

Chapter 1171: Giant's Memories

Ku Wei was smashed against the stone fence with a loud bang, and he once again spat out another mouthful of blood. His vision grew blurry, and he tried to move his fingers, but he had lost his sense of touch. In front of him, the ground trembled and dust whirled as a guardian giant walked over. The creature mercilessly raised its foot to stomp Ku Wei to death.

Ku Wei refused to die here, and he gritted his teeth as he let out a low roar in defiance, Move, move, move, body! You have to move!

The giant's foot fell down, but just as it was about to touch Ku Wei, his body suddenly grew larger. Twice, thrice, ten times, and then a hundred times. Eventually, his body grew to the same size as the guardian giant, forcing it to retreat several steps.

The numerous guardian giants around Ku Wei all looked at him, unable to comprehend what had just happened. None of them moved, and even the guardian giant who had attacked Ku Wei first remained still as it stared at Ku Wei in confusion.

Ku Wei blinked and looked down. What's going on? Why did these guardian giants get smaller? No, wait...

When he looked at the pool of blood in front of him, Ku Wei suddenly realized that he was the one who had grown larger.

Looking down at his hands, Ku Wei stood up with a dumbfounded expression. He had really become much bigger, and he was suddenly as big as the guardian giants. What had just happened?

When he looked around, he saw that the landscape had completely changed. What used to be gigantic oversized stone huts now looked like ordinary houses to him.

Ku Wei was completely confused, but then he realized that he had turned into a guardian giant himself.

Upon realizing this, Ku Wei clenched his fist before looking over at a guardian giant that was slowly approaching him. He could not help himself from raising a hand and pushing the giant.

The guardian giant looked at Ku Wei with a bewildered expression.

Ku Wei blinked innocently and patted the giant's shoulder in a friendly manner.

The guardian giant did not respond, and instead continued walking forward with a dull expression.

Ku Wei was shocked. The giant had taken him as one of their own. Let's try again, he thought as he raised a foot and kicked the giant's behind. The guardian giant roared in anger as it fell to the ground. When it stood back up, it raised its hammer to retaliate, but Ku Wei was a step ahead of the giant. He grabbed the hammer and then pointed at it with a finger: Finger Tap.

When Ku Wei used Finger Tap, something unimaginable occurred. He began to shrink back to his normal size of a regular human. Once the transformation finished, his head felt like it was splitting, and everything around him was gigantic once again.

He was terrified, and he hurriedly tried to escape, but the guardian giant did not attack. Perhaps Ku Wei had gotten some giant's blood on him and covered up his smell, or perhaps there was some other reason. In any case, the giant did not attack him.

From above, a huge hammer fell down. Kui Wei screamed and raced out of the way, but his physical and mental strength were already spent.

After looking around and ascertaining a path to safety, he leaped up and shot off into the distance.

Ku Wei felt confident that he could transform back into a guardian giant and gain the strength of a giant. However, he also knew that his transformation time was brief and that using any battle technique would reduce that time even further. On top of that, the battle techniques would be more physically exhausting than normal.

Despite this, the mere fact that he could transform into a guardian giant made Ku Wei very excited.

He was different from the regular guardian giants. Once he managed to extend his transformation time to an appropriate length, he would be able to utilize an unimaginable strength to execute his battle techniques.

The more Kui Wei thought about this, the more excited he became. He had a feeling that he was the true winner of this trip to Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum.

Elsewhere, Lu Yin arrived at a strange place with Hui Santong leading the way.

Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum had been built within a dark dome, and in this dome, for as far as the eye could see, everything was black. The earth, the water, and even the creatures were black, except for the guardian giants.

The three youths had just arrived in a strange place filled with many bubbles.

These bubbles constantly floated out of the ground, slowly gained altitude, and then burst at the highest point. They were like normal bubbles that moved opposite the normal direction.

"What kind of place is this?" Lu Yin asked curiously.

Hui Santong sighed. "Progenitor Chen's clone used this place to store his memories."

Lu Yin was confused.

Hui Santong did not give any more explanations, instead leaping straight into a bubble. The bubble did not break, and after entering, Hui Santong sat down inside it as it slowly rose to the highest altitude before shattering. After the bubble popped, he immediately rushed into another bubble.

The entire process looked extremely bizarre to Lu Yin. On the other hand, Lei Nü had already rushed forward and also entered a bubble.

Lu Yin did not want to wait around any longer, and he instantly moved into a bubble as well. Once he sat down, his vision suddenly changed as his mind seemed to have been transported to a far off place, possibly crossing both space and time. He then saw a man in front of him brandish a saber while rushing towards him.

Lu Yin was so shocked that he raised a hand and tried to use Vacuum Palm, only to find that, instead of using Vacuum Palm, he had casually slapped the man's attack aside and cleaved him in two.

Lu Yin was surprised; was this not his own body?

At this time, a beautiful woman with an icy expression appeared across from Lu Yin. "Xia Shang, you actually took in the giants' bloodline? You have fallen too low! The sect has issued an arrest warrant for your capture. Come with me."

Lu Yin could see a deep chill in the woman's eyes as well as a tinge of excitement. He observed 'his' body to see how it would react.

'He' reached out to slap the woman.

The woman grew furious. "You dare to fight back? Your Xia family isn't afraid of being exterminated by the sect?"

She then raised her own hand and threw an orb out that quickly grew a hundredfold larger as it neared him.

Lu Yin was able to feel the power within the orb, and it definitely surpassed a power level of 400,000.

The body he was possessing suddenly grew hundreds of times larger, and it seized the orb before throwing it straight back towards the woman, terrifying her.

"No!" With a loud bang, the earth broke open while mountains and forests were razed and the void warped. The woman was blasted into millions of pieces that were sent flying in different directions. More people rushed forward to surround him, their eyes filled with hate.

'He' then raised his hand up into the sky before slamming it down on the ground. At the same time, nine lined battle force appeared and shrouded the gigantic body, radiating an intense pressure.

Lu Yin's fighting spirit soared.

This is how one should be: domineering.

Suddenly, his vision changed once again, and Lu Yin slowly descended. The bubble that he had entered had popped.

At that moment, Xie Xiaoxian and Shu Jing both appeared in the distance.

Xie Xiaoxian looked at Lu Yin and gritted her teeth, but she quickly revealed a smile. "Seventh Bro, you put this little sister through a lot. If not for my power vessel, I would have died to that person from the Specter Clan."

Lu Yin replied, "Why does your power vessel contain death energy? Does it have something to do with the Specter Clan?"

Xie Xiaoxian looked at him flirtatiously. "Take a guess."

To the side, Shu Jing looked at the bubbles in surprise. "What's this?"

Xie Xiaoxian could not be bothered to reply to him.

At this moment, Hui Santong dropped down from the sky. He looked at Lu Yin before shifting his gaze to Xie Xiaoxian and Shu Jing. "This place contains the enlightenment achieved by Progenitor Chen's clone. Since the Neohuman Alliance has infiltrated Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, we can't all meditate in these bubbles at the same time. Let's do it like this: we'll take turns standing guard. If we spot those two from the Neohuman Alliance, we'll immediately wake the others."

"Ok," Lei Nü agreed the moment she landed.

Lu Yin nodded. Nobody knew what Silver might be planning, as that person was simply too conniving. Even though Lu Yin had broken through to the Hunter realm and was much stronger than before, he still felt that Silver was a threat. Additionally, Silver was carrying that Shaman God's doll with him, which would be very troublesome for Lu Yin to deal with.

Xie Xiaoxian and Shu Jing also agreed to the proposal.

"Each person will stand guard for half a day, after which the next person will take over. I'll go first," Hui Santong said. He then looked over at Lei Nü with obvious intentions. Lei Nü was holding him back, and he was petty enough to want her to go next. Although this place held the memories of Progenitor Chen's clone, the chance of truly receiving any enlightenment was minuscule.

The bubbles in this place contained memories of Progenitor Chen's clone's life, but most of them were not very useful.

Lei Nü agreed.

Hui Santong then looked at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin nodded. "Okay, I'll go third."

Xie Xiaoxian looked over at Shu Jing and said, "Why don't you be a gentleman for once."

"Okay," Shu Jing answered indifferently.

Once the order was decided, Hui Santong said, "Time is limited, so you guys should move out now."

After he finished speaking, the others all rushed toward the bubbles.

There were larger bubbles and smaller ones. Although there was no correlation between the size and how enlightening the memories inside were, everyone still scrambled to enter the larger ones, even if only because they were more comfortable to sit in.

Shu Jing moved in a straight line towards the largest bubble, but Lu Yin still beat him to it. Shu Jing's speed was no match for Lu Yin's.

Since he was unable to match Lu Yin's speed, Shu Jing had no choice but to make his way towards another bubble.

After Lu Yin entered the bubble, he watched as his vision transformed once again. He once again took on the viewpoint of Progenitor Chen's clone, and before him was a person ruthlessly rushing towards him.

After that person grabbed a hold of Progenitor Chen's clone, the clone retaliated by raising a hand to fight the person off.

Lu Yin felt that something was amiss when he looked below him and saw mountains and rivers beneath him. He was surprised to discover that he was actually seeing things from the point of view of a giant and that the figure before him was actually a guardian giant. It was no wonder why things had not felt right; they were two giants competing for power.

Progenitor Chen's clone did not use any battle techniques, and instead, he used an elbow to knock the guardian giant over before letting out a fierce roar and glaring at the rest of the guardian giants.

Another giant stepped forward before leaping up with a raised fist that smashed down.

Progenitor Chen's clone retreated half a step with his left foot, but then he spun around and kicked to the side with his right leg, blasting away the guardian giant that was still in mid air. The clone then raised his fists high in the air and roared victoriously.

The other nearby guardian giants also started shaking.

Soon, another guardian giant stepped forward and raised a hand, fist already clenched. Then, layers of battle force covered the body of the guardian giant. It was nine lined battle force!

The giant covered with nine lined battle force seemed to grow a bit larger as it hurled a fist at Progenitor Chen's clone.

Progenitor Chen's clone huge body had not mastered nine lined battle force yet, as his battle force had only reached eight lines. He was forced ten thousand meters back by the challenger, and the clone tore through the earth apart as he stumbled back.

The guardian giant followed up with a savage kick, sending Progenitor Chen's clone flying away. The clone spat out a mouthful of blood, and then he looked up to see the opposing guardian giant high above him, aggressively hammering down with yet another attack.

Progenitor Chen's clone roared, and his eight lined battle force actually broke through to nine lines. He ruthlessly clashed with the challenger as the earth shattered.

Suddenly, Lu Yin opened his eyes and fell down from the sky once again. It was unfortunate that he had not managed to see the end of that battle.

These bubbles should record the journey and growth of Progenitor Chen's clone, Lu Yin thought. He then looked to the distance where Hui Santong was quietly standing watch.

Chapter 1172: Realm Of Memories

Lu Yin looked around the entire realm of memories and eventually chose a large bubble that he rushed straight into.

The scenery that greeted him was that of a starry sky, and before him was a planet that was actually resting within his hands.

Lu Yin was shocked; how was this possible? He was actually holding a planet in his hand! Just how big did this body have to be to do such a thing?

Progenitor Chen's clone clutched the planet before turning around and slapping out at a point in the distance. This attack was directed towards an old man dressed in brocade robes. Upon seeing the planet smashing towards him, the old man's expression changed drastically. "Xia Shang, do you really not care about the clan trial?"

"How many years has it been since you've only cared about this nonsense? Human cultivation has already changed on a fundamental level. Your Daosource Sect boasts following the orthodox path, but can you find a peer who can beat me? In the future, I will be invincible throughout the universe! Invincible throughout the ages, and I will gain the power of a Progenitor that will last for immemorial eons!" A tremendous huge voice filled the starry sky.

The old man destroyed the planet and then shouted, "Arrogant! Is the Progenitor realm that easily attained? So it turns out that you still aspire toward the forgotten ages of the Progenitors, but it has long since become impossible for modern humans to match up to the ancient Progenitors."

"That's just you!" Progenitor Chen's clone shouted back angrily as he unleashed a clenched fist at the old man. This fist was, surprisingly, golden in color.

Bang!

The deafening sound shook the heavens and earth and reverberated across the starry sky as space itself ripped asunder, shattering countless planets.

At that moment, Lu Yin's eyes snapped open, and he fell down. This time around, the time in the memory had been very short.

After getting up from the ground, he recalled what he had just experienced; Progenitor Chen had been known as Xia Shang back when he had absorbed the giants' bloodline. And for some reason, the Daosource Sect had apparently forbidden him from doing so. That Daosource Sect should have been the Fifth Mainland's Daosource Sect.

Progenitor Chen's clone's works had been laced with dripping contempt for the Daosource Sect. He longed to be invincible throughout the ages and had held the ancient Progenitors as his ultimate goal.

However, what were the ancient ancestors? If Lu Yin remembered correctly, there were nine mountains and eight seas that had come from the Fifth Mainland. However, Progenitor Chen had eventually become a Progenitor himself, and this memory seemed to imply that there had been Progenitors long before him. On top of that, the old man in the memory had also mentioned that it was impossible for humans to match up to the Progenitors of the ancient, forgotten past. Could it be that the Progenitor realm of the forgotten ages was somehow on a higher level than what everyone knew of as the modern Progenitor realm?

"These bubbles contain experiences of a Progenitor's clone's entire lifetime, and there are some memories that brother Lu should not dwell upon too much. There are some things that cannot be comprehended before one reaches a high enough level," Hui Santong's voice echoed out.

Lu Yin nodded; yes, his realm was not yet high enough to fully comprehend everything here. There were definitely things that could not be understood, and also things that could not be fathomed.

However, there was one other aspect of the memory to consider, which was the shocking size that Progenitor Chen's clone had reached! He had actually grown to such a gargantuan size that he had been able to hold a planet and hurl it like a common stone. Lu Yin turned around and looked across the entirety of Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum. If the size that Lu Yin had seen was accurate, then it was entirely possible that the entire tomb had been built atop the corpse of Progenitor Chen's clone and that they were currently standing atop of that clone's corpse.

Time was limited, so Lu Yin rushed into another bubble.

Progenitor Chen's clone followed the path of fighting and killing to grow stronger, and it seemed that his choice to absorb the giants' bloodline had somehow gone against the Fifth Mainland's Daosource Sect's rules. Thus, he had been condemned by the Daosource Sect. Even after he became incredibly powerful, he was still treated as an outcast.

Hui Santong stood watch for half a day, and after that, it was Lei Nü's turn.

For an entire day, Lu Yin continued to race into various bubbles. 90% of them were battle scenes, and it seemed that Progenitor Chen's clone constantly fought all the time, though he didn't always kill.

He had been the most brilliant person of his era; even though he had disobeyed the Daosource Sect, he had still climbed to the top step by step.

Lu Yin greatly admired Progenitor Chen, as not everyone had that kind of courage, talent, and determination. Compared to Progenitor Chen, Lu Yin felt like his life had been too easy.

However, this did not mean that the path that Progenitor Chen had taken was absolutely correct. Rather, it was just that Progenitor Chen had chosen to take the most difficult path whereas Lu Yin knew how to travel along a slightly more comfortable path. Still, the destination that they both strove to was the same: the Progenitor realm.

Lu Yin could not help but wonder—just when had Progenitor Chen succeeded in cultivating the technique of splitting into nine clones? Or was this a clone from the beginning? If Lu Yin was looking at the memories of just a clone, then Progenitor Chen's talent must far exceed what he had initially assumed, as it was impossible to create such an amazing technique at such a young age. Actually, was it possible that Progenitor Chen had not actually created the Nine Clones Technique?

Lu Yin thought a great deal about this possibility, and the more he viewed Progenitor Chen's clone's memories, the more Lu Yin admired the clone.

One time, Lu Yin saw Progenitor Chen's clone get drunk with a group of friends. This was the first time Lu Yin saw Progenitor Chen interact with any sort of friends, and it was also the first time he saw the clone get drunk.

These memories painted a tale of Progenitor Chen's path to invincibility. If the Daosource Sect had truly wanted to deal with him, then they would have done so from the very beginning. The underlying reason why they had not done so was because they also valued Progenitor Chen's talent. It could almost be said that the more willfully he behaved, the safer and more untouchable he had been.

It was also possible that the Daosource Sect had simply wanted to know if humans were capable of following alternative cultivation methods.

In this particular memory, Progenitor Chen's clone became extremely drunk, which was an extremely rare occurrence.

Eventually, Lu Yin opened his eyes and fell to the ground. In the distance away, Lei Nü calmly looked at him.

"It's my turn," Lu Yin said as he leaped to the side, not too far away from where Lei Nü was standing. She then rushed towards a bubble.

Lu Yin fell deep into thought as he unleashed his domain and let it expand it further and further out. First, he felt lightning. Then, there was lightning and a Withered Bark.

The lightning shot towards where Lu Yin and the others were, and when that person detected Lu Yin's domain, they let out a cold snort before unleashing a shocking amount of lightning into the sky that attempted to tear through the domain.

When encountering an unknown person, the foremost priority should always be to get a good idea of who that unknown person was.

The next moment, countless branches spread out. With how strong Lu Yin's domain had become, even though he was not entirely confident that he could defeat Unseen Light, and even though he had not reached the level where he could predict his opponents' attacks yet, Lu Yin was not far off from that level. His domain was already incredibly powerful.

Numerous branches twined about one another. The lightning was able to cut through one, two, and even thousands of the branches, but the branches continued to propagate onwards, eventually wrapping around their target.

Ku Lei was not able to easily stabilize himself, and he gasped for air after being entangled rather close to Lu Yin, who looked at Ku Lei with a smile. "Hello again."

Ku Lei stared at Lu Yin with scorn despite being completely overpowered. When Ku Lei had first encountered Lu Yin in the Mountain and Seas Realm, the Ku family's inheritor had managed to fight against Lu Yin evenly, but currently, Lu Yin was able to crush Ku Lei without even moving. Lu Yin's progress was simply too terrifying.

Ku Lei had researched Lu Yin's accomplishments after returning from the Mountain and Seas Realm, but he was barely able to believe that Lu Yin had reached such a level after only twelve years of cultivating. However, at this moment, Ku Lei completely believed what he had read; Lu Yin was an absolute monster.

If Lu Yin had been a Hunter during the contest for the Astral Tower in the Mountain and Seas Realm, then the outcome atop the golden stage might have been very different.

Ku Lei was not very happy with Lu Yin, but Ku Lei was also not someone who made a habit of looking for fights. So, he simply let out a cold grunt and dashed towards a bubble.

Lu Yin's figure flashed over in front of Ku Lei. "Wait."

Ku Lei's expression grew upset. "What? Do you want to stop me?"

Lu Yin laughed. "You really are a prick! You say that, but I'm definitely able to stop you if I want."

"You!" Ku Lei was infuriated, but he did not speak any further.

Lu Yin continued, saying, "Everyone here agreed that, in order to prevent the Neohuman Alliance from ambushing us, each of us will stand guard for half a day. You also need to take a turn standing guard, and you'll go after Xie Xiaoxian."

Ku Lei grunted affirmatively and then rushed towards a bubble.

Lu Yin looked at Ku Lei's back and muttered, "Inverted Step." Lu Yin suddenly remembered the person he had seen within the tablet world named Qian Zou. He had been an interesting person, and his speed had been quite impressive.

Soon, half a day passed, and other than Ku Lei's arrival, nothing unusual occurred.

Then, Shu Jing moved over to Lu Yin's side, as it was his turn to stand guard.

Normally, Lu Yin would not feel comfortable leaving his back open for these people to watch. However, they had united against the Neohuman Alliance, and the entire universe was united against them; in fact, it was nearly instinct for people to band together against the Neohuman Alliance, and this was the basis of their current cooperation.

Lu Yin rushed into another bubble, and he once again witnessed Progenitor Chen's clone's great battles one after another. He experienced the clone's battle power in the Explorer realm, the Hunter realm, and once, Lu Yin even experienced a power that he could not comprehend.

Outside of a burst bubble, Xie Xiaoxian fell to the ground. Half a day had passed, so she moved over towards Shu Jing, but then she shot off.

Shu Jing stared at her, dumbfounded. "You're not going to stand watch?" .

Xie Xiaoxian laughed. "I want to go play somewhere else. You guys play by yourselves here."

After speaking, she let out another laugh and vanished in an instant.

Shu Jing was speechless, and he felt like he had just been played.

When he was right about to lose track of Xie Xiaoxian, Shu Jing was unwilling to simply watch her leave despite the fact that he hoped to stay in the Realm of Memories a while longer. Witnessing Progenitor Chen's life experiences was too tempting, and it was possible for there to even be memories of him cultivating the Nine Clones Technique. Still, compared to the value of following Xie Xiaoxian, Shu Jing decided to abandon the place for the moment, especially since he already knew its location.

With this in mind, he raised a hand and unleashed a straight line attack that broke the bubble holding Ku Lei, who instantly fell to the ground and looked over at Shu Jing.

"It's your turn," he curtly said before turning around to chase after Xie Xiaoxian.

Ku Lei wanted to respond, but he was too slow to say anything. Thus, he could only grit his teeth in frustration, not even knowing who to curse. He had been immersed in a very important memory fragment from Progenitor Chen's clone that was from the time when the clone had been a Hunter, but his experience had been interrupted.

At this moment, there was a distant figure quickly approaching them.

Ku Lei frowned and grew vigilant.

The person approaching was actually Ku Wei, who had finally arrived after encountering the worms along his way. Despite the fact that none of the guardian giants had blocked his path, he still had to fight a long series of battles to make it here.

Ku Lei was surprised to see Ku Wei, as Ku Lei had not expected Ku Wei to make it this far into the tomb. In his anger, Ku Lei clenched a fist. Not only had this person entered Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, but he was also clearly trying to catch up to him, and he was also the only person from the Ku family attempting to do so. Ku Lei had always looked down on his peers, but despite the vast difference between them, Ku Wei still hoped to catch up, which greatly irritated Ku Lei.

Within the Ku family, Ku Lei had often picked on Ku Wei, but then, Ku Wei had left for the Outerverse. Recently, he had returned with the Yu family's entrance slot for Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, and Ku Lei was particularly worried about the possibility that Ku Wei might have also received the Yu family's secret technique.

This thought would not leave Ku Lei, and as he thought about it, he grew more and more upset, until he struck out. Lightning instantly shot out to viciously strike Kui Wei.

However, the difference between Ku Wei and Ku Lei's power was too disproportionate; Ku Wei had only recently become a Cruiser whereas Ku Lei was a Hunter. Even if Lu Yin was the one facing Ku Lei right after becoming a Cruiser, he would still have had a very difficult battle, let alone Ku Wei.

Chapter 1173: Bully

Ku Wei's face was pale as he stared at Ku Lei. He furiously shouted in response, "Are you trying to kill me?"

Ku Lei's expression was glacial as he slowly replied, "You're just a bug. Still, tell me, did you learn the Yu secret art?"

Ku Wei secretly thought that he was too unlucky to have run into Ku Lei of all people. "No."

"Do you really think that I'd believe that? You were able to obtain the Yu family's slot for entering Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, so how could you not have also gotten the Yu family's secret technique?" Ku Lei shouted sternly. He then raised his hand, and lightning blasted out yet again.

Back in the Mountain and Seas Realm, Ku Lei's strength had been below Lu Yin's, so this lightning was not overly powerful, but it was still quite fast. Additionally, due to Ku Wei's power level, he was completely overwhelmed.

Ku Wei raised his hand and struck out with a Finger Tap, but this attack only made Ku Lei want to laugh. "How dare you use the Ku family's masterpiece against me? You're asking to die!"

He then raised a hand and thrust out with his own Finger Tap.

Ku Wei jumped in shock and hurriedly evaded the counter. He gasped for air as he stared at Ku Lei in shock.

At this time, Hui Santong came down from the sky and saw the two men fighting. He frowned. "The Neohuman Alliance is nearby, so this is not the time for infighting!"

Ku Lei replied in a low voice, "When did the members of the Seven Courts ever cooperate within Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum? There's no need for you to meddle."

Hui Santong was helpless, as Ku Lei's character was rotten to the core.

Ku Wei shouted, "Ku Lei, don't talk so much nonsense! There's no way our patriarchs want us to self-destruct in here."

"You aren't qualified to fight against me! I'll just teach you a lesson so that you know how you should speak to me here."

Ku Lei then arrogantly raised a hand with lightning flashing within.

Ku Wei clenched his fists as he stared at Ku Lei. Ku Wei's mind raced as he kept evaluating his chances of winning if he transformed into a guardian giant versus remaining in his normal form. If he did not transform, he might be killed, but there was no guarantee of victory even if he did transform into a guardian giant. Even without considering escaping from Ku Lei, Ku Wei felt that he might still end up being dissected and studied by his family.

Besides, transforming into a guardian giant might not let Ku Wei match up to Ku Lei, especially since Ku Wei still was not capable of using any battle techniques while in the guardian giant form. And a giant who could use nothing more than brute force would be at a terrible disadvantage against Ku Lei.

Suddenly, Ku Wei looked over at a familiar figure; who was that?

Ku Lei coldly snorted. He raised his hand, and lightning flickered out. "I taught you how to speak to me back when you were still a child! Kneel!"

Ku Wei pursed his lips. "In addition to being a part of the Ku family, I also have another identity".

Ku Lei frowned and stared at Ku Lei.

Hui Santong also grew curious.

Ku Wei raised his head and proudly declared, "I, Ku Wei, am the captain of the Outerverse's Great Yu Empire's tenth Imperial Squadron, loyal to the Great Yu Empire's Royal Regent, Lu Yin."

Hui Santong was surprised and subconsciously looked over at Lu Yin.

Ku Lei's expression grew cold. "Are you threatening me?"

Ku Wei laughed and pointed behind Ku Lei. "You can say that."

At that exact moment, Lu Yin's bubble reached its peak, popped, and released him.

Just as Lu Yin reached the ground, before he even had time to look around, a familiar wailing voice reached his ears. "Your Highness, Royal Regent, Alliance Leader, Seventh Bro, your lovely little Brother Wei is being bullied!"

Ku Wei mournfully cried out, sounding as if even heaven was set against him.

Lu Yin was dazed, and he looked over. Ku Wei?

Some distance away, he saw Ku Wei with an expression full of grief and anger. He pointed at Ku Lei and started complaining to Lu Yin, saying, "Your Highness, Little Wei picked up your scent and chased after you for millions of miles, just to confirm Your Highness's safety and report back to the Great Yu Empire and the Great Eastern Alliance! However, this man," he paused as he angrily glared at Ku Lei, "Not only did this man block this humble one's path, but he also forced Little Wei to kneel to him! Your Highness, Little Wei is your man, so how can I suffer such insults? Your Highness, you must do something for Little Wei, ah!"¹

Ku Wei's sudden soliloquy left Ku Lei dumbfounded; how could the descendant of one of the Seven Courts actually demean themselves to another in such a manner? Wasn't this the behavior of a lapdog?

Hui Santong was also stupefied. This was his first time witnessing someone from the Seven Courts acting in such an undignified and brazen manner. It was utterly shameless.

It was important to have a clear understanding of what it meant to beg for help versus what it meant to rely on individual strength. What did having the support of a massive power like the Seven Courts mean? This behavior was none of Hui Santong's business.

At this moment, Ku Wei wanted to rely on Lu Yin despite the rumors claiming that Lu Yin had been taken away by the Neohuman Alliance. So what? Who cared? Secure the support first.

Lu Yin returned to his senses and looked over at Ku Lei in an unfriendly manner. "Are you bullying my people?"

Ku Lei was caught off guard, as he had not expected Lu Yin to actually pick a fight with him over this matter. Out of instinct, Ku Lei did not back down. "This matter concerns my Ku family. This has nothing to do with you."

"You're asking for a beating!" After Lu Yin said these two words again, he raised a finger and flicked it, unleashing a tremendous force that rippled through the void and ruthlessly blasted Ku Lei.

Ku Lei's eyes burned bright, and he transformed into a lightning bolt to dodge the attack, but the speed of lightning was not faster than the wind of Lu Yin's finger.

The moment he was hit, Ku Lei almost spat out his internal organs, and he was knocked back a thousand meters. He then spat out a mouthful of blood and stared at Lu Yin with hatred in his eyes, though Ku Lei was unable to even say a word.

Hui Santong's eyes narrowed. What a massive gap in strength.

Now, Ku Wei was dumbfounded. He had always known that Lu Yin was strong, and he had guessed that Lu Yin might have surpassed Ku Lei, but Ku Wei had not expected that Lu Yin would be this strong. This was not merely a matter of him surpassing Ku Lei, but rather one of utterly crushing him.

How had His Highness's strength risen to such a terrifying extreme? The gap was mind-boggling large.

Lu Yin had become strong enough to hold his own against a thrice transformed Corpse Beast. Back when the corpse king had managed to fight off Yuehua Mavis, Xia Jiuyu, and the other experts atop the golden platform, Shang Qing was only able to gain the upper hand after using his Tri-Yang Technique to summon Progenitor Chen's clone. This was the level of strength that Lu Yin had currently reached.

It could even be said that if one ignored external objects and power vessels, Lu Yin was the strongest person within Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum right now. After all, Corpse Beast was an unintelligent corpse king and was not capable of defeating Lu Yin on its own.

If Lu Yin returned to the Mountain and Seas Realm with his current strength, then he would be able to suppress everyone and even render Shang Qing helpless.

Of course, if Lu Yin had progressed in his cultivation, then the others naturally had done so as well. Depending on the person, they might have also improved substantially.

The wind from Lu Yin's finger was able to force Ku Lei back, and Ku Wei's expression became quite interesting to see. He quickly grabbed Lu Yin's thighs and held onto them tightly. "Your Highness, Brother Wei missed you to death! You don't know this, but when I heard the news that you were captured by the Neohuman Alliance, Little Wei cried countless times! I cried every day and night until my eyes were swollen! Your Highness..."

Lu Yin was left completely speechless. "Quit spouting crap!"

Ku Wei immediately stopped for a moment and then put on a brilliant smile. "Yes, Your Highness."

After speaking, he arrogantly looked around in all directions before settling on Ku Lei. "You haven't rushed over to apologize to His Highness yet? Are you blind? Or do you want His Highness to make another move?"

Ku Lei was furious, and he could not stop himself from spitting out another mouthful of blood as he viciously glared at Ku Wei.

Ku Wei felt smug, and when he then looked over at Hui Santong, he grew upset. "Kid, His Highness is right here, so why aren't you hurrying to greet him? Show him the best of the Hui family's hospitality. You're so blind! You should be grateful that you're still the Hui family's inheritor."

Hui Santong arched a brow. This lapdog was already dead in his eyes.

Lu Yin looked over at Hui Santong; Ku Wei's words made some sense. After all, didn't the Hui family normally entertain others with the Root of Intelligence?

Upon seeing that Lu Yin seemed to agree with Ku Wei's comment, Hui Santong quickly spoke up. "Brother Lu, we've already agreed that each of us would stand guard for half a day, but there's not much time left, and we're also running out of time before Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum closes."

"His Highness will be the one to decide," Ku Wei directly answered, defying the mood Hui Santong was trying to set. In fact, Ku Wei directed a look at Hui Santong that looked like he wanted to beat the Hui family's inheritor for being too unreasonable.

As soon as Ku Wei finished scolding Hui Santong, Ku Wei adopted a boot-licking smile and looked over at Lu Yin. "Your Highness, the Hui family's inheritor is right—time is limited. You should hurry up and gain any advantage that you can as soon as possible. Don't waste your time with that trash."

As he spoke, Ku Wei pointed to Ku Lei, who grew furious again.

Lu Yin realized that, as long as Ku Wei was around, there was no need for him to even speak a single word.

Soon, Lu Yin stepped a foot inside another bubble.

Similarly, Ku Wei, because of his relationship with Lu Yin, also stepped into a bubble. Hui Santong was left to stand guard, unwilling to speak even a single word to Ku Wei. Besides, with Ku Wei's strength, he would not even be able to shout a warning if the Neohuman Alliance arrived.

Hui Santong's feelings towards the entire matter with Ku Wei was that a single piece of shit was enough to spoil an entire pot of soup.

Ku Lei inwardly swore that, after leaving the tomb, he would definitely report this incident to his family. This guy was too shameless, and he had completely discredited the entire Ku family.

It was impossible to know if Ku Wei's arrival affected Lu Yin's luck, but the next scene that Lu Yin saw upon entering a bubble was not a vision of Progenitor Chen's clone fighting, but rather one of a flower garden. The garden was beautiful, and there were many exotic flowers and plants swaying in the breeze. Off in the distance, the sun was setting over picturesque mountains that framed a group of rustic thatched cottages. The entire place emanated a pastoral aura with its peaceful and natural feeling.

Looking at the flower garden that spread boundlessly before him, Lu Yin simply could not believe his eyes.

It had felt like every appearance of Progenitor Chen's clone was accompanied by fighting, killing, and rebellion, but this flower garden did not match any of those themes at all. The moment Lu Yin appeared outside the flower garden, he squatted down and smelled the flowers.

This action completely subverted the previous visions.

Progenitor Chen's clone remained outside the flower garden, and up till the moment that Lu Yin's bubble popped, the clone did not move a single step.

Lu Yin entered yet another bubble.

This time, he was greeted by a normal scene, and he witnessed another battle. Progenitor Chen's opponent in this battle was not an expert from the Daosource Sect. During the time of this memory, the Fifth Mainland had not shattered yet, and there were many familial powers in place. The universe's situation was entirely different from modern times, as there was no Hall of Honor or Court of Seven Names. In fact, there wasn't even any sort of distinction between locations such as the separation of the Innaverse and the Outerverse.

However, Lu Yin did not have any knowledge of the ancient universe, as he was only able to witness what the clone experienced, not read the clone's mind.

Lu Yin witnessed quite a few more battles, including fights against experts from the Sixth Mainland.

"You don't even have an imprint! You people from the Fifth Mainland will never understand the power that comes from cultivating an imprint." These words came from a man who was dressed exquisitely and carried exceptional weapons and temperament. There were also a multitude of power vessels floating behind him.

However, Progenitor Chen's clone only responded with a single word. "Stupid."

It was just one word, but the elegant man grew furious at the response, immediately attacking. A divine imprint appeared behind him, and one of his power vessels released a powerful might that felt as though it could suppress the stars themselves.

Despite facing such a powerful attack, Progenitor Chen's clone simply slapped out, which caused the man, his weapons, and his power vessels to all shatter in a moment.

This was dominance.

Lu Yin felt excited, as in this memory, the clone had only been an Enlightener. The opponent had used power vessels and wielded an imprint that made his attack powerful enough to threaten a powerhouse with a power level greater than 400,000, but that person had still been instantly annihilated by Progenitor Chen's slap.

Chapter 1174: Assail

Within the Human Domain, it was a common belief that there had never been a generation with as many gifted youths as the current one. Both the Ten Arbiters and the Neoverse's top elites were a point of pride for the entire Human Domain, and each one of them could be considered invincible among their peers. Throughout all of recorded history, it was exceptionally rare for so many talents to appear in the same generation.

Over time, this led to many people believing that the current generation's youths were the strongest in all of history and that they had the greatest chances of reaching the Progenitor realm.

However, those people simply did not know that, throughout the endless marching of time, there had never been a shortage of exceptional talents in each generation.

Progenitor Chen, the Rune Progenitor, Progenitor Wushang, and all of the other Progenitors had been young at some point in time. Without exception, all of them had been invincible within their generation, and none of them were inferior to the most gifted youths of the current generation in any way.

Lu Yin would never forget about the person at the top of Astral-10's Rain List, the one who was named Shao Chen. At the same age, Shao Chen had vastly surpassed Lu Yin's star energy control, and there was no shortage of similar experts throughout the endless years.

Time flowed on, and several more days passed as Lu Yin observed many of Progenitor Chen's clone past experiences. Most of the scenes involved battles, but there were occasional breaks from the violence.

As Lu Yin placed a foot within another bubble, Lei Nü stood guard in the outside world.

This time, Lu Yin saw a strange scene, as in front of him was himself. No, it was not Lu Yin, but rather a person who looked exactly the same as Progenitor Chen's clone. This person should be one of the other nine clones.

It was very strange when two identical people looked at each other; and it was like looking into a mirror, but one where the reflection moved independently.

The other body of Progenitor Chen had stars orbiting it, and Lu Yin's eyes went wide when he noticed this detail. Was that the Cosmic Art?

He did not have time to see anything else, as the bubble popped immediately afterwards, and he fell to the ground.

To Lu Yin's chagrin, he had personally witnessed one of Progenitor Chen's clones using the Cosmic Art, but he had not been able to see the actual fight. It was a pity, especially since it had been a fight between two of Progenitor Chen's clones.

However, despite not being able to see the entire scene, Lu Yin had seen no fewer than thousands of stars in that instant. Even a conservative estimate would place it at no less than five thousand stars, which shocked Lu Yin to the core. He knew that, at the moment of that memory, Progenitor Chen had only been an Enlighter. His power level had been around Qiu Shi's current level, who had only recently broken through to become an Enlighter.

At best, Qiu Shi was capable of simulating a thousand stars, but the number of stars that Progenitor Chen's clone had been capable of simulating was more than five times greater than her's. And yet, the two had a similar age and power level. What sort of concept was this? This meant that his battle strength was essentially five times stronger than Qiu Shi's when they were at the same level, and that was even when disregarding the Progenitor's other clones!

Nine clones, nine supreme cultivators. Just how strong would the nine people be combined as one? Lu Yin did not dare to even imagine.

If Progenitor Chen had participated in the last contest of the Mountain and Seas Realm, just one of his clones would have been enough to sweep everyone else aside, even Shang Qing.

This gap was not something that could be surpassed by techniques.

This was the terrifying power of the ancient expert that the Sixth Mainland had not dared to record down in history.

If that was the case for Progenitor Chen, then what about the Rune Progenitor? He had been a powerhouse that no place had recorded down, and his civilization had even been erased!

Looking at both the past and present, just how many brilliant stars had been buried by the passing years?

Lu Yin felt excited, and he suddenly wished that he could have been born during the same era as these truly exceptional elites. If he could have competed with them, that would truly be amazing.

Perhaps, one day, he would be able to step across the river of time and battle against the powerhouses of the past! This was something that Lu Yin longed for.

After the bubble popped, it was Lu Yin's turn to stand guard.

Hui Santong continued entering bubbles.

Shortly after, Xia Jiuyou arrived in the Realm of Memories, and his turn to stand guard would be after Ku Lei's.

The Xia family possessed an advantage when entering Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum because Progenitor Chen was the Xia family's ancestor.

Lu Yin was curious as to what Xia Jiuyou had gained within the tomb.

Everyone had their own opportunities, and Lu Yin remembered Ku Wei saying that there were some places within Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum where one needed to comprehend something in order to proceed. However, Lu Yin had not come across any of those places.

Lu Yin did not know much about Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, and he had already received an exceptional encounter in reaching the Hunter realm. At this moment, he was viewing Progenitor Chen's memories, and Lu Yin would not try to force anything else.

However, based on Xia Jiuyou's expression, there was a high probability that he had gained great rewards during his time in the tomb, and Lu Yin felt quite curious about what those rewards were exactly.

Half a day quickly passed by, and after Lu Yin, it was Ku Lei's turn.

Currently, Ku Lei glared at Lu Yin with eyes that were full of anger and contempt, though he did not dare to make any moves.

As Lu Yin placed a foot in a bubble, Ku Lei let out a cold snort.

They each needed to stand guard for half a day. Meanwhile, Hui Santong fell down before quickly entering another bubble.

Ku Lei calculated the time, and it was nearly Xia Jiuyou's turn, but suddenly, Ku Lei was surrounded by darkness. He could not see anything, and when he opened his mouth, he could not make any sound. Despite that, his hands were able to feel a revolting smell.

His senses had been confused. This was bad; the Neohuman Alliance had struck.

Although Ku Lei hated Lu Yin and wanted to kill him personally, when faced with the Neohuman Alliance, Ku Lei instinctively channeled lightning through his body.

His scrambled senses prevented him from instantly alerting the others, so all Ku Lei could do was randomly shoot out lightning in hopes of alerting someone.

Unfortunately, Ku Lei was unlucky, and his lightning did not warn anyone. Actually, Corpse Beast had already appeared next to him and blocked all of the lightning. As for Silver, he had appeared next to the bubble that held Lu Yin.

However, Silver was also unlucky, as Xia Jiuyou suddenly exited a bubble at that moment.

The moment he emerged and saw Silver and Beast, Xia Jiuyou raised a hand and struck out with a Yōu Reinforced Palm. There was a flicker of a ghostly light over his hand, and the slap was aimed at Beast. With the help of Xia Jiuyou's innate gift, Echo, a second attack shot towards Lu Yin.

Xia Jiuyou's Yōu Reinforced Palm was not able to do anything to Beast, and Ku Lei was kicked into the ground by the corpse king.

Lu Yin's bubble was popped by the Yōu Reinforced Palm, and his eyes immediately snapped open. Beneath his feet, an astral chessboard appeared, and he shifted away.

The next instance, a butterfly knife sliced through the void, carrying a silver gleam as it slashed through the sky. Lu Yin evaded the knife and moved about a hundred meters away. "You really came."

Silver smiled as he looked at Lu Yin and then helplessly responded, "What bad luck. I was just a little bit off."

After he spoke, Shaman God's doll appeared, and Lu Yin's pupils shrank. This was not good! Lu Yin waved a hand and tried to divert Shaman God's doll.

The doll was successfully diverted, but Lu Yin's senses were still confused.

His nose saw nothing but darkness while scents entered his eyes.

Beast dashed through the void and smashed its fist at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin instinctively started using the Cosmic Art, and 720 stars instantly exploded. Not only did this stall Beast for a moment, but it also woke up everyone else from the memories they were immersed in.

With a loud bang, Beast smashed Lu Yin to the ground with a fist. To the side, Hui Santong swept out a hand, causing a golden meteor to smash into Beast and force the corpse king back.

Beast had already undergone its third corpse king transformation, so it did not even notice Hui Santong's attack. The corpse king raised an arm and pressed down with its hand down. Space itself was compressed before exploding.

The three young men, Hui Santong, Ku Wei, and Xia Jiuyou, as well as Lei Nü, were all forced back.

Silver tore through the void, and his butterfly knife flipped in the air as he ruthlessly tried to cut through Lu Yin's neck. Lu Yin's eyes opened up a sliver, radiating a cold light. At the same time, death energy took the shape of a scythe and slashed down at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's five senses had only been confused for a moment, and right when Silver attacked, Lu Yin recovered. He raised his hand—Vacuum Palm.

Silver watched as the incoming Vacuum Palm split the void, sending both the death energy and Silver flying back. While still in mid air, he spat out a mouthful of blood.

Beast roared and fiercely pressed its attack.

Lu Yin clenched a fist, and nine lined battle force shot into the sky. He then unleashed his strongest Vacuum Palm.

Bang!

Space split apart horizontally, and the spatial crack reached far into the distance. The power of the attack sent Lu Yin flying down into the ground, though Beast was also forced back.

So far, the only person who had managed to fight Beast head on was Lu Yin.

The shockwaves from the impact rippled out, and not even Hui Santong or Ku Lei were able to withstand the blast. They all flew back while spitting out blood due to their internal injuries.

Ku Wei was sent flying without being able to mount any form of defense.

Xia Jiuyou was the only one able to remain steady, and he raised his hand and followed up with the first blade of the Triple Blade Will.

Beast's head was cut, but it was unharmed.

Xia Jiuyou's second blade descended.

Beast still did not avoid the attack.

As for the third blade, at the same time that Xia Jiuyou released the attack, Lei Nü also raised a hand towards Silver, ready to release her own attack.

Silver suddenly looked over at Xia Jiuyou and took out Shaman God's doll.

Lu Yin casually waved a hand, once again diverting Shaman God's doll with the Yu secret technique. But Silver seemed to have expected this, and he turned to direct a smile towards Lu Yin. "Captain, I'll see you later."

After saying that, he shot off into the distance.

Simultaneously, Beast left.

Xia Jiuyou's third will blade was released, and although the attack was supposed to be unavoidable, both Silver and Beast evaded it.

Xia Jiuyou's expression grew heavy. Compared to Beast, Silver was far more important to stop. His strength was terrifying, and Xia Jiuyou had been suppressed and unable to attack throughout the fight. It was as though Silver had been waiting for something.

Lu Yin let out a breath. He felt that, despite becoming a Hunter and being confident that he could defeat anyone in his generation, he still had no confidence against Silver. Lu Yin had never been able to see through Silver, and the man was like a fox; no one ever knew what he was thinking. Xia Luo was possibly the one person able to compare to Silver in that regard.

Upon thinking of Xia Luo, Lu Yin remembered Progenitor Chen's clones. Progenitor Chen's clones had all looked the same, but Xia Luo, Xia Jiuyou, and Xia Jiuyou's other clones all looked different from each other, though there were definitely strong similarities between them.

This was where Xia Jiuyou differed from Progenitor Chen.

It was impossible for Lu Yin to know if there was a problem with the Nine Clones Technique or if it was a matter of individual will. However, it was clear that Xia Jiuyou's spirit was greatly lacking when compared to Progenitor Chen. The ancient Progenitor had been fearless of everyone, and he had deliberately taken a different path and gone against the Daosource Sect, which had been the universal supreme power during his era. This was not something that Xia Jiuyou could do.

Lu Yin suddenly felt that Xia Luo's spirit and determination far exceeded that of Xia Jiuyou.

Silver left, though Shaman God's doll fell down not too far away from the youths.

Lu Yin walked over and picked it up. He looked at the doll's bizarre face and felt a chill inside. Before long, Shaman God's doll disintegrated.

Shaman God was one of the Seven Skygods, all of whom were among the most powerful experts in the entire universe at the moment. Although Shaman God had not entered the Progenitor realm, he had to be a Semi-Progenitor at the very least, as he was one of seven apex powerhouses that belonged to the Neohuman Alliance. Just thinking of their number of top experts gave Lu Yin a stifled feeling.

"The Neohuman Alliance really thinks highly of you. Don't pretend otherwise." Ku Lei forced himself to endure the pain so that he could sneer at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin looked over. "Believe it or not, I can knock all your teeth out right now."

"Brother Lu, why did that person call you captain just now? Do you know each other?" Hui Santong brought up this crucial question, and everyone focused on Lu Yin.

Lu Yin nodded. "His name is Silver, and he was admitted to Astral-10 in the Outerverse at the same time as me. We also went to Erudite Flowzone's border warfront together for training. At that time, he called me captain."

"And at that time, none of you realized that he was from the Specter Clan?" Lei Nü asked.

Lu Yin shook his head. "Don't even mention us students—not even Astral-10's mentors noticed anything wrong."

"That's impossible! The Astral Combat Academy's mentors are not weak, especially not Astral-10's mentors," Hui Santong blurted out as he stared at Lu Yin in disbelief.

Chapter 1175: Attitude

Upon hearing Hui Santong's words, Lu Yin merely shrugged. "I have no idea why they didn't notice anything wrong. Why don't you go and ask Astral-10's mentors?"

Hui Santong frowned. "What was Silver's strength at that time?"

"He was the same as me, and he improved at the same rate." Lu Yin replied. However, right after speaking, he felt that something was wrong with what he had just said. Lu Yin had relied on various shortcuts to raise his cultivation quickly, but he had only just become a Hunter. As for Silver? It was quite bizarre that he was already an Enlightener.

Everyone just stared at Lu Yin.

Ku Lei sneered. "You don't even have time to figure out your lies! Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum is about to close, and you'll be done for at that time!"

Lei Nü stared at Lu Yin, as she was also suspicious.

Lu Yin felt helpless, as he also did not know how to explain this matter. The truth really was that Silver had possessed the same cultivation as Lu Yin when they had first entered Astral-10, but even Lu Yin felt that Silver's improvement was impossible. He understood that anyone would think he was lying. It should be impossible for anyone to improve their strength so quickly. Lu Yin had relied on his Timestop Space to improve as quickly as he had along with other shortcuts. But what about Silver? Could he have something similar to Lu Yin's Timestop Space?

Ku Wei was off in the distance. He rubbed his head and occasionally coughed in pain as he had suffered from the battle's terrible shockwaves.

As he drew closer to everyone else, Ku Wei was able to sense that something was wrong, as everyone seemed to have deliberately surrounded Lu Yin, who looked quite upset. Ku Wei knew that it was his turn to act, so he immediately took on the role of a loyal dog and began shouting at everyone and scolding them. "How dare you! How dare you be rude to His Highness? That- Ku Lei! Hurry up and kneel in apology!"

Ku Wei spoke quickly and viciously glared at everyone as he moved behind Lu Yin.

Ku Lei stared at his clan member with eyes that made clear that he wished for Ku Wei's death. Killing intent overflowed from Ku Lei.

Ku Wei sneered and leaned towards Lu Yin.

"What is the truth? Go and make a report to the elders before passing judgment. And that's not even mentioning how Judicial Commissioner Mu En is also outside waiting," Hui Santong said. His expression was serious as he looked at Lu Yin. "Before Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum closes, I would like to ask Brother Lu to not leave our sight. Once we leave this place, we'll make an honest report to our families. If you've committed such a crime, then even if you're not being controlled by the Neohuman Alliance, you still might not be able to clear your name."

Lu Yin was just about to respond, but Ku Wei spoke up from behind. He arched a brow as he stared at Hui Santong. "Crime? What crime? Kid, do you even know who you're talking to? This is the Outerverse's Great Eastern Alliance's Alliance Leader. He's the king of the entire Outerverse. His Highness is the one who passes judgment upon others, so how could others pass judgment on His Highness? You must be blind."

Hui Santong had originally been ignoring Ku Wei, but Hui Santong was too nervous in this situation, and he could not stop himself from responding to Ku Wei, who was behaving like a loyal dog. "Shut up!"

Ku Wei raised his head even higher than before. "Shameless! Who are you telling to shut up? I am His Highness's man. Does His Highness need you to tell him what to do? Don't you have any shame?"

Hui Santong's mouth twitched. This person's mouth sure was vicious!

Lu Yin looked over at Hui Santong, and oddly enough, upon seeing Hui Santong's stifled look, Lu Yin suddenly felt very happy.

He found that there really was no need for him to speak up. Ku Wei had already said everything that needed to be said, and the current situation was not bad at all.

There were still a few days left before Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum closed, but Lu Yin's words had made everyone else suspicious of him. However, with Lu Yin's strength and talent, not even Xia Jiuyou or Lei Nü were able to stand up to him. The crowd was helpless to act against Lu Yin, so they could only surround him.

Lu Yin felt that this was fine, as this meant that he was able to peacefully enter the bubbles and browse through the memories of Progenitor Chen's clone, as there was always someone standing guard for him. Actually, everyone was standing guard for him.

He was not worried that the people present would try to find an opportunity to attack him, as the moment the tomb closed, he would face the entire Seven Courts, and there was no way he would be able to escape from them. Even Shaman God, one of the Neohuman Alliance's Seven Skygods, would find it difficult to escape from so many powerhouses. Thus, there was no need for anyone to attack Lu Yin at this time and fight in such a disadvantageous situation.

Ku Wei, on the other hand, went all out in acting the part of the loyal sycophant. He was determined to follow Lu Yin, and Ku Wei also was quite knowledgeable of the Seven Courts, particularly the Ku family.

The family viewed Ku Wei as far less valuable than Ku Lei, especially because Ku Wei's greatest gain during this trip to Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum was his new ability to take the form of a guardian giant, and it was not something that he dared to reveal. Thus, to the Ku family, Ku Wei had gained nothing at all from this trip. The Ku family would easily abandon him, and Ku Lei would be able to casually finish off Ku Wei at that time.

At this moment, Ku Wei only wanted to cling to Lu Yin. Even if there was a chance that Lu Yin was actually being manipulated by the Neohuman Alliance, what if that was not the case? With Lu Yin's talent, he would be invincible after leaving the tomb, and Ku Wei could gain power.

If it turned out that Lu Yin really was being manipulated, then only at that critical moment would Ku Wei reveal his ability to transform into a guardian giant, as being studied and examined was still better than being abandoned.

Ku Wei was very smart, and he had considered all of this the moment he had seen Lu Yin.

Also, Ku Wei had always been absolutely certain that there was some hidden superpower behind Lu Yin. Not Yuan Shi, but rather another, unknown power—that was the true support that Ku Wei wanted to rely on.

The unluckiest person during this trip to Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum was Hui Santong, who had not found the opportunity that he had hoped to find. Xie Xiaoxian was also unfortunate, as her search had also resulted in nothing.

Everyone else had searched for their own opportunities, and the results of their efforts were unknown.

Several days later, Lu Yin was immersed in yet another one of Progenitor Chen's memories. Over the past days, Lu Yin had witnessed too many battles, but occasionally, he had also seen another side of Progenitor Chen's clone when he stared at that flower garden, though Lu Yin had never found out who the clone was looking at.

A person's memories encompassed too much time. Even if Lu Yin spent one, ten, or even a hundred years in the Realm of Memories, he would only see a drop in the ocean of memories.

A beam of light appeared in the distance, indicating that Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum was closing. It was time to leave.

Ce Jiu and Yōu Qīn had both arrived at the beam of light at some point, and they had possibly been waiting there for several days already.

Lu Yin noticed them, and they looked back at Lu Yin with wary gazes.

Lu Yin did not care.

Ku Wei directed a vicious glare towards the two, looking like a mad dog.

Star energy descended, and everyone entered the beam of light before heading up towards the dark dome. The ground below them grew smaller and smaller as they flew up.

They saw a guardian giant roaring at them, and a club whistled through the air. Ku Wei paled, but none of the others cared at all. The club was unable to affect the beam of light in any way whatsoever. Everyone quickly exited the Progenitor's tomb, and they soon appeared in outer space.

Behind them, the spatial tear leading to Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum closed.

Everything that had occurred within Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum was hidden to the outside world, so all of the Seven Courts' leaders froze when they saw Lu Yin exit the tomb with the other youths.

"Lu Yin? Why were you inside Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum?" Ku Pu, the Ku family patriarch, spoke up first.

Ku Lei immediately made a report and honestly revealed everything that had happened within the tomb, particularly focusing on Silver.

All of the patriarchs and matriarchs grew apprehensive, and they turned to focus on Lu Yin.

Mu En stared at Lu Yin in surprise. "You followed someone from the Neohuman Alliance into the tomb?"

Lu Yin nodded and respectfully replied, "Junior Lu Yin greets all the seniors. I was captured by the Neohuman Alliance, who made a vain attempt to transform me with death energy. However, this junior once learned a technique that made me immune to the death energy transformation. The Neohuman

Alliance failed to discover this, so when the opportunity arose to follow one of their members to Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, I took advantage of it to escape."

"Hmph, how naive! Death energy is the source of the Specter Clan's power, and the Specter Clan has relied on their death energy to contend against my Seven Courts. Therefore, we understand death energy better than anyone else. What sort of method could possibly allow you to resist being transformed by death energy? Besides, you were captured by one of the Neohuman Alliance's Seven Skygods. Are you also claiming that you were able to hide this from one of the Skygods?" Ku Lei shouted.

At this time, Ku Wei did not dare to make a sound and was very well behaved.

Lu Yin softly replied, "That is exactly why this technique was able to deceive the Neohuman Alliance's elders and convince them that I had been successfully transformed."

Ku Lei was about to continue, but he was stopped by Ku Pu, who fixed a harsh glare onto Lu Yin.

"Regardless of whether or not the death energy succeeded in transforming you, tell me this. How did the Neohuman Alliance manage to get into Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum?"

Everyone looked at Lu Yin curiously.

If the Neohuman Alliance was able to casually enter the tomb, then what was the point in them all standing guard here? Throughout all of history, there had never been a time when people from the Neohuman Alliance had entered the tomb.

Lu Yin said, "With a sourcebox array."

"Impossible." The Yōu matriarch, Yōu Kexin, was the first to deny such a possibility. "No matter how magical sourcebox arrays may be, it's impossible to magically transfer people into Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum unless the location is already known."

Lu Yin replied, "This is something that I am not certain of, as Shaman God was the one who arranged the array. Once we entered the tomb, Silver mentioned that they had used this sourcebox array before and that it was the Teleportation Formation from True Insight."

You Ke Xin was shocked and looked at the other family leaders.

The eyes of the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Seven Courts all showed complicated thoughts. If the words Lu Yin spoke were true, then someone among them had colluded with the Neohuman Alliance.

"Shut up! This is the Neohuman Alliance's entire goal, isn't it? They sent you here to disrupt the unity of my Seven Courts, and even more importantly, to raise the suspicions of the Hall of Honor's Judicial Commissioner!" Xia Yi shouted.

Mu En's gaze swept across the area, and he did not know what to think.

Hui Zhi mentioned, "This is also a possibility."

Ce Laoyan commented, "Indeed, trying to stir up internal discord within our Seven Courts is somewhat despicable."

Xie Hua smiled gently. "My Seven Courts have been united for so many years, and we will not be destroyed by just a few words. What are you all so concerned about?"

Yōu Kexin coldly said, "His words are not merely for our ears." After this, she looked over at Mu En.

Mu En laughed. "The Hall of Honor will not become suspicious of people just because of a few words from a junior. You all don't need to take this to heart."

Although the Judicial Commissioner had said this, the Hall of Honor's attitude towards the Neohuman Alliance was that it was better to wrongly kill an innocent person than to risk letting a guilty party escape. Although the Hall of Honor was apprehensive of the Seven Courts, it was guaranteed that there would be a secret investigation.

Xia Yi eyes fixed a cold stare onto Lu Yin. "Junior, you must take responsibility for your words, and I'm afraid you won't be able to bear the results."

Lu Yin looked over at Xia Yi and locked eyes with him. "This junior is only responsible for conveying what I heard. As for whether or not it is true, that has nothing to do with this junior."

"You need to first gain a greater understanding of what you are doing."

Lu Yin was fearless. "Can't you see it for yourself? Or are you also admitting that someone within your families may be cooperating with the Neohuman Alliance?"

Xia Yi's eyes grew sharp, and he slapped out with a palm. Mu En suddenly blocked the attack before it could strike Lu Yin, easily dissolving Xia Yi's attack. Mu En's expression was solemn. "Patriarch Xia, have mercy."

Xia Yi angrily retorted, "Commissioner Mu En, this person suddenly appeared from within Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum. This place belongs to my Seven Courts, and it is up to us how to handle this matter."

Mu En replied, "This junior is one of Eversky Island's disciples as well as the Cosmic Sect's disciple and the ruler of the Outerverse. Does Patriarch Xia really intend to stir up irreparable harm because of a few words from a junior?"

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Xia Yi responded in a glacial tone, saying, "My Seven Courts is not afraid of Eversky Island."

"There is no need for any of this. Whether or not this child has been controlled by the Neohuman Alliance is something that must be tested by the Hall of Honor, so he needs to go there. Additionally, if he is indeed free of the Neohuman Alliance's manipulations, then his talent means that he will definitely become a pillar of the Fifth Mainland."

"I do not need him to protect my Seven Courts! A mere child just spoke to me in such a rude manner, and he may well grow up to be an enemy rather than a friend in the future."

"A child is nothing but a child. Why would Patriarch Xia be so concerned?"

"I can agree to not killing him, but he must be taught a lesson as a warning to others."

Xia Yi was determined to harm Lu Yin. Upon seeing the Xia family patriarch's stance, Lu Yin frowned and clenched his fists. He looked over at Xia Jiuyou and saw that Xia Jiuyou looked calm, as though none of this was important. This person was the Xia family's patriarch, someone who would not even spare his own son and who raised his children with a compulsion to train. He was utterly ruthless.

"Brother Xia, why must you make things difficult for a junior? This child spoke some words, but he did not mean to cross Brother Xia. Perhaps things were triggered by the Neohuman Alliance." Hui Zhi spoke up, stopping Xia Yi.

Xia Yi looked over at Hui Zhi, wondering why he was speaking up for Lu Yin.

Lu Yin also looked at Hui Zhi.

Hui Zhi looked back at Lu Yin. Hui Santong was standing behind his patriarch.

Lu Yin realized that Hui Santong must have already shared the information about Hui Kong with Hui Zhi.

Mu En spoke up again, saying, "This child is a five star intermediate Lockbreaker from the Lockbreaker Society. Patriarch Xia should consider giving face to old Geoffrey. Even if that old man does not give face to others, he is still very protective. This child, as the ruler of the Outerverse, helped out the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, and he can be considered to have done Geoffrey a favor."

Xia Yi's eyes narrowed. Eversky Island and the Lockbreaker Society were both known to be quite overprotective, and although Xia Yi could deal with Eversky Island, the Lockbreaker Society was different.

That group of Lockbreakers were capable of doing anything.

Yōu Kexin glanced at Lu Yin in surprise. "You're a five star Intermediate Lockbreaker?"

Lu Yin answered, "Yes."

Yōu Kexin's expression suddenly changed. "In that case, Brother Xia, just let him go for now and don't bother with him."

Xia Yi was left speechless, as people here were already moving to protect their own. Yōu Kexin was also a Lockbreaker, and she had even studied with Geoffrey. Thus, she often and readily protected fellow Lockbreakers.

The more senior the Lockbreaker, the more they would be protected by the society. After all, only Lockbreakers could understand what their fellow Lockbreakers faced, and they had a tradition of protecting their own.

When Lu Yin had first joined the Lockbreaker Society, he had indeed made the right choice. The society had helped him numerous times over the years.

Xia Yi stared at Lu Yin. "Junior, watch your words in the future."

Lu Yin and Xia Yi stared at each other, neither showing any fear.

Mu En looked at Lu Yin. "Why aren't you apologizing to the Xia patriarch? These people are elders, and you should address them in a proper manner."

Lu Yin felt helpless, but he also knew that Mu En was trying to help him. "Patriarch Xia, this junior spoke rashly."

Xia Yi coldly snorted and placed his hands behind his back.

As the patriarch who was the head of the Seven Courts, Xia Yi had far more details to consider when acting than the other family leaders. Maintaining the stability of the Seven Courts was the most important matter to him, and he was naturally greatly concerned with Lu Yin's words. Lu Yin could only think of two motivations behind the patriarch's reaction, and although one was the patriarch's proper duty as the chief of the Xia family, the other was that they might be colluding with the Neohuman Alliance, as the most suspect family was the Xia family. Otherwise, the patriarch's reaction would not have been so exaggerated.

Whatever the reason for the patriarch's reaction, it was none of Lu Yin's business.

"Did you absorb Progenitor Chen's blood while within the tomb?" Hui Zhi suddenly asked.

Lu Yin nodded affirmatively.

"In that case, the phenomena from someone breaking through to the Hunter realm was you?" Ce Laoyan asked.

Lu Yin was confused. "Phenomena? This junior couldn't say."

"It was him," Ce Jiu confirmed, as all of the other youths had seen it.

The crowd was amazed, and Mu En sighed. "What an amazing phenomena. It would be wonderful if you are not under the Neohuman Alliance's control."

Lu Yin pursed his lips. "This junior is truly not being controlled, and I am willing to be tested."

Mu En laughed. "That's good."

"Judicial Commissioner, don't listen to him! Perhaps the Neohuman Alliance has developed a way for him to pass the test." Ku Lei could not stop himself from speaking up.

Lu Yin looked at the young man like he was an idiot.

Ku Pu slapped Ku Lei across the head. "Shut up! The Hall of Honor is not something that you can order about."

Ku Lei could not understand what he had said wrong.

Ku Wei forced himself to stifle his laughter.

Mu En was not concerned. "Children are just children. There's no need for Patriarch Ku to be so serious," he said, but he did direct a serious look at Ku Lei. "My Hall of Honor will always suppress the Neohuman Alliance, and no matter what means they may develop, it is impossible for someone to cheat the test. This is something that my Hall of Honor can guarantee."

Ku Lei finally realized what he had said wrong, as it had been improper for him to publicly underestimate the Hall of Honor, as that promoted the strength of the Neohuman Alliance.

The elders gathered around and wanted to ask Lu Yin many things, such as what he had experienced after being taken, as well as what changes he had undergone after absorbing Progenitor Chen's blood, not to mention the location of the Neohuman Alliance's headquarters. There was much more they wanted to say, but they were all stopped by Mu En, except for a question that Xie Ahua posed, which Mu En allowed.

"You said that the child from the Specter Clan was admitted to Astral-10 in the Outerverse at the same time as you, yes? And that he had the same cultivation as you at that time?" Xie Ahua asked.

This question was what had triggered everyone's suspicions of Lu Yin.

Lu Yin replied, "Yes. If you seniors are suspicious, you can ask Astral-10's mentors. This junior is not lying."

In a complicated tone, Xie Ahua said, "It is actually possible that this situation regarding Silver is not that complicated, though this means that the Specter Clan will reappear."

Lu Yin grew curious.

All of the juniors looked over at Xie Ahua.

Actually, even Yōu Kexin, Ce Laoyan were puzzled.

When it came to knowledge of the Specter Clan, no one had a better understanding than the Xie family.

Xie Ahua explained, "Each time someone from the Specter Clan breaks through to a new realm, they are reborn, allowing them to remove their bones and recultivate with death energy, which allows their physique to grow stronger. This is somewhat similar to the Nine Clones Technique, but it is a completely different method. The reason why my Xie family and the Specter Clan are nemeses is because their bones are the best material for our cultivation technique.

"However, members of the Specter Clan are typically only able to remove their bones once they become Enlighteners, and only after a period of time will they fuse back together with their bones, which increases their strength several fold. If this Silver was able to molt his bones at such a young age, then he might actually be even more powerful than you believe."

Lu Yin was not surprised by this warning at all, as he did not really know how strong Silver was, and Lu Yin had never seen Silver go all out either. Instead, he always used a butterfly knife with a calm and relaxed look. Thinking about it would actually give one chills.

Xia Luo was the exact opposite. He was gentle to everyone and felt like a breeze, as though everything was under his control. But at the same time, no one ever knew what Xia Luo was thinking.

Silver and Xia Luo had both visited Earth. One of them cultivated the Specter Clan's techniques and had developed his skeleton while the other cultivated the Nine Clones Technique.

Lu Yin felt the two were strange, as though they were opposite sides of the same coin.

That said, many of the people who had participated in that trial on Earth were not simple: Lulu Mavis, Lu Yin, Silver, Xia Luo, and that was not even mentioning the people who had disappeared into Jupiter, Zhang Dingtian and Bai Xue. There was also Liu Shaoge, who had stayed in the Outerverse.

Earth had produced an eccentric group of gifted individuals.

Even though the Seven Courts were one of the Three Dark Hands, they had been given that title due to their control of Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum.

When it came to actually dealing with the Neohuman Alliance, the Hall of Honor had always remained as the master of the Human Domain.

The leaders of the Seven Courts had many questions that they wished to ask Lu Yin, but in the end, Lu Yin was taken away by Mu En. Lu Yin needed to be tested, and if he failed the test, he would be instantly eliminated by the Hall of Honor.

Ku Wei wanted to follow along, but Ku Lei had already reported Ku Wei's actions to Ku Pu, and Ku Pu did not even give Ku Wei the opportunity to speak.

Lu Yin was being taken away to be tested, and he would not be able to contact the outside world during this time, let alone take along someone like Ku Wei. Still, Mu En had told Lu Yin that people from Eversky Island would definitely be present for the testing, which put Lu Yin's mind at ease.

Mu En took Lu Yin to the Hall of Honor. At the same time that this was happening, Tian Shao was standing atop the Astral River Ark, looking towards the far-off Outerverse that he was about to enter.

The news of the people from the Sixth Mainland moving into the Outerverse in the future was something that very, very few people were aware of.

Tian Shao's current goal was to take advantage of the Outerverse and gain accolades that would improve his ability to climb ranks within the Hall of Honor.

Holding the position of ruler of the Outerverse would be quite the record, and it would allow him to stand out brilliantly.

Few people in the Innerverse were aware of Tian Shao's identity, but he had deliberately informed the people of the Blaze Realm as a means of highlighting his influence. Due to this, the Blaze Realm had sent along many experts with Tian Shao for his protection even though he did not need any protection.

"Tian Shao, here is your rod," said a Blaze Realm powerhouse as he handed over a fishing rod.

Tian Shao took the rod. He had heard that one could fish within the Astral River many times, and he had long since wanted to try it for himself.

Many people said that fishing in the Astral River was dangerous and that it was not something to attempt before becoming an Enlighter, but Tian Shao was not concerned. After all, there were two experts near him who each had a power level exceeding 400,000, and this was only the Astral River.

No one was able to clearly see through the energies of the Astral River, and one would need quite a bit of luck to catch a few of the odd creatures.

There was a middle-aged man some distance away who was also fishing. His expression was dark, and he looked quite solemn.

Ever since the Great Eastern Alliance had returned the Astral River Ark, it had been operated normally, and the Innerverse and Outerverse could be considered as reconnected. However, due to the Hall of Honor's interference, no one from the Innerverse had made any attempts to stir up trouble for the Great Eastern Alliance so far.

"Young man, good luck catching a fish." The solemn looking man looked over at Tian Shao and smiled as he encouraged the youth.

Tian Shao arrogantly replied, "It's only fishing in the Astral River; it's nothing much."

The solemn looking man's expression instantly fell, and he stopped talking.

Tian Shao simply ignored the man, but an old man spoke up from behind the youth. "Young master, that man is not weak."

Tian Shao was surprised. "Not weak? How strong is he?" .

The old man glanced over at the solemn-faced man. "A conservative estimate of his power level would be over 300,000."

Tian Shao was shocked. "It's possible to randomly run into such a strong person in a barbaric place like the Innerverse or Outerverse?"

As he spoke, he glanced over at his fellow fisherman before saying to the old man, "Invite that old red monster to come out."

Soon, an expert from the Blaze Realm appeared. He was Monster Chi, an expert with a power level of more than 400,000, though he was still extremely respectful when speaking to the youth sent by the Hall of Honor. "Tian Shao, you called for me?"

Tian Shao smiled, and the old man explained what had just happened.

Monster Chi glanced at the solemn-faced man who was some distance away, and then explained to Tian Shao, "There is a group who spend all year fishing in the Astral River due to their interest in the creatures that live there. They call themselves the Anglers Club."

"So that's how it is." Tian Shao quickly understood. Someone capable of fishing in the Astral River naturally was not weak, but Tian Shao did not hold such people in high regard. After all, there were numerous experts in the Neoverse whose power levels exceeded 300,00 or 400,000.

Chapter 1177: News

The Innerverse and Outerverse were not very far from each other, and soon, the Outerverse was in sight.

Tian Shao grew excited, as this was when he would stop living the life of a wastrel squandering money. From this moment forth, he would step onto the platform that would catapult him into the upper levels of the Hall of Honor. This road would be incredibly difficult, but Tian Shao's grandfather, Bu Laoweng, was one of the nine overseers and had already paved the way for his grandson. Tian Shao had only been missing an opportunity, and that opportunity had finally arrived.

Monster Chi's face betrayed the complex emotions surging within his heart as he looked at the Outerverse once again. Last time he had visited the Outerverse, he had thought that he would be able to single-handedly suppress the Great Eastern Alliance, but to his surprise, Lu Yin had brought out an Envoy. Not only had their entire forces been captured, but the Astral River Ark had also been seized. If not for the fact that Lu Yin had been captured by the Neohuman Alliance, the ark would have still been under the Outerverse's control.

The reason why Monster Chi had been able to return to the Blaze Realm was because the Hall of Honor had spoken up and demanded that the Great Eastern Alliance return the Astral River Ark. Monster Chi had agreed to accompany Tian Shao not only to return the favor that he owed the Hall of Honor, but also to personally watch as the Great Eastern Alliance that Lu Yin had painstakingly established be snatched by another. What a delightful experience.

At this moment, there was a shout of surprise, and Tian Shao and the others looked back to see that the middle-aged fisherman was laughing excitedly. He had caught a fruit fish.

Fruit fish were quite precious, as their flavor would always be the most delicious fruit that a person had ever eaten, and each bite contained an addictive taste. This was one of the most coveted fish that could be caught in the Astra River, and it was generally very difficult to catch one of them. Many people had been known to venture deep into the Astral River in hopes of catching one.

The fisherman had not expected his luck to be good enough to catch a fruit fish today.

Tian Shao looked at the fruit fish in surprise. "That's unexpected, a fruit fish. I haven't eaten one in a long time. Go and buy it."

Behind him, the old man respectfully assented and walked towards the black-faced man.

The black-faced man excitedly put away the fruit fish, but upon seeing the old man come over, the fisherman's face grew cold, and he turned to leave.

The old man's figure flickered over in front of the fisherman. "How much for the fruit fish?"

The man stiffly replied, "It's not for sale."

The old man repeated, "How much for the fruit fish?"

The fisherman frowned. "I said no."

The old man's brows rose. "Young man, you should think things through before speaking."

As he spoke, a terrifying pressure fell upon the fisherman, but the pressure was only limited to a few meters around the man, enveloping only him.

The middle-aged man had a power level of more than 300,000, but he was frozen still when facing the old man, as the elder's power level had clearly exceeded 400,000.

Some distance away, Monster Chi had a scornful expression. This child was from the peak of the Neoverse, so the youth's protector was extremely powerful.

The middle-aged man's face grew extremely ugly. Not only did the members of the Anglers Club fish to eat their catches, but they also did so as a way to show off their abilities. When the fisherman had been invited to provide a fruit fish for the Daynight clan for their Daynight Feast, he had only done so because he had been absolutely certain that no one would be able to eat it. He had been confident that not only would he be able to eat the fish, but that he would also receive full compensation from the Daynight clan.

Unfortunately, that fish had ultimately been eaten by a junior, which gave the fisherman great regret. At this moment, he had just been lucky enough to catch another fruit fish before running into this situation.

"I have a great need for this fruit fish. If you want one, I can keep fishing longer," the man said.

The old man raised a hand and pressed down on the fisherman's shoulder. "For the last time, how much for the fruit fish?"

The middle-aged man gritted his teeth. He had been rendered helpless after being subjected to this old man's terrifying pressure. In the end, the fisherman sighed.

Not a moment later, the old man returned to his young charge.

Tian Shao was dissatisfied. "So slow?"

"My apologies, Tian Shao," the old man respectfully responded.

Tian Shao snorted coldly and glanced over at the fisherman, who coincidentally was looking over at that moment.

Tian Shao smiled coldly as the corners of his mouth curled into a disdainful arc. The Innerverse and Outerverse were both savage territories in his mind, so he was completely unconcerned about how he treated people here. As this thought ran through his mind, the Astral River Ark docked.

The fisherman spat in disgust as he watched Tian Shao and the others leave, though the fisherman did not dare to say a single word. That old man was far stronger than him, and if that elder was acting as the youth's protector, then there was no way the young man had a simple background. "You better not fall into Lao Zi's hands in the future, or else I'll use you for fish bait."

After venting his anger, the man despondently returned to his fishing.

After exiting the Astral River Ark, Tian Shao's face grew dark, even uglier than the fisherman's. No one in the Outerverse had appeared to greet him.

He was the person who had been sent to take control of the Great Eastern Alliance on behalf of Bu Laoweng, which meant that Tian Shao was about to rule the highest power in the entire Outerverse, and he could even be said to be the ruler of the Outerverse. Whatever power Lu Yin had held before, that was the authority that Tian Shao had been given.

Despite that, there was no one present to greet him.

"Did you not notify the Great Eastern Alliance of my arrival?" Tian Shao asked in a low voice, his expression icy.

The old man respectfully replied, "They were notified."

Tian Shao clenched a fist and stared out into the vast darkness of the Outerverse. "Pass down an order to convene a meeting with the entire alliance."

"Yes, Tian Shao," the old man answered.

Monster Chi looked out at the Outerverse and spoke up. "Tian Shao, the Outerverse is basically a wasteland, so the people here probably know nearly nothing of the Neoverse, and they may not have even heard of it at all. They do not know what you represent, and they might even hold those Innerverse powers in greater respect than you. You can only say that they are ignorant."

Monster Chi's words greatly comforted Tian Shao.

When Bu Laoweng had initially tried to take control of the Great Eastern Alliance, the alliance had not paid any heed to his order. It was only after Bu Laoweng used the Innerverse to threaten the Outerverse that the Great Eastern Alliance had become submissive and allowed one of the nine overseers to take charge of them. However, at this moment, the members of the Great Eastern Alliance were demonstrating their rebellious attitude

"Young Master Tian, there is nobody here to receive us," the old man returned and mentioned casually, as though it had nothing to do with him.

Tian Shao was infuriated. "This must be because of the remnants that Lu Yin left behind! Go! Take me to the Great Yu Empire."

The old man spoke up to refute the order. "Tian Shao, the Great Yu Empire is one place we cannot go."

"Why?" Tian Shao was upset.

The old man calmly explained, "When the Hall of Honor took control of the Great Yu Empire, Eversky Island became quite upset with us, but because of the overall situation, they were unable to object. However, this was accepted under the condition that Frostwave Weave, the surrounding weaves, and everything within them is under their protection. They have promised to protect everyone who is related to Lu Yin, so if you go to the Great Yu Empire to cause trouble, then not only will this violate the promise made by the Hall of Honor, but you will also aggravate Eversky Island. Leon's Armada is present here in the Outerverse, and the Great Yu Empire is still supported by Starfall Sea's Lan family, as well as the people from the Sea King's Dome."

Upon seeing that his charge was still upset, the old man continued, saying, "There are Envoys among the people from the Sea King's Dome."

Tian Shao was frustrated. He had only just arrived in the Outerverse, but he was already feeling stifled, and hatred for Lu Yin began to blossom in his heart. Originally, there was nothing between Lu Yin and Tian Shao at all, and Bu Laoweng had even advised his grandson to befriend Lu Yin if they ever met. However, Lu Yin had been captured by the Neohuman Alliance, and although Tian Shao was genuinely grateful towards Lu Yin for providing him with this opportunity, at this moment, Tian Shao was finally discovering how difficult it was to deal with Lu Yin's legacy.

Lu Yin was gone, but the power that he left behind frightened Tian Shao, and what's more, it even frightened his grandfather. If Lu Yin had survived, then he would be an absolute powerhouse within the younger generation, but fortunately, he had been captured by the Neohuman Alliance. At this point, even if Lu Yin returned, he would be destroyed and treated as an enemy of humanity.

Monster Chi stood silently to the side. He had been tasked by the Blaze Realm to keep Tian Shao safe and to demonstrate the Blaze Realm's position.

After the Daynight Flowzone had been practically overturned by Lu Yin, the Daynight clan had lost all hope of entering the Neoverse. So, the Blaze Realm had shifted their allegiances over to Tian Shao. If they successfully befriended him, then they might regain an opportunity to enter the Neoverse.

The nine overseers each held a great deal of power.

Even after considering the situation for half a day, Tian Shao's face remained crestfallen. "Release word that the Outerverse will soon be taken over by the Sixth Mainland."

The old man was startled. "That secret has not been revealed yet. If word of this leaks out, will the overseers be upset?"

Tian Shao waved a hand. "It's fine. These people will find out sooner or later, and one of the reasons why we're here is to pass over the western regions of the Outerverse to the Sixth Mainland. This matter can't be kept hidden."

The old man nodded. "Very well."

In Ironblood Weave, Wang Wen scratched his head as he helplessly looked out at the starry sky. "Chesspiece bro, we were just getting started and moving on to bigger and greater things. How could you have disappeared? This is truly infuriating, as we had only just begun to move. We should have realized that those top families from the Innaverse would not fall so easily and that you wouldn't be allowed to go to the Neoverse. We moved too early, but I guess that we can only blame you for blazing too brightly. You were the only one that the Neohuman Alliance grabbed, so you really can only blame yourself, ah..."

At this time, his gadget beeped with a notification. Wang Wen looked down at it, and his expression changed completely. "How is this possible?"

On Zenyu Star, Wei Rong was equally shocked, and a rarely seen expression appeared on his face, as he was absolutely stunned. Was the Outerverse really going to be given over to the Sixth Mainland?!

At this moment, Wang Wen called, and Wei Rong answered. "Did you see the news?"

Wei Rong answered in a low voice, "I saw, but is it true?"

"No one would dare to joke about such a thing. This information comes from the grandson of one of the nine overseers, Bu Laoweng, and he publicly released the information. We can be sure that it's true," Wang Wen replied.

Wei Rong lifted his head to look at the sky, gazing at the three mainlands that circled the planet. This news would quickly spread, and it would terrify the entire Outerverse. This young man was too bold, or did he just not care about the Outerverse in any manner?

"This person from the Neoverse has no restraint, and he will say anything he wants to. Once this news spreads, the consequences will be dire, but the changes will work to his advantage. At the very least, there will be many who will agree to attend the alliance meeting he is calling for," Wang Wen commented.

Wei Rong spoke, "Since he released this news while also calling for an alliance meeting, it means that he has the means of gaining some supporters, and they will back him at this meeting."

"He wants to come here to the Outerverse to build his credentials at a young age. He certainly has guts," Wang Wen said.

"I'll attend the alliance meeting," said Wei Rong.

"Ok."

In the Vastdearth Sect, the sect leader, Meng Tianlong, stood up in shock. Just as Wang Wen had mentioned, there was no one who would joke about such a claim, and Tian Shao's identity as an elite from the Neoverse meant that he could not afford to play around with such claims. If he had released the news, then it had to be true.

"Sect Leader, if this is true, then what should we do?" Elder Huaqiao's face had gone pale. The Vastdearth Sect had existed in the Outerverse for far too long, and if they left, they would have nowhere to go. However, if they did not leave, they would end up under the thumb of the Sixth Mainland.

They knew almost nothing about the Sixth Mainland other than the war and the invasions. Many members of the Vastdearth Sect had joined the Outerverse's defensive efforts, and there was no way to know if the Sixth Mainland's people would take advantage of this situation to pay back the grudges from those battles.

Meng Tianlong truly could not understand this news; why would a force that had originally been mortal enemies with the Human Domain suddenly take over the Outerverse. And on top of that, why was the Hall of Honor agreeing? Meng Tianlong could not understand this, but there was no one who could explain things to him; all he had received was the announcement.

"We must join this alliance meeting. This young man from the Neoverse is using this announcement to force us to attend the meeting, so he must have some sort of solution," Elder Huaqiao urged.

Meng Tianlong sighed and helplessly nodded. As long as they joined this new alliance, the Great Eastern Alliance would continue to exist. They would merely be under the control of a young man, so what was the difference from when Lu Yin had united the Outerverse?

They had thought that they would be free after Lu Yin disappeared, but that possibility now seemed incredibly distant.

Chapter 1178: Honor Zone

As far as most people were concerned, the fact that Lu Yin had essentially prepared a dowry for someone else by uniting the Outerverse was something that was both ridiculous and pathetic.

In the Mordo Weave, at the Neo-Vestige Sect, Gong Ling incredulously stared at his gadget. This news was absolutely shocking.

"Sect Master, could this be fake? Could Tian Shao be trying to trick us into attending his meeting?" Gong Chou asked.

Gong Ling shook his head. "This can't be fake. He wouldn't dare to do such a thing."

Gong Chou's face grew ugly. "If really is true, then where will our Neo-Vestige Sect go? There will be no place for us in the Outerverse, and we cannot easily enter the Innaverse either. No matter where we go, we will be suppressed and dominated by others."

Gong Ling softly replied, "We will go to the alliance meeting. I would like to see what this young master has prepared in order to coerce into joining this alliance and to resolve this matter."

Gong Chou nodded. "Yes."

Gong Ling looked back at the announcement, and he thought of Lu Yin. Lu Yin had managed to climb to the top from the very bottom, step by step. He had worked hard and survived through numerous life and death hardships, but he had never been able to defeat the Outerverse with a simple message. This was the power of those from the Neoverse, the core of the entire Human Domain. Even if Lu Yin had become the master of the Outerverse, so what? He had still been captured like that.

The incident with Lu Yin solidified Gong Ling's fear of the Neoverse, and he realized that ordinary people could not even enter that place.

The news that Tian Shao publicized shook the entire Outerverse, and every single power began deliberating, only to ultimately decide to attend the meeting. This was true of even Millions City, the Dark Phoenix Clan, the people from the Sea King's Dome, and the Lan family.

The Starfall Sea still had not recovered from the Sixth Mainland's invasion, and as a result, many of their forces had decided to stay in the Outerverse for a period of time as instructed by the Hall of Honor. But in truth, the Starfall Sea was already gone; the black hole that had ravaged the area had created a barrier starting from the Neoverse, going across the Cosmic Sea, and through the Innaverse. Half of the Starfall Sea had originally been connected to the Sixth Mainland, so it had been sundered apart when the barrier appeared. Otherwise, there would have still been a bridge to the Sixth Mainland.

They were destined to remain in the Outerverse.

Upon seeing the replies from the Outerverse's major powers, the corners of Tian Shao's mouth curled up. "They're actually choosing to take the difficult way out. That's fine. Simply giving them a promise will allow my time here to pass smoothly. Whether or not these locals live or die has nothing to do with me. Once we're done here, please invite the Azure Mansion over. It's time for me to taste the Flower Queen."

Behind him, Monster Chi adopted a respectful appearance. The power and information that Tian Shao possessed was not something that could be compared to the resources of the Innaverse or

Outerverse—no one in the Innerverse had even been aware that the Outerverse had been ceded to the Sixth Mainland. This showed the sheer difference in the level of information that they had access to.

However, the Innerverse would soon receive the news as well, and the shock that would ripple through the region at that time would be no less than what the Outerverse was currently experiencing. The Blaze Realm would also need to find some way to retreat as soon as possible. After all, once the Outerverse was taken over by the Sixth Mainland, the Blaze Realm would be the closest Innerverse power to that foreign power.

Upon thinking of the border war between the Outerverse and the Sixth Mainland and the Sixth Mainland's invasion of the Innerverse, Monster Chi felt a chill run down his spine. When it came to facing the Sixth Mainland, the Blaze Realm was merely an ant that could be swatted to death at a whim.

They had to find a way out of this dilemma, and clinging to Tian Shao was one possible shortcut.

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Elsewhere, Mu En led Lei Nü, Shu Jing, and Lu Yin out of the Neoverse's southern region, which was where the Seven Courts were located. They followed along the soil road and soon entered the Honor Zone.

Back when he had first entered the Neoverse, Lu Yin had been very curious about the Honor Zone. Just how on earth could such a large landmass exist in the universe? This piece of land covered nearly half of the Neoverse, but it was apparently just a relatively well-preserved fragment of the original Fifth Mainland.

Lu Yin could only imagine the full size of the Honor Zone.

Within a eonlight-grade Aurora, Lu Yin watched as the stars flew past them outside. Lu Yin could not actually see the stars, as everything was a light show due to the speed at which they were traveling. The vessel trembled slightly and then a light appeared in front of them. They had arrived at the Honor Zone.

Lu Yin could not describe his feelings at this moment, but it came with a realization of just how small people truly were.

The Honor Zone was a giant landmass, but it was impossible to see its end.

The moment they entered the Honor Zone, Lu Yin's body sank down, as the gravity in this place greatly exceeded that of the outside world. Additionally, the space in this place was also different.

Lu Yin raised a hand and unleashed an attack with a power level that surpassed 200,000, attempting to tear through space, but it felt impossible.

When Shu Jing saw Lu Yin's action, he commented, "The Honor Zone is the most well-preserved portion of the original Fifth Mainland, and it has the same spatial stability as the original Fifth Mainland. Thus, it's quite difficult to tear through the void here, unless you're capable of unleashing attacks whose power levels exceed 300,000."

Lu Yin instantly understood. There were many places with different levels of spatial stability, especially in places where people were afraid of enemies teleporting in by traveling through the void. Within the Honor Zone, attack had to have a power level of at least 300,000 to tear space, and Lu Yin believed that

if someone wanted to tear through the void to enter the Honor Zone, then they would have to be a powerhouse above the Envoy realm or at least an Envoy with special methods.

Inexplicably, he felt chills, as though he was being observed by an expert he could not escape from. Lu Yin moved over to a window and looked out into the sky. There, he observed unconcealed rune lines that represented exceptional strength shooting straight up into the sky in all four directions.

Lu Yin realized that they must be passing through a portal at that moment, and he could imagine that there were powerhouses protecting every corner of the Honor Zone. And since their perception covered such an enormous area, they had to be super powerhouses.

Lu Yin had expected the Honor Zone to be very prosperous or at least highly populated. However, upon arriving, he was greeted by a bleak and desolate land that was so vast that he could not see its end.

There was a dark, boundless starry sky up above them, and from time to time, huge creatures would fly by, stirring up hurricanes in their paths.

Lu Yin saw all kinds of rune lines appear around him. These rune lines came from not only people, but also from the various creatures around them.

They heard a low roar as they were exiting the ship. Mu En left first while Lu Yin, Lei Nü, and Shu Jing all followed behind him and saw a huge creature off in the distance. It was tens of thousands of meters long, and each step it took sent shockwaves flying through the air and ground, shattering the land beneath it.

Lu Yin was amazed. This creature was shaped like a cow, but it was covered in a thick layer of wool, and it had curved horns on either side of its head that linked up to create the outline of a heart. Although the creature's rune lines were enough to match up to an Enlighter with a power level of 300,000, the beast looked quite docile, which made for a bizarre juxtaposition given the beast's powerful and massive size.

However, the beast's size alone warranted its number of rune lines.

"That's an ancient cniu, and they are used for transportation within the Honor Zone because the space here is too stable, resulting in many unpredictable changes. It is not suitable to travel in a spacecraft here as it is too easy to suffer an accident. Thus, these ancient cniu are our best forms of transportation, as they are fast, have a robust defense, and can even give ample warning before powerful foes arrive. Although it looks powerful, they have no offensive prowess and can only passively defend," explained Shu Jing.

Lu Yin looked at the cniu that approached them step by step; was this thing running along?

Mu En looked at Lu Yin. "Let's go to the Hall of Honor."

Lu Yin nodded and took a deep breath. He was finally going to visit the seat of power that sat atop the entire Human Domain. This was the gathering place of the most powerful force in the entire domain, and it was also the base for the Hall of Honor's enforcers and even the Lockbreaker Society. This was the core of the Human Domain.

The cniu was very docile, and it allowed Mu En and the four youths to climb on top of its wide back. After all, it was tens of thousands of meters long, and a luxurious estate had been built on its back.

While the four youths entered the residence, the cniu let out a low hiss before turning to face in a different direction and stepping forward. Lu Yin merely felt the scenery around him shift before he suddenly realized that they were no longer in the same place.

He froze; this was too fast! Starry mountains had appeared on either side, but they disappeared as fast as they had appeared, being replaced by an endless sea. A low roar echoed outside, but the sea had already disappeared.

It had crossed the sea with one step.

Mu En looked at Lu Yin and revealed a faint smile. "How is it? This is the Honor Zone, and this is your first time here, correct?"

Lu Yin nodded and said, "It's different from what I had imagined."

Mu En felt curious. "How so?"

Lu Yin replied, "I thought that there would be many people living here in large cities or floating planets. However, it really is just a vast landmass that's actually desolate in nature."

Mu En laughed. "Desolate? That's simply because this landmass is far too vast. An ordinary person would not be able to climb to the peak of even a single mountain after a lifetime. An Explorer would struggle to travel from one mountain to the next, and a Hunter would face similar difficulties trying to cross a single sea. Did you ever consider that the various planets in outer space might have been torn from this landmass?"

This was the first time that Lu Yin had heard such a theory, and he instinctively wanted to deny it. After all, outer space was impossibly vast, and even if this landmass was bigger, it should still be impossible for fragments of it to form all of the various planets. However, after considering the matter, Lu Yin remained silent.

No one knew how the universe had been formed, and although there were various theories, the existence of cultivation civilizations, technological civilizations, and others had disproven just as many various theories. Could Mu En have just shared the Hall of Honor's own speculations?

"As for you saying that this place is devoid of people, that's merely because you cannot see them," Mu En added on.

Lu Yin felt confused. "Can't see them? Is that because we're traveling too fast?"

Mu En shook his head. "I can't tell you, but I'll point it out to you when I see it."

"Thank you, Lord Commissioner." Lu Yin felt grateful.

Mu En asked with evident emotion in his voice, "Do you carry any resentment in your heart?."

Lu Yin felt stunned, and he gave Mu En a serious look. "No."

Mu En and Lu Yin looked at each other for a moment, and the Judicial Commissioner's smile faded. "If you were someone else, that might be impossible. But you, you have experienced far too much, and you understand the cruelty of survival in this universe. Although you do not bear any resentment, I still want to say a few words to you." After a pause, Mu En continued, saying, "The Cosmic Five were originally conceived as a ploy, and the survival of the Fifth Mainland hinged upon the success of this scheme. Shattering the Mountain and Seas Zone was something that the Neohuman Alliance could never have imagined we would be willing to do no matter the situation. And in a plot like this, everyone is a mere pawn, both you and us ourselves."

"The Mountain and Seas Zone exploded?" Lu Yin exclaimed in disbelief.

Mu En was bewildered. "You didn't know?"

Lu Yin shook his head. "This junior was in Aeternus Nation and never heard any news."

Mu En nodded. "So that's how it is."

He then spoke some more, sharing selective bits of information to share with Lu Yin, though Mu En's knowledge was also limited. Still, Lu Yin learned a great deal, and he also learned something else: when it came to the Neohuman Alliance, the Sixth Mainland had been horribly unlucky.

Lu Yin took a long time to digest what he had learned. It was no wonder why Mu En had said that the entire thing had been a ploy.

During the Sixth Mainland's invasion, when Lu Yin had been in the Technocracy, he had seen hints that the Fifth Mainland had been plotting something monumental. However, the plan that he had just been told about had been in the making for far too long.

Without even considering the Neohuman Alliance, just the revelation that the Cosmic Five had been mere bait and that the Astral Tower had all been a scheme explained why the golden screen had whisked Shang Qing and the others away. Even if the entire thing had been a massive deception, the Hall of Honor would never be willing to sacrifice one of the most talented generations. It had merely been Lu Yin's bad luck that he had not been on the golden screen when everyone else had been taken away.

Chapter 1179: Absorbing The World

A roar echoed out in the distance as a cniu swept past Lu Yin, waking him from his contemplations.

Lu Yin turned around to face Mu En and respectfully asked, "Judicial Commissioner, may I please contact my family and friends?"

Mu En shook his head. "You will not be allowed to contact anybody before the results of your test are determined. On top of that, we are within the Honor Zone right now, so you won't be able to contact anyone even if you were allowed to. We are too far away."

Lu Yin sighed.

"Don't worry, someone from Eversky Island is already on their way to the Honor Zone, and they will be personally observing your test to ensure that there aren't any issues. No one would dare to create any problems," Mu En explained.

Lu Yin felt grateful. "Thank you, Judicial Commissioner."

Mu En laughed. "I will try to protect you as well. I'm on good terms with the Sea King, and you will soon be his son-in-law."

Lu Yin smirked. Soon-to-be son in law? He had nearly forgotten about that matter.

That was right, when Lu Yin had lost his position as an Honor Chosen, one of the Sea King's Dome's elders had reached out to ask Mu En to intercede on Lu Yin's behalf. If that was the case, then it seemed that Mu En could be considered as someone on Lu Yin's side and who would help him out in the Interstellar Supreme Court.

Although the Honor Zone appeared to be barren, according to Mu En, that was simply due to its incomprehensible size. The people living here stayed in specific locations, which was something that Lu Yin could not truly understand.

There were quite a few cnius throughout the Honor Zone, and Lu Yin had already seen many more of those creatures several times along their way.

Not everybody was able to ride a cniu, and all those who could were either from a reputable family or extremely powerful. This was because all the cnius belonged to the Hall of Honor, and it was quite expensive to use one for transport.

The cnius were the most luxurious means of transportation in the Honor Zone, but there were various other options such as flying or gliding. At one point, Lu Yin noticed an enormous bird-like creature flying above them, and it nearly matched the size of the ancient centipede that he had seen in Northline Flowzone.

"That's a country," Mu En patiently explained.

Lu Yin was shocked. "A country?"

"That's right. It's a country that's been built atop a living creature. That bird is known as Neverland since it never lands on the ground and forever flies around the Honor Zone, roaming in all directions. It's been doing so for years, so that country is known as Neverland Country," Mu En explained.

"Neverland Country sounds quite impressive," Lu Yin muttered.

Mu En grinned. "It merely sounds impressive. None of the truly powerful forces would expose themselves in such an open manner where they could be easily attacked."

Lu Yin hesitantly nodded. His use of Truesight was not very useful in the Neoverse since the people here were accustomed to the people from Gods' Origin using the technique. That meant that the people here also know how to handle people who could see runes, so Lu Yin was unable to take advantage of his ability to see runes to accurately judge a person's power level.

There was a battle off in the distance, and Lu Yin turned to see two Enlighters fighting. However, the cniu traveled so quickly that he lost sight of the fight instantly out of sight again.

A while later, Mu En stopped the cniu and pointed at a discarded machine. "Look, that's a world."

Lu Yin was intrigued, and he carefully observed the bit of machinery that appeared to have been thrown away.

The machine was massive, and just the aboveground, exposed portion was larger than the cniu. If the underground portion that was hidden from view was included, then this machine would be much larger than any spacecraft he had ever seen before. "A world?"

Mu En smiled gently. He then formed a beam of star energy that pointed out a certain piece of the machine.

Lu Yin looked at where the ray landed and saw that there was a sphere there. He would not have even noticed it without specifically paying attention to that location, as it looked as if it were just another part of the machinery.

"That is the world." When the ray of star energy touched the sphere, ripples radiated through the area. The star energy then disappeared, and a man wearing strange clothes suddenly appeared. He turned towards Mu En and bowed. "Welcome, Judicial Commissioner."

Mu En nodded at the man.

Lu Yin was stunned, as that sphere was actually a world. "Is- is that a pocket dimension?"

Mu En shook his head. "This entire world has been hidden."

Lu Yin was amazed. "Even a world can be hidden?"

"That's right. For example, the Great Yu Empire can be stored within a separate space. Just like how objects can be stored within cosmic rings, such spaces are also placed in a unique state. There are about 3,000 of these worlds scattered throughout the Honor Zone," Mu En explained.

Lu Yin was shocked. This was the first time that he had ever heard of such a thing. How could an entire world be stored within something else in the same manner that one stored an item in a cosmic ring? Just one such world was amazing beyond belief, but apparently, there were 3,000 of these worlds!?

Mu En's expression grew complex. "The Honor Zone is a dangerous place, and although it's under the Hall of Honor's control, not even the Hall of Honor can monitor every corner of the Honor Zone. Naturally, there will be battles wherever people gather, and the conflicts here are comparable to those that occur in the Innerverses and Outerverses. Also, there are many dangerous natural phenomena and unique creatures here. So, many forces would rather not expose themselves and have instead stored their entire world away as a means of protection."

Lu Yin was unable to understand this. "Are each of these three thousand worlds as powerful as the Sword Sect or the Daynight clan?"

Mu En laughed. "That's impossible. There are only a few of the worlds that can compare to the Sword Sect or the Daynight clan."

"If that's the case, then why don't major forces like the Sword Sect and the Daynight clan enter the Neoverse? Aren't they desperate to enter this place?" Lu Yin asked. This was something that he had been wondering about for a long time. Before, he had thought that the Innerverses simply lacked

the ability, but when Lu Yin considered Smoke-Eater Peaks or the Azure Mansion, he felt that the Sword Sect was definitely comparable to such powers.

Mu En answered, "There are limited resources here, and do you believe that a major force like the Sword Sect would be willing to hide? They are similar to the Cosmic Sect in that they want a region of the sky to themselves. Only those who own a region of space can truly be considered a part of the Neoverse, but this is not something given by the Neoverse, and those organizations are unable to fight for such a privilege on their own.

"What's the point of entering the Honor Zone if you just have to go into hiding? It would be hard for them to attract disciples here, and these hidden worlds also have limited resources, which means that it would be difficult for those Inneverse powers to raise a talented new generation. In the end, it would only lead to their eventual collapse."

Lu Yin could understand such reasoning. If the Sword Sect was forced into hiding, then they would only be able to recruit disciples from within their own world, and how many people could that possibly add up to? In contrast, currently, they were recruiting from both the Inneverse and Outerverse.

Meanwhile, although it was difficult for these 3,000 worlds to recruit talented individuals, they would still find the occasional genius who would be subsequently recruited by the Hall of Honor.

As Lu Yin stared at the sphere that contained the hidden world, his emotions grew ineffably complicated. He felt that he would never be happy if he simply hid the Great Yu Empire away, but perhaps this was just how these hidden forces survived.

Mu En glanced over at Lu Yin and smiled. "That's just one possible situation, but there's another, more likely scenario." He then commanded the cniu to continue on towards the Hall of Honor.

"Another possible scenario?" Lu Yin was curious.

Mu En answered, "Some worlds hide themselves completely while others simply transform the space around them into another form. That form might not be completely hidden, and some of them traverse the Honor Zone or even the entire Neoverse. Such worlds are far more powerful and are not scared of anything."

Lu Yin felt surprised. "Are you saying that there are worlds that can travel about the Neoverse?"

Mu En nodded and looked out at the limitless space. He suddenly stopped the cniu and tapped a finger against the air. Ripples spread out through the area, and within the ripples appeared an orb of light that seemed to be locked in place. A voice rang out from the orb. "Judicial Commissioner Mu En? Why are you blocking me?"

Lu Yin stared at the ball of light in shock; the ball of light was speaking!

This time, Mu En's tone was not as casual as when he had spoken to the man from the world hidden within the mechanical sphere. Instead, he solemnly replied, "I'm just guiding a junior about."

"A junior? This child?"

Lu Yin felt that something was scrutinizing him, and chills ran down his spine. He squinted at the orb of light and suddenly saw a strange world within that was composed entirely of light. Many people were living within the rays of light, and there were even cities, mountains, and planets. In reality, the rays were not made of light, as they were actually fragments of space. Finally, he saw a pair of extremely dignified eyes.

Lu Yin suddenly snapped out of his daze, sweat dripping down his forehead.

Mu En set a hand on Lu Yin's shoulder.

"Not bad, not bad at all. The Hall of Honor is truly exceptional at finding talents. This child is definitely comparable to your Chosen, and he might actually be even stronger. I think that none of his peers can match up to him with the sole exception of Shang Qing."

Mu En smiled. "He is one of my Hall of Honor's Honor Chosen."

"That's so annoying. I thought that you guys were just being generous and that you would allow others to fight for the slots instead of making us all just watch from the sidelines. After all, you guys were willing to even host ZENITH. However, it seems that we won't have any more chances. What a shame."

Mu En replied, "ZENITH is open to the entire universe, and Lightson can also participate. However, you will have to obtain a slot through their capabilities. People can also keep training, as there's still some time."

"Hmph! That young man next to you is already so far ahead of Lightson—how is he supposed to even compete? I'm leaving." The orb of light quickly disappeared.

Lu Yin turned to Mu En in confusion as the orb of light vanished.

Mu En explained, saying, "That was also a world, but they're different from the spherical world in the machine from before. That person rushes around everywhere, searching for resources, and thus, they are much stronger than the world in the machine. Although they still can't compare to the Sword Sect or the Daynight clan, they are nearly at the same level. If they were in the Innerverse, they would be able to contend with the eight great flowzones."

Lu Yin was dazzled. This was the true Neoverse. There were 3,000 worlds in just the Honor Zone, and it was truly the core of the Human Domain.

If those 3,000 worlds had all sent out people to assist in the defensive efforts against the Sixth Mainland's invasion, the Sixth Mainland would have never been able to win, not even if they had mobilized all nine realms.

"Senior, what is ZENITH?" Lu Yin asked.

Mu En replied, "That's a secret among the senior generation, but it's fine for me to let you know." He then paused for a moment before continuing on in a solemn voice, saying, "ZENITH is a competition hosted by the Hall of Honor that the Astral Beast Domain, the Technocracy, and the Sixth Mainland will participate in. The goal is to boost humanity's morale while also uncovering talented youths from each area. Additionally, it will determine the ten most powerful youths of our era, and they will receive a truly precious opportunity as their prize."

Lu Yin blinked. Why did this sound so familiar? Right, it was basically the competition for the Cosmic Five.

Wait a moment, the Sixth Mainland?

“The Sixth Mainland?” Lu Yin yelped in surprise.

Chapter 1180: Vitality-Draining Poison

Mu En had already anticipated Lu Yin’s surprise. “There’s no need for you to be concerned with the specifics, but take note of a few things: try to place among the top ten during ZENITH, as it would be extremely beneficial for you in the future. It might even determine the heights you will ultimately be able to reach.”

“Senior, wasn’t the Sixth Mainland cut off from us? How are they still able to join ZENITH?”

“I cannot disclose those specific details to you,” Mu En replied matter-of-factly. The truth was that he was not entirely certain of the details himself, as these matters were above his domain.

But those few words had already caused Lu Yin’s mind to descend into total chaos. He had no clue what questions he should pose at this moment, as there were simply too many on his mind.

Mu En then said, “The Starsibyl Sect’s divinations concerning the fight for the Cosmic Five were not just a mere ploy on their part. The most important goal was to determine a list of ten names. Initially, the Human Domain had five slots on that list, the Astral Beast Domain three, and the Technocracy two. However, the Sixth Mainland was thrown into the mix as well due to special circumstances, which led to ZENITH being organized.

“Since reallocating the slots between the various powers and domains is not easy, it was decided that we would hold a contest to determine the names on this list. The Hall of Honor is confident in you, and our Human Domain’s morale will soar if we can obtain enough positions during this competition.”

Upon seeing Lu Yin's doubts, Mu En continued, solemnly saying, “This time, the event is not a sham, so do your best during this competition, as only a handful from the entire Human Domain have ever received an opportunity of this level. There are many extraordinarily gifted youths throughout the Human Domain, but only a rare few have ever received something as valuable as the reward. Once you agree to participate, you will be carrying the hopes of the entire Fifth Mainland, not just yourself.”

Mu En spoke to Lu Yin in an earnest manner, and the old man eventually convinced Lu Yin. Even though he still had doubts regarding the Sixth Mainland, he knew that it would be impossible to get any answers from Mu En as the old man would simply keep silent about it.

As for ZENITH? Lu Yin was looking forward to it. He had reached his current strength after progressing forwards one step at a time. He had started by leaving Earth, attended the Astral Combat Academy, entered the Inniverse, become the master of the Outerverse, and even entered the Mountain and Seas Zone, which had been hailed as humanity’s greatest stage. Lu Yin had seen many formidable youths throughout his journey.

There were true elites, like the Ten Arbiters, all the people competing to become the Cosmic Five, the Realmings, the Daosource Three Skies, and the powerhouses from the Astral Beast Domain like

Skymender's followers and the Technocracy. The thought of having so many formidable peers competing in the same arena left Lu Yin buzzing with excitement.

In the past, Lu Yin might not have been confident about his chances of winning, but at the moment, his eyes were blazing brightly. He felt that he would definitely come out on top, even if he faced Shang Qing.

Lei Nü and Shu Jing were both standing rather close by, and they also heard what Mu En had revealed to Lu Yin. They had known about ZENITH for some time, and they were feeling the pressure. Their trip to Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum had been entirely to help them further prepare for ZENITH.

As Honor Chosens, they were supposed to stand at the pinnacle of the Human Domain's entire younger generation. But even still, an immense pressure weighed upon them despite their prestigious position.

Even if they ignored all the other potential competitors, they were both well aware that Lu Yin would not be an easy opponent, as he was actually a complete monster. The same was also true of the Ten Arbiters, the Daosource Three Skies from the Sixth Mainland, and many others. There were simply too many formidable youths who would participate.

Fortunately, they still had ample time before ZENITH started, and that time was enough for them to improve their strength.

With that thought, the two Honor Chosens turned around, returned to their rooms, and resumed training.

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Black storm clouds loomed overhead, shrouding their location in pitch black darkness.

Their only option was to have the cniu stop and wait for the dark storm clouds to pass.

According to Mu En, the Honor Zone's weather was capricious, and their group would likely be swept away by the storm even with the cniu's defenses if they tried to press on.

Lu Yin was curious as to why Mu En did not offer to help the youths pass through the storm, but Lu Yin kept his thoughts to himself.

The dark storm raged on for two days before a ray of light broke through, illuminating the way forward. The weather had changed once again, and a dry heat swept through the air.

The cniu resumed running and continued on its way towards the Hall of Honor.

While Lu Yin was riding atop the cniu's back, he suddenly saw what looked like a card flit past him. He instinctively raised a hand to catch the card, but his hand was stopped midair by Mu En.

Mu En looked at Lu Yin with a completely serious expression. "Did you forget my instructions? Do not casually touch anything in this place."

Lu Yin felt puzzled. "What was that card just now?"

Mu En solemnly replied, "That was a world."

“A world?” Lu Yin exclaimed.

Mu En continued in a solemn tone, saying, “If it weren’t for me, you would have already lost your hand.”

Lu Yin was stunned to learn that he had just attempted to catch a world. “So that card is the same as that orb of light from before?”

Mu En nodded. “There are more than 3,000 worlds throughout the Honor Zone, but those are just the ones that we have records of. There are also some powerful beings that have been slowly awakening, one after another. These powerful creatures hail from ancient ages, and they might have awoken after emerging from cryostasis or from being unlocked through lockbreaking. These rare occurrences can increase the number of worlds wandering about the Honor Zone, and the card that you just saw is one such unrecorded world.”

“Was it very powerful?” Lu Yin asked curiously.

Mu En shook his head. “I don’t know, but at that precise moment, my intuition was telling me that we should never provoke that card.”

Lu Yin was taken aback. Although Mu En had shown a bit of respect to the orb of light, he had clearly not feared it. Did that small card really contain something that powerful?

Mu En looked back in the direction where the card containing a world had disappeared into. Such undocumented worlds introduced an element of unpredictability to the Honor Zone, and it was a shame that the blood-red bell had been confiscated by the Chief Justice. Otherwise, Mu En would have stopped that world and further investigated it.

Mu En fell silent after encountering the hidden world within the card. The Honor Zone was vast, but its size was still limited. At the very least, it was not as massive as the Outerverse.

The power held by those who controlled the Honor Zone should be enough to rule over all of the creatures within it. However, they were still unable to control the appearance of the hidden worlds. Some worlds were birthed from other worlds, or as Mu En had mentioned, an ancient being might awaken and cause new worlds to appear.

Lu Yin suddenly felt that, despite how the Hall of Honor came across as overbearing or even selfish at times, its existence was the primary reason why the Human Domain had been able to safely develop this far. If the more than 3,000 worlds within the Honor Zone somehow escaped into the Neoverse or started an all-out attack, there would be unimaginable consequences.

The Hall of Honor was like a mountain that suppressed all instabilities, and although that might not be fair to some people, it was the best overall method. At the very least, it was the best means of protecting the interests of ordinary people.

If the entire Human Domain was viewed as a war-torn continent where the major powers constantly fought against each other, then the Hall of Honor would be an empire that had unified the continent. Although some people's best interests had to be sacrificed in the process, their actions preserved the lives of the majority.

In fact, the Great Eastern Alliance was rather similar. Although the media had praised Lu Yin for how his rise to power had put an end to the various interweave wars in the Outerverse, that suppression was clearly unfair to the various powers in control of those weaves. Despite that, the suppression was needed to protect the majority, which was no different than the Hall of Honor's behavior.

Entering the Honor Zone had really given Lu Yin some deep insights. In addition to the world hidden within the mechanical sphere, there had also been the world within the orb or light, and the one within the small card. Finally, Lu Yin had also encountered a hidden world that was the size of a speck of dust! It seemed that the smaller the world was, the safer it would be within the Honor Zone.

In addition to the various hidden worlds, Lu Yin also saw some people who lived within the Honor Zone and even some cities. Each city was large, and they even created their own, unique climates.

For example, there was a sun suspended above one city, blazing and burning specifically to illuminate that city.

Other cities had been built underground, and they were protected by a strange substance that even the full weight of the ancient cniu could not shake.

Yet other cities had been built atop leaves, though if one did not look closely, it would be impossible to even see the cities, and the people living there would be assumed to be mere ants.

The Honor Zone was filled with too many unimaginable kingdoms.

"Anyone who dares to establish their country in the open is either incapable of storing away a world or is very confident of themselves, though the latter case is exceptionally rare. The Mavis clan lives on the back of an incomparable massive turtle that walks across the Honor Zone, and Smoke Eater Peaks was originally a part of the Honor Zone as well. Azure Mansion was also once based here, just like the Cosmic Sect and Eversky Island," said Mu En.

Lu Yin asked, "Didn't the Court of Seven Names also have places here as well?"

Mu En nodded.

Lu Yin understood. He had heard of the great powers of the Neoverse before, and he had come to understand that they each had the confidence to hold a piece of the Honor Zone, but for various reasons, they had all left this landmass. Part of it might be that the entire Honor Zone belonged to the Hall of Honor.

The Hall of Honor's headquarters was at the center of the Honor Zone, and Lu Yin and the others were gradually getting closer.

After crossing a boundless forest wherein they saw many powerful beasts, Mu En suddenly stopped in the cniu. He frowned as he looked around, seemingly searching for something. Finally, he focused his gaze on a single drop of water on the ground.

Lu Yin looked at the drop of water. It was strange; why was there a drop of water sitting there? Why had it not evaporated or soaked into the ground? Instead, it just sat on the ground, looking like a glass bead.

"Senior, is that a world?" Lu Yin asked.

Mu En nodded and leaped off of the cnu to approach the nearby drop of water.

Lu Yin, Lei Nü, and Shu Jing followed closely behind.

As Mu En disappeared into the drop of water, the three youths all looked at each other before also entering the droplet.

It was indeed a hidden world, a world hidden within a drop of water. Furthermore, this world was nothing but water.

As the youths entered, Mu En immediately isolated them from the water, his expression extremely ugly.

Lu Yin looked up ahead, and his pupils shrank.

All he could see were countless corpses drifting about through the water. These corpses seemed to spread out infinitely in all directions. Among them were not only human corpses, but there were also bodies of all sorts of creatures, both large and small. It looked as though the entire world had perished.

There was one common feature to all of the corpses, which was that they all looked exceptionally old, as if they had aged to the extreme and then died of old age.

Mu En quietly muttered to himself and then led Lu Yin and the other two off into the distance. With the Judicial Commissioner's speed, they soon traversed the entire world.

Not one of the youths spoke. They all felt a chill run down their spines, as this world was utterly devoid of all life, and there was not a single living person, animal, or plant. Everything had died.

"Poison," Lei Nü said softly.

Lu Yin looked at the nearby human corpses, and something suddenly occurred to him. "The vitality poison, Regression."

Mu En whirled around to stare at Lu Yin. "You know what this is?"

Lei Nü and Shu Jing both warily eyed Lu Yin.

Lu Yin explained, "I'm not certain, but someone in the Outerverse was once poisoned with similar symptoms where all of his vitality drained out of him. I eventually learned that the poison came from the Neohuman Alliance and that it was called Regression No. 91."

Mu En's eyes narrowed. "When was this?"

"About a year and a half to two years ago. It was while the Outerverse was cut off from the Innerverse," Lu Yin said.

"Why was that person poisoned?" Mu En asked.

Lu Yin said, "At first, I didn't know, but later on, this junior searched through the entire Shenwu Continent, and I found someone from the Neohuman Alliance. He was conducting experiments and trying to research death energy."

Mu En instantly inquired, "Aside from you, do the members of the Hall of Honor in the Outerverse know of this matter?"