

### Chapter 1341: Cultivation Method

Upon hearing Xia Ji's words, Xia Yi felt horrified. "This junior understands what he did wrong. This junior truly did not know that the child was cultivating the Nine Clones Secret Technique."

Xia Ji turned back around to stare at Xia Yi. "You don't even know what methods your son is training in? It's absurd for you to be a father. Whether as a father or as the patriarch, you are unqualified."

Xia Yi shuddered and quickly knelted down. "I ask ancestor to give me a chance. This junior will never repeat such a mistake again."

Xia Ji shook his head and stared out into space. "That Xia Luo is not bad. Jiuyou had a flawed heart, but this Xia Luo's character actually makes up for that flaw. Also, he has a good relationship with that Lu Yin, so he won't be alone when fighting for opportunities in that place."

Xia Yi lowered his head and figured out what had happened. When Xia Meng had taken Jiuyou away, the ancestor must have known about it but had not intervened. He had preferred for Jiuyou to be absorbed by Xia Luo.

In the eyes of the ancestor, there was no difference between Xia Jiuyou and Xia Luo. Both of them were inheritors of the Xia family, and Xia Luo was far more suitable for the role than Xia Jiuyou.

"Get up. For the time being, even if you do relinquish your position as patriarch, there is no one who can replace you. It's a pity that the Xia family has degraded from one generation to the next. Once I die, the Xia family won't even be able to retain its position as the leader of the Seven Courts," Xia Ji said.

Xia Yi let out a sigh of relief and stood up. "Ancestor, there are too many geniuses within the next generation. The Tri-Yang Technique has appeared, and it is able to summon both Progenitor Chen and Progenitor Hui. There's also the Sixth Mainland, as well as the Astral Beast Domain. Also, there's that child whose power I can't even understand, Lu Yin. Even though the Nine Clones Secret Technique is impressive, how would ancestor have done things differently?"

Xia Ji indifferently commented, "If you had known from the beginning that the child was cultivating the Nine Clones Secret Technique, you could have helped him. You could have asked some of your old friends to train individual clones, and then once they merged together, his strength would have utterly transformed. Now—" Xia Ji felt helpless even by thinking about it. "We'll discuss this later."

After he finished speaking, the last battle of ZENITH appeared in Xia Ji's mind, as well as Lu Yin's strange transformation. The Xia ancestor felt as if he had heard of a similar transformation before, but where?

At this moment, Xia Yi's gadget beeped and alerted him to a notification. He looked down, surprised; was it Jiuyou? No, it should be Xia Luo.

Xia Ji also saw the call, but he remained silent.

Xia Yi answered the call, asking, "What's the matter?"

Xia Luo's voice came through from the other end, "I need to trouble my father to have Nan Yuan return the billion star essence that's currently stored in the Mavis Bank to Lu Yin."

"A billion?" Xia Yi's brows shot up. This was an amount that even he, the patriarch of the Seven Courts' Xia family, could not ignore: a billion star essence.

"This is something that this child promised Lu Yin as thanks for his assistance, and I cannot break my promise." Xia Luo's voice was soft, but there was no hint of worry that Xia Yi would refuse the request.

After merging with Xia Jiuyou, even if Xia Luo had become the dominant personality, he was still subconsciously influenced by Xia Jiuyou's thoughts and memories. Xia Luo was also Xia Jiuyou. Thus, Xia Jiuyou had not truly disappeared, and there was a very strong impression of Xia Yi left in Xia Luo's mind.

At this moment, Xia Yi would never refuse any of Xia Luo's requests because he was currently the Xia family's only direct descendant.

Xia Yi would not be willing to antagonize Xia Luo for a billion star essence.

Xia Luo's instinct proved right. A billion star essence was indeed a large amount, but it was not enough to push Xia Yi to disagree with Xia Luo. He did not want to see Xia Luo become a second Xia Jiuyou.

"Very well, I understand. I will tell Nan Yuan."

"Thank you, Father." Xia Luo smiled and ended the call.

Far away, Xia Meng was feeling very uncomfortable. She felt extreme disgust towards Lu Yin. He had defeated Xia Jiuyou during ZENITH and had also caused Xia Jiuyou to disappear. Although Xia Luo was the actual mastermind behind everything and was right in front of her, who had allowed Xia Luo to succeed? Xia Meng had already transferred all of her anger onto Lu Yin and then doubled it.

It was unfortunate that there was no way to move against Lu Yin, as if there were, Xia Meng definitely would have already taken action. Even if she did not kill him, she would definitely teach him a lesson.

"Stay away from that Lu Yin in the future. With only a glance, I already know that he's no good. It's a waste of time to be a cultivator and yet not focus on cultivating. Instead, he focuses on schemes and tricks and even rose up to become the master of the Outerverse. That's the kind of person who will bring disaster onto himself sooner or later," Xia Meng spoke in a cold tone.

Xia Luo smiled. "I understand, Auntie Meng."

Every time Xia Luo spoke to her in this manner, Xia Meng's heart would helplessly soften, and her eyes would fill with adoration. It was as if she was looking at the young Xia Jiuyou again.

Lu Yin also left Astral-10. Before leaving, he left a million star essence with Old Cai. This was no longer an exorbitant amount in Lu Yin's eyes, and Astral-10 had once been so broke that they had had to rely on sponsors just to own spacecrafts.

Old Cai was quite satisfied.

As soon as he left Astral-10, Lu Yin received an invitation from the Wen family, asking him to visit and speak with them.

He turned down the invitation, as there was no need for him to visit the Wen family at this moment—Lu Yin had other priorities.

His ship shot towards Blazing Mist Flowzone.

One day later, he heard a notification from his gadget. It was a message informing him that he had received a guarantee from Nan Yuan that he would transfer a billion star essence to him through the Mavis Bank.

Lu Yin was ecstatic. A billion? Wasn't it supposed to be 900 million? Lu Yin had told Xia Luo that he was owed 900 million star essence, so he had not expected to be given a full one billion. Xia Luo was too generous.

An endless amount of money might not be very useful to others, but for Lu Yin, it was an immediate shortcut that he could use to improve his strength.

As soon as he received the message, Lu Yin directed his ship to the nearest Mavis Bank. Just in case, he intended to immediately withdraw the money.

It would be unrealistic to withdraw one billion star essence from a single branch of the Mavis Bank. Even if the Mavis Bank was incredibly wealthy, it was impossible for all its branches to have so much star essence. Forget one branch, even ten combined would not have that much.

Lu Yin was left with no choice but to slowly withdraw his funds from one branch at a time. In the end, he withdrew the final bit of his billion star essence from the thirteenth branch that he visited. After that, he arrived at Blazing Mist Flowzone.

Lu Yin rubbed his cosmic ring. At the moment, his liquid assets amounted to 1.712 billion star essence; what a terrible number! Right now, Lu Yin did not merely stand on the same level as other wealthy individuals as he held an amount of wealth that even the masters of the eight great flowzones would have trouble putting together.

If there was a list of the most wealthy, then Lu Yin felt that he would likely be on it.

After getting so much money, it was time for Lu Yin to upgrade his items.

Back in the Blaze Realm, Lu Yin ignored everything and immediately went into seclusion.

In the Outerverse, in Shenwu Continent's imperial palace, there were two groups of people facing off against each other. One was composed of natives from Shenwu Continent who were protecting the imperial palace while the other group was composed of people from the Great Yu Empire who had been stationed on Shenwu Continent. Things were turning ugly.

"I'll tell you again—get out of our way! We must see the empress today!" a woman shouted. She was a Hunter, and her power caused the palace to start crumbling.

Across from her, the faces of the people from Shenwu Continent grew pale. None of them were Martial Gods and were thus unable to compare to this woman. If not for the face that the woman was giving to the empress by not forcing matters, there was no way that they would have been able to block her path.

Bei Hong walked up to the palace, looked at the Hunter, and then looked back at the imperial palace. "Get out of the way. The empress hasn't shown herself for a long time, and if this continues, then no one will be able to control the situation."

Upon hearing this, the palace guards helplessly stepped back.

The Hunter rushed to the imperial study, but she found no traces of Ming Yan. All she found was a trembling maid.

The Hunter's face went pale. It was over, the empress was not there. How had she gotten out? Unless one was an Explorer and had a Hunter open a path for them, there was no way to leave Shenwu Continent.

This was the main reason why the Hunter had never been concerned about Ming Yan not showing herself, but the worst possible situation had occurred.

Bei Hong also had not expected for Ming Yan to leave Shenwu Continent.

The Hunter stared at Bei Hong. "If His Highness finds out about this, we will all die."

Bei Hong solemnly replied, "I know, which is why I can't tell His Highness. Send someone to get in touch with the space station outside right now to see if the empress was picked up. If not, it means that she must not have left Shenwu Continent. We need to figure this out right away."

The Hunter nodded. She had started to panic, so she could only listen to Bei Hong.

Bei Hong's heart kept sinking further and further. He thought of Ming Zhaoshu's death and how Ming Yan had been held hostage at that time, which had led to her being poisoned and almost dying. Were any of the people related to that incident still alive? Could they have taken action against Ming Yan? That would be bad.

They would not be able to keep this matter hidden for long.

In the Blaze Realm, in Lu Yin's secluded room, he raised a hand, and his die appeared, slowly rotating. He tapped it and rolled six pips: Possession.

There was no limit to how much star essence could be consumed with Possession, so as soon as Lu Yin appeared in the strange space with the orbs of light, he instinctively searched for the brightest light and immediately merged with it.

As the scenery changed before his eyes, he appeared in the middle of a battlefield in outer space. Pain racked his body, and Lu Yin looked down to see that his body had already been hacked to pieces. There was a figure in front of him with a pair of scarlet eyes that had slitted pupils. They were cold, ruthless eyes devoid of all life. The figure reached out with a hand to grab at Lu Yin.

He reflexively wanted to use the Ce Secret Art to evade, but this was not his body, so he could not use such a revealing technique. The attacker's hand stabbed into Lu Yin's neck, and blood dripped down the back of his hand and off the fingertips. The blood quickly formed a stream.

Lu Yin had not expected to Possess an Enlighter with a power level of more than 300,000 only to immediately die. There were too many other dead bodies floating around in outer space, and the entire area was painted red.

His eyes went dark, and Lu Yin's consciousness returned to his own body. His eyes snapped open, his pupils mere pinpricks. He had just died.

Once again, he had experienced the sensation of dying. It was a feeling that everyone could only experience once, but Lu Yin had experienced it multiple times.

Suddenly, the black and white mist in his heart throbbed. It then slowly churned, as if pulling at something, before actually growing slightly.

During the last fight of ZENITH, Lu Yin had used the power of this black and white mist to transform. After that fight, the dual-colored mist had become much thinner, being reduced to around half of what it had originally been. Lu Yin felt that if he transformed once more, the black and white mist might disappear entirely.

Lu Yin had been worrying about this power disappearing, and he had wanted to find some place that naturally had death energy, but how could such a place be easy to find? He had never thought that this mist could be replenished by experiencing death himself. Even though it had only been a small amount, he had learned something very useful: it was not entirely necessary to absorb only dead energy.

Lu Yin did not know if he should be happy or depressed, as experiencing death was a horrible sensation. He had only deliberately killed himself during a Possession when confronting Ling Que as a last resort while this most recent death had been due to him failing to react in time. Even just the idea of purposely experiencing death was enough to cause him to panic slightly.

However, there was no other way. If Lu Yin wanted to keep the power of his death energy transformation, then this was just what he had to do.

### **Chapter 1342: True Universe**

Fortunately, Lu Yin had finally found a method to replenish the energy that powered his death transformation, but it seemed that it really was necessary for him to experience death in order to increase this energy.

Also, where had he just been? Lu Yin thought for a while, but he could not come up with an answer. He restored his die and rolled it again. Wait, how much star essence had he just used? This could be a very serious problem. Lu Yin took a quick look and let out a sigh of relief. Fortunately, he had only used a bit more than 50 million star essence, which was an acceptable amount. He could take it.

He continued rolling. This time, he got a one: Pilfer. A gadget appeared, but it was just an ordinary model, which was useless. After throwing it to the side, he continued.

He rolled another one: Pilfer, and another gadget popped out. Lu Yin was speechless as he looked at it. It was still completely worthless, but was he only going to get useless things this time? Still, it was better than the woman's underwear that had appeared that one time.

Again.

Luckily this time, Lu Yin rolled three pips: Enhance.

Lu Yin watched as the two screens of light appeared. This was the result that he had wanted the most.

Lu Yin immediately tossed his universal armor onto the top screen before frantically throwing out star essence.

This universal armor had already been upgraded ten times, and the last upgrade had taken more than fourteen million star essence.

The star essence continued to disappear into the light screens. After consuming nearly thirty million star essence, the universal armor finally fell through the bottom screen. It had been upgraded eleven times now. Lu Yin was not concerned by the amount he spent, and he continued.

For the twelfth upgrade, Lu Yin used almost sixty million star essence.

The next one would take nearly ninety million star essence, which started to concern Lu Yin a bit, but he nonetheless continued.

However, his efforts were useless. The screens did not accept the star essence. The universal armor could not be upgraded anymore, as this was the limit of its materials.

Lu Yin stared at the armor's impressive number of rune lines. It had now reached a level where it could stand up to an attack that had a power level of at least 700,000, which meant that Lu Yin would be safe against Envoys with power levels of 700,000 if he wore this armor.

He felt a little sad as he stared at the armor, as it would have been nice to upgrade it a few more times.

Although the armor's rune lines represented a power level of about 700,000, it would not be able to easily resist an attack from an Envoy with such a power level.

However, he would need to gather better materials and then either recast the armor or fuse those materials into his current one to improve his defensive abilities.

If he decided to recast the universal armor, then all the money that he had dumped on upgrading it would be gone. No, it would be better to pass this armor on to someone else, either Wendy Yushan or Ming Yan.

The next thing that Lu Yin intended to upgrade was some gemspring water.

He had actually wanted to Enhance some gemspring water for a long time. He had upgraded some when he had first gotten it. When he used the upgraded drops, his star energy control had been immediately increased to the Divine Gaze realm. He did not know how far the gemspring water could be upgraded, but he hoped to use it to clearly observe the universe, as the universe was very mysterious. There was a saying that the end of the microscopic was the macroscopic, and he was looking forward to seeing this.

He still had eighteen drops of gemspring water left, and of them, he had upgraded five drops fourteen times so far. So, he took out a drop and began to throw out large amounts of star essence.

It had only taken 560,000 star essence to upgrade a drop fourteen times. To the current Lu Yin, that amount of money was negligible. It was only 560,000 star essence after all.

Fifteen. Sixteen. Seventeen.

Each time the gemspring water was upgraded, it grew more transparent, giving Lu Yin a strange feeling. When he stared at the upgraded gemspring water, he felt like he was looking at another world through a keyhole.

In the eyes of ordinary people, the world within the drops of gemspring water looked truly magical, but Lu Yin had already reached the Worldliness realm of star energy control. In other words, he was able to observe the microscopic realm of star energy.

Eighteen. Nineteen. Finally, after twenty times, the gemspring water could no longer be improved anymore.

As he looked at the practically invisible drop of gemspring water, Lu Yin took a deep breath. Even if he did not place the drop in his eyes, he was still able to feel the drop's coolness. As he peered through the gemspring water, Lu Yin was able to see a different universe, one layer after another. This was different from what he was normally capable of seeing, or even what humans were normally capable of seeing.

This was a sight that could only be seen with the upgraded gemspring water.

Lu Yin carefully picked up the drop. He thought for a while and then put the drop in his eyes. He had wanted to try this for a while, as there was no way that this would harm him.

As the gemspring water fell into his eyes, his mind cleared, and his thoughts emptied away. When he opened his eyes, they were bright and clear, like a clear spring. All of his surroundings were reflected in his eyes.

At this moment, Lu Yin's vision completely changed. In addition to where he was physically located, he also saw another space. This strange area was hidden behind the void and was invisible to the naked eye.

He saw dust floating about and incredibly tiny creatures moving around. This scene was completely different from what he was capable of seeing with his naked eyes. Was it possible that he was seeing the true universe that he had heard so much about?

Fights between Envoys could not even be seen by ordinary people, and it was said that Envoys fought each other in the true universe. Thus, what Lu Yin was currently looking at might be that true universe. Did this mean that he would be able to observe a fight between Envoys in this state?

He looked around, but the universe that he saw looked bleak. He looked out into space, but the other universe had no sources of light or any sort of larger creatures. It was a universe with only microscopic details.

After about a minute of observation, the gemspring water lost effect, and the new universe that Lu Yin had been observing was no longer visible.

He rubbed his eyes, but there were no aftereffects. If his guess was right, then this really would allow him to observe a battle between Envoys, which meant that he would no longer be forced into a passive stance against Envoys in the future.

His universal armor was able to protect him from attacks that exceeded power levels of 600,000, but Lu Yin had no desire to just be a punching bag. Normally, he could not even see when an Envoy attacked him, but now, he had the means to do so.

Back when Lu Yin had faced off against Leader Hong, the man had luckily been injured by the Frost Emperor, making Leader Hong unwilling to risk using his full power as an Envoy. Otherwise, no matter what means Lu Yin might have had at his disposal, he would have simply died.

Lu Yin could not help but be grateful for his own foresight.

Even an average Envoy was not someone that Lu Yin could deal with. Even after he became an Enlighter, or even after he reached a power level of 300,000 or 400,000, he still might not be able to cross realms and challenge Envoys. That was the power of a different level, and it had to do with the transformation of human life from the macroscopic to the microscopic.

Lu Yin stared at the rest of the gemspring water with fervent eyes. This thing was far too useful, but it also was incredibly expensive to upgrade. The single drop that he had just used had cost about 40 million star essence to make, which was truly too much, especially since the effect only lasted for about a minute.

Lu Yin sighed. Still, it was impossible for others to see the true universe, so even if it was expensive, its effect was absolutely worth 40 million star essence. That was how much seeing an Envoy's battle was worth.

There were four drops of pre-upgraded gemspring water remaining, so Lu Yin immediately upgraded all of them to the limit, which cost him a total of 140 million star essence. In the blink of an eye, more than 100 million star essence had disappeared.

There were still thirteen drops of unenhanced gemspring water. After gritting his teeth, Lu Yin upgraded every single last one of them to the limit. His future opponents would not be limited to just the Enlighter realm.

The thirteen drops of gemspring water cost him a total of 520 million star essence to upgrade.

Before Lu Yin's recent windfall, he would have never even considered spending this much money on just gemspring water. He had spent nearly 700 million star essence, which was terrifying.

He had originally had 1.7 billion star essence, but after rolling six pips: Possession, upgrading his universal armor, and also upgrading the gemspring water, Lu Yun only had a bit more than 850 million star essence left. His left eye began to twitch; this was just too expensive.

Lu Yin once again felt like he was still poor, and he once again envied the Mavis family.

Before rolling his die, he had been proud of his wealth, but at the moment, it was time to restrain himself again.

He urgently needed to upgrade some powerful attacking weapons. He had quite a few candidates power vessels, such as the walnut-shaped power vessel, the Arrow of Valiance, the poisons, the Desolate Array sourcebox array, the orb treasure that he had stolen from Madam Lan, the giant mechanical right arm,



and the Sealed Cannons. However, the only thing that could really be Enhanced seemed to be the Karmic Flame.

The walnut-shaped power vessel could not be upgraded, and while the poisons could be upgraded a few times, there was no way they would ever reach the level where they could threaten an Envoy.

The mechanical right arm and the Sealed Cannons were both limited by their materials, and they could not be upgraded any further either.

He looked at the Karmic Flame, and although he could upgrade it, was there any reason to do so? Lu Yin did not know the Karmic Flame Sword battle technique, and he had not trained in any of the Blaze Realm's best techniques either. It was unrealistic for Lu Yin to use the power of this flame.

Lu Yin felt a bit stressed. It would be wonderful if he could get an offensive weapon that he could improve indefinitely.

Actually, he also had the Skyblaze Stone, which could be upgraded, but Lu Yin did not dare to do so. He had no idea if the fire dragon might reappear, and he still needed to use the stone to cultivate. Thus, he did not want to risk losing the stone.

As for the fire dragon, that was of no use to Lu Yin.

His time in seclusion did not last very long, mostly because he had not rolled a four and entered the Timestop Space. Lu Yin also had no interest in prolonging his seclusion.

He had rapidly improved his cultivation realm in preparation of ZENITH, and as long as the Skyblaze Stone managed to absorb flames and heat, Lu Yin would be able to quickly raise his cultivation, but there was no need to hurry such a thing.

What he desperately needed right now was a means of attack that he could upgrade without limit.

As soon as he emerged from his secluded room, he checked his gadget and saw that many people had tried to call him. Out of everyone, Madam Yōu had been the most persistent.

He immediately called her back.

She soon appeared on his screen, clearly angry. She glared at Lu Yin, and her anger leaked into her voice as well. "Alliance Leader Lu, is it fun to pull pranks?"

Lu Yin apologetically answered, "I'm truly sorry for my delay, Madam Yōu. I'll head straight for Southside Weave, so why don't we still have our meeting?"

Madam Yōu's chest heaved from her fury. Lu Yin was ignoring what she actually meant. He had deliberately told her they would meet in Southside Weave so that she would pass on that information to the Xia family. That was the main reason why Xia Jiuyou had been willing to go to Astral-10. Without the information from Madam Yōu, Xia Jiuyou would not have suffered that accident.

Although no one blamed her, she had been used by Lu Yin, and the Xia family would not treat her kindly in the future.

Also, she could not even mention this matter to Lu Yin, as doing so was equivalent to informing him that she was still in touch with the Seven Courts. Also, what would she say? That she had given away his whereabouts to them?

The more she thought about the situation, the more aggrieved Madam Yōu felt. She had lived for many years, and she had always kept in contact with the Seven Courts while being watched by the Sword Sect without being discovered. She had never suffered such a frustrating experience in her entire life.

Upon seeing Lu Yin's apologetic expression, Madam Yōu's expression changed. She was not able to even begin to hazard a guess as to whether or not Lu Yin had deliberately used her to pass along the information. It actually was possible that he had not remembered their appointment and that he had simply gotten caught up with other events and been delayed. She could not read this youth at all.

### **Chapter 1343: Source**

"It would be best if Alliance Leader Lu is willing to meet with us. My family is waiting in Southside Weave for you." Madam Yōu felt helpless.

Lu Yin nodded, but then he suddenly remembered something. "No."

Madam Yōu could not help asking, "Alliance Leader Lu, what's the problem?"

Lu Yin looked at Madam Yōu and explained in evident embarrassment, "My apologies, Madam Yōu, but I can't go to Southside Weave."

Madam Yōu was infuriated, and she glared at Lu Yin. "Alliance Leader Lu, while it's true that my Yōu family wishes to join your Great Eastern Alliance, we are not without some measure of strength. We are not wagging our tails and looking for your pity as we seek refuge. I would ask Alliance Leader Lu to not insult my Yōu family!"

Lu Yin quickly replied, "Madam Yōu, you misunderstand. It's not that I, Lu Yin, don't want to meet with Madam Yōu, but rather that someone has forbidden me from going."

"Who?" Madam Yōu gritted her teeth. At this moment, she felt that Lu Yin was quite despicable, and she suddenly understood why so many people wanted to kill him.

Lu Yin shrugged. "Higsage Grandmaster."

Madam Yōu was taken aback. "Who?"

Lu Yin answered in a serious tone, "Senior Higsage Grandmaster."

Madam Yōu was stunned. Of course she knew of Higsage Grandmaster. He was one of the Human Domain's seven Semi-Progenitors, a true top-tier powerhouse. Even the elders of her Yōu clan had to respect such an existence. Why was Higsage Grandmaster not allowing Lu Yin to meet with her? What did this mean? Had Higsage Grandmaster become hostile towards the Seven Courts? Or could it be that he was aware of the Yōu family's true circumstances?

"Why?" Madam Yōu asked out of reflex, despite being somewhat nervous.

Lu Yin explained, "The top ten finalists from ZENITH have encountered mishaps one after another. Bu Kong's dead, Wang Yi's disappeared, and Wu Taibai was seriously injured. Now, even Xia Jiuyou is gone. Highsage Grandmaster does not wish to let this junior go out at this time, and he intends for me to wait here until it is time to go to the Neoverse."

Madam Yōu no longer knew how to respond to Lu Yin. The first three incidents that he had mentioned had happened right when ZENITH had finished, and Xia Jiuyou had fallen at the hands of the bastard currently talking to Madam Yōu. Despite that, he was insinuating that the Neohuman Alliance was the responsible party.

Madam Yōu no longer wanted to meet with Lu Yin. Instead, she wanted to attack him with a knife.

Lu Yin also knew that he was in the wrong. He coughed. "I'm sorry, Madam Yōu. Highsage Grandmaster is calling to speak with me."

He then quickly ended the call, though he did feel a bit guilty.

Because of Madam Yōu, Lu Yin had just fabricated an order on Highsage Grandmaster's behalf.

Back in the Yōu family, Madam Yōu almost swore out of anger. She had an excellent temper, but she had never suffered such a massive insult since birth! She had actually been repeatedly toyed with by a junior.

Yōu Ye'er stared at Madam Yōu's angry face and whispered, "Lu Yin has no sincerity at all. We shouldn't rely on him."

"No. In the current universe, he's the only person who can save us," Madam Yōu said. Despite being incredibly angry, she still had not lost her sense of reason.

Yōu Ye'er also knew that this was the truth. "But his attitude makes it clear that he doesn't want to accept our Yōu family into his alliance."

Madam Yōu took a deep breath and calmed herself. Her eyes grew deeper. "He will accept it. As long as the Great Eastern Alliance continues on its current path, he will eventually reach First Flowzone. He will eventually have to face us. He is just procrastinating right now. He wants to know our true motivation, and it's also possible that he's guessed that we haven't broken away from the Seven Courts."

"He's guessed that?!" Yōu Ye'er was surprised.

Madam Yōu was not certain, but this was simply the only possibility that could explain Lu Yin's attitude. However, if Lu Yin had guessed the truth, then she was being used by Lu Yin. What a bastard.

Lu Yin really did not want to get involved with the Yōu family. He did not know why they were attempting to ally themselves with him. After all, they had already split away from the Seven Courts, and despite leaving with the Yōu Secret Art, they had married themselves to the Sword Sect. The entire matter was too strange, and Lu Yin did not want to rush things and bring a calamity upon himself.

Not much time had passed since the Great Eastern Alliance had occupied the Blaze Realm, and during this time, hostilities with the sylvan dragons and the Ross Empire had never dimmed.

The next step was for the Great Eastern Alliance to withdraw from Blazing Mist Flowzone, and Wei Rong was already making preparations for them to enter Little Millennium Flowzone. As long as they managed to occupy Little Millennium Flowzone, the Great Eastern Alliance would immediately leave Blazing Mist Flowzone and abandon it, leaving it to the sylvan dragon clan and the Ross Empire as a sign of goodwill. As for who would ultimately claim control of Blazing Mist Flowzone, that would depend entirely on the Ross Empire and the sylvan dragons.

Lu Yin did not care about them at all. He was getting what he wanted, so they could fight away after he left. Little Millennium Flowzone would eventually be his regardless.

Thus, Lu Yin was no longer concerned with Blazing Mist Flowzone. After speaking with Wang Wen for a bit, Lu Yin returned to the Outerverse, taking the Champions' Stage with him. It was time for him to visit Earth and investigate the situation there, but he needed to stop by Zenyu Star first. After all, that was his home.

No matter who ended up controlling Blazing Mist Flowzone, the Astral River Ark had to remain under the Great Eastern Alliance's control. This was something that Lu Yin had stipulated.

At this time, everyone working aboard the Astral River Ark was from the Great Eastern Alliance, and they all saluted Lu Yin when they saw him arrive.

Lu Yin was returning to the Outerverse in a very public manner.

At present, the Outerverse was no different from Lu Yin's backyard. The moment he arrived, the Allied Forces standing guard at the Astral River Ark all docked and saluted, and many cultivators aboard the Ark grew envious.

Lu Yin did not tarry, and he immediately boarded his ship and towed the Champions' Stage away, headed towards Zenyu Star.

Lu Yin needed to pass through Darkmist Weave on his way to Zenyu Star from the Astral River, so he deliberately chose a route that would allow him to pass by Mafioso Planet.

Topmist had already returned to Mafioso Planet from Ironblood Weave.

When Lu Yin's spacecraft arrived, the assassination organization's headquarters on Mafioso Planet was thrown into a complete uproar.

Mafioso Planet was home to the largest assassination organization in the Outerverse's eastern region. Additionally, Lu Yin had only been able to form the initial structure of the Great Eastern Alliance in large part due to the information that he had received from Mafioso Planet.

Mafioso Planet had also eventually joined the Great Eastern Alliance. Lu Yin's visit at this time was to learn about Mafioso Planet's power vessel, the Bloodied Handprint.

Topmist stared at the young man standing some distance away with complicated emotions in his eyes. Their first meeting was still vivid in Topmist's mind. He had not succeeded in assassinating the youth, and despite being an Enlightener, he would have died if not for his hidden short stature. From that moment forward, Lu Yin's fame had never once stopped growing and spreading, and he had even managed to unite the entire Outerverse, stretching from Ironblood Weave to the Endless Weave.

This young man had become the master of the entire Outerverse, and he even possessed the personal strength to force Topmist to look up to him.

Lu Yin's current strength meant that he could easily kill Topmist, even without using any items.

"Topmist greets Alliance Leader Lu." Hidden beneath a black fog, Topmist spoke up. The black fog covering his body then dissipated to reveal a man who was only a meter tall.

Lu Yin looked at Topmist. If not for the fact that the old assassin was so short, Lu Yin's gunshot would have killed him all those years ago, but that would have led to a future where Lu Yin had nothing.

"It's been a long time. You still look good, senior," Lu Yin said with a smile.

Topmist was terrified. He was a timid person who was skilled at preserving his own life. He expressed his attitude as soon as possible, as anything else would have meant that his survival skills were worth nothing. "In front of Alliance Leader Lu, this small one does not dare be called a senior."

Lu Yin waved a hand dismissively as he stepped forward. He swept past Topmist and continued onto Mafioso Planet.

Topmist's pupils shrank. As Lu Yin passed by him, the Enlighter had not been able to sense anything at all, even when Lu Yin moved behind the assassin. If Lu Yin had attacked, Topmist did not believe that he could endure for even a single second, no matter what life-saving treasures he used. Even if Topmist had not used up the Bloodied Handprint, it still would have been impossible to win against Lu Yin.

The strength that this youth had shown when defeating ZENITH's top ten had caused the older man to despair.

Topmist grew even more respectful.

Mafioso Planet was shrouded in darkness all year round, and it had raised many assassins. Lu Yin's domain swept out. It had become quite large, and it took him less than a moment to find someone he knew: the bespectacled Mistchild.

The young woman looked up and saw Lu Yin staring at her, and she was thrilled. She had long since wanted to contact Lu Yin, but he moved around too fast and she was unable to keep up with him. She had not expected Lu Yin to suddenly appear in front of her on Mafioso Planet.

Lu Yin had never forgotten about the bespectacled Mistchild. This young woman had helped him a great deal when the Outerverse had first been isolated, and although she had her own schemes, her innate gift was quite useful. She was able to ingest poisons to raise her cultivation, and Lu Yin just so happened to have a large number of powerful poisons.

He still had five bottles of Elder Wu's poisons, and each of them had been upgraded eight times. They were powerful enough to threaten a powerful Envoy, and one of these poisons had inflicted grave wounds upon Leader Hong.

However, none of the poisons could be upgraded any further due to the limits of their ingredients.

He took out a bottle of poison and tossed it to the bespectacled Mistchild.

The young woman was overjoyed, and she quickly grabbed the bottle. "Thank you, Your Highness."

Lu Yin smiled, but he did not say much. He intended to leave this girl an opportunity and then see how far she would be able to go in the future. It was possible for her innate gift to surprise even the girl herself.

Topmist was not surprised to see Lu Yin help the bespectacled Mistchild. There was no way for them to hide their initial interactions from the old assassin, and the young Mistchild had worked with Lu Yin to deal with corrupt government officials while also providing Lu Yin with Mafioso Planet's gathered intelligence to assist the Great Eastern Alliance. Topmist had learned of these matters long ago.

Even when looking at all of Mafioso Planet, the bespectacled Mistchild was second only to Topmist, though this was not because of her strength. Rather, it was due to her connection to Lu Yin.

"Is the Bloodied Handprint still around?" Lu Yin asked while touring Mafioso Planet. The scenery passed by him so quickly that it was not much different from traveling in a spacecraft.

From behind, Topmist heard Lu Yin's question and replied, "No. It was completely used up in Ironblood Weave."

Of course Lu Yin remembered that fact, as he had forced Topmist to use the power vessel. "Where did that Bloodied Handprint come from?"

Topmist did not dare to hide anything. "It was our ancestors who discovered the Bloodied Handprint. It had fallen deep into the earth, and the Bloodied Handprint is actually why our ancestors settled on Mafioso Planet. However, no one knows where it originally came from."

"Are you saying that the Bloodied Handprint was on Mafioso Planet before any of you?" Lu Yin asked.

Topmist respectfully replied, "Yes."

Lu Yin thought about this. There were relics on various planets that hailed from ages before the planets could ever give birth to biological life. A planet could survive for billions, tens of billions, or even hundreds of billions of years, but what about civilization? Humans fell short of being able to compare to a planet's history.

These planets were the ones who had truly lived through the ancient times, watching the birth of humanity, its peak, and then its fall. They had witnessed the powerhouses of ancient civilizations such as Progenitor Chen and the Rune Progenitor. The Bloodied Handprint had only been capable of unleashing attacks with a power level of about 300,000, so it might have come from a powerful ancient expert. Unfortunately, it was no longer worth thinking about.

Lu Yin left Mafioso Planet.

In outer space, above the planet, Topmist watched as Lu Yin's spaceship left, and the old assassin did not look away until Lu Yin was completely out of sight.

Topmist had never thought that the child who had once been an ant that Topmist could kill on a whim would grow to this level of strength.

In the future universe, who would be the one calling the shots?

News of Lu Yin's imminent return to Zenyu Star had already spread, and countless people were anticipating his arrival.

When his vessel arrived, Zenyu Star, the other nearby planets, and all of Frostwave Weave erupted in excitement as everyone shouted Lu Yin's name. Countless planets had already erected statues of him.

#### **Chapter 1344: Laying Down**

Lu Yin had been the one to bring Frostwave Weave up to its current level. When looking at the entire Outerverse, Frostwave Weave had become the center.

It was the economic and trade center, the cultural center, and more importantly, the power center.

Lu Yin had single-handedly established the core of the Outerverse, which had elevated the status of Frostwave Weave's residents to a higher level than the people of any other weave.

In the past, everyone had hoped to become a citizen of Millions City and settled in Millions City, but at present, everyone wished to become a citizen of Zenyu Star.

Prices on the planet had soared to a level that normal people could not even imagine.

Lu Yin left the Champions' Stage above Zenyu Star before making a public appearance, thrilling countless people across the Outerverse.

Of course, there were also some people who hoped that Lu Yin would be able to help them with their current problems. The most troubling issue facing everyone was that the Outerverse would soon be given over to the Sixth Mainland.

Lu Yin also wanted to settle this issue, but he had not yet been able to come up with any sort of solution.

The Sixth Mainland was entering the Fifth Mainland. This was an inevitability, and no one could stop it. This was not something that Lu Yin could overcome through cleverness or schemes. Typically, the best way forward when faced with an inevitability was to avoid it. As for whether or not Lu Yin would later be able to return to the Outerverse would depend entirely on how high he was able to climb.

However, the Sixth Mainland would not be moving to the Outerverse quickly, and the western weaves had already begun to migrate towards the east. Still, this was a very long process.

On Zenyu Star, Lu Yin summoned the Great Yu Empire's top officials.

He held a meeting with the Lu Ministry of Staff, the Lu Ministry of Defense, the Imperial Court's Cabinet, and also with the full imperial court. After all of that, he met with Bei Qing, the captains of the Thirteen Imperial Squadrons, and more. He made his presence well known during this time.

In King Zishan's palace, Lu Yin took a sip of a disgustingly viscous green drink, though he was clearly looking forward to it.

Lu Yin nodded and smiled. "Not bad."

Zhao Ran was happy with the approval.

"By the way, Zhao Ran, have you ever heard of Zi Jing?" Lu Yin asked.

Zhao Ran blinked in confusion, and then shook her head. Lu Yin did not press the matter.

Kayze's voice reached Lu Yin, "Your Highness, Dwayne Daynight is asking to see you."

"Please, come in!" Lu Yin called out loudly.

Lu Yin had practically toppled Daynight Flowzone, and at the same time, he had rescued the Dayking's descendants. All of the Dayking clan had moved onto a planet rather close to Zenyu Star. Since Lu Yin had returned to the Outerverse, naturally people from the Dayking clan wished to meet with him, despite his youth. They had arrived quickly.

Zhuo Daynight did not visit, though Lu Yin did not know why.

Before long, Dwayne Daynight left King Zishan's palace. He had enjoyed a conversation with Lu Yin, and Lu Yin had promised to continue to help and shelter the Dayking clan. In return, the Dayking clan would offer Lu Yin as much support as possible. It was an agreement of mutual exchange.

The Great Eastern Alliance was growing larger and larger, and it had begun to attract more than just the Outerverse's powers. Many organizations from the Innerverse also want to join the Great Eastern Alliance.

There were many people who asked to see Lu Yin, but Lu Yin did not see all of them, and was selective with his meetings.

When evening fell, he went to the fifth princess's estate.

Wendy Yushan had been waiting for Lu Yin. "It's becoming harder and harder to see you."

Lu Yin showed a bitter smile. "I'm tired. You don't show yourself at all."

Wendy Yushan calmly replied, "None of this has anything to do with me."

Lu Yin shook his head. "I hope you will eventually take over the Great Yu Empire. After all, this empire was founded by your Yu family."

Wendy Yushan stared at Lu Yin. "the Great Yu Empire's people won't agree to that."

Wendy Yushan did not feel good about the words she spoke. Although she did not particularly care about the Great Yu Empire, let alone any sort of associated political power, the Great Yu Empire had indeed been created by her family, and yet she was forced to rely on an outsider. Even if this outsider was willing to return the empire to her, she would never be able to reclaim the Yu surname for as long as she lived, which was a bit depressing as it revealed the incompetence of her family.

Lu Yin also had no desire to continue this topic of conversation. It was rather heavy.

In fact, everyone in the Great Yu Empire hoped for Lu Yin to stop being the royal regent and to become the emperor, but unfortunately for all of them, he had no such intentions for the time being.



"How is Elder Su?" Lu Yin asked. He was asking about the place where the remnants of the Yu family had secluded themselves, and the Yu ancestor Su Lao, who kept himself in cryostasis at all times.

Wendy Yushan said, "I just went for a visit, but he was still in stasis."

Lu Yin snorted and then went silent.

He left after staying with Wendy for a long time, and he moved on to the pub that was beneath King Zishan's palace. It was a very non-descript place, but it gave him an inexplicable peace of mind.

The pub was very dark, so there was no need for Lu Yin to hide his appearance, as others were not able to see him clearly.

He could not even remember how many times he had been to this bar to have a drink.

The entire place was still the same; warm wine served with various snacks. It was a very comfortable place.

There was a commotion at a bar in the distance, but the pub owner had remained quite shrewd, and he had refused to sell the land no matter how much he had been offered for the place. He was determined not to sell.

Soon, Lu Yin heard footsteps behind him. A thin figure walked over and sat down at the table next to Lu Yin's. They called out in a bleak and hoarse voice, "Boss, bring me a pot of wine."

Lu Yin stopped drinking. This voice had sent him ten years into the past. He slowly turned his head around to see the pale, thin face through the dim light of the pub. It was her, Jenny Auna.

Lu Yin had not expected to meet her in this place.

The originally high-spirited girl had become extremely haggard. It was as if her entire personality had changed.

If Lu Yin had to choose which woman he had been the most cruel to, it would have to be Jenny Auna. Not only had he ruined her wedding, he had also forced her into a position where she could never escape the shadows of her past. She had become a source of shame for the Auna family, and she carried a heavy burden.

It was hard for a person to stand up and continue after enduring such a situation for so long, and yet that was what Jenny Auna had done.

Lu Yin stared at Jenny Auna for a moment. He could not untangle his own emotions; did he regret his actions? No, he did not. If he had acted differently, the humiliation would have ruined him. Jenny was a pitiful woman, but also despicable.

However, after so many years, Lu Yin's feelings towards the woman had blurred. The hatred he had first felt for her had long since faded, and only pity remained.

Jenny Auna took a sip of wine. She had accidentally discovered this pub. It was hidden, dark, and did not have a great view, but just above her head sat that person's home.

Jenny had not felt any hatred for Lu Yin for a long time. They were just people with different positions.

Lu Yin set his glass down and looked at Jenny Auna's eyes. They were calm. Very calm. This woman had come through her ordeal, but it had also totally changed her. She was not the Jenny Auna of the past.

Jenny noticed someone staring at her, and she lifted her head and looked over at Lu Yin. Her entire body trembled. Her hands shook so bad that her wine glass fell to the table.

Lu Yin lowered his head and poured a glass of wine that he handed to her.

She accepted it. "Thank you."

Watching her drink, Lu Yin suddenly remembered her words from the past:

'All I want to do is to marry the person I love. Is that wrong?'

'I like Yan Feng, so what's wrong with that? The only wrong that happened is that my family promised me to you. Can you really say that you like me, Lu Yin? I can tell that you've never liked me. That ring never represented love; it was just a promise between you and the Auna family. In your eyes, I'm just a tool for a political marriage.'

What's wrong with me marrying someone I love? I never wanted to hurt anyone!'

'I never wanted to hurt you.'

Each word she had spoken had revealed her desire to chase after love and freedom. Was that wrong? Lu Yin had asked himself this question many times, and the answer he had come up with had always been 'no'. She had only wanted to pursue happiness, and yet had ended up suffering.

"I'm sorry," Lu Yin said quietly.

At the next table, Jenny Auna's body went rigid with shock. Tears sprung up at the corners of her eyes. She set down her glass, stood up, and left.

Lu Yin watched her leave with a heavy heart. Everyone had to pay for the mistakes of their youth.

He sighed and took another sip of wine before leaving. The wine had become tasteless.

A few days later, Lu Yin set off for Earth. He had already accomplished all he had hoped for during his time on Zenyu Star. One thing he had wanted to do was get close to Da Lei again in order to find out what was wrong with Liuying Zishan by viewing Da Lei's memories. Unfortunately, Lu Yin had learned nothing.

Lu Yin had never forgotten about the strange matter with Liuying Zishan. There were still some hidden dangers on Zenyu Star, but he was not able to uncover anything this time, and he could not stay on Zenyu Star forever.

He also checked with Ban Jiu about getting a better universal armor, but it seemed that if he wanted one, he would have to go to the Technocracy.

Lu Yin traveled from Zenyu Star to Earth, and his vessel was very fast, so it did not take long before a beautiful blue planet appeared in front of Lu Yin's eyes. It was surrounded by other planets in its solar system, and out of all of them, Jupiter stood out to Lu Yin the most.

Looking at Earth, Lu Yin remembered his old friends. Along the way, Lu Yin had nearly forgotten about one person: Liu Shaoge. How could Lu Yin ever forget him?

Remembering Liu Shaoge, Lu Yin called Barley.

Barley was still Lu Yin's eyes and ears in East San Dios. He had been the first person in that place to follow Lu Yin, and he had an innate gift that allowed him to read the vibrations in the air to gather more information than normal.

Barley had not been contacted by Lu Yin for a long time, and the difference in the two's statuses were getting worse and worse. When Lu Yin had become one of the Ten Arbiters, Barley had lost all courage to contact Lu Yin. He had never expected to suddenly be contacted by Lu Yin.

"Ar- Ar- Arbiter Lu!" Barley appeared on Lu Yin's screen and bowed low.

Lu Yin was the strongest of the Ten Arbiters, and not only that, he was the strongest youth in the entire human race, even including the Sixth Mainland. Barley's admiration for Lu Yin had reached indescribable levels.

If Lu Yin had not been looking at Earth and suddenly remembered Liu Shaoge, he would have essentially forgotten about Barley. "Barley, how's Liu Shaoge?"

Barley felt terrified by this question, but answered, "He's no longer in East San Dios. He left before ZENITH started."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "Do you know where he went?"

Barley shook his head, feeling nervous. Lu Yin had ordered Barley to keep an eye on Liu Shaoge, but how was that supposed to work? Barley had wanted to report that Liu Shaoge had gone missing, but he had not dared reach out to Lu Yin. "I don't know."

Lu Yin considered the matter, but did not blame Barley for not being able to keep watch on Liu Shaoge. It had been an impossible task given Barley's strength.

Liu Shaoge left before ZENITH? Had he been part of ZENITH? There had been so many people participating that it had been impossible to notice every single person.

"Is there anything unusual about East San Dios?" Lu Yin asked.

Barley thought about this question carefully. "Yes. There was a powerful aura that came to East San Dios before ZENITH, but the powerhouse never showed themselves."

"A powerful aura?" Lu Yin was curious.

Barley remembered for a moment. "They should have been an Enlighter."

"Could they just have been passing by?"

"Not likely. Their aura was deliberately kept hidden, and I only was able to sense the person's strength through the vibration in the air. Not even their power level could be detected by other means."

### **Chapter 1345: Luo Shen's Dance Performance**

Lu Yin frowned; why would an Enlighter have gone to East San Dios? That place only held the Outerverse Youth Council, which meant little to nothing to an Enlighter. Also, since Lu Yin had been absent at the time, the only person in all of East San Dios to possibly hold enough value for an Enlighter to visit would have been Liu Shaoge. After all, Liu Shaoge had ties with the Daynight clan.

Could it have been someone from the Daynight clan?

Lu Yin could not figure anything out.

Lu Yin hung up. There was no news from East San Dios. Liu Shaoge had gone missing, but Lu Yin was not overly concerned.

In the past, Liu Shaoge had triggered Lu Yin's anger and hatred, but Lu Yin had risen to a level too far above Liu Shaoge. At present, Liu Shaoge was too far beneath Lu Yin to warrant any notice. Even Bai Qian did not qualify to draw Lu Yin's attention, so there was no need to even mention Liu Shaoge.

He had only asked about him out of curiosity, and nothing more.

He felt a slight vibration as the spacecraft docked with Earth's space station.

Lu Yin casually stepped out, disappearing from the ship and completely evading all detection from the space station. He traveled straight to the surface, and appeared in Jinlin City.

Earth had continued to change more and more, and more and more cultivators had started to appear. Given the fact that Earth was considered Lu Yin's home planet and had been where he had first started cultivating, many people traveled from all over to visit Earth.

If not for Earth's small size, it would have rivaled Zenyu Star itself. Naturally, prices on the planet were exorbitant, but fortunately for the locals, that was only relative to prices that foreigners were accustomed to, and expenses had remained the same for the locals.

Skyscrapers pierced through the clouds. Aircraft roamed the sky, and cultivators tried to slip down to the planet from time to time, but were all intercepted by patrolling troops. Jinlin City looked like a technological exhibit.

No one could believe that just a bit more than ten years had passed since this place had been left in ruins and looking like something straight out of the apocalypse.

Lu Yin's domain swept out and he quickly found Zhou Shan.

Only a few of the people Lu Yin knew from his time on Earth were still on the planet. Bai Xua and a few others had disappeared into Jupiter, so Lu Yin was only able to find Zhou Shan and a few others upon his arrival on Earth.

However, the gap between them had grown by leaps and bounds, and it was no longer something that could be ignored.

As the honorary director of Jinlin's military academy, Zhou Shan held a very high status. He had also been one of China's Seven Sages during Earth's apocalypse. Despite the fact that he was weak and had never even managed to become an Explorer, no one could rattle Zhou Shan's status, and this was because he was friends with Lu Yin.

In a large office with slightly quaint decorations, there was a middle-aged man looking down at some documents. On the wall behind him, where normally a picture or bit of calligraphy would hang, there is an ax, and it gave the entire office a bit of a chill.

There was a knock at the door. "Come in."

A young woman entered and respectfully said, "Director, the students' seats have been arranged. The coordinator for the dance party had been very respectful towards our school. Our students will all sit in the middle and will not be mixed in with other people."

"Alright, that's good. Arrange for a few more teachers as chaperones. We can't allow the students to have any accidents," the middle-aged man said.

The young woman stepped back out of the office.

The man had continued to examine his documents the entire time and had never once looked up at the woman.

"At first glance, you really do really look like the academy's director. Aren't you supposed to be an honorary director? Is there really a need for you to work?" A voice entered the middle-aged man's ears, and his expression instantly changed dramatically; someone had gotten close without him noticing?

The man looked up and saw someone sitting on a nearby sofa, and instantly the man's expression turned to one of delight. "You're back?"

"Director Zhou, you're becoming more and more respectable." Lu Yin smiled. He sat on the sofa with his legs crossed, looking completely relaxed.

Zhou Shan laughed loudly. He stood up and stretched his waist.

"Dealing with this crap is more of a pain than killing an enemy on the battlefield." As he spoke, he pointed to the ax on the wall. "Look, it's all rusted."

Lu Yin smiled and said, "There's no longer any chance for you to kill your enemy since your opponents are only those students."

Zhou Shan smiled wryly. "I might not do too well if I did go up against the students."

This was true. After all, Zhou Shan had never received any kind of formal training, and some of the students might not actually lose to him. As time passed, more and more people had started traveling to visit Earth, and Zhou Shan's strength was not enough to even stir up dust for some of the visitors.

"But fortunately, with you behind me, no one dares do anything to me, and that alone takes care of a hundred different matters, haha" Zhou Shan said with a smile.

At this moment, the door to the office was suddenly pushed open, and a little girl in her early teens walked in. "Dad, when will the people from the Yu Academy get here? I'm going to take that test, and you can't stop me!"

Zhou Shan grew embarrassed and he quickly pulled the girl over. "Don't be rude! Come over and say hi to Uncle Lu."

The girl blinked her eyes in confusion as she stared at Lu Yin, but then her eyes lit up and her little face flushed with excitement. "Lu- Lu- Lu Yin?"

Lu Yin found her reaction funny.

Zhou Shan snorted. "What 'Lu Yin'? That's not what I told you. Call him Uncle Lu."

The girl excitedly turned to look at her father. "Dad, really weren't bragging! You really do know Lu Yin."

"Call him Uncle Lu." Zhou Shan patted her on the head.

Lu Yin said, "You've got a very cute little girl. Your name should be Xixi. I've seen you before."

This girl was Zhou Shan's daughter Zhou Xixi.

"You- you've seen me before?" Zhou Xixi became even more excited. At this time, was there anyone who didn't worship Lu Yin? Many Earthlings actually regarded him as a god.

Lu Yin nodded and answered with a smile, "Not only have I seen you, I even held you as a baby, and I even gave you your formcast model."

Zhou Xixi became so excited she did not even know what to say.

Zhou Shan smiled wryly. "It's too bad. You're just a girl who doesn't understand what she's told."

Lu Yin laughed. "I never expected you to grow so big in the blink of an eye! Just a few more years and you'll be getting married, haha."

Zhou Xixi quickly retorted, "I don't want to get married! I want to go to the Yu Academy and travel through the universe."

Zhou Shan felt a headache come over him.

Lu Yin leaned forward and stared at Zhou Xixi. "Why do you want to go into space?"

Zhou Xixi clenched her little fists. "I want to fight with you, Uncle Lu! You're always alone whenever you fight, and you look too lonely."

Lu Yin was startled; he was lonely?

Zhou Shan fiercely twisted Zhou Xixi's ear. "Be quiet! You can't say things like that to him. Alright now, head on out. I need to talk with Uncle Lu for a bit."

Zhou Xixi rolled her eyes. "Come on, like Uncle Lu care at all about your stuff? It's not a big deal."

Zhou Shan was speechless.

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Half an hour later, Lu Yin walked out of the Jinlin Military Academy, laughing. Was he lonely? After thinking about it, the girl had been right. Most of the times that Lu Yin had fought, he had been alone. The world of adults was complicated, while children saw a world that was pure, and they could sometimes see things more clearly. Lu Yin had not expected a child to pinpoint his situation.

He felt helpless, as there was no other way. No matter what decision a person made, they would have to suffer the consequences. What was there to do about it? Loneliness was something that had to be endured.

Lu Yin remembered Ming Yan, and he lifted his hand to activate his gadget, but right then he saw an impressive number of runes flash by.

Lu Yin's head snapped over to the right. Classes were in session, so there was nobody around. A single glance was enough for Lu Yin to notice an old man walking by, and he looked at the old man more closely.

Judging by the man's runes, he was at least an Enlighter. Earth had actually drawn Enlighters?

Lu Yin suppressed his breath and slowly followed the old man.

The old man did not notice Lu Yin's presence and continued to walk around the Jinlin Military Academy. Students walked out of their classrooms in an orderly manner, and the old man silently followed them.

Lu Yin frowned; all of the students were out? Wasn't this time for classes to be in session?

The old man was an Enlighter, and yet he just followed behind the group of students, and Lu Yin casually followed behind the old man.

The group of students quickly boarded a large transport vehicle that belonged to the school. The military cleared a path in front of the students as the vehicle made its way to the largest stadium that stood in the center of Jinlin.

The old man followed on foot. Each step he took carried him a kilometer. He walked very slowly, but seemed to step through space.

Lu Yin traveled in the same manner, but no one on Earth saw this scene.

Zhou Shan sat next to his daughter on the transport.

"Xixi, remember, that incident with Uncle Lu can't be made public," Zhou Shan warned.

Zhou Xixi said, "I understand, I'm not a child, you know?"

"Pay more attention to this!" Zhou Shan said in an angry tone.

"Dad, why did Luo Shen come to Earth to dance? They can't be offering her much for her appearance, so she's definitely not doing it for the money."

"Do you think that money is the only thing that motivates people? Earth is a place that is a bit too unique in the universe, because this is your Uncle Lu's home planet. Everyone wants to move here in order to develop a relationship with your Uncle Lu. Some people want money. Some people want a name."

"So, you're saying Luo Shen's pretty smart."

Zhou Shan looked to the front. His eyes holding complicated emotions, Luo Shen? He had met her once, and he knew of the relationship between her and Bai Xue. What was more, Zhou Shan was also aware of Luo Shen's feelings for Lu Yin. The woman was not doing this performance for fame, but purely because Earth was Lu Yin's home planet, and she wanted to be closer to him.

In Zhou Shan's eyes, Luo Shen was no different from a real goddess. She was so bright and beautiful and eye-catching, but unfortunately, Lu Yin's status was too high. He could have any woman he wished, and Zhou Shan did not see, and he could have any woman he wanted. Zhou Shan could not see a good end to Luo Shen waiting.

Luo Shen was the most dazzling star in the Outerverse at the moment, and a performance from her was able to cause a sensation in any weave, not to mention Earth.

Earth was too small, and the Jinlin stadium was so small that most people were not able to get tickets. Those who were able to buy tickets were either the Outerverse's wealthy individuals, or people with a special status. Also, nearly half of the stadium had been set aside for Jinlin Military Academy's students, and the students had not needed to buy any tickets. This performance was not intended to generate a profit.

Luo Shen had held many similar performances on Earth. She was truly persistent.

The old man followed the students all the way to the stadium, and then easily entered the building.

Lu Yin looked at the picture of Luo Shen in surprise. Why was she on Earth? She was going to dance? Was there anyone on Earth who could even afford a ticket? Was there any venue appropriate for such a performance?

Lu Yin was not unaware that every single one of Luo Shen's performances in the Outerverse would attract a minimum of hundreds of millions of people to attend. Even on Zenyu Star, her performance would draw hundreds of thousands of people. There should not be anyone on Earth who could even afford a ticket to one of Luo Shen's performances, and yet even students were walking into this stadium.

As these thoughts ran through Lu Yin's mind, he easily entered the stadium, always keeping an eye on the old man.

Across the stadium, there was a young man who was wearing a hat and who had a straw in his mouth. He strolled into the stadium and stared up at the huge image of Luo Shen. He muttered something indistinct, "She really is beautiful. As expected of the brightest star in the Outerverse. Father, your son will bring you back a beautiful daughter-in-law."

The stadium was soon overcrowded, and the atmosphere reached its peak the moment that Luo Shen finally appeared. Everyone cheered.



She was an Outerverse idol, and her dances were able to brighten up the entire universe.

### **Chapter 1346: Jiang Chen**

Within the crowded stadium, Zuocheng Daynight occasionally glanced around. For a while, he had felt someone staring at him, but he had a sense of being both hidden and exposed, which made him uncertain.

Common sense said that he was an Enlighter with a power level of 360,000, and so there should be no one in such a remote place capable of observing him without being noticed, so where was this feeling of being stared at come from?

He was currently searching for Liu Shaoge. Even before ZENITH had started, the Daynight clan had sent someone out to the Outerverse to look for Liu Shaoge, but they had not been able to find him, so Zuocheng Daynight had been forced to personally go out. The Daynight clan's stone of inheritance was too important to the clan, and they could not afford to lose it.

However, the Outerverse belonged to Lu Yin. Even if Zuocheng Daynight had a power level of more than 300,000, he still did not have the courage to reveal himself in the Outerverse. At this time, he had simply been observing the Jinlin Military Academy to see if Liu Shaoge could be found, but unfortunately, that had not been the case.

Earth was Liu Shaoge's hometown, and Zuocheng Daynight firmly believed that Liu Shaoge would eventually return to the planet, and it should be soon.

Zuocheng Daynight had decided to remain on Earth to wait for Liu Shaoge.

He was not able to scan the entire planet with his star energy, so all he could do was go to populated regions and check it over in a wait-and-see manner.

The feeling of being watched reappeared, and Zuocheng Daynight's eyes narrowed. Someone was staring at him. He looked around. Who could it be? He was certain that a powerhouse had appeared.

"Hey, make some room, please. Make some room." The young man in the hat finally squeezed himself in next to Zuocheng Daynight.

Zuocheng Daynight's eyes narrowed and flashed with a killing intent.

The young man set a hand on Zuocheng Daynight's shoulder, and Zuocheng Daynight clenched a fist and said, "Brother, let go."

The young man shoved Zuocheng Daynight, but the man did not budge at all. The young man looked at Zuocheng Daynight in surprise. "You're still chasing after celebrities at your age? Enough should be enough."

Zuocheng Daynight took a step back.

The young man smiled brightly. "Thank you."

He then continued to squeeze his way forward, still with a straw in his mouth.

Zuocheng Daynight frowned as he watched the young man's back disappear into the crowd. He then glanced around again, but could not find anyone observing him.

He had stood guard at the Daynight clan's ancestral monument for too long, and he had forgotten how to be vigilant. Zuocheng Daynight dismissed all hesitation, and he turned around and left the stadium, and then even left Earth.

Suddenly, the feeling of having eyes on him returned ten times stronger than before. Zuocheng Daynight whirled around and saw a young man enter his sight. It was Lu Yin.

Zuocheng Daynight's pupils instantly shrank the moment he saw Lu Yin, but they only shrank for a moment before returning to normal. Zuocheng Daynight was in disguise, so it was impossible to know that he was from Daynight clan. On top of that, he had not fought against Lu Yin during the battle on Nightking Planet, so this should be their first meeting, and Lu Yin should not know the Enlighter.

"Where is Senior from?" Lu Yin asked as he stared at Zuocheng Daynight.

Zuocheng Daynight's eyes remained as placid as possible as he smiled. "This old man wanders about the universe. I don't call any specific place home."

"Well, why Senior visit Earth?" Lu Yin continued to press.

Zuocheng Daynight smiled and replied, "I was just passing by. I heard that Luo Shen was performing a dance, so I thought to take a look as I passed through."

"Then why follow the students?" Lu Yin asked.

Zuocheng Daynight's eyes flashed. "I hope to find an excellent child who qualifies to receive my inheritance."

Lu Yin snorted. "This junior feels that his talent is pretty good, so how about you give me your inheritance? This junior is willing to support Senior."

Zuocheng Daynight laughed. "Little Brother must be joking; I can't even see your strength despite being an old man. Don't tease the elderly."

Lu Yin's face sank. "I don't want anyone to make trouble on Earth. Senior is an unknown expert, and you also were following students. How can I feel comfortable letting you simply leave?"

Zuocheng Daynight frowned. "Isn't Little Brother being a bit too tyrannical? This old man was just passing by Earth and harmed no one. I followed those students hoping to find a disciple. There's been no malice, and yet because of my actions, Little Brother wants to take action against an old man? Are outsiders not even allowed to visit Earth?"

Lu Yin stared at Zuocheng Daynight. "Anyone who clearly states where they're from is allowed to enter. Old man, you most likely did not enter the planet through acceptable methods."

Zuocheng Daynight's eyes flickered as he looked at Lu Yin. After a while, the old man nodded. "It seems that Little Brother has no intention of letting this old man leave in peace. In that case, you can check things."

Tension left Lu Yin's eyes, and he smiled. "Senior, I'll have to inconvenience you.."

Zuocheng Daynight returned to Earth while Lu Yin kept an eye on the man. Lu Yin wanted to find out where this old man was from, as he did not know why the old man had been on Earth. It was possible that he had just wanted to find a disciple. After all, there were simply too many independent cultivators who roamed the universe. Still, it was very easy for an independent Enlighter to find a disciple, and this claim had aroused most of Lu Yin's suspicions.

Still, so long as the Enlighter meant no harm to Earth, Lu Yin would not do anything to the old man.

Zuocheng Daynight landed back on Earth, his feet touching down on the stadium in Jinlin City. Luo Shen's performance had continued.

Suddenly, star energy erupted and the Enlighter shot through the void to enter the stadium.

Lu Yin's eyes went wide; this old man was looking to die! The only reason Lu Yin had been willing to let the old man return to Earth had been because he was an Enlighter with a power level of only a bit more than 300,000. Lu Yin had his Vacuum Palm and Daynight Praises, and so he had no fear of the old man fleeing into space.

Zuocheng Daynight appeared in the stadium and took another step to appear directly in front of Luo Shen. Neither Luo Shen nor anyone in the entire audience reacted to the old man's appearance.

Zuocheng Daynight had watched Lu Yin's battles during ZENITH, and so he was very cautious of the youth, so he took the initiative and unleashed Night Advent.

Lu Yin was shocked; this old man was from the Daynight clan? Lu Yin had already seen from the man's runes that his power level exceeded 300,000. This was not good.

Zuocheng Daynight's spiritual force was strong enough for Daynight Praises to not be very effective. He would certainly be dragged into the illusion, but given his combat power, and especially the time he had spent meditating and training the Daynight clan's beneath the clan's stone tablet, so his spiritual force was incredibly sturdy, and was not much weaker than Yao Xuan's.

A split second after being dragged into the illusion, Zuocheng Daynight broke out of it. The rest of the world had only taken a single breath, but a long time had passed within the illusion, and Zuocheng Daynight had been attacked several times by Skybreaker. His brain had been jostled, and blood spilled from his seven orifices. Fortunately, he had succeeded in breaking out of the illusion, as he had not expected Lu Yin's spiritual force to be so terrifying. That attack had to have been the Nightking clan's Skybreaker. Then Zuocheng Daynight remembered a legend about how the Dayking and the First Nightking had worked together to unleash a battle technique that no one had managed to cultivate after their deaths.

It was no longer a surprise that Lu Yin's spiritual force had been powerful enough for him to fight against Yao Xuan. Zuocheng Daynight was an elder of the Daynight clan; someone who specialized in spiritual force and who had long stood guard at the Daynight clan's ancestral tablet, and yet he had barely been able to endure Lu Yin's spiritual force attack. Out of the entire Daynight clan, there was not a single person beneath the Envoy realm who would be able to ignore Lu Yin's spiritual force.

A single breath had been enough for Zuocheng Daynight to grab a hold of Luo Shen, and, by the same token, a breath was also enough time for Lu Yin. His hand moved, and a Vacuum Palm shot through the void and struck Zuocheng Daynight on his back.

His physique was not sturdy enough to withstand Lu Yin's Vacuum Palm, and even if this attack had not been reinforced with nine lined battle force, it was still too much for Zuocheng Daynight. He pulled out a power vessel, and it helped him withstand Lu Yin's Vacuum Palm. The old man's hand stretched out once more to grab Luo Shen, and his fingers were only a few centimeters away from her.

Lu Yin was confident in his own strength, and he believed that he had the situation under control. Zuocheng Daynight was an exceptionally cunning man, and he had prepared himself for Lu Yin's various techniques, which had given the Daynight elder and path to survival. As long as he managed to catch Luo Shen, he would be able to force Lu Yin into letting him go, and he would be able to return to Daynight Flowzone.

The old man had not expected a young man like Lu Yin to be so terrifyingly powerful. Even if Zuocheng Daynight had taken extreme precautions against Lu Yin, he had still been severely injured. His spiritual force had been shaken, rattling his brain, and he was bleeding from his seven orifices. His body had been cracked from being struck by Lu Yin's Vacuum Palm, but fortunately, Zuocheng Daynight had finally succeeded. This woman was his lifeline.

As his hand drew closer and closer, Zuocheng Daynight saw Luo Shen's terrified eyes.

Behind him, an astral chessboard appeared beneath Lu Yin's, and just as he was about to move Luo Shen, a young man wearing a hat and with a straw in his mouth walked out next to the dancer. Lu Yin had not seen any movement, but Zuocheng Daynight's hand touched the young man, and the sound of lightning exploded. The lightning tore through the void, and shot into space from the stadium. Up in outer space, the force exploded repeatedly, tearing through layers of space.

Lu Yin's pupils shrank. He has seen a large number of lightning-based battle techniques, or cultivators who had innate gifts of lightning, but the power of this lightning was the most terrifying that Lu Yin had ever seen. The number of runes that he saw absolutely exceeded a power level of 400,000, and Lu Yin felt a sense of danger from it.

There was a smile tugging at the corners of the young man's mouth. He was handsome, and his hat was cocked off to the side as he used lightning to seize control of the void.

Zuocheng Daynight had been very close to Luo Shen, extremely close, but the moment the young man appeared, it was as though Zuocheng Daynight had been moved to the horizon.

When the lightning disappeared, Zuocheng Daynight's whole body was revealed to be charred black. He collapsed to the ground. He had been zapped to a piece of charcoal.

The young man flicked the straw in his mouth and turned to face Luo Shen. He gave her what he thought was a charming smile. "I'm Jiang Chen. It's nice to meet you, cutey."

Luo Shen's body disappeared, as Lu Yin had used the Ce Secret Art to move her to his side.

Luo Shen was pleasantly surprised to see Lu Yin. "Your Highness!"

Lu Yin nodded to her, but looked at the young man named Jiang Chen.

Jiang Chen also looked at Lu Yin. There was a smile that touched the corner of his mouth. He had bright eyes, as well as a domineering yet quiet temperament. He stood there in a relaxed manner that was quite reassuring, and his entire demeanor reminded Lu Yin of when he had first met Wu Taibai. This person seemed casual and carefree, but when compared to Wu Taibai, Lu Yin felt that this person was even more mysterious.

Lu Yin did not know how to describe what he was feeling.

Regardless, he did not feel hate for this person.

"I saw you before. That competition was really exciting." Jiang Chen smiled happily as he looked at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin carefully appraised Jiang Chen. "Thank you. Where are you from?"

"Earth," Jiang Chen instantly answered, though apparently he felt this was wrong right after speaking. "Well, not far from Earth."

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. This did not sound right. This person had clearly said that he was from Earth, but it was impossible for Earth to give birth to such a powerhouse, unless... Hidden Earth Society.

Could Jiang Chen be from the Hidden Earth Society? That seemed likely.

Jiang Chen jumped off the stage. The lights shone down on him, while also illuminating Zuocheng Daynight, who had turned to charcoal.

"This isn't any place to talk, so let's go somewhere else," Lu Yin told Jiang Chen.

Jiang Chen did not particularly care, but he looked at Luo Shen with bright eyes and asked expectantly, "All together?"

Luo Shen softly replied, "I want to end my dance."

Jiang Chen was left disappointed.

Lu Yin said, "She'll come with us after her dance, so let's find a place to talk for now."

Jiang Chen waved his hand. "It doesn't matter."

### **Chapter 1347: Black Street**

Zuocheng Daynight's appearance had stopped the dance performance for a bit, but everything quickly returned to normal.

This was not the first time such an incident had occurred on Earth, and although Luo Shen had met with danger before, it was always taken care of.

Lu Yin had hidden his features as soon as he had appeared in the stadium. Since no one could see him clearly, there was no commotion for him.

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There were not many people in a leisurely cafe, as everyone was closer to the stadium. Although it was impossible for most people to enter the stadium to watch Luo Shen's dance, there was a screen outside the stadium that was streaming the entire performance.

Gentle music filled the cafe.

Jiang Chen took the straw out of his mouth and twirled it around his fingers. He looked out at the distant screen outside the stadium showing Luo Shen dancing. It was impossible to know his thoughts.

Sitting across from him, Lu Yin asked, "Do you like Luo Shen a lot?"

Jiang Chen replied in a casual manner, "It's not that. It's just that I need to find a wife. My mom's really putting the pressure on me."

"So you want to marry her?" Lu Yin asked.

Jiang Chen shifted his gaze away from the screen and looked at Lu Yin. "Maybe. Why? You have someone you want to introduce me to?"

Lu Yin was left speechless, and he did not know how to continue the conversation.

Jiang Chen took a sip of coffee. "Speaking of which, it must feel good to drink coffee while looking at your own statue and seeing so many people kneeling down and praying."

Lu Yin looked into the distance where a huge statue stood. It shot high up into the clouds. It was a statue of him. Many cities on Earth had similar statues, as had many planets throughout Frostwave Weave.

It actually felt quite strange to see people bow to his statue, and it always gave Lu Yin the illusion that he had died.

"Your lighting is very powerful. Is it an innate gift?" Lu Yin asked.

Jiang Chen stirred his coffee. "Ah, that's right, I have a rather powerful dad, but you're pretty good yourself. Especially your transformation during the last battle of ZENITH." As he spoke, Jiang Chen looked at Lu Yin with bright eyes. "You looked really cool during that transformation; how did you cultivate that?"

Lu Yin shook his head. "I don't really know. It just worked out that way."

Jiang Chen clearly did not believe Lu Yin's words, but he did not bring up many questions related to battle techniques.

He suddenly remembered something. "Hey, have you ever seen a rabbit that has a lightning power?"

Lu Yin was startled. "Have you seen it?"

Jiang Chen pursed his lips. "I asked you."

Lu Yin nodded. "I saw it once. It was a long time ago on Savage Ape Planet. That rabbit just showed up and instantly stomped a giant ape to death. It later appeared in Ironblood Weave, and it stepped on Elder Lohar."

Jiang Chen rubbed his chin. "That damn rabbit can really run. Still, it won't go too far from Earth."

"Are you looking for that rabbit?" Lu Yin wondered.

Jiang Chen nodded. "Yes. Make sure you let me know if you hear anything about it. I'll be staying on Earth for now."

Lu Yin asked, "Are you staying on Earth to wait for that rabbit?"

Jiang Chen snorted. "That's most of it. That rabbit has to be caught, or else it will cause trouble everywhere."

"Then why stay on Earth? Maybe the rabbit already ran away."

"Impossible. That damn rabbit won't roam too far from Earth. At most it will roam about the Outerverse, but it won't leave home."

"What kind of power level does that rabbit have?"

Jiang Chen thought for a while. "I don't know."

"You don't know?" Lu Yin felt this was odd. Jiang Chen did not know such a fundamental detail, and yet still dared to try to catch the rabbit.

Jiang Chen was frustrated. "There are countless parallel dimensions in the universe, and time can pass differently in them. It's possible that the rabbit entered a pocket dimension and stayed there for 18,000 years, or maybe it hasn't improved at all. Who knows."

"It's not that easy to enter a parallel space, right?" Lu Yin did not believe this to be true.

Jiang Chen wagged a finger. "That's for you. That rabbit once fought against my father, and it's able to travel through parallel dimensions. This is why it has to be caught, as otherwise it will become a scourge in the future."

That rabbit already is a scourge for Elder Lohar, Lu Yin said to himself.

"Brother Jiang, do you know anything about Jupiter?" Lu Yin suddenly asked as he staring into Jiang Chen's eyes.

Jiang Chen felt confused. "Jupiter?"

He tipped his head back to look up at the sky and past it into space. He looked at the massive planet. "That's just an ordinary planet. Why do you care about it?"

Lu Yin's eyes grew sharp. "That's not a normal planet; I can't enter it."

Lu Yin had been suspicious that Jiang Chen was a member of the Hidden Earth Society, and so he had brought up Jupiter to test Jian Chen.

Jiang Chen instantly became interested. "Not even you can get in there? You're not messing with me? It's just a planet."

Lu Yin frowned. There was nothing unusual about Jiang Chen's reaction, and it seemed that he really did not know anything. Was it possible that he really had no connection with the Hidden Earth Society?

"I really can't get in that planet. Brother Jiang, would you like to go check it out with me? We still have a bit before Luo Shen's dance ends," Lu Yin offered.

Jiang Chen nodded. "Okay. It was getting boring anyway. Let's go have some fun."

Lu Yin took a deep look at Jiang Chen. Either this person really did have nothing to do with the Hidden Earth Society, or his acting skills were too good.

No matter which it was, this was not someone Lu Yin could just ignore. He was young, but his strength was terrifying.

The two quickly left Earth and stepped into space, making their way towards the observation station orbiting Jupiter.

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There was a piece of forgotten land in the Neoverse that was called Dark World. It was also known as Black Street. This place was the Neoverse's landfill. Every day, untold amounts of trash was sent to this place. Some would be recycled, while the rest would be processed. The garbage delivered to this place not only consisted of trash from everyday life and cultivation, but also included living creatures, such as humans and astral beasts.

Black Street was rarely brought up in the Neoverse, as though even the mention of the place was gross. It was filled with the underbelly of the Neoverse, and the people who lived in this place were all in hiding.

There was a light and a dark to all things, and the southern border of the Neoverse was the darkest region of the Neoverse. This was where the Seven Courts could be found, as well as Black Street. There were many people who were not willing to see the shadows cast by the light, but this was a place that was a refuge for the dark side of the universe.

When people tossed their trash, many no longer thought of it, but trash often held bits of information.

In Black Street, there were people who specialized in processing the information that could be gleaned from refuse, and they easily extracted information that was useful to them.

Although the place was a dump, because of the recycling efforts and the information gathered from the refuse, Black Street was not a small place. The truth was that many people were very cautious of Black Street.

Azure Mansion was one of Black Street's businesses.

It was ironic that a business that attracted the major powers of the Neoverse and which gathered beautiful women was actually something that came from a dump.

The master of Black Street was actually Bu Laoweng, one of the Hall of Honor's nine overseers.



Many people were concerned about Bu Laoweng, as many organizations had their interests represented by this old man, and their interests were also tied in with Black Street.

At this particular moment, Bu Laoweng was lying on the ground and his entire body was trembling. His skin had become loose, and his hair was going gray. There was a terrible fear and remorse in his eyes.

Tian Shao lay to the old man's side. The young man looked to be in a coma, but it was impossible to know if he was dead or alive.

Thump, thump, thump

Bu Laoweng picked up his head, and something caught his eye. It was a beautiful woman. She had white hair, and she was staring at the old man with cold eyes. "It's been a long time, Mr. Overseer."

Bu Laoweng stared at the woman. When he spoke, his voice was hoarse, "You gave me Vitality Poison!"

The woman was Ming Yan, and she was currently the white-haired personality. "Mr. Overseer knows it very well."

Bu Laoweng did not respond, and instead just stared at the woman for a moment before angrily shouting, "Why is the Neohuman Alliance treating me like this? I've always been loyal to the Neohuman Alliance, and I even risked my life to find the location of that place and have left my name on Aeterna! I'm yours! You shouldn't attack me!"

The white-haired Ming Yan stared down at Bu Laoweng from high above. Tian Shao's protector had been the one who had brought Bu Laoweng to Ming Yan and had poisoned him. The Vitality Poison was something that surpassed power level, and even Tian Shao's guardian who had a power level of more than 400,000 had been poisoned, so there was no need to mention Bu Laoweng.

At first, all that Ming Yan had wanted was to gain control of Black Street and then offer it to Lu Yin. She had not expected to uncover something so important: Bu Laoweng was actually a member of the Neohuman Alliance, a traitor to the Hall of Honor. He was one of the Hall of Honor's nine overseers, and held such a high position that even experts with power levels of more than a million had to show him respect.

The value of Ming Yan's gift was growing greater and greater. She was greatly anticipating giving it to Lu Yin. She could not even imagine his reaction.

However, she also felt a sense of urgency. Bu Laoweng was part of the Neohuman Alliance, which meant that he was able to contact the Neohuman Alliance. Vitality Poison was something that had been made by the Neohuman Alliance.

The more she thought about this, the more urgency she felt. Ming Yan stared at Bu Laoweng with cold eyes, then slowly said, "I was ordered to take control of Black Street. You have become worthless."

Bu Laoweng gasped and stared at Ming Yan. "I don't believe it! I'm an overseer of the Hall of Honor; how can that be worthless?"

Ming Yan replied coldly, "You've already lost to Lu Yin, so what value could you hold? Your hypocrisy has already been exposed, so you won't receive any useful information in the future."

"I don't believe you! I want to speak with Aeternus! Give me back my gadget! I want to speak with Mr. Feng." Bu Laoweng struggled to move.

Ming Yan's eyes flashed, but she took out the man's gadget and threw it to him.

Bu Laoweng quickly activated the device and accessed a secret network. Suddenly, his gadget was seized back by Ming Yan.

Ming Yan stared at the what Bu Laoweng had accessed. Out of the various people he had previously called, there was one who was the so-called Mr. Feng.

"What are you doing?" Bu Laoweng roared. "I have information to share with Mr. Feng. As long as he hears what I have to say, he will definitely save me! I'm still valuable! Let me call Mr. Feng!"

Ming Yan frowned and stared at the names of the people the overseer had contacted. There was a note attached to each and every name. Among them, Mr. Feng was listed as the housekeeper, while the others had their own notes. Almost all of them were the names of places she had never heard of, but her eyes narrowed when she saw one name: Aru. The note attached to this name was 'Jupiter.'

Jupiter, Jupiter, This was a name she had heard before. One time when Lu Yin had been speaking to her he had mentioned a place called Earth, and he had also mentioned other planets in the same system. One of those planets had been named Jupiter. This might be a coincidence, as Jupiter was not too rare of a name for a planet in the universe.

She pointed to Aru's name and carefully said, "How dare you contact him?"

Bu Laoweng's eyes grew stern. "That was at Mr. Feng's order. Once Lu Yin returns to Earth, he-"

He suddenly stopped speaking and stared at Ming Yan. The old man suddenly shouted, "You're not from the Neohuman Alliance!"

Ming Yan had already confirmed that this Jupiter was the same Jupiter that was close to Earth, and this meant that there were people from the Neohuman Alliance there. This was bad. She had to inform Lu Yin immediately.

### **Chapter 1348: Vanish**

"Who the hell are you? Why do you have the Neohuman Alliance's Vitality Poison?" Bu Laoweng shouted hoarsely.

Ming Yan knocked the old man out and immediately called Lu Yin. She already knew his contact information, but since she had always been on Shenwu Continent, she had never been able to call him since no signals could get out of the sealed continent. Fortunately, Bu Laoweng's gadget was one of the special models. Otherwise, even if he had received certain information, he would never have been able to call people in the Innerverse and Outerverse. Lu Yin should be in one of those two regions at this time.

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In the Outerverse, outside Earth, Lu Yin and Jiang Chen were standing in the observation station that orbited Jupiter. They were staring at the massive planet in front of them.

"You really can't get in?" Jiang Chen asked.

Lu Yin shook his head. "I tried before. Why don't you try?"

Jiang Chen pouted. "You go first."

He was not stupid. Who knew if this would be dangerous? Besides, his father had taught him to be cautious.

Lu Yin looked at Jian Chen. It really did seem like this person knew nothing of Jupiter. Could he really not be from the Hidden Earth Society?

As they stared at Jupiter, Lu Yin summoned the station master.

The station master was a bit of a brute, but he was still a Hunter. His name is Aru. "Aru greets his Highness."

Lu Yin let out a sigh as he glanced at Aru. This man seemed to be slightly familiar. Lu Yin asked, "Has anyone recently approached Jupiter?"

Aru replied in a respectful tone, "No."

Lu Yin stared at Jupiter with deep eyes. At this moment, his gadget beeped that there was an incoming call. He looked down and saw it was a call request from an unfamiliar ID. He wanted to refuse the call, but after thinking for a moment, people who could reach him personally were not ordinary people, so he picked it up.

The voice of the white-haired Ming Yan instantly erupted from the gadget: "Lu Yin, there's a man on Jupiter near Earth whose name is Aru. He belongs to the Neohuman Alliance."

Lu Yin heard her words, as did Jiang Chen who was next to him, as well as Aru, who had been respectfully standing behind the two youths.

No one had expected such a coincidence, so at this moment, all three people heard Ming Yan's message.

Aru's eyes suddenly turned dead, and he lifted his head to stare at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's mind raced like lightning. He looked at Aru, and suddenly remembered that he had previously used the name Barudar, and he had been the station master of the Gema Space Station.

When Lu Yin had first made his way to the Great Yu Empire from Earth, the ship he had been on had stopped by Gema Space Station. Station Master Baruda had spoken with Sigmund Mathers, and that communication had led to Sigmund being accused of colluding with the Neohuman Alliance as soon as the ship had arrived at Zenyu Star. The charges had been specifically made because Barudar had fled with twenty-six corpse kings.

Lu Yin had not expected to meet Barudar at this place.

Reflexively, Lu Yin caused an astral chessboard to appear beneath his feet, and Lu Yin and Jiang Chen were both moved as Barudar attacked. Suddenly, a strange and creepy doll entered Lu Yin's vision. His pupils instantly constricted; that was Shaman God's doll.

Instantly, all of Lu Yin's perception changed. His vision was suddenly based from the back of his hand, and he was smelling from his legs. All of his body's senses had been rearranged. Fortunately, the Ce Secret Art had already activated, and Lu Yin had moved himself and Jiang Chen away from the space station.

At Lu Yin's side, lightning erupted from Jiang Chen's body, as he was feeling a terrible sense of danger. Barudar's power level spiked several times. It reached the Enlighter level, and then continued on to 300,000, 400,000, and even 500,000. His eyes saw Lu Yin and only Lu Yin. This youth was a must-kill target for the Neohuman Alliance.

Based on the distance between Lu Yin and Barudar, as well as Barudar's power level, they were basically touching. Also, Barudar was not relying on his own strength, but on Shaman God's after the doll had appeared from a transportation sourcebox array.

Barudar attacked Lu Yin.

Even if Higsage Grandmaster made a move, it would be impossible to save Lu Yin in the time it would take the attack to land.

Lu Yin's five senses had been mixed up, and he was unable to do a thing.

Jiang Chen shot lightning into his sword and moved to intercept Barudar's attack.

Neither Barudar nor Shaman God had expected Jiang Chen to have the courage to step forward. He was an ant who was not worth considering. Barudar pointed at the new obstacle to remove it, but the attack failed. Jiang Chen simply disappeared, and truly disappeared.

Lu Yin's hearing shifted to the soles of his feet, and the last words he heard from Jiang Chen were: "Friend, take care of yourself."

Shaman God's attack had completely missed, leaving him stunned. Jiang Chen had actually disappeared from Shaman God's sight, which was something that not even an Envoy could do.

While Shaman God was still in a stunned state, Higsage Grandmaster appeared. His power was magnificent, and he attacked Shaman God.

Terrible shockwaves swept out, and the void was destroyed as the universe visibly collapsed. This was the power of Semi-Progenitors.

Lu Yin was swept out by the shockwaves, but fortunately, Higsage Grandmaster had blocked most of the force. Lu Yin was simply pushed away, though he happened to be pushed towards Jupiter.

Seeing Higsage Grandmaster take action, Lu Yin knew that he was saved. This had been very dangerous. If not for Ming Yan's message, he would not have shifted away from the sudden attack in time, and at that distance, it would absolutely have killed him.

Lu Yin stabilized himself and stared off into the distance where Higsage Grandmaster had appeared. There was no longer any problem.

Suddenly, an overwhelming force started sucking Lu Yin backwards. He turned his head and saw the huge image of Jupiter. His body was suddenly swallowed by Jupiter without any resistance.

Both Highsage Grandmaster and Shaman God were stunned by this sudden development, and Highsage Grandmaster instinctively reached out to grab Lu Yin, but just as he was approaching Jupiter, he felt an indescribable sense of danger and managed to stop himself in time.

Shaman God had a strange smirk. His doll disappeared, and Barudar's body simply exploded into cosmic dust.

Lu Yin had disappeared into Jupiter. Before he had disappeared, the last thing he thought of was Mister Mu. Lu Yin had won ZENITH, but Mister Mu had still not given Lu Yin his reward!

When Arch-Elder Zen heard this news, he unexpectedly asked Highsage Grandmaster to return, and then locked down the area surrounding Jupiter and blocked all news concerning Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's place as one of the top ten of ZENITH was given to Liu Tianmu. Starsibyl, who had been given the opportunity to replace Wang Yi had refused. For some reason, the Technocracy had never sent anyone to replace Wang Yi, and ultimately the Hall of Honor had decided to choose a replacement.

Lu Yin's disappearance carried untold ripple effects. He was tied into far too much that spread too far. The most obvious example was the Great Eastern Alliance, and Lu Yin also had many enemies.

With Lu Yin around, nobody could make a move, but with him gone, everyone would covet what he had.

The clearest example were the powers that led the Innerverse's eight great flowzones. All of them had long been eyeing the Great Eastern Alliance.

Lu Yin had simply been sucked into Jupiter, which was just a planet. It stood to reason that Lu Yin should not have suffered any mishap. After all, he could easily destroy such a planet. However, the Hall of Honor's response to Lu Yin's disappearance showed that he would not reappear, as there was no other reason for them to have moved so quickly to fill his slot among the top ten of ZENITH.

Such actions could only mean one thing: Lu Yin would not return, and not even Highsage Grandmaster had been able to protect him.

In Blazing Mist Flowzone, the sylvan dragon clan and the Ross Empire began to amass their forces.

They would not touch Lu Yin's friends or relatives, as Lu Yin had been supported by Leon's Armada and Yuan Shi. Making such a move would create trouble for the two top powers in Blazing Mist Flowzone. On the other hand, they absolutely had to break apart the Great Eastern Alliance.

The Outerverse had seventy-two weaves, and the powers that controlled the major weaves had all begun to panic.

However, just as someone was about to make the first move, news was released from the Hall of Honor's Interstellar Supreme Court. The Chief Justice had declared that war could not be declared in the Innerverse or the Outerverse, and that the current equilibrium should be maintained. Any actions of war would be treated as an act of war against the Interstellar Supreme Court itself.

This news shook the entire universe.

The Interstellar Supreme Court was a judicial body, and it had never once interfered in disputes in the Innerverses or the Outerverses. It was inconceivable that it would make such an unprecedented move just to protect all that Lu Yin had amassed.

Lu Yin had already been supported by a number of top powers. Yuan Shi's existence alone was enough to deter the Innerverses from ever touching Lu Yin's family and friends. However, the Interstellar Supreme Court had also stepped forward for him, and this left the ruling powers of both the Innerverses and Outerverses utterly speechless. If Lu Yin was already gone, just how was he able to continue to exert such tremendous influence? Just what was the relationship between Lu Yin and the Chief Justice?

Forget anyone else, not even Lu Yin himself knew why the Chief Justice would give Lu Yin so much support. These actions actually violated the rules of the Interstellar Supreme Court.

The Judicial Commissioner the Calm of Despair looked for the Chief Justice to ask about this matter, but it was useless. The Chief Justice was determined to protect everything that Lu Yin possessed.

However, Lu Yin knew about none of this, as he was unconscious.

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Blue water stretched out of sight, and strange seabirds occasionally flew through the sky while letting out soft cries.

There was a ship on the sea that was sailing in a particular direction. This ship was not large, and when the sea churned, it was revealed that the ship was covered in scars. It looked as though it had survived a battle, and some of the damage was still fresh.

There was a sturdily built, middle-aged man on the deck, and he was looking into the distance. He had deep set eyes, and he was clearly thinking about something. His fingers were unconsciously tapping on the ship. An old man walked up behind the man on the deck. The old man looked terrified, and his eyes revealed sadness, as well as confusion about the future. "-ou, Mr. Shou, can you really do this? If these matters are exposed, there is no chance of you and I surviving."

The middle-aged man turned to stare at the old man. "What are you afraid of? You should have died with your Lord a few days ago, but I saved you. I've already thought of everything."

The old man shuddered and turned to look back at the cabin. "But- but what if that young man wakes up? Will he be willing?"

The man surnamed Shou sneered. "He'll become a son-in-law to the main branch of Upper Realm's White Dragon Clan; what is there to refuse? I'm just waiting for him to wake up."

The old man could not stop his body from trembling. He sighed and lifted his head.

This was a strange place. There was an endless sky overhead with stars shining. Beyond the stars there was a vague outline. That outline was a higher land, where the more noble people lived. Everyone called it Upper Realm.

If one looked around the sea, it was possible to see rainbows far away, though they were still connected to the ground and the sky. In one particular direction, there was a blurry image that seemed to be some kind of wall that blocked a person's sight. This strange world was the Perennial World.

It was impossible to know how long it took, but eventually, Lu Yin heard an indistinct human voice, "Go. The kid's moving. Go tell Mr. Shou."

"Mr. Shou! The kid moved."

"Be careful with your words! He is Young Master Long Qi."

"Yes, yes, yes, Young Master Long Qi. Young Master Long Qi just moved."

"I was attacked a few days ago, and the child was seriously injured. Fortunately, he survived. Everyone remember this for me: even in your dreams, you can only even think of him as the seventh son of Long Qi."

"Yes, Mr. Shou."

Soon, the voices disappeared, and Lu Yin no longer heard anything.

### **Chapter 1349: Strange Place**

Day and night passed in this place.

At night, this sea was full of danger. The ship was not large, and from time to time, massive marine creatures would pass by, putting the ship at risk of being overturned every time. Mr. Shou stood alone at the ship's bow and drove away the powerful marine creatures.

Inside the cabin, Lu Yin's eyes suddenly opened. He stood up, his mind still in the time when the Neohuman Alliance was attacking. He was still with Barudar, Jiang Chen, Shaman God, and Highsage Grandmaster. He was at Jupiter. Jupiter was behind him. He had been attacked by Jupiter, and sucked away. Wait, where was he?

A hand reached out in front of Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed, and his hand shot up to grab the arm. He twisted it violently, causing a squeak to be heard, followed by a scream, "Let go! Kid, let go! Help, Mr. Shou! Mr. Shou!"

"Shut up." Lu Yin slowly sank back down and pressed the man against the floor.

The door opened, and Lu Yin looked up to see a group of people rush in. His eyes focused at the back of the crowd onto a sturdily-built middle-aged man. This person was not weak. Lu Yin's pupils transformed into runes and he observed the man. Eh? No runes? Wait, there were no runes to be seen from anybody; was this inside Jupiter? Even if it was, why were there no runes?

The Rune Progenitor's power had covered the entire Fifth Mainland, so unless Lu Yin was no longer in the Fifth Mainland, where was he?

"All of you, stand down," Mr. Shou said. Everyone else stepped back.

The man who Lu Yin had pinned to the floor was gritting his teeth in pain.

Mr. Shou looked at Lu Yin and smiled as he spoke, "Little brother, you fell into the Middle Ocean, and we saved you."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed, but he loosened his hand. He looked down at his own body, and saw that he had very little star energy left, and his channels for circulating his star energy were all blocked, though not injured. He could not tell why this was the case. He also saw that his own body looked to have been badly injured, and some of the wounds looked like vicious cuts.

It appeared that he had been badly wounded, and the injuries also all looked to be quite painful, but everyone was nothing but minor injuries to Lu Yin. Fortunately, he still had his cosmic ring, and so long as he used some of the medication he had in there, he would be able to recover within just a few days. As for his blocked channels, that was not a major concern either.

With his cosmic ring, Lu Yin was able to pull out his universal armor at any moment, so he would have no problem protecting himself.

At this thought, he relaxed a great deal.

"Sorry", he said as he completely freed the man.

The man quickly got to his feet. He stared at Lu Yin in fear as he backed out of the cabin.

There was also an old man who had entered the room with Mr. Shou.

Lu Yin looked at the men. "This junior thanks you both for saving him."

Mr. Shou replied with a smile, "You're welcome. Our meeting was fate. I am Shou Sheng, and I am an explorer who belongs to the Root."

Lu Yin said, "I'm-"

He had been just about to reveal his real name, but after a moment's thought, he said, "I'm Ah Qi, an independent cultivator."

Shou Sheng's eyes flashed and he smiled. "Brother Qi is an independent cultivator? You do not look like it. Although I cannot see your cultivation, your physical strength is quite good, and cannot compare to most independent cultivators."

Lu Yin's gaze grew sharp. "I stumbled upon some natural treasures."

Shou Sheng smiled. "I know the struggle of independent cultivators. Brother Qi, rest well. I won't bother you any longer."

Lu Yin really wanted to know where he was, but he was not stupid, so there was no way he would ask such a question. While Shou Sheng seemed straightforward and rather honest, Lu Yin felt something treacherous from the man, and it raised Lu Yin's vigilance. "Thank you Mr. Shou."

Shou Sheng nodded and then led the old man away.

Not once during the entire episode had the old man spoken.

After leaving the cabin, the old man expressed his anxiousness, "Mr. Shou, why didn't you tell him? We'll arrive soon, and if he doesn't agree then, isn't it certain that we'll all die?"



Shou Sheng shook his head. "I had no intention of saying anything right now. The youth is evasive in his answers, and he hides from questions. It's impossible to know where he actually came from."

"And yet you dare allow him to pretend to be my young master?" The old man was extremely worried.

Shou Sheng's eyes snapped over to the old man. "And what if I don't? Can you continue to live on in the Middle Realm? If that happens, not only will I not get paid, but I might also be hunted down by the White Dragon Clan. Neither of us can afford to take responsibility for this matter."

"Then what if everything gets ruined at that time?" The old man was terrified.

Shou Sheng sneered. "Then that's just his business, as you and I will already be long gone. We take him to his destination, you get a lot of money, and then I will offer you a special price and you will hire me to take you to safety in a place where you can rest in your old age."

The old man swallowed, still nervous, but there was nothing he could say.

"Don't worry, that vial of blood has already been injected into him. The White Dragon clan's blood is plenty to suppress his own. When the time comes, the presence of the White Dragon clan's blood will be enough to let him pass through their exam. Don't worry, the powerhouses of the White Dragon clan will be around when this kid shows up, he'll be forced to cooperate even if he doesn't want to. If not, he dies, and nobody wants to die. So, what do you think?" Shou Sheng looked at the old man.

The old man shuddered. "Yes, yes."

Lu Yin had wandered about the universe for more than a decade, and he was no longer an inexperienced child. He did not have a good feeling about Shou Sheng, and so Lu Yin intended to leave the ship as soon as possible.

The next day, Lu Yin exited the cabin, and then saw the endless sea. There was a wall in the distance that seemed to block off another world, and rainbows that connect the sky to the ground. Everything above his head seemed blurry. Where was this place?

During his ten-plus years as a cultivator who had roamed the universe, Lu Yin had seen many strange places. Despite that, this place still managed to surprise him.

He heard footsteps from behind, and Shou Sheng walked up. Lu Yin did not reveal any unfamiliarity with where he was, and simply took a deep breath and stretched his arms.

"Brother Qi's body is recovering quickly." Shou Sheng laughed heartily as he stepped up to Lu Yin's side.

Lu Yin smiled and replied, "I have thick skin. Mr. Shou, where are we headed?"

Shou Sheng said casually, "Not too far away."

Lu Yin nodded. They were in the middle of a vast sea, so he did not want to be impulsive and simply leave. It would be best to have solid ground beneath his feet before fleeing, though with Lu Yin's strength, let alone the middle of the sea, he would be fine surviving in the middle of space. Still, this was an unknown place, and he did not want to take too many risks.

He looked up and saw the land up above. This place seemed to be a hidden region, and there was actually ground up above the stars and the sun. Could he be inside of Jupiter?

Shou Sheng noticed that Lu Yin was staying rather quiet, and so the middle-aged man stayed relatively quiet himself. After calculating the time, he realized it was almost time.

Lu Yin returned to the cabin and waited for nightfall. Inside the cabin, Lu Yin lifted his hand and brought out his die. He first needed to allow his body to recover, and that thought caused him to set aside his cosmic ring. After that, he immediately rolled the die.

It spun slowly before suddenly stopping. Luckily, it was four pips: Timestop. Lu Yin grabbed his cosmic ring as the scenery changed before his eyes and he entered the Timestop Space.

After entering the space, Lu Yin let out a sigh of relief. He opened his cosmic ring and took out an ancient medication he had upgraded. He had twelve such pills, and he had upgraded them all to the point that their rune lines compared to an Enlighter, and three had been further upgraded until they matched the runes of an Enlighter with a power level of close to 300,000.

Lu Yin's combat power was strong enough for him to overpower Enlighters with power levels of more than 400,000, but he himself was still just a Hunter, so these pills were perfect for him.

There was also the pill he had been given by the elders of the Cosmic Sect which was useful for even Envoys, but that pill was too precious, as well as unnecessary.

After a moment's thought, Lu Yin swallowed a pill. It did not really matter if it worked or not.

The medicinal herbs entered his body, and were quite effective. The wounds covering his body began to recover at a visible rate, and his internal injuries also began to quickly heal.

However, his blocked channels did not improve, and Lu Yin could not determine how they had been blocked.

He was not in a hurry, as he could stay in this space for a long time and cultivate.

He then began to silently recite the full Stonewall Scriptures, even as he was practicing his other battle techniques.

A month soon passed in the space, and Lu Yin's blocked channels had recovered a great deal. He quickly absorbed some energy from some star essence in order to restore his body's reserves.

Two months. Three months. Eventually, five months. Lu Yin's star energy reserves had been fully restored, and he let out a long breath. As long as he was able to recover, he would be able to protect himself.

With the defensive strength of his universal armor, he should be safe even in such an unknown place.

The scenery again changed before him, and Lu Yin returned to the ship's cabin.

He had spent five months in the Timestop Space, but only a moment had passed in the outside world.

Lu Yin deliberately restrained his breath and suppressed his star energy, as he did not want his recovery to be noticed by others.

As the sky brightened, Lu Yin walked out of the cabin ready to leave the ship as soon as it reached the shore.

As soon as he emerged, he looked up and saw it was very dark off in the distance. It looked like the precursor of an approaching storm.

Shou Sheng's expression was solemn, as well as rather unsightly.

There were other people on deck, though all of them looked apprehensive and frightened.

When the old man saw Lu Yin walking out of the cabin, he quickly said, "Little- Little Brother, you should return to the cabin. There's danger approaching."

Lu Yin did not ask any questions, as he was afraid that any questions he had would reveal his lack of common knowledge and cause him to be seen through. He turned around and returned to the cabin.

Soon, an inexplicable sense of danger struck him, and made his scalp go numb. The fact that the Stonewall Scriptures had failed to inform him of approaching danger as he was accustomed to. Without it, he was actually much less vigilant towards the outside world.

He lifted his hand. The ambient star energy was actually trembling. This was not something that most people could see, but Lu Yin's control of star energy had reached the Worldliness realm, and he was able to see that star energy was actually breaking down, and the process of the reaction was accelerating.

Some power was approaching, and this power left Lu Yin's back go cold. He immediately put on his universal armor.

The black sky off in the distance was rapidly approaching, and a roar echoed through the sky and sea. The sound caused the sea to churn, and the stars to fade as a violent hurricane swept across the sea. The ship bobbed up and down, nearly capsizing.

Shou Sheng became desperate. This storm had the strength of an Envoy, while he was merely an Enlightener. He was utterly powerless before an Envoy.

Four massive eyes suddenly appeared in the pitch-black sky. Flames flashed, and then a monster fanned out wings of flames that evaporated the sea as the creature slowly descended.

The creature was an incomparably massive two-headed behemoth. It was no smaller than the size that Star Devourer had assumed when ZENITH had first started. The monstrous beast held its two heads high as its two huge clawed feet flickered through the air as it floated in the sky.

Lu Yin's pupils shrank. This beast had the power of an Envoy. He reflexively wanted to measure the beast's power level, only to realize that his gadget was gone.

The air was shuddering, and the sea was boiling. Countless dead fish floated atop the waves, and terrifyingly hot flames covered the sky within an instant, and the entire sky turned red.

Lu Yin's expression grew serious. The power of this beast was no less than Leader Hong had been at his peak. Just where was this place? Was it possible to run into an Envoy so easily?

Wait, since this creature had the strength of an Envoy, the power it had already released should have torn through the void. A thought flashed through Lu Yin's mind, and he waved a hand out. By Lu Yin's reasoning, he should have easily torn open the void with such a movement, but his hand simply waved through the air and did not affect the void in the slightest.

### **Chapter 1350: Long Qi Of The White Dragon Clan**

Space was much more durable in this location than in the Fifth Mainland, as despite Lu Yin's power, he was unable to tear through the void.

As far as that beast with the strength of an Envoy was concerned, their ship was smaller than even an ant.

Shou Sheng and the others looked on in despair, hoping that the monster would not attack them.

There was another violent roar, and the sea flipped. Shou Sheng hurriedly quickly moved to stabilize the vessel, and he then looked up. The creature's head had descended, its mouth open and ready to swallow the entire ship.

Lu Yin's scalp went numb, and he instinctively wanted to escape.

Suddenly, there was an angry shout, "Beast! Get back!"

The dark sky was sliced apart, and the sun again shone down on the ship's deck. At this moment, Lu Yin had one foot over the side of the ship, but after hearing the stern shout, he pulled his leg back and turned to see the massive and powerful beast wailing. It landed in the sea with a splash and slowly sank. Its eyes showed its anguish, but even the wings of flames it had spread across the sky were extinguished.

Lu Yin was stunned. This person was an Envoy, but who had they moved out for?

Up in the sky stood a burly man more than two meters tall. His head was lowered, and he was looking down at the ship.

Shou Sheng and others hurriedly showed their respects, "Thank you for your benevolence."

The man's body disappeared in a flash, and when he reappeared, he was already on the ship. Behind him, one could still see the huge monster that looked amazingly intimidating.

Lu Yin had returned to the cabin and he watched from there.

The Envoy's eyes swept past Shou Sheng and others before focusing on the old man. The Envoy looked straight at the old man, and his eyes grew much softer. "You're from the Dalian Mountain branch, correct?"

The old man trembled and he hurriedly kneeled. "Elder sees true. This one is the butler of the White Dragon Clan's Dalian Mountain Branch in the Middle Realm ."

The Envoy asked, "Did someone bring him?"

The old man was clearly frightened, and he saw Shou Sheng's face go pale from the corner of his eyes, but the old man solemnly replied, "We- we brought him, but the Young Master was attacked during our voyage. He was injured, and is currently resting in the cabin."

The Envoy was overjoyed. "He's not dead?"

The old man shuddered. "No, he is not dead."

The Envoy was clearly excited, and he looked towards the cabin.

Lu Yin has already removed his universal armor, as he did not want to attract any attention. However, how was this Envoy looking at Lu Yin? If any problem arose, Lu Yin would have to flee, despite the possibility of danger in the sea.

After a while, the Envoy left, though the massive beast did not. Instead, the creature moved beneath the ship, and then picked the vessel up and flew away.

Lu Yin was shocked. Since the beast was present, how would he manage to escape? His universal armor was able to protect him from attacks of a certain level, but it would certainly not allow him to escape from an Envoy who decided to track him.

There was a knock at the door. Lu Yin grew nervous. "Please come in."

Shou Sheng and the old man both entered. One had a smile on his face, the other fear.

"Little brother, how's your body recovering? You weren't scared just now, were you?" Shou Sheng smiled happily as he looked at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin reluctantly smiled back. "No. By the way, I'm not sure what just happened? Where are we going?"

He no longer cared about exposing himself, so he openly asked his question.

Shou Sheng smiled and replied, "We're headed to the White Dragon Clan's Middle Realm's base."

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. By Shou Sheng's response, it seemed like this White Dragon Clan had to be famous and something that he should know about, so Lu Yin did not dare ask anything about the clan. "I'm not sure what's going on here, but could you let this junior leave? There are things I need to do."

Shou Sheng looked at Lu Yin with a strange smile. "Little brother, there's no longer any need for secret's as your chance is here."

Lu Yin was momentarily stunned, but his eyes grew cold at hearing such inexplicable words come from a stranger's mouth. This was not reassuring. "What does that mean?"

Shou Sheng glanced over at the old man.

The old man helplessly replied, "That lord just now that Little Brother saw, he's an elder from the White Dragon Clan. A super powerhouse, and the beast beneath us is his mount."

Lu Yin narrowed his eyes. "So what? What does that have to do with me?"

"Some time ago, the White Dragon Clan sent out an announcement to all branches that men from the mortal tribes must report back to White Mountain. We are from one of the White Dragon Clan's

branches, but we were attacked during our journey, and our scion perished. For the moment, Little Brother, you are part of my White Dragon Clan: the scion of the Dalian Mountain Branch, Long Qi," the old man slowly explained.

Lu Yin's eyes went wide as he stared at the old man in confusion.

Shou Sheng continued, "The White Dragon Clan has strict rules; any who fail to report within the specified time will be punished extremely severely. If the scion dies, the entire escort will be charged with the crime of insufficient protection, which is a serious crime."

"So that's why you want me to impersonate this person?" Lu Yin felt strange.

Shou Sheng nodded.

The old man also slowly nodded. "Little Brother, your appearance is quite similar to my son's. The only picture remaining of my son is from when he was a child, and it had been left back with the clan. Little Brother's appearance is similar enough to deceive people."

"Actually, that's already been confirmed. The elder from the White Dragon Clan glanced at you earlier, and he accepted your appearance. All that's left is to enjoy your fortune. Little Brother, this is the White Dragon Clan! You're to become a member of the White Dragon Clan's Dalian Mountain branch! Your status will undergo earth-shaking changes! From today on, you are no longer an independent cultivator, but a member of the White Dragon Clan! They are one of the four most powerful forces of the Upper Realm, and also one of the ruling clans," Shou Sheng excitedly explained, his voice clearly full of envy.

Lu Yin sneered. "You guys are truly naive. I'm an outsider, and yet you want me to pass the White Dragon Clan's inspection and become a member of their clan? And this is supposed to work by just having a similar appearance?"

Shou Sheng quietly replied, "Of course there's more to it than that. We've injected blood from the deceased scion into you. The blood of the White Dragon Clan, even a branch family, is something that your own blood can never compare to. You already have the blood of the White Dragon Clan inside your body, and your own blood has already been assimilated into it. This is enough to fool anyone. Little Brother, don't you want to join the White Dragon Clan?"

Ridicule flashed through Lu Yin's eyes. This person had to be an idiot. It would be the greatest joke if it was that simple to fool the White Dragon Clan.

Shou Sheng's mouth curled into a smile. "Little Brother doesn't seem very willing to do this, but unfortunately, there is no other way. The White Dragon Clan's elder has already determined your identity. Even if you don't want to do this, you should have already heard of the White Dragon Clan's methods."

Lu Yin's expression grew ugly as he stared at Shou Sheng. "Aren't you worried I'll be exposed and that we'll all die together?"

The old man suddenly looked even more frightened.

Shou Sheng's eyes turned grim and he no longer put on any sort of act. "Failing to protect a scion of the White Dragon Clan is a truly serious offense, and the punishment is bad enough to make me want to die a hundred times over. Regardless, none of this matters; do you think you can beat me, Little Brother?"

Lu Yin went silent. Yes, Lu Yin would definitely be able to beat this man, but it also sounded like the White Dragon Clan was a power in this place that was comparable to the Cosmic Sect in the Neoverse. This meant that there was no way or time for Lu Yin to escape.

That was the thing, there was no time. If Lu Yin could pass off as the dead scion for a bit, it would allow this Shou Sheng to escape, and then Lu Yin's own life and death would have nothing to do with this Enlighter.

After coming to understand Shou Sheng's intentions, Lu Yin readied himself to fight. He would make his escape right away. It would be better to try to face an Enlighter realm beast that try to escape from this White Dragon Clan. That White Dragon Clan elder would be much more difficult to deal with than this beast. Also, Lu Yin had the Desolate Array from Highsage Grandmaster, as well as the walnut-shaped power vessel. Those would be enough for him to deal with a beast.

As for Shou Sheng, Lu Yin had no intention to hold himself back at all.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed, and just when he was about to attack, the ship swayed and Shou Sheng stood up. "We've arrived."

Lu Yin's heart fell; he was already too late. The Envoy level beast had been too fast, and they had almost instantly arrived at their destination. The White Dragon Clan elder and the clan's other top powerhouses must also be in this place, and it would be impossible for Lu Yin to escape.

"Young Master, please." Shou Sheng addressed Lu Yin in a very respectful manner and gestured for the younger man to move out first.

The old man stood up, trembling. "Young Master, please."

Lu Yin was helpless. There was no way to escape this situation. As for the option of explaining the truth of the matter to the White Dragon Clan, others would need to believe him, and he would not pin his hopes on the kindness of the White Dragon Clan.

In the end, he could only take things a step at a time! If things did not end up working out, then his only option would be to resist. It was not that he was completely helpless, but more a matter of whether or not it was worth fighting his situation.

Lu Yin stepped off of the ship and onto the back of the massive beast. He felt somewhat uneasy at the fact that there was a creature beneath his feet with the power of an Envoy.

Roar

The beast let out a loud roar, and the ground beneath Lu Yin's feet shook, and he was startled into almost putting on his universal armor.

Next to him, the group with Shou Sheng was also frightened and everyone went pale.

They had landed on a mountain, though Lu Yin could not see how far it extended. Regardless, it was truly enormous.

In the distance, there were floating mountain peaks, and white waterfalls that hung upside down. Strange giant beasts occasionally passed by through the sky, and there were also fish flying up there.

When Lu Yin and the others appeared, a terrifying aura swept over them. Lu Yin roughly estimated that there were no less than ten Enlighteners in this place, as well as the Envoy-realm beast and the White Dragon Clan elder. The power of the people in this place would not lose out to Nightking Planet.

Lu Yin was somewhat terrified; just what was this place? There were so many incredible powerhouses that there was no way that this was inside of Jupiter. There was no way that all of these people were part of the Primeval Surnames Alliance!

They had landed on one of the floating mountains. From a distance, it looked like it was nothing but a mountain, but its size was comparable to Earth itself. It was clearly just a mountain, yet it floated in the sky like a star.

This was like in the Honor Zone.

Only the hidden worlds in the Honor Zone contained planets.

There was another roar from behind them, and Shou Sheng and the others went pale once more. They occasionally turned to look back, as they were all terrified the creature would swallow all of them.

Some distance away, there was a group of cultivators all dressed in white uniforms neatly lined up. At first glance, they looked like an army. Every one of the cultivators was an Explorer, and they each held a long spear and were looking straight ahead.

Further away, the landscape was covered with one building after another. The view was as beautiful as a painting on a scroll.

Lu Yin and the others were led along by an attractive woman, and they saw an incomparably gigantic python-like structure, and they soon saw that it really did look like a white giant python that had been created with an open mouth that was stretched to devour the universe.

The closer Lu Yin came to the building, the heavier his heart felt. He did not know why, but this place gave him a strong sense of déjà vu. At the same time, he also felt an indescribable sense of coercion. Although that coercion was very weak, he still felt it. The pressure from this coercion far surpassed what he had felt from the Envoy-level beast.

They entered the building shaped like a python through the mouth, and they arrived at what looked like an ancestral hall. It had a solemn atmosphere, and the color scheme was completely dominated by white. The walls were etched with lifelike carvings that looked like dragon scales and python scales. Lu Yin could feel that all of the powerhouses had been gathered in this place, and it seemed to be the stomach of the building that looked like a python.