

Chapter 1191: Overseer Xin

Many people looked at Bu Laoweng, and they felt rather puzzled. This particular overseer had never been antagonistic towards any others, and he had many good friends. But at the moment, he had been accused of blatantly offending Eversky Island! That was not very likely, right?

Many people could not believe this allegation simply because Bu Laoweng was known for his good temper and excellent reputation.

However, none of the overseers had changed for many years, so how could they be unaware of Bu Laoweng's true colors? Having a public face and a private face was only too normal for them.

Xin Jiao looked over at Bu Laoweng. "Is this so?"

Bu Laoweng's face went pale, and he bowed to Highsage Wudi. "Senior Wudi, I had no intentions of smearing Eversky Island's name. However, if the claims that Nightking Zhenwu made concerning Lu Yin are true, then him having the position of Honor Chosen is simply unacceptable. Twenty Honor points were paid to verify the allegations that Lu Yin is a traitor to the Fifth Mainland. Even without any proof supporting that claim, this junior believes Nightking Zhenwu's words.

"Earlier, I was actually arguing with the Honor Chosen, Lu Yin, and he, using his position as a disciple of Eversky Island, presumed to threaten a member of the senior generation. So as his senior, I was hasty in my words and spoke against Eversky Island. This junior is willing to accept your punishment."

Lu Yin arched a brow. This man was a wily old fox, and he was actually trying to drag Lu Yin down in order to divert attention.

Highsage Wudi's eyes blazed. "You still dare to try and muddy the waters! I think that you must be tired of living."

As he spoke, the starry sky collapsed and fell down towards Bu Laoweng.

Lu Yin was the closest person to Highsage Wudi, and thus, he was able to feel an unimaginable terrifying power tearing the void apart. This power was not something that Lu Yin could understand, and he felt like an ant facing a storm.

If Lu Yin had been exposed to this power before he had gone to the Mountain and Seas Zone and participated in the contest for the Astral Tower, then at most, he would have felt that this power possessed terrifying strength and nothing more. However, his control of star energy had risen tremendously within the Mountain and Seas Zone, and he had also become a Hunter while in Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, making his senses completely different from before.

Highsage Wudi struck, and he broke through the all-encompassing universe that everyone knew and observed to breach the starry sky of another universe. At that moment, the sky became visible.

Lu Yin suddenly remembered what Yuan Shi had once said about stellar energy and the true universe.

Once one stepped beyond the Envoy realm, a battle would take place in the true universe, as the perceived universe would simply collapse.

Bu Laoweng was appalled.

All of the people surrounding the overseer who had been wary of Highsage Wudi immediately stepped forward and worked together to protect Bu Laoweng behind them, though it barely slowed Highsage Wudi. "Senior Wudi, you are in the Hall of Honor. Do you really want to slaughter an overseer?"

"The Chief Justice is about to arrive."

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Highsage Wudi pressured the entire crowd by himself. These people were the true protectors of the Hall of Honor, but at this moment, their combined strength was overcome by Highsage Wudi alone.

This was the peak of power within the present Human Domain, and the battle that was taking place would be incomprehensible to anyone who had not reached the Envoy realm at the very least.

Not even Bu Laoweng fully understood what was happening; all he knew was that if any of the people protecting him left, he would undoubtedly die.

At this moment, Nightking Zheng spoke up. "Senior Wudi, Bu Laoweng's words are not without merit. If Lu Yin is not guilty, then why would Nightking Zhenwu have been willing to sacrifice twenty Honor points to support his accusation? Everyone knows how rare Honor points are, and it is even rarer for such a young man to have so many. After paying such a price, even if the accusation did not come from Nightking Zhenwu, it cannot be ignored, not even if the Hall of Honor's first Honor Chosen, Shang Qing, were questioned."

Many people agreed with Nightking Zheng's words, as twenty Honor points was truly too large of a price to pay, and most of the people here did not have that many.

Xin Jiao looked over at the Nightking Zheng and frowned.

One of the people among those resisting Highsage Wudi shouted out in a stern voice, "Brother Wudi, what you are doing right now is as grave a crime as genocide and wanton slaughter! Do you want your junior to be proven innocent, or do you want him to suffer the stigma of a traitor for the rest of his life?"

Highsage Wudi's hand stopped, and he looked over at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin somewhat regretted killing Nightking Zhenwu too quickly, as a great deal of trouble would have been avoided if he had simply forced Zhenwu to withdraw his accusation.

"It seems that the overseers have decided that I, Lu Yin, am a traitor to the Fifth Mainland, correct?" Lu Yin asked in a loud voice. He directly looked at several of the people in front of Bu Laoweng, particularly Nightking Zheng. After all, this person should want Lu Yin dead even more than Bu Laoweng, right?

Nightking Zheng's expression remained calm. "There is certainly a need to investigate, as my Hall of Honor's position has always been that, without evidence, a person is innocent. Even if we are convinced that you are a traitor, if there is no evidence, then you need not worry about anything. Overseer Bu Laoweng grew too angry, which is why he said that he would use his exclusive privilege as an overseer on you—he has nothing personal against Eversky Island."

Lu Yin's smile fell away. "So, are you saying that despite a complete lack of evidence, you've decided that I'm a traitor?"

"That's not what we said," Nightking Zheng calmly replied.

Lu Yin felt amused. "As we all know, the Nightking clan harbors a deep hatred for me, and I even killed Nightking Zhenwu. As for Overseer Bu Laoweng, even though he seems to have no grudge against me, his grandson is currently trying to seize authority over the Great Eastern Alliance that I established." At this point, Lu Yin looked around. "All of you, tell me, is it fair to allow these two to take advantage of their privileges?"

Everyone gathered fell silent. These people were not fools, and the two overseers clearly held grudges and had cause to move against Lu Yin. The fact that he was a target was all too obvious.

Hightsage Wudi looked at Xin Jiao. "I remember that there are nine overseers. So what? Do the rest of you just not care?"

Xin Jiao smiled lightly. "That's naturally not the case. We were actually just deliberating over this child's case, and both Bu Laoweng and Nightking Zheng recused themselves."

Nightking Zheng's head snapped around as he looked at Xin Jiao. "You-"

Xin Jiao raised her hand to cut off Nightking Zheng. She then continued to simply stare at Hightsage Wudi. "In the investigation of this child, this junior guarantees that no biased parties will be involved and that there will be no conflicting interests. How does Senior Wudi feel about this?"

Hightsage Wudi coldly snorted. "What about that special privilege held by overseers?"

Xin Jiao laughed. "If this child's investigation takes an unfavorable turn, then an overseer can indeed exercise such a privilege. However, if there is absolutely no evidence, where the possibility of someone being a traitor does not even theoretically exist, then such a privilege may not be used."

Nightking Zheng could no longer hold himself back. "Overseer Xin, whether we use our privilege or not is up to each of us alone. You are not qualified to deny us this privilege."

Xin Jiao looked over at Nightking Zheng, and her expression suddenly completely changed compared to when she had been looking at Hightsage Wudi. The woman's face was filled with ruthlessness and contempt as she replied, "You have been able to retain your seat as an overseer out of a need to pacify the Inverse. You actually have no authority to decide anything, so don't get so full of yourself. Your authority barely exists."

Nightking Zheng's face twisted.

Xin Jiao looked at Bu Laoweng. She was able to suppress Nightking Zheng, but she could not deny Bu Laoweng the right to use his privilege. After all, Bu Laoweng represented the Neoverse, and the powers behind him could not be looked down upon.

Bu Laoweng's head tilted, and he loudly said, "Regarding the allegations of Lu Yin being a traitor, the other overseers will investigate this matter. I will not intervene, let alone use my privilege as an

overseer. However, Lu Yin cultivates with death energy, and as one of the Hall of Honor's nine overseers, I propose that he be watched, and if necessary, at any moment, I will exercise my rights."

Bu Laoweng's words caused countless people in the area to cry out, for death energy was an exclusive cultivation method of the Specter Clan. Such knowledge was not common in the Outerverse or Innaverse, but in the Neoverse, and especially in the Hall of Honor, most people were aware of this information.

Once someone cultivated death energy, they were basically a part of the Specter Clan with the sole exception being the Seven Courts' Xie family.

Chapter 1192: Mushroom Head

Bu Laoweng had directly revealed the matter of Lu Yin cultivating death energy. This tore apart the little remaining cordiality between Bu Laoweng and Eversky Island. The overseer believed that, since he had already offended Highsage Wudi, offending the entirety of Eversky Island did not matter anymore.

Many people turned to look at Lu Yin, the man who cultivated death energy.

The expressions of everyone present instantly changed.

Even the expression on Xin Jiao's face changed as she looked at Lu Yin. Cultivating death energy was not explicitly a major crime, but it did mean that that person posed a legitimate potential risk.

Highsage Wudi's brows rose. "My junior brother has indeed cultivated death energy, but the Chief Justice has already passed judgment and ruled that my junior brother cannot be affected by death energy."

Bu Laoweng froze. Then, his expression became sinister, as he had not known of this matter. Insinuating that the Chief Justice's verdict was wrong was essentially the same as going against the Chief Justice himself.

Many of the surrounding people looked at Bu Laoweng like he was an idiot. His scalp tingled, and as he looked around, he saw numerous looks of ridicule directed at him, though there were a few looks of sympathy as well. Bu Laoweng quickly weighed his options, as he could not retract such a statement. After a moment of thought, he loudly said, "The Interstellar Supreme Court's verdict is based on the present, and cultivating with death energy is not a crime in and of itself, but death energy has a unique characteristic that makes it very risky. If Lu Yin were just some regular cultivator, this wouldn't matter, but he is the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance that controls the entire Outerverse, which essentially makes him the ruler of the Outerverse. So doesn't him cultivating with death energy mean that the entire Outerverse could easily fall under the Neohuman Alliance's control?"

"Who can guarantee that he won't end up being controlled by the Specter Clan? Who can guarantee that he will always remain untainted by death energy? Not even Eversky Island can make such a promise, no?"

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. The fact that he had cultivated with death energy was something that only the Chief Justice, Highsage Wudi, and the three Judicial Commissioners had been aware of, but Bu Laoweng had clearly been informed of this. Mu Tianlun must have shared the news with the overseer; the Calm of Despair was truly hostile towards Lu Yin.

Also, Bu Laoweng still dared to bring up the matter of death energy. This indicated that the Chief Justice's authority was either not enough, or as one of the Judicial Commissioners had mentioned, the Chief Justice did not interfere with matters concerning the overseers.

Lu Yin suddenly discovered a problem: Yuan Shi and Eversky Island had no direct influence within the Hall of Honor, and it seemed that not even the Chief Justice would be able to sway the Hall of Honor itself. Rather, his authority was limited to passing judgment. He might support his own people in climbing to higher positions, but he did not concern himself with menial matters, which gave Bu Laoweng the courage to press this issue.

Despite the fact that most of the people present were stronger than the overseer, none of them moved. If not even these seniors would support Lu Yin, then he would be in deep trouble.

Bu Laoweng had made accusations that not even Highsage Wudi could refute.

Despite not being at the top of the hierarchy of the Hall of Honor, an overseer was still somewhat influential, and his words were convincing to many people.

Bu Laoweng was deliberately pitting himself to see things all the way through to the end with Lu Yin. Unless he was slapped to death by Highsage Wudi, the overseer would retain every right and reason to imprison Lu Yin.

Lu Yin was not able to deny that he had cultivated death energy, but he also had no means of convincing others that he could not be controlled by death energy. Furthermore, if he made such a claim, then people would grow even more suspicious of him and believe that he was a member of the Specter Clan.

Lu Yin was in a tricky situation.

Bu Laoweng's words were accurate; despite Eversky Island's power, their influence was not enough, and Highsage Wudi was unable to convince the gathered people to believe in Lu Yin. Their only hope was for the Chief Justice to step in, but how could the Chief Justice possibly step forward for Lu Yin?

The entire place fell silent for a time, and then, everyone started discussing death energy

The situation was moving in a direction that was very unfavorable to Lu Yin.

Bu Laoweng sucked in a cold breath; since he had already offended Eversky Island, he intended to go all the way and decided to present the image of a strong-willed overseer who was fearless of even Eversky Island.

"That- that- I'm sorry to interrupt, but..." A voice called out from below. The person stammered constantly, clearly scared.

Everyone instinctively looked down. They saw the ruined mountain peak, and standing on it was a teen dressed in extremely rustic clothes with a mushroom-like haircut and large glasses. He was struggling to raise his right hand since his left was preoccupied with an enormous pile of books a half-meter high, and he scowled as he spoke.

Upon seeing the crowd look at him, the teenager looked frightened, and he swallowed hard and coughed awkwardly. "Um, I'm sorry to interrupt, but- uh. About that- in fact, death energy is just

another power source for cultivation. Essentially, it's no different from star energy. There's nothing good or bad to..."

Bu Laoweng's expression inspired awe as he shouted, "What are you talking about? Say that again!"

The teenager with a bowl cut panicked, and a book fell from the pile and smashed his foot. He let out a miserable howl, and he looked to be in pain as well as terrified.

Lu Yin froze; this was a strange person to see in the Hall of Honor's headquarters. Did he not cultivate? Actually, he was a Melder, so how could a book falling on his foot have hurt him?

The gathered crowd all had strange expressions on their faces as they stared at the teenager.

The teen could not easily pick up the fallen book, and he was still staring at Bu Laoweng fearfully. "That—that's just what's written in the history books. I- I just was stating what's recorded."

Bu Laoweng snapped, "What's your name? The Hall of Honor does not permit entry to people with weak wills like you. Do you want to cultivate death energy? Arrest him."

Lu Yin loudly spoke up. "What an impressive leader. Overseer Bu Laoweng won't even allow others to speak?"

Bu Laoweng's expression fell. He coldly snorted and simply stared at the bowl cut youth.

Xin Jiao smiled gently as she looked at the mushroom head. "I remember you. You're from the Institute of History, yes?"

The teenager pushed his glasses up and nodded with a scowl. "I- I- my name is Xiao Shi."¹

"Good. Little Shi, what is it that you wanted to clarify? Is Lu Yin's cultivation of death energy not a risk?" Xin Jiao had a soft look and a smile on her face as she prodded the teen.

Xiao Shi swallowed once again and opened one of the books he was carrying. He looked through it for a bit, pushed his glasses back up, and began reciting, "Naturally, death energy is not something unique to the Specter Clan. They simply discovered and began to utilize death energy. After countless generations passed, death energy became the most suitable form of cultivation for them. Theoretically, anyone can cultivate death energy as long as they slowly incorporate it. After enough time, their descendants would be able to smoothly cultivate with death energy, and if enough time passes, another Specter Clan would be created."

"Cultivating with death energy means that one will be suppressed or even controlled by the members of the Specter Clan. This power is simply a means for the Specter Clan to create traitors and turncoats," Bu Laoweng retorted.

Xiao Shi pushed his glasses up. "People can suppress others with star energy just as easily."

Bu Laoweng's brows arched up high. "Those who cultivate death energy are easily controlled by stronger cultivators of death energy."

Xiao Shi scowled. "That's just a matter of being suppressed and being unable to resist. It's no different than what happens with normal cultivators."

Lu Yin laughed. "Overseer Bu Laoweng, right now, you're trying to intimidate Brother Mushroom Head. With your strength, it's too easy for you to intimidate a Melder. Does that mean that star energy is also too dangerous to be used for cultivation?"

Bu Laoweng solemnly replied, "No matter how you twist it, death energy makes it easier for the Specter Clan to control you, and you can never remove that risk."

"Unless you abolish the strength you cultivated with death energy," Nightking Zheng loudly added.

Xiao Shi raised a hand and swallowed hard.

Highsage Wudi pointed at the teen. "Talk."

Bu Laoweng and Nightking Zheng both angrily glared at Xiao Shi.

Countless people watched the teen in amazement. A tiny Melder realm child actually dared to interject in this situation? Where did he find such guts?

Xiao Shi was extremely nervous, and he looked back at his book while sneaking peeks at Bu Laoweng. The teen was terrified, but he still managed to speak up, "In fact, people can have a preternatural aptitude for death energy. It's not that people who cultivate with death energy can't be controlled by members of the Specter Clan. Rather, if one has a strong enough aptitude, encounters some kind of special opportunity, has some special innate gift, or has something else along those lines, then they can actually use death energy to control the members of the Specter Clan. This is also another possibility."

Bu Laoweng was infuriated, and he could barely stop himself from slapping the mushroom head dead.

Lu Yin tilted his head. "It's no wonder why I never felt anything special when cultivating with death energy. You can check with the people from the Seven Courts, but in Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, I was never controlled by the Specter Clan. Instead, I was actually able to suppress them."

Bu Laoweng opened his mouth to counter Lu Yin's words, but for a moment he was speechless.

If there was a chance that Lu Yin could counter-control members of the Specter Clan, it would not be possible to use his privilege as an overseer on Lu Yin. Attempting to do so would not only simply offend Eversky Island, but it could also trigger Highsage Wudi to actually smash Bu Laoweng dead.

Nightking Zheng's expression was dark as he stared at the teenager with a bowl cut. "Kid, don't speak nonsense. Death energy is a power that belongs solely to the Specter Clan. This is common knowledge throughout the Human Domain and is universally recognized."

Xiao Shi's attitude suddenly changed, and he glared at fiercely Nightking Zheng, clearly angered. "You're the one who's spouting nonsense! It's people like you who confuse history! The people who treat common knowledge as actual history are the dumbest! Death energy is in no way something that belongs to the Specter Clan. It belongs to the God of Death, you stupid bastard!"

The Nightking was instantly enraged. "What did you say?"

Xiao Shi froze. He quickly reacted, hastily ducking down and holding the book over his head to shield himself. "Sorry! Sorry! Sorry! I didn't mean it!"

Nightking Zheng raised a hand to attack Xiao Shi, but Highsage Wudi let out a cold snort as he grabbed Xiao Shi and pulled him over. Lu Yin caught the teen, and with this, Nightking Zheng no longer dared to attack.

Bu Laoweng loudly said, "Ladies and gentlemen, don't listen to this kid's nonsense! There is no God of Death, as that's just a fable."

Nightking Zheng said, "That's good. Death energy belongs to the God of Death? Then does star energy belong to the God of Stars? This is not some home to gods, and there are no such things as gods or deities."

Xiao Shi looked up and muttered, "I'm not talking nonsense! The God of Death is the oldest being, and the God of Death was the one who created death energy."

Lu Yin felt his heart twinge, and he looked at Xiao Shi, particularly focusing on the book above the teen's head. It was massive.

No one believed Xiao Shi's words, as something like the God of Death was too absurd. After all, there were no gods in the universe.

At this moment, a figure suddenly appeared in the sky. This person was just there; they could have been standing there for a long time without anyone noticing them.

Highsage Wudi was the first to see the figure, and his demeanor completely transformed as he greeted with complete respect, "Wudi pays his respects to Arch-Elder Zen."

The next moment, everyone else noticed the person in the sky, and they all saluted him in unison. "We pay our respects to Arch-Elder Zen."

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Lu Yin also formally greeted the newcomer. Out of the corner of his eye, he looked up at the person. Was this Arch-Elder Zen the true source of authority in the Hall of Honor? If even Highsage Wudi was being so submissive, then this person might really be the true top powerhouse in the entire Hall of Honor.

Arch-Elder Zen looked down and focused on Highsage Wudi. "You're becoming more and more reckless."

Highsage Wudi respectfully responded, "Junior actually did not want to do so, but this overseer is too much of a bully. He's targeting a member of my Eversky Island."

Arch-Elder Zen laughed. "Don't be ridiculous, he is not a member of your Eversky Island."

Highsage Wudi replied, "Lu Yin is a nominal disciple of my Eversky Island."

"Is he willing to worship the Highsage Grandmaster as his master?" Arch-Elder Zen asked, his expression a bit strange.

Higsage Wudi looked over at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin could not understand how the subject had taken such a turn. His answer might allow Eversky Island to hold the higher moral ground and protect him. Then, there would be no problem with Higsage Wudi's actions, but Lu Yin already had a master, and he had also already given Higsage Shenwei an answer.

For a moment, Lu Yin did not know how to answer, as if he spoke incorrectly, then not only Lu Yin would be in trouble, but even Higsage Wudi might also be implicated.

Arch-Elder Zen quietly watched Lu Yin with a smile.

Higsage Wudi kept winking at Lu Yin.

Xiao Shi stared at Lu Yin with a mix of curiosity and equal parts admiration, awe, and excitement.

Lu Yin thought for a moment, but then he helplessly said to Higsage Wudi, "Senior Wudi, I'm sorry, but I already have a master. I can't take the Higsage Grandmaster as my master. I, Lu Yin, can't be an ungrateful person."

Higsage Wudi was stunned, but he simply nodded. "No harm done. Just be yourself."

Chapter 1193: A Mere Commotion

Higsage Wudi raised his head and spoke to Arch-Elder Zen. "Lu Yin is a disciple of my Eversky Island, and he has the status of a disciple despite not being under the Higsage Grandmaster."

Arch-Elder Zen was clearly amused.

Below, Bu Laoweng respectfully spoke up as well. "I also ask that Arch-Elder Zen make a decision. Lu Yin is suspected of betraying our Fifth Mainland, and it has now been discovered that he cultivates death energy, which means that he might become a puppet manipulated by the Specter Clan. This junior wished to use my privilege as an overseer, but my life was threatened by Senior Wudi. Thus, I now ask Arch-Elder Zen to make a decision."

Nightking Zheng also seized this opportunity to speak up. "Please, Arch-Elder Zen, do step forward for us. The lives of us overseers have been threatened."

Xin Jiao and the other three overseers remained silent.

Higsage Wudi grew angry and glared at Bu Laoweng. "Who threatened your lives?"

Neither Bu Laoweng nor Nightking Zheng responded.

At this time, it would be completely inappropriate for a junior like Lu Yin to speak up or say anything at all, so he silently waited for Arch-Elder Zen's decision.

Arch-Elder Zen waved a hand. "This is nothing more than a farce, so just disperse."

The crowd was stunned. Disperse? That was too easy!

Higsage Wudi was overjoyed. "Thank you, Arch-Elder Zen."

Bu Laoweng was reluctant to accept such an outcome. "Arch-Elder Zen, Senior Wudi attacked Mt. Microcosms, and that junior truly has cultivated death energy."

Arch-Elder Zen indifferently replied, "There are thousands of possible paths to tread on the path of cultivation. Did that child not clearly explain it already? Death energy is not something that was created by the Specter Clan, and others can retain control of themselves despite cultivating death energy. This child could potentially end up being able to control members of the Specter Clan in the future, which would be a great accomplishment against the Neohuman Alliance. Why should this matter so much?"

Bu Laoweng had no way to respond.

"Return this child's proper status to him, and the matters of the Outerverse should be left for the people there to deal with on their own. You should not intervene. My Hall of Honor has always stood at the top of the Human Domain and remained impartial in all its doings without acting in an overbearing manner. You went a bit too far this time," said Arch-Elder Zen as he glanced over at Bu Laoweng. "Your privileges are revoked."

With that, the Semi-Progenitor looked over at Lu Yin, and the old man's expression softened. "Little fellow, you are very good. Very good."

Lu Yin froze and then gave a deep bow. "Senior is too kind. Thank you for stepping out for this junior."

Arch-Elder Zen smiled. He looked at Lu Yin intently for a moment and then disappeared.

Anyone could see that Arch-Elder Zen was very supportive of Lu Yin. Not only had he not pursued the matter of Lu Yin cultivating death energy, but the ancient powerhouse had also deprived Bu Laoweng of his privilege as an overseer. What's more, the Outerverse had even been returned to Lu Yin.

This was a huge matter.

Arch-Elder Zen was the true master of the Hall of Honor, and his attitude towards Lu Yin instantly caused everyone to understand what had happened. The way that people looked at Lu Yin transformed from moment to moment, and soon, everyone looked at him with kind expressions. A few even bowed to Lu Yin.

The mushroom-headed Xiao Shi looked at Lu Yin with clear envy in his eyes. "You're awesome! Can you teach me?"

Lu Yin did not have any time to pay attention to the teenager, as he was already thinking about Arch-Elder Zen's behavior. The old man's expression when looking at Lu Yin had been strange, and Lu Yin felt as though the old man had completely seen through him.

Below, Bu Laoweng's body swayed as he nearly collapsed. Not only had he been defeated this time, but he had also lost the Outerverse to Lu Yin while also helping Lu Yin ascend to heaven. Arch-Elder Zen's attitude regarding Lu Yin had been openly supportive, and Lu Yin's position within the Hall of Honor would completely transform after this incident.

As for Bu Laoweng, losing his privileges as an overseer marked the end of his path.

There were nine overseers, and each overseer possessed their own privilege, which was, in a certain sense, that overseer's guarantee. It was not something that they often actually used, and it was more of a means to intimidate others, as it was something that could even be used against even Envoys.

Losing his privilege meant that Bu Laoweng was now an overseer in nothing but name, and no one would acknowledge his authority again.

Xin Jiao glanced at Bu Laoweng with cold eyes. They had watched Bu Laoweng's behavior for many years without being able to intervene, as there were too many powers behind Bu Laoweng. However, after losing his privilege, his power and authority would erode bit by bit. He was destined to fall to nothingness.

He had been delusional to think that he could give his grandson an overseer's seat. It had all been a foolish dream.

"Senior Wudi, we bid you farewell." Xin Jiao respectfully said goodbye to Highsage Wudi, and the other people in the area began to gradually disperse.

Arch-Elder Zen had made an appearance, so Highsage Wudi would not make any more fuss.

Highsage Wudi asked Xin Jiao, "When will my junior brother's position as an Honor Chosen be returned?"

Xin Jiao laughed and said, "Right away, of course."

Lu Yin let out a pent up breath. After nearly ten months, his status as an Honor Chosen was finally going to be restored. It had been a difficult road, and there had been multiple twists and turns along the way. In the end, Arch-Elder Zen had even stepped in, which Lu Yin had never expected to happen.

Lu Yin had caused Eversky Island, the Hall of Honor's overseers, and even the Interstellar Supreme Court and the Daynight clan to move. A single hair could cause the entire body to react.

Fortunately, in the end, Lu Yin had won.

The commotion this time had been truly massive, but Lu Yin had been the biggest winner in the end. Arch-Elder Zen's blatant support had thoroughly changed Lu Yin's status, and he would be unhindered in the Hall of Honor after this. In fact, his position would be no worse than Shang Qing's.

Lu Yin coldly looked over at Bu Laoweng. "It's not easy to travel to the Outerverse, and the trip back is difficult as well."

Without another word, the frightened Bu Laoweng fled to call Tian Shao in order to avoid any possibility of Lu Yin making a move against the overseer's grandson.

In the Alliance Convention in the Outerverse, everyone was still waiting.

Tian Shao was fully confident, as in his view, an overseer held the highest authority within the Hall of Honor. It was simply too easy for such a person to threaten a youth, regardless of how much support the youth enjoyed.

The Outerverse was important to the grandfather and grandson's plans, and Lu Yin was definitely someone who could throw a wrench in them.

The more Tian Shao considered the situation, the happier he became. He looked across the people gathered in the room. They were about to become his subordinates, and his name would end up in the history books. This would mark the start to his ascension of becoming an overseer of the Hall of Honor.

This entire time, no one said a word, and no one made any moves either.

Even the people who had supported Lu Yin's stance of living or dying with their home remained silent at this moment.

Wei Rong looked calm as he quietly waited.

No one knew what was happening in the Neoverse at this moment.

Beep beep beep!

Tian Shao's gadget rang, and he quickly answered the call and pointedly called out, "Grandpa."

"Come back," Bu Laoweng's voice was heard, but the overseer sounded helpless and exhausted.

Tian Shao was stunned. "Come back? Back where?"

"Where else would you go? Do you want to die in the Outerverse? Get back to the Neoverse!" Bu Laoweng suddenly sounded irritable. His clash with Lu Yin had ended in a total loss. While he still could not accept the price that he had paid, he had no choice but to accept it.

Tian Shao was dumbfounded.

Throughout the meeting room, everyone else was also dumbfounded.

Wei Rong's mouth curled into a smile; Lu Yin was still lucky enough to encounter good fortune wherever he went.

The truth was that Wei Rong could not be considered as loyal to Lu Yin yet. Rather, he had put on an act of loyalty for Tian Shao because the situation had never reached a critical point. Wei Rong and Wang Wen were both intelligent people, and they would never reveal their true position too early and risk exposing themselves to others.

Lu Yin could always accomplish something unthinkable, and this was Wei Rong's strongest impression of Lu Yin. This time, Lu Yin's opponent had been one of the Hall of Honor's overseers, but Wei Rong had still held a sliver of hope for Lu Yin's victory. In the end, his hope had proven true.

Most people in the room looked thrilled, though there was a small number of people who still felt that the Outerverse would have a better future if they were led by one of the Hall of Honor's overseers.

The sect leader of Greenpeak Gorge, Feng Shu, was completely confused at this moment. Defeated? One of the Hall of Honor's overseers actually lost? How is that possible?

Tian Shao was even more incredulous. "Grandpa, what did Lu Yin do? How could he beat you? That's impossible! You're an overseer! Don't you have that special privilege? Grandpa, use that! There's no need to hide it."

"Shut up! Just do as you're told! Brother Zhan, please bring him back," said Bu Laoweng in an exhausted tone.

The old man behind Tian Shao quickly replied, "Yes, overseer."

Tian Shao froze when the call abruptly ended. He was unable to react for a long time. How could they have been defeated? It was impossible. This should not have happened.

The old man set a hand on Tian Shao's shoulder, and the two people suddenly disappeared. The situation had become clear to everyone; there was no place in the Outerverse for those two. This was Lu Yin's territory, and judging by the overseer's tone of voice, Tian Shao's old protector knew that he was short on time and that he needed to hurry back.

Monster Chi also froze. He did not know what to do.

Suddenly, Wei Rong's gadget rang, and he answered the call. Lu Yin's image reappeared, along with the figure of Xiao Shi at his side. The teen was curiously looking at the crowd attending the Alliance Convention.

"We pay our respects to the Alliance Leader." Wei Rong got up and bowed in greetings.

Meng Tianlong, Gong Chou, Doro, Angie, Qiong Xi'er, and others all stood to bow in unison. "We pay our respects to the Alliance Leader."

Even Feng Shu and the others who had defected to Tian Shao respectfully bowed. They were acting out of fear, as they did not know what would happen to them with the fall of Tian Shao.

Lu Yin's eyes swept across the crowd before finally focusing on Monster Chi. "Do you want to take part in a meeting for my Great Eastern Alliance? Get lost!"

Lu Yin used a stern voice to scold an expert whose power level was more than 400,000. Monster Chi was a powerful Enlighter whose strength was enough to make him one of the Blaze Realm's trump cards, but when he was scolded by Lu Yin, Monster Chi did not dare to say a word in rebuke.

An overseer from the Hall of Honor had already lost to this youth, which deprived Monster Chi of all courage. He silently left with an ugly expression.

The alliance representatives were all shocked. Previously, Lu Yin's authority had been exclusively limited to the Outerverse even though he was the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance. His influence had not stretched to the Innaverse, but now, he was scolding such a powerful expert.

The way that Lu Yin had casually spoken to such an expert made it seem as though powerhouses at Monster Chi's level were no longer able to enter Lu Yin's sight. This domineering behavior gave everyone chills, and they all became certain of one thing: Lu Yin had definitely overturned things even in the Neoverse.

Lu Yin indifferently asked, "Where's Tian Shao?"

Wei Rong replied, "He left. He should be on his way back to the Neoverse."

Lu Yin's expression was cold. He had wanted to find someone to fight, but he had ultimately thought better of it. The entire matter had already been blown up to such huge proportions. Even though he was the victim, the nine overseers had decided to appoint a supervisor to the Great Eastern Alliance. Although Lu Yin had seized that authority back from them, which had upset some of the overseers, if he continued to pursue things with Tian Shao, he would seem vindictive, and Lu Yin would end up offending even more people.

Unless it became absolutely necessary, Lu Yin did not want to offend too many people, as there were powers supporting each of the overseers from behind. Gaining even more enemies at this stage was not one of Lu Yin's goals.

As for Tian Shao, he could still be useful in the future.

"I will stay in the Neoverse for a while still, and the Great Eastern Alliance will continue to follow the previously laid outlines. Wei Rong, I hope that the plans can be implemented as soon as I return to the Outerverse," Lu Yin said.

Wei Rong respectfully replied, "Don't worry, Alliance Leader, I have never slacked off."

There was a pause. Then, Wei Rong suddenly remembered something and whispered to Lu Yin, "Your Highness, Yan Yan disappeared a few days ago."¹

Lu Yin grew puzzled. "Disappeared? What do you mean?"

Wei Rong shook his head. "I don't know. He just vanished. I don't know if he left by himself or if he was taken away by someone."

Lu Yin nodded. "Wait there for now, and we'll deal with it when I get back."

With one last look at the crowd, Lu Yin's image disappeared.

Chapter 1194: God Of Death

After Lu Yin's image disappeared, Wei Rong smiled and looked around at everyone. "Ladies and gentlemen, did you all hear the Alliance Leader's words?"

Everyone looked at each other before silently leaving.

Feng Shu's scalp tingled, and his entire body trembled. He had totally forgotten that after the plan to subvert Daynight Flowzone had been completed, the Great Eastern Alliance had already started another plan. Feng Shu was not clear on the specifics of this next plan, but the time and resources that it required surpassed what they had used to move against Daynight Flowzone. Thus, this plan should be even more ambitious than Lu Yin's move against the Daynight clan.

They could not possibly be targeting the Innerverse, could they? Feng Shu was terrified by such a thought, but he was even more scared of Lu Yin. Would the youth be able to survive what he had just done?

Feng Shu started to have a panic attack.

In the Neoverse, atop Mt. Microcosms, Lu Yin lowered his gadget. Xiao Shi was the only person next to him, and the teen was still holding his massive book. Higsage Wudi had left after complaining about how Arch-Elder Zen had scolded him.

Lu Yin did not believe that Higsage Wudi would have a good time of things. This was not the first time that Higsage Wudi had caused a massive commotion, and Arch-Elder Zen definitely would not let things go so easily this time.

Before Higsage Wudi had left, he had asked Lu Yin to wait for him on Mt. Microcosms, but Lu Yin did not want to waste his time while waiting.

"Do you know where I can take a Lockbreaker ranking test?" Lu Yin asked while looking over at Xiao Shi.

Xiao Shi's eyes lit up. "Are you going to the Lockbreaker World? That happens to be where I'm headed, so let's go together."

Lu Yin nodded. "Is it far?"

"It's not far. It's actually also part of Mt. Microcosms, as it's one of the many worlds in the mountain," Xiao Shi said as he led the way.

Lu Yin looked at the peak of the mountain that Higsage Wudi had shattered. This place had been Bu Laoweng's home, but after what had just happened, the old man was done for.

Although the Lockbreaker World was not far, it would still take them some time to travel there due to Xiao Shi's speed. Lu Yin eventually ended up grabbing the teen with one hand as he flew the both of them to the other side of Mt. Microcosms.

They did not fly high above the mountain. After all, this was Mt. Microcosms, and Lu Yin was not as reckless as Higsage Wudi. Thus, he only dared to fly close to the ground.

"Why did you just help me?" Lu Yin asked, feeling slightly suspicious.

Xiao Shi pushed his glasses up and looked at Lu Yin with a confused expression. "Help you? When did I do that?"

Lu Yin pressed a bit further. "Didn't you just help me by explaining where death energy originally came from?"

Xiao Shi gulped and pushed his glasses up again. "I was just sharing history since people were mistaken. This is the true history, and I don't want facts to be twisted and changed."

Lu Yin was stunned. This guy dared to say that he had not been helping Lu Yin, but had instead only been trying to correct people's understanding of history. This kid was too pure. "Is that really why you offended Bu Laoweng? Didn't you consider the consequences?"

Xiao Shi felt rather confused. "Why would I offend him? He didn't understand any better than anyone else, so I just needed to correct that."

Lu Yin was rendered speechless, as it felt impossible to have a conversation with this person. Was he sick in the head, or was he really just that naive?

"What's this God of Death that you just mentioned?" Lu Yin asked.

As soon as the topic switched to history, Xiao Shi's expression completely changed, and his mien became confident. He forcefully shoved his glasses back up. "The God of Death was the oldest human powerhouse, and he was also the first person to create death energy. Death energy is simply a power that was born from the God of Death's cultivation method, and there's inherently nothing good or bad about it. It's not like most people believe that death energy is unique to the Specter Clan anyways. It's really not, and the Specter Clan was just formed from the first group of people who accepted and started to use death energy. That's all. They're human, and so are we, which is why we can all use death energy."

"Are you saying that if a normal person absorbs death energy, their offspring will also be able to use death energy?" Lu Yin asked.

Xiao Shi seriously answered, "That's not what I mean. That's what's recorded in history books, but the books say that it's not certain. Still, the possibility is quite high, and the more death energy that one cultivates, the more likely it is for the descendants of that cultivator to also have an aptitude for death energy. The Specter Clan has reached their state because of how long they've been cultivating death energy. The result is that, not only are their members able to immediately cultivate death energy, but their eyes are also different from birth whereas a typical person would need to first cultivate death energy before their eyes changed.

"Death energy is the energy that the God of Death cultivated, and anyone who cultivates death energy is theoretically one of the God of Death's heirs. This doesn't only include the people from the Specter Clan people, as you are also a part of that group."

Lu Yin was surprised. "Are you saying that the God of Death really existed?"

Xiao Shi nodded, utterly serious. "Yes."

Lu Yin blinked. It was not that he could not believe this. After all, humans had developed for countless eons, and it was impossible for everything and everyone to be recorded down in history. Someone with a name like the "God of Death" would not have been an ordinary powerhouse, but Lu Yin somehow felt that the teen in front of him was not a very reliable source.

"You don't believe me?" Xiao Shi asked in a rhetorical manner before pulling out his book and pointed at the top. "Look, it's written right here."

Lu Yin looked at the book, but it was blank. He stared at Xiao Shi. This guy was just messing with him!

Xiao Shi stared at Lu Yin, still solemn. "Believe it."

Lu Yin's brows rose high. "You're messing me."

Xiao Shi was dismayed. "You can't see the words either?"

Lu Yin felt surprised. "Is there supposed to be something written there?"

Xiao Shi nodded. He felt a bit helpless, but he was also used to such reactions. "Of course there is! It's very clearly written that death energy was born from the God of Death, and the God of Death was one

of the oldest human Progenitors. They were born at the dawn of mankind. You really can't see the writing?"

Lu Yin shook his head. It seemed that this person was not trying to trick Lu Yin, but the book really was completely blank.

"How frustrating! No one believes me no matter what I say, but there really is writing in this book," Xiao Shi lamented helplessly as his entire being shrank in on itself a bit.

"Can anyone other than you see the writing?" Lu Yin asked.

Xiao Shi shook his head. "No, just me."

Lu Yin quickly understood; it was no wonder why no one believed Xiao Shi. It seemed this guy really was not a trickster. Words that only this person could see? Was it an innate gift?

"Is this book your innate gift?" Lu Yin asked.

Xiao Shi shook his head. "I found it in the Historical Archives."

Lu Yin did not speak another word. People passed by the two youths and looked at them in astonishment. Lu Yin felt that everyone was staring at Xiao Shi, as the teen's eyes looked like a madman's.

This guy might actually be insane, Lu Yin instinctively wanted to pull away.

The Hall of Honor was the guiding power of the entire Human Domain, but they had numerous subsidiary organizations underneath them. The most famous of such powers were the Interstellar Supreme Court and the Lockbreaker Society. Lu Yin had already seen the Arbitration Great World, and the view of a sky full of stars had shocked him.

When Lu Yin entered the Lockbreaker World, he was met by an even more shocking sight. Not only was there a starry sky, but there was also an endless amount of spiritual thread spreading out as far as the eye could see. Every planet that Lu Yin could see was draped with countless strands of spiritual thread.

But that was not even the most astounding thing. Even more shocking, upon entry, Lu Yin was not far away from an incomparably large planet. However, it was not actually a planet. This massive object was a sourcebox! It was undeniable that this sourcebox was on an even larger scale than the five sealing planets that protected Shenwu Continent.

This sourcebox was comparable in size to Planet Nightking.

Planet Nightking was widely known as the largest planet in both the Inniverse and Outerverse, and it was so large that Lu Yin had been dazed when he first saw the planet. Planet Nightking was large enough to house an entire large clan, or even several large clans, and yet this sourcebox was of a similar size.

Lu Yin stared at the sourcebox off in the distance. He could not comprehend anyone being able to unlock this sourcebox, though he did wonder what it might contain.

The five sealing planets protecting Shenwu Continent were already large enough that Lu Yin felt that it was impossible to unlock them, but this sourcebox surpassed those five by far.

Chapter 1195: Array Master

"Hey, what are you looking at?" Xiao Shi asked. He followed Lu Yin's gaze. "That's the Lockbreaker World's sourcebox array."

The corner of Lu Yin's mouth twitched. "What? That's a sourcebox array?"

Xiao Shi nodded and answered, "Yep, a sourcebox array."

Lu Yin pointed at the incredibly large sourcebox that filled the horizon. "So, are there more than one of those things?"

Xiao Shi nodded. "There are a total of six."

Lu Yin felt that, despite cultivating for so many years, exploring everywhere from the Outerverse to the Neoverse, and seeing all the various wonders and phenomena, this was still too much.

These kinds of sourceboxes had danger zones, and he could only imagine how terrifying the zone around such a sourcebox would be. He expected that even an Envoy would struggle to survive such a sourcebox, and these had been used to arrange a sourcebox array. He reflexively asked, "What sort of person is capable of setting up such an array?"

Xiao Shi thought for a moment. "Can't say."

"You know?" Lu Yin was shocked. He had just asked out of habit, as such information was usually kept highly classified.

Xiao Shi nodded. "It's noted down in history books, but I can't say."

Lu Yin marveled at Xiao Shi. Did this guy actually have that much knowledge, or was he just a habitual liar?

He pointed to Xiao Shi's book. "Was that also written down in that book?"

Xiao Shi nodded.

Lu Yin was left speechless. There was no way to communicate with this person, as there was no way to determine if he was telling the truth or not.

"By the way, what rank do you want to be tested for?" Xiao Shi asked, looking at Lu Yin with curiosity.

Lu Yin replied, "Boundless Advanced."

Xiao Shi exclaimed, "Boundless Advanced? You?"

Lu Yin pursed his lips. "You don't believe me?"

Xiao Shi grew excited, and he kept staring at Lu Yin. "You're really powerful. Can you teach me?"

"Teach you what?"

"Can you teach me how to become strong? Then, people will believe anything I say."

Lu Yin glanced at the book. The words in books were able to convince a few people, but only a few. Words were actually not the key to convincing people, as only fools blindly believed what they were told.

The Lockbreaker World was a starry sky, and the first planet that they landed on was filled with guards. Lu Yin could feel a powerful strength constantly sweeping through the area, and he felt fear rattle his bones.

Any random expert from the Hall of Honor was able to give him such a feeling. This place left him feeling very unsafe, and he was convinced that the Outerverse was a great place to be.

The center of the Lockbreaker World was not a planet, but rather a continent that floated atop a sea in outer space.

There were many cosmic wonders, so this was not an overwhelmingly surprising sight.

However, the moment Lu Yin saw someone pull out a sourcebox from the sea, his expression completely changed.

"What's that all about?" Lu Yin asked.

Xiao Shi explained, "There are all kinds of sourceboxes in this sea. Some were put in by the ancestors while others were pulled in by the Lockbreaker World's sourcebox array. If Lockbreakers want to get them, then they have to trade by putting in a sourcebox of equal value, but it's definitely possible to unlock the sourceboxes found here."

Lu Yin was amazed. "So there's really such a thing."

He started to get a bit jumpy. He had come here to test his Lockbreaker rank, but he had just come across a sea where you could practice lockbreaking. However, Xiao Shi next led Lu Yin to a planet that was next to the sea. As they traveled, he explained that there were people on that planet who could test Lu Yin's Lockbreaker rank. They were powerful Lockbreakers, and Xiao Shi was also familiar with them, so there was no need to be concerned.

Lu Yin faithfully followed after Xiao Shi, mostly because Lu Yin was curious about who Xiao Shi was claiming to be powerful Lockbreakers. Since they were Xiao Shi's acquaintances, Lu Yin felt that he might be able to ask them for pointers regarding lockbreaking.

At this moment, two people rapidly approached from behind Lu Yin and Xiao Shi. They were also headed towards the large planet, but upon seeing Xiao Shi, they stopped in surprise. "Isn't that the Shit Eating Duo?"¹

"It's not a surprise to see that the duo is getting back together again, haha."

Lu Yin gave Xiao Shi a strange look after hearing the two people speak. Shit Eating Duo?

Xiao Shi did not seem to understand what was being said.

The longer Lu Yin looked at the teen, the more he felt that this guy was a nutjob. "You- you have a strange taste."

Xiao Shi was confused. "What taste?"

Lu Yin breathed a sigh of relief. That comment had scared him, as he had been worried that his person actually ate shit.

"My friend's surname is Chi, so he's known as Xiao Chi. My surname is Shi, and I'm called Xiao Shi, so..." Xiao Shi did not have a pleasant expression on his face.

Lu Yin felt that this was strange, but he did not ask any further. When it came to one's surname, it would be insulting to mock it. Although Xiao Shi was clearly rather odd, not even he would appreciate having his surname mocked!

Before long, Lu Yin's assumption turned out to be correct, and another teenager appeared in front of them. This person also wore large glasses and had a mushroom-shaped haircut. When Lu Yin looked at the two people, he wondered if they were actually brothers.

"Wow, Xiao Shi, it's been a long time," the bowl headed Xiao Chi said in surprise.

Xiao Shi was also happy to see his friend. "Xiao Chi, it's been quite some time."

"Why haven't you visited in so long? I've missed you."

"I was explaining history to people, but they didn't believe me."

"They still don't believe you? Those people are just too stubborn."

"What about you? Have you found anyone who can understand the romance of mushroom heads?"

"No, not a single one. My master even keeps scolding me, trying to get me to cut off the mushroom head. Hmph! A head can be broken, but the mushroom cannot be messed with!"

"Yes, we must stick with things to the end! My book records the true history."

"My mushroom head is a lockbreaking tool, and it's the best lockbreaking tool!"

"Come on, let's go for it and never give up."

"One, two, three, come on! Never give up!"

Lu Yin froze and subconsciously took two steps back. He felt that these people had somehow suddenly become idiots.

The two mushroom heads eagerly turned to look at Lu Yin. "Xiao Shi, is he Lu Yin? The youngest and most promising Lockbreaker in the history of the Outerverse? The one who returned a page of True Insight?"

"That's right, Xiao Chi. He's that Lu Yin, the person who united the Outerverse. After only cultivating for twelve years, he was able to compete in the Mountain and Sea Realm. He's already done enough to be recorded in history."

"So powerful! How did you end up bringing him here? Is he willing to talk to us? Will he believe us?"

"Not so much right now, but don't worry. I'm confident that I'll be able to convince him. He's the same kind as us."

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Lu Yin was suddenly glad that the Ghost Monkey was gone, as otherwise, Lu Yin would have been mocked relentlessly. The same kind of person as them? Lu Yin was not an idiot!

"Sorry, but I still have to take a ranking test, so I can't keep you company," Lu Yin spoke up in a stiff voice as he hurriedly tried to leave.

Xiao Chi's eyes lit up. "A Lockbreaker test? You're going to try for the Boundless Advanced level?"

Lu Yin nodded.

Xiao Chi was taken aback. "That's great! I'll take you to Master and have Master give you the test."

Lu Yin stared at Xiao Chi. "Your master?"

Xiao Chi nodded, clenched a fist, and cheered himself up. "He's one of the most powerful Lockbreakers in the entire Neoverse! My master is Gui Junheng."

Lu Yin had not heard this name before, but he knew too little of the Neoverse.

Xiao Chi was clearly disappointed by Lu Yin's lack of reaction. "You haven't heard of my master before?"

"Sorry, it's my first time here," Lu Yin apologized.

Xiao Shi explained, "He's from the Outerverse, so it makes sense for him to not have heard of Master Gui." He then looked at Lu Yin and explained, saying, "Master Gui is one of the most powerful Lockbreakers in the Lockbreaker Society's main headquarters, and he's a powerful Array Master as well."

Lu Yin's pupils shrank—an Array Master?

There was a clear ranking of Lockbreakers: Discerning Elementary, Bright Eyes Junior, Perceptive Intermediate, and finally, Boundless Advanced. The ranks were further subdivided by stars, with five stars being the highest within a given rank. This was common knowledge throughout the Inniverse and the Outerverse, but there was also a rank above the Boundless Advanced Lockbreakers: Array Master.

Those who were known as Array Masters were Lockbreakers who had become five star Advanced Lockbreakers that had also mastered sourcebox arrays, hence the name.

This meant that the Master Gui that these two were mentioning was not only a five star Advanced Lockbreaker, but also a master of setting up sourcebox arrays.

Any Lockbreaker who was an Array Master was not someone to be underestimated. Although sourcebox arrays were not quite as valuable as secret techniques, in some ways, sourcebox arrays could be even

more versatile than secret techniques. There were arrays that were capable of changing the sky and even creating something out of nothing.

The Neohuman Alliance had been able to enter the Mountain and Seas Zone and Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum because they had an Array Master and the appropriate sourcebox array. This combination was enough to change anything.

Any and all Array Masters were considered treasures of humanity.

If Lu Yin had not coincidentally entered the giant eyes at the peak of one of the mountains in the Mountain and Seas Zone with the ability to access to his Timestop Space, which gave him the time needed to comprehend what he saw in that place, then he would not have reached the Worldliness realm of star energy control. In that case, it would have been even more impossible to comprehend a sourcebox array. Still, his comprehension was not that deep, and he was not anywhere close to the point of being able to ignore space.

Only once a person reached the level of an Array Master would they be able to manipulate the most powerful sourcebox arrays.

Lu Yin had not expected someone whom he suspected of being a madman would actually have an Array Master as their teacher.

Lu Yin grew respectful. "Please introduce me to this Array Master."

Xiao Chi was satisfied, as Lu Yin's respectful attitude towards his master made the youth feel proud. "Wait a moment, and I'll call Master out."

He then turned on his gadget and sent out a message.

Before long, Xiao Chi told Lu Yin, "Let's go to Master's place, and you can take the ranking exam there."

"Anyone who's able to become an Array Master is allowed to test any Lockbreaker for ranking exams," Xiao Shi explained.

At this time, Xiao Chi moved close to Xiao Shi's ear and whispered something. Xiao Shi was surprised. "He's there, too? Should we wait a while before going?"

Xiao Shou gritted his teeth. "We need to go now." He then glanced over at Lu Yin. "If he's with us, what are you afraid of?"

Xiao Shi puffed out his chest. "That's true. Ok, we'll go now. There's no reason to be afraid."

Lu Yin felt these two were strange, and it always seemed like they were discussing weird things. This conversation seemed related to Lu Yin, but surely they would not get him involved in anything too strange. He actually started to panic a bit as he looked at the two mushroom heads.

The entire Outerverse had no Array Master. Actually, no, there was one—Geoffrey, though he was not actually from the Outerverse, but rather had been transferred there from the Neoverse. More accurately, there was no Outerverse native who had become an Array Master. Lu Yin did not know whether or not any such expert had risen from the Innaverse, but he felt that there should be at least

one in the form of the Inniverse Lockbreaker Society President, but that person might also be from the Neoverse. According to Xiao Chi, there were very few Array Masters, even in the Neoverse.

Gui Junheng was completely unknown to the people of the Outerverse and Inniverse, but those who in the know were aware of him.

Lu Yin remembered seeing a video when he had first joined the Lockbreaker Society where a powerful expert had unlocked a sourcebox shaped like a massive plant that had been so large that its roots had even reached the sky. Everyone who joined the Lockbreaker Society saw that video, and it left a deep impression on everyone. Naturally, Lu Yin had been inspired by it as well.

The person in that video had been Gui Junheng.

Lu Yin had originally expected the person in that video to be an ancient expert, and he had never expected it to be Gui Junheng. When Xiao Chi mentioned this, Lu Yin was shocked, though he also felt that this was very odd. Why would a powerhouse like Gui Junheng accept Xiao Chi as his disciple? If Xiao Chi had not already contacted the Array Master and received a response, Lu Yin would not have wanted to continue on.

Chapter 1196: The Pride Of A Lockbreaker

Xiao Chi led Lu Yin to the far side of a planet where Gui Junheng was waiting for them. When they arrived, the Array Master had already been waiting there for quite some time, and he was accompanied by a young man with an indifferent expression.

Lu Yin was blown away upon seeing the youth. Even though he was not using Truesight since he was in the Hall of Honor, Lu Yin could tell that this young man was extraordinary just by the star energy surrounding him.

Once one's star energy control reached the Worldliness realm, their sensitivity would qualitatively change compared to that of ordinary people. It was this sense that allowed Lu Yin to feel—to some extent at least—the level of another person's star energy control. In fact, he could also weaken or even reverse the star energy that a person was manipulating if their control was far enough behind Lu Yin's. However, he was not able to feel any sort of superiority against this youth.

When the young man noticed Lu Yin, his expression also showed his astonishment, along with a hint of interest.

Both Lu Yin and the young man instantly felt that the other person was someone who had reached the Worldliness realm of star energy control.

Lu Yin stared at the young man for a bit before shifting his focus over to Gui Junheng.

The video that Lu Yin had seen all those years ago had not been too clear, so upon seeing the real person, Lu Yin grew a bit excited. "Junior Lu Yin greets Array Master Gui Junheng."

Gui Junheng was surprised when he looked at Lu Yin, and the Array Master commented, "The Worldliness realm of control. It's no wonder why you dare to challenge the Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker exam. You have a good chance of passing."

Lu Yin solemnly replied, "Many thanks, senior."

Gui Junheng nodded and glanced over at the young man next to him. The youth then stepped forward towards Lu Yin, and somberly introduced himself. "My name is Wu Dan, and I am a one star Advanced Lockbreaker."

Lu Yin grew serious. "It's an honor to meet you."

Wu Dan replied, "I am also honored to meet you. Lu Yin, I've heard your name more than once before."

Lu Yin was surprised. "Why would that be?"

Wu Dan casually replied, "Your fast progress. You quickly became a Discerning Elementary Lockbreaker, skipped past the one star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker level, and immediately became a five star Intermediate Lockbreaker instead. Skipping levels like that is very rare even throughout history, and your name has already spread all the way from the Outerverse to the Neoverse. It has even entered this Lockbreaker World."

Lu Yin quietly absorbed this information.

"I wasn't too concerned about you at first, as lockbreaking requires experience, and talent alone isn't enough. However, I never expected that your star energy control would have already reached the Worldliness realm. In both the Innerverse and Outerverse, you're the only person who has the ability to compare to me," Wu Dan said.

Lu Yin arched a brow. "What about the Distinguished Five?"

Wu Dan contemptuously said, "They're just five pieces of trash. None of them have become an Advanced Lockbreaker yet, and it doesn't look like any of them are capable of doing so within the next ten years. It's just advancing one step, but that step is like the difference between heaven and earth. None of them can ever compare with me."

"What about Master Wusheng?" Lu Yin pressed.

Wu Dan responded with the same disdain as before. "He's known as the heir to the Innerverse Lockbreaker Society President, and although he's a gifted Lockbreaker, his strength is too low. While lockbreaking focuses more on one's ability to perceive and understand, if one doesn't have the strength to stay alive while lockbreaking, then it's all useless. He'll never be able to compare to me, regardless of if it's his cultivation or his lockbreaking ability."

Lu Yin stared intently at the young man in front of him. This Wu Dan had criticized all of the best Lockbreakers in the Innerverse and Outerverse, and he saw only Lu Yin as a peer. No, that was also not quite right. Before meeting Lu Yin, Wu Dan had not considered him either.

Wu Dan did not even glance at Xiao Chi or Xiao Shi. Instead, he simply turned around and left the planet. "You're clearly capable of becoming an Advanced Lockbreaker, so learn a sourcebox array as soon as you can. Otherwise, there won't be any actual point to advancing. I'll also be participating in ZENITH, and I'll going to let everyone know just how powerful Lockbreakers are, though I don't want to be the only one there."

Lu Yin watched Wu Dan leave, not knowing where the young man's confidence came from. Wu Dan was a Hunter at best while Enlighters had participated in the contest in the Mountain and Seas Zone.

While Lockbreakers did enjoy an advantage in battle, it definitely was not an advantage that could allow a Hunter to reach the same level of strength as Lu Yin's. Lu Yin could not discern just how strong Wu Dan actually was.

Xiao Chi suddenly sighed in relief. "He's finally gone! He's so scary."

Xiao Shi nodded. "Too scary."

Gui Junheng glared intensely at Xiao Chi. "I've allowed you to slack off on work for too long, and you didn't even have the courage to participate in ZENITH. Just look at what you've become! Hurry up and get rid of that mushroom head."

Xiao Chi scowled a bit, as did Xiao Shi. The two were unexpectedly stubborn about their mushroom heads. "My mushroom head is my lockbreaking tool! It's a powerful lockbreaking tool that surpasses all others! It cannot be cut!"

Xiao Shi nodded. "My history is true."

Lu Yin speechlessly stared at the two teens. They really were exactly the same.

This clearly was not Gui Junheng's first time hearing these protests, and he helplessly smacked his forehead. He then looked at Lu Yin and laughed. "I've let you see a joke. Come, let's have you take the Advanced Lockbreaker exam."

Lu Yin answered respectfully, "Many thanks, senior."

Gui Junheng waved a hand. "There's no need to call me senior—just call me Master Gui. That's what everyone else calls me."

"Very well, Master Gui."

Xiao Shi moved right behind Lu Yin and nodded at him with a curious expression. Xiao Shi then whispered, "Master Gui is very easy to get along with, but if he starts lockbreaking, you should immediately sneak away."

"Why?" Lu Yin was stunned.

Xiao Shi purposely slowed Lu Yin down and quietly whispered in an awed tone, "Master Gui's behavior when lockbreaking is completely different from normal. He's like an entirely different person. How should I say this? He becomes very rude, exuberant, and will easily turn violent. We all run away, and no one dares to stick around."

A double personality. These words appeared in Lu Yin's mind, as this sounded very similar to Ming Yan.

The entire planet was covered with spiritual thread. Lu Yin could not understand where so much spiritual thread had come from. The entire Great Eastern Alliance had searched everywhere, but they had only managed to scrounge up enough spiritual thread to construct one lockbreaking room while spiritual thread was literally everywhere in this Lockbreaker World.

Spiritual thread was the most effective material at stopping the danger zones radiated by sourceboxes. Although many sourceboxes had danger zones powerful enough to easily slaughter powerhouses,

spiritual thread was still able to curtail that power. Everything in the universe had its natural opposition, and this was simply the way of things.

Gui Junheng eventually stopped, and Lu Yin and the other two stood behind the Array Master. The older man casually waved his hand, and the spiritual thread in front of them was suddenly swept away into the sky as a bridge appeared on the ground.

Neither Xiao Shi nor Xiao Chi felt anything, but Lu Yin was dazed.

The moment the spiritual threads moved aside, the star energy surrounding the bridge had transformed. The void warped, and illusory voices suddenly called out. They had filled his ears with countless voices of worship, arguing, fighting, cultivation, and more. It was as if the bridge had experienced countless people's lives.

Gui Junheng looked at Lu Yin. "This bridge is a Boundless Advanced sourcebox. You can start, and if you succeed in unlocking it, you will be an Advanced Lockbreaker."

Xiao Chi was taken by surprise. "Master, where did this bridge come from? Why has this disciple never seen it before?"

Gui Junheng fiercely glared at the teen. "What do you want to see? Not mentioning this, but there are many intermediate sourceboxes that you can't see."

Xiao Chi jumped in shock and moved to hide behind Xiao Shi.

Lu Yin bowed to Gui Junheng and then cautiously began approaching the bridge. At the same time, his eyes filled with star energy. Since he was lockbreaking and would stay on this planet for the time being, he could use Truesight.

Lu Yin's pupils transformed into runes, and he saw countless runes covered with more runes. The sheer amount that he saw was astounding, and he estimated that the number matched up to those of an expert with a power level of at least 300,000.

This is not just a normal Advanced sourcebox.

A Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker needed to be in the Hunter realm at the very least, which meant that even the worst advanced sourceboxes had the strength of a Hunter. One really did need to have the strength of a Hunter in order to unlock such a sourcebox, and for a sourcebox that had a strength comparable to an Enlighter with a power level of 300,000, it was clear that this was not a one star advanced sourcebox.

Gui Junheng's voice reached Lu Yin. "You can give up on this exam. As you can see, this sourcebox is not simple."

Lu Yin said, "There's no need. This junior will still try."

Gui Junheng nodded in admiration. "An ordinary person would instantly give up, but you fought in the Mountain and Seas Zone. Also, this sourcebox is not impossible to unlock, and you should have no trouble staying alive, which is why I brought you to this sourcebox for your exam. Also, some time ago,

Wu Dan became a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker by unlocking a similar sourcebox for his advancement exam."

Lu Yin understood that this was an attempt to compare him to Wu Dan, and it was likely also Wu Dan's intention.

They were challenging him, and Lu Yin grew a bit excited. Renewed with vigor, he started walking closer to the bridge.

At this time, the entire Lockbreaker World, as well as the Lockbreakers on many outside planets, were watching this scene, as was Wu Dan.

It was not clear how many Lockbreakers there were in the universe, as many preferred to remain hidden. Still, even if the number of Lockbreakers surpassed the recorded number, there was no way that the difference was too large, as otherwise, Lockbreakers would not be so rare.

Word soon leaked out of the Lockbreaker World that Lu Yin was taking the Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker exam. Since the news had reached the outside world, it would not take long for the Innaverse Lockbreaker Society to hear of it as well.

Still, no matter what happened in the outside world, Lu Yin was too busy to care.

He used Truesight to make his way past the numerous rune lines as the sourcebox released its first wave of attacks.

There was a shocking boom that sounded like an explosion of thunder, and it echoed through Lu Yin's mind. He was stunned; this attack contained both spiritual power and star energy. It was no wonder why there were so many rune lines.

Lu Yin's vision was completely different from everyone else's. Most would not see anything at all, as spiritual force attacks were formless and invisible.

Fortunately, these spiritual force attacks were not quite as strong as Nightking Zhenwu's Skybreaker, and compared to back when Lu Yin had fought against Nighking Zhenwu, he had already become a Hunter. Thus, he was able to easily endure these spiritual force attacks. Otherwise, he would have been forced to start reciting the Stonewall Scriptures.

Step by step, Lu Yin approached the bridge. The spiritual force attacks continuously assaulted Lu Yin's mind and grew more and more powerful as he drew closer. When he was still about a meter away from the bridge, Lu Yin actually saw a scene from ancient times. There was a young man kneeling before the bridge, and on the other side, there was an old man.

"If you and the others who want to join our sect can cross this bridge, you will prove your strength of will. Only those who can cross the bridge qualify to enter the sect.

"Anyone unable to cross this bridge must immediately leave."

"This bridge represents the immortal splendor of my sect and the pride that will not allow others to defile it."

The moment Lu Yin raised a hand to touch the bridge, a terrifying attack descended from beyond the sky. The bridge shook, moving out of reach of Lu Yin, and simultaneously, sword qi severed the massive sect that lay beyond the bridge.

"We are immortals! This should not happen! My sect should not be suppressed!"

"We are unwilling to seal this bridge! This bridge records my sect's peerless battle skills, and whoever can receive this bridge will inherit them when rebuilding my sect. My sect was known as the Rocksoul Sect."

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As Lu Yin pressed a hand against the bridge, his eyes snapped open. He saw an overwhelming number of rune lines gather together and crash down to crush him. He was startled, and he immediately began to recite the Stonewall Scriptures as an oppressive spiritual force attack fell down upon him. The attack took on the form of a visible sound wave that spread out, so intense that the void began trembling.

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Xiao Shi and Xiao Chi were terrified by the scene, and they fled.

Gui Junheng's eyes showed that he was impressed, but he merely waved a hand to dispel the sound wave. The Array Master looked at Lu Yin and saw that all that had happened was that a bit of sweat had beaded up on Lu Yin's forehead. The youth opened his eyes and continued.

Gui Junheng nodded in approval. As expected of the Human Domain's most talented Lockbreaker among the younger generation. It was clear that Lu Yin was able to control his spiritual force.

Just because a person was capable of unleashing powerful attacks did not mean that their spiritual force would also be as impressive; the two metrics were completely independent of each other.

Upon thinking about this, Gui Junheng began to look through Lu Yin's records.

All of the Lockbreakers throughout the Lockbreaker World praised how Lu Yin had handled the attack.

"So there are people in my Lockbreaker Society who qualify to inherit this organization. It's not easy to even touch such a sourcebox at his age, and he's comparable to Wu Dan."

"Yes, this child is even from the Outerverse. Geoffrey must be thrilled."

"It's too bad that that old drunk's gone, as this would give him another reason to get drunk."

"Whether or not he can compare to Wu Dan will also depend on whether or not he's able to successfully unlock this sourcebox. Approaching it merely indicates that his strength is enough to begin."

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Somewhere in the starry sky, Wu Dan was staring at a screen in front of him, and he watched as Lu Yin started lockbreaking. A smile slowly began to appear on Wu Dan's face; things were starting to become interesting. As an independent organization, the Lockbreaker Society was not able to overwhelm the competition in ZENITH. However, Wu Dan had been working hard to master a sourcebox array in

preparation for those arrogant young talents. Still, he alone would not be enough, and he needed someone there who could be used as a comparison to him, and Lu Yin was the best option.

Beneath countless eyes, Lu Yin began lockbreaking.

It was prohibited to use any items when taking a lockbreaking exam, though Lu Yin did not even have anything that he could use. By now, he had already grown past the upgraded gemspring water of being any help to him.

Still, Lu Yin did not need to rely on any lockbreaking tools. He had already comprehended a sourcebox array, and as for his lockbreaking abilities, he had improved tremendously after learning from the Daosource Sect's Platform of Inception and reading through Gu Yue's journal.

Lu Yin's lockbreaking method was different from most contemporary Lockbreakers, and it was actually more similar to the ancient methods.

He swept his star energy across the entire bridge, and once he saw the condensed energies that formed the sourcebox, he felt as though he were peering into an alternative universe. Still, his star energy control had reached the Worldliness realm, and he had also extensively studied Gu Yue's journal, which made it easier for him to unravel the energies covering the stone bridge. He then began to search for the opening.

Gui Junheng and the others watched Lu Yin crouch down and begin lockbreaking from a specific corner. Most Lockbreakers were not able to understand Lu Yin's choice, and the faces of the very few who could immediately changed, as they had noticed what Lu Yin was doing.

Many of the spectators were surprised. "He's already able to perceive the energies' flow despite his youth. That's not something that Lockbreakers are normally capable of, as not only does it require a fine control of one's star energy, but also sufficient experience. Where did this child come from?"

"There are many experienced Advanced Lockbreakers who need to use lockbreaking tools, battle techniques, and everything else at their disposal to accomplish such a feat, but this child is able to accomplish this so easily. His lockbreaking talent is extraordinary."

"Whose disciple is this child?"

Being able to see the pattern behind a sourcebox's energies was one thing, but being able to use those veins of energies to accelerate one's lockbreaking speed was an entirely different matter.

Lockbreaking was a complex process, and it could be said that it revealed everything that a Lockbreaker had mastered.

Lu Yin traced the flow of the energies within the stone bridge, and he carefully observed the runes filling his vision. Then, he quickly identified the blockages in the flowing energy and traced them back. Suddenly, 720 stars erupted from Lu Yin's body and surrounded the entire stone bridge.

Someone in the Lockbreaker World who was watching was shocked by the sight. "That's actually the Cosmic Art, and he's even reached the peak of the third layer! So this child's a member of the Cosmic Sect?"

"Is he from my Cosmic Sect? Haha, awesome!"

"So he's from the Cosmic Sect. Then, this is normal."

Not far from the planet where Lu Yin was lockbreaking, there was a bit of land above a sea. This place was where many Lockbreakers were tested. There was one remote portion of this island where a person named Xiu Ming lived. He was from the Neoverse, and he was actually the president of the entire Lockbreaker Society. He was an incredibly powerful Lockbreaker, and he was known as Grandmaster Xiu.

There was a thatched hut, a flowerbed, and a waterfall next to where Xiu Ming lived.

He was lounging in a recliner that gently rocked as he stared at a screen. Xiu Ming was also quite surprised at what he saw, as well as delighted. "Young man, you are quite powerful. So there still are people who will inherit this society. However, this child is far more conniving and ambitious than Wu Dan. Even if a Lockbreaker is extremely talented, his future achievements will be limited by his mindset, and he will never be able to reach the true peak. What a pity.

"You should continue to train and train. If you train to the level where you qualify to become one of the society's presidents, then not even old guy Geoffrey will be able to teach you anymore." Having spoken, Xiu Ming seemed to suddenly remember something, and he took out his gadget. "It's been a long time, and the society has nothing that it needs to bother you for, but you should have a student and do some teaching. You already know about Lu Yin, and you are not strangers."

Atop Mt. Microcosms, Arch-Elder Zen was calmly looking at a screen, and it was showing Lu Yin unlocking the stone bridge sourcebox.

Behind the ancient powerhouse, Highsage Wudi was sitting cross-legged on the ground. His eyes would flick up from time to time, and he looked distressed.

Sitting down cross-legged was a very simple action, but Highsage Wudi felt like he was suffering through purgatory at this moment. Clearly, his experience was different from a regular person's.

"Arch-Elder Zen, you seem to be very concerned about my junior brother," Highsage Wudi asked in a strange tone.

Arch-Elder Zen replied in a light tone, "Don't call him 'junior brother' in the future. I have already told Highsage Grandmaster that, starting from today, Eversky Island has no one by the name of Lu Yin."

Highsage Wudi was taken aback. "Why? Does Old Zen have some opinion about him?"

Arch-Elder Zen looked over at Highsage Wudi. "Highsage Grandmaster gave him a choice, and Lu Yin did not choose Eversky Island. I also gave him a choice, but he still did not choose Eversky Island. It is his life, and he already has a master. Thus, there is no need for you to intervene."

"Master also mentioned that he must have another master, but he didn't say who that is. Is there someone in the Fifth Mainland who surpasses you and my master?" Highsage Wudi was surprised and grew even more puzzled.

Arch-Elder Zen did not respond. Instead, he continued to silently stare into the screen, as though he was staring at a treasure.

Chapter 1198: Sourcebox's Contents

In the Inverse, at the Lockbreaker Society's headquarters, Casanova was idly flipping through his gadget. He was bored and was hoping to find a beautiful woman to chat with.

Somewhat nearby, Liu Ju was casually browsing through the Lockbreaker Network and looking at lockbreaking videos.

Across the room, there was a man squatting on the ground and playing video games, which was an oddity among cultivators.

Even further away, there was another young man leaning against the wall. His entire body was shrouded in the shadows so that his face was not visible.

There were silent Lockbreakers everywhere, and some of them would occasionally get up and look for a lockbreaking room.

No one spoke, and it was very quiet, but the silence was suddenly broken as someone called out, "Hey, this person, is this Lu Yin?"

The name "Lu Yin" meant little to those in the Neoverse, but he had long become famous throughout the Outerverse and Inverse.

The person who had spoken up was a middle-aged man who enjoyed a high status within the Inverse Lockbreaker Society. He was even a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker, but at this moment, he was being incredibly disruptive.

Casanova and others all looked at the man.

The middle-aged man adjusted his gadget to display a video in front of everyone. It was of Lu Yin unlocking the stone bridge sourcebox.

The people there could barely comprehend what they were seeing.

The middle-aged man solemnly explained, "This video is a livestream from the Neoverse. He's taking a ranking exam."

Although some people still did not understand what they were looking at, most people were petrified by the explanation.

Everyone knew that Lu Yin was Seventh Bro, and they all knew that when Seventh Bro had last taken a ranking exam, he had jumped from being the one star Perceptive Intermediate level to a five star one. This massive jump had caused a great deal of confusion within the Lockbreaker Society, and many were still shocked by his results. But at this moment, it was obvious that Lu Yin was taking the Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker exam.

Lu Yin was already qualified to become an Advanced Lockbreaker?

Everyone gasped. No, this is too fast!

Casonova pursed his lips. Freak.

Liu Ju was stunned; her chance to challenge Lu Yin had already disappeared. Even though Lu Yin had not successfully passed the Lockbreaker ranking exam yet, for some reason, everyone thought that he would succeed.

The other two young people nearby were also staring at the image. They were both members of the Lockbreaker Society's Distinguished Five. One was named Mi Wen, who was a three star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, and the other was Qing Zhiyu.¹ He was the leader of the Distinguished Five, and just the day before, he had become a five star Intermediate Lockbreaker, which was something that not even Wu Dan had learned of yet.

However, even if Wu Dan had learned of such a thing, he still would not care. As he had told Lu Yin, there was only a difference of one word between an Advanced and an Intermediate Lockbreaker, but that difference was also the difference between heaven and earth.

"Lu Yin, what a legend." Mi Wen smiled as he looked over at Qing Zhiyu. "If he joins my Inniverse Lockbreaker Society, he can take your place."

Qing Zhiyu silently leaned back against the wall and ignored her.

At that moment, a lockbreaking room off in the distance opened, and someone exited. If Lu Yin was present, he would be surprised, as this person was an old acquaintance of his.

Dao Bo was the one who emerged.

Qing Zhiyu spoke to him, saying, "Congratulations on becoming a one star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker. You're one of the Distinguished Five. No, sorry, it's the Distinguished Four now."

The Inniverse Lockbreaker Society used to have the Distinguished Five, but unfortunately, two of them had died during the Sixth Mainland's invasion. Otherwise, even though Dao Bo had become an Intermediate Lockbreaker, he would not have qualified to receive such a title.

It was supposed to be a happy occasion for a new member to join the Distinguished Five, but at this moment, everyone was focused on the displayed stream. It would be a major event if Lu Yin was promoted to a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker.

Lu Yin represented the Outerverse, and his success would mean that the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society had surpassed the Inniverse Lockbreaker Society. The Neoverse Lockbreaker Society had always stood at the top, and this would mean that their Inniverse Society would fall to the bottom.

Dao Bo nodded to Qing Zhiyu and then looked at the image that everyone was focusing on. He was surprised to see Lu Yin.

"You have a good student." Mi Wen looked at Dao Bo with a smile, but then she continued with her video game.

Everyone silently stared at the image of Lu Yin lockbreaking.

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Lu Yin spent an entire day in the Lockbreaker World unlocking the sourcebox. With his current lockbreaking speed, it would not take him long to understand an intermediate sourcebox and unlock it.

However, this Boundless Advanced sourcebox was clearly in a different realm, and it would take him more than a few days to do so.

Once it became clear that Lu Yin had managed to successfully start the actual lockbreaking process, everyone knew that his success was just a matter of time. Unless he ran out of energy, he would be able to succeed no matter how long the process took him, and no one even considered the possibility of him giving up due to exhaustion.

Two more days passed, and most of the people in the Lockbreaker World stopped watching since the final result was already clear. Many of them would want to see the video after everything was finished, but that was only because they were curious as to what the sourcebox held.

There were many sourceboxes throughout the universe. Each had a unique form, and no two sourceboxes were identical.

Sourceboxes could take any shape and form, but the form of a stone bridge was very unusual. Many people had tried to unlock it before, so they were even more curious as to what the sourcebox contained.

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Lu Yin's expression was solemn as he seriously observed the sourcebox. He had already unlocked most of it, and he was on the verge of finally succeeding. He was also anticipating finding out what the sourcebox contained.

With a gentle sound, the final bits of condensed energies that formed the sourcebox's blockages disintegrated, and everyone stared on expectantly; what would happen next?

The stone bridge sourcebox was truly ancient, and it was clearly something of great significance for a bridge to be sealed into a sourcebox.

The successful unlocking of any Boundless Advanced sourcebox would draw a great deal of attention, and this was where most Lockbreakers would stop their recording in order to prevent anyone else from discovering what the sourcebox contained.

Although Lu Yin was too inexperienced to stop the recording, fortunately for him, Gui Junheng took action and stopped the video at the moment that the lockbreaking finished. Otherwise, everyone would know what Lu Yin had gained.

When the video suddenly stopped, many people throughout the Lockbreaker World were stunned. If Lu Yin had succeeded, then he had just become a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker.

There was a huge difference between a Perceptive Intermediate and a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker, and these two different ranks held completely different statuses.

Every Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker enjoyed privileges that far surpassed what regular Lockbreakers received. The moment that an Advanced Lockbreaker died, their death would invariably be investigated, which was the same as having ten Honor points.

In the Inniverse Lockbreaker Society, everyone stared at the blank screen in shock. Even after the video cut off, they all remained silent.

Dao Bo let out a long breath. He could still remember when Lu Yin had been a student in the Astral Combat Academy and how he had ended up butting heads with the Blaze Realm. Dao Bo had helped Lu Yin out at that time, and even back then, Lu Yin had possessed many different statuses and positions. But now, the accumulation of everything that Lu Yin had gained made him a truly unique existence.

Among their peers, who else was capable of the same?

In the Neoverse, on top of Mt. Microcosms, Highsage Wudi sighed. "What a pity. If he had joined our Eversky Island, then Master definitely would have raised this kid with all his strength. None of us can inherit the mantle of Grandmaster, but this kid might have been able to. What a pity."

Arch-Elder Zen lightly said, "It's fine. His achievements are still those of my Human Domain, and he still belongs to my Fifth Mainland."

Although Lu Yin had only just become a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker, there were people who were not looking at this present strength, but rather at the birth of a dazzling powerhouse who would appear countless years in the future.

A person's level determined what they were capable of seeing. Wu Dan was an Advanced Lockbreaker, and thus, he only saw a Lockbreaker when looking at Lu Yin.

Yuhua Mavis and others saw Lu Yin's combat power, but not his lockbreaking talent.

As for Mu En, he recognized Lu Yin's ambition and ability that had allowed him to unite the Outerverse.

Everyone stood in a different position, and naturally, what they saw was affected by where they stood. No one believed that what they saw was just one aspect of Lu Yin.

Only an old man like Arch-Elder Zen who stood at the very top of the entire universe and was aware of both the current universe and the ancient world, was able to clearly see Lu Yin as he truly was.

In another sense, for a young man to require someone at Arch-Elder Zen's level to accurately evaluate him showed just how much of a genius he really was.

Within the Lockbreaker World, Lu Yin stared blankly at the place where the stone bridge sourcebox had stood. Upon unlocking the sourcebox, there was only gravel to be seen and nothing else.

He pursed his lips. He had successfully unlocked the sourcebox, but the stone bridge had also disappeared. This was the main frustration of all Lockbreakers; it was incredibly dangerous to unlock a sourcebox, and there was no guarantee of there being anything within the sourcebox.

Xiao Chi sighed. "Nothing. What bad luck."

Xiao Shi shook his head.

Gui Junheng continued to stare at the gravel on the ground, and his eyes suddenly flashed. "There is something."

Upon hearing this, Lu Yin also noticed that there was something hidden within the ordinary gravel. Was that... fatesand?

Lu Yin was shocked, and he quickly blew away the gravel to reveal sixteen bits of fatesand left on the ground.

Fatesand was extraordinarily rare. Lu Yin had encountered many people in the Inniverse and Outerverse, but very, very few had possessed fatesand. Lu Yin had once stolen Hong Ying's fatesand and merged it with what he had received from Mister Mu, and now, this one sourcebox had given him sixteen more.

Lu Yin was overjoyed, as this was absolutely wonderful.

Gui Junheng nodded and admiringly said, "It's rare to unlock a sourcebox and actually get something from it."

Lu Yin quickly put away the fatesand. "Thank you, senior, for giving me this ranking exam."

Gui Junheng smiled and replied, "Don't thank me. The Lockbreaker Society will compensate me with an advanced sourcebox after giving you your new ranking. I've lost nothing, and I was even able to witness the birth of a new Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker for myself, haha."

Lu Yin smiled, and then suddenly remembered something. He lifted a hand, caused some bits of fatesand to appear, and handed them over to Xiao Chi and Xiao Shi. "These are for you."

The two mushroom-headed teens froze for a moment. They looked at each other and then at Lu Yin in confusion.

Lu Yin said, "Thank you for introducing Master Gui to me. This is a gift to say thank you."

Giving anything to Gui Junheng would be a slap to his face. He was a senior, and Lu Yin was not qualified to give a gift to such an expert. So, all he could do was offer something to these two teens. Xiao Chi was Gui Junheng's apprentice, so giving Xiao Chi a gift would count as a gift to Gui Junheng.

Gui Junheng watched the exchange with a smile.

The two mushroom heads flinched.

Lu Yin smiled and encouragingly said, "Take them, it's fine."

The two finally took the grains of fatesand.

Fatesand was extremely useful to Lu Yin. He had managed to steal fatesand from Hong Ying, and as a result, he had discovered that fatesand could be merged. Thus, the fatesand that he had just received should also be able to merge with what was already in his body.

He needed to perfectly merge it with the fatesand next to his heart in order to seal off the black and white fog.

If he sealed off the black and white fog with fatesand, then it should be impossible for others to detect it. However, that was still wholly dependent on the strength of the observer.

"Just wait here. Your exam will soon be assessed, and once your success is announced, you will be qualified to own your own planet here in the Lockbreaker World. You'll also be able to enjoy all of the benefits of the Lockbreaker Society, including lockbreaking tools, techniques, and being able to exchange for sourceboxes in the Ancient Spirit Sea with sourceboxes of equal value," Gui Junheng explained.

The Ancient Spirit Sea was the nearby sea maintained by the enormous sourcebox array formed from the six massive sourceboxes.

Lu Yin asked curiously, "Senior, I don't know what the sourcebox formation of the Lockbreaker World is called."

Gui Junheng casually responded, "The Six Ancient Spirit Array."

Lu Yin was stunned.

Xiao Shi looked at Lu Yin in surprise. "Have you heard of it before?"

Lu Yin shook his head. "I haven't heard it before, but the name sounds amazing."

At this moment, Gui Junheng's gadget beeped with a notification, and he glanced at it. He then told Lu Yin and the two teens, "I'm heading out, so you guys are free to do whatever you want."

With that, he immediately left.

Xiao Chi moved over to where the stone bridge sourcebox had once stood before being unlocked. He regretfully said, "It's too bad that the advanced sourcebox had nothing but fatesand inside it."

Xiao Shi said, "It's fine. Fatesand is incredibly valuable, and almost no one in the Inverse or Outerverse has any. Even in the Neoverse, there aren't many people who can get a hold of it. It's just a pity that it can't be gathered, as doing so will lead you to Destiny."

Lu Yin's brows shot up, as Xiao Shi's words had disrupted his thoughts. "What did you say? 'Gathered?'"

Xiao Shi said, "Yeah, fatesand."

"What do you mean by 'gathered fatesand?' Is it scattered?" Lu Yin asked.

Xiao Shi nodded. He shoved his glasses up and opened his massive book. His expression grew serious as he searched through the pages. "Found it." He stared at the book before solemnly quoting, "Fatesand was created by Destiny. It sees the past and the future, and it offers one the possibility of peering through the long rivers of the time. It is a very magical item."

Lu Yin stared at the book that did not have a word written within it.

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Xiao Chi was surprised. "Lead you to Destiny? What does that mean?"

Xiao Shi explained, "Destiny is an ancient powerhouse from the same generation as the God of Death."

Xiao Chi sucked in a cold breath. "There was more than one powerhouse in the God of Death's generation?"

Xiao Shi grew serious. "Not just those two. There were many more, but I can't figure out why they disappeared."

Lu Yin had no desire to continue the conversation. This was nothing more than a fable. The God of Death, Destiny, and all the rest sounded even more far-fetched than the Starsybil Sect's divination powers in Lu Yin's ears.

However, the name *fatesand* did have a strong sense of mystery to it.

At that moment, a dinging sound came from Lu Yin's gadget. He looked down and saw that Seventh Bro's profile page on the Lockbreakers Network had changed. Before, he had been a five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, and now, he was a one star Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker. He had done it.

At this same time, messages poured in from all over. The same thing had happened when he had first become a five star Intermediate Lockbreaker. Actually, to some degree, this happened every time he improved, but he had never paid any attention to the messages.

However, there was one message that thrilled him, which was one informing him that he had been given a planet within the Lockbreaker World.

Anyone who became an Advanced Lockbreaker would receive a planet in the Lockbreaker World whenever they made it to the hidden world in the Neoverse. Saul was also eligible to receive such a planet, but since he had never traveled to the Neoverse, he had never received one.

Lu Yin had been given a planet in a good location, and it actually neighbored Gui Junheng's planet, which meant that it was quite close to the Ancient Spirit Sea, which made it a great location.

Lu Yin led Xiao Shi and Xiao Chi over to see the planet.

"So it's this planet," Xiao Chi said.

Xiao Shi wondered, "You know it?"

Xiao Chi nodded. "This planet used to belong to a high-level Advanced Lockbreaker. I met him a few times, but he's almost always gone. Last time, he left when the Sixth Mainland invaded, and he never came back. Finally, the society put his name on the list of the deceased."

Lu Yin's feelings grew complicated. Too many people had died when the Sixth Mainland had invaded. Lu Yin had not seen much of the invasion, but people from all over the Human Domain had perished during the invasions.

The Sixth Mainland owed too large of a blood debt to the Fifth Mainland.

It was possible that this was part of the reason why the Sixth Mainland wanted to settle in the Outerverse; less blood had been spilled between the Sixth Mainland and the Outerverse. Also, it was true that the Innaverse could not possibly accommodate everyone from the Sixth Mainland.

Everything that had belonged to the former owner had already been removed from the planet, and it was devoid of everything besides a few mechanical servants.

There are very few ordinary people within the Lockbreaker World, as everyone who entered the hidden dimension was a Lockbreaker. Thus, typically, the servants of powerful Lockbreakers were actually the expert's students.

"Lu, Big Brother Lu, do you want to start gathering students?" Xiao Chi eagerly asked.

Xiao Shi's eyes lit up, and he also looked at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin laughed. "For what?"

"We'll help you find some!" Xiao Chi was eager to take on such a task, as it sounded quite fun.

Lu Yin shook his head. "There's no need. I'll be heading back to the Outerverse soon, and I won't be visiting here too often."

Xiao Chi was disappointed.

"You two just do whatever you want for a bit. I'm going to head off and unlock the sourceboxes that I have from before," Lu Yin said.

Xiao Chi looked at Lu Yin. "What kind of sourceboxes? Do you have a humanoid one?"

Lu Yin shook his head, but then he became surprised as he realized what he had just heard. "There are humanoid sourceboxes?"

Xiao Chi and Xiao Shi looked at each other and then nodded in unison.

"I've never seen such a thing before. What kind of sourceboxes are humanoid? Could they be people?" Lu Yin was curious.

Xiao Chi's expression grew serious. "They are people, but maybe not good people."

Lu Yin did not understand.

Xiao Shi pulled Xiao Chi over and whispered in his ear. Xiao Chi nodded from time to time and then looked at Lu Yin. "Big Brother Lu, you're now an Advanced Lockbreaker, but if someone asks you to unlock a sourcebox in the shape of a lifeform, it would be best to leave it alone."

"Something in the shape of a person or an animal?" Lu Yin asked.

Xiao Chi nodded.

"Tell me why," Lu Yin said.

Xiao Chi shook his head. "I know that you don't believe me right now, but you have to be careful. I've warned many people about it, but no one ever listens to me. Also, no one has ever seen a humanoid sourcebox before."

Lu Yin's eyes flashed, and he pointed to Xiao Shi's book. "Is this connected to something in that book?"

Xiao Shi was shocked. "How did you know?"

Lu Yin stopped paying attention to the two mushroom heads. Instead, he found a place to be alone and left the two teens looking at each other.

"Do you think he believes us?"

"Probably not."

"No one believes us, not even the president."

"It's fine. That sort of thing shouldn't happen anyway, as it's very unlikely."

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Lu Yin found a quiet place that was quite large and secluded himself. Many of the planets in the Lockbreaker World were draped with spiritual thread, which made the substance nearly worthless in this place.

Lu Yin did not actually have a sourcebox that he wanted to unlock. Rather, he wanted to roll his die and study the pages of True Insight that were in his possession. He had returned one of the pages to the Lockbreaker Society, which meant that he still had five pages of True Insight left.

Lu Yin did not know how many sourcebox arrays he could learn from these five pages of True Insight, but he was looking forward to it. Also, the journal that Gu Yue had been in possession of also seemed to have some sourcebox arrays, but those records were incomplete.

Lu Yin raised his hand and caused his die to appear. He did not bother removing his cosmic ring, as he had not rolled six pips in a very long time.

This thought was still in his mind as the die came to a stop, and Lu Yin was struck dumb. It really was six pips.

The scenery changed before his eyes, and he appeared in a strange place where he was surrounded by spheres of light. Lu Yin did not know or have any control over who he would Possess, but with 7.21 million star essence in his cosmic ring, he felt that he could end up very, very far away.

He looked around, found an exceptionally bright light, and immediately merged with it.

His vision changed once again, and Lu Yin blinked. He took a good look at what was in front of him and was dazed by what he saw. What was he looking at? What the hell was this?

He was in the middle of outer space, but there was dirt floating around him, and there were numerous planets off in the distance.

At this moment, Lu Yin was in the middle of outer space, and there was a bizarrely shaped creature eating a planet in front of him.

Lu Yin rubbed his eyes and looked again. His pupils shrank to pinpricks, as, yes, it really was a massive beast chomping away at a planet. A creature was eating an entire planet; just what the hell was going on?

Soon, memories poured in. Lu Yin closed his eyes for a while, and when they opened up once again, the shock that filled him was almost overwhelming.

The giant beast devouring the planet in front of him was known as a Star Devourer.

Lu Yin had not expected to return to the Astral Beast Domain once again, but he had Possessed a Star Devourer's guardian this time. This guardian had a power level of over 300,000, which was part of what had made this individual so initially appealing to Lu Yin. Coincidentally, he had managed to see a Star Devourer in person as it was eating a planet.

At this time, another memory entered his mind, and it quickly swelled through his mind. Lu Yin understood.

The Sixth Mainland had invaded the Fifth Mainland, and they had invaded the Astral Beast Domain as well as the Human Domain. However, the Astral Beast Domain's casualties had been heavy, and they had lost nearly half of everything.

It was only after news of ZENITH being released that new members had entered Skymender's List.

This Star Devourer was one of those individuals. It was truly an amazing astral beast, and just like Tian Hou, it was a species that rarely was born. Their diet consisted of entire planets, and the more planets that they consumed, the stronger that they would become.

A Star Eater could digest a planet and convert its mass into power. If the Mavis family was the representative of the physical strength in the Human Domain, then Star Devourers were the Astral Beast Domain's equivalent.

The Star Devourer was not the only new addition to Skymender's List, as the Celestial Beast Empire's Crown Prince Yao Xuan and a carrion bug named Bai Mai had also been placed on the list.

The Celestial Beast List was a record of the most powerful creatures in the Astral Beast Domain, and the top entry was the Celestial Demons. This race had also founded the Celestial Beast Empire.

The second entry was the carrion bug race. Rumors claimed that these creatures had been born from the corpses of powerful ancient creatures and that they were the ancestors of all insects. Although they were ranked second, they had not been seen in hundreds of thousands of years, and their various subspecies had all been hibernating this entire time.

This information had all come from the memories of Star Devourer's guardian. If there were other young powerhouses that had been added on to Skymender's List, then this particular expert did not know about them.

ZENITH was turning out to be something far more important than what Lu Yin had initially assumed. The Celestial Beast Empire's crown prince, a member of the carrion bug race, and this Star Devourer had all woken up because of their intention to join ZENITH.

The Hall of Honor had agreed to hold ZENITH because of their absolute confidence in the Human Domain's victory, but victory would not come easy.

The Astral Beast Domain was making all these preparations, and the Technocracy had to be doing the same. And the Sixth Mainland still hadn't even been mentioned.

Lu Yin had actually been assuming that, after becoming a Hunter and awakening a second innate gift, he would be able to sweep through his peers. With the exception of a select few like Shang Qing, no one

within the same generation could rival Lu Yin. However, he was learning that his confidence might have come too soon. His current strength was not enough to be fearless of a Mavis clan member's strength or this Star Devourer's power. What's more, he was also discovering that there were other creatures even more terrifying than this Star Devourer. Lu Yin subconsciously braced himself.

He finally noticed that he had felt something strange when he had rubbed his eyes. When Lu Yin looked down, he saw that he was not in a familiar form, as he had Possessed an astral beast.

The creature that Lu Yin had Possessed looked rather strange, and Lu Yin had no idea what the beast was called. He stared off into the distance and watched as the Star Devourer consumed the planet bite by bite. Lu Yin was left speechless upon discovering that there were so many monsters among his peers.

Lu Yin was just about to leave after watching the Star Devourer eat for a bit when another memory that belonged to this body suddenly struck him.

When I met a strong human known as Lu Yin, I tried to take away the beast hidden on his arm. The beast is known as the Ghost Monkey, and I must take it back.

Lu Yin was startled, as this was a memory of a meeting with Skymender, the imperial tutor of the Celestial Beast Empire. This powerhouse had ordered the Star Devourer to take the Ghost Monkey back.

The Ghost Monkey's existence had been exposed, though Skymender had likely known about the Ghost Monkey from the very beginning. He most likely just had not been able to do anything.

Wait a minute, the Ghost Monkey had only been exposed during Lu Yin's fight within the Mountains and Seas Zone. Before that, he had always maintained tight control over the Ghost Monkey, and the Ghost Monkey had never been exposed. In other words, since the Astral Beast Domain was aware of the Ghost Monkey's actions during that time, then they should also be aware that Lu Yin had been captured by Shaman God. If the Astral Beast Domain was aware that Lu Yin had been captured, then why did they still believe that Lu Yin would be participating in ZENITH?

Unless, the Astral Beast Domain had already received word that Lu Yin had returned.

How long had it been? Had the Astral Beast Domain already received word? That was too quick, and it was clear that someone within the Human Domain had leaked the news.

The Neohuman Alliance had Aeterna, which was a list of regular humans that served the Neohuman Alliance. The Astral Beast Domain must possess a similar list of traitors, though Lu Yin did not know the name of this list as the astral beast that he had Possessed was ignorant of such things.

This showed the value of information.

Chapter 1200: Inception Array

Lu Yin had arrived at the realization that the Innderverse and the Neoverse must also possess their own intelligence networks.

He suddenly thought of Zi Jing, as who could have greater access to information than CyNet? It was a pity that CyNet was a subsidiary of the Hall of Honor that was closely supervised. That must be the reason why the Hall of Honor had been willing to give CyNet its own hidden world. It was impossible for Lu Yin to gain the loyalty of such an organization, and he realized that he was simply dreaming.

Lu Yin's vision changed once again as he ended the Possession and returned to his own body. Upon returning, he reflexively checked his cosmic ring. Unfortunately, of the 7.21 million star essence, only about 300,000 remained. This Possession had cost him about 6.9 million star essence, which was just too much.

Still, the knowledge that he had gained was truly invaluable.

With 300,000 star essence left in his possession, Lu Yin did not hesitate to roll his die once again. This time, he rolled one pip: Pilfer, and a token fell out.

It looked to be some kind of imperial token, and it broke under just a bit of force. Judging by the material's quality, the empire that had issued it was not even strong enough to control a single weave, and such a token was worthless to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin threw the considerations of the token out of his mind as he continued to roll the die. Next, Lu Yin rolled three pips: Enhance, but since he was broke, he was unable to upgrade anything. Thus, he simply continued.

His next roll finally ended on four pips: Timestop.

The scenery changed before his eyes as he entered the Timestop Space.

300,000 star essence was only able to extend his time in this place to a bit more than 200 days, but Lu Yin was already able to form his own star crystals at this point in time. Although this would be a bit annoying to deal with, he could still extend his time by nearly a year if he condensed his own star crystals.

Lu Yin had used his Timestop Space for nearly a year in the area with the eyes at the top of the mountain in the Mountain and Seas Zone, and that session had improved his control of star energy to the Worldliness realm as well as comprehend the Teleportation Formation sourcebox array. He did not know what sort of results he could achieve this time.

Lu Yin glanced at the number representing how much time he potentially had left. He then removed the golden pages of True Insight from his cosmic ring.

He had five pages, and it was time to go through them.

True Insight was a manuscript made up of thirty six pages in total. It belonged to the Hall of Honor, and it was a supreme treasure of sourcebox arrays.

Only Advanced Lockbreakers had the potential to comprehend the sourcebox arrays recorded in True Insight, and even then, it was possible for the sourcebox arrays to be beyond their capabilities.

Lu Yin had assumed that comprehending the Cosmic Sect's Teleportation Array meant that he would also be able to comprehend the sourcebox arrays in True Insight. However, he had underestimated the golden pages and evaluated himself too highly.

He realized that it was possible that what he had learned had just been a simplified version of the Teleportation Array that had been specifically designed for the Cosmic Sect's disciples to learn. Qiu Shi had most likely also learned the same thing.

Lu Yin suddenly realized that it would take several years or even decades to fully comprehend a sourcebox array. There were some arrays that could even take him hundreds of years, and there were still others that would never be comprehended even after spending an entire lifetime studying them.

Lu Yin read all five pages of True Insight and then finally selected one page to study. It seemed to be the simplest sourcebox array, and it was known as the Inception Array. Lu Yin did not even know what the array did, but he was in the Timestop Space.

The main reason why it was so important for Lockbreakers to improve their star energy control was so that they could eventually comprehend sourcebox arrays. Only after reaching the Worldliness realm of control could one use star energy to mimic the danger zones radiated by sourceboxes. Otherwise, one would have to arrange a sourcebox array with sourceboxes that had identical danger zones, which was practically impossible.

To put it more simply, sourcebox arrays were a method to simulate the power of the predecessors.

First, one needed to simulate, learn, and gradually comprehend the array before they could ultimately arrange a sourcebox array on their own.

It was said that top level Array Masters were capable of seeing through the danger zones of multiple sourceboxes in but a glance and that they could arrange even the most complex and most powerful sourcebox arrays in just a few moments.

At this point in time, Lu Yin struggled to unlock even a single advanced sourcebox, and he was far from even glimpsing the abilities of an Array Master.

Of course, Lu Yin had no intention of overextending himself, and he intended to proceed step by step. As he progressed, he would eventually reach the point where he had fully grasped a sourcebox array.

Time was nothing more than a number for most cultivators. When Lu Yin grew excited over comprehending the Inception Array, he was almost out of time in the Timestop Space.

The Inception Array was a sourcebox array that protected one's spiritual force. By using this array, one's spiritual force would become as sturdy as a rock. Although it was not invincible, it would still make one's spiritual force much more durable than before.

Lu Yin tried it out. If he had possessed this sourcebox array when he had fought against Nightking Zhenwu, then not even the Nightking's Skybreaker would have been able to do much to Lu Yin. Even Zhenwu's cheat-like innate gift would not have been enough to threaten Lu Yin.

Also, there was another important aspect to the Inception Array, which was that it was able to nourish and strengthen one's spiritual force. Although the effect was not much, it was still much better than the slow improvement that naturally occurred with time. Once Lu Yin found a suitable method for cultivating his spiritual force, this Inception Array would be a perfect supplement.

Although this sourcebox array seemed to be rather useless since it was unable to be used offensively, defensively, or even to heal, spiritual force was often a weakness for many people. There were also

others who specialized in spiritual force attacks since that would typically give them an overwhelming advantage.

With the Inception Array and the Stonewall Scriptures, Lu Yin had no need to be concerned about his spiritual force being a weakness, not even if he faced a master of spiritual force.

Wait, why did he just have to passively defend? Why couldn't he take the initiative to learn a strong spiritual force attack?

Night Advent was useless against people like Nightking Zhenwu, but it was still very effective against other powerhouses. If Lu Yin managed to raise his spiritual force and his cultivation level even further, then he should be able to threaten top powerhouses like Yuhua Mavis.

The more he thought about this, the more Lu Yin felt that he should attempt to further improve his spiritual force. He also happened to have a method to do so; which organization in the universe was more adept at using spiritual force than the Daynight clan?

The scenery before him changed, and Lu Yin reappeared in a secluded part of his planet in the Lockbreaker World. After relaxing for a while, he found Xiao Shi and Xiao Chi, but he could not figure out what the two were muttering about. For them, almost no time had passed, but it had been a full year for Lu Yin. This disconnect with how others perceived the passage of time was something that Lu Yin had never been able to adjust to.

He returned to the area of the planet that he had chosen to be private. There, he raised a hand and brought out the Daynight clan's inheritance stone.

The Daynight Banquet had been held because of this stone, but the banquet had ultimately ended with Nightking Zhenwu's death. Zhenwu had never even considered letting Lu Yin survive, and thus, he had never asked for the inheritance stone. The Nightking had just assumed that he would take the stone back himself.

This was why Lu Yin had never returned the stone of inheritance and why it was still in his possession. After all, Nightking Zhenwu had never retracted his accusation against Lu Yin, and that had caused all sorts of complications and problems for Lu Yin.

Compared to such difficulties, Lu Yin would rather keep the stone of inheritance.

The Daynight clan was a powerful force, and there was no doubt that their spiritual force techniques were unparalleled throughout the universe. Those techniques were precisely what Lu Yin was currently lacking.

Although the Daynight clan was his enemy, Lu Yin had to admit that they were incredibly powerful.

With a burning desire for the Daynight clan's spiritual force techniques, Lu Yin entered the inheritance corridor once again. He found himself in a familiar place, and he looked at the slate that stood outside the corridor. When he had first seen this slate, Nightking Zhenwu's name had topped the list, but his name had since disappeared and been replaced by Zhuo Daynight.

Although Zhuo Daynight had led the Dayking clan to rebel against the Daynight clan and had left for the Great Yu Empire in the Outerverse, the tablet in the Daynight clan's ancestral grounds did not

distinguish between family branches or account for divisions within the clan. Even Lu Yin's image had appeared on the tablet, so there was no need to mention why Zhuo Daynight's image was still present.