

Chapter 421: Mishap

Old Cai sensed Lu Yin's dissatisfaction, and he sneered. "Little brat, the Astral Combat Academy has its own rules. It can put up a front for you, and the other students can hide inside if they encounter difficulties. There are times when the academy will step up, but the academy cannot meddle in conflicts between the universe's powers. The academy is exactly as its name implies; it's not a power. Do you understand?"

Lu Yin was taken aback, but then he quickly accepted the idea. It was true that the Astral Combat Academy was just an academy. Astral-10 especially was just a prison and could not really help its students. "This student understands. I will hurry to Chaos Flowzone's Deep Crimson Planet."

Old Cai nodded and then disconnected.

Lu Yin looked at the drink in front of him before his expression dropped. He was probably still within Tempest Flowzone, which was very far from Chaos Flowzone. Even if he had an Aurora, it would take him roughly a month of traveling, and that was even discounting any delays and pauses due to rerouting and the Tributary Arks. If there were any sudden developments, then even two months might not be enough.

He rapped on the table while deep in thought and conservatively estimated that it would take him a month and a half to arrive at Chaos Flowzone. He might not even be able to help then, since the only aid he could offer was his own strength.

Actually, Lu Yin was not that worried about Big Pao and Little Pao since Xia Luo and Lulu had gone. Lulu was someone from the Mavis Family, which Deep Crimson Hall would not dare to provoke. Xia Luo's background was even more mysterious, and furthermore, he always acted cautiously and prudently. With Xia Luo already there, it would not make much difference if he went.

At this moment, his top priority was to get into contact with them.

Lu Yin suddenly thought of something, and he hurriedly flipped through his cosmic ring. He found a letter of promise. This one was from Alfonso, who was from Chaos Flowzone's Starphant Mountain.

In the past, during the trial on Shenwu Continent, Lu Yin had forced many of the trialtakers to sign promissory notes for favors, and this person was the heir of a power in Chaos Flowzone.

There were various methods of contact written on the promised agreement, so it was relatively easy for Lu Yin to get into contact with Alfonso.

Lu Yin smiled when he saw Alfonso's constipated expression. "Long time no see, friend."

Alfonso smiled dryly. "Br- Brother Lu, you're not dead?"

Lu Yin was astonished. "Why did you say that? Why would I die?"

Alfonso pursed his lips, as he had seen the news about Lu Yin being swallowed by a storm. He had actually been truly relieved for a while, since Lu Yin had something on him. However, his elation had not

lasted for very long before the bastard appeared once again, looking as healthy as ever. He didn't seem to be injured in any way. "Brother Lu, is there something that I can do for you?"

Lu Yin shook the pact of agreement. "Has Brother Alfonso already forgotten about this?"

Alfonso reluctantly replied, "Brother Lu, please state any request you might have."

Lu Yin seriously answered, "I have a fellow student who might have been captured by the Deep Crimson Hall. I hope that Brother Alfonso can save them."

Alfonso was shocked. "The Deep Crimson Hall? How did your fellow student provoke them?"

"Probably for some revenge. Why, is this Deep Crimson Hall very powerful?" Lu Yin asked. He thought that Alfonso was deliberately rejecting him, as he had researched Deep Crimson Hall before. They only had two Hunters known as the Bo Duo. Such a power was considered weak in Chaos Flowzone, and it could not hold a candle to Starphant Mountain.

"Deep Crimson Hall is not powerful, but they are rather annoying. The Bo Duo are the type to fight to the death, and they also hand over large amounts of star crystals to the Relentless Slayers as protection fees every year. Thus, the powerhouses from that place are always keeping an eye on Deep Crimson Planet. You might not know how formidable the Relentless Slayers are. To put it another way, in Chaos Flowzone, the Relentless Slayers are second only to Chaosgod Mountain."

Lu Yin frowned, as he could tell that Alfonso was not lying. This made things rather inconvenient, as this Bo Duo definitely knew their way around. The universe was cruel, and everyone had their own tricks to survive. This Bo Duo was uninterested in increasing their own strength and prioritized self-preservation. Such people were the most difficult sort to deal with.

"Is there really no way?" Lu Yin asked.

Alfonso shook his head. "I'm not the only heir of Starphant Mountain, so the resources that I can mobilize are rather limited. The sect will not provoke the Relentless Slayers just for me."

"But the Relentless Slayers are not Deep Crimson Hall since they are merely employed."

"Brother Lu, you truly don't understand how things work here in Chaos Flowzone. As long as there's a reason, no matter how far-fetched it may be, it can become the spark of war. The Relentless Slayers act in a ruthless manner, and my sect will not wish to get involved with them whatsoever."

Lu Yin's face fell. "With the current seal on Deep Crimson Planet, do you have any way for me to contact my fellow students?"

Alfonso's eyes flashed. "Yes. About that pact of agreement..."

Lu Yin directly tore it. "How about this?"

Alfonso laughed. "Brother Lu's quite straightforward. Alright, in one day, you'll be able to contact your classmate."

Lu Yin nodded and disconnected from the call.

It was a pity that he had to tear the pact like that, but it was important to make the best use of everything. He wanted to quickly find out what Xia Luo's current situation was like, and he also needed to evaluate whether or not he needed to head to Chaos Flowzone.

He sent a message to Huo Qingshan and the others in the Great Yu Empire to let them know that he was safe. Since the war was currently at a standstill, he had no other options.

Now, there was one other important matter: Nightking Yuanjing. Lu Yin had not gone to the Daynight Feast, which meant that he had missed an appointment. Thus, he needed to apologize.

But before he made the apology, he needed to get some information from the Ghost Monkey. If the Daynight clan could not rescue the Third Nightking, then they would undoubtedly look for Lu Yin again, which might even be the main reason why Nightking Yuanjing had invited him to the Daynight Feast in the first place. However, Lu Yin could no longer provide any more information related to the Great Realm of Nothingness, for if he did, Nightking Yuanjing would think of a way to kidnap him and take him to the Astral Beast Domain.

However, if he had no information about the Great Realm of Nothingness, then he would be worthless to the Nightking clan, which made things rather difficult.

With the Great Yu Empire's current economic recession, they were unable to unify Frostwave Weave anytime soon. If the Daynight clan allowed Nightqueen Yanqing to do as she wished, the woman's resentment might possibly drive her to meddle in Frostwave Weave's war, which would drag the entire Great Yu Empire down.

Lu Yin took another sip of his drink and glanced at his right arm and at the stupid monkey who had still not woken up.

The sky soon went dark, and the shop was about to close. Lu Yin heard the approaching footsteps of the waitress, and he merely rolled his eyes before vanishing. When the waitress arrived, she saw only a vacant booth and an empty glass. Where is he? Did he dine and dash?

The waitress cursed under her breath and tidied up the booth. Suddenly, a group of people entered the café with solemn looks and firm gazes as they neatly surrounded the area, clearly an indication of their training.

The waitress was frightened.

"Where's the person who was just here?" The man in charge turned a stern face to the waitress.

She trembled. "I- I don't know."

The leader frowned. "Check all the surveillance tapes along the coastline and activate the facial recognition software to search for the stranger."

"Yes."

Lu Yin was not aware of it, but his gadget had broadcasted a signal to connect with the universal network. Although this planet's technology had not yet reached the stage where it could enter the wider universe, it was still able to detect a foreign signal. He had not disabled the gadget's signal function, and so, he had been easily discovered.

Two hours later, Lu Yin was deep in thought as he stared at the ocean from atop a tall tree. Troops surrounded him on the ground, forming rings as they aimed their weapons at him, all the while shouting incessantly.

Lu Yin merely yawned and vanished again.

Lu Yin's strength meant that he was essentially a deity on this planet. His existence was completely hidden away by the higher echelons and only recorded in secret files, just like any records on Earth concerning alien spacecraft. Lu Yin had no interest in bullying the people of such a planet.

When he next appeared, he was atop a tall building. Coincidentally, the monkey woke up at that time.

"Monkey, I want to contact Nightking Yuanjing. Are there any other ways for me to deal with him?"

The monkey had not completely woken up, so there was no response to Lu Yin's words.

Lu Yin was not in a hurry, and he took a moment to enjoy the breeze atop the building.

Shortly after, the monkey spoke, "Seventh Bro, where are we?"

"I don't know, probably on some planet in Tempest Flowzone."

"Can't you determine your position through the gadget?"

"Nope, it's probably broken."

"Impossible, that can't be the case if you can connect to the network."

"Whatever it is, I can't determine my location. So tell me, is there any way that I can retain Nightking Yuanjing's interest?"

The monkey rolled his eyes. "You still want to get more involved? Do you think that they're idiots? It was already a huge risk to use the Third Nightking's name with them. If not for Astral-10, you might have already been captured by the Daynight clan. Anything more and they will definitely kidnap you."

Lu Yin reluctantly replied, "If that's the case, then I'll just say it like it is. I've already told them everything I can about the Great Realm of Nothingness. There's nothing more that I can say to them."

"That's how it has to be. Seventh Bro, it's dangerous to do business with these strong clans, especially since the Nightking clan is rather tyrannical. It's better for them to think that you have no worth rather than for them to think that you're valuable. The higher your value is to them, the more likely it is that you'll be abducted."

Lu Yin did not believe that even Nightking Yuanjing would dare to touch him if he revealed his background. The Pirate King, Highsage Leon, was not someone who others would easily provoke. However, he would also not reveal this background if at all possible since it would drag his reputation down.

"Right, how did we leave that damned place?" the monkey asked, as its mind had finally recovered somewhat.

“We climbed to the top and fell out of a spatial crack that happened to be there.”

“Seventh Bro, I’m not stupid,” the monkey said after a long pause.

Lu Yin thought about it. “Alright, I’ll tell you. I met a strong hermit, and he became my master.”

“I repeat, ‘Seventh Bro, I’m not stupid.’” The monkey rolled his eyes.

Lu Yin was speechless. “That’s the truth.”

“A truth to deceive me, I know. So how the heck did we get out?” the monkey asked again, unhappy.

“I don't know.”

The monkey finally believed him. “That’s more like it.”

Lu Yin blinked. “You believe that answer?”

The monkey grew serious. “That place is not something that a Limiteer can touch. Only an idiot would believe that you were able to leave by yourself. It’s more reasonable that you don’t know how you got out. In the past, some people managed to escape after being swallowed by the storm, but their memory was wiped after they returned. If you don’t know, then you probably had your memory wiped.”

“How logical,” Lu Yin lamented.

The monkey was pleased. “I roamed the Astral Beast Domain for many years and have experienced many such dangerous episodes. Thus, I should at least have that much insight.”

“One question: have you heard of Fatesand?”

The monkey was astonished. “How do you know about Fatesand?”

“I have fused three grains within my body.”

“Seventh Bro, I’m not stupid,” the monkey repeated again.

Lu Yin smiled; it wasn’t up to him whether or not anyone believed him when he spoke the truth.

“Fatesand is an extremely precious treasure. From what I know, there’s very, very few people who possess Fatesand even in the scope of the entire universe. That thing can awaken different abilities within various people, and it can even improve one’s physical body. I’ve only seen details about it in journals since I’ve never seen it myself.”

Chapter 422: Ling Que

Lu Yin felt like something was strange. “You used to be one of five lords of the Spiritual Academy. So, logically, you should have been one of the strongest of the Astral Beast Domain’s younger generation. However, you still couldn’t get a hold of any Fatesand?”

“Seventh Bro, you’ve also defeated Tian Hou, who’s the strongest at the Spiritual Academy, but that won’t get you any Fatesand. Not just anyone can take out something like that, and even the grand prize for the Astral Combat Tournament wouldn’t be something that precious.”

“I’ve heard that something like that can also ruin someone and cause their demise.”

The monkey thought about Lu Yin's comment and responded, "I've heard of that, but I'm not sure about the details. Alright, Seventh Bro, stop asking about that. You might not even see something like that over the course of your entire life. Think more practically and figure out where we are first."

Lu Yin looked up, as he had already thought about it. Any planet within the Innerverse or the Outerverse would be under the control of a great civilization, which meant that there would be traces left behind. Thus, he just had to find the location on this planet that featured the most legends.

Before long, Lu Yin tore through the void and left.

Not long after, the troops located and surrounded the building, but Lu Yin had already disappeared.

His gadget could directly invade any network on the planet, so Lu Yin quickly discovered that the most dangerous place on the planet was an oceanic trench located at the junction of several continents. It was hexagonal and immeasurably deep. It was a place where countless ships had gone missing since ages long ago. Other kinds of technology, such as aircraft, were no exception either. Anything that approached this oceanic trench would mysteriously vanish.

The planet's most powerful country had explored this region, but they had found nothing at all and had no information on it. A country in the past had once blasted the ocean ravine with its most powerful weapons, but the only outcome had been a tsunami that caused countless deaths on the shores of the mainlands. Its actions had been condemned by the entire planet, and the nation had eventually collapsed shortly thereafter.

Countless photographs of strange spacecraft had also been posted online, and they had all been taken close to the trench.

Lu Yin rapidly sped through the void and soon arrived at the oceanic trench. His eyes filled with star energy as he looked down.

He saw that there were many rune lines converging around the trench, and it represented a power that surpassed a Limiteer's just based on sheer quantity, and it had even reached the threshold of an Explorer's. This meant that there was something with an Explorer's strength within the trench, though it was not necessarily human. It was also possible that it was some collection of energy, though of course, the possibility of it being a human was much higher.

Regardless, this place presented no threat to Lu Yin.

He shot downwards and into the ocean.

An enormous whirlpool instantly swirled about the ocean. It possessed a strong force of attraction, the power of which was not inferior to a Melder's. This was also equivalent to the planet's most powerful weapons being launched all at once, but it was no threat to Lu Yin at all.

The bottom of the ocean was dark, but at the bottommost part, there was a small channel that sparkled slightly. Lu Yin used Flash to approach that place, and there, he saw a small warship outfitted with Explorer-level weapons. This spacecraft was what had generated those rune lines that had the power of an Explorer.

Sure enough, this planet was under the observation of a great civilization, which was a tragedy for the people of this place.

He effortlessly moved into the spacecraft and unleashed his domain, which allowed him to see a dozen people bustling around. Most of them were Melders along with a few Limiteers, but there were no Explorers here.

He casually captured one of the people, and under their terrified gaze, he threateningly asked, "Where in the universe is this planet located?"

That person looked at Lu Yin in fear. He had not expected for someone to suddenly appear on this spacecraft, but he replied in a trembling voice, "The Zhengyang Flowzone."

Lu Yin was startled. "The Zhengyang Flowzone? Where's that?"

That man was puzzled, but he still answered, "It's located at the junction between the Daynight, Souseal, and Chaos Flowzones. It's a bit to the west of the Innerverse."

Lu Yin was surprised, as Mister Mu had tossed him far west in an instant. He had simply assumed that he was still in Tempest Flowzone, so this was quite an exaggerated shift. He felt that the concept of distance simply did not exist to Mister Mu. If that man had wished it, then he might have even been able to throw Lu Yin back to Earth.

Still, this place was convenient for him since he wanted to get to Chaos Flowzone quickly.

He asked a few more questions before quickly knocking the person unconscious and hiding his limp body before heading to the captain's room. He had to gain control of this spacecraft first; otherwise, he had no way to leave this planet.

As he approached the captain's room, he was surprised to hear his own name being mentioned.

"Did you hear about the Daynight Feast? That famous Lu Yin actually didn't show up."

"Everyone says that he died."

"What a pity. The Daynight clan mentioned that the four strongest Limiteers in the universe's younger generation are Ye Xingchen, Mu Rong, Ling Que, and Lu Yin. If Lu Yin had showed up, then he could have fought with Ling Que to show who's stronger."

"You're too naive. My friend's brother's ex-girlfriend's uncle's goes to the Astral Combat Academy. He heard that Lu Yin has some enmity with the Daynight clan and that they intentionally invited him alongside Ling Que and the rest in order to instigate a battle between them so that they could use those three to suppress Lu Yin."

"But Lu Yin is comparable to them, and he is even more famous. Why would the Daynight clan be so certain of suppressing him?"

"Lu Yin can compare to those three only because it's rumored that he matched the Ten Arbiters' Divine Fist's record. In reality, another Arbiter has said that that record isn't genuine and that Lu Yin is still slightly inferior to that Arbiter's strength when he was a Limiteer. However, those other three are different. Let's not even mention Ye Xingchen, who roams the Cosmic Sea for now. Mu Rong is a part of

the Ten Arbiters Council and has been recognized by the Ten Arbiters as the strongest Limiteer while Ling Que is someone from the Lingling Clan. You should know about the terror of the Lingling clan. Lu Yin's truly slightly inferior to the three of them."

"Are you saying that they intentionally puffed him up?"

"It should be, but the Daynight clan's scheme fell apart since Lu Yin didn't even show up. He even died, haha."

"That's true, but this Daynight Feast raised Ling Que's reputation up too much. Now, everyone in the universe knows his name. It was reported that he's heading to the Starfall Sea to challenge an expert on the Top Hundred Rankings. After he wins, he'll be the only Limiteer on the list! That's too formidable."

"Right, those freak geniuses can't be understood. For ordinary people, being able to withstand an Explorer's attack while still in the Limiteer realm is already pretty decent, let alone challenging the Top Hundred. Those Realmbreakers who can challenge Explorers are all freaks, but this person can actually challenge the Top Hundred Rankings while doing so. Although they're all a part of the younger generation, which one of them isn't a freak themselves? They are definitely some of the most powerful Explorers, to the point where even those old Explorers won't easily provoke them."

"Right, and I also heard that, after the Daynight clan ranked those four experts, it caused a bunch of youths to become unhappy. Ling Que headed to the Starfall Sea, and many young powerhouses followed him there to challenge him."

"Yeah, our Young Master went there as well."

"Whatever, he isn't even a Realmbreaker that can challenge an Explorer. He's just there to watch the fun."

"True, though it's a pity that we can't watch. The Starfall Sea's gotta be pretty lively right about now."

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Lu Yin stood outside the captain's room and continued eavesdropping while he browsed through the official news related to the Daynight Feast. He found many pictures, and many young elites had appeared there. The most eye-grabbing person there was naturally Ling Que, and his Que's Mighty Slash had shocked the entire audience. To him, even Nightqueen Yanqing had just been a prop. Quite a number of the experts who had attended the Daynight Feast had challenged him, but not a single one of them had been his opponent.

Lu Yin opened a video to take a look, and his face quickly turned solemn. This person was truly strong, and his Que's Mighty Slash contained an unusual strength.

Ling Que was from the Lingling Clan, which Lu Yin had not heard of before. Out of curiosity, he searched the network and found some basic information on them.

The more he looked through the information, the more astonished he became. This Lingling Clan was a bit terrifying.

It was an extremely rare race of humans, and every one of their members had the ability to absorb other people's innate gifts to use for themselves. Each person could absorb ten innate gifts at most, which would then merge into a kind of eternal innate gift. This eternal innate gift would be a combination of the original ones, and it would be considerably powerful. Thus, each member of the Lingling Clan was a powerhouse with an amazing innate gift.

Although the universe was vast and there were many uncommon races, there were still some people with innate gifts that went beyond comprehension. Lu Yin never would have thought that a race like the Lingling Clan could exist, where their members could actually select others' innate gifts and then combine them into one. This was so ridiculous that, upon hearing about it, people would forget to curse their luck.

Fortunately, there were extremely few members of the Lingling Clan. Otherwise, not even the Daynight clan would be able to compare to them.

However, no matter how rare their members were, that clan was the true leading powerhouse that controlled Souseal Flowzone, and any member that appeared there would be an absolute expert.

Ling Que was an elite amongst experts, as his Que's Mighty Slash was his eternal innate gift that he had solidified through the combination of various other innate gifts.

This was all information that could be found on the network. Next, Lu Yin used the authority granted to him by his Honor Points to search for even deeper records about the Lingling Clan, which allowed him to learn some information that was hidden to most. One thing that he discovered was that the Lingling Clan possessed a shocking inherited technique: the Soulsplitting Technique.

Even after countless years, the war at the border of the Human Domain had not stopped even once. As such, no power was able to completely hide its inherited strengths. The Daynight clan was no exception, as Zhanlong Daynight's Daynight Restoration Technique was something that had been recorded down. The Lingling Clan was the same, as their Soulsplitting Technique was their clan's strongest inherited technique. Essentially, it let its user create a doppelganger, and each copy possessed the main body's strength. It was truly an incomprehensible art.

Lu Yin withdrew his gaze upon learning that there was actually such a clan. Their unique powers caused others to be speechless.

"Eh, Seventh Bro, are you looking at the Lingling clan's information?" The Ghost Monkey was astonished.

"You know about them as well?"

"Of course. The Lingling clan is a huge headache for the Astral Beast Domain, and those people have all sorts of innate gifts. Their Soulsplitting Technique makes them even more terrifying, and most powerhouses are rendered powerless against the Lingling clan. Fortunately, there are only a few of them, and we haven't faced any of them at the border warfront in recent years."

"Who's there?" A voice barked, and a few people nearby suddenly stared at Lu Yin with evident surprise.

Lu Yin casually pushed the captain's door open, and the two who had been conversing stared blankly at Lu Yin. They had been on this planet for quite a while, but they had never encountered any outsiders before. Thus, they were unable to react promptly.

"Activate the spacecraft and head towards Chaos Flowzone's Deep Crimson Planet." Lu Yin walked over to the screen and gave out some orders.

At that moment, the people who had been outside the room charged in and aimed their weapons at Lu Yin. The two who had been in the room also finally reacted to his presence and asked, "Who are you?"

Lu Yin turned around, and his gaze flickered as a strong gale swept out from beneath his feet. This was a pressure caused by pure star energy, and the crowd was instantly pinned to the ground as their star energy guns exploded. "I need to trouble you, so start the spacecraft and head towards Chaos Flowzone's Deep Crimson Planet."

The crowd were overwhelmed by Lu Yin, as his strength horrified them. They did not dare to resist, and they immediately voiced their assent.

Chapter 423: Second Encounter

Lu Yin was satisfied as he looked at the screen. "How long until we arrive at Deep Crimson Planet?"

"We can't enter it, since the space around this planet has been sealed. If an anomaly, like a spacecraft, shows up there, it will automatically be attacked," someone answered apprehensively.

Lu Yin frowned. "There's an Explorer guarding this space?"

"Yes."

Lu Yin nodded. "Invite that Explorer onto the ship. Tell them that you've been taken over."

The crowd was stunned, and everyone was baffled by Lu Yin's words. But when Lu Yin glared at them, they quickly complied.

After a bit of time, a powerful aura shrouded the spacecraft. Lu Yin continued staring at the screen while also occasionally checking his gadget. It was about time to try calling Xia Luo again, and he hoped that Alfonso had held up his end of the deal.

Lu Yin did not control the people on the vessel and allowed everyone to leave the captain's room. Before long, an Explorer entered and stared at Lu Yin's back. His face was downcast. "You're the one who seized this spacecraft?"

Lu Yin turned around. "That's me."

The Explorer looked at Lu Yin. He was confused at first, but then he grew shocked. He muttered to himself for a bit and then turned around to face the others. "Take this gentleman wherever he wants to go."

The crewmembers were stunned. "But our mission is to observe this planet."

The Explorer gloomily replied, "Cancel the mission and immediately escort this gentleman to wherever he wishes to go."

“Understood.” The others were still bewildered.

Lu Yin nodded appreciatively. “Thank you.”

The Explorer forced out a smile and then left.

A short time later, that Explorer stood at the bottom of the oceanic trench as he watched the spacecraft ascend and depart from the planet. His eyes flickered as he said to himself, “So he’s actually still alive. He somehow survived the storm and even managed to arrive in Zhengyang Flowzone. It’s too much to believe that he did all that himself, so there has to be some super powerhouse guarding him. He can’t be offended, but that means that Chaos Flowzone is about to get exciting. I hope that he’ll fight with Ling Que so that we can see if he really is qualified to be considered as one of the four unequalled Limiteers.”

Zhengyang Flowzone was close to Daynight Flowzone, so its denizens had closely followed the news about the Daynight Feast. Hence, this Explorer had quickly recognized Lu Yin, though this might not have happened if Lu Yin had ended up in a more distant flowzone.

In outer space, Lu Yin activated his gadget and tried to contact Xia Luo.

Xia Luo’s figure soon appeared on Lu Yin’s screen with a beaming smile. “So it turns out that you really are still alive.”

Lu Yin nodded. “How’re you guys doing?”

“We’re still alright. They haven’t discovered who we are yet.”

“What about our two seniors?”

“Captured, but don’t worry. Many other people on Deep Crimson Planet were captured as well, so they were just unlucky,” Xia Luo said with a shrug.

“Alright, got it. I heard that Deep Crimson Planet’s been sealed.”

“There was a group that risked their lives to break into Deep Crimson Planet, and they even crash-landed their spacecraft, so the seal’s been temporarily broken. However, it will be up again soon. Brother Lu, you chose the perfect time to contact me,” Xia Luo said with a smile.

Lu Yin promptly replied, “I’m in Zhengyang Flowzone, so I’ll arrive at Chaos Flowzone soon. We’ll join forces so that you all can escape from Deep Crimson Planet then.”

“That’s not going to be easy. There’s animosity between the Deep Crimson Hall and our two seniors. They want revenge, so it won’t be easy to convince them to leave.”

Lu Yin’s head hurt. “The Deep Crimson Hall’s Bo Duo are both Hunters. Our seniors won’t be able to get their revenge just by themselves.”

Xia Luo spread his hands. “They don’t have a choice since they couldn’t take it any longer. Our seniors have already assassinated four influential figures from Deep Crimson Hall, which angered the Bo Duo enough into sealing Deep Crimson Planet. All space-exploring foreigners have been captured.”

Lu Yin muttered something to himself and then said, "Tell our two seniors that there'll be plenty of opportunities to take revenge in the future. I'll take them away by force if necessary."

Xia Luo nodded. "I'll try. Meng Yue and Zhao Yilong have already snuck into their holding area, and they should have regrouped by now. We'll wait for you to get here."

Lu Yin nodded and then disconnected from the call. He looked at the space outside the vessel; every cultivator in the universe had their own conflicts and enemies. Lu Yin's own enemy was even more terrifying, as they were one of the Ten Arbiters. He could not blindly take revenge and had to plan everything out step by step.

Lu Yin believed that even Pirate King Highsage Leon would not be able to help Lu Yin take revenge. Even when the Ten Arbiters' power and trump cards were taken out of consideration, they were incredibly influential, and each one had countless powers backing them. Their authority was enormous; just the title of the Ten Arbiters alone was enough to mobilize half of the universe, and that was just a conservative estimate. It was this authority that attracted so many youths to join the Ten Arbiters Council.

This organization held great authority over the younger generation, but they segregated their members and only accepted others members of the younger generation. Lu Yin wanted to take his revenge on the Ten Arbiters, but it would be a very arduous path.

Big Pao and Little Pao's enemies were just this Bo Duo. If Lu Yin wished it, then he could just rely on just his own influence to take care of these two. However, his first priority was to make it to Deep Crimson Planet.

But he had other urgent tasks that also needed to be done, and Lu Yin focused his attention on his gadget once again. Soon, Nightking Yuanjing appeared on his screen with a delighted expression on his face. "Little Yin, you're alive?"

Lu Yin knew that the old man was not actually happy to see Lu Yin alive. If he held no value, then Nightking Yuanjing would not care if Lu Yin was still alive. Lu Yin understood his position perfectly well, but he still had to put on an act. Thus, he put on a remorseful expression and replied, "Grandpa Yuanjing, I've worried you."

Nightking Yuanjing looked at Lu Yin in amazement. "Little Yin, were you swallowed by the storm?"

Lu Yin nodded.

Nightking Yuanjing's eyes flashed. "Then how did you get out?"

Lu Yin appeared dazed. "I don't know. I don't have any memory of the time I was inside the storm."

Nightking Yuanjing was disappointed, but at the same time, not surprised. Those who had survived similar storms in the past had similarly lost all memory related to their time in the storm.

"How's your body? Did anything happen?" Nightking Yuanjing asked in concern, truly playing the perfect part of a benevolent elder.

Lu Yin put on an agonized look. "I was injured, but nothing too serious. Thank you, Grandpa Yuanjing, for your concern. Little Yin failed to meet Grandpa Yuanjing's expectations, and I did not manage to make it to the Daynight Feast in time."

Nightking Yuanjing shook a hand. "As long as you're alright, nothing else matters." He then paused before looking directly at Lu Yin. "Right, Little Yin, have you remembered anything else concerning the Great Realm of Nothingness?"

Lu Yin appeared astonished. "The Great Realm of Nothingness? I've already told you all that I know. I did not hide anything."

Nightking Yuanjing looked at Lu Yin with clear expectation written on his face. "Really? Nothing else? Nothing about that ancient Void Wanderer elder? Is there any way to deal with it?"

Lu Yin was at a loss. "The ancient Void Wanderer elder? I don't know anything about it."

Nightking Yuanjing stared closely at Lu Yin's eyes and then sighed. He was clearly disappointed. "It's alright. If you remember anything else, make sure to tell Grandpa Yuanjing."

Lu Yin sincerely replied, "Rest assured, Grandpa Yuanjing, Little Yin will definitely tell you everything that I know."

Nightking Yuanjing nodded and then disconnected from the call.

Lu Yin relaxed, as he was afraid that Nightking Yuanjing might have had a falling out with him on the spot. Fortunately, such old fellows had some manners and maintained their dignity.

However, this also meant that Lu Yin was now worthless in Nightking Yuanjing's eyes, and the old man would no longer restrict Nightqueen Yanqing just for Lu Yin. He frowned, as he now needed to think of some other method to increase his value in Nightking Yuanjing's eyes. Otherwise, Frostwave Weave would become an endless battlefield since Nightqueen Yanqing could invite countless experts to deal with the Great Yu Empire at her whim.

There were many important things that he had to do right now. The Great Yu Empire's economy was deteriorating from the embargos, and Nightqueen Yanqing had kept her eyes on it this entire time. At this moment, Big Pao and Little Pao required help to be rescued, and Lu Yin still needed to figure out a way to earn more money. All of these matters were important, especially the one concerning earning money. Lu Yin needed to reach the peak of the Limiteer realm as soon as possible. He did not want to accumulate his power slowly like others and only reach the peak of the realm after several years.

As long as Lu Yin didn't become an Explorer, the universe would continue to be an obstacle that he could not step past. The ability to move freely throughout the universe was something that all cultivators desired.

Lu Yin pondered for a long time, and then he decided to think of ways to improve his Lockbreaker identity after first rescuing Big Pao and Little Pao. That would help him earn more money as well as improve his status. After that, it might be possible to have a chat with the alluring Madam Nalan and

borrow some of her family's enormous wealth to support the Great Yu Empire. That was a matter that could be discussed after they unified Frostwave Weave.

Right, there was also Bushtree Planet as well. As long as Lu Yin had enough money, that planet would be how he would drastically improve his own power at a mind-boggling rate.

As he thought about various things, the spacecraft flew onto the Tributary Ark and crossed the Astral River Tributary to arrive in Chaos Flowzone.

The Tributary Arks were not as large as the Astral River Ark, but they were not small either. Each one could transport at least 10,000 spacecraft, and the small battle spacecraft that Lu Yin had seized was just one more to them.

As he watched the Astral River Tributary roar by outside, Lu Yin looked forward to visiting the Cosmic Sea. Ye Xingchen's prestige had been established in the Cosmic Sea, though few had witnessed his power. However, just roaming about the Cosmic Sea was enough to rank him among the top four Limiteers of the younger generation, which clearly demonstrated the Cosmic Sea's danger compared to the Inverse and Outerverse.

The monkey was right; Lu Yin should organize a team and travel to the Cosmic Sea. Exploring the Cosmic Sea was something that everyone with passion would want to do some time in their life.

On the ark, each spacecraft was fixed onto a rail. Once they arrived at the other side, the rail would extend out of the ark, allowing the spacecraft inside to depart.

Generally, only a few people would exit their spacecraft to enter the rail, but there were always a few exceptions. The rails were very safe, and there were also many special services aboard the arks, which provided various pleasures that many people were obsessed with.

Lu Yin stood in the captain's room and looked out at the occasional spacecraft that streaked by, and he saw that almost every single one of them had beauties aboard.

Even Lu Yin was a little aroused since he had never experienced it before. Still, he held no real interest in such things. He suddenly thought of Ming Yan and wondered how she was doing. After such a long period of separation, would her initial feelings still be there?

He browsed through some information regarding Darkmist Weave on his gadget. The powers like the Mafioso Planet, Battle Street, and the Nine Allied Nations were still embroiled with Darkstar Gorge, but it seemed like they had reached some sort of agreement since tensions had recently eased.

Lu Yin's eyes flickered, and he felt like he should fan the flames some more.

Suddenly, Lu Yin saw a familiar figure, but he was stumped by who it was. After a moment, he remembered. Isn't that the Mad Viper Knight?

In the past, when Lu Yin had robbed the Mad Viper Knight Pirate Group, Zhuo Daynight had accidentally been injured. The events after, where he had taken care of her, had led Lu Yin to the pirate port, and later on, to Driftcharge Planet. The Mad Viper Knight had escaped back then, and Lu Yin had never dreamed that he would run into him at such a place.

Without hesitation, Lu Yin gave chase and shuttled down the railway at extreme speed. He chased after the Mad Viper Knight, but he did not know why he wanted to eliminate this person. It was possible that it was some form of revenge for Zhuo Daynight even though it had been Lu Yin himself who had injured her back then.

The Mad Viper Knight was different compared to when he had been in the Outerverse; he had now broken through and was now an Explorer. He was all alone in his spacecraft, cruising along in a certain direction.

Lu Yin chased after him from a distance, not at all worried about being discovered since the Mad Viper Knight did not have the ability to discover him.

Chapter 424: Blackbeard

Before long, the Mad Viper Knight arrived at a dim alley that was beside the rail. Two figures who were hiding in the dark appeared in front of him.

Lu Yin leaned against the wall and concealed his aura.

“The location for the tribute payment this time will be Malu Planet, 723rd Zhongxing Street. You better be prepared,” a low voice called out.

The Mad Viper Knight replied, “I was prepared since long ago.”

“Of course, our region won’t be surpassed by others again this time,” the other person replied.

“Alright, the captain won’t tolerate failure. You should know that by now.” And with that, one of the figures turned to leave.

The other person eyed the Mad Viper Knight. “Are you really prepared?”

“Yeah, don’t worry.”

“The Innaverse is incomparable to the Outerverse. It’s very difficult to get a hold of a piece of it with your strength. You’d best watch out for yourself.” Then, that person also left.

The Mad Viper Knight did not wait around, and he also quickly left.

Lu Yin did not move. Malu Planet, 723rd Zhongxing Street. This address had piqued his interest. What interested him even more was the word “tribute.” Doesn’t that mean money? He connected the word with the Mad Viper Knight’s status as a pirate and realized that the words were likely related to paying tribute to a more powerful pirate group.

This was interesting news, and he might possibly wait to fish for something bigger.

Lu Yin left, and as he made his way back, he tried to remember the emblem that he had seen on the Mad Viper Knight’s clothes. He had caught a glimpse of it, so he tried to search it up on the network through his gadget, but he couldn’t find anything.

It didn’t take long for Lu Yin to return to his spacecraft. Once there, he searched the network again, only this time, he used the status that his Honor Points gave him. With that, he was able to find the emblem; it was the insignia of the Blackbeard Pirate Group, a powerful band of pirates.

Since the universe had a righteous side, there was naturally a darker side as well. Pirate groups were one facet of that dark side, and the Blackbeard Pirate Group was definitely one of the more well known representatives of them. Chaos Flowzone was already a territory filled with the Innerverse's dark side, and the Blackbeard Pirates were actually the unofficial king of all the pirate crews within Chaos Flowzone. Any pirate group that sought to make a living in Chaos Flowzone had to pay tribute to the Blackbeard Pirates.

After receiving the tribute, the Blackbeard Pirates would provide a certain degree of protection to the smaller pirate groups, but, of course, the amount of protection corresponded with the size of the tribute.

Lu Yin had never thought that the Mad Viper Knight would actually join something like the Blackbeard Pirates, or that he would qualify to bear their emblem. The man must have given them something extraordinary. It was a pity; if Lu Yin had managed to capture him back then, then that object would have been his.

The Blackbeard Pirates were the Chaos Flowzone's unofficial king of the underworld, and their power was evident for all to see.

Pirates were generally a relaxed bunch, and Highsage Leon could rely on just his reputation to control a portion of all pirate groups, such as those who had attacked the various Outerverse powers that supported Puyu. However, he definitely could not manipulate all the pirate groups in the universe. This so-called Pirate King was nothing more than a title representing him being the strongest; it didn't actually hold any sort of authority.

This Blackbeard Pirates obviously did not answer to Highsage Leon, which meant that Lu Yin had no reason to resist plundering them.

Lu Yin was emotionally moved; he was lacking in money, and it was being offered in spades right here. However, he had to be careful. It would be alright if his opponent was an Explorer, but if a Cruiser appeared, then he would be rendered unable to act, or else he could be easily surrounded.

These Blackbeard Pirates could unify all the pirate groups within Chaos Flowzone, and they might even have an almighty Enlighter among their ranks, whose power level would surpass 200,000. Even if Lu Yin acted, he definitely had to make sure to not leave any trails that would cause him trouble in the future.

Lu Yin was greatly anticipating this matter, and he grew very excited.

When the Tributary Ark stopped, and its rail extended out, Lu Yin quickly changed the warship's route and headed towards Malu Planet. He had done his due diligence and knew that Malu Planet's location did not deviate far from his original path towards Deep Crimson Planet.

At the same time, the Mad Viper Knight's spacecraft also started heading towards Malu Planet.

Malu Planet was just a planet with a basic civilization that had just reached the initial stages of exploring the universe. It was even more primitive than the planet where Lu Yin had been teleported to by Mister Mu. Malu Planet had not even established contact with any higher civilizations yet, so there was no space station there.

Lu Yin took a personal spacecraft and found a landing site before leaving the warship with a rumble. When he entered Malu Planet's atmosphere, the warship continued on its original route since they were not needed on the planet below.

The personal spacecraft crashed into the giant hill. The hatch opened up, and Lu Yin casually drove the spacecraft another hundred meters underground before covering the area up with soil.

The landing of the spacecraft had created a great disturbance that had definitely attracted attention. He did not want his spacecraft to be towed away by someone else.

He checked his location since he had looked at Malu Planet's map before landing. He quickly disappeared, leaving nothing but a spatial crack that continued to extend out for a few seconds after he left.

The planet's civilization gave Lu Yin a sense of one whose technology was still budding. The people here had only recently learned to manufacture firearms, which was very primitive. 723rd Zhongxing Street was located within a city, and the building looked like a church.

Lu Yin did not know if any experts from the Blackbeard Pirates would be present, so he concealed his aura and found some clothes in the planet's style. He stood some distance away from the meeting place and filled his eyes with star energy. He saw an enormous convergence of rune lines; there was a Cruiser there.

Lu Yin averted his gaze and did not dare to observe that person anymore. Who would have imagined that the Blackbeard Pirates would assign Cruisers to collect this tribute. This made things troublesome, since he could not deal with so many powerhouses by himself. It was even possible that stronger crew members would arrive later. These Blackbeard Pirates were truly powerful.

Lu Yin did not dare to stick around. Even though his Invisible Aura Technique and his domain were concealing his aura, he still did not feel at ease. His physical body was extraordinarily tough and it greatly surpassed what the natives of this planet could achieve. Even something like the strength of his heartbeat could give him away, but fortunately, he had kept his distance out of caution and had avoided being discovered.

He distanced himself from the meeting place and sighed. It was impossible for him to plunder from an existence like the Blackbeard Pirates, and it was an even greater pity since the tribute definitely surpassed his wildest dreams.

Hold on—robbing here might not be possible, but what about other places? Like the landing site.

Lu Yin activated his gadget and scanned through the surrounding regions. He had chosen to land in a hilly zone, and any cultivators coming here would likely choose something similar. Also, since these people would be in a rush to deliver the tribute, they would definitely choose the closest landing site to the city.

Around the city, there were plains, hills, and even a forest a bit further away. These were the three most likely spots for another cultivator to land their spacecraft.

Most people would not pick hills, and the forest was a bit more likely compared to the plains since the trees were good for hiding.

Lu Yin's eyes flashed, and he made some calculations centered around the city. His gadget's ability to detect power levels did not extend to the forest, which meant that any battle in the forest would not cause any reaction from his gadget.

As long as there was no reaction, things would be alright. He thought about it for a moment and then quickly sped off.

After some time, Lu Yin approached the fringes of the forest, where he was expecting some people to arrive with a spacecraft. He struck out at the void with a palm, only using a normal Limiteer's strength. He was trying to probe whether or not those Cruisers back at the meeting place would react. If they didn't, then it meant that he would not attract any attention if he made a commotion here. If they did, then he would still be able to escape since if he used his Invisible Aura Technique, the Cruisers would not be able to find him as even the average Hunter might not be able to detect him.

The worst case scenario was being discovered, but Lu Yin could defend himself as long as a Hunter did not show up. If he was unlucky, and a Hunter actually did show up, then Mister Mu's token was not just for show. Although it could only be used once, it was an object that could save his life. This plan was foolproof.

He waited, but there was no reaction from the Cruisers. Lu Yin mulled over this result and then made another attack, this time with enough power that it surpassed what a normal Explorer was capable of. He waited for another period of time, but there was still no reaction.

He released a breath; this area was safe. Even if a battle broke out, it would not attract the attention of those Cruisers.

None of them comprehended a domain; they were just average Cruisers.

Not much time passed before Lu Yin excitedly looked up from the top of a large tree within the forest. Several red dots were approaching him, which were descending spacecraft. One of them was headed towards the forest while the other spacecraft descended in other directions.

Fortunately, several spacecraft landed at the same time in various directions in order to avoid attracting the Cruisers' attention.

Those who were appearing on Malu Planet right now were likely making the trip in order to deliver their tribute to the Blackbeard Pirates.

Lu Yin hurriedly concealed himself and stared at the skies as he prepared to mount his sneak attack. After all, these pirate groups that made a living in Chaos Flowzone were not weak; a direct confrontation would be a serious fight.

Rumble

The ground shook, and an enormous air wave burned the forest in all directions.

A small spacecraft crashed into the ground, and the hatch opened. A formidable-looking middle-aged man stepped out, quickly followed by a dozen other people. They were mostly Limiteers, but there were even some Scouts and Melders among them. Lastly, there were also two Explorers.

That middle-aged man was a Cruiser.

“Captain, we’ll wait for you here.”

The man nodded and headed out towards the city.

Lu Yin did not hesitate; this person’s rune lines did not amount to much, and he could not compare to the Cruiser who had been thrown into the storm with Lu Yin. Thus, he was confident in being able to deal with this person.

The fierce-looking male had just stepped out of the forest when he ran into many natives who were carrying water over to extinguish the fire. The Cruiser paid them no heed and was about to go around them when one native blocked him and fearfully asked, “My lord, could you tell us if this forest fire is large? Please, help us put it out.”

The man stared at the native. “Scram.”

The native was anxious, but he wanted to keep the man from moving past him.

Bloodlust flashed in the Cruiser’s eyes, and he casually waved a hand. According to his understanding, this native should have died, but in the very next instant, he felt that something was amiss. His arm had been grabbed by an opponent with an abnormal strength, and he immediately realized that things were bad. His first reaction was to retreat, but it was already too late. His chest took a solid palm strike, and a strike with multiple Overlapping Stacks crushed his organs and flung his body into the forest.

The man spat out a mouthful of blood, and his eyes turned bloodshot. He flipped around and immediately donned his ring armor.

Lu Yin used Flash to appear behind the man and struck out again. Thirty Stacks crashed into him, giving the man no chance to call for help.

The man was overwhelmed by the force and tried to dodge, but his organs had already been heavily injured, and he could no longer move his body dexterously. He was once again struck by a ruthless palm and blasted into the ground. Fortunately, he had put on his ring armor, or else that palm strike would have killed him.

Within the forest, two attacks were launched towards Lu Yin, but he effortlessly dodged them both. He then used the Skybeast Claw to quickly take care of the two Explorers, while the rest of the group could not withstand Lu Yin’s star energy pressure and simply fell unconscious.

Chapter 425: Link-Up

Lu Yin walked over to the formidable-looking Cruiser and inspected him. This person deserved to be called a pirate; he had very quick reactions, as any regular cultivator would have been killed by Lu Yin’s ambush.

He crouched down, retrieved the man’s cosmic ring, took a bit of the man’s blood, and then headed for the nearby hills. He did not kill the man, though he made sure that it would take the man at least two days to stir before he could leave for the hills.

Lu Yin returned to his personal spacecraft and immediately activated it. He only relaxed enough to pour out whatever was inside the ring when his spacecraft started to ascend.

Lu Yin was ecstatic upon seeing what the cosmic ring held. There were actually more than a thousand star essence, which was just too ridiculous. If he exchanged them all, then he would have more than a hundred million star crystals.

His breath quickened, as he had never seen such an enormous amount of wealth ever before. Even Lulu with her rich background would not carry this much money around. No wonder that pirate group was worthy of having a Cruiser oversee it.

This was just one pirate group, and an unknown number of pirate groups offered tributes to the Blackbeard Pirates on a regular basis. Lu Yin did not even dare to imagine how much wealth so many pirate groups would gather all together.

These Blackbeard Pirates were much wealthier than the Great Yu Empire, and they definitely lived up to their reputation of being the unofficial king of the Chaos Flowzone's underworld.

These pirate crews made annual tribute payments. Even if there were only a hundred pirate groups offering tribute, it meant that the Blackbeard Pirates had a fixed annual income of more than 100,000 star essence. This was the true path to wealth.

Lu Yin suddenly thought of Highsage Leon. Since that man was the Pirate King, he should be even richer than the Blackbeard Pirates. It seemed that he would head for the Cosmic Sea sooner rather than later. Whatever welcome gift he received there should be rather significant.

Aside from star essence, the Cruiser's cosmic ring also contained some more conventional items such as medicine and weapons. Lu Yin was not concerned about these items, and he casually flipped through them. For fear that he would even overlook something good, he used his Cosmic Art.

The moment he used the Cosmic Art, he discovered something abnormal: there was a small tracking device mixed into the thousand star essence. He had not discovered it with just his domain. Rather, he needed the combination of his domain, the Cosmic Art, and his mutated eyes to do so, which meant that the tracking device was as difficult to perceive as the Secret Sidestep technique.

Lu Yin's first thought of obliterating the device, but then, his hand paused midair. His eyes flashed deviously before he quickly stored all of the star essence away, along with the tracking device.

Unfortunately, it hadn't been Mad Viper Knight who had landed in that forest.

If he had robbed the Mad Viper Knight, Lu Yin would not have received nearly as much, as it was unlikely that all of the pirate groups offered the same amount of tribute, though there was likely a minimum. The Mad Viper Knight was just an Explorer, so it would be pretty decent if he could offer even a hundred star essence.

Lu Yin was rather excited at this moment as he looked out of his spacecraft and into the heavens. He had never obtained such a large amount of money before, so his confidence had swelled tremendously.

"Seventh Bro, your plundering actions are rather nimble. Do you perform such deeds often? You couldn't have been a pirate before, right?" the monkey asked curiously.

Lu Yin laughed, as he was in too good of a mood. He did not even mind the monkey's words today.

"Seventh Bro, if we're rich, can we buy a better spacecraft?" the monkey asked again.

Lu Yin looked up. Right, he had forgotten that this spacecraft was just an ordinary vessel and not of a decent grade either. He wanted to buy another Aurora, which only cost around ten star essence or so. Inexpensive, inexpensive.

The Blackbeard Pirates' spacecraft would definitely be very fast, so even with a head start of two days, he might not be able to successfully beat them to Deep Crimson Planet. Moreover, the pirates that Lu Yin had just robbed had landed their spacecraft in the forest, so the Cruisers definitely would have seen it land. Thus, it was quite possible that it wouldn't even take them two days to discover Lu Yin's actions. When his thoughts reached this part, Lu Yin immediately changed course for the closest planet with lots of traffic, quickly changing his route.

The next time Lu Yin entered space, he was flying in a radiant-grade Aurora.

With this new ship's speed, it would only take him about half a day to arrive at Deep Crimson Planet; a tenth of the previously estimated travel time.

When Lu Yin arrived at his destination, the fierce-looking Cruiser still had not woken up yet. Only one day had passed, and it could only be said that the Blackbeard Pirates were so confident in themselves that they had lost their vigilance.

Deep Crimson Planet was still locked down, so people could only enter but not exit. Lu Yin docked his spacecraft at the space station before trying to contact Xia Luo, but it was to no avail.

Big Pao and Little Pao had thoroughly angered the Bo Duo, to the point where they had blocked all the communications signals on Deep Crimson Planet and sealed the planet, all so that they could thoroughly search for the attackers.

Deep Crimson Planet's capital was a city called Han Da, where the Bo Duo resided. Lu Yin was not in a rush to find Xia Luo and the others. Instead, he simply headed towards Han Da.

With his Invisible Aura Technique, nobody could detect his power level. He easily sneaked into Deep Crimson Hall's headquarters and then into a kitchen. Once there, he left the star essence with the tracking device embedded in it in a random area and then left.

"Next, I just have to wait for the Blackbeard Pirates to arrive." Lu Yin looked at the starry sky and sighed.

The Ghost Monkey marveled, "Seventh Bro, that's a good trick, but aren't you afraid that Deep Crimson Hall will just clear up the misunderstanding?"

"How? The tracker is located inside Deep Crimson Hall's headquarters, and they've blocked off all outside signals. The last place that the Blackbeard Pirates would have received the signal from would be Deep Crimson Planet. Thus, they have to invade Deep Crimson Planet before they can pinpoint the tracker's position. When that happens, I'll be able to get in contact with Xia Luo and take them all away."

“Deep Crimson Planet’s so large, so will there be enough time for you to escape before those Blackbeard Pirates and Deep Crimson Hall start fighting? It’s going to be tough.” The monkey was doubtful of Lu Yin’s plan.

Lu Yin muttered to himself, “It’s not that difficult. They’re relatively close by, and the Bo Duo’s cultivation isn’t that spectacular—they definitely haven’t comprehended a domain yet. They can’t use their star energy to constantly monitor their surroundings, so the area that they can observe won’t be very large. Deep Crimson Hall also has many captives that they have to keep an eye on while they’re trying to ferret out Big Pao and Little Pao.”

“So Big Pao and Little Pao shouldn’t be too far away from Han Da.” The monkey quickly understood.

Lu Yin smiled, since that was the logical conclusion. Fortunately, not everyone could comprehend a domain, or else Lu Yin would have no sense of security no matter what he did.

In the past, when he had been in Shenwu Continent, his actions had been discovered by Ming Zhaoshu. This demonstrated why a domain was so awesome. Without it, even a Hunter might as well be blind, as they would only be able to see a limited area.

Not long after Lu Yin arrived at Deep Crimson Planet, the fierce-looking Cruiser awakened. He had been taken to one of the nearby natives’ homes, and he forcibly suppressed his severe injuries and contacted the Blackbeard Pirates.

Over the many years that the Blackbeard Pirates had dominated the Chaos Flowzone, they had never been robbed. But today, their tribute had actually been stolen. This was not just a humiliation for the fierce-looking Cruiser’s pirate crew, but also for the Blackbeard Pirates. Nigh instantaneously, the Chaos Flowzone’s Blackbeard Pirates were mobilized, and they started to trace the signal, vowing to make the thief regret their actions for the rest of their life.

A Hunter who had been enjoying his time on another planet became even more furious. He was responsible for collecting the tributes from this region, but such a thing had happened during his supervision. This made him the laughingstock of the Blackbeard Pirates, so he could not let this matter rest. He definitely would not let the bastard off.

“Found it! The signal disappeared in this area.” One pirate brought up a star chart on the screen, showing a point that was highlighted with a red light.

That Hunter looked over, and his eyes narrowed. “Deep Crimson Planet. The Bo Duo are truly audacious. Contact the boss and tell him to let me handle this matter. I’m not a man if I can’t retrieve that tribute.” He then leaped up and charged into space.

On Deep Crimson Planet, within the capital, Han Da, Lu Yin found a slum where he could hide himself since he had decided to roll his die to pass the time. He was rich at this moment, so he was hoping to roll three pips: Enhance. His cosmic ring still contained a strengthening fruit that had previously been upgraded to a gold color, and there was also that half portion of the white fruit. He was not planning on using the strengthening fruit anytime soon, since his physical body had already been upgraded to the

extreme, which meant that he could not upgrade it anymore while in the Limiteer realm. Instead, he was planning on upgrading the white fruit half in his possession.

His mentor had previously mentioned that the white fruit was filled with vitality, and that such a fruit could even resurrect a person if it was old enough. Of course, resurrection was a bit of an exaggeration. However, Lu Yin believed that if the fruit was upgraded to a similar degree as the other strengthening fruits, then while it might not be able to resurrect a person, it would at least be able to let someone preserve their life. That was a valuable chance worth purchasing.

Right, he suddenly recalled that he still had his universal armor, and he wondered if such a thing could also be upgraded. He also had Progenitor Wushang's hide, and he wondered if that could be upgraded into a complete hide. He did not know how many pieces of Progenitor Wushang's hide there were, and they were all different sizes as well. It would be virtually impossible for someone to collect all of them.

As he thought about it, Lu Yin felt like he had been bewitched—he wanted to upgrade everything. For a moment, he even thought about throwing himself onto the screen to be upgraded. Perhaps his entire being might be directly enhanced.

Lu Yin walked deep into a side alley before using his domain to merge himself with his surroundings, concealing his aura. He no longer needed to worry even if a Hunter appeared. Suddenly, his domain distorted; another domain had appeared.

Lu Yin suddenly widened his eyes, and he turned to look towards the west, in the direction of the other domain user.

At the same time, in the west, Xia Luo looked up, and his lips perked up. He had just felt a familiar domain; Lu Yin had arrived.

Lu Yin also felt the familiarity of the other domain. It was Xia Luo's. An involuntary smile spread across his face. Deep Crimson Planet was so massive, but they had somehow managed to find each other in such a manner.

The slums were extensive, and Lu Yin's domain could not envelop such a large area. At best, they could cover a third of the slums. This meant that Xia Luo and he had coincidentally selected the same general area of the slums.

Soon after, Lu Yin pushed away a tattered wooden door to reveal Xia Luo, Lulu, Michelle, Zora, Coco, Darkvoid, and Hui Daynight. It was wonderful since not even one person was missing. They had all arrived safely. He would not have thought much of the others being present, but even Darkvoid and Hui Daynight had come along, which seemed strange.

"Brother Lu, you're here!" Coco was delighted.

The rest looked at Lu Yin as well. He was their backup, since his strength was equivalent to a Cruiser's.

"It looks like we think alike." Xia Luo beamed at Lu Yin. He almost always had the same facial expression, except for when he looked at Silver.

Lu Yin nodded towards Coco and the rest and then turned and shrugged towards Xia Luo. "Just as I was worrying about where to look for you guys, it turns out that I guessed correctly. Our two seniors shouldn't be imprisoned too far from here."

Xia Luo nodded. "So, shall we rest before we discuss how to rescue them? Meng Yue and Zhao Yilong have already scouted their location. They're being held beneath Han Da."

Lu Yin was shocked. "Underground?"

"There's a giant mine beneath Han Da, about a kilometer beneath the surface. Everyone who was captured was sent there, including our two seniors. The place where Meng Yue sneaked in is right under our current position."

Lu Yin looked down, and his domain penetrated through the ground. Once his domain stretched a kilometer down, he was able to detect some noise and confirm that there was indeed a large mine.

"What's the plan?" Lu Yin asked.

Lulu rolled her eyes. "What plan? Haven't we just been waiting for you? We can't escape from two Hunters on our own."

"The academy didn't have a problem with letting all of you make this trip?" Lu Yin was confused.

Lulu grinned, and a Money Bomb appeared in her hand that she started tossing about.

Chapter 426: An Exchange And A Secret

Lu Yin pursed his lips; it was no wonder why the academy had allowed their students to wander about like this. After all, not even the Bo Duo would necessarily be able to withstand an attack from a Money Bomb. As long as the weapon was used appropriately, there was actually a chance for their seniors to get revenge. Also, Lu Yin doubted that Lulu would only buy a single Money Bomb with her wealth.

"How many do you have?" Lu Yin could not help himself from asking.

Lulu raised her head proudly. "Guess."

Lu Yin flung fifty star essences over to her. "Here's what I owe you."

Lulu grabbed it in amazement. "That fast?"

The rest were amazed as well. Lu Yin had paid Lulu with star essence, not star crystals. Fifty star essences had the equivalent value of five million star crystals, which was an enormous sum for a student. However, Lu Yin actually possessed so much as to casually toss it out.

Lu Yin held his head up with pride. "It's just a small sum, so it's easy to earn."

Lulu carefully observed Lu Yin. "Not bad. Next time you borrow money from me, I'll consider charging you interest."

Lu Yin felt his teeth ache; he should have just kept his mouth shut.

"Seventh Bro, your mouth's too loose," the monkey commented.

“Xia Luo, tell Meng Yue and the rest to get ready. We’ll make our escape attempt as soon as Deep Crimson Planet falls into chaos,” Lu Yin said.

The others were all puzzled. Michelle asked, “Deep Crimson Planet will fall into chaos? There’s someone behind you?”

Lu Yin smiled mysteriously. “Sort of. No more questions—we don’t have much time left.”

Coco immediately ran over and eagerly looked at Lu Yin. “Brother Lu, tell Coco! Coco won’t tell anyone else.”

Lu Yin laughed, but he went ahead and bent down towards Coco’s ears before whispering into it. Coco then cried out, “The Blackbeard Pirates?”

Lu Yin was speechless.

The rest all looked at him in astonishment.

A chill flashed through Michelle’s eyes as she stared intently at Lu Yin. “So the rumors about you being connected to pirates were true?”

Lu Yin rolled his eyes. “Stop making wild guesses. I’m not connected to pirates. I just obtained information that Deep Crimson Hall stole something from the Blackbeard Pirates. Thus, they’ll be here soon. It’s got nothing to do with me.”

Michelle clearly didn’t believe him as her brows remained knitted, and she continued to stare at him. “I hope that you don’t end up being implicated with pirates. Otherwise, I’ll get my sister to have the Ten Arbiters revoke your status.”

Lu Yin frowned and looked at Michelle as he calmly replied, “You have no business nosing about in how I manage my affairs.”

Michelle stared at him, and the room suddenly fell silent.

Although the group of Astral-10 students had lived together for the past year, they were not extremely harmonious. Darkvoid did not speak with the others, Hui Daynight remained solitary, and Michelle also kept to herself. Everyone was aware of her motives when she had first arrived at Astral-10; not only had they not been pure, she had even been hostile to the academy. Although she no longer held any thoughts of cracking down on Astral-10, her fundamental perspective was not something that could be shifted.

She was used to viewing things from the Ten Arbiters Council’s point of view, and her mannerisms could seem arrogant at times. Lu Yin would not cave to her, as he even dared to tease Wendy Yushan and Mira, let alone Michelle.

Coco hurriedly tried to smooth things over, and she pulled Lu Yin over to the side of the room while Michelle silently sat on the other side.

Xia Luo walked over to the window and looked up at the skies, waiting to watch Deep Crimson Planet fall into chaos.

“Brother Lu, there’s another troublesome issue. Based on how many great powers act, those who have been captured will likely have tracking devices planted within them. Even if we manage to rescue our two seniors, escaping is another matter entirely,” Xia Luo said.

Lu Yin’s eyes flickered. “We’ll talk about this again after we rescue them. There’ll only be one such opportunity, and we won’t get another chance after this.

“Right, Coco, why are Darkvoid and Hui Daynight also here?” Lu Yin was puzzled.

Coco answered, “This is an academy mission, and the reward is pretty generous.”

So that’s why. Lu Yin now understood. It seemed that the academy had not completely refrained from meddling; the mentors had only changed their method. Given the status of the students such as Michelle, Hui Daynight, and Lulu, even if they were captured by the Bo Duo, those Hunters would not dare kill them. Thus, their lives were actually already guaranteed.

Lu Yin suddenly felt sorrow for the Bo Duo; they could not kill their enemies, but they still had to suffer from others’ attempts at exacting revenge. And that wasn’t even mentioning the fact that the Blackbeard Pirates would be arriving soon. Altogether, the two men were in a rather pitiful situation.

Lulu walked over after Lu Yin finished chatting with Coco. She pried the smaller girl away before giving Lu Yin a serious expression. “Tell me honestly: did Undying Yushan leave anything behind?”

Lu Yin put on a bewildered expression. “Undying Yushan? What does he have anything to do with you?”

Lulu stared at Lu Yin. “Don’t play dumb. Do you really not know?”

Lu Yin shook his head. “What should I know?”

“I’ve already checked. After the palace was sealed, only you entered that place, and Undying Yushan also left you with a ring of authority. There’s definitely more than meets the eye to that ring. For example, it might allow you to access some special items.” Lulu continued to stare into Lu Yin’s eyes.

Lu Yin sniggered inwardly, as it seemed that Lulu had not managed to gain any benefits from the Great Yu palace, so she had no choice but to reveal all of her cards. “You should ask Wendy Yushan about this. She was the last person to leave the palace, and that place was already cleared out by the time I got there.”

Lulu’s eyes flickered. After a moment, she rolled her eyes, and a crafty smile appeared on her face. “Lu Yin, aren’t you really short on money?”

Lu Yin nodded.

“If you tell me Undying Yushan’s secret, I can pay you a lot of money. If fifty star essences isn’t enough to get your attention, how about a hundred? Two hundred? Or maybe you’d be interested in a perpetual VIP status at the Mavis Bank that would allow you to take out an interest-free loan from Mavis Bank of up to 10,000 star essence?” Lulu tried to tempt him.

Lu Yin was moved, and he immediately nodded. “Alright, I’ll tell you a secret.”

Lulu was stumped, as he had agreed so readily that she could not believe it. “Tell me.”

Lu Yin contemptuously derided, "You're trying to cheat me! What if I tell you and then you don't deliver on your end?"

Lulu glared furiously at Lu Yin and then activated her gadget. "Go ahead. As long as your secret's big enough, I will submit an application to my family right now."

"That's more like it! But let's make a deal before that." Lu Yin looked expectantly at Lulu. "How many Money Bombs do you have on you? I want to buy some."

Lulu's brows lifted as she proudly looked at Lu Yin. "You want to buy some? Are you using money to insult me? Do I look like someone who's short on money?"

Mentioning money in front of a Mavis; Lu Yin felt like Lulu was practically shining as he looked at her.

Lu Yin coughed. "That- um, I know that you're not lacking in money, but I don't have any Money Bombs on me, so how about you give me some?"

Lulu's lips twitched. Although she was rich, the Money Bombs weren't cheap, either. She was not foolish and definitely would give such things away freely. "How many do you want to buy?"

"Money Bombs are so expensive, so I'm guessing that you could only afford a few of them. Forget it, I'll buy just a couple," Lu Yin muttered, though his voice was loud enough for Lulu to overhear. She bristled, and thirty Money Bombs appeared in her hands. The amount dazzled both Lu Yin and the monkey.

"What the... If each one costs fifty star essences, how much did she pay? 1,500 star essences? She's super rich!" the monkey shrieked in disbelief.

Lu Yin was also stunned. He had already known that Lulu was rich, but to this extent? Old Cai's initial offer had been a hundred star essences for three, which meant that this pile was worth a thousand star essence, which just happened to be the same amount that he had stolen from the pirates. This brat had taken such an exorbitant amount of wealth out without blinking, and it was definitely not everything that she possessed.

When Lu Yin looked at Lulu again, it was in a different light. This time, it was as if he was looking at a deity.

Lulu proudly raised her head, as she would never be timid in a discussion involving money. If there was a competition for the richest student, then she would comfortably place first without any contest. Even if all the others pooled all their wealth together, she would still beat the group all on her own. She was unequalled in this field.

"Seventh Bro, beg for her support! You lack money, and she's rich! You guys are a match made in heaven!" the Ghost Monkey cried out.

Lu Yin pursed his lips. "I want to buy six."

Lulu was shocked. "Can you afford that?"

Lu Yin's face turned ugly. "Yes."

Lulu casually tossed Lu Yin six of the Money Bombs and stuck out a pure-white hand. "Deal! Three hundred star essences."

Lu Yin looked up at her. "Three hundred? Shouldn't it be two hundred?"

Lulu contemptuously replied, "Fifty for one. Can't you do simple math?"

"Old Cai told me one hundred for three," Lu Yin stated.

Lulu's brows shot up, and her face distorted as an unhappy aura clearly appeared around her.

"Did you get scammed?" Lu Yin asked as his eyes widened.

Lulu's eyes trembled. "Of course not! I know that it's a hundred for three, but I need to make some profit off of you."

"I know Undying Yushan's secret," Lu Yin confidently replied.

Lulu's face became extremely ugly, and she snorted. "Hand over two hundred."

With a beaming expression, Lu Yin handed the money over. He could guarantee that Lulu had been swindled, as Old Cai had not given her any discount. This brat simply refused to admit it so that she could save face, which fortunately had saved Lu Yin from overpaying.

However, Old Cai's ability to determine someone's net worth was nauseating. Lu Yin definitely would not flaunt his money in front of the old man, or else he would just be asking to get ripped off.

"Alright, tell me Undying Yushan's secret." Lulu unhappily put away her remaining Money Bombs and stared at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin grew solemn, and seriously said, "I'll tell you, but you must promise to never to reveal this to others."

Lulu nodded, trembling. "I promise!"

"Alright." Lu Yin took a deep breath and then continued with a serious voice, saying, "Undying Yushan was fond of women with long hair, thin legs, and small bosoms."

Lulu was stumped, and she stared at Lu Yin, unable to react. "What did you just say?"

Lu Yin scanned the surroundings like a thief, and then lowered his voice even further. "Undying Yushan was fond of women with long hair, thin legs, and small bosoms."

Lulu grew furious and punched Lu Yin, who caught her fist, though his palm trembled from her fierce strength. It turned out that her power had increased once again. "Hey! Why are you suddenly attacking me?"

Lulu gritted her teeth. "This is the secret that you wanted to tell me?"

Lu Yin got angry. "This isn't enough? Aside from you and me, there's no one else in the universe who knows this secret!"

Lulu was enraged. "You bastard!" She moved to take back her fist so that she could punch him again, but she couldn't remove her hand from Lu Yin's grasp.

At that moment, Coco returned and yelped at the scene. "Brother Lu, Sister Lulu, when did you two get together?"

Coco could not be blamed for her misunderstanding, as their posture was just too dubious. Lu Yin's back was facing Coco, and although he was tightly gripping Lulu's fist, from Coco's point of view, it looked as if Lulu was about to fall into his embrace.

Lulu's face flushed red. "Girl! Don't spout nonsense."

Coco's cry had attracted Zora and Xia Luo's attention, and even Michelle and Hui Daynight looked over at them.

Lu Yin grew embarrassed, and he quickly released her hand and retreated several steps back. "It's just a misunderstanding. It's all just a misunderstanding."

Lulu stared at Lu Yin with steady eyes. "This matter isn't over. Just wait and see."

Lu Yin wanted to answer, but Xia Luo smiled from nearby. "Congratulations, Brother Lu."

Lu Yin was left speechless. "It's really just a misunderstanding!"

Chapter 427: Escape

After this matter, Lulu came to hate Lu Yin. She vowed to teach this bastard a lesson in the future. How had she never realized how shameless he was before?

"Seventh Bro, you've offended a girl. You're on your own now," the monkey cackled.

Lu Yin felt helpless. He had not realized it before, but he really wanted some more of those Money Bombs. Given Lulu's wealth, she would not simply sell them off, so that had been the only way he was going to get them. After all, he could not truly tell Lulu Undying Yushan's secret. Fortunately, Lulu held no bad intentions, and at most, she would retaliate out of spite, which was something that could be settled through some coaxing.

The group didn't stay in the shack for too long. A loud noise was soon heard outside, and the sky was torn apart. Lu Yin and the rest all stood up. "Alright, it's time to go."

Outside of Deep Crimson Planet, the Hunter from the Blackbeard Pirates who was responsible for collecting the tribute in this region looked down at the planet with a fierce expression. In response, two Hunters quickly tore through the void and appeared in outer space. They were the Bo Duo.

"Who are you? Why are you attacking our Deep Crimson Hall?" Bo Senior barked as he looked at the person in front of him with some caution in his eyes.

The Hunter raised his head and spoke in a gloomy sounding voice. "I am Ramus. Bo Duo, you two are really audacious! You even dare to touch what belongs to the Blackbeard Pirates!"

The Bo Duo exchanged surprised looks. "You're from the Blackbeard Pirates?"

Ramus sneered, "You're asking for death by still playing innocent." He then raised a hand, causing the void to distort as his surging star energy transformed into a sharp wind that flowed over everything nearby. It tore apart the surrounding space before shooting down towards Deep Crimson Planet.

The Bo Duo hurriedly moved to block the attack since it was strong enough to destroy Deep Crimson Planet.

At the same time, chaos erupted beneath Han Da. Big Pao, Little Pao, Meng Yue, and Zhao Yilong had roused the other captured cultivators and started a rebellion. The few Cruisers of Deep Crimson Hall tried to restrain them, only to be met by Lu Yin, Xia Luo, and the rest of the students. Such a chaotic scene erupted beneath Han Da, and it quickly caused the earth to split open.

One of Deep Crimson Hall's Cruisers was sent flying by Lu Yin, both of his arms snapping off. He was shocked that this Limiteer was able to battle against him, a Cruiser, as there were not many such people even within the scope of the entire universe.

Xia Luo, Lulu, and the others were not weak, either, and they joined forces to obstruct another Cruiser. Big Pao and Little Pao seemed to go crazy as they attacked some of Deep Crimson Hall's powerhouses.

Quite a number of the other captives were Explorers, and they all joined in, starting an intense battle against Deep Crimson Hall.

Han Da had turned into a battlefield.

Above the planet, the Bo Duo received a report about the situation, but they were too busy to pay attention to it since Ramus' power level surpassed their own. The pirate Hunter had repeatedly insisted they had stolen a tribute and wouldn't give them any chance to explain themselves, so they were only able to forcefully resist his attacks.

Beneath Han Da, Lu Yin grabbed Big Pao. "Let's go! Deep Crimson Hall has a good relationship with the Relentless Slayers, so their experts will be here soon."

Big Pao nodded without hesitation. "Alright, let's go."

Their group sped towards the space station, which was fortunately fairly close by to Han Da. They quickly moved to seize some spacecraft since numerous vessels had been impounded. However, a battle had also erupted at the space station, since the recently escaped captives were now fighting each other over who could obtain a spacecraft.

Deep Crimson Planet had been under lockdown for quite some time, and there were many trapped cultivators who wanted to leave. Thus, they all leapt at this opportunity.

Numerous spacecraft entered outer space one after another, but they all exploded after flying out a certain distance. There were Cruisers from Deep Crimson Hall who were watching over the region, and they were attacking anyone who tried to leave.

Even so, there were quite a few spacecraft that continued taking off and shooting into space in an attempt to escape.

Most of the people who had been imprisoned on Deep Crimson Planet were from the Outerverse. They were people who had wanted to enter the Innaverse to become stronger but had been captured by

Deep Crimson Hall and forced to work as miners. Since they didn't have any strong backers, they had assumed that they would never be able to escape from their fate as slaves. But at this moment, they saw the opportunity to escape, and many of them would rather die fighting for freedom than resign themselves to a lifetime of slavery.

In outer space, above the planet, two of Deep Crimson Hall's Cruisers led more than ten Explorers to intercept the fleeing vessels, causing explosions to ring out from time to time. Occasionally, other powerhouses would appear to fight against the Deep Crimson Hall's experts.

Lu Yin felt helpless when he saw this scene, and he immediately abandoned his personal Aurora to join up with Xia Luo and the others. The only way they would be able to escape from this planet was by working together.

They grabbed a small spacecraft that looked inconspicuous, but it wasn't fast. As soon as they left the planet, they were discovered by one of Deep Crimson Hall's Cruisers, who attacked them with a strike that shattered the void.

Lu Yin didn't move. Instead, Big Pao and Little Pao moved to the top of the spacecraft, where they worked together to stop the attack. They could kill a normal Cruiser when they joined forces, so blocking this attack was no problem for them.

That Cruiser had not expected them to successfully block his attack, and he immediately felt that something was wrong. There were very few people on Deep Crimson Planet who could battle against Cruisers. Thus, this group had the ability to possibly kill Cruisers, which meant that they might even be the people they had been searching for all this time. The moment he realized this, he immediately shot off in pursuit of the spacecraft while he informed the rest of Deep Crimson Hall of what had happened.

Within the spacecraft, the group from Astral-10 watched the screen as it displayed number after number, representing the power level of all the experts nearby. Each number was over 10,000, and two of them even exceeded 50,000, which meant that Deep Crimson Hall had sent Cruisers after them.

"Lulu, it's your turn!" Lu Yin shouted.

The youths all turned to look at her as her face turned ugly and she stared at Lu Yin. "Why isn't it your turn? Aren't you a man?"

"I don't have as many as you."

Lulu was indignant, but she nonetheless donned her universal armor and moved on top of the spacecraft.

Big Pao and Little Pao turned to look at Lulu in shock. "Why are you out here?!"

Lulu was already in a bad mood, so she didn't even bother responding. She wordlessly pulled out two Money Bombs and aimed one at a Cruiser in front of them and the other at the Cruiser who had been chasing them from the beginning. Star energy condensed as two light rays instantly shot out, killing the two Cruisers before they could even react.

This scene was shocking, and it caused all of Deep Crimson Hall's members to freeze as they stared at Lulu in horror.

“GO!” Lulu raised her head and shouted before going back inside the spacecraft.

Big Pao and Little Pao exchanged surprised glances. It turned out that Lulu actually possessed such powerful weapons.

The experts from Deep Crimson Hall watched on blankly as the spacecraft left, not one of them daring to give chase.

In another area of outer space, Ramus tore through the seal on Deep Crimson Planet and descended into Deep Crimson Hall’s headquarters. He followed the signal and soon discovered the star essence in the kitchen.

The Bo Duo’s faces were as white as death. “Hurry up and check the security footage! Find out who hid this here!”

Ramus was no idiot. Since only the star essence with a tracking device in it had been placed in this kitchen, it was enough to prove that the thief had discovered the device. In other words, Deep Crimson Hall had indeed been framed. Ramus crushed the star essence apart and stared at the Bo Duo. He then spoke in a deep voice. “Find me that person at once, or your Deep Crimson Hall will join him in his grave.”

So what if they had been framed? The Blackbeard Pirate Group were tyrants. It didn’t matter if someone had actually committed a crime or not—anyone who had been implicated would be found guilty.

The Bo Duo became rather sullen at this command, but they had no choice since the Blackbeard Pirates had given it. At that moment, a video was transmitted to them. It was the scene of Lulu killing two Cruisers with her Money Bombs.

The Bo Duo was enraged at the sight. Deep Crimson Hall did not have many Cruisers to begin with, and now, two had been blasted to death in an instant. This was practically creating a blood feud.

Ramus also saw the video, and he frowned. Strange, why does that weapon seem so familiar? He felt like he had seen it somewhere before.

“Ramus, the people who robbed you of your tribute should be a part of this group that’s created a huge mess on my Deep Crimson Planet. They must have done this in order to escape,” Bo Senior said.

Ramus squinted. “Are you talking about the group on that small spacecraft?”

“Definitely,” Bo Junior replied.

Ramus sneered, “Do you know how strong the pirate captain who was plundered was? He was a Cruiser! His body received multiple powerful attacks that damaged his internal organs. Tell me, does that vessel carry an expert who can severely injure a Cruiser?”

Bo Senior replied, “They have that weapon that can instantly kill a Cruiser.”

“A weapon is a weapon, but the robbed captain was injured by a person. He was injured by a palm and not a weapon. There are only two Explorers on that ship, and the others aren’t even Explorers! Or are

you perhaps trying to tell me that a Limiteer can severely injure a Cruiser?" Ramus's tone was incredulous. "Then tell me, are Ye Xingchen, Mu Rong, or Ling Que on that ship?!"

The three of them could only think of those three Limiteers who could defeat Cruisers. To them, as far as they knew, Lu Yin was dead.

The Bo Duo were unable to respond.

"Your Deep Crimson Hall has offended way too many people, and there'll be many Cruisers among your enemies as well. The other party must be trying to use my Blackbeard Pirates to get rid of you. I'll make this clear: if that tribute's not delivered to me within a month, I'll do as they wish and take you out. This is how my Blackbeard Pirates work!" Ramus left them with those words.

Pirate groups didn't follow any fixed laws; they only recognized the law of the pirate, which was to plunder. Deep Crimson Hall was worthless in the eyes of the Blackbeard Pirates, but they also could not allow someone else to manipulate their pirate crew in such a way. In this next month, not only would Deep Crimson Hall look for the thief, but the pirates would search as well.

And they would prioritize investigating any Cruisers that Deep Crimson Hall had offended.

The Bo Duo did not stop Ramus from leaving. "Immediately request Mr. Mo to take action and stop that small spacecraft. We can track down the signals of all those that fled. Also, send a request to any allied powers located along their route and ask them to seal off any flight routes along the way. Regardless of if they are guilty, we still have them pay for killing two Cruisers of Deep Crimson Hall," Bo Senior said.

Bo Junior acknowledged his orders and immediately left.

As they cruised through space inside the small spacecraft, Big Pao and Little Pao thanked the rest of the students for rescuing them.

"Senior, exactly what sort of enmity do you have with Deep Crimson Hall?" Coco asked, as the rest of them only had a general idea of the brothers' background. They were all unsure of the details.

The two exchanged glances, and then Little Pao replied in a low tone, "We were born in an organization known as Blackfire Hall, a sworn enemy of Deep Crimson Hall. Both powers were of similar strength, and neither could do much to the other. However, the Bo Duo invited an expert from the Relentless Slayers to kill off our Blackfire Hall, and us brothers were only rescued by Astral-10 through a stroke of luck. However, not one other person from Blackfire Hall survived."

The youths fell silent, as any struggle between powers in the universe was cruel. It was often difficult to pinpoint who was right or wrong. If Blackfire Hall had possessed the capability, then they definitely would have wiped out Deep Crimson Hall.

"The Bo Duo are both Hunters, so it's still too early for Seniors to think of revenge. Just give it some time. At least wait until you guys are Cruisers as well," Lu Yin cautioned.

The two were in despair. "You're right. We were too impatient, and we even dragged in all you juniors into the fray."

Lulu waved her hand magnanimously. "No biggie. We'll just treat this trip as a cruise."

The others looked at her strangely, though she was indeed qualified to say such things. Would it even matter if she was captured by Deep Crimson Hall? She would just need to tell them her name to make the Bo Duo politely send her off. Her background was something that they could not afford to offend.

“Alright, everyone, let’s stop chatting. The path ahead of us has been sealed, so we need to think of another way through.” Meng Yue spoke up after staring at a screen.

Chapter 428: Starfall Sea

Lu Yin shifted his attention to Hui Daynight. “It’s your turn.”

Hui Daynight was taken aback. He had not spoken much from the beginning and had instead been maintaining a low profile. He didn’t expect that Lu Yin would suddenly call him out here.

The others also looked at Hui Daynight, understanding Lu Yin’s intentions. The characteristics of the Daynight clan were too obvious, and it was universally known that it was not a good idea to provoke them. Thus, not many people dared to offend them.

Hui Daynight didn’t have a choice, so he walked over to the screen and talked with the powers who had sealed the space in front of them. Without much delay, their spacecraft soon sped off.

Daynight Flowzone bordered Chaos Flowzone, so it was normal for Daynight members to appear here. The average person would not dare to provoke any clan member, and no one would dare to impersonate them. This was because everyone who had made such attempts in the past had been exterminated without exception.

The Daynight clan abhorred impersonators, and they showed no mercy to such people.

“Hui Daynight, you can just sit in front of the screen since there’ll definitely be more blockades up ahead,” Lu Yin called out from behind him.

Hui Daynight felt helpless. He was practically being treated as a travel visa, but he did not complain.

“Everyone, I think that we should change routes,” Xia Luo suddenly spoke up as he shivered.

Everyone looked over at him.

“I’ve received news that the Bo Duo have contacted a Hunter of the Relentless Slayers to track us down. Hui Daynight can intimidate these small powers into letting us pass, but that definitely won’t work on the Relentless Slayers,” Xia Luo continued.

The group trembled, as this meant that there was another Hunter chasing after them. In the end, it would not be easy for them to escape after all.

They all opened a star chart and studied it while trying to map out various other routes. Xia Luo commented, “We can only flee in this direction, or else we’ll either run into the blockades of other various powers or the expert from the Relentless Slayers. There are tracking devices in Seniors’ bodies, so we can’t escape. This direction is the safest.”

Everyone looked at the place that Xia Luo had pointed at, only to see that the only words there were “Starfall Sea.”

There was a mysterious place in the Inniverse called the Starfall Sea. Legend had it that it was an enormous body of water, but it wasn't related to the Astral River or the Cosmic Sea at all. This place was a true ocean formed from multiple streams, and it had flooded a certain area of space. There, both planets and mainlands were submerged within the sea, and spacecraft could only travel over the water.

According to the legends, there was a stream inside the Starfall Sea that would cleanse the space at regular intervals.

The legends also said that, in the Starfall Sea, weapons would frequently appear that did not belong to this universe. Supposedly, there were even battle techniques that came from ancient times.

Legends had it that, in the Starfall Sea, there were super powerhouses whose power levels surpassed 500,000.

Legends...

In brief, there were too many legends and stories about the Starfall Sea. It was so overwhelming that no one knew which ones were true and which ones were false. Countless people in the universe wanted to explore the Starfall Sea, and it was seen as a paradise for powerhouses, because many cultivators had actually achieved amazing results after returning from the Starfall Sea.

Lu Yin's deepest impression of the Starfall Sea was the Undying Manual. Years ago, together with Undying Zishan, Undying Yushan had roamed the Starfall Sea, and the two of them had even changed their names later on, becoming the Undying Duo. Undying Yushan had even charged into the top thirty of the Top Hundred Rankings, shocking the heavens.

Undying Yushan had been severely injured by others precisely because of the Undying Manual, but by a fluke, he had managed to return to the Great Yu Empire. Many powers from the Inniverse longed to obtain that manual, and they had even impeded his plans to unify Frostwave Weave for it.

It could even be said that, if not for the Undying Manual, the Great Yu Empire would have long since unified Frostwave Weave.

Lu Yin had a rather deep impression of the Starfall Sea, but he had never visited it himself. He had not realized that he had gotten so close to it; just to the west of Chaos Flowzone lay the Starfall Sea.

"With our strength, it's still a bit too dangerous for us to roam the Starfall Sea," Zhao Yilong commented in a low tone. He was from Myriad Swords Peak, which was located in Souseal Flowzone. They weren't that far from the Starfall Sea, so he had some understanding of it. He continued on, saying, "Those who qualify to explore the Starfall Sea are generally all space-exploring powerhouses, because there's a stream that washes everyone out of the sea at regular intervals. It's something that spacecraft can't withstand. It's not that easy to reach the planets either, since even space-exploring powerhouses can barely defend themselves."

"I've heard that we can get a coating for the spacecraft at the entrance of the Starfall Sea and that the film can withstand the power of that stream," Zora said.

Zhao Yilong shook his head. "That's too expensive."

Lu Yin looked up and locked his eyes firmly onto Lulu. The others did the same, everyone turning to look at her.

Her brows lifted, and she sneered proudly. "Zhao Yilong, what did you just say? Too expensive?"

The corners of Zhao Yilong's eyes twitched. "Just pretend that I didn't say anything."

Xia Luo clapped. "Ladies and gentlemen, we don't have any other choice. No matter what, there's only one direction forward, which is towards the Starfall Sea. Otherwise, we'll be caught by the Relentless Slayers' expert. We might be alright, but our two seniors will definitely die without a doubt."

Big Pao and Little Pao's faces sank. "We'll take our personal spacecraft and leave. Without us onboard, the Relentless Slayers and Deep Crimson Hall won't make things difficult for the rest of you. It'll take some time for us to remove the tracking devices planted inside of our bodies, so we definitely won't escape this time."

Xia Luo solemnly replied, "There's no time. We're definitely already being tracked. The Relentless Slayers is Chaos Flowzone's most professional assassin organization, and they are hidden very deeply, so they're not afraid of anyone. No matter if it's the Astral Combat Academy, the Lockbreaker Society, Shamrock Enterprises, the Daynight clan, or even the Mavis family, they would still dare to attack people from those groups. The name 'Chaos Flowzone' is not an empty title, while powerful clans can deter smaller powers like Deep Crimson Hall, they won't be able to intimidate groups like the Relentless Slayers."

"Chaos Flowzone itself is fraught with danger. It's not like the Relentless Slayers haven't assassinated Daynight members in the past; they have no hesitation about doing such things," Michelle added on.

Coco was shocked. "Sister Zora, they even dare to kill Daynight clan members? Aren't they afraid of being annihilated by the Daynight clan?"

Zora forced a smile onto her face. "It's not just once or twice that the Daynight clan has tried to ferret these people out. However, the Relentless Slayers have just hidden themselves too well. At most, the Daynight clan was able to destroy some of their more obvious businesses, but they've never been able to completely eradicate them. Moreover, external powers run into heavy resistance whenever they enter Chaos Flowzone, since Chaosgod Mountain won't just watch from the sidelines. After all, Chaos Flowzone has no fixed laws, but it also has the greatest rules."

Lu Yin slapped the table. "Since that's the case, then let's head towards the Starfall Sea."

No one in the group opposed him since Lu Yin's prestige was the highest out of all of them. If he had made a decision, then the others would not fight him over it. Moreover, this was truly the only path that they could take, as they would be caught by the Relentless Slayers' experts if they headed in any other direction.

Big Pao and Little Pao expressed their thanks to the younger students once again.

Hundreds of people could be housed in a small spacecraft, and there were more than ten rooms, so there was plenty of space to go around.

Lu Yin sat down in the study and watched outer space pass by. He touched his heart, his left arm, and his right leg; the grains of Fatesand had long since integrated into his body, which meant that he was no longer stuck in painful agony. However, he had no idea when they would actually awaken. Mister Mu's description had been rather horrifying, as the man had said that some people never awakened their Fatesand, which left Lu Yin a bit confused.

His physical strength and star energy were being hindered by the three grains of Fatesand. This meant that his current power could not even compare to his strength back when he had fought against Tian Hou during the Tournament of the Strongest.

I'll just have to hope that it'll awaken eventually, though I do wonder what form it'll take. He was looking forward to it.

Dong dong dong!

Knocks sounded from the door.

"Come in," Lu Yin said.

Zhao Yilong entered. His appearance caused Lu Yin to think of Wendy Yushan; she was a female disciple of Myriad Swords Peak.

"Brother Lu, do you have some time to talk?" Zhao Yilong asked with a complex look.

Lu Yin nodded and gestured for him to sit.

Zhao Yilong did not sit. Instead, he walked over to the window and stared out at the stars. He seemed to be organizing his thoughts, though he still did not speak.

Lu Yin was amused by the situation. "Did you want to talk about Wendy Yushan?"

Zhao Yilong turned around, and the expression that he showed Lu Yin was very serious. "What's your relationship with Senior?"

Lu Yin considered the question. "Similar to familial affection."

Zhao Yilong was puzzled. "What does that mean?"

"Relatives, basically. Why? Are you and Wendy Yushan very close?"

Zhao Yilong shook his head. "She's my senior as well as the strongest heir of Myriad Swords Peak. We don't qualify to even approach her. I'm here to tell you that it's best not to try to woo her."

Lu Yin frowned. "What's the problem with hitting on her?"

Zhao Yilong replied seriously, "As fellow students, I don't want to watch you die."

Lu Yin raised his brows. "What does that mean?"

Zhao Yilong thought for a second before answering. "There's a rumor in Myriad Swords Peak that Senior was only accepted into the sect thanks to someone else. Senior is from the Outerverse, so no matter

how powerful her innate gift is, Myriad Swords Peak cannot possibly give her too many resources. However, her cultivation in the sect always progressed smoothly. Though no one knows what the underlying reason is, it's rumored that she's related to a certain person."

"Who?" Lu Yin asked curiously.

Zhao Yilong shook his head. "Nobody seems to know exactly who that person is, but the rumors say that it's one of the Ten Arbiters."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "One of the Ten Arbiters? Which one?"

"I don't know. Only Master or an esteemed elder of Myriad Swords Peak might know, No disciple would be privy to that sort of information. According to the rumors, Senior is unofficially betrothed to that Arbiter."

Lu Yin's gaze shivered, and he grew unhappy. Although he had no plans of having a relationship with Wendy Yushan, he still did not feel comfortable watching her become someone else's woman. It was a man's natural possessiveness, and Lu Yin's feelings had intensified after he had handed the Yu Secret Art over to Wendy Yushan. Her gaze when she had looked at him at that time had subtly changed. Just the thought of that expression made Lu Yin want to hold onto her.

"Does Wendy Yushan follow that particular Arbiter?" Lu Yin asked.

Zhao Yilong shook his head. "I don't know. After all, it's just a rumor, and it's hard to distinguish between what's true and what's false. If there really is an Arbiter who adores her, then she would not have been so severely injured when she went to the Ross Empire."

Lu Yin nodded, as that was indeed true. If it were him, he would not be able to watch on unconcerned while his beloved was severely injured. Wendy Yushan was someone from the Outerverse, but she had truly received great treatment from Myriad Swords Peak. Given the prejudice that people from the Innaverse held towards anyone from the Outerverse, it was actually impossible for her to not have a backer. Rather, it was just a matter of whether or not there was a so-called admirer.

Lu Yin looked at the gadget and suddenly considered contacting Wendy Yushan.

Zhao Yilong left, as he had only told Lu Yin what he had out of a sense of camaraderie. It was none of his business whether or not Lu Yin actually listened to him. Although Lu Yin was very strong and had amazing talent, no one believed that he would be able to reach the level of the Ten Arbiters. Their existence was simply unsurpassed in the younger generation.

Lu Yin looked at his gadget and opened Wendy Yushan's page. He thought about contacting her again, but he did not know what to say even if she picked up. Speaking of which, he actually did not seem to have any relationship with her, aside from their engagement which no one would recognize. However, Lu Yin simply had an uneasy feeling that he could not shake, especially when he recalled the look on Wendy Yushan's face when she had looked at him in San Dios. He really wanted to ask if she had some supposed lover.

Wendy Yushan was absolutely beautiful, so it was normal for her to have admirers. In fact, Puyu was one of them. However, the Ten Arbiters were on a different level, as the disparity between them and Puyu

was too extreme. Lu Yin could ignore Puyu, but he definitely had to be careful whenever the Ten Arbiters were involved.

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Lu Yin's hand remained frozen in midair for a while, as he could not make up his mind on whether or not he should contact Wendy.

"Seventh Bro, don't even ask. It'll just make you more depressed," the monkey said sympathetically.

Lu Yin did not respond.

"Some things are better left unknown. If you actually ask, what will you do if you're compared to one of the Ten Arbiters? That would be embarrassing." The monkey rejoiced at Lu Yin's dilemma.

Lu Yin directly cut off his star energy to his right arm; that bastard's mouth was rotten.

Dong dong dong!

Another person knocked on the door, and Lu Yin looked up. "Come in."

Hui Daynight walked in, and he immediately told Lu Yin, "The Daynight clan has already cancelled their restrictions concerning Frostwave Weave."

Lu Yin's heart skipped a beat. "What does that mean?"

Hui Daynight calmly replied, "The previous orders from Nightking Elder Nightking Yuanjing prohibited any Daynight clan member from participating in Frostwave Weave's war. This restriction was removed in the past few days."

Lu Yin's eyes turned cold. This old fellow had tossed him aside and turned hostile as soon as Lu Yin lost value in his eyes.

"This restriction was removed by the Nightking Elders, but you don't need to be too worried. The Nightking clan places many restrictions on the clan members, and new restrictions frequently appear. It's possible that no one even noticed it."

Lu Yin would not cling to such a hope since that woman, Nightqueen Yanqing, held a deep grudge against him. She was likely circling around him like a vulture. It was even possible that she had something to do with the restriction being removed; otherwise, even if Lu Yin had lost Nightking Yuanjing's favor, such a change would not have occurred so quickly. At most, the Nightking elder would have no longer interfered in the matter.

If Nightqueen Yanqing truly wanted to meddle in the military affairs of Frostwave Weave, it would cause huge problems for the empire. The Great Yu Empire was already dealing with issues related to the economic embargo, so the Great Yu Empire might not be able to continue their campaign if the Daynight clan's experts started interfering.

Hui Daynight left after delivering his news.

Lu Yin started muttering to himself. He could not allow a calamity to befall the Great Yu Empire just because of his personal matters.

Dong dong dong!

Another knock came from the door, and Lu Yin's brows rose up. "Come in."

A fragrance wafted over towards him, and Michelle walked in as she directed an indifferent expression towards Lu Yin.

Lu Yin studied her. "What's the matter?"

"I just contacted my sister. She knows that we're going to Starfall Sea, so she wants me to remind you about a certain matter."

Lu Yin had a bad premonition. "What?"

"Previously, Undying Yushan caused numerous people to die while he roamed the Starfall Sea, so there are quite a few enemies who might create trouble for you."

Lu Yin's heart sank; Why is there nothing but bad news today? "It can't be that bad. After all, Undying Yushan's trip to the Starfall Sea was so long ago."

"Most of his enemies certainly aren't alive anymore, but not everyone who has a deep-seated hatred is among that group. Can you guarantee that none of the Innerverse powers that were monitoring the Great Yu Empire came from the Starfall Sea?" Michelle questioned.

Lu Yin immediately thought of that armless Hunter who had ambushed him. When Undying Yushan had been at the brink of death, many powers from the Innerverse had indeed appeared.

Lu Yin was upset, but that wouldn't prevent him from being forced to take on Undying Yushan's past grudges. He suddenly felt that going to the Starfall Sea had not been a wise decision after all.

Michelle left after saying her piece, since she had specifically come to deliver bad news.

Lu Yin did not close his door after she left. He felt like leaving the door open would be better since the knocking sound gave him a strange sense of panic.

Unfortunately for him, leaving the door open was useless. Xia Luo arrived next, also with bad news. "The Relentless Slayers sent Feng Mo after us, who's a Hunter with a power level of over 150,000."

Lu Yin blinked; this was really bad news, and it just piled on top of what he had heard earlier. "What should we do?"

Xia Luo had no suggestions. "It all depends on our luck. Given Feng Mo's speed, we might not even make it to the Starfall Sea before he catches up."

Lu Yin let out a long breath and felt rather sullen. His status was now enough to make others apprehensive about killing him, and even the Daynight clan would have to consider whether or not they should kill him. However, an existence like the Relentless Slayers had no such misgivings. This sort of assassin organization was similar to pirate crews, and they did not worry about status, causing them to often be the most problematic foes.

As a clan grew stronger, that sometimes also came with an increased pressure to put on a superficial front of effort. Even though the Daynight clan were bullies, they did not dominate the universe; however, the same could not be said for the dark powers.

“How are you so well informed about the Relentless Slayers?” Lu Yin looked curiously at Xia Luo.

Xia Luo casually replied, “One of my clanmates has hidden himself within the world of killers and is very familiar with Relentless Slayers. He told me.”

“Can he issue missions for the Relentless Slayers?” Lu Yin’s eyes flashed.

Xia Luo nodded. “If he uses another identity, sure. Why? Who do you want to kill?”

“Who’s along the way?” Lu Yin’s lips perked up.

Xia Luo didn’t know how to react.

Lu Yin whispered something to him, and Xia Luo exclaimed in surprise, “Your brain works fast! With this, we can actually buy ourselves some time.”

“That will depend on your clanmate.”

Xia Luo nodded and left Lu Yin’s room.

Lu Yin turned around and closed the door. There shouldn’t be any more bad news coming, as the remaining people in the vessel would not make an effort to help him out.

“Monkey, have you finished translating those words?” Lu Yin asked after unscreening his right arm.

The monkey lazily replied, “I’ve already said that I’ve only translated one word. The other words are too ancient. Give me another year to work on it.”

“I can’t wait. I want to use it already.” Lu Yin’s gaze quivered.

The Ghost Monkey was stumped. “Use it? How? What do you mean?”

Lu Yin activated his gadget and quickly tried to contact Nightking Yuanjing. However, this time, his call did not connect right away, and he had to wait for a bit of time.

“Little Yin? What’s the matter?” The old Nightking looked at Lu Yin with a smile in his eyes.

As he looked at Nightking Yuanjing’s smile, Lu Yin suddenly understood that this old fogey must have been the one who had lifted the restrictions preventing the Daynight clan members from influencing the Frostwave Weave’s war. This old fart wanted to use this method to coerce Lu Yin into giving up more useful information. Things were not how Lu Yin had originally believed them to be.

Even if the Daynight clan was certain that a young cultivator like himself knew nothing more about the Great Realm of Nothingness, this was their way of handling things—cautiously and thoroughly.

As expected, the older the ginger, the spicier it was.

“Grandpa Yuanjing, do you recall the ancient centipede corpse that appeared in Northline Flowzone?” Lu Yin asked respectfully.

Nightking Yuanjing’s gaze flashed. “The centipede's corpse? Certainly.”

That incident had been a rather big deal, and even now, the Northline Flowzone was still very busy as numerous great powers such as the Daynight clan, Lingling clan, Sword Sect, Divine Grade Hall, Blaze Realm, and Ross Empire had congregated there to explore the centipede's body. Even that old freak, Northgate Taisui, could not stop them, or rather, he did not dare to stop them.

However, this matter was not being overseen by Nightking Yuanjing, so he had not paid too much attention to it.

Lu Yin continued speaking. “This student was one of the first people to explore the centipede's body, and I saw certain scenes that I wish to share with Grandpa Yuanjing, in gratitude for Grandpa Yuanjing’s kindness in protecting Little Yin.”

Nightking Yuanjing’s face became a bit more serious. “What scene?”

“Five pikes dividing a corpse,” Lu Yin answered.

Nightking Yuanjing calmly replied, “We’ve already seen that scene.”

“But there were also some words besides this corpse. Does Grandpa Yuanjing know about them?” Lu Yin spoke slowly, as these words were his bargaining chip. He wanted to use these words to obtain protection once more, and he did not even consider what these words would be worth. No matter what an ancient object was valued, they would diminish with the passing of time. However, an ancient clan like the Daynight clan needed such things, as they were a part of the history of civilization.

Grandpa Yuanjing’s eyes trembled. “There were indeed rumors of words being there, but no one recorded them down. Little Yin, did you record them?”

Lu Yin nodded. “Fortunately, yes, and I’m offering them to Grandpa Yuanjing.”

Nightking Yuanjing laughed and looked at Lu Yin appreciatively. “Alright, at least Grandpa has not doted on you in vain. Not bad, not bad! I heard that you even snatched three pikes from Northgate Lie’s hands. Little Yin, you’re not too bad.”

Lu Yin smiled. “I must thank Grandpa Yuanjing for protecting Little Yin’s Frostwave Weave. This allowed me to not worry about any troubles at home propping up. Otherwise, I might not have been able to beat Northgate Lie, as he’s in the Top 100 Rankings after all.”

Smiling, Nightking Yuanjing nodded. “Rest assured, Little Yin, safeguarding the peace of Frostwave Weave is an internal matter of my Daynight clan. Now will be the same as before; it won’t change.”

Lu Yin relaxed, as this promise was what he wanted to hear. “This student will pass the rubbing of that writing on to Grandpa Yuanjing.”

The old man nodded in satisfaction, not worried in any way that Lu Yin would try to hoodwink him. The Daynight clan possessed many ancient objects, and a single glance at the words would be enough for them to verify if they were truly ancient words.

Unfortunately, it seems that this brat really doesn't know anything more about the Great Realm of Nothingness, or else he wouldn't have revealed those words. A pity—it seems that we'll need to come up with another method to rescue the Third Nightking.

Lu Yin quickly sketched out the writing and showed the drawing on the screen so that Nightking Yuanjing could see it and take a picture.

He ended his call with Nightking Yuanjing, and his face dropped. He did not know how long those words would be able to protect the Frostwave Weave for; it might be a few months or at most, half a year.

“Seventh Bro, you're trapped in a vicious cycle. The Daynight clan is extremely tyrannical, and that old fellow's promise will last for no more than a few months. There's no way that it'll last for a year. At that time, you'll need to take out another attractive offering, or else the Frostwave Weave will be toyed with by the Daynight clan. Can you ensure that you'll have anything to attract their attention then?” the monkey asked.

Lu Yin's eyes flashed with a cold glint. “We'll discuss it again at that time.”

Ever since he had first contacted Nightking Yuanjing, he had been stuck in this endless loop. Unless the day came where he surpassed the Daynight clan, he would have no way to break free from this coercion. Until then, the Daynight clan would be able to continuously use the Frostwave Weave to take advantage of Lu Yin.

The difficulty of surpassing the Daynight clan could only be imagined, but there was one other way: Lu Yin could reveal his background. The existence of Highsage Leon was enough to give the Daynight clan misgivings about taking advantage of Lu Yin, but doing so would also leave Lu Yin with no way to establish himself in the Innerverse or the Outerverse. Without even taking the Ten Arbiters into consideration, the status of being a pirate would be so bad that Lu Yin wouldn't even be able to say in the Outerverse You Council; he would be immediately kicked out.

“Seventh Bro, I feel like we need to find a stronger patron,” the monkey suggested.

Lu Yin was in a bad mood. “Obviously, I know that. But where are we going to look for one?”

“Rely on one of the Ten Arbiters.”

Lu Yin's heart jolted, as relying on them was indeed one method, but even that would not be enough to make the Daynight clan hesitate. Nightking Zhenwu was the most tyrannical even amongst the Ten Arbiters, as shown by the fact that he could even exert his influence at the border warfront.

In the Daynight Flowzone, on Nightking Planet, underneath the gentle caress of the moonlight and within a sprawling ancient castle, Nightqueen Yanqing silently sat in front of a piano, playing a sad piece.

Figure after figure entered the castle before kneeling down on one knee towards Nightqueen Yanqing.

Each of them had the power level of a Cruiser, and there were at least ten of them. Each one of them was also from the Daynight clan.

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Nightqueen Yanqing continued playing the piano piece. As the number of figures continued to increase, the piece grew even more melancholic, and every note was full of bleakness.

Suddenly, the music stopped, and Nightqueen Yanqing looked at the score in excitement. "I'm giving you all a mission: go to Frostwave Weave and massacre all of the space-exploring powerhouses of the Great Yu Empire. Don't let a single one get away."

"Yes," the kneeling crowd acknowledged.

Nightqueen Yanqing's lips curled up in a merciless smile. The clan had finally lifted the restriction on interfering with Frostwave Weave. She had immediately acted, ready to make Lu Yin regret his entire life. She would not immediately destroy the Great Yu Empire, as she was planning on slowly toying with it instead. She had a great deal of spare time.

Although the people before her were just Cruisers, the Daynight clan's Cruisers were incomparable to a Cruiser of the Outerverse. If these people united, then they could even challenge a Hunter. Thus, she was effectively sending a few Hunters, which would be more than enough to deal with the Great Yu Empire's Hunters and eliminate the entire upper echelon of the Great Yu Empire.

But then, there was a sudden soft beep, and Nightqueen Yanqing looked at her gadget. Her face quickly changed, and an intense coldness shone through. She tried to make a call, and Nightking Yuanjing's figure quickly appeared on her display.

"Elder Yuanjing, why did you reinstate the restriction concerning the Frostwave Weave?" Nightqueen Yanqing suppressed her rage when speaking to the elder.

He replied in a deep voice, "You don't need to know about that. I will explain to Zhenwu. The restriction stands."

Nightqueen Yanqing widened her eyes. "What exactly is your relationship with Lu Yin?"

Nightking Yuanjing did not bother replying, and he simply disconnected from the call.

To every powerful clan in the universe, the most important priority for them was always their inheritance. The Daynight clan valued the submitted ancient words that Lu Yin had submitted, as these characters represented culture, which also stood for inheritance. Even if the content of the words held no intrinsic value, the words themselves were worth studying.

One set of words in exchange for a period of noninterference in the Frostwave Weave's war had been Nightking Yuanjing's proposed deal to the elders of the clan, and it was precisely this deal that had denied Nightqueen Yanqing her bloodlust. Nightking Yuanjing did not explicitly state how long the restriction would last, which meant that he could rip up the deal at any time.

Nightqueen Yanqing looked at the hazy moonlight outside, and her entire body trembled in anger. Thrice she had tried to act against Lu Yin. And thrice she had been restricted, each and every time. Very well, she would wait. She refused to believe that the elders would continue to protect that person, which meant that, one day, she would trample him beneath her feet.

At this time, she was not the only one shocked, as Hui Daynight was similarly stunned by the news.

He was the one who had informed Lu Yin that the restriction concerning the Frostwave Weave had been lifted, and even though only a brief amount of time had passed, the restriction had already been reinstated. Just what exactly had Lu Yin just done?

At this moment, Lu Yin became incomparably mysterious to Hui Daynight. It was no wonder why he had dared to oppose the Daynight clan in the trial zones.

Behind Lu Yin and the others, a radiant-grade Aurora shot through space, carrying Feng Mo of the Relentless Slayers. He had accepted Deep Crimson Hall's mission to capture Lu Yin and the rest.

Even though he was uncertain about the information concerning Lu Yin's group, they had appeared on Deep Crimson Planet, and their pictures had long since been transmitted to Feng Mo's gadget. With his strength as a Hunter, they would not be able to hide from him even if they changed their appearances.

Despite the vastness of outer space, there were not that many habitable planets. With the Relentless Slayers' methods, details concerning any spacecraft that landed on one of these planets along the route had already been investigated. This method wasn't something exclusive to the Relentless Slayers, and most of the powerful organizations of the universe could employ similar methods. Otherwise, no one would be able to find someone who hid on some random planet.

With Feng Mo's strength, it would not take him too long to cover a planet with his star energy. Hence, he could search through even uninhabited planets quite quickly, and this also ensured that his targets had nowhere to hide. He could follow the signals from the trackers on Big Pao and Little Pao, but there were no other such devices on the others. Thus, he had to manually search for them.

"The universe is vast, but there's only one path to escape." Feng Mo's eyes remained cold as he stared ahead. As he passed by a planet, his star energy formed into a squall that swept over it, overwhelming all the Explorers on the planet. They merely trembled, not daring to resist.

Feng Mo quickly scanned the entire planet and then continued on his way.

If not for the need to scan every single planet, he would have long since caught up to the fleeing students as his Aurora traveled ten times as fast as a normal spacecraft.

But at that moment, he received an assassination request. Although the mission's location was in the exact opposite direction of him, it wasn't too far from his current location.

He hesitated as he looked at the enormous bounty on the request. He then turned the vehicle around and headed towards the location specified in the request.

Space-exploring powerhouses could alter their physical bodies to adapt to the universe, but they also consumed star energy as an energy source; otherwise, their physical body would become exhausted. This was the so-called "period of exhaustion," and in general, an average Explorer had to consume at least ten million star crystals at the end of a cycle to avoid entering it. This was equivalent to about one hundred star essences. As a Hunter with a power level above 150,000, Feng Mo needed to consume at least 10,000 star essences if he wanted to keep his body from lapsing into a period of exhaustion.

This was also just the most basic consumption rate. The techniques that Feng Mo had cultivated actually required even more star energy than normal, so he required many times that figure, which meant that he needed to consume a terrifying amount of resources just to maintain his body.

When his cultivation resources, breakthroughs, battle techniques, and other various transactions were added on, Feng Mo was short on money even though he was a Hunter.

Otherwise, why would a grand Hunter turn into a killer? There were many powerhouses throughout the universe, but each one was helpless in their own way. Even a powerful clan like the Daynight clan did not allocate resources to their clan members as extravagantly as an outsider might imagine, and the Mavis Family might be the only exception.

Feng Mo felt strange as he looked at the mission details. The target was only an Explorer, so it should not be necessary for a Hunter like himself to act. The other party had also requested for him specifically to take on the job, and he had no reason to turn it down since it wasn't too far away from him either.

Given the speed of his Aurora, it would take him at most two more hours to catch up to the fugitives. Thus, he could spend a few additional hours to finish this job before continuing his previous pursuit.

Feng Mo was full of confidence as he headed towards the location of this mission.

Two hours later, just as he was about to arrive at the site of the job and descend into the planet's atmosphere, the mission details suddenly changed, causing Feng Mo to frown. A mission update was uncommon, and the client would need to compensate for any losses incurred due to the changes. However, the condition for that compensation was that the killer completed the mission; otherwise, the additional compensation would not be paid.

Feng Mo looked at the updated mission location. It was another hour away from his present location, so he still had time.

With the fugitives' small vessel's flying speed, it would take them at least ten days to reach the Starfall Sea. Feng Mo thought about it and then confidently continued on his way.

Lu Yin and the rest did not remain idle during this time. They had already changed their route and were planning on visiting the closest busy planet with the goal of buying a small Aurora. As for their funds, although Lulu was rich, she wasn't foolish, and she had no intention of paying for everything herself. This was especially so since a small Aurora was not cheap, as they cost at least fifty star essence.

Her thought process was correct, but unfortunately, reality was different from her intentions; the other students were broke. Coco and Zora were poor, and Hui Daynight was the same. Xia Luo simply raised both of his hands to show his willingness to allow Lulu to search his body.

Lu Yin wanted to do the same, but he was currently quite rich, and he could not hide it. Finally, he shouldered the burden along with Lulu, and they bought a small Aurora together. Their new ride allowed them to continue on towards the Starfall Sea at ten times their previous speed.

Feng Mo did not have access to any real information concerning Lu Yin's group, and he never would have thought that a bunch of youngsters could afford an Aurora, which cost at least 500,000 star crystals. Only great powers could be so wealthy, and their heirs would not have to run and hide like this.

He would not know that it didn't matter to Lulu whether or not they hid, as their goal was just to protect Big Pao and Little Pao.

At another planet, Feng Mo arrived at the new location for his assassination mission, only for the target's location to change once again. Feng Mo was not stupid, and he immediately realized that something fishy was going on and that someone was deliberately delaying his pursuit. This shocked him; who could possibly have such a deep understanding of the Relentless Slayers that they could even track his whereabouts?

Feng Mo wanted to continue, since a mission could not be changed too many times, and he would receive compensation after a maximum of three changes. However, the mission details this time had changed to a location that was even further out of the way. If he continued trying to complete this assassination mission, he would not be able to chase after the previous group of fugitives .

Finally, after Feng Mo weighed all the pros and cons, he chose to abandon the mission. He then sped straight towards the Starfall Sea.

On the small Aurora, Xia Luo put away his gadget and looked at Lu Yin. "Feng Mo's on his way."

Lu Yin nodded. "That's to be expected. After living in the universe for so long, it would be strange if he couldn't realize that there was something strange going on. He's rather decisive, and it also seems that Deep Crimson Hall has offered him a significant payment for us."

Nearby, the others were listening, and they also knew about Feng Mo. Little Pao said, "The powerhouse from the Relentless Slayers who helped Deep Crimson Hall extinguish Blackfire Hall back then was also Feng Mo."

"It looks like his relationship with Deep Crimson Hall runs rather deep," Xia Luo commented.

A cold glint flashed through Little Pao's eyes. "Almost half of Deep Crimson Hall's resources are given to him, so their relationship is naturally not something superficial."

At that time, an alarm sounded in the spacecraft, and everyone turned towards the command room. Michelle frowned. "There's a ruined nebula up ahead, so we need to reroute."

They looked at the screen, and their route kept changing for a bit before it finally settled on a new path.

As they looked at the new route, their hearts sank; this rerouting had delayed their arrival at Starfall Sea by seven hours.

"Seven hours. Will Feng Mo catch up to us with this?" Coco asked in a worried voice.

Michelle looked at their new route. "The timing isn't what's important. Rather, it's that this new route needs us to retrace our path for quite a while, which means that we'll be heading back towards Feng Mo."

"Which means that we might meet Feng Mo during that stretch," Lu Yin said.

Michelle looked at him. "Or we could change our destination and not head for the Starfall Sea."

"To the northwest of the Starfall Sea was originally the Outerverse's Endless Weave, but unfortunately, that area has been taken over by the Technocracy, so there's no other choice," Xia Luo said.

Lu Yin forced out a smile. “There’s no other choice then. We’ll head towards the Starfall Sea. We’ll just have to hope that we’re lucky and don’t get caught.”

The group felt helpless, but they really didn’t have any other choice.

The network contained no information about Fatesand, and even Lu Yin’s Honor Points status weren’t enough for him to find any information.

“Seventh Bro, you’re searching for information about Fatesand? Didn’t I already tell you that that thing’s an ultimate treasure? It’s possible to never even see it during your entire life. To clarify, even the top ten of the Top 100 Rankings might not have some,” the monkey said.

Lu Yin indifferently replied, “I have three grains fused into my body.”

The monkey didn’t believe him in the slightest. Forget three grains, it would be an amazing stroke of luck to get just one.

Lu Yin sat down cross-legged and unleashed his domain. His eyes filled with star energy as he looked at his heart, his left arm, and his right leg. These three areas showed many converging rune lines, and the more lines that he saw, the greater the influence that thing had on the universe. These three areas converged towards Lu Yin’s star energy and vigor, suppressing his physical strength. More shockingly, the converging rune lines had surpassed even those of his own body.

Who knew when they would awaken.