

### **Chapter 1221: Repair**

Ku Wei was frozen with shock, and he reached up to touch his shoulder. He had been completely unable to resist, and only now did he realize that Shao Yangxun's power level really was above 300,000. This bastard was also one of the Great Yu Empire's Thirteen Imperial Squadron Captains, but he still dared to treat Ku Wei in such a manner. "I'll definitely take care of this after Seventh Bro gets back."

He then walked out of the room, but he was only greeted by a cold wind. Shocked, Ku Wei looked up to see a white sky and a flurry of snow. "What the hell?"

To the south of Subzero City, Lu Yin had spent ten days studying the sourcebox array with the help of Gu Yue's journal. However, he had only gained a few tiny clues as to what might be wrong with the array, and all he could do at this point was give it a try.

His observations over the last few days had revealed that there was no way for him to destroy this array given his current abilities. Thus, since he could not destroy it, he could at least make some attempts. After all, maybe he could fix it!

Lu Yin was willing to take a risk, and he was also the type of person to immediately follow through on a decision that he had made.

When the Frost Emperor saw Lu Yin moving closer to the weak point in the sourcebox array, he grew a bit flustered and could not stop himself from speaking up. "Alliance Leader Lu, are you confident?"

Lu Yin nodded. "Ninety percent."

The Frost Emperor let out a sigh of relief, though he was still rather worried.

Lu Yin pursed his lips. He actually meant that he was 90% uncertain, but it did not matter if he failed. Regardless of what he did, he would not be able to have any negative effect on the sourcebox array.

It did not take long for Lu Yin to fly into the sky. He then looked down at the gap where whipping, howling cold wind rushed out of the seal. More than 700 stars appeared around his body as he shot down.

The Frost Emperor grew increasingly nervous, and he stared off into the distance.

Before long, the cold wind stopped.

The Frost Emperor grew overjoyed; it was done! It had been the right decision to bring this kid to the Royal Frost Continent.

However, the very next moment, the violent cold wind swept back up into the sky. Lu Yin had been frozen solid and he shot out before smashing back onto the ground off in the distance, the impact cracking the ice. "Frost Emperor, block the wind."

Seeing that the cold wind had begun to rage once more, the Frost Emperor quickly took action. Now, the cold wind that was billowing up was much worse than before, and if it reached Subzero City, then the city's protective barrier might not be enough to stop this cold.

The Frost Emperor angrily glared at Lu Yin. "Didn't you say that you could do it?"

Lu Yin helplessly replied, "I didn't say that I was 100% certain."

The Frost Emperor was infuriated, and he wanted to teach Lu Yin a lesson.

Lu Yin quickly said, "Senior, can you block all of this cold air?"

The Frost Emperor stared at Lu Yin. "Are you asking me to act as a human bandage for the sourcebox array?"

Lu Yin was helpless. "There's no other way. Senior, please block the cold for a bit, and this junior will contact an Array Master."

The Frost Emperor felt rushed. "Then hurry up! This wind is getting colder and colder, and even if I can stop the wind, the cold will still leak out and lower the temperature until all of Subzero City has frozen over."

Lu Yin opened his gadget, but then he suddenly remembered that he was on the Royal Frost Continent and that there was no signal he could use. In that instant, a flash of insight struck him, and he raised his head to ask the Frost Emperor, "Senior, can you open the void to make a path to Blazing Mist Flowzone? This junior will then be able to contact a powerful Lockbreaker."

"The sooner the better," the Frost Emperor replied. He raised a hand, and cold air twisted at the void before tearing it open.

"Senior, can't you send the cold air into Blazing Mist Flowzone?" Lu Yin asked.

The Frost Emperor said, "Yes, but doing so would cause countless people in that flowzone to freeze to death."

That was not an option. "Then what about creating a pocket dimension and sending it there?" Lu Yin asked.

The Frost Emperor angrily retorted, "Do you think that it's that easy to open a pocket dimension? Unless the person in question is an Envoy, it's very easy to suffer damage while trying to create a dimension, and it's very dangerous even for Envoys."

Lu Yin realized that this was true after thinking about it. The pocket space that held Shenwu Continent had first been opened by Gu Yue, and only later were Enlighteners able to tear through to access the continent. "How long?"

The Frost Emperor gritted his teeth. "At most, one month. After that, the coldness leaking out will be enough to break through Subzero City's barrier, and all of the hundreds of millions of residents there will freeze to death."

The crack in the void that led to Blazing Mist Flowzone opened the rest of the way, and the cold air was sucked into the crack. Lu Yin also managed to call Saul with his gadget.

On Planet Hydrotink, Saul had been in a bad mood for a while due to one reason: Geoffrey had returned.

Saul had expected that Geoffrey would want to settle matters with Saul due to the events on Sourcepeak Planet, but the old man had acted very happily upon returning. It was almost as though he had won a grand prize. He carried himself about in a familiar manner and spent every day drinking with Saul.

Saul was a very serious person and also tried to always remain calm, but Geoffrey had caused Saul to completely lose his temper.

There was a thud as Geoffrey smashed a barrel onto the ground, startling Saul.

"Come on, Saul, drink a bucket! Be happy, hahahaha!" Geoffrey was a dry little old man with an ugly appearance and no distinguishing physical characteristics. Whether it was his speech or his demeanor, he seemed like a rascal, at least from Saul's perspective.

"President, I don't want to drink," Saul coldly refused.

Geoffrey patted Saul on the shoulder, hard. "Don't be like this, old Saul. After so many years of holding back, I'm finally free! Hahahaha."

Saul's forehead twitched. This old man's words could be easily misunderstood by others.

"Don't you want True Insight? Say it! Say it! This president will just give it to you. You never said anything for so many years, and I even thought that you wanted something else with the way that you were staring at me all the time! Sorry, hahahaha." Geoffrey laughed.

The corner of Saul's eye twitched. "President, you've been drinking too much."

At this time, Saul's gadget rang, and he looked at it in surprise. "President, Lu Yin is calling me."

Geoffrey pointed at Saul's gadget. "Lu Yin? Is he that powerful little kid? Why is he calling you?"

Saul replied, "This is his territory, and technically, he owns where we're staying."

Geoffrey lifted the barrel and took a drink. "Not bad."

Saul no longer had any expectations for Geoffrey. He activated his gadget, and Lu Yin's voice came through. "Saul, help me contact President Geoffrey."

Saul froze for a moment and reflexively looked around, thinking that Lu Yin was somehow spying on him.

Lu Yin spoke up again, "Did you hear me? I need you to help me to get in touch with President Geoffrey."

Saul looked over at Geoffrey. "President, Alliance Leader Lu is looking for you."

Geoffrey set the barrel of wine down and burped. His cheeks were bulging, his eyes were bloodshot, and he looked completely drunk. "A- A- Alliance Leader Lu? Looking for me?"

He then howled into the gadget, "I'M GEOFFREY!"

Back on the Royal Frost Continent, Lu Yin was left speechless, as it sounded as though President Geoffrey was right next to him. "This junior is Lu Yin. Is that Senior President Geoffrey?"

"It's me! Will you come drink with me?" Geoffrey shouted loudly.

Lu Yin solemnly replied, "Senior, this junior needs to ask for your help."

"Help? Do we know each other?" Geoffrey asked as he grabbed the barrel again and resumed drinking.

Lu Yin said, "This junior is being very abrupt, but this concerns the lives of hundreds of millions of people, and so, I am asking Senior to please help."

Geoffrey lowered the barrel of wine and smashed it onto the ground. "What's the matter? Tell me."

Lu Yin explained, "This junior is currently on the Royal Frost Continent. There is a sourcebox array beneath the continent that is sealing something away, but a hole has formed in it, and cold air is constantly rising from that hole. If the hole can't be repaired within a month, then the sheer chill will freeze the entire Royal Frost Continent. The hundreds of millions of people living on the Royal Frost Continent will all freeze to death. I am asking Senior to help repair this sourcebox array because of the hundreds of millions of people facing a desperate situation."

Geoffrey's eyes lit up. "A sourcebox array? Repair it? Interesting! Where?"

"In Blazing Mist Flowzone, on the Royal Frost Continent," Lu Yin said.

Geoffrey belched. "Got it. This old man will go and see your sourcebox array."

After he spoke, there was a bang as he fell to the ground.

Lu Yin quickly voiced his gratitude, "Thank you, Senior!"

He spoke up twice more, but only Saul's helpless voice came through the call. "Alliance Leader Lu, the president's drunk."

Lu Yin did not understand. "Drunk?"

Saul sighed. "The president is fond of drinking a very strange alcohol, and even if an Envoy drinks it, they'll still end up drunk. Additionally, they'll stay drunk for anywhere from half a month to an entire month."

Lu Yin's expression changed. "Can you wake him up?"

"Sorry, but I can't," Saul answered helplessly.

Lu Yin was stunned; just what was this situation?

"Alliance Leader Lu, don't worry. We'll work to wake up the president, and as soon as he wakes up, he'll be on his way to the Royal Frost Continent. He should arrive within the time limit," Saul tried to reassure Lu Yin.

Lu Yin remained anxious. "Will the president even remember our conversation just now?"

"Don't worry. All of us are aware of the president's habits, so his gadget is always active and recording everything that happens around him. Since he's already promised to go to the Royal Frost Continent, he won't change his mind. Now it's just a matter of when the president wakes up," Saul explained.

Lu Yin was speechless. How was this sort of behavior a habit? It sounded like Geoffrey had been causing trouble for a long time.

Helpless, Lu Yin asked Saul a few more things before ending the call and falling deep into thought.

From the distance, the Frost Emperor shouted, "How did it go?"

Lu Yin thought for a moment. "I reached over to someone, and the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's President Geoffrey has promised to come over."

The Frost Emperor was thrilled. "When?"

"Within a month," Lu Yin said.

The Frost Emperor's eyes went wide. "What are the specific details?"

Lu Yin felt helpless, and could only relay Saul's words over to the Frost Emperor. The Frost Emperor nearly vomited blood. The lives of hundreds of millions of people were on the line, but their best source of help was dead drunk.

Still, the Frost Emperor could not really blame Geoffrey. He was not someone from the Royal Frost Continent, and he had no obligation to save the continent. It was already pretty good that he had promised to go.

This was the way of the universe, and the destruction of an entire planet was but a transient event. After all, the deaths of hundreds of millions of creatures on such a planet was quite normal.

The Frost Emperor once again became anxious. "Lord Lu, can you call another Lockbreaker?"

Lu Yin felt embarrassed. "I can, but I can't make any promises. Such people might not even speak to me."

The Frost Emperor was helpless and grew increasingly nervous.

"Senior, this junior might have a way to extend the time limit."

The moment Lu Yin finished speaking, the Frost Emperor instantly refused, "There's no need."

Lu Yin blinked; the Frost Emperor clearly did not trust Lu Yin. "Senior, this junior isn't trying to repair the sourcebox array, but rather just trying to find someone to help you block the cold from reaching Subzero City."

The Frost Emperor coldly retorted, "Can you call an Envoy? It's useless. Unless we can bring over a high temperature to neutralize the cold, this cold can't be stopped. It's even able to freeze the void, so it's not that easy to contain."

Lu Yin smiled. "Senior, have you heard of the Blaze Realm before?"

## **Chapter 1222: Temptation**

Blazing Mist Flowzone was massive. As one of the eight great flowzones, as well as the one closest to the Outerverse, a great deal of trade occurred within and around Blazing Mist Flowzone.

Outer space was vast and boundless. Even if the flowzone's population was large, it was difficult to find a spacecraft when just looking around in space. The possibility of two spaceships crossing paths was very low, but the possibility was much higher when traveling through Blazing Mist Flowzone.

On one particular day, two vessels crossed paths, and they immediately began to fight each other.

The ship that had been attacked had come from the Blaze Realm.

Within Blazing Mist Flowzone, almost no one dared to attack the Blaze Realm's vessels, but the attacking spacecraft belonged to the Gasfire Alliance.

The battle ended quickly, and there was only one person still alive from the Blaze Realm vessel. He was lying on the deck, dismembered, as he stared at the dozens of cultivators from the Gasfire Alliance before him.

"You guys, just wait! The Blaze Realm won't let you go!" roared the Blaze Realm cultivator lying on the deck. His expression was truly terrifying.

At this moment, one man with a cruel smile approached. "Do you remember me, Big Brother?"

The cultivator from the Blaze Realm looked at the man with a horrified expression. "Third brother? You—how are you still alive?"

The man let out a dark laugh as he looked down at the man from the Blaze Realm. "Why am I still alive? Are you surprised to see me? Yes, I survived. We promised that we would evenly divide the resources we received, but you shot and killed the other two siblings. Big Brother and Fourth Brother threw me into space, but how could a Limiteer survive in space? Luckily, I was rescued by the Gasfire Alliance."

The man from the Blaze Realm stared at his old comrade in a daze, and then he smiled miserably. "I see, no wonder. Were we attacked because of you?"

The man squatted down and stared at the Blaze Realm cultivator. "That's right. I've been watching you for a day or two."

The Blaze Realm cultivator closed his eyes. "You can kill me, but never forget—you're also from the Blaze Realm, so you understand its terror. These rats from the Gasfire Alliance won't be able to hide, and even if they flee to the Outerverse, they'll never survive."

The squatting man laughed wildly and then slapped the man from the Blaze Realm across the face, leaving a swollen, red palmprint behind. As he stared into the hate-filled eyes of the man from the Blaze Realm, the man from the Gasfire Alliance arrogantly declared, "It won't be long before the Blaze Realm falls into chaos. Let me tell you something before I let you rest your eyes." He then paused for a moment before continuing in a lower voice, "Our Gasfire Alliance has found the entrance to the Royal Frost Continent, right next to Planet Coo. The master of Subzero City has already died, and the entire continent doesn't even have an Enlighter anymore, so we'll conquer the Royal Frost Continent quite soon."

The Blaze Realm cultivator's eyes briefly went wide. "So what?"

The other man laughed. "So what? You may not know, but there's a secret technique on the Royal Frost Continent."

The wounded man's pupils instantly shrank. "What did you say?"

The other man revealed a cruel smile. "There's a secret technique on the Royal Frost Continent, and the natives don't even realize what it is. But the Gasfire Alliance realized what it was, and we'll soon be able to obtain it. Tell me, how will your Blaze Realm fight against us after that?"

"The Blaze Realm has too many enemies, and it has even become enemies with the Great Eastern Alliance that has unified the entire Outerverse. Soon, we'll ally ourselves with the Great Eastern Alliance, and with that secret technique, it will be much too easy to destroy your Blaze Realm."

The Blaze Realm cultivator stared at the other man. "Is there really a secret technique on the Royal Frost Continent?"

"Of course. Those native don't even realize what it is. They believe that it's nothing more than a bunch of ancient records. So tell me, do you still think that the Blaze Realm will avenge you? I want you to die," the man stated arrogantly.

A strange expression appeared on the dismembered cultivator's face, and excitement blazed in his eyes.

The other man frowned. "What's with that face?"

The wounded cultivator suddenly laughed. Although he was suffering from terrible pain and was facing death, he still laughed, and the eerie sound gave everyone chills. "The Blaze Realm already knows about it!"

The other man's expression changed greatly, and he instantly looked up and around the room. Finally, his eyes focused on a certain corner. He saw an activated gadget and fired a shot to destroy the gadget.

The Blaze Realm cultivator continued to laugh. "It's too late! The Blaze Realm already knows! So it's close to Planet Coo? And there's even a secret technique? Third brother, you're still so stupid! You may want to kill me, but your Gasfire Alliance is already doomed! It's done for!"

The man became so enraged that he slapped the Blaze Realm cultivator and killed him.

The surrounding people from the Gasfire Alliance went silent, still staring in astonishment.

The man waved his hand and dismissed everyone.

After everyone left, he pulled up his gadget and reported, "Got it."

At the same time, within the Blaze Realm, this message was passed up layer by layer until it finally reached Leader Hong's ear.

Leader Hong thought that he must have heard wrong, and he stared at the middle-aged man standing in front of him in a respectful manner. This man's name was Kun Ban, who was just an ordinary deacon elder in the Blaze Realm. However, he had just reported word of a secret technique to Leader Hong. This had to be a joke.

"I'll give you one more chance. If you lie to me, you already know what will happen." Leader Hong said loudly, his voice accompanied by flames that filled the sky and lit up a vast region of space.

Kun Ban trembled and responded in terror, "Yes! I will be rewarded. The Lord of the Royal Frost Continent has died, and the Gasfire Alliance has discovered a secret technique on the Royal Frost Continent." As he spoke, he replayed the conversation recording that had been sent to him.

Leader Hong listened to the recording. Regular logic told him that such a thing was impossible. Even if there was a secret technique, how could the people of the Royal Frost Continent not have recognized it?

The more he thought about it, the more impossible the entire story sounded. Still, this involved a secret technique, which was too important to simply dismiss. How many people in the entire Innerverse had learned a secret technique? Not even the Daynight clan possessed such a treasure. "Send someone to Planet Coo to check into this."

"Master, Elder Si has already sent someone, and we have someone stationed at Planet Coo as well," Kun Ban replied.

Soon, Kun Ban's gadget rang. He glanced at it and was filled with joy. "Reporting to Leader Hong: some remnants of the Gasfire Alliance were discovered on Planet Coo, as well as traces of a cold air that has frozen over the nearby planets. It must have come from the entrance to the Royal Frost Continent."

Leader Hong's eyes flashed. The Royal Frost Continent was a monster that had long remained hidden within the Blaze Realm, and it was no weaker than the Blaze Realm. They had an Envoy known as the Frost Emperor, and that powerhouse had rendered the three major powers of Blazing Mist Flowzone powerless, as he was too difficult to deal with.

Was there really a secret technique there? As he thought back to the various rumors that he had heard about the Royal Frost Continent, Leader Hong suddenly remembered that the previous master of the Blaze Realm had mentioned that the Royal Frost Continent seemed to be protecting something and that the continent had existed for an extremely long time.

According to the words of the previous Blaze Realm Master, the Royal Frost Continent might not contain a secret technique, but at the same time, the continent had always been sealed off to the outside universe. Thus, it would make sense for them to not recognize a secret technique.

The more Leader Hong thought about the situation, the more likely he felt that the report was true. He then made a bold decision. "Summon the Heavenflame Army and send them to Planet Coo." Even if there is no secret technique in the Royal Frost Continent, it was worth taking advantage of this opportunity to eliminate the hidden danger that was the Royal Frost Continent. The Blaze Realm had long since wanted to destroy the continent.

"Yes, Realm Master." Kun Ban was overjoyed, as this entire development would be credited to his subordinates, which was the only reason why he had been allowed to make a direct report to the Realm Master. If this mission was successful, then Kun Ban's status would rise dramatically, and his future would be unlimited.

Planet Coo was located within the Blaze Realm, and it lay at its southern edge, close to the sylvan dragon clan's territory. Coincidentally, it was also not far from the Blaze Realm's border with the Ross



Empire, which meant that it was quite close to the intersection point of the three ruling organizations of Blazing Mist Flowzone.

Soon, the entrance to the Royal Frost Continent was revealed, and it was not on Planet Coo, but rather nearby.

Of course, this news was only revealed to the top members of the Blaze Realm, the Ross Empire, and the sylvan dragon clan. This also allowed Leader Hong to determine the authenticity of the report. It was impossible for anyone with a lower status to learn of the entrance to the Royal Frost Continent's location.

Cold air spread out from cracks within the void, and Planet Coo along with the nearby region were soon all left frozen and white.

Space began to look like a frozen galaxy, and the cold spread far away.

Outside of this frozen galaxy, a vessel from the Blaze Realm appeared and locked down the surrounding area.

Leader Hong himself appeared outside the frozen region, and he stared at the cracks in the void with his hands clasped behind his back.

He was a cautious man. The entrance to the Royal Frost Continent had not been discovered despite the passage of so many years. At this moment, no matter what the reason behind the Frost Emperor's death might be, and even if Leader Hong was fully confident that he would be invincible upon entering the Royal Frost Continent, he would not rush into anything.

He thought for a moment before ordering, "Burn the continent."

The Blaze Realm's forte was flames. At Leader Hong's order, endless flames spread out, first thawing the frozen region of space before quickly incinerating the nearby planets. Many of the planets began to collapse, including Planet Coo.

Fortunately, no one lived on any of these planets, as they were not suitable for human life.

The Blaze Realm's forces were led by Leader Hong, and there was also a group of experts that included Monster Chi, various elders, and even Kun Ban. After Leader Hong gave his orders, Kun Ban was the first to rush out, followed by the rest. More than a dozen Hunters rushed forward, quickly followed by more than a hundred other people. Cruisers and thousands of Explorers all raced forward, unleashing all kinds of flame-based battle techniques as the heat spread into the cracks within the void.

On the Royal Frost Continent, the Frost Emperor saw the flames spread across the sky. He was immediately overjoyed, and he stepped back.

Soon, these flames rushed down and swept next to the Royal Frost Continent.

However, the moment the flames approached the Royal Frost Continent, they were frozen solid by the sheer cold, and frozen flames fell to the ground before simply disappearing.

The Frost Emperor commented, "These flames are just not enough to suppress this cold."

Lu Yin saw the same thing. "Don't worry, Senior. The Blaze Realm has more that they can throw out."

The Frost Emperor replied, "I know, I've played with them before."

Lu Yin was surprised, as it seemed that this Frost Emperor had spent quite a long time away from the Royal Frost Continent in the past.

The flames froze in the starry sky above the continent as they entered the pocket dimension. When the Blaze Realm's forces noticed this, they began to strengthen their flames. However, the moment these reinforced flames entered the Royal Frost Continent, they were also frozen, to no surprise.

Leader Hong looked over at the elder beside him.

This elder was known as Si Penghai. He was an Enlightener from the Blaze Realm with a power level of 290,000. The entire Blaze Realm only had three Enlighteners.

He walked out after Leader Hong's look, and the flames around Si Penghai took the form of massive strange birds that rushed towards the Royal Frost Continent. As they passed by, not only did the void warp and burn, but the flames of Kun Ban and others were also disintegrated, as Si Penghai's flames could burn other flames. This was a suppression by power.

Everyone watched on as a flaming monster raced into the Royal Frost Continent, but even that fearsome bird was frozen, and it disappeared after completely losing its power.

Si Penghai's expression instantly changed. He gritted his teeth and strengthened his flames even further before taking out an exotic treasure that caused the flame monster to grow even larger. Then, it slammed into the Royal Frost Continent again, but it was frozen once more.

Leader Hong frowned and looked over at Monster Chi. "This is a problem."

Monster Chi was not Si Penghai. He held a unique status within the Blaze Realm as he was an elder with a powerful background, and his power level also exceeded 400,000. Even Leader Hong had to show respect to such a powerhouse.

### **Chapter 1223: Exploitation**

Monster Chi sighed. "Back in my younger days, I followed my master to attack the Royal Frost Continent. My Blaze Realm and the Royal Frost Continent have clashed several times, but not once have I ever encountered such cold air. It seems that something really has happened on the Royal Frost Continent." He then walked forward and moved past Si Penghai, stepping closer and closer to the cracks in the void until he finally arrived right next to them.

The cracks in the void were frozen over as the Frost Emperor wanted to prevent Monster Chi or anyone else from seeing inside.

Monster Chi stared at the crack in the void for a time. Then, flames covered the entire area and converged to form a flaming giant that scorched the entire region. "Fire Spirit."

This Fire Spirit had once fought against Lu Yin in the Outerverse, and it was now appearing once again.

Not only was this Fire Spirit extremely hot, but it also mimicked Monster Chi's movements, which meant that it was basically the old man's avatar.

The Fire Spirit's appearance made everyone from the Blaze Realm grow excited, as this was one of the Blaze Realm's strongest battle techniques.

With a snort, the Fire Spirit rushed into the crack in the void.

On the Royal Frost Continent, the Frost Emperor had changed his appearance after being persuaded by Lu Yin. His cultivation now appeared to be much lower, and he had also preemptively forced out some blood so that he could spit it out at any time.

When the Fire Spirit raced into the pocket space containing the Royal Frost Continent, it instantly forced the cold air back.

It was not difficult to push the cold air back; rather, the main difficulty came from how it was impossible to completely contain the cold air, which was why the Frost Emperor had been rendered helpless. Even if he isolated the cold air and swept it away from the Royal Frost Continent, the chill would still slowly permeate through the entire continent.

Even a temperature drop of a few degrees would have catastrophic consequences for the Royal Frost Continent.

A high temperature quickly spread across the surface of the continent from the Fire Spirit, and it pushed back the cold air as it glowed red in the sky, looking like a sun on the south side of the continent. This sight quickly drew the attention of Subzero City's inhabitants, but fortunately, the Frost Emperor stopped the city's experts from moving out and investigating.

From time to time, the roiling flames covering the Fire Spirit's body would freeze over, but those frozen flames would quickly melt once again. When the fire giant looked around, it saw the vast white world, and off in the distance, there was Subzero City.

The Fire Spirit was about to race towards Subzero City when the Frost Emperor suddenly appeared with the appearance of an old man. He raised a hand and slapped at the Fire Spirit. Countless people in the distant city watched on, and they also felt what the attack brought with it: warmth.

For the people of Subzero City, a high temperature meant warmth, and they loved it.

"You dare to resist? Can your Royal Frost Continent stand up to the Blaze Realm?" the Fire Spirit spoke with a terrifying voice.

The little old man who was actually the Frost Emperor in disguise replied in a hoarse voice, saying, "Even if everyone on my Royal Frost Continent burns, I will never surrender!"

As he spoke, his clothes burned away, his skin cracked from drying out, and he spat out a mouthful of blood. "Go to hell!"

After that, with the assistance of the cold air, the white ice in the sky took on the shape of five interlocking rings of snowflakes, and it completely froze the Fire Spirit before shattering it.

Lu Yin blankly stared on; that acting had been quite good.

In Subzero City, countless people stared at the scene in shock. Although the high temperature of the flames had brought them a bit of warmth, the name "Blaze Realm" had also incited panic.

People were always afraid of the unknown, and most of the Royal Frost Continent's residents had absolutely no knowledge regarding the outside world. Many even believed that they were the only people in the entire universe.

Shao Yangxun looked to the south, and his brows furrowed. How could the Blaze Realm have found the Royal Frost Continent? They had attacked the continent several times in the past, and each attack had failed. So why would they try again now of all times?

Shao Yangxun wanted to go investigate, but the city lord had just sent out a message stopping Shao Yangxun as well as all of the other powerhouses in Subzero City from doing precisely that. Just what was the city lord doing? And for that matter, what role had Lu Yin played in the current situation?

Ku Wei was standing just a little ways away from Shao Yangxun, and he felt rather dazed. For some reason, he had a feeling that this entire situation was related to Seventh Bro.

In outer space, outside the continent, Monster Chi went pale when his Fire Spirit shattered. He stared at the cracks in the void and then turned around to approach Leader Hong. "Realm Master, there is no one in the Royal Frost Continent who can resist us. The city lord who was an Envoy should truly be dead. I could not sense him anywhere, and there was only an old man whose power level was slightly more than 300,000 protecting the place."

Leader Hong's eyes blazed with excitement. "Did you see any secret technique there?"

Monster Chi shook his head. "I didn't see any such thing. What did the people from the Gasfire Alliance say about it?"

Leader Hong replied, "They mentioned that it's in a city."

Monster Chi said, "There really is a city. The entire continent is not that big, and our army is strong enough to sweep through the entire place."

Leader Hong nodded. "Look again, and scout it out a few more times."

Monster Chi acknowledged his orders. "Understood."

On the Royal Frost Continent, the flames swept through the air once again, but this time, Monster Chi had joined hands with the other experts from the Blaze Realm. Their combined flames swept across the Royal Frost Continent, and not only did they suppress the cold, but they also brought even greater warmth to Subzero City.

The sky itself turned red.

Lu Yin smiled and said, "This junior has some knowledge of the Blaze Realm's master, Leader Hong. He is a cautious man, and he will most likely observe the situation for a few more days before entering."

The Frost Emperor responded, "If Leader Hong comes, then I will definitely have to stop him, and he will realize that the whole thing is a trick. This scheme is pointless."

Lu Yin said, "Not only did this junior make sure that the information was leaked to Leader Hong, but the sylvan dragon clan and the Ross Empire also learned of it. Leader Hong might see through the deception, what about the other two? Each of these three parties are highly suspicious of the others, and even Leader Hong can't be absolutely certain regarding this situation. There isn't any secret technique, but the only way to be sure is to destroy the Royal Frost Continent. Senior's strength is enough to hold back the three masters, and the heat of the flames can stop the cold from spreading, which will buy some extra time for your Royal Frost Continent. Like this, we can simply wait for President Geoffrey to arrive."

The Frost Emperor looked at Lu Yin, his eyes showing his understanding. "Alliance Leader Lu is quite shrewd. You are actually hoping to use my Royal Frost Continent to eliminate your powerful enemies."

Lu Yin shook his head. "Is Senior saying that this junior's idea is bad?"

The Frost Emperor turned to look at the crack in the void. "Alright, it's quite good. It's enough to help my Royal Frost Continent while also helping you to eliminate your enemies."

Lu Yin blinked. "This junior doesn't understand."

The Frost Emperor sighed emotionally. "The universe is ever-changing, and not everything can be perfectly predicted. Alliance Leader Lu, have you considered that this plan of yours could cause me to suspect you of deliberately damaging the sourcebox array and risking the survival of my Royal Frost Continent?"

Just as Lu Yin was about to respond, the Frost Emperor cut him off. "Of course, I don't doubt you, as you are not capable of deliberately breaking that seal."

"Senior is overthinking things," Lu Yin said.

The Frost Emperor seriously answered, "But from the very beginning, you could have earned my Royal Frost Continent's friendship."

Lu Yin looked at the Frost Emperor's back. "Using the Blaze Realm like this helps your continent to restrain the cold while the Ross Empire and the sylvan dragon clan are forcing the Blaze Realm's hand."

"But when those three forces enter my Royal Frost Continent, they will suffer heavy losses. I have already heard of Alliance Leader Lu's accomplishments. You have unified the Outerverse, and naturally, the next step is the Innerverse. This scheme is merely to eradicate some of your enemies for you, isn't it?" the Frost Emperor challenged.

Lu Yin's expression was not very good at this moment. "If you can kill two birds with one stone, then why not do so?"

The Frost Emperor wanted to refute these words, and he wanted to claim that Lu Yin had used him. However, after thinking for a moment, the Frost Emperor realized that nothing that had been said was worth refuting. From Lu Yin's standpoint, this approach was too wonderful an opportunity, and from the Frost Emperor's standpoint, he was unable to find any alternate methods.

"I, Lu Yin, asked a senior to reach out to President Geoffrey, and I also tried to help Senior gain some more time. This all started when Senior kidnapped this junior. If Senior thinks that I am doing something wrong, then this junior will simply leave," Lu Yin spoke coldly.

The Frost Emperor's expression changed, and he quickly looked back at Lu Yin with a forced smile. "I've been overthinking things, Alliance Leader Lu. Don't mind my words."

The Frost Emperor had felt upset that he had been used by Lu Yin, but after thinking things through, why should someone selflessly help his Royal Frost Continent? Since Lu Yin had helped the Frost Emperor, then there was nothing wrong with the Frost Emperor helping him in turn. This was just a matter of equivalent exchange.

Lu Yin coldly snorted. "Senior's a bit too cold to treat those who help him in this manner."

The Frost Emperor drily replied, "My tone just now was not very good, but don't pay any attention to it, Alliance Leader Lu. Since this is how things are, then if you need anything, just say it, and my Royal Frost Continent and I will do what we can."

Lu Yin pointed at the crack in the void. "I want to let the three armies enter the Royal Frost Continent so that they don't even have a chance to run away."

The Frost Emperor's expression immediately changed. Lu Yin was indeed using the older man to deal with Blazing Mist Flowzone. The Frost Emperor wanted to refuse, but upon seeing Lu Yin's firm gaze, the older man considered how Lu Yin was the only one who could contact Geoffrey. The Frost Emperor might still need Lu Yin's help in the future, so he unwillingly responded, "I'll try my best, but don't hold onto too much hope. Those three forces are not easy to deal with, and there's a limit to what I can handle."

Lu Yin had no intention of forcing things, as he was already very happy with this response. Also, the Frost Emperor was right: Lu Yin did want to make use of the Royal Frost Continent to deal with Blazing Mist Flowzone's major powers in one fell swoop. Even if Lu Yin forgot about his grudges with the Blaze Realm, he would never forget about how the Ross Empire had invaded the Great Yu Empire or about the contempt that the sylvan dragon clan had shown for the Outerverse.

There were many old grudges within Blazing Mist Flowzone, and even without this seething old hatred, Lu Yin would still have moved against Blazing Mist Flowzone eventually. After all, this was where the Great Eastern Alliance would have to start if they wanted to enter the Innerverse.

Of course, Lu Yin had not deliberately damaged the sealing sourcebox array beneath the Royal Frost Continent as he was not cruel enough to gamble with the entire population of the continent.

Several days soon passed. During this time, the battles between the flames and the cold air resulted in the first sprinkling of rain that the Royal Frost Continent had seen in many years. The downpour was accompanied by a biting cold wind, but it was still a unique experience for the many residents experiencing it for the first time.

Although this rain was bitterly cold, it was warm to the inhabitants of Subzero City. Many of them believed that this rain had been caused by the city lord.

Shao Yangxun stared towards the south with a complicated expression on his face. Just what were the city lord and Lu Yin doing? If an explanation was not given soon, the city's elders might end up hanging themselves out of sheer anxiety.

Ku Wei was very relaxed. His greatest pastime was going out and hitting on beautiful women. He quickly found that the women of this city did not dress overly conservatively. In fact, their fashion was a bit revealing despite the ancient and somewhat wild style to their clothing. As they moved about, he was able to catch glimpses of delicate white flesh. He loved this place.

"Really, Yan Yan, can you really not appreciate happiness when you're surrounded by it!? Look at how beautiful this place is and how lively the girls are! Look at you! Give Brother Wei a wink, haha!" Ku Wei turned to smile and call out to a girl as she passed by. She smiled at his wink and quickly sped away.

Shao Yangxun glanced over at Ku Wei. "Subzero City's rules state that, if you have a physical relationship with any of the city's women, then you must stay here forever, never allowed to go out."

Ku Wei was stunned. "Can't you change that?"

Shao Yangxun turned away to stare back towards the south. "No, you'll have to stay even if you break your leg."

Ku Wei's mouth twitched. A girl a ways away from him looked at him playfully, but he just laughed drily before quickly lowering his head. After that, he did not dare to take another look; it would be better to die than be stuck in this primitive city forever.

A few days passed, and Monster Chi used his Fire Spirit to enter several times during these days. Each time, the Fire Spirit was destroyed by the little old man who was the Frost Emperor in disguise. The Frost Emperor's act was not seen through, and he acted weaker each time, seemingly only defeating the Fire Spirit by taking on greater and greater risks.

#### **Chapter 1224: Masters Of Blazing Mist Flowzone**

Lu Yin watched the Frost Emperor's performance with rapt admiration, and he was certain that Monster Chi did not suspect anything.

Lu Yin's hunches were correct, as Monster Chi did not see any issue with the situation at all. He was fully confident that the Royal Frost Continent only had this single Enlighter protecting them and that their Envoy realm expert must have already died.

After receiving Monster Chi's confident report, Leader Hong finally moved out. He raised a foot to take a step forward, disappearing. When he reappeared, he was already next to the cracks in the void. When he took another step, he passed through the cracks and entered the dimension containing the Royal Frost Continent.

When Leader Hong entered the Royal Frost Continent, the entire continent trembled. Clouds formed from flames quickly spread through the sky, melting the ice that covered the ground. The once white Royal Frost Continent quickly thawed, and fierce floods raged throughout the city.

The Frost Emperor raised his head. "He's finally here."

After that, his body disappeared.

Lu Yin looked up at where Leader Hong was standing next to the spatial crack. This person was an Envoy. Lu Yin had faced them more than once before, and he had even killed one of the Sixth Mainland's Imprinters, though that had only been possible due to his power vessel. Despite Lu Yin's recent increase in strength, he was still helpless against an Envoy. Even Enlighters with power levels above 400,000 would find it difficult to deal with an Envoy.

Envoys were different from all of the cultivators below them as they fought on a different level. Supposedly, they used stellar energy, not star energy.

That was a fundamental difference in level, and Lu Yin could not yet understand the level at which Envoys stood.

After Leader Hong appeared, his eyes immediately looked at Subzero City off in the distance. The moment Lu Yin saw the man, the Envoy felt it. As soon as Leader Hong looked at Lu Yin, the Frost Emperor appeared in front of the Blaze Realm's master. The Frost Emperor did not say a word, but Leader Hong was frozen for a moment as he stared at the Frost Emperor in amazement. "You- you're not dead?"

The Frost Emperor shouted, "Of course I'm not dead!"

He then slapped a palm out at Leader Hong. In response, his eyes opened wide as flames filled the sky and caused the Royal Frost Continent to shake.

Lu Yin was scorched by the terrible heat, and he was forced to continuously fall back. By the time he looked back up, the two powerhouses had already vanished.

He looked around in confusion; where had those two gone?

This was a battle between Envoys. Yuan Shi had once mentioned to Lu Yin that fights between Envoys took place in the true universe, which meant that the two had entered a different plane.

In outer space, humans could only see the most common dimension. Different creatures could see different spectrums of light, and spatial dimensions were actually in a similar situation. Some creatures could see deeper into the various dimensions, and this was rather common for certain creatures of the Astral Beast Domain.

Lu Yin felt a chill spread throughout his body. At this moment, if Leader Hong attacked Lu Yin, it would be impossible for him to mount any sort of resistance at all.

Upon thinking of this, Lu Yin hurriedly donned his universal armor.

At that moment, the sky suddenly broke open, and a spatial crack spread across the entirety of the Royal Frost Continent. Flames fell down from the sky like waterfalls, but they were quickly frozen by the cold air. It was a spectacular scene that made it look as if the continent was collapsing.

Countless people in Subzero City became terrified. If those scattered flames had fallen, then the entire Royal Frost Continent would have been burned.

A streak of red appeared high in the sky, but then it disappeared.



The Frost Emperor then reappeared. He stood high in the sky and stared at the crack in the void before slowly descending next to Lu Yin. "When will the sylvan dragons and the Ross Empire appear?"

Lu Yin answered, "Soon."

"Are you certain that the allure of a secret technique will not cause the entire Inniverse to attack my Royal Frost Continent?" The Frost Emperor had become anxious once again.

Lu Yin had already answered this question before, but he calmly answered it once again, "Yes. It is truly impossible for everyone to target this place, and not everyone would believe such a ruse either. The Blaze Realm only trusts this information because of their greed and where they are located."

The Frost Emperor's worries were not calmed.

Lu Yin continued, "There's no other way. Do you want the Royal Frost Continent to freeze over and let hundreds of millions of people die? Or, do you want to take this risk? Are you willing to gamble on President Geoffrey waking up sooner than predicted?"

The Frost Emperor felt helpless. "I hope that you're telling the truth."

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Leader Hong suddenly appeared in Blazing Mist Flowzone, just outside the crack in the void near Planet Coo. As he did so, he nearly collapsed. His face was pale, and there were traces of blood at the corners of his mouth.

He did not allow anyone from the Blaze Realm to see his condition, and he immediately moved into a spacecraft.

Monster Chi, Si Penghai, and the others all looked at Leader Hong and were shocked at what they saw. "Realm Master, what happened?"

Leader Hong lifted his head, revealing a fierce light in his eyes. "The Frost Emperor isn't dead."

Everyone present was stunned.

Monster Chi could not believe the news. "How is that possible? I went in several times and found no trace of the Frost Emperor."

Leader Hong gritted his teeth. "It was all a part of their plan."

Kun Ban was terrified of the prospect that he would be implicated by the existence of such a plan. He might very well be shunned after this, so after thinking quickly, he said, "Realm Master, there's no reason for the Frost Emperor to pretend to be dead. Even if he did pretend to be dead, there's no way for me to have learned of it from the Gasfire Alliance. There's no motive behind this possibility."

"That's true. Realm Master, the Royal Frost Continent has been at peace with our Blazing Mist Flowzone for so many years, and there's no reason for them to purposely dupe us right now," Si Penghai said.

Leader Hong looked up. "What if they're cooperating with the Gasfire Alliance?"

Monster Chi shook his head. "The Gasfire Alliance is made up of nothing but a bunch of trash. They don't qualify to cooperate with an Envoy."

Leader Hong was in a rotten mood. "Let's pull back first before surrounding this place. I want to see what that old ghost, the Frost Emperor, wants to do."

"Yes, Realm Master."

Suddenly, Leader Hong stood up and stared to the east, upon which his expression drastically changed. "Sylvan dragons."

Everyone was caught off guard, and Monster Chi frowned before quietly saying, "The sylvan dragon clan is here."

Off in the distance, hundreds of large sylvan dragons swam through space, headed straight for Planet Coo.

Many wary eyes from the Blaze Realm's forces watched the approaching dragons.

The spacecraft looked rather small in front of the massive sylvan dragons, and at the front of the crowd of dragons, there was one who was several times larger than any of the others. It was Long Yi, the Envoy realm patriarch of the sylvan dragon clan.

As Long Yi moved forward, his massive eyes swept across the area, terrifying the Blaze Realm's forces to the point where not a single one of them dared to make even the slightest sound.

The Heavenflame Army was the Blaze Realm's most elite army, but its members were still quite terrified by the sight of so many great dragons.

"Old friend, Leader Hong, since you're here, then why don't you come out and greet me?" Long Yi's voice caused space itself to tremble.

Many of the Blaze Realm's vessels were slightly damaged by this sentence, as they were not able to withstand the pressure of the powerful dragon.

Leader Hong then appeared in outer space. His complexion had already returned to normal, and he calmly looked at the dragon patriarch. "This place is within the territory of my Blaze Realm. Long Yi, what is it that you want for you to have brought out so many of your children and grandchildren? You don't want to go to war with my Blaze Realm."

Long Yi grinned. "Of course not. I just heard that the entrance to the Royal Frost Continent appeared, so I want to go and take a look."

Leader Hong's brows rose. "The Royal Frost Continent? Who told you that?"

Long Yi rolled his massive eyes before staring at Leader Hong once again. "Do you still want to hide it? The Royal Frost Continent is hiding a secret technique, and your Blaze Realm can't handle owning such a thing."

Leader Hong frowned. "You've been deceived. There is no secret technique on the Frost Emperor Continent, and that old ghost Frost Emperor is still alive."

Long Yi was surprised by this news. "The Frost Emperor is alive? Didn't they say that he had died?"

"You've been deceived," Leader Hong solemnly repeated.

Long Yi clearly did not believe such a thing. "Even if this is a trick, we still need to go in and investigate. At the very least, we should greet the Frost Emperor. After all, he is by no means weak."

Leader Hong stared intently at Long Yi. Leader Hong believed that this whole thing was a trick, but as Si Penghai and the others had said, what possible reason could motivate the Frost Emperor into faking his own death? There was no reason to do such a thing, and the Gasfire Alliance did not have the qualifications to ally themselves with the Royal Frost Continent. And if someone claimed that the alliance was taking advantage of the Royal Frost Continent to deal with the Blaze Realm, no one would believe it either.

Since there was no motive to fake the Frost Emperor's death, then it meant that the information from the Gasfire Alliance should not be fake. However, the Frost Emperor was clearly not dead, which just placed everything else in a suspicious light.

Leader Hong was stuck. He could not understand the motivation behind this scheme, but did the secret technique really not exist?

He could not be sure of anything right now.

After seeing Leader Hong's reticent attitude, Long Yi became even more convinced that there was a secret technique hidden on the Royal Frost Continent. "Old friend, it seems that you really want to have the secret technique all for yourself, but don't even think about it. Not only has my sylvan dragon clan come, but that guy from the Ross Empire is also on his way, and he's bringing the top troops of his empire. You can't deal with this on your own anymore."

Long Yi's voice fell, and Leader Hong looked in another direction. He was able to sense the approach of another powerhouse: the Ross Empire's Emperor Luo was coming.

All the masters of Blazing Mist Flowzone's three top powers had appeared in the same place, and they had also all brought their best troops. Their goal was very simple: the Royal Frost Continent.

Regardless of whether or not Leader Hong doubted the information about the Royal Frost Continent, it was impossible for him to allow Long Yi and Emperor Luo to enter alone. What if the information was true? If there really was a secret technique hidden on the continent, then Leader Hong would be done for.

It was better to kill an innocent than let a guilty man go free. This was Leader Hong's personality, and it was in line with that of most of the universe's powerhouses.

No one would be willing to give up the Royal Frost Continent at this junction. If it turned out that there really was nothing hidden on the continent, then the three powers would simply join hands to eradicate a blight that had long plagued them.

Inside the spacecraft, Leader Hong, Long Yi, and Emperor Luo spoke face to face.

Long Yi had taken on a human form, and he looked like a large, brutish man with some similarities with Leader Hong, though he was even more domineering.

Although Leader Hong had a rough appearance, he was actually quite shrewd and calculating.

As for Emperor Luo, his whole body was covered with metal machinery, and even his face was hidden behind a screen of reflective metal. No one knew what lay behind those metal layers, and he also spoke with a unique voice that sounded mechanical and metallic, but also a bit hoarse.

"So, the Frost Emperor is still alive, and he fought you," Emperor Luo stated. Even his eyes were mechanical, and they scanned Leader Hong's face.

To Leader Hong, the most uncomfortable part of having Emperor Luo stare at him was the overwhelming sensation of condescension that the mechanical man gave off. "Someone must be trying to plot against my Blaze Realm, which is why this false information was deliberately leaked."

"It's been years since the Royal Frost Continent has gone into hiding, but this time, they tore open a hole in the void. This in and of itself is a problem," said Long Yi.

Leader Hong looked at Long Yi and Emperor Luo. "How did you receive this news?"

Emperor Luo was silent, but Long Yi sneered. "How could we not know that your Blaze Realm was making moves?"

Leader Hong's eyes grew sharp. "Even if you can observe our movements, there's no way for you to have heard anything about the secret technique."

"We were told by someone in your Blaze Realm," Emperor Luo said.

Leader Hong grew furious. "You planted a mole within my Blaze Realm?"

Long Yi smiled oddly. "Don't say it like that. Everyone does such things."

Emperor Luo looked over at Long Yi. "We never planted a mole in your sylvan dragon clan."

"That's because it can't be done," Leader Hong said angrily.

Long Yi responded arrogantly, "We're simply a different race. There's no blame to be cast here."

"Okay, so the current problem is the Frost Emperor. As long as we can discover the reason why he faked his death, the entire story will be unraveled," Emperor Luo quietly said.

Leader Hong slowly said, "The Frost Emperor is not a good start. None of us can match up to him."

"Then we can team up," refuted Long Yi.

Leader Hong frowned. He no longer wanted to fight against the Frost Emperor. Fire was the antithesis of ice, but in the same sense, ice was also the antithesis of fire. This relationship aptly described how Leader Hong's battle against the Frost Emperor had gone. The other two leaders were probably more worried about leaving Leader Hong outside on his own.

**Chapter 1225: It's Worth It**

Emperor Luo's eyes swiveled over to look at Leader Hong. "Don't worry about us. We can't retreat at this time, so let's just enter the Royal Frost Continent altogether."

Leader Hong's eyes flickered as he thought about something.

Emperor Luo suddenly asked, "How's the Purge going?"

Leader Hong's tone turned gloomy. "I was thwarted by Lu Yin. Didn't I tell you?"

"But what happened, specifically? How did he avert the Purge?" Emperor Luo pressed.

Leader Hong snorted and gave a brief accounting of what happened.

Long Yi clenched a fist. "That little brat's quite powerful. Were the Sword Sect and the Lingling clan really overwhelmed by him?"

Leader Hong replied, "It's true that very few in his generation can match up to him, and my guess is that only the Neoverse's inheritors or maybe Liu Tianmu with the Thirteenth Sword have a chance of beating him. All of the others are too far behind him, and it would not be difficult for Lu Yin to drag them down one by one."

"Is ZENITH really that important?" asked Long Yi. The sylvan dragon clan had a truly embarrassing status in the Human Domain. Not only were they traitors to the Astral Beast Domain, but they were also outsiders within the Human Domain. Not having any access to sensitive information was just the beginning of the dragons' troubles. They had intended to take refuge under the umbrella of the Daynight clan even if as mounts, but unfortunately for the dragons, that path had been severed by Lu Yin.

When it came to their hatred for Lu Yin, the sylvan dragons did not fall behind the Blaze Realm in any way.

The problems between the Ross Empire and the Great Yu Empire went back as far as when Lu Yin had first been admitted to Astral-10, and the grudge between the two parties had only grown since then.

No one replied to the dragon's question. Even Leader Hong looked down on the sylvan dragon clan, and if not for the dragons' strength, Leader Hong would never have tolerated their presence in Blazing Mist Flowzone.

Outside the vessel, the large sylvan dragons roared and released a strange scent.

There were some people within the Blaze Realm's forces who felt contemptuous for the dragons while others were excited by the prospect of owning a sylvan dragon as a mount, which would be amazing.

As for the army from the Ross Empire, no sound could be heard from them at all. This was a true army, unlike the Blaze Realm's Heavenflame Army where the members were more individual cultivators than hardened soldiers.

After half an hour, Leader Hong, Long Yi, and Emperor Luo made their way out of the spaceship and towards the spatial crack that lay near Planet Coo. They had finally agreed to explore the Royal Frost Continent together.

On the Royal Frost Continent, Lu Yin had become a little uneasy, so he once again asked to confirm something. "Senior, the rulers of Blazing Mist Flowzone's three major forces are about to attack. Can you really stop them?"

From the very beginning, the Frost Emperor was the foundation of this plan. The continent had to be able to stop Blazing Mist Flowzone's united forces in order to stop the various powers of the Innerverse from making moves due to rumors about a secret technique.

Lu Yin had the means to prevent the Royal Frost Continent from being targeted over a rumored secret technique, but he had no confidence in the Frost Emperor being able to hold off three Envoys. These three had been able to maintain their positions as masters of Blazing Mist Flowzone, and they could not be underestimated.

The Frost Emperor appeared calm. "Even if I can't win, it will be fine as long as I can hold them off."

Lu Yin pursed his lips and touched his cosmic ring. He had no intention of holding back. If Blazing Mist Flowzone's three major forces were not weakened, then his entire plan would go up in flames. At first, Lu Yin had hoped that the Blaze Realm would simply send in their army along with their powerhouse so that they would be destroyed all at once. Even if that did not work, at least the Frost Emperor would be able to wound Leader Hong.

However, although Leader Hong had been defeated in the last battle, he had not been seriously injured. Lu Yin knew that he had underestimated Leader Hong's abilities and that he had similarly looked down upon the Frost Emperor. If no accidents occurred, then the Frost Emperor would indeed be able to hold off the three other Envoys, but the whole endeavor would be nothing more than a joke if Lu Yin failed to achieve his goal. At best, the plan would help the Royal Frost Continent, but everything revolved around a key point: could the Frost Emperor really hold three Envoys back?

Still, even if the Frost Emperor was incapable of holding the three powerhouses back, Lu Yin had some power vessels on him, and that was even without considering that Lu Yin's backing might be enough to intimidate Leader Hong and the other two into not taking any actions against Lu Yin.

It was very important to have this kind of backing. Lu Yin had known this from the beginning, and he had always sought the support of strong organizations and powerful experts. His most effective support was Leon's Armada, as they were famous for being unreasonable.

It was a pity that Leon's Armada also had a bad reputation and that they were always under the Hall of Honor's scrutiny. Taking revenge was fine, but there would be trouble if certain lines were crossed.

At this moment, Lu Yin needed to find a way to preemptively weaken the three armies outside of the spatial crack. He glanced up at it, set his cosmic ring aside, opened his hand and brought out his die. He wanted to give it a shot.

The dice slowly stopped spinning and revealed four pips. Lu Yin quickly snatched up his cosmic ring as the scenery changed before his eyes to that of the Timestop Space.

Using the die had worked out smoothly this time, and as long as Lu Yin was able to enter this space, he would feel at ease.

He rolled the die again.

Three pips was one of the few useable rolls within the Timestop Space, though it might take him a few attempts to make such a roll.

Lu Yin had recently acquired a great deal of star essence, so he was really hoping to roll three pips right now.

His only problem was that many of his items could no longer be upgraded because of their materials, such as the mechanical right arm, the one-way mirror, and the sealed cannons. Thus, there were only two items that Lu Yin was anxious about upgrading: his cosmic armor, and the poison.

As far as items that Lu Yin could use as weapons went, both his poisons and the arrows in his possession could be upgraded, but Lu Yin did not have any skill when it came to arrows. While he also did not have any particular expertise when it came to poisons, it was versatile enough and easy to use, which made it his first choice.

He had not upgraded his universal armor to the limit yet, mostly because he had run out of star essence last time. His current armor had been constructed from materials that came from the Technocracy, and Lu Yin believed that it should have an upgrade limit of six more times, which would allow it to stop attacks of power levels of 700,000.

Lu Yin tapped his die, only for it to land on six pips. Useless.

He calmly sat down and began reciting the complete Stonewall Scriptures while simultaneously increasing the gravity in here to the limit of what he could bear in order to train his body.

Ten days quickly passed by, and he rolled the die again. One pip. Useless. Again.

The next time he rolled the die, it landed on five pips. Still useless. Again.

On the third try, he finally rolled three pips, and Lu Yin's eyes lit up. He had succeeded.

Lu Yin sucked in a deep breath as he stared at the two screens of light. He had not upgraded anything in a long time, and doing this once again felt a bit nostalgic and exciting.

Items. Without upgraded items, Lu Yin would have never been able to unify the Outerverse, and he actually would have perished right after the Outerverse had been isolated from the Innaverse.

As he revisited this memory, Lu Yin felt that upgrading his universal armor was his foremost priority. So, he quickly set it on the upper light screen and began to frantically throw out star essence. One million. Two million. Three million. Only then did the armor fall through.

Lu Yin's heart ached at the cost. He had only spent three million star essence on a single upgrade once before. When he had last upgraded this armor, it had cost him 1.5 million star essence, so it made sense for the eighth upgrade to cost three million.

THREE MILLION star essence. Three million... Lu Yin felt like he was about to vomit blood, as this was simply just too much.

Lu Yin was the leader of the entire Great Eastern Alliance. In the eight years that he had held this position, he only received a bit more than thirteen million star essence, and he had just used a quarter of that amount in one go.

Surprisingly, Lu Yin felt like he was spending funds as quickly as any one of the Innerverse's eight great flowzones. His expenses could compare to those of an entire organization with countless disciples.

Lu Yin gulped nervously as he looked at his universal armor that had just been upgraded for the eighth time before gently touching it. After the seventh upgrade, its rune lines were nearly on the same level as those of an expert with a power level of 500,000, but now, its rune lines far exceeded the previous number. This armor was now able to withstand attacks from an Envoy.

Anything on the power level of an Envoy had to pass through a difficult barrier. Lu Yin had spent more than six million star essence for his armor to break through this barrier, and that was not even counting the effort to get his hands on the precious materials from the Technocracy. If the value of those materials were also accounted for, then this armor would cost more than ten million star essence to make. Certain things could not be bought, and the materials of Lu Yin's armor were simply not available within the Human Domain.

At this moment, the question before Lu Yin was whether or not he should upgrade it once more.

Lu Yin swallowed as he stared at the universal armor before ultimately deciding to wait. He would upgrade the poison first.

He was a little worried, as he was afraid that upgrading the poison just once would not be enough for it to be effective.

Why was it that the further one progressed, the less they valued money? This reality caused Lu Yin to feel rather depressed.

To Lu Yin, things like poison were quite magical, as there seemed to have no limit to how many times they could be upgraded. At the least, he had not found a limit yet.

All of Lu Yin's poisons had come from Elder Wu, who had been an Enlighter with a gift for poisons. Elder Wu was also the only powerhouse that Lu Yin had encountered who used poisons. The Neohuman Alliance's Regression poison did not count, as even if it were given to Lu Yin, he would not dare to use it.

He still had seven bottles of Elder Wu's poison remaining. Each one had been upgraded eight times already, and their rune lines were close to matching those of an Enlighter with a power level of 400,000. Lu Yin placed one of the bottles of poison on the upper light screen and began to throw out star essence.

He upgraded the poison three times, which ended up costing him a bit more than 1.3 million star essence, and it caused the poison's rune lines to nearly rival a power level of 500,000. The fourth upgrade would be a slow and expensive process.

It ended up taking two million, a full two million star essence to upgrade the bottle of poison one more time. At this point, Lu Yin estimated that its rune lines should exceed a power level of 500,000, which meant that the poison could threaten even an Envoy.



It really was not easy to produce something so potent. Lu Yin had had to upgrade the poison twelve times and spend almost four million star essence in total for it to be able to threaten an Envoy. Although it was one-third the cost of his universal armor's upgrades, it was still an absurd cost.

Lu Yin once more felt the pain of spending his wealth, but there was nothing that he could do about it. He had to improve, and one bottle of poison was clearly not going to be enough. After thinking about it for a moment, Lu Yin grabbed another bottle of poison.

As he looked at his cosmic ring, Lu Yin closed his eyes. He still had more than seven million star essence left, but he had burned through nearly half of his funds in such a short amount of time to only upgrade three of his items.

It was hard for him to calm down, but he knew there would be more money in the future. After he used his funds this time, he would be able to earn more later. Additionally, it would not take as long as it had in the past. Lu Yin was guaranteed to earn more money in the future.

As he comforted himself, Lu Yin placed his armor on the upper light screen and started frantically throwing out star essence once again. He would not be safe with its current level of defenses.

6.25 million. That was how much it cost to upgrade his universal armor for the ninth time. When Lu Yin looked at his cosmic ring and saw that he once again had less than a million star essence, despair almost took him. However, even though he was almost out of money, he had gained something that would protect his life, so it was absolutely worth every essence spent!!!

Lu Yin still had more than two months of time left in the Timestop Space, so Lu Yin pulled out his fatesand and merged two more grains into it. They did not add much mass to the fatesand near his heart, and it was still not enough to conceal the black and white fog in his heart, but he still had more fatesand grains to absorb.

Just what was that black and white fog? In this place, Lu Yin could test it out safely.

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The scenery changed before Lu Yin's eyes as he returned to the Royal Frost Continent.

Not even an Envoy like the Frost Emperor was able to notice that Lu Yin had just experienced several months in that moment. After all, time was an illusory thing, and it had nothing to do with one's strength.

The only ones in the entire universe who dared to claim to have a sensitivity for time were those of the Starsibyl Sect, though Lu Yin had always felt that they were just bragging.

Still, he did not dare to enter his die's Timestop Space near anyone from the Starsibyl Sect.

"Your breath?" Lu Yin heard the Frost Emperor's voice as the older man looked at Lu Yin in confusion. It had just been a moment, but Lu Yin's breath had suddenly changed dramatically in that moment. It was a weird feeling.

Lu Yin instead asked, "Senior Frost Emperor, what will you do if the leaders of Blazing Mist Flowzone's three top powers spread out? What will you do if one of them tries to keep you pinned down while the other two rush over to Subzero City?"

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Upon hearing Lu Yin's question, the Frost Emperor replied, "None of them can hold me on their own. Rather, I can keep them all busy."

"There are power vessels in this universe, and according to this junior's understanding, the Blaze Realm has existed for a long time. Thus, I believe that the Blaze Realm, the sylvan dragon clan, and the Ross Empire must each have a powerful power vessel. Is Senior still confident in dealing with those?" Lu Yin asked another question.

The Frost Emperor went silent for a moment. "Do you have a solution?"

Lu Yin raised his hand. "What does Senior see?"

The Frost Emperor stared at Lu Yin's palm, but there was nothing there—no! The Envoy's eyes narrowed. "Such an arrow actually exists?"

Lu Yin had brought out the Arrow of Valiance, which was an invisible arrow. "Senior did not see it at first, and this junior believes that Leader Hong and the others will be no different. I can lend this for Senior to use."

Lu Yin then tossed the Arrow of Valiance over to the Frost Emperor.

The Frost Emperor shook his head. "This invisibility only exists in certain layers of space, and as long as you look carefully, you will see it. Also, at the Envoy level, all powerhouses have developed a strong sense for danger. Thus, this arrow is not powerful enough to hurt an Envoy."

Lu Yin then took out the bottle of poison and tossed it over to the Frost Emperor. "This bottle of poison is potent enough to even injure an Envoy. The effectiveness also depends on the person who uses it. If you use it along with the Arrow of Valiance, then while I'm not sure if Senior can fight off all three opponents, it might still be worth trying, no?"

The Frost Emperor grabbed the poison in shock and stared at Lu Yin in surprise. "Why do you have so many items that are able to injure even Envoys?"

The corners of Lu Yin's mouth curled up, and he said, "This junior has someone supporting me."

The Frost Emperor believed this statement fully, and he also believed that it was more than just one person, as how could anyone have so many powerful items?

At this moment, three figures appeared off in the distance in front of the crack in the void. The Frost Emperor turned, his eyes already sharp. "Leave my Royal Frost Continent!"

Leader Hong and the other two looked at each other. "Let's kill this old ghost."

After that, the sky broke open.

Lu Yin stared in shock. The world froze over as the Frost Emperor revealed his true power. The cold that he controlled instantly froze Leader Hong's flames, and it simultaneously froze Emperor Luo as well. Then, a long spear of ice appeared in the Frost Emperor's hand and shot towards Long Yi.

There was a bang that shook the entire Royal Frost Continent.

A terrifying, crushing pressure fell down and enveloped the entire continent. Lu Yin was already wearing his universal armor and was therefore uninjured, but when he looked back up, the four Envoys had all disappeared.

They were fighting in the true universe, and their battle was not something that he could watch, though he could vaguely observe their rune lines. The four were all Envoys, and thus, the number of runes that he saw stung his eyes.

Leader Hong's presence and battle techniques raised the temperature of the Royal Frost Continent, and it just barely managed to counter the cold air that leaked from the seal.

This had been the goal all along: to save the Royal Frost Continent with Leader Hong's flames. At this moment, they had already achieved their primary goal, so now, everything depended on how long the Frost Emperor could hold the other three off for, as he needed to stall until Geoffrey arrived.

Lu Yin hid beneath the ice and stared up at the sky where he could vaguely see the rune lines of four people fighting.

As Lu Yin had guessed, the trio of attackers wanted to break into Subzero City, and they made such an attempt after two days of fighting, but they were stopped by the Frost Emperor. The Frost Emperor's cold covered too large of an area, and his range extended across the entire Royal Frost Continent. He was truly powerful enough to threaten the three Envoys.

The Frost Emperor deliberately slowed the battle down and dragged things out with the other three. He managed to stall them for half a month, and during this time, the sky often cracked open and leaked out some overpowering star energy that suppressed the Royal Frost Continent.

Some distance away stood Subzero City's experts. Although none of them were Envoys, they were all Enlighteners and were barely able to resist the pressure wracking the continent.

The topography of the Royal Frost Continent had completely changed due to this fight.

Leader Hong used high-temperature flames. Long Yi took advantage of his body and speed, but the most concerning one was Emperor Luo. His attacks were completely unpredictable, and he also attacked Lu Yin a few times. It seemed as though he was testing something.

Lu Yin started to suspect that Emperor Luo might have recognized him.

The three Envoys could not tolerate being stalled by the Frost Emperor, and they eventually issued some orders to the outside world. After receiving the orders, Monster Chi and others raced through the cracks in the void. At the same time, the three Envoys switched things up with Leader Hong moving to occupy the Frost Emperor and block him from rescuing Subzero City.

The Frost Emperor was in no hurry. He was fully confident that Leader Hong was actually being restrained by the cold air.

Ice covered a majority of the continent, but so did flames. The Frost Emperor took advantage of the cold air to freeze the attacks of Leader Hong and the other Envoys, so he was naturally able to extend his attacks to strike at the area of the sky with cracks in the void.

When Monster Chi and the others first appeared, they were nearly frozen to death, and they immediately fled in terror.

Despite the fact that Lu Yin could not understand the Envoys' battle, he felt that the Frost Emperor was worthy of his title of emperor. This man was truly amazing at utilizing ice.

There was a roar in the sky as Long Yi suddenly appeared only to disappear once again.

Right after that, flames rained down from the sky, and it looked as though lava was falling and trying to drown Subzero City, but the flames were quickly frozen by the terrible cold.

Finally, Emperor Luo released dozens of energy beams that swept towards Subzero City. However, when the beams were only halfway to the city, Emperor Luo was frozen by ice and plummeted to the ground.

One of the beams stopped just a thousand meters away from Lu Yin.

Lu Yin approached and reached out to touch it. The ice cracked apart, and the remnant energy blasted Lu Yin a few meters back. His hand ached so badly that he knew that if he had not had his universal armor equipped, his hand would have simply disappeared.

An Envoy and an Enlighter truly did stand on completely different levels.

Emperor Luo suddenly appeared up in the sky and looked down at Lu Yin. The powerhouse had mechanical eyes, and it was impossible to know what he was looking at. Suddenly, he fired at Lu Yin, and a beam shot through the void as it raced towards Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's scalp went numb, and he dodged away, but he could not move faster than the beam.

The light beam slid across Lu Yin's back and smashed him down onto the ice. It felt like his back was on fire, and he was overwhelmed by a burning pain.

Emperor Luo was stunned. "That thing actually blocked this emperor's attack? That is a very strange armor. Give it to me."

As the Envoy spoke, he rushed towards Lu Yin, but the cold air froze the sky in front of him. Emperor Luo struck the ice, and he looked up into the sky where the Frost Emperor was wielding a long spear that stabbed forward. "You stay with me."

Emperor Luo asked in a deep voice, "Who is that person?"

The Frost Emperor did not respond. Five interlocking rings of snowflakes appeared in the sky and locked down the void. The next moment, the rings disappeared, but the world froze over with Emperor Luo, Long Yi, and Leader Hong all stuck inside. Lu Yin raised his head and looked at Emperor Luo and the other two frozen people.

"Hit Leader Hong!" Lu Yin shouted loudly. As he spoke, Lu Yin's pupils transformed into runes. He stared intensely at Leader Hong, and for a moment, blood and tears flowed from his eyes. He was erasing as many of Leader Hong's runes as possible.

Upon hearing Lu Yin's words, the Frost Emperor reflexively attacked Leader Hong.

The two sides had already experienced many exchanges, and they were both clearly aware of each other's strength. When the Frost Emperor took action, Leader Hong already had an idea of his attack's strength. He immediately moved to shatter the ice, and flames rippled out in front of him. As far as Leader Hong was concerned, his attack would be enough to stop the Frost Emperor's attack, given that the Frost Emperor also had to remain on guard against Long Yi and Emperor Luo.

But strangely enough, Leader Hong felt that something was wrong, as his power had weakened.

The ice spear pierced straight through the flames and stabbed into Leader Hong's shoulder. The intense cold instantly spread throughout his body from the wound.

Leader Hong's pupils instantly dilated, and he grabbed hold of the ice spear and shattered it with a crisp sound. The Frost Emperor raised his right index finger, and Leader Hong vomited blood. The cold air was rampaging throughout his body.

The Frost Emperor had not expected his attack to land so smoothly. He then moved through the scorching flames without hesitation as he brought out the Arrow of Valiance and thrust it at Leader Hong.

Leader Hong did not even notice the Arrow of Valiance at first, but he was an Envoy, and he had accumulated a tremendous amount of combat experience over the years. So, even if he did not see the arrow, his sense of danger still reacted to it, and he quickly retreated. The Arrow of Valiance did not strike true.

The Frost Emperor sighed. Sure enough, a sneak attack was useless. He was not able to continue launching any more attacks on Leader Hong, as Long Yi and Emperor Luo had already caught up.

Right when Leader Hong believed the Frost Emperor's attack was over and that the man was resetting the situation, the Arrow of Valiance suddenly disappeared only to reappear and pierce the wound where Leader Hong had just been stabbed by the Frost Emperor's spear of ice.

Leader Hong's pupils shrank to pinpricks; a secret technique?

He grabbed the Arrow of Valiance and quickly pulled it out. He glanced at the Frost Emperor, but the old man had had nothing to do with the arrow momentarily disappearing. Suddenly, Leader Hong's eyes shot down to where Lu Yin stood. That was the person responsible for this attack.

Given the effect of the secret technique, Leader Hong could only think of one person, and he glared angrily at that person. "Lu Yin!"

Down on the ground, Lu Yin knew that he had been exposed, but he had already succeeded.

"You're asking to die!" Leader Hong roared and rushed at Lu Yin. A blazing sphere appeared in the sky and crashed down towards the ground. The miniature sun was hot enough to dry out the entire Royal Frost Continent.

The Frost Emperor hurriedly attacked.

However, the next moment, Leader Hong suddenly twitched and spat out a mouthful of black blood. He had been poisoned. His expression darkened, and he gritted his teeth as he looked down at his wound.

However, he had been poisoned by something that Lu Yin had upgraded to the point where its runes had exceeded a power level of 500,000—how could it be easily suppressed? Leader Hong roared in pain as his flames surged. “Lu Yin, I’ll kill you!”

As he spoke, he waved a hand and sent a wave of rolling flames shooting towards Lu Yin.

The heat of the flames instantly melted the ice covering the ground, and it evaporated shortly after. Lu Yin was struck by the flames and sent flying away. But that just caused him to cough. Although there was a trace of blood at the corner of his mouth, he was relatively fine.

After attacking Lu Yin, Leader Hong fell to the ground.

"Leader Hong, be careful," Emperor Luo shouted.

Leader Hong looked up to see the Frost Emperor high in the sky above, surrounded by five interlocking rings of snowflakes. Long Yi shot through the sky to smack the Frost Emperor away with a clawed hand, but it was already too late. Leader Hong was frozen through by the Frost Emperor’s cold.

Emperor Luo landed next to Leader Hong and fired a beam of light to shatter the ice, causing Leader Hong to fall out. The Envoy’s body had turned black and white from the poison, and most of his organs had already stopped functioning. This was a serious injury, and it would take him a long time to recover.

Emperor Luo turned to stare at Lu Yin off in the distance.

Lu Yin stood back up and raised a hand. Nine lined battle force wrapped around the hand as Lu Yin released his full strength and unleashed a Vacuum Palm.

Emperor Luo raised a hand and erected a barrier of light in front of him. The Vacuum Palm struck the barrier, causing ripples to spread across it as the massive impact forced Emperor Luo back.

Emperor Luo was absolutely shocked; Lu Yin was just barely a Hunter, but he had managed to push him, an Envoy, back!

In the distance, the cold continued to rage, and the Frost Emperor stabbed Emperor Luo with a spear.

Long Yi slammed into it fiercely, and the Frost Emperor threw out the spear, swept past the sylvan dragon patriarch, and pierced the crack in the void.

At the other end of the Void Crack, Monster Chi checked the time. Leader Hong had asked the man to enter the Royal Frost Continent every other day in order to distract the Frost Emperor. Whenever it was time, Monster Chi would lead a group of experts from the Blaze Realm to the other side, including Si Penghai.

The Heavenflame Army once again rushed into the Royal Frost Continent, but this time, a long spear shot through the crack in the void, stabbing straight through Monster Chi and continuing on, skewering the powerhouse right behind him.

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In an instant, everyone was skewered through, and the army was pushed back out of the spatial crack and into the regular universe by the ice spear. Finally, the spear shattered, and a cold air spread out, freezing Monster Chi along with everyone else.

Everyone in the area from the Blaze Realm, including the sylvan dragon clan and the Ross Empire, stared as Monster Chi and the other experts became ice sculptures. They looked like a work of art, but they were actually already dead.

In the Royal Frost Continent, Leader Hong collapsed to his knees as the chill continued to wreak havoc inside his body while the poison left him in agony. He stared at Lu Yin with hatred burning in his eyes.

Long Yi was also affected by the Frost Emperor's cold, so he quickly pulled away. "Emperor Luo, let's retreat."

Emperor Luo grabbed hold of Leader Hong and then raced towards the void crack.

This time, the Frost Emperor did not give chase, as he had also been injured. Not a single one of the four Envoys were uninjured, but the one in the worst condition was definitely Leader Hong, who was in terrible shape.

Lu Yin knelt down, panting heavily. He put his universal armor away and then sat down on the ground while staring up at the spatial tear. His figure was still dirty, and there was even some blood smeared on the corners of his eyes.

The Frost Emperor landed next to Lu Yin and stared at the youth in amazement. "Alliance Leader Lu, you're actually able to survive several attacks from an Envoy. That is incredibly impressive."

Lu Yin coughed twice. "It would have been even better if Senior had been able to completely hold those three back."

The Frost Emperor apologized. "I was also injured. As you predicted, they used a power vessel at the very beginning. If not for the fact that I was the one fighting them and that I also had a powerful item, then they might not have been stopped. Fortunately, Alliance Leader Lu didn't suffer too badly. The thought of what could have happened greatly disturbs me."

Lu Yin raised three fingers. "Three strikes. I endured three strikes, and Senior must remember that everything was done for your Royal Frost Continent."

The Frost Emperor nodded. "Don't worry about such things."

"By the way, were the other two also injured?" Lu Yin asked. At the moment, this was his greatest concern.

The Frost Emperor replied, "Of course. Although I was also injured, their bodies have been afflicted with cold energy, and it will take them at least half a year to remove it. Also, if they don't deal with it quickly, then it will only grow worse. Holding off for a single day can delay the recovery by several months, which is something that they cannot tolerate."

Lu Yin's eyes lit up. That was good—no, excellent. "Why isn't Senior going back to blocking the cold air from leaking out? Leader Hong countered the cold that had already leaked out onto the continent, but more of the cold air is coming out from beneath the sourcebox array."

The Frost Emperor simply asked, "Do you need to return to the city to recover?"

Lu Yin shook his head.

The Frost Emperor continued, "Thank you, Alliance Leader Lu, for showing such great kindness to my Royal Frost Continent. We will absolutely repay you."

After speaking, the man leaped up and turned towards the leak in the seal to continue blocking off the cold air.

After Leader Hong's barrage of flaming attacks, the landscape of the Royal Frost Continent had been completely changed, but everything was quickly re-freezing due to the cold air, and snow was once again falling from the sky.

They had gained a month of leeway, as the battle with Leader Hong and the others had essentially reset the clock. If Geoffrey failed to arrive within a month, then Subzero City would be doomed.

More than half a month had passed since Lu Yin had first reached out to Geoffrey, so there should be enough time.

Upon thinking of this, Lu Yin opened his gadget. "Assemble the Allied Force and have them be ready to move out against the Blaze Realm at any given moment."

"The Blaze Realm? Chesspiece Bro, the Blaze Realm is not some power that we can easily deal with, and that's not even considering how close they are to the sylvan dragon clan and the Ross Empire. It's not very realistic for us to attack the Blaze Realm with our current strength without any support from higher powers," Wang Wen said.

Lu Yin replied, "Leader Hong has already been seriously injured, so follow my orders."

"Leader Hong's been seriously injured? How bad?" Wang Wen was overjoyed.

Lu Yin smiled and said. "Worse than you could ever imagine."

"Got it." Wang Wen smiled.

In Blazing Mist Flowzone, just outside the spatial tear near Planet Coo, Emperor Luo raced out into outer space, dragging Leader Hong along with him. Emperor Luo then tossed Leader Hong into the Blaze Realm's battleship before racing over towards the Ross Empire's forces.

Long Yi glanced over at the Blaze Realm's battleship. His eyes flashed for a moment, but then he flew towards the sylvan dragon clan.

Many of the Blaze Realm's cultivators were not even able to react when they heard Leader Hong's orders. "Return to the Blaze Realm."

"Realm Master, Elder Si and the others were all frozen," someone reported.

Leader Hong glanced over to see Monster Chi, Si Penghai, and the others who had been frozen to death all floating through space. Leader Hong gritted his teeth and repeated, "Return to the Blaze Realm."

"Yes, sir."



Before long, no one could be seen anywhere near Planet Coo, and occasionally, only a bit of cold air would blow out from the spatial cracks and sweep through the nearby space.

Inside the Blaze Realm's battleship, Leader Hong continued to cough up blood. He had taken a great number of antidotes before finally managing to reduce the potency of the poison, but the cold energy that had seeped into his body proved far more difficult to resolve. Given Leader Hong's current physical state, he would need at least a hundred years to resolve the cold energy.

"It's a pity that I didn't bring the Karmic Flames. If I had, then I wouldn't have been defeated! Lu Yin, Frost Emperor, I'll avenge this humiliation sooner or later!" As Leader Hong gritted his teeth, the cold air froze the surface of his body, and he coughed up more blood. This time, the blood froze the moment it exited his body, and it shattered on the floor.

Elsewhere, Long Yi had returned to his form as a huge sylvan dragon as he flew through outer space. A trail of cold energy was left in his wake, and all of the other sylvan dragons kept their distance. None of them dared to draw close, as they would freeze if they even brushed by this cold energy.

In the Ross Empire's battleship, Emperor Luo placed his body within a sealed machine, and his body was then continuously dismantled. The machine froze over from time to time, but it quickly thawed once more.

The Frost Emperor's strength was greater than the other three Envoys combined, and his cold energy was not something that they could easily suppress.

"Lu Yin is actually on the Royal Frost Continent. It seems that he joined forces with them and used the rumor of a secret technique as bait to lure the three of us over after making many preparations in advance. How vicious." Emperor Luo's voice rang out nonstop, echoing through the chamber as he analyzed various things.

After a while, he ordered, "Release the Royal Frost Continent's location and all of the information regarding the rumors of them hiding a secret technique. If they want to play, then we'll play big."

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At the same moment, in the Outerverse, battleships gathered as armies amassed. Although the scale was huge, because these plans and arrangements had all been made a long time ago and everyone was already aware of their tasks, no information regarding the plan was leaked.

Wei Rong had not expected to enact this plan so soon. Leader Hong had been hit hard, and a once in a lifetime opportunity was currently in front of them. However, no matter how injured an Envoy might be, they were still an Envoy, and how could such a powerhouse be easy to deal with? On top of that, the Blaze Realm had been around for many years, and it was impossible for them not to have some hidden cards. No one knew just how much they had hidden.

Then, Wei Rong suddenly remembered a particular person: Smoker.

Ever since Lu Yin had forced Tian Shao out of the Outerverse, Smoker had disappeared, which was according to Lu Yin's plan. He had specifically ordered Smoker to disappear, and Wei Rong did not know where Smoker had gone.

As far as familiarity with the Blaze Realm was concerned, if Smoker claimed to be second, then no one would claim to be first. Not even the high-level Blaze Realm natives knew as much about the Blaze Realm as Smoker. He had tried to assassinate Leader Hong more than once, and during Lu Yin's plan to stir up chaos in Daynight Flowzone, Smoker had once again attacked Leader Hong.

Lu Yin had Smoker, Lilyrose, the Gasfire Alliance, many other hidden forces, and the entire Great Eastern Alliance supporting him. Wei Rong knew that the Blaze Realm was dangerous, but Lu Yin was the type of person to ensure success whenever he attempted something.

His actions against Daynight Flowzone were a perfect example; although most of the credit could be attributed to Leon's Armada, Lu Yin had been the driving force as well as the mastermind behind the entire scheme.

The truth was that dealing with the Blaze Realm was not nearly as difficult as dealing with the Daynight clan.

Upon thinking of this, Wei Rong began looking forward to watching this next plan unfold.

Word of what had happened in Blazing Mist Flowzone quickly spread, but without any information regarding Leader Hong and the other two Envoys' injuries. Instead, there was only word of the Royal Frost Continent's location and its supposed secret technique, and this news stirred many of the Inniverse powers to move.

A few days after the sensational incident in Blazing Mist Flowzone, Geoffrey woke up on Planet Hydrotink in Frostwave Weave.

The first thing that the skinny old man did upon waking up was to have a drink and force Saul to accompany him.

Saul was helpless, but he managed to show Geoffrey the conversation that he had had with Lu Yin through Geoffrey's own gadget.

Geoffrey was confused for a few moments, and then he patted his head. "How long was I out?"

"Almost a month," Saul said.

Geoffrey heaved a sigh of relief. "It's okay then. It's not too late."

After speaking, he got up and moved to leave, but then he suddenly remembered something and turned back around to pat Saul on the shoulder. "Work hard, and you'll be the next president."

Saul's bones were almost shattered by the little old man.

As Saul watched Geoffrey leave, Saul felt quite bitter. If he had known how things would turn out, he would have never tried to scheme his way into obtaining True Insight. If he had never made that attempt, then his status might have already risen to the point of receiving some pages of True Insight long ago.

After everything that he had experienced, it could be said that Saul had let go of some of his resentment. He also knew that it would not be easy for him to become the president of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, as it was impossible for people to forget about his previous actions.

Of course, he still held out for another hope, which was Lu Yin.

Upon thinking of Lu Yin, Saul grew more hopeful. He had not expected Lu Yin to be so capable as to become a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker at such a young age. It was an amazing accomplishment.

In Saul's mind, there were very few Lockbreakers who could reach such a high level of skill at such a young age. Anyone with that level of accomplishments who did not die prematurely was guaranteed to reach the highest levels of the Lockbreaker Society in the future, so Saul had already placed his future in Lu Yin's hands.

A few days later, on the Royal Frost Continent, Lu Yin was chatting with the Frost Emperor, as there were some questions that he wished to ask the Envoy, when Geoffrey finally arrived.

"It's easy to get sick if you visit such a cold place while still drunk." Geoffrey looked at the Frost Emperor off in the distance and smiled with his hands clasped behind his back.

The Frost Emperor was overjoyed upon seeing Geoffrey's arrival. The Frost Emperor had wandered the universe before, and at that time, Geoffrey had already been a famous Lockbreaker as well as an Array Master. Seeing Geoffrey before him, the Frost Emperor hurriedly greeted the older man, "Senior Geoffrey, this junior greets you."

Lu Yin jumped up and flew into the air. "Junior Lu Yin greets Senior."

Geoffrey nodded. He appraised the Frost Emperor and was surprised by what he saw. "So this tiny continent in a pocket dimension has such a strong expert?"

The Frost Emperor respectfully replied, "In front of someone like Senior, how could this junior dare to call himself strong?"

Geoffrey laughed and looked over at Lu Yin. "Little guy, although this is the first time we're actually meeting, I've already watched a lot of your videos."

Lu Yin responded, "This junior acted recklessly in the past, so if I did anything to upset Senior, then please forgive my actions."

Geoffrey smiled and said, "It doesn't matter, child. Your goals and actions are generally along the correct path, and they've helped the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society. Honestly, Xiu Ming, Shang Yang, and I are all looking forward to your future. Your generation will eventually take control of the society."

Lu Yin quickly and respectfully replied, "Thank you for your praise, Senior."

Geoffrey nodded. He then looked up and glanced across the entire Royal Frost Continent.

The Frost Emperor and Lu Yin did not dare to make any sound, and they remained silently floating in the air.

After a while, Geoffrey was startled by something. His eyes went wide, and then he suddenly disappeared.

Not even the Frost Emperor was able to see how Geoffrey had vanished, as there was too great of a difference in their strength.

The Frost Emperor had believed that Geoffrey was merely an excellent Lockbreaker, but this action forced him to realize that Geoffrey might actually be much stronger than what he had originally believed.

### **Chapter 1228: Progenitor Hui's Insignia**

Lu Yin felt a shiver of fear run through him when he saw Geoffrey's terrifying strength. If Geoffrey had not been trapped in the Innerverse when the Outerverse had been cut off, then the attack on Sourcepeak Planet would have gone very differently. Anyone attempting to plot against the Lockbreaker Society would have ended up in major trouble, no matter if they were the Mavis Bank, Aurora Enterprises, or Shamrock Enterprises. No one could compete with the power of the Lockbreaker Society.

Geoffrey alone would have been enough to change the balance of the entire Outerverse, and he might not even be much weaker than Yuan Shi.

Of course, this was nothing more than Lu Yin's speculations.

"There." The Frost Emperor found Geoffrey and tore through the void, disappearing from Lu Yin's sight.

Lu Yin discovered that, while he could not sense any of Geoffrey's movements, he was still able to see Geoffrey's rune lines. Although the Array Master's runes were enough to injure Lu Yin's eyes, it only took the quickest of glances to determine Geoffrey's location.

At this moment, Geoffrey was at the north of Subzero City, and he was solemnly staring at the ground and the mountains.

The Frost Emperor appeared first, quickly followed by Lu Yin.

"What can you see?" Geoffrey asked.

The Frost Emperor and Lu Yin looked around at the mountains and rivers in confusion, but they saw nothing.

Geoffrey raised a hand, causing his star energy to form lines that moved out and cut open the rivers of ice and ground, revealing several hidden seals.

Geoffrey's star energy was able to reach the sourcebox array, which also meant that he could slice through the entire continent.

The Frost Emperor's heart skipped a beat at this sight, as he feared that his Royal Frost Continent would be cut apart.

When Geoffrey stopped, the Frost Emperor and Lu Yin both looked at the ground to see a certain pattern there. It seemed to be... the roots of a tree?

Neither of the two could understand it, and they both looked at Geoffrey in confusion.

Geoffrey's eyes revealed some complicated emotions, and he seemed to be reminiscing about something. He solemnly said, "That's the mark of Progenitor Hui."

These words immediately set off a storm in the minds of Lu Yin and the Frost Emperor.

Progenitor Hui was a legend who had reached the highest cultivation peak that humans could aspire to.

If Lu Yin had heard this name in the past, then he would have been clueless about what reaching the Progenitor realm actually meant. However, after learning what had happened to the Mountain and Seas Zone after the competition for the Cosmic Five, his understanding of Progenitor Hui had completely changed.

This man was someone able to peer through the eons for his plans.

Progenitor Hui's actions had rippled across the long river of time, and he had included the actions of the Fifth Mainland, the Sixth Mainland, and even the Neohuman Alliance into his calculations. He was someone who represented wisdom and the human civilization.

Lu Yin had not expected to see Progenitor Hui's mark in this place.

The Frost Emperor was also stunned. Progenitor Hui, Progenitor Hui. Was the Royal Frost Continent left behind by Progenitor Hui?!

Geoffrey looked at the Frost Emperor. "About this sourcebox array, is there any record about who left it?"

The Frost Emperor shook his head and bitterly replied, "No. According to the oral records passed down from my ancestors, this seal must never be broken. Even if everyone on the Royal Frost Continent perishes, this seal still cannot be allowed to break."

At this moment, hearing this sentence again gave Lu Yin a completely different sensation.

If this sealing sourcebox array had really been left behind by Progenitor Hui, and if the Progenitor had ordered that it could never be opened, then those words were absolutely true. Whatever was sealed away here might give rise to some unimaginable disaster.

At this moment, as he stood high in the sky of the Royal Frost Continent, Lu Yin felt a bit of panic, and he was even afraid that stepping on the ground might break the seal.

Geoffrey's hunched back straightened out slightly. "Let's go. This seal is just cracked, and while creating this sort of sourcebox array is beyond this old man's abilities, I'm just barely able to repair it."

The other two quickly retreated, as they did not dare to delay and risk releasing whatever had been sealed below.

No one knew what had been sealed beneath the continent, but the unknown always induced greater fear.

Geoffrey approached the leak in the seal, where his body disappeared. Suddenly, the ground shook.

Lu Yin and the Frost Emperor both returned to Subzero City and waited.

If Geoffrey was unable to fix the sourcebox array, then it would not matter if the two were with him or not.

In fact, when Lu Yin initially learned that this array might have been left by Progenitor Hui, his first thought was to contact Highsage Grandmaster and ask the Array Grandmaster to come and repair this array. However, that would be too insulting to Geoffrey.

Lu Yin touched his gadget. If even Geoffrey was unable to fix this array, then Lu Yin would have to immediately contact Eversky Island.

"Seventh Bro, you're fine! That's great!" Ku Wei saw Lu Yin and rushed forward while shouting.

Lu Yin said, "It seems that your mind is fine and that you weren't frozen into stupidity."

Ku Wei patted his chest. "Of course not! I can still serve Seventh Bro for 10,000 years."

He was like a dog with only one master.

While Lu Yin and the Frost Emperor had been gone, panic had struck Subzero City, especially when Leader Hong and the other two Envoys had teamed up to fight against the Frost Emperor, as their battle had caused the entire Royal Frost Continent to tremble.

Only when the Frost Emperor returned were the people of Subzero City able to relax.

Shao Yangxun saluted Lu Yin. "Your Highness."

Lu Yin looked at the man. "If your name is Shao Yangxun, then you can't call me 'Your Highness.' However, you can call me 'Your Highness' if your name is Yan Yan."

Shao Yangxun's emotions were immediately thrown into turmoil.

When the Frost Emperor saw this, he said, "Alliance Leader Lu has greatly helped in saving our Royal Frost Continent. You can continue to be Yan Yan and serve the Alliance Leader Lu if you wish."

Shao Yangxun replied in a very respectful tone, "Yes, lord."

He then turned back to Lu Yin. "Yan Yan is guilty."

Lu Yin was still very angry about being betrayed, but it had proven to be a blessing in disguise. Yan Yan had his own story and home, and the two of them had never been friends or very close. In reality, Yan Yan had merely been a captain of one of the Great Yu Empire's Thirteen Imperial Squadrons, which meant that he had just been a subordinate.

Upon thinking of this, Lu Yin looked at the Frost Emperor. "Senior, please don't forget what you promised me earlier."

The Frost Emperor replied, "Don't worry. As long as the seal is successfully repaired, you will be given a great reward."

Some distance away, a man looked at Lu Yin with mixed feelings. He was Che Han, and he had once been on the Top 100 Rankings, and he had even fought with Lu Yin at the Sea King's Dome.

Back then, there had not been a great difference in strength between the two, and although Lu Yin had been stronger, Che Han had still been able to see Lu Yin as a rival, unlike the present moment.

He still owed Lu Yin a favor, as Lu Yin had allowed Che Han to pull out the Sea King's trident. But unfortunately, Che Han had not been able to succeed. He had actually been competing in the contest to become the Sea King's son-in-law so that he could ask the Sea King to help for the Royal Frost Continent.

Looking back now, it felt like a lifetime ago.

Che Han knew that his favor was no longer of any use to Lu Yin!

Having visited the Inniverse, the Cosmic Sea, and even the Neoverse, Lu Yin was no longer as curious as he had been when first leaving Earth.

Lu Yin quietly remained in the city master's mansion as he waited to see how things would work out with Geoffrey.

A few days passed in a flash, and there were no signs of Geoffrey repairing the sourcebox array. It was completely peaceful, as though nothing was being done.

There were several moments when the Frost Emperor wanted to take a look out of curiosity, but he was stopped by Lu Yin.

So, he could only force himself to be patient and wait for two more days.

On this day, Ku Wei raised his head and gave the sky a strange look; why did it not seem to be quite as cold as before?

Ku Wei was not the only one, as Lu Yin had also noticed the change.

When the Frost Emperor appeared, he was ecstatic. "Alliance Leader Lu, it's warmer! This is not due to any flames or outside heat, but it's because the temperature of the entire continent is climbing."

Lu Yin smiled and replied, "It would seem that President Geoffrey was successful."

The Frost Emperor nodded. Ever since the sourcebox array had started leaking that cold air, he had been terrified that his Royal Frost Continent would completely freeze over, and he had been even more worried that the seal had been permanently damaged. His ancestors' warnings were still vivid within his mind, which had made it difficult for him to calm down even when training. He had sent many people out to seek help. On the bright side, that had allowed his people to become acquainted with many powerful Lockbreakers. Shao Yangxun was a good example of this, as were Che Han and the others.

In truth, the Frost Emperor had always known that it would be practically impossible for the people that he had sent out to find and bring back a powerful Lockbreaker. Another reason why he had sent them out was to leave behind a spark of hope for his Royal Frost Continent. After all, everyone who had been sent out had been an elite powerhouse. If not for his ancestors' orders, then the Frost Emperor would have simply migrated the entire population of Subzero City out.

It was also true that, if he asked for help himself, he could easily gain the help of an Array Master. After all, the Frost Emperor was a powerful Envoy. Still, that was the very last option, and unless absolutely necessary, he would not take a single step away from the Royal Frost Continent, as his absence would mean that Subzero City might freeze over at any moment. This was why he had limited himself to remaining on the Royal Frost Continent.

Lu Yin could also be considered to be unlucky. If he had not just happened to be passing through Blazing Mist Flowzone and been quite close to the Royal Frost Continent, then he would never have been caught.

The Frost Emperor had only tried to capture Lu Yin because Shao Yangxun had told too many stories about how Lu Yin had crossed realms with his power vessels. Lu Yin's successes and defeats were tied to his items, which made the Frost Emperor view Lu Yin in a strange light.

Before long, Geoffrey silently appeared within the city master's mansion. The old man was even more hunched over than before, and he looked exhausted.

The Frost Emperor asked everyone else to leave, and he looked at Geoffrey with expectation clear in his eyes.

Geoffrey sighed emotionally. "This is indeed something worthy of being left behind by Progenitor Hui. He may have even arranged 90% of this seal himself, and the danger zones contained within this array are as vast as the sea. This thing is far more than a single sourcebox array, and it is actually several, or even dozens of sourcebox arrays superimposed on top of each other. This is something that can't be understood unless one has reached the ranks of an Array Grandmaster."

Lu Yin's heart sank, and he took out his gadget. It seemed that Geoffrey had failed and that he had not been able to completely repair the array, so Lu Yin needed to call Eversky Island!

The Frost Emperor felt helpless. "Even Senior can't repair it?"

Geoffrey sighed.

Lu Yin turned on his gadget.

"It's fixed," Geoffrey said.

The Frost Emperor was taken aback.

Lu Yin hesitated and stared at Geoffrey in confusion. "Senior, what did you say? It's fixed?"

Geoffrey nodded and smiled, a hint of smugness clear on his thin face. "Of course it's repaired!"

"Didn't you say that only an Array Grandmaster could understand anything about it?" Lu Yin wondered.

Geoffrey raised his head high. "This old man is infinitely close to becoming an Array Grandmaster."

Lu Yin was left speechless. "You were able to comprehend the array?"

"No," Geoffrey replied succinctly.

Lu Yin choked several times and fell silent.



The Frost Emperor asked, "Could Senior really not understand the sourcebox array? Then how did you manage to repair it?"

Geoffrey sighed. "There was only a small leak, so it didn't matter whether or not I could understand the array."

The Frost Emperor did not quite believe this claim.

Lu Yin did not believe it either. He did not understand how a sourcebox array could be repaired without understanding it.

Seeing the two people's expressions, Geoffrey rolled his eyes at them. "What? If the paint peels on your spaceship, then you touch it up and fix it. Does that mean that you can rebuild the ship? The hole in the array was like the paint peeling, so I just needed to give it a touch-up. I didn't need to actually change anything at all, get it?"

With this, the two finally understood.

Lu Yin felt a little ashamed, as he, a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker, had not even been able to fix some peeling paint.

This also showed how broad and profound lockbreaking truly was, and how far he still had to go.

Geoffrey had repaired the leak, so the Frost Emperor quickly brought out his best wine.

For Geoffrey, there was nothing on the Royal Frost Continent that could even arouse his attention, so the only thing that the Frost Emperor could do was serve some wine.

### **Chapter 1229: The Froststone And The Frostgate Army**

Wine was a perfect fit for Geoffrey's preferences, so he was delighted. "This old man has traveled across the universe and drunk countless good wines, but I've never had this wine. Although it's not the best, it is quite unique."

After speaking, he downed an entire bucket of the wine.

The Frost Emperor joined Geoffrey in drinking and smiled as he responded, "My Royal Frost Continent lacks many resources, and I have nothing else to offer to show my gratitude to Senior. If Senior enjoys this wine, then please allow this junior to prepare more wine for Senior."

Geoffrey waved a hand. "How about a spacecraft worth of wine?"

Lu Yin was stunned by what he heard. This was someone with a real talent for drinking; he used a spacecraft as a unit of measurement for alcohol! But Geoffrey seems to link everything back to spaceships, so really, how much does he like spaceships?

The Frost Emperor held a special banquet for Geoffrey, but Geoffrey merely finished drinking half of the wine that he had been given when he received a call and prepared to leave. Before leaving, he repeatedly reminded the Frost Emperor and Lu Yin to never allow the sourcebox array to be destroyed.

Lu Yin asked Geoffrey what was sealed away, but Geoffrey replied that he did not know. However, since it had Progenitor Hui's symbol on it, then it was definitely something that could not be destroyed.

After Geoffrey left, Lu Yin also bade the Frost Emperor goodbye and prepared to leave.

The Frost Emperor once again apologized to Lu Yin.

"Senior, if you had known that the seal was set up by Progenitor Hui, then I would have come even without being kidnapped," Lu Yin joked.

The Frost Emperor said, "We never knew that Progenitor Hui was the one who left that command about the seal behind, and if not for Senior Geoffrey, then how could anyone have connected this small Royal Frost Continent to Progenitor Hui?"

He then clapped his hands, and Shao Yangxun stepped forward with more than ten cosmic rings.

Lu Yin wondered, "What's this?"

The Frost Emperor solemnly explained, "Apologizing is one thing, but Alliance Leader Lu has helped my Royal Frost Continent. As the emperor of this continent, I am naturally grateful, and so, Alliance Leader Lu, please accept this with a smile."

Lu Yin was not polite, and he picked up a cosmic ring to check what they held, and his eyes went wide when he discovered that it was full of star essence.

He picked up another, and another, and yet another.

He grew incredibly excited. "All of these contain star essence?"

Frost Emperor smiled and explained, "I heard that Alliance Leader Lu has a strong desire for star essence. This is all that my Royal Frost Continent has, but I don't usually have any use for them. All of this is for Alliance Lord Lu, and there are more than twenty eight million star essence in those rings. I hope that Alliance Leader Lu will not criticize this gift."

"Absolutely not, I like this very much!" Lu Yin was very excited. He had just used up more than ten million star essence, but now, he was receiving more than twenty million star essence! His money had returned, but a bit too quickly this time. In Lu Yin's opinion, this place was just a continent, and given how barren the continent was, he would have never imagined that they would be able to gather so much star essence.

The Frost Emperor smiled and glanced over at Shao Yangxun, as Shao Yangxun had been the one to suggest giving Lu Yin this star essence.

"This star essence is to show my Royal Frost Continent's gratitude to Alliance Leader Lu. As for kidnapping you, I cannot apologize enough," the Frost Emperor continued.

Lu Yin's eyes lit up; was he about to get something good?

Ku Wei grew eager and wanted to try his luck as well. In fact, he wanted to speak up and remind the Frost Emperor that he had also been kidnapped.

The Frost Emperor solemnly took out an insulated box, but as soon as the box appeared, the void in the surrounding area began to freeze over.

Lu Yin was surprised, as even looking at this box caused him to feel cold.

"This is a froststone that appears on my Royal Frost Continent only once after hundreds of millions of years. It can even freeze injuries, and I want to give it to Alliance Leader Lu." The Frost Emperor then handed the box over to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin took the box. The moment he touched it, he was overcome by the cold, and his fingers froze over. He quickly used his star energy to thaw out his fingers before slowly opening the box. He felt a fierce cold energy covering the surface of the box's contents, and even his vision seemed to start freezing, so he quickly closed the box and put it in his cosmic ring.

"Even injuries can be frozen?" Lu Yin wondered.

The Frost Emperor explained, "A froststone is extremely cold, and it can freeze everything in the universe. In my opinion, it can even theoretically freeze time, but that is merely just my theory. It would take an infinite amount of time to form such a froststone, and although this stone cannot freeze time, it can still freeze injuries. For example, take Leader Hong. The poison that he was afflicted with could have been frozen to prevent it from aggravating him."

Lu Yin was pleasantly surprised to learn that there was such an item in this world. When he heard that these stones could theoretically freeze time, even though it would take an infinite amount of time to condense such a stone, he instantly thought of his die's three pips; wasn't this just a matter of upgrading the stone? Although the star essence consumption would definitely be obscene, as long as he had enough money, the froststone could definitely be raised to its theoretical limit.

What would it feel like to freeze time?

"Is Senior giving this junior such a precious thing just as an apology?" Lu Yin asked.

Frost Emperor smiled. "Of course. I apologize."

Lu Yin nodded. "Alright. Then this junior will take my leave."

"Alliance Leader Lu, please wait a moment." The Frost Emperor quickly stopped Lu Yin.

Lu Yin looked at the older man in amusement. "What else do you have for me, Senior?"

The Frost Emperor hesitated, but then he asked, "Did Alliance Leader Lu forget what was used as bait to lure Leader Hong and the others to my Royal Frost Continent?"

Lu Yin was stunned, as he had almost forgotten about this matter. "Senior, don't worry. This junior sent out some orders a few days ago, and the outside world should be quite lively right now."

The Frost Emperor felt puzzled.

Lu Yin smiled. "The Royal Frost Continent is not the only place where a secret technique has popped up. Rather, this was merely the first place, and it certainly won't be the last."

The Frost Emperor understood, realizing that while rumors had already spread through the outside world about how a secret technique was hidden in the Royal Frost Continent, so too had similar rumors about many other places spread. If information about too many secret techniques in various places was spread, then people would consider them all to be nothing more than rumors. Also, with what the Great

Eastern Alliance was capable of, none of the rumors would be obvious, and they would all seem authentic.

This would divert the attention away from the Royal Frost Continent.

Of course, there would still be quite a large number of people who would still target the Royal Frost Continent. However, the sourcebox array had already been repaired, so the tear in the void connecting the continent to Blazing Mist Flowzone would also disappear. It would soon be very difficult to find the Royal Frost Continent, and even if it was found, the Frost Emperor would still be present.

Even Leader Hong and others had been forced to turn away in defeat. Unless someone at the level of the Sword Sect's Sect Master moved out, the Royal Frost Continent would remain unbothered.

However, how could people at that level casually make a move? The truth would soon be revealed, whether it was the rumors spread by the Great Eastern Alliance or the attack on the Royal Frost Continent by Blazing Mist Flowzone's three top powers, everything would come out. The rumored secret technique was a complete joke.

The Frost Emperor let out a sigh of relief, as he had been the most afraid of attracting the attention of the Inverse's top powers. However, Lu Yin's news meant that the continent should be fine.

"Also, even if someone who can threaten the Royal Frost Continent does make a move, Senior can just call this junior, and I'll ask President Geoffrey to come speak up to prove that no one can threaten the Royal Frost Continent," Lu Yin said.

The Frost Emperor said, "That's wonderful. Thank you, Alliance Leader Lu."

"Is there anything else, Senior?" Lu Yin asked.

The Frost Emperor said, "We have caused enough trouble for Alliance Leader Lu, but there can be no accidents where this sealing sourcebox array is concerned. So, I would like to ask Alliance Leader Lu to take care of us in the future as well, as there might be more trouble."

Lu Yin smiled and said, "There's no need to be so polite. We'll help each other out."

The Frost Emperor smiled. "Thank you, Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin blinked as he looked at the Frost Emperor. "By the way, I almost forgot about something. Earlier, you mentioned something about a Frostgate Army, and I was wondering if you could tell me more about it."

The Frost Emperor was stunned for a moment, as he could not understand why, when Lu Yin was about to leave, he would suddenly ask about the Frostgate Army. The older man replied, "The Frostgate Army is a guardian force of my Subzero City. When the city master is unavailable, he will send out the Frostgate Army, which is capable of suppressing everything. My Subzero City has never suffered from war, but the Frostgate Army has always existed."

"What kind of army is it?" Lu Yin was curious.

The Frost Emperor looked at Shao Yangxun.

Shao Yangxun stepped forward and quietly explained, "If one becomes an Enlighter, then they can willingly enter cryostasis and be placed in reserve to protect Subzero City. That is how you can join the Frostgate Army."

Lu Yin's eyes went wide and he nearly lost his voice. "All Enlighters?"

Shao Yangxun continued, saying, "Only Enlighters can survive such a long period of cryostasis, as others can only be frozen for a thousand years at most before suffering physical damage from being frozen. After 10,000 years have passed, the members of the army can exit from cryostasis and continue their lives. This allows there to be hundreds of members of the army at any given time."

Lu Yin's eyes lit up, as this was an absolutely amazingly strong army.

"The last time the Frostgate Army was sent out was when Blazing Mist Flowzone's powers attacked. It was similar to what we just witnessed, but the scale was much larger at that time, and there were more than thirty casualties within the Frostgate Army. However, they defeated all three of Blazing Mist Flowzone's major powers," the Frost Emperor recalled.

"In that case, how many members does the Frostgate Army currently have?" Lu Yin asked.

Shao Yangxun replied, "Eighty six."

Lu Yin sucked in a breath of cold air. Eighty six Enlighters! That was too ridiculous! If the Royal Frost Continent could produce such an army, then did that mean that the rest of the Innerverse powers could do the same?

Over the course of time, the major powers of the Innerverse would produce more than 100 Enlighters. Even if only one Enlighter appeared every 1,000 years, it would still amount to more than 100 people since the Blaze Realm had been around for more than a million years. However, why had such a terrifying army not appeared back when Lu Yin had attacked the Daynight Flowzone? There was no way that the Royal Frost Continent could compare to the Daynight clan.

Seemingly reading the thoughts running through Lu Yin's mind, the Frost Emperor spoke up, saying, "Only my Royal Frost Continent has something like the Frostgate Army, and the all the army members are volunteers. My Royal Frost Continent is only so big, and there is very little trade and few resources. If a person cannot support their cultivation after becoming an Enlighter, then the cultivators here will either die of old age before becoming an Enlighter or die upon becoming an Enlighter. This is what led to the formation of the Frostgate Army. Once someone becomes an Enlighter in the outside world, then they can simply roam the universe—no one would willingly enter cryostasis just to join an army. An army of such powerhouses consists of strong individuals, and they will not obey commands like simple machines."

Lu Yin let out a sigh of relief when he heard the Frost Emperor's words. This was not too bad. After all, who would want to join an army after becoming an Enlighter? Those powerhouses would generally want to roam the universe and continue rising to greater strength. And that wasn't even mentioning how there would be a state of regression after entering the Hunter realm. Unless a powerhouse entered cryostasis, all of them were forced to search for resources to improve their strength and fight against

the decline. Cultivators trained mostly in order to live longer, so what was the point of training until becoming an Enlighter only to be frozen? An Enlighter was not the same as an Explorer. After all, Explorers could be raised up and trained by the handful.

By taking this line of thought, it seemed unlikely for the major powers of the outside universe to have an army like the Frostgate Army, but there were no absolutes in the world. Thus, Lu Yin made it a point to remember this matter.

"Senior, if this junior encounters any difficulties and needs the help of the Frostgate Army, I wonder, can I ask Senior for help?" Lu Yin asked, eagerly looking at the Frost Emperor.

The Frost Emperor understood why Lu Yin had suddenly asked about the Frostgate Army, and he was a little hesitant to respond.

Lu Yin's face fell. "If this would cause trouble for Senior, then please just forget about it."

He then moved to leave.

The Frost Emperor quickly spoke up, "Alliance Leader Lu is overthinking things. However, although this is a bit embarrassing, the army only listens to me, and Alliance Leader Lu would not be able to command them as I cannot easily leave the Royal Frost Continent."

Lu Yin pointed over at Shao Yangxun. "He's Subzero City's general, and he knows a great deal about the Frostgate Army. So if I'm guessing right, then he's also able to command the Frostgate Army."

### **Chapter 1230: Attack**

The Frost Emperor looked at Shao Yangxun and gave him a wink; the Frostgate Army could not be allowed to leave the Royal Frost Continent.

Shao Yangxun was placed in a dilemma: Lu Yin was on one side and Shao Yangxun's home was on the other, which caused him to hesitate.

The Frost Emperor's heart sank, as Shao Yangxun's hesitation made their ploy obviously transparent.

Lu Yin sneered. "I understand. This junior won't embarrass Senior any longer then. Farewell."

The Frost Emperor was helpless. "Alliance Leader Lu, we can allow the Frostgate Army to help you."

Lu Yin smiled and looked back at the Frost Emperor. "Senior, this isn't helping me, but the two of us helping each other."

The Frost Emperor helplessly nodded.

"Since Senior intends for us to help each other, then this junior would like to ask for the Frostgate Army's help," Lu Yin said.

Ku Wei shot a strange look over towards Lu Yin, as this was clearly something that Lu Yin had planned ahead of time.

The Frost Emperor was startled, as he had not expected Lu Yin to make such a request already.

Shao Yangxun, on the other hand, was not surprised, as he knew Lu Yin.

"What does Alliance Leader Lu wish to do?" the Frost Emperor asked.

Lu Yin smiled and said, "The Blaze Realm is too annoying, so I intend to clear it."

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On one particular day, just thirteen years after Lu Yin first started cultivating, a massive event shook both the Inniverse and Outerverse: the Astral River Ark was stolen.

The ark connected the Inniverse and the Outerverse, and it did not belong to a single person or power. At best, it could be said to be overseen by Blazing Mist Flowzone.

The Astral River Ark had originally been Blazing Mist Flowzone's biggest cash cow, but after the Great Eastern Alliance appeared, the ark had fallen under the joint supervision of the Great Eastern Alliance and Blazing Mist Flowzone. Since that time, Blazing Mist Flowzone had been unable to monopolize things like before when a mere Limiteer had been able to force an Explorer to kneel.

Of course, the Blaze Realm was extremely dissatisfied with this situation, as they had lost a percentage of the profits that came from operating the ark, and this was one of the primary motivations behind the Blaze Realm's attempts to destroy the Great Eastern Alliance.

However, on this particular day, Aden boarded the Astral River Ark and triggered a historic event.

The cultivators stationed aboard the Astral River Ark were all wiped out, and the Great Eastern Alliance seized full control of the ark.

Thousands of people warily stared at the surrounding army. They were a mix of cultivators from the Outerverse and Inniverse while the troops surrounding them were all from the Great Eastern Alliance. There was already blood covering the floor.

"Everyone, there's no need to panic. We are from the Great Eastern Alliance, and we are temporarily closing the Astral River Ark. Please return to the Outerverse one by one and wait to enter the Inniverse," Aden loudly announced.

After hearing this statement, one man within the crowd became upset. "I've finally saved up enough money to board the Astral River Ark, and now you're forcing us to get off and go back? What are we supposed to do about our losses?"

Aden's eyes snapped over to the man, who grew flustered by the attention.

"I don't intend to stop you, but am rather simply asking you to wait a bit longer before traveling to the Inniverse. For the moment, please return to the Outerverse. Thank you for your cooperation." After speaking, a tremendous pressure swept over the crowd.

Recently, Aden had broken through to the Enlighter realm, making him the first of Lu Yin's subordinates to reach this level. Aden had even been a Realmbreaker before becoming an Enlighter.

No one dared to offer up any sort of resistance, and Aden's pressure convinced everyone to quickly file off of the Astral River Ark.

It did not take long for everyone to see battleships fly into the massive ark, and everyone here knew that something monumental was about to happen.

In the crowd, a bearded man felt helpless. "I can't even think about fishing anymore. Things are really becoming troublesome nowadays."

With that, he simply left.

In the Blaze Realm, flames swept through outer space, burning the sky. There were buildings formed from flames, and they were complete with doors, rooms, and pools that were all formed from fire.

This was the Blaze Realm. It had remained at peace for countless years, as the Blaze Realm was always the invader. It had not suffered an invasion in countless years. In fact, the last time that the Blaze Realm had retreated was when the Sixth Mainland had attacked the Fifth Mainland. In terms of the Fifth Mainland's internal conflicts, the Blaze Realm had never been invaded.

The disciples of the Blaze Realm held an elite status within Blazing Mist Flowzone, and it was not easy for outsiders to enter the Blaze Realm.

"Senior brother, we're lucky that we didn't get sent to Planet Coo, as we might not have been able to come back. Even some of the elders and other powerhouses died! I heard that there was a frightening cold air that froze everyone." Just outside the Blaze Realm's border, a disciple was speaking with evident fear in his voice.

Next to the Blaze Realm disciple, his senior disciple sighed. "True. The Royal Frost Continent is not a place to mess with. According to the historical records, they once stopped an assault from the entire Blazing Mist Flowzone."

"I don't even know if that secret technique is real."

"Of course not! I never heard of such a thing before. It's nothing but a hoax, and the Royal Frost Continent isn't the only place where such rumors have sprung up. There are rumors about many other places having secret techniques. Apparently, some of the rumors have reached the sylvan dragon clan, and I heard that the dragon who reported the rumor was nearly beaten to death by Long Yi."

"Regardless, the rumors are seen as true, and so more and more people have been heading towards Planet Coo."

"Going there's useless. Even I can't get into the Royal Frost Continent, so those trash won't even be able to find the door."

"I don't know what happened to the Realm Master, but I heard he was seriously injured."

"Shhh! That's not something that we can even speak about."

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"What's that- Senior Brother, was a large fleet coming back today?" The junior disciple suddenly spoke up.

His senior disciple replied, "Not that I know of. Why do you ask?"



The junior disciple blinked and then mournfully wailed, "Enemy attack—!"

An infinite number of light beams shot out from the distance at the Blaze Realm. Outside their borders, many of the stationed defenders entered space for the first time. Beams of light rained down on them from battleships, and each beam had a power level of over 10,000. The defenders were unable to withstand these attacks, as there were only a few Explorers protecting the Blaze Realm's border.

The entire Blaze Realm was shrouded in flames, but countless attacks shot forward and blasted into the flames before piercing through and shooting into the Blaze Realm.

Space itself seemed to shatter.

Some distance away, Aden solemnly watched the attacks rain down from within a battleship. They had traveled a long way within the Astral River Ark and had seized the opportunity to launch a sneak attack. After all, the Blaze Realm possessed one-third of Blazing Mist Flowzone's strength.

This was not the first time that the Great Eastern Alliance had fought with the Blaze Realm, as they had instigated small difficulties and delays in order to prevent the Blaze Realm from sending reinforcements to the Daynight Flowzone when Leon's Armada had stirred up so much trouble.

At this moment, the Great Eastern Alliance had launched its first ever battle on their path to truly entering the Inniverse.

There were nearly 15,000 battleships here, and they filled the entire nearby region. The number of vessels participating in this attack essentially matched the number of ships that the Sixth Mainland had sent when attacking the entire Outerverse after forcing their way through the Astral River. However, that had been before Lu Yin had even visited the Daynight Flowzone and enacted his plans there.

The Great Eastern Alliance had long since made preparations to attack the Inniverse.

A single round of attacks was the same as 15,000 Explorers launching all-out attacks. Not to mention the Blaze Realm, but not even the entire Blazing Mist Flowzone had that many Explorers. In fact, they had far fewer.

The outermost flames surrounding the Blaze Realm were instantly destroyed, as well as many of the surrounding planets.

These planets belonged to the Blaze Realm's cultivators, and many spacecraft and various precious materials had been stored on them.

Countless attacks were fired without any pause, and soon, some figures appeared in space. There were more than a dozen people here, and they were all at least Explorer realm cultivators from the Blaze Realm. The most powerful of them was Kun Ban.

Due to the incident with the Royal Frost Continent, Kun Ban had been punished and sent to guard the Blaze Realm's border. He was a powerful Hunter, and thus, he was able to ignore all of the attacks that contained the power of an Explorer. Even with a greater number of attacks, he would remain uninjured.

"Fire!" Kun Ban fiercely yelled. Behind him, more than a dozen Blaze Realm cultivators unleashed their attacks at the same time. Their flames converged to form a massive fireball that shot towards the Great Eastern Alliance's forces.

Several figures emerged from within the Allied Forces, and they raised their hands as the fireballs approached and deflected the fireballs away.

Kun Ban was startled. "Hunters?"

Then, an even more shocking scene unfolded before his eyes. One after another, Hunters stepped forward from the attacking forces until a full fifty Hunters appeared. This terrified Kun Ban, and he went pale. "Why are there so many Hunters?"

The next moment, the Hunters all attacked, overwhelming Kun Ban and the other Blaze Realm experts. With that, the attack was done. With the exception of a massive spatial tear in the sky, there was nothing else to be seen.

Inside his battleship, the corners of Aden's mouth curled up. This was the power of the Great Eastern Alliance's rapid response team that had been assembled from the entire Outerverse's various experts. The fifty Hunters all hailed from the seventy two weaves of the Outerverse.

15,000 battleships made their way into the Blaze Realm.

The interior of the Blaze Realm had fallen into chaos long ago. Under the direction of the Blaze Realm's powerhouses, every cultivator who had reached the Explorer realm or above rushed out, and battleships raced through outer space to confront the Great Eastern Alliance's forces. At the same time, the flames surrounding the Blaze Realm suddenly changed. They formed themselves into a long whip that slashed at the Allied Forces.

Aden leaped forward and used his thunder shield along with his Thunder Mountain Breach and nine lined battle force to block the fiery whip. However, the force was so strong that his thunder shield instantly shattered while Aden was forced to spit out blood with a pale face.

Dozens of the Great Eastern Alliance's Hunters were stunned by this sight, and the devices that measured power levels started going off, occasionally exploding. The whip attack had had a power level above 400,000, and it had actually approached the power of an Envoy.

Aden was actually quite lucky that he had moved out when the whip had just formed, as the strength of the whip would have risen even further after another second. By then, it would have been enough to kill Aden.

The Allied Forces had originally assumed that their attack on the Blaze Realm would proceed smoothly and that many of the Hunters had disregarded the Inniverse's powerful organizations. But this sight stunned all of the leaders of the Outerverse's major powers observing the battle into silence. This was not something that the Great Eastern Alliance could break through.

This was the difference in strength.

The Great Eastern Alliance's low level forces far exceeded what the Blaze Realm could field, and they actually surpassed that of any Inniverse powers. However, as soon as one considered powerhouses in

the Enlighter realm, the Outerverse would no longer be comparable to the Innerverse, as they had almost no experts with power levels that amounted to hundreds of thousands.

Inside a battleship, Wei Rong's eyes narrowed. He was personally leading this attack.

He felt helpless when he looked out at the flaming whip that could warp space and smash through the void. This was a difference in strength that he could not compensate for.

Behind him, a woman spoke up. "This is the Blaze Realm's defensive measures. Out of the thousands of powers in the Outerverse, Millions City, the Neo-Vestige Sect, and the Dark Phoenix Clan are all capable of defending themselves against an Envoy's attack, so how could the Blaze Realm not have similar capabilities?"

Wei Rong casually replied, "It's time for you to play your part, Lilyrose."

The woman was Lilyrose, and she had told Lu Yin about the Astral River Ark's location within Blazing Mist Flowzone, put Lu Yin in touch with the Gasfire Alliance, and told Wei Rong about the weakest section of the Blaze Realm's border. Without her, the Great Eastern Alliance would have had a much harder time of things, as the Blaze Realm had already been on high alert.