luo realized that this was a bad situation, and so he quickly shouted, "Hey, old woman, Bai Laogui, is Wang Yun your bastard kid?"

Kui Luo's loud shout startled everyone, and Wang Si's face instantly grew pale before she turned to glare at Kui Luo. "Just wait, this old woman will be your death!"

Bai Laogui roared, "Kui Luo, I swear that I'll kill you with a thousand cuts!"

Lu Yin was roused by Kui Luo's shout, and a cold sweat covered his back. He had just gotten lost in a strange state of mind, and he had no idea how serious the consequences might have been if he had continued down the line of thought that he had started upon. Fortunately, Kui Luo shouted and roused Lu Yin out of his strange state.

Lu Yin looked over at Kui Luo, but Kui Luo was staring at Wang Si and Bai Laogui with a strange smile on his face. However, the old man also glanced at Lu Yin out of the corner of his eye. After seeing that Lu Yin had recovered, Kui Luo let out a sigh of relief. The kid had started thinking too deeply about certain things, and Kui Luo could only blame himself for saying too much. Still, he had to say those words.

Kui Luo had wanted to tell Lu Yin that, even back in the Perennial World, the youth's cultivation was too chaotic. It seemed like Lu Yin wanted to focus on everything, but that would only result in him achieving nothing. It was not too late for Lu Yin to focus himself this time.

After taking two days to calm down, Lu Yin finally sent a voice transmission to Kui Luo. "I don't think I'll have any trouble becoming an Envoy, so tell me: who are you and that old man who taught me the sutra?"

Kui Luo responded with a voice transmission as well. "Like I told you, we can talk about this after you become an Envoy. Do you not think that it'll be difficult? You're underestimating the stellar tribulations! The more powerful a genius is, the more terrifying the tribulation will be. When Bai Xian'er

became an Envoy, her tribulation was earth-shattering, and it left everyone speechless. A Progenitor had to intervene because Aeternus started an aggressive attack at the same time as they did not want her to survive her tribulation. Still, that woman survived. It's impossible for your stellar tribulation to be any weaker than hers, so I suggest that you prepare yourself as much as possible. The hope of Lu's family return is on you."

"The hope of their return? What do you know?" Lu Yin asked anxiously.

Kui Luo pursed his lips. He had already said too much. "Nothing. Tell me, do you want to learn the Origin Progenitor's Sutra?"

Lu Yin stared at Kui Luo for a while. It was clear that the old man would not answer any more of Lu Yin's questions. "I'll learn it."

Kui Luo took a deep breath, and he became more and more solemn. After a bit of time, he sent another voice transmission. "Lu Xiaoxuan, you must always remember that the Origin Progenitor's Sutra is not something to be used as a last resort. You cannot share it with any outsiders. From the very beginning, the Origin Progenitor's Sutra should have only been given to you, as it is a cultivation method that has been passed down by your Lu family from one generation to the next. Maybe it was fate, or maybe your Lu family's ancestors blessed you, but you still managed to learn it. Now, you must remember the correct order: swap the first sentence with the fourth. The second with the seventh. The third with the twenty-first. The fourth and the fifteenth..."

Lu Yin listened silently. The first change made the beginning 'the Dao of Heaven's spear.' The second rearrangement became 'the flow of a hundred rivers' ...

When the old grandpa had asked Lu Yin to recite the Stonewall Scriptures on Driftcharge Planet, Lu Yin had not been able to learn the complete scripture as a whole, and he still struggled to recite the entire thing in one go. Still, the Stonewall Scriptures were only too familiar to Lu Yin, as Lu Yin had constantly recited the Stonewall Scriptures—no, it was the Origin Progenitor's Sutra.

As Lu Yin decrypted each word, the unorganized version that had been the Stonewall Scriptures began to reveal its true power. Without his realization, Lu Yin's body began to move to a rhythmic beat. The rhythm exited both within his body and outside. It permeated the manifested thoughts of the Master Brain and started to spread out.

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Kui Luo quickly became completely shocked. Sure enough, only the direct descendants of the Lu family were able to unlock the true power of the Origin Progenitor's Sutra, and even Kui Luo felt this strange tempo exert an influence on him.

Bai Laogui and Wang Si soon felt that something was wrong, but they could not determine what. All that they could sense was that there was some hidden power that was trying to influence them and seize some level of control over their spiritual force.

"Someone is attacking!" Wang Si shouted as she looked up and glanced around. "Who is it? We are from the Perennial World's four ruling powers. Release us at once! Don't make a mistake!"

The First Protector had also felt the unique rhythm, and he glanced around as well, unable to determine its source.

Wang Yun and the people from the Sixth Mainland were all within range of the odd rhythm, and their spiritual force resonated with it. Their spiritual force pulsed with Lu Yin's as he recited the Origin Progenitor's Sutra, and it felt as though Lu Yin was controlling their heartbeats.

This was just the beginning of Lu Yin reciting the sutra. As he progressed, his spiritual force transformed. If his spiritual force had previously been like a fog that could be blown away, then that fog had become solid. While there was no increase in the amount of spiritual force that Lu Yin possessed, it was completely different from what it had been before. It was a complete transformation.

The Celestial Demons were known as the most terrifying species in the Astral Beast Domain, but as Lu Yin's spiritual force transformed, he realized that he would no longer need to fear any Celestial Demon, no matter how terrifying their spiritual force or ability to devour it might be. Their attacks might be like a hurricane, but a hurricane could not shake a stubborn rock. Unless the storm was powerful enough to uproot and destroy the entire mountain range, the stubborn rock would remain completely unchanged and undamaged in the face of the storm. At this moment, Lu Yin's spiritual force was that stubborn rock.

It was as though Lu Yin had layered hundreds of Inception Arrays on top of himself; the true version of the Stonewall Scriptures changed Lu Yin's spiritual force into something like an immovable stone. Even if it was small, it was robust.

At this moment, Lu Yin wanted to test himself against the Second Nightking to see how much of the Second Nightking's spiritual force he could withstand. Regardless, Lu Yin knew that he was capable of enduring far more than when he had first encountered the Second Nightking in the Celestial Frost Sect's ruins.

Lu Yin eventually stopped reciting the sutra, as he could not even recite the full text of the Stonewall Scriptures, let alone the Origin Progenitor's Sutra.

Still, even though Lu Yin had only made it through a small bit of the Origin Progenitor's Sutra, the recitation had brought about a tremendous change in him. When he opened his eyes, there was an indescribable brilliance within them.

It was impossible for either Wang Si or Bai Laogui to realize that the spiritual force fluctuation they had just felt was actually from Lu Yin. The resonating rhythm had stopped the moment Lu Yin had stopped reciting the sutra.

Wang Si continued to shout, but there was absolutely no response. All along, she had been calling for the headmaster of Sky Creation Academy, Senn, but there was no response at all.

Lu Yin looked over at Kui Luo, and the old man let out a sigh of relief. Since Lu Yin was able to practice this sutra, it meant that the youth had not been lying.

"How do you feel?" Kui Luo asked curiously. He had also learned and mastered the Origin Progenitor's Sutra, and this sutra was the reason why his spiritual force had reached the level where the old man could face off against several Semi-Progenitors on his own and safely escape. However, the Lu family

were the true descendants of the Origin Progenitor, and only those with the blood of the Lu family could unleash the sutra's true strength.

Kui Luo was quite curious about what Lu Yin had just experienced, as the spiritual force fluctuation had affected him even though Lu Yin was not yet an Envoy.

Lu Yin said, "Very nice."

"And?" Kui Luo pressed.

Lu Yin blinked. "And what?"

Kui Luo stared intently at Lu Yin. "Your spiritual force has gone through some sort of change; was it a big change?"

"Huge," Lu Yin answered truthfully.

Kui Luo nodded and dropped the matter. "You will need to continue this yourself, so don't slack off."

"Even if I practice this, what's the use if we can't escape from this place?" Lu Yin felt helpless. He looked all over the place and just happened to meet Wang Yun's eyes. The young woman saw the hatred that filled Lu Yin's eyes.

Kui Luo just shrugged. "Who knew that there was such a bizarre inner world in the Forsaken Land. I certainly can't figure out what's keeping us trapped, and even Bai Laogui and that old broad Wang Si are stuck here with us. Very few of the Perennial World's Semi-Progenitors would be able to escape from this place."

"Like Ancestor All Dao?" Lu Yin asked.

Kui Luo nodded. "Old Wan Zhiyi is the Semi-Progenitor who's closest to becoming a Progenitor. There are also different levels of strength among Semi-Progenitors, and those who have opened all three meridian points like you and me are able to continue progressing the Progenitor realm, but those who haven't will forever remain as Semi-Progenitors. There's a big difference between those who haven't opened their meridian points and those who have, and Bai Laogui never accomplished that."

"What about that old lady, Wang Si?" Lu Yin asked.

"I don't actually know. She originally never even had a chance of becoming a Semi-Progenitor. Her foundation wasn't sturdy enough when she was an Enlighter, so she was only barely able to become an Envoy, which took her a long time to accomplish, and it only happened because of the Wang family providing her with so many resources. As for what happened after that? I have no clue how she managed to become a Semi-Progenitor, but it has to have something to do with your Lu family."

This information caused Lu Yin's eyes to become even colder when he looked over at Wang Si. The woman's accomplishments had actually been built on the Lu family's foundations!

Chapter 1729: Murkiness

The imprisonment continued for two months, and Lu Yin had no idea how long they would remain trapped here for. He had already come up with a possible way to escape, but it would most likely expose his die, and he did not want to do that.

They were being held captive by manifested thoughts, and because of this, if Lu Yin rolled his die and landed on four pips, he would leave the pocket dimension for a split second to enter the Timestop Space.

However, regardless of how brief his absence might be, he would cease to exist within the Master Brain's thoughts for a moment, and that would naturally cause some trouble.

This was what Lu Yin had thought of trying, and he had only been able to think of this plan because he knew that they were being held prisoners by the Master Brain's materialized thoughts. This fact was something that Kui Luo, Wang Si, and Bai Laogui were all completely ignorant of.

However, escaping from this current predicament required Lu Yin to roll his die, and to even do so in front of everyone. His die was his greatest secret as he had not even revealed it to Mister Mu.

Lu Yin felt quite torn.

He was hesitant on what to do for another half a month, and during that time, Lu Yin recited the Origin Progenitor's Sutra every single day. It made sense to do so, as he had nothing else to do.

Kui Luo and the other prisoners were all affected each time Lu Yin practiced the sutra. Wang Si and Bai Laogui believed that the strange rhythm was related to the Technocracy, and so they continued to threaten and posture while exposing the Wang family's cooperative relationship with Sky Creation Academy. However, they never managed to arouse any reaction at all.

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Lu Yin already knew that Sky Creation Academy had some connection to the Wang family, but it turned out that they merely had a cooperative relationship. This was something that Lu Yin could not understand. He knew that Sky Creation Academy needed materials that the Wang family could supply, but what could the Wang family possibly gain from Sky Creation Academy? Lu Yin had never seen any androids in the Perennial World.

One day, while Lu Yin was reciting the Origin Progenitor's Sutra, everything around him suddenly turned gray, though Lu Yin remained in the same pocket space as before. He looked over and saw that Wang Si, Bai Laogui, and Kui Luo had all been frozen, and only Lu Yin was able to move. He was saved.

He slowly looked up to see a familiar figure before him. Lu Yin heaved a massive sigh of relief. "Master, you're finally here!"

Naturally, Mister Mu had appeared in front of Lu Yin.

Mister Mu calmly observed Lu Yin. "You ended up in trouble again."

Lu Yin felt wronged. "Master, there was nothing that your disciple could have done! The Perennial World sent Semi-Progenitors to hunt me down, and if I hadn't gotten lucky, they would have killed me long ago. They're going to kill your disciple, Master!"

The more Lu Yin explained his situation, the more excited he became. He kept trying to reiterate how the Perennial World was working to eliminate one of Mister Mu's disciples.

Mister Mu reacted completely indifferently, "You've gained many opportunities, and disasters naturally follow. This is nothing surprising."

Lu Yin was startled, and he had no idea how to respond. Mister Mu's reaction had completely shut down any response Lu Yin could have made.

"By the way, Master, how did you know that your disciple was here?" Lu Yin asked. He did not have a jade talisman anymore, so was it possible that Mister Mu had been keeping an eye on him?

Mister Mu indifferently replied, "I was passing by and saw you."

Passing by? This answer sounded odd to Lu Yin. After all, they were in the Technocracy, so why the hell would Mister Mu 'pass by' this place?

He then remembered what Mister Mu had said when Lu Yin had seen him in the Perennial World: "If I want to visit, then I'll do so."

This was a truly different perspective. To Lu Yin, the Technocracy was full of mystery, and it was intimidating to even Semi-Progenitors. However, to Mister Mu, it was just some place that he passed through whenever he wanted.

Lu Yin glanced over at Kui Luo, Wang Si, and Bai Laogui. The three Semi-Progenitors were all completely frozen.

Lu Yin looked back at Mister Mu again. The difference between them was just too big.

"Have you seen your senior brother?" Mister Mu asked in a casual manner. He acted as though nothing was particularly important.

Lu Yin remained respectful. "Yes, I've seen him. The Chief Justice is just too powerful."

Mister Mu stared at Lu Yin. "I meant the other one."

Lu Yin was taken aback. "The other- the other one? Who?"

Mister Mu looked off to the side. "If you don't know, then just forget I said anything."

Lu Yin instantly became curious; was there another brother disciple that Lu Yin had seen? Who could it be? He had already realized that he had more than a single senior disciple brother, but only the Chief Justice had revealed their connection to Lu Yin.

Who could the other one be? Lu Yin's mind started racing as he started going through all the people he had met.

"Since I saw you, I have a task to give you," Mister Mu said, but then he suddenly stopped talking. He seemed to be hesitating about something.

Lu Yin had never seen this reaction from Mister Mu, and he suddenly felt that he might be able to help with a unique task. So, he quickly put on his best smile and pandered, "Master, if you there's anything you need, please tell me."

Mister Mu thought for a bit longer before answering. "This particular task is too dangerous for you, but you are also the one who is most suited for it."

"Tell me, Master. Your disciple is not afraid of danger," Lu Yin volunteered.

Mister Mu somberly stared at Lu Yin. "Aeternus has had a plan in motion for a long time. They call it 'Murkiness.' I would like you to learn more about it."

"Aeternus's plan?" Lu Yin was surprised.

Mister Mu continued explaining in a calm manner. "Aeternus is humanity's greatest enemy throughout all of history. They have done many things to mankind, and even though we have managed to produce many geniuses, we are still at a disadvantage. This particular plan may be the most difficult one that Aeternus has ever come up with, and it's possible that we humans will cease to exist entirely if they succeed.

"I have been investigating this plan for many years, but it's impossible to force a corpse king to reveal anything at all, and it's even more difficult to plant a mole within Aeternus. Thus, aside from the name, I have been able to learn nothing at all about this plan. I'm hoping that you might be able to learn something, as you seem to be very good at such tasks."

Lu Yin's eyes grew determined. "Master, don't worry! Your disciple will do his best to look into this."

Good at such tasks? Of course Lu Yin was good at them! With his die's Possession ability, as long as Lu Yin managed to Possess the right corpse king, he would learn everything, and the corpse king would be utterly helpless to resist. The only problem was that Lu Yin's current strength meant that he could only Possess beings with a power level of about 600,000. It was impossible for any corpse king at that level to know anything about the master plan that Mister Mu was investigating.

Lu Yin would probably have to Possess an Aeternus powerhouse at the level of the Seven Skygods to learn anything at all.

"Master, it might not be easy for your disciple to learn anything soon," Lu Yin explained. "But your disciple promises that, as my strength improves, I will absolutely do my best to look into this. This will become my top priority in the future!"

Mister Mu nodded. "Don't worry too much and just do your best."

If Lu Yin were faced with anyone else, he would have likely started to negotiate conditions, such as protection from the Perennial World's experts chasing him, or a powerful piece of equipment. However, Lu Yin had no such thoughts when facing Mister Mu.

The kindness of one's teacher was a weight as heavy as a mountain, and Mister Mu had already saved Lu Yin's life many times. Without Mister Mu, Lu Yin would have died long ago, so he would not refuse any requests that Mister Mu made.

"Is there anything else?" Mister Mu asked.

Lu Yin smiled, "Master, um... there are a few people who were trapped with your disciple, so I would like to ask Master to rescue them as well. Otherwise, your disciple won't be able to return to the Inniverse."

Mister Mu looked up. "That's simple."

The corner of Lu Yin's mouth twitched, as the two of them truly saw things from completely different viewpoints. "Also, Master, your disciple has something that I would like to ask you."

"Tell me."

Lu Yin thought for a while before solemnly asking, "Is your disciple's cultivation path too messy?"

Mister Mu stared at Lu Yin. "Why are you asking that?"

Lu Yin remembered what Kui Luo had said. While Lu Yin had been imprisoned, those words had echoed in his head time and time again. "You know about this disciple's identity from before I lost my memory. Lu Xiaoxuan had his own life, and he even managed to create his own Heaven-Shattering Palm while your disciple has accomplished nothing yet. Progenitor Chen created his Cosmic Art, the Rune Progenitor created the runic cultivation method, and the legendary Death God was able to replace stellar energy with his own death energy.

"Every true powerhouse has created their own strength and power, but your disciple has nothing and no idea how to even proceed."

As Lu Yin spoke, his eyes dimmed. He had always believed himself to be extremely talented, but it was true that everything he possessed had come from others. Everything that he knew had been learned from someone else. What did it matter if he was a Realmbreaker who could challenge Envoys? Lu Yin had nothing to truly call his own, which was something that Lu Xiaoxuan had already accomplished by the time he had reached Lu Yin's age.

Lu Yin had become full of self-doubt during these recent days. He had no idea what he could create on his own, and he genuinely had no idea where to even start.

"Master, your disciple is incompetent," Lu Yin said softly.

Mister Mu raised a hand and set it on Lu Yin's head.

The gesture startled Lu Yin, and he froze while staring blankly into space.

"Everyone has their own path. Your path is something that only you can know, and there is no need to compare yourself to anyone else. So you don't know how to go about creating your own power? That simply means that the moment has not come yet. The day will come when you will find something that is uniquely yours, some unique power. You are exceptional. Since I have accepted you as my disciple, you must be truly excellent," Mister Mu said.

Lu Yin hesitated. "If your disciple had not established the Great Eastern Alliance and had focused exclusively on cultivating, could I have found my way to my own power sooner?"

Mister Mu pulled his hand back and looked down at Lu Yin. "The path you are taking is your own path. While you might feel that you are carrying those that you meet on your path right now, they may very

well be able to give you a lift to greater heights in the future. Progenitor Chen walked his path on his own, taking on the universe on his own, while the Rune Progenitor cared for the masses, creating runes and raising an entire Rune Civilization.

"Cultivation is not solely for you alone. The reason why humans are different from the Aeternals is because of our connections to each other. Even if Progenitor Chen fought against the universe on his own and lived a lonely life, he still fought to protect humanity. Life and death are both mysteries. Everything that you do will end up becoming an opportunity that will return to you, possibly far in the future."

Mister Mu's words cleared the fog that had been clouding Lu Yin's mind. Familiar words started to ring in his mind: 'Lu Yin, the Great Yu Empire is yours, as I'm not suitable to handle it.'

'Master, you're back! Master, Little Wei missed you!'

'Your Highness, where are my snacks? I want delicious snacks.'

'Everything is under the Alliance Leader's command.'

'We greet the alliance leader.'

'We greet the alliance leader'

...

'Brother Lu, I've missed you so much.'

Lu Yin tightly clenched both of his fists. Kui Luo's words had left Lu Yin doubting himself for a period of time, and he had even started to deny his own talent and everything that he had ever accomplished. At the end, he had even started to deny the Great Eastern Alliance and those whose fates were intertwined with his own.

Fortunately, Mister Mu had cleared the doubts from Lu Yin's mind in time.

Who had claimed that cultivation needed to be internally focused to the point of excluding all else? Who had said that managing the Great Eastern Alliance and working to unify the Innerverse and Outerverse had delayed Lu Yin's progress? Who had claimed that cultivators had to seek out inheritances and constantly exchange pointers with others? Lu Yin had his own path to seek.

He had nearly forgotten, but if he had never established the Great Eastern Alliance, how could he have ever gathered the necessary star essence to cultivate and fuel his die rolls? Without the Great Eastern Alliance, how could Lu Yin have built up the status that he currently enjoyed, and how would he ever be able to stand up to the Perennial World in the future? How could he have ever become valuable enough for Aeternus to include him in their schemes? It was quite likely that Lu Yin would have simply been captured by Shaman God from the battlefield behind the Mother Tree and then transformed.

Yes, this was his path.

He wanted to take himself and his followers to the pinnacle.

Chapter 1730: Cooperation

Upon seeing clarity return to Lu Yin's eyes, Mister Mu showed a small smile.

"Master, your disciple understands. Thank you, Master." Lu Yin was truly grateful.

Mister Mu's tone remained indifferent. "Your senior brother has no such doubts because he knows that becoming accepted as my disciple means that he is the best."

Lu Yin snorted. "Master, your disciple has already learned so many different things, so my foundation is very complicated. What should I do about it?"

"It's fine just to practice everything to the pinnacle," Mister Mu casually replied. With that, the pocket dimension returned to normal. Lu Yin said nothing as his body fell down, as did Kui Luo, the First Protector, and the two Sixth Mainland cultivators.

As for Wang Si, Bai Laogui, and Wang Yun, they remained trapped within the layer of space that held the manifested thoughts.

Kui Luo was stunned; what had just happened?

The largest mechanical giant charged over, and Kui Luo reflexively twitched a few fingers, completely shattering the giant.

"We've escaped!" Lu Yin was excited.

Kui Luo's expression grew sharp. Escaped? He quickly grabbed hold of Lu Yin and said, "Let's go."

"There's no need to panic. Those two old things aren't here," Lu Yin quickly mentioned.

Kui Luo's spiritual force burst out and swept across the Sophic Rift. The war was still raging on, but everything paused when Kui Luo's spiritual force spread across it.

The Third Fleet was no longer present, as Admiral Chong's body had been destroyed. His demise had forced another fleet to replace the Third Fleet. However, the replacements from First Edition City were also no longer fighting against the Lost Course Army.

Lu Yin and the others had appeared without any notice, and right after that, Kui Luo's strength had shocked the entire battlefield. Androids and cyborgs from both sides of the war all stared at the old man.

"Let's go! Take me to First Edition City," Lu Yin whispered.

Kui Luo automatically refused. "We've finally escaped, but you don't want to leave this haunted place?"

"If you want to leave, then we have to speak with them. They can put us back whenever they want," Lu Yin said.

Kui Luo thought about that possibility, and fear filled his heart. He still was not able to understand how the Forsaken Land could possibly have a powerhouse that so terrifying that it had instantly captured and restrain multiple Semi-Progenitors. This strength was nearing that of a Progenitor.

"We need to go and talk to the people in First Edition City. Otherwise, who knows when we'll get free again if they recapture us," Lu Yin explained. He was also afraid of being recaptured. However, his

mission in the Technocracy had not been completed yet, so he could not leave things as they were. This trip could not be for nothing.

Although Wang Si and Bai Laogui were still both trapped, the Perennial World could simply send more Semi-Progenitors after Lu Yin. He had to set up a means to constantly monitor Sky Creation Academy.

When the First Protector heard that Lu Yin still wanted to return to First Edition City, he instantly refused.

"Where?" Kui Luo asked. He had no intention of interacting with the First Protector at all.

"That way." After Lu Yin pointed in a certain direction, Kui Luo carried Lu Yin, the First Protector, and the two Sixth Mainland cultivators away. The humans all disappeared, headed towards First Edition City.

With Kui Luo's strength as a Semi-Progenitor, they almost instantly arrived at First Edition City.

The Technocracy's surveillance was certainly no joke, and the humans' whereabouts were revealed as soon as they arrived at First Edition City.

The First Protector had a miserable expression on his face, and he stared at Lu Yin. "We need to go back. There's no telling what the power that imprisoned all of us will do."

"Do you really believe we can escape the Technocracy without being captured?" Lu Yin shot back.

The First Protector found himself without an answer.

Lu Yin continued, saying, "Senior, the Semi-Progenitor beside you is even more afraid of death than you."

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"Kid, cut the nonsense! This old man just doesn't like being controlled." Kui Luo was upset.

The First Protector snorted derisively. He did not like Kui Luo from what he had seen so far.

"Kid, what's with that look? Do you need a beating? Do you want me to dig up how you wetted your bed when you were a child?" Kui Luo threatened, but the First Protector just ignored him. Not liking someone was one thing while being afraid of them was something else entirely.

Kui Luo smirked at the First Protector's reaction.

A group of humans stood in outer space just outside First Edition City.

Soon, the vice city master emerged from the void to meet Lu Yin. "I thought that you all had already left the Technocracy, but you actually dared to return."

"Our people were captured by you, so we have to take them back," Lu Yin said casually. He was naturally referring to Emperor Luo and the two Envoy-level androids from the Hall of Honor.

The vice city master glanced over the rest of the humans, only revealing a bit of fear when he glanced at Kui Luo. "Now that you have the support of a Semi-Progenitor, do you think that you can take people away from my First Edition City? Human, you underestimate us too much."

Lu Yin smiled. "No, I'm not underestimating anyone."

After that, Lu Yin canceled the disguise that the First Protector had put on Lu Yin and reverted to his normal appearance.

With Lu Yin revealing himself, this had become an official matter.

The vice city master was truly surprised. "Lu Yin, the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance. So it's you. No wonder you've been so daring."

"Won't the vice city master invite us in for a chat? I've been wanting to meet the city master for a long time," Lu Yin said with a smile.

The vice city master just sneered. "You want to meet with the city master?"

Right after that, a deep voice was heard, "Little Bear, let them in."

The vice city master grew embarrassed, and he quickly shot Lu Yin a fierce glare. "Please enter."

Lu Yin gave a polite smile before leading Kui Luo and the others into First Edition City.

This was Kui Luo's first time seeing such a bizarre place. There were supercomputers moving about in transportation tubes and deactivated androids scattered around for use as vessels. The old man had never been to such a bizarre place even in his dreams.

After Lu Yin and others entered the city, the vice city master's bear-shaped android remained exceptionally vigilant. After all, there was a Semi-Progenitor with these humans.

It was known that Semi-Progenitors were inferior only to Progenitors among humans, and if not for the Master Brain, the Technocracy would have no means of trapping such experts. So naturally, First Edition City lacked such means.

"Vice City Master, how are my people doing? Also, how is the Cloud Valley Master's swordsman?" Lu Yin asked.

The vice city master coldly replied, "They've all been captured."

"Have you already interrogated the swordsman?" Lu Yin was curious.

"That has nothing to do with you," the bear retorted.

After entering the city, they were taken to the same quarters they had been given before, but this time, there was someone already there. It was a very ordinary looking android who looked at Lu Yin and his companions with open curiosity.

The two cultivators from the Sixth Mainland and the First Protector all stayed outside, and only Lu Yin and Kui Luo entered the room.

The First Protector felt offended. He was a peak powerhouse who was inferior only to the Fifth Mainland's Semi-Progenitors, and yet he was being completely ignored. The truth was that he was confident that he could force his way out of First Edition City as he was well aware of his own power.

"City Master, they're here," the vice city master respectfully stated.

The android looked past Lu Yin at Kui Luo. "When did the Human Domain gain another Semi-Progenitor?"

The android then looked at Lu Yin. "Is he with you, Alliance Leader?"

Lu Yin said, "Master Middy of First Edition City, there's no need to keep secrets at this moment, and I also know a bit about the truth behind the Technocracy. Do you really not know where this Semi-Progenitor is from?"

Middy remained silent for a long time, but was also quite curious about Lu Yin's comment. "You say that you have some understanding of our Technocracy? Let's hear it."

Lu Yin considered his answer for a bit. "Manifested thoughts."

These words left Middy silent for a very long time while the vice city master's eyes went wide as the bear stared at Lu Yin in utter disbelief: how could this human know such a thing? This was impossible!

No matter how this human learned of this matter, Lu Yin could never be allowed to leave the Technocracy alive. No, he could not be allowed to live.

As his thoughts raced, the eyes of the bear started leaking strong killing intent.

Lu Yin glanced over, but he only showed a confident smile after seeing the vice city master's reaction. "The master of First Edition City already knows what happened to us, and I did not expect to be released. However, since we are able to get out, does City Master Middy believe that you can hold us?"

The bear's paws trembled as he looked over at Middy.

A long time later, Middy looked up at Lu Yin. "Alliance Leader Lu, let's talk about this."

The android then gestured for Lu Yin to have a seat.

Lu Yin and Kui Luo glanced at each other before sitting down.

Kui Luo was quite curious about First Edition City's master. Given Kui Luo's personality, if not for the residual fear from his recent imprisonment, he would have already scanned through the entire city with his spiritual force. It was truly abnormal for him to sit down and slowly talk things through with someone.

"Alliance Leader Lu, what was the purpose in disguising yourselves as representatives of the Sixth Mainland to sneak into my city? Was this just to go see the battle in the Sophic Rift?" Middy asked.

"What if I told you yes?" Lu Yin replied.

A long time went by before Middy revealed his surprise. "Truly?"

Lu Yin nodded. "One of our goals was to visit the Sophic Rift while our other purpose was to search for something."

A long period of silence passed as Middy stared at Lu Yin and simply waited for the human to continue.

"Origin Matter," Lu Yin solemnly stated.

Midday took a long time before responding. "The Origin Matter that appeared on the carapace of the Lost Course Army's commander?"

Lu Yin nodded. "Sky Creation Academy has Origin Matter. You saw it on the battlefield."

Midday replied, "I'm not certain that that was actually Origin Matter. Who would put such a thing on the body of the Lost Course Army's commander? Also, it instantly disappeared, which is the real problem."

Kui Luo glanced at Lu Yin, as he was quite interested in how the youth would spin things. Kui Luo still had the Origin Matter, and Lu Yin was actually the one who had planted it on the battlefield.

"I can't explain why the Lost Course Army's commander had Origin Matter, but I do know for absolute certainty that it was Origin Matter," Lu Yin declared.

Midday just laughed for a long time. "This situation is all too odd. To be honest, I don't actually believe it was Origin Matter even though the aura was so similar."

"Has City Master Midday seen Origin Matter before?" Lu Yin was startled. Out of everyone in the Sophic Rift, he had only expected the First Protector to recognize the Origin Matter. Naturally, any Envoy would have also sensed the energy of the Origin Matter, but none of them should have been able to recognize what it was.

In fact, when Lu Yin had first mentioned the presence of the Origin Matter to the First Protector, Admiral Chong and the other powerhouses on the battlefield had not recognized anything, and they had simply continued fighting.

City Master Midday explained, "I always pay attention to the battlefield, but due to the distance and the brief time that it appeared, I was not able to sense the energy. However, others have already told me that the energy only affected those with the power of Envoys. Also, I did once see Origin Matter, and the appearance was nearly the same. Thus, there has been quite a bit of speculation.

"However, speculation is only that, and I still don't believe that Origin Matter appeared. Such a thing is too absurd and completely unbelievable."

Lu Yin shrugged. "It is absurd. Origin Matter is valuable enough to cause even Semi-Progenitors to go crazy, and yet some mysteriously appeared on your battlefield on a mechanical giant. There's no explanation for this, but I don't need one. All I need is the Origin Matter, and it shouldn't be of any real use to your Technocracy."

Midday stared at Lu Yin for a long time. "Whether it was real or not, why did you come back to First Edition City if your goal is the Origin Matter? Was it just because of your subordinates?"

Lu Yin instantly grew serious. "I want to cooperate with your First Edition City."