

Chapter 501: Detailed Plan

Lu Yin was the most concerned about the major powers like the Daynight clan and the Sword Sect. They each had countless Explorers who were extremely powerful in their own right, and once this group of people arrived on Planet Pyrolyte, he would have to be cautious of them as well. Besides, a high enough quantity of Explorers might be enough to close the gap in the power difference, as even Ling Que had been nearly defeated by the Daynight clan's joint attack.

"Did anyone mention how much progress has been made on sending Explorers to Planet Pyrolyte?" Lu Yin asked.

Northgate Gang solemnly replied, "No, but with Northline Flowzone's current research speed, it's almost impossible for us to accomplish such a thing. However, I'm not sure about what methods the other major forces might be employing, especially for technologically advanced organizations such as the Ross Empire. They might be able to come up with some creative methods."

Lu Yin raised his head. Even if the major forces were able to force Explorers to lower their cultivation and return to the Limiteer realm, he still wasn't worried since such people wouldn't be able to do anything against him. He was invincible within this realm, and he doubted that the major powers would sacrifice their elite Explorers on the Top 100 Rankings just to participate in this contest for pyrolyte.

However, if Explorers were able to descend onto Planet Pyrolyte in their normal condition, that would be an entirely different situation. Elites from the Top 100 Rankings would then start to appear, and that would completely change the battlefield.

It looked like Lu Yin needed to hurry up to find Zhanlong Daynight if he wanted to ask him what had happened on Shenwu Continent. Once that was settled, Lu Yin planned to immediately leave since he had no interest in fighting over pyrolyte ore.

Above the planet, the various powers suddenly realized a strange coincidence: Pyrolyte Mountain, Pyrolyte Lake, and the recently discovered Pyrolyte Plain actually formed a perfect equilateral triangle.

This discovery surprised everyone, but they didn't bother thinking about the matter any further since they all assumed that it was just a coincidence.

In the Ross Empire's spacecraft, dozens of researchers excitedly looked at a screen. They were geologists from the empire. After they had come to Planet Pyrolyte, they had spent all of their time scanning the planet, trying to simulate the atmosphere on the surface of Planet Pyrolyte in order to determine where the majority of the pyrolyte ore lay. After continuously plugging in an enormous amount of data, they were finally about to obtain some results.

Multiple images of the pyrolyte ore's distribution appeared on the screen, and they changed as the simulation transitioned from ten thousand years ago, to a thousand years ago, to the current time. Finally, on the screen, only one bright spot remained.

Everyone stared at the screen with bated breath.

The bright spot was superimposed on the current map of Planet Pyrolyte, and a location was marked out.

“How can it be there?” someone exclaimed.

Everyone attentively studied the map, as the location that it predicted to hold the greatest reserve of pyrolyte ore was in a mountain range that was surrounded by Pyrolyte Mountain, Pyrolyte Lake, and Pyrolyte Plain.

The screen shifted again, and a map clearly showing the distribution of pyrolyte ore appeared. The most interesting thing on this image was an inverted triangular pyramid formed by Pyrolyte Mountain, Pyrolyte Lake and Pyrolyte Plain that showed a detailed image of vast amounts of pyrolyte ore buried deep underground.

“Oh, Pyrolyte Mountain, Pyrolyte Lake and Pyrolyte Plain were all formed on the surface when that core vein of pyrolyte ore shifted about. However, the true location of the pyrolyte ore is still under that mountain range, where it has remained this whole time.”

“It’s no wonder why we couldn’t find it. That location is very close to the core of the planet, and most detectors wouldn’t be able to sense it at all.”

“We’ve finally found the location of the primary vein of pyrolyte ore! We have to keep this to ourselves. Nobody can reveal this information!” someone ordered.

Suddenly, there was a beeping sound from a corner. A man with a pale face removed his gadget as blood dripped down from the corner of his mouth. He had committed suicide, and the people around him anxiously retrieved his gadget. “It’s too late! Details of this information have already been sent out! Who brought this person in?”

Everyone was silent.

An elder suddenly appeared. “No one is allowed to leave.”

After those terse words, he left.

Everyone in the room was stunned. They had all recognized the elder; he was Scholar Newmoon, an extremely knowledgeable elder who was well known within the Ross Empire. He was also one of the Ross Empire’s few Enlighters. Most of the people in the room hadn’t even known that he had come to Planet Pyrolyte.

The most important thing at this moment was for the Ross Empire to act fast. The details of the information that they had gained had already been leaked, so there was absolutely no possibility of them monopolizing the large vein of pyrolyte ore that they had just discovered. Since that was already given, Scholar Newmoon made the decision to appear within the Blaze Realm’s spacecraft after sending down a huge batch of Limiteers to the planet. At the same time, he also sent a message to Lei Long of the Dire Barbarian Clan.

The biggest problem before them was that they had no idea who the information had been sent to. It wouldn’t be a big issue if the recipient was a minor flowzone, but the probability of that being the case was extremely low. The most probable answer was that the information had been received by one of

the Eight Great Flowzones, and Scholar Newmoon could only hope that it hadn't been the Sword Sect or the Daynight clan. If it was either of those two, then they wouldn't be able to even fight for the ore.

On Planet Pyrolyte, Lu Yin was just about to leave with Hai Qiqi when hundreds of spacecraft appeared in the sky, all of them heading towards the mountain range.

Northgate Gang and the others were astonished. Why were there suddenly so many people who wanted to fight for this mountain range?

Lu Yin couldn't leave now, as Northgate Gang and the others definitely wouldn't be able to defend the mountain range without him.

Bang bang bang...

The fleet of spacecraft landed across the mountain range, and some of the vessels even landed near Northgate Gang and the others.

Northgate Gang and the other cultivators immediately attacked the people in the ships, and the sounds of exploding vessels rang out along the mountain range. Countless Limiteers exited the spacecraft and started fighting back.

Beams of light pierced through the ground, showing that some of the attackers carried technological weapons with them.

Lu Yin was surprised to discover that these weren't Limiteers, but were rather androids that had been created through a combination of cultivation and technology. Out of all of the various powers, only the Ross Empire was able to create such androids.

It appeared that the Ross Empire was determined to gain control of the mountain range.

The forces that fought over pyrolyte typically avoided using technological weapons in order to avoid triggering a chain reaction of exploding pyrolyte. However, the Ross Empire was recklessly using such weapons, which thoroughly confused the other organizations.

The Ross Empire gave a very simple reason: a noble's son had been killing at this mountain range, and they wanted revenge.

Although the other forces weren't entirely convinced, they didn't pay much attention to the matter as there was very little pyrolyte in the mountain range's vicinity, so there wasn't much value in fighting for it.

Within the Blaze Realm's spacecraft, Scholar Newmoon, Huo Houye, and Lei Long of the Dire Barbarian Clan closely watched the screen.

"You don't even know who sent that person! What if he was from the Sword Sect or one of the other major powers? If that ends up being the case, then we won't be able to take control of the mountain range even if we all join forces together," Huo Houye spoke seriously.

Scholar Newmoon helplessly answered, "We're already investigating his background. Who would have thought that someone would infiltrate the geology department."

“There’s no point in dwelling on this. Newmoon, you’re a scholar. How can we still keep this matter a secret if you’ve already launched such a massive attack?” Lei Long asked unhappily.

Newmoon sighed, replying, “The secret has already been leaked, so there’s no point in complaining anymore. The highest priority we have at this moment is to gain control of this mountain range, or to join forces with the strongest outside force.”

Huo Houye’s eyes gleamed. “The strongest outside force? What do you mean by that?”

“An unparalleled Limiteer can be the strongest outside force,” Newmoon stated confidently.

Having an unparalleled Limiteer meant that they would be able to take control of any place on Planet Pyrolyte. There were four unparalleled Limiteers, and the strongest one wasn’t at Planet Pyrolyte. Thus, Newmoon was clearly referring to Mu Rong.

“You want to join forces with the Sword Sect?” Lei Long asked.

Newmoon shook his head, “Not me alone. Rather, all three of us will join forces with the Sword Sect.”

Huo Houye narrowed his eyes; Newmoon was truly a scheming person. If the Ross Empire had joined forces with the Sword Sect by themselves, then they would have definitely suffered a huge loss when dividing the profits. However, if their three organizations joined together, then the situation would be different. No matter how overbearing the Sword Sect was, it couldn’t defeat all three of them once they joined forces. That was the true reason why the old man had first come looking for the two of them instead of going straight to the Sword Sect.

Actually, Scholar Newmoon was even more worried about being killed by the Sword Sect. That was the primary motivation for him to join forces with the other two Enlighters.

“Although the information has been leaked, it probably won’t be revealed too quickly. We need to take control of that mountain range immediately so that we can use our detailed information as well as the mountain range to join forces with the Sword Sect. This will help ensure that we can obtain the greatest profits,” Newmoon slowly explained.

Huo Houye and Lei Long didn’t object as this was truly the only feasible solution.

Although they had initially expected to take control of the mountain range with the hundreds of androids that the Ross Empire had sent out, half a day later, the three Enlighters were surprised by the outcome. The androids had been soundly defeated by a single girl.

At the mountain range on Planet Pyrolyte, Hai Qiqi had used her forcefield to envelop the entire mountain range. The androids had then been defeated one by one, all of them collapsing to the ground while emitting smoke. She didn’t destroy any of the androids, but she did ensure that none of them would be able to attack anymore.

Northgate Gang stared at her in awe. He hadn’t expected Hai Qiqi to be so powerful, and the power of her forcefield was particularly surprising to everyone.

Lu Yin wasn't shocked since he had already known that Hai Qiqi's domain was much stronger than his and that she might have even comprehended a forcefield. She was definitely one of the top three strongest people on Planet Pyrolyte, as she only seemed to be weaker than Mu Rong. Defeating the androids from the Ross Empire had been an easy task for her.

Hai Qiqi was delighted. She had held herself back from fighting for quite a few days, so even though the androids were rather useless, they had still managed to satisfy her craving for battle.

"How was it? I'm powerful right?" Hai Qiqi proudly asked Northgate Gang, and she even sneaked a glance at Lu Yin.

Northgate Gang immediately started praising her, but even after that, he was still bombarded by Hai Qiqi's ruthless sarcasm. Her words were truly as powerful as her forcefield.

The battle at the mountain range didn't attract too much attention. Although the Ross Empire was acting strangely, most forces focused on their own cultivators.

Scholar Newmoon and the rest were unhappy that Northline Flowzone had actually managed to defeat the Ross Empire's forces.

"The Blaze Realm and the Dire Barbarian Clan should move to help us now," Newmoon spoke calmly while glaring at Hai Qiqi.

Huo Houye frowned. "That's not a wise move. If all three of us move to attack, we will definitely draw unwanted attention upon ourselves."

"That little girl is very powerful. The Ross Empire won't be able to defeat her alone," Newmoon said.

Huo Houye kept staring at Hai Qiqi as he thought she looked quite familiar. After a while, his eyes went wide when he finally recognized her. "I remember now! This girl was with that young man who killed Jared."

The other two looked at him.

Huo Houye asked coldly, "Do you remember the person who stopped the Que's Mighty Slash with just two fingers at Pyrolyte Lake?"

That had been an amazing scene, so of course they both remembered it.

"That young man killed a disciple of the Blaze Realm. This girl was together with that young man at that time, so he must be in the mountain range, too," Huo Houye explained.

Lei Long grumbled, "If that's the case, then all of our Limiteers combined won't be able to gain control of this mountain range."

"We'll have to check and see. If that young man is truly at the mountain range, then we'll immediately pass the detailed information over to the Sword Sect. Then, they can go and fight for the mountain range," Newmoon suggested.

Chapter 502: Unsolvable Calculation

The three parties soon reached an agreement, and the Ross Empire sent out another group of androids to Planet Pyrolyte. This time, their purpose was not to snatch the mountain range, but rather to search for traces of Lu Yin. If they were able to confirm that Lu Yin was at the mountain range, then the three organizations would immediately contact the Sword Sect.

Two fingers had stopped the Que's Mighty Slash. No matter how he had accomplished this feat, such an achievement at the very least proved that this person was close to Ling Que's power level. He had also killed Jared just recently, so the Limiteers on the ground were clearly not comparable to him. Therefore, they had to rely on the Sword Sect to deal with him.

However, heaven's plans superseded their own. The Ross Empire and the other powers never expected that the person who had leaked their hard earned detailed information on the pyrolyte ore distribution was not actually an undercover spy from one of the major powers. Instead, he had been a fugitive. He had been a part of a small gang that consisted of a bit more than a dozen people. They had used various methods to manipulate fugitives and obtain secret information from various organizations, which they would then sell for money, nothing more.

Originally, this small gang had just wanted to steal some information about the Ross Empire's geological research, and they hadn't intended on getting confidential information. However, by chance, their agent had participated in the geological analysis of Planet Pyrolyte and had gotten a hold of this detailed information. Although the man had not wanted to die, he had been forced to sacrifice himself under the pressure of the gang and his own family. He had sent out the information while under duress, and he had been afraid of being forced to confess by the Ross Empire, so he had chosen to kill himself.

The Ross Empire's eyes were fixed on the various major powers. How could they have expected that this small gang would be so bold as to covet their information?

The small gang was short-sighted and was also unable to cooperate with any of the major powers to take control of this pyrolyte. As such, they simply sold the information to as many intelligence organizations as fast as they could before immediately disappearing.

The Ross Empire and their two allies were planning on cooperating with the Sword Sect, but the information that they were relying on was already being sold by several intelligence organizations, and the information quickly appeared on the screens of several major powers.

All of this happened so quickly that the Ross Empire was not even able to confirm whether or not Lu Yin was at the mountain range before some of the major forces had already sent down their own spacecraft, rushing towards the mountains.

Newmoon and the others were dumbfounded. Hundreds of spacecraft were rushing towards the mountain range now, so even a fool would have realized that something unexpected had occurred.

Huo Houye looked at Newmoon. "What's happening?"

Newmoon frowned, but didn't reply. Someone had just reported to him that the information had been leaked, and all of the major powers had a copy now.

This report left Huo Houye and the others silent for a long time. This was the bargaining chip that they had been relying on to forge an alliance with the Sword Sect; how could it have spread around so

quickly? Were the people who had stolen the information idiots? Or did they not know the value of pyrolyte?

The three Enlighters had assumed that the people who had stolen the information would secretly try to take control of the mountain range, just like them. Who would have thought that the thieves hadn't planned to make a move on the pyrolyte at all and had instead simply sold the information at a good price.

The plan of the three organizations' had fallen apart, and they were left with no capital to negotiate with the Sword Sect.

At this moment, Lu Yin sensed that something was amiss. Up in the sky, spacecraft after spacecraft was being launched in their direction, looking just like a rainbow.

Northgate Gang and the others were dumbfounded.

"Look!" someone exclaimed.

Northgate Gang and the others looked up at the sky to see a group of vessels form the words "Northline—Defend."

"What does that mean? Defend the mountains?" Northgate Gang was stunned.

Ah Fan and the others were all confused. Who knew what was going on?

Granny Chan's face was gloomy. "Hurry up and send someone to the mountains to tell Northgate Gang and the others about what's happened. Also, please ask Lu Yin to guard the mountains. Northline Flowzone will naturally repay him."

Lily Anne's expression grew heavy. "What if Lu Yin doesn't agree?"

Granny Chan looked helpless. "Then we give up. That's not a place that we can defend."

Lily Anne nodded. They had also received the information predicting a massive pyrolyte reserve beneath the mountain range. Who would have thought that these ordinary little mineral veins would actually lead to the largest amount of pyrolyte on the planet? What a pity, if only the other forces hadn't found out about it.

The mountain range was filled with the sounds of explosions and was soon speckled with potholes. Limiteers descended from all directions, and the battle for the mountain range began. Up in the sky, multiple fleets of spacecraft formed arrowheads pointed directly at the mountain range, guiding the cultivators towards the mountain range.

At this moment, the Sword Sect's Liu Shaoqiu and the others were also dispatched to the mountain range.

At Pyrolyte Lake, Wen Qian'er and the others looked at Ling Que. Ling Que frowned, but he still headed north.

In the Pyrolyte Plains, Zhanlong Daynight and the others looked towards the south and at each other as well.

In the region between the mountain range and Pyrolyte Plains, Zhuo Daynight raised her head and looked worriedly in the direction of the mountain range. She didn't know what had happened, but the mountain range seemed to have suddenly become the focus of everyone on Planet Pyrolyte, and they were all headed there to fight.

Atop the mountain range, Lu Yin opened a hand, and a cultivator crumpled to the ground, unconscious. His expression was unsightly, but he waved his hand and caused a wall of air to sweep out, sending dozens of Limiteers flying. He looked towards Northgate Gang. "Retreat now. You can't hold onto this place any longer."

He already knew what was going on, but he didn't intend on helping Northline Flowzone keep control of the mountain range. Guarding this place was tantamount to becoming the enemy of every other force on the planet, which went contrary to his original intention.

Northgate Gang also wanted to retreat, but the words written by the spacecraft in the sky flashed without stopping. Northline Flowzone's Granny Chan was making her orders quite clear.

"I said that you need to withdraw immediately. I can help you leave, or I'll just leave by myself," Lu Yin loudly repeated.

Hai Qiqi could feel the cruelty of the battlefield, especially since more and more people were arriving. Blood had already filled the air. She had killed someone. Just now, she had killed someone for the first time. She felt very uncomfortable, but she didn't have any time to think about anything.

The feeling of killing someone made her not want to talk. Suddenly, her body trembled. She looked at the stars with shining eyes, incredulous.

Northgate Gang's expression changed at that instant, and he shouted, "Everyone, RETREAT!"

Lu Yin breathed a sigh of relief. He raised a hand and struck out, the shockwave from his Spacerender Palm sweeping out and clearing a path for them.

In the starry skies, unsightly expressions appeared on Granny Chan and the others. Lu Yin was planning on leaving.

The Scholar Newmoon and the others also looked at their screen, helpless. The moment the information had been leaked, that mountain range no longer had anything to do with them. The Sword Sect had the highest chance of obtaining it, as they had Mu Rong.

At the mountain range, Lu Yin shouted, "Qiqi, time to go!"

Hai Qiqi appeared next to Lu Yin and grabbed his arm. "We can't go."

Lu Yin frowned. "What do you mean?"

Hai Qiqi's face revealed a complicated expression, and she even appeared a bit apologetic. She was no longer as lively as before, and she whispered to Lu Yin, "My second brother is here."

Lu Yin was taken aback. His mind flickered as his body shook. He stared at Hai Qiqi. "So I was just a part of your calculations."

Hai Qiqi looked at Lu Yin with a deeply apologetic look in her eyes. "I'm sorry, I didn't know!"

The moment Hai Qiqi mentioned that Hai Dashao had arrived, Lu Yin had figured everything out. The Sea King's Dome wanted to obtain pyrolyte, and Lu Yin was the chess piece that the Sea King had decided to use to get it. Allowing Hai Qiqi to go with Lu Yin had also been a part of his plans. The moment Lu Yin arrived at Planet Pyrolyte, everything had already gone out of his control.

It was no wonder why the Sea King had happily supported the Great Yu Empire in his own name; he just wanted to get access to Planet Pyrolyte. As long as Lu Yin went there, Hai Qiqi would be able to reveal herself and help Lu Yin collect pyrolyte ore because the Great Yu Empire was under the Sea King's protection.

Lu Yin also recalled that Hai Qiqi had deliberately shown him the online videos of the Limiteer battles at the planet. No, even those fighting videos might have been arranged by the Sea King.

From the very beginning, Lu Yin had been caught in the Sea King's web of calculations. The only thing that had been neglected was this mountain range, which was actually the site of the largest pyrolyte mine. This was even more advantageous to their plan, so as soon as Lu Yin wanted to retreat, Hai Dashao had appeared. The plan wouldn't just include Hai Dashao, as the Sea King should have even more powerful experts coming.

However, why hadn't the Sea King simply forced Lu Yin to go to Planet Pyrolyte? Why had he relied on using these manipulative methods to coerce him? With the Sea King's strength, all it would have taken was one word, and Lu Yin would have been forced to go. There was no room for resistance, so why had it been so complicated? Was it because of Lu Yin's status as a prospective son-in-law?

Lu Yin stared at Hai Qiqi in a daze, his brain working furiously.

Hai Qiqi really hadn't known about anything. She had only just found out now. Although she had been mocking Lu Yin this entire time and had not really paid much attention to him, scheming against him in such a manner caused her to feel uncomfortable.

"What if I absolutely have to leave?" Lu Yin said coldly.

Hai Qiqi pursed her lips. "I don't know, but you can't escape Elder Tong's schemes. This should have all been arranged by Elder Tong. He is very intelligent and is the Sea King's military advisor."

Lu Yin found that matter strange. "Why calculate me into his plans? Shouldn't it have been easier and better to just threaten me directly?"

Hai Qiqi shook her head. "I don't know, I really don't. Please don't ask me. I'll feel guilty."

Lu Yin raised his head and looked up at the starry sky. He seemed to see the proud gaze of Hai Dashao up in the sky's darkness.

There were too many things that could be used to threaten Lu Yin, and the most obvious one was the Great Yu Empire. Would the Sea King use the Great Yu Empire to threaten him? In order to get pyrolyte, the Sea King had schemed against Lu Yin so thoroughly that it wouldn't be impossible for that man to threaten Lu Yin with the Great Yu Empire.

If that was the case, then according to the Sea King's arrangements, Lu Yin would snatch the pyrolyte ore and make himself an enemy of the major powers. This was the only way.

The sound of killing kept echoing in his ears. Lu Yin fell silent for a while before finally speaking. "Then the Sea King will commit to protecting the Great Yu Empire."

Hai Qiqi nodded. "That's possible. Before we left, my royal father said that if you have any requests, I have full authority to make promises on his behalf."

Lu Yin laughed to himself. "And here I thought that I was so clever, but every single one of my steps had been predicted by someone else. Sea King, oh Sea King, you're truly powerful."

Hai Qiqi looked at him and sighed. She could hear his grievances, helplessness, and sorrow. But so what? The difference between the strong and the weak was like the difference between heaven and earth. What she couldn't understand, however, was if her father wanted the pyrolyte so badly, then why hadn't he just sent Lu Yin to directly retrieve it? Why make things so complicated? This wasn't her father's style.

Could it be that her father really wanted her to marry Lu Yin? Hai Qiqi's expression changed, and her lip curled up. Surely not.

In the distance, Northgate Gang and the others looked back at Lu Yin. Without Lu Yin clearing a path for them, they would suffer heavy losses as more and more people came.

Lu Yin exhaled. From this day onwards, the Great Yu Empire would fall under the Sea King's Dome's protection. If he still wanted freedom, then he would have to leave. Sea King, I'll remember this moment.

Calculating schemes was something that Lu Yin couldn't do. He couldn't scheme better than the Sea King or the various powerful organizations. However, he believed that the power of his innate gift would one day provide him with a chance to settle this score.

His cultivation thus far had already made Lu Yin universally famous, and he was even the strongest Limiteer. However, he was not happy with where he was. The major forces were like giant pythons twined around him, constricting him to the point where he couldn't breathe. For this reason, he had been forced to come up with ways to attain various statuses that were able to protect him.

These powers dominated the universe, and they also dominated countless poor cultivators who didn't have any backing.

Perhaps this was also one of the reasons why the Ten Arbiters Council had risen to power. The Ten Arbiters Council gave young cultivators a relatively fair environment as well as backing, though this protection was still shrouded by the major powers' influence.

Chapter 503: Working Together

"More and more people are arriving!" Northgate Gang couldn't help himself from yelling out while staring up at the sky in fear. Spacecraft descended one after another, quite a few carrying experts from the Eight Great Flowzones.

There were probably at least two thousand Limiteers gathered across the mountain range, and competition was even fiercer than the fight for Pyrolyte Mountain.

Lu Yin stated, "We're not leaving. We're going to stay here."

Hai Qiqi pursed her lips, looking guilty. She didn't even look at Lu Yin as she was feeling incredibly apologetic.

Northgate Gang and the rest were shocked. "Stay here? You want to wait to die? Those Daynight guys are coming here!"

Lu Yin hung his head. No matter how smart the small fry like him tried to be, there was no way for them to escape from the palm of the powerful. He had understood this very well in the past, and these current events had only reconfirmed those thoughts. Status? Background? All that was nothing. The only thing that Lu Yin could trust in was himself.

It was way too difficult to take control of one's own fate, and such a task would take a long time to accomplish. At this moment, however, he could at least control the fates of these people. On Planet Pyrolyte, he was invincible.

It didn't matter what the results of the competition for pyrolyte ended up being, as he was destined to become an enemy of all of the large organizations. Perhaps it was his fate to oppose everyone. The Sea King had schemed against him despite being unwilling to meddle in the battles of the Outerverse. There was no way that the Sea King himself would be able to join the battle... In that case, the only thing that Lu Yin could do was ask Leon's Armada for help. Lu Yin smiled wryly. He had no idea that this was how he was going to end up heading towards the Cosmic Sea.

He wasn't worried about whether or not he'd be able to get there safely. While he had no idea how powerful Mister Mu was, that powerhouse should be able to safely send Lu Yin to the Cosmic Sea.

Lu Yin might never be able to return to the quiet life that he had once had after leaving Planet Pyrolyte. Instead, it seemed that the Cosmic Sea and the rumored Neoverse was the destination for him!

In that case, he would make the battle on Planet Pyrolyte even more dazzling!

So far, the people from Northline Flowzone had not really attracted much attention because there were far too many cultivators fighting at this moment.

Lu Yin and the rest quietly watched the battle develop from the mountain range. They did not participate in the battle, and nobody tried to attack them either.

Sometimes, he found things rather difficult to understand. The cultivators from small organizations fought so hard, but in the end, everything would just be taken away by the major powers such the Sword Sect. What was the point in making such a huge fuss?

However, there were still quite a few smart people. As several spacecraft formed the words, "Stop, unite," the battles throughout the mountain range gradually settled down.

The smaller organizations seemed to have decided upon something, and nearly two thousand Limiteers stopped fighting as they all looked up at the sky.

A spacecraft entered the Planet Pyrolyte's atmosphere before exploding above the mountain range. A handsome guy came out of the wreckage. He glanced down at everyone and grinned. "I wonder if there's anyone who still remembers me, Lord Pisces."

Everyone eyed the man. Dark red smoke billowed into the sky, making the entire scene appear rather desolate. There was even a bloody smell wafting about. At this moment, the man seemed like an integral part of the mountain range.

Lu Yin eyed the man seriously. This guy is... somewhat strong.

"Lord Pisces? I remember now! He's an ultra-genius who lived a century ago! He once defeated a Cruiser while in the Limiteer realm and entered the Ten Arbiters council back then! He was one of the council members!" someone exclaimed.

After hearing that explanation, quite a few people remembered hearing about this person, and they stared at him in shock. There were rumors that this guy had become an Explorer long ago, but had not become a Cruiser yet. What was he doing here? And... was he still a Limiteer?

Lord Pisces looked up and arrogantly said, "I'm glad that you still remember me."

Somewhere in the mountain range, somebody hesitantly spoke up. "He wasn't in the Ten Arbiters Council. It was the Universe Youth Council back then."

A fair number of people glanced at the person.

That person stared up at Lord Pisces in fear, but he managed to eke out, "Only the ten members of this era have the right to be called the Ten Arbiters. He was just a Universe Youth Council member back then, so he can't be considered as one of them."

"Exactly! The Ten Arbiters Council now is completely different from that of the previous generations. Power is now truly in the hands of the young, and there are also those ten monsters! In the past, the councilors were Realmbreaker powerhouses, but they were nowhere as powerful as the Ten Arbiters of today."

"I heard that Arbiter Zhenwu once tore apart the combined attack of quite a few councilors from the past generation. That was the moment that truly set the current generation apart from past ones."

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High up in the sky, Lord Pisces grew serious. The air around him distorted, and a huge shockwave swept across the area, shocking everybody.

"Cut the crap! I've been tasked with organizing you all to fight together against the Sword Sect, Wen clan, and Daynight clan!" Lord Pisces announced loudly.

Within the mountain range, numerous cultivators stared up at the sky as countless spacecraft formed characters to show the positions of the various organizations. There was no point in the present Limiteers fighting amongst each other, as only by banding together would they be able to prevent the major powers from monopolizing all the resources in this place. They were going to have to work together to chase them out.

Coincidentally, powerhouses from the Second Grade Hall had also appeared. Kuang Wang walked right to the front; the serious injuries that he had received from Ling Que had mostly recovered by now.

While the Second Grade Hall was an organization that ranked at the bottom of the Beast Tamers Flowzone, it was still a power that was considered as a part of the Divine Grade Hall. In some sense, the Beast Tamers Flowzone could be considered an organization all on its own—which was the Divine Grade Hall. Beyond that, it had further split itself into the First and the Second Grade Halls. For this reason, the Second Grade Hall could absolutely represent the Divine Grade Hall, which meant that Kuang Wang was actually a powerhouse from the Divine Grade Hall.

After seeing Kuang Wang and the others arrive, the cultivators from the other organizations started to get antsy. There was a very large gap between geniuses from these large organizations and ordinary cultivators like them. Even if they had a few geniuses who had comprehended domains or battle force, they still weren't confident in being able to handle Kuang Wang at all. Everybody couldn't help themselves from looking at Lord Pisces.

Lord Pisces slowly landed on the ground, eyeing Kuang Wang and the others. "You've already taken a lot of the ore on Planet Pyrolyte. Several organizations have decided to band together, and we're not going to let you continue on in this way!"

Kuang Wang looked calm. "You're an Explorer who reduced your own power level, right? Do you seriously think that you'll be able to go up against the Sword Sect and the others after paying such a huge price?"

Lord Pisces looked grim. He had been an Explorer, but he had reduced his cultivation by an entire realm and would never be able to freely enter space again. This was something incredibly cruel for him. Only by guarding this mountain range and achieving some accomplishments would he be able to live out the rest of his life in safety and give his children a chance. While he'd been famous in his younger days, he had never been able to become a Cruiser, which was why he had been reduced to his current state. This was something that he wished for his children to never have to deal with.

He might look arrogant, but he had already given up.

The organization that he was part of had promised him that, as long as he was able to retain control of the mountain range, his children would be nurtured by the sect. Thus, he had to do this no matter what.

"I'm not the only one standing against the Sword Sect. All of us are," Lord Pisces declared.

Behind him, about two thousand Limiteers bellowed furiously. It didn't matter what kind of grudges their organizations might hold against each other. All of that had been temporarily set aside in favor of protecting the mountain range. They all had to work together.

Far in the distance, Xi Yue and the others had also arrived, and they stared at the mountain range in shock. The small organizations had been driven into a corner, but would their efforts be of any use?

Even further away, Ling Que and the cultivators from the Wen clan were quickly drawing close, as were those from the Daynight clan and Sword Sect. That mountain range was where most of the cultivators on the planet were gathering, and the most powerful Limiteers had all arrived.

“They’re here,” Northgate Gang spoke with a quivering voice as he eyed the crowd coming their way. They were the cultivators from the Wen clan, and Ling Que was at the front.

The arrival of the Wen clan caused the two thousand or so Limiteers to quiver in fear. Rather than the Wen clan, it would be more accurate to say that Ling Que was the one who had caught everybody’s attention.

Kuang Wang’s expression changed, and he stared intensely at Ling Que. This person had severely injured him with just one attack, and the man’s strength was unfathomable.

Lord Pisces’ eye twitched. The most difficult part of his job was right in front of him, but he had a way to deal with him.

Wen Qing’er and the rest followed behind Ling Que and simply observed the calm mountain range, seemingly ready to fight at a moment’s notice. Things could erupt at any time.

“You can go now,” Ling Que said as he coldly surveyed the area ahead of him. He even ignored Lord Pisces—that person was just an old piece of trash from a century ago. The universe had gone through a revolution since then. After the Ten Arbiters had arrived, the younger generation of modern times had completely transformed compared to the top youths of the past. The two eras were completely different.

In the past, Lord Pisces would have been considered invincible since he was an Explorer who had reduced his realm to the Limiteer realm. Now, however, he was nothing to Ling Que.

Lord Pisces could tell that Ling Que was looking down on him, but he managed to control the mounting fury within him. “We can leave, but are you enough to stop Mu Rong on your own?”

Ling Que frowned.

“We can work together—you, me, the two thousand or so cultivators here, as well as everyone from the Second Grade Hall. Shall we work together to first take care of the Sword Sect?” Lord Pisces proposed. This was his true intent, and it was also what the many organizations had agreed on as a plan, though it wasn’t actually a real plan at all. They wanted to bait the major powers into fighting each other, leaving the final outcome up to fate since nobody was confident in defeating either Mu Rong or Ling Que.

These two could not be defeated by mere numbers unless the crowd possessed a group spiritual force attack technique like those wielded by the Daynight clan members. Besides, Ling Que had already experienced one of those attacks before, and he would not be caught unawares again.

Wen Qian’er seemed interested. They had lost the previous battle, and Mu Rong was not someone who could be defeated by Ling Que alone.

Ling Que narrowed his eyes. Working together? That might be able to work, but resorting to such methods was rather embarrassing for him.

Elsewhere, the people from the Daynight clan arrived. Once again, they attracted everybody’s attention.

Nightqueen Yanqing gazed at the peaceful mountain range and furrowed her eyebrows. Were those pieces of trash actually going to work together?

Lord Pisces looked at her and yelled, "Ladies and gentlemen of the Daynight clan, what do you think about working together to defeat Mu Rong? Otherwise, nobody will be able to stop him."

Nightqueen Yanqing's eyes flickered, and she glanced over at Ling Que.

He glanced over at her as well. Though neither of them spoke any words, not attacking was an answer in and of itself. They were going to team up.

At this moment, a sharp aura could be felt off in the distance. The Sword Sect had finally arrived.

Liu Shaoqiu and Liu Xiaoyun were right at the front while Yōu Ye'er was excitedly following behind them. Mu Rong, however, was at the back of the group, looking as calm as ever.

Mu Rong's appearance was like a huge rock weighing down on them. Right now, the most powerful Limiteers in the universe had officially gathered at this mountain range.

Above the planet, the large organizations were all looking at the same place.

Lord Pisces took a deep breath and glanced over at everyone in front of him. He shouted, "Ladies and gentlemen of the Sword Sect, are you trying to take this mountain range?"

Liu Xiaoyun eyed the man in the sky. "So what if we are?"

Lord Pisces looked stern. "You have already gained control of Pyrolyte Mountain, and the ore inside this mountain range should be split evenly between the other organizations. Is the Sword Sect trying to take this ore as well? Aren't you pushing it too far?"

Liu Xiaoyun ignored him, having already understood what was going on at this moment. She simply turned towards Mu Rong. He stepped forward. "If you want to stop me, then I'll just have to watch you try."

He completely ignored Lord Pisces. From the very beginning, all the plans about banding together had been nothing more than mere talk. What would truly decide everything was a select number of elites.

Chapter 504: Strike

Lu Yin calmly continued watching the scene play out, as he was not overly concerned about this so-called alliance. The self-proclaimed Lord Pisces had assumed that an alliance of all the Limiteers would be able to deal with Mu Rong and that they could all divide up the pyrolyte ore this way. However, such a belief was simply laughable.

He had already achieved his objectives, but the outcome would not be controlled by him.

Liu Xiaoyun was the first to strike, and an endless sword rain descended from the sky upon everyone on the mountain range. From the very start of the battle, the Sword Sect had decided to treat everyone else as their enemy. Regardless of whether or not Lord Pisces unified them, the battle would not have changed in any way.

As they faced the Sword Sect's powerful attack, many cultivators retaliated. In an instant, the mountain range and the ground surrounding it ruptured while the void distorted as spatial cracks spread out in a lightning-like fashion.

Northgate Gang and the rest stared at the scene, dumbfounded. This was a true top-tier battlefield.

In the distance, Xi Yue and Wen Qian'er were also shocked because Mu Rong and Ling Que had also both acted.

This was the second time that the two had exchanged blows on Planet Pyrolyte. Ling Que immediately split into three Ling Ques that combined their three blades into one that struck out towards Mu Rong. On the ground, a field of green grass extended in all directions as the shepherd boy's song could be heard. The three Que's Mighty Slashes froze in the void, but in the next moment, Zhanlong Daynight and Nightqueen Yanqing moved as one to attack Mu Rong as well. Liu Shaoqiu raised his blade, and light appeared around it as the cold glint of a single sword illuminated Planet Pyrolyte.

This top-tier battlefield was not one that commoners could participate in.

Lord Pisces watched on blankly, as he had assumed that he could gain control of the situation by allying with the crowd to stand up to the Sword Sect. But when the battle truly started, his scheme seemed laughable. He realized that, even without his schemes, the battle would still have proceeded in the exact same manner as everyone would still have automatically worked together to resist the Sword Sect since Mu Rong was too powerful.

The scale of this current battle greatly surpassed the one for control of Pyrolyte Mountain. Not only were the strongest Limiteers such as Mu Rong involved, but there were also quite a few of the elder generation's Explorers who had reduced their cultivation in order to participate in the battles on this planet. There were not just one or two who were able to fight on the battlefield of Mu Rong and Ling Que, but nearly ten. They came from the Daynight clan, the Wen family, or the Sword Sect, and one even released a powerful beast, indicating that they were from the Divine Grade Hall.

If these elders were not able to defeat Mu Rong, then this mountain range would never be able to be seized; this was the crowd's mutual understanding.

In the space above the planet, the various major powers stared at the mountain range. This might be the most important battle during this period of contending for pyrolyte ore on this planet.

Like shooting stars, countless spacecraft descended onto the planet as more Limiteers appeared to join the fray.

The aftershocks were strong enough to send hundreds of Limiteers flying, removing their ability to continue fighting.

One shepherd boy's song had taken control of countless people, as it had even nearly caused Lu Yin to harm himself when he first heard the song, let alone other average Limiteers. Mu Rong's shepherd boy's song had severely injured almost a third of the cultivators present, and the power of his innate gift stunned those watching from outer space.

Liu Shaoqiu looked up, and as his Second Sword descended, countless blankly stared at it. Was it really a smart move to become enemies with the Sword Sect? This was not a battle that they could make any contributions to, even if they all allied together.

Lord Pisces gritted his teeth and attacked Liu Shaoqiu. Two strange fish formed a strange pattern that attempted to suppress Liu Shaoqiu, but the young swordsman simply sliced them apart.

“You’re past your prime.” Then, Liu Shaoqiu’s Second Sword swept past him, and Lord Pisces spat out a mouthful of blood as he crashed heavily into the mountain range.

Zhanlong Daynight appeared from behind Lord Pisces and aimed both fists towards Liu Shaoqiu, who raised his sword in defense, but his body was still sent crashing into the ground.

Liu Shaoqiu had also slashed out at Nightqueen Yanqing, who used her Nightking body to block it. Her purple eyes looked at everyone from the Sword Sect, but the surroundings suddenly changed. This was Yōu Ye'er’s Encompassing Lockdown Array, and she stared at Nightqueen Yanqing with cold eyes. She then looked to the right and innocently batted her eyes. “Old auntie, let’s play again!”

Nightqueen Yanqing started raging. “Stupid brat, I’m going to kill you!”

Suddenly, a strange ripple traveled across the battlefield. Both Nightqueen Yanqing and Yōu Ye'er were astonished by this ripple. This feeling... was a domain?

“Old auntie, who do you want to kill?” Hai Qiqi’s voice called out as she appeared on Nightqueen Yanqing’s left side, coincidentally situated opposite Yōu Ye'er.

Yōu Ye'er looked at Hai Qiqi, and Hai Qiqi stared at Yōu Ye'er. It seemed that there was some sort of mutual feeling between them.

Nightqueen Yanqing’s rage had surpassed anger, and she exploded out with her entire strength, but even then, she wasn’t able to shake off Yōu Ye'er’s Encompassing Lockdown Array.

Hai Qiqi was curious. “What a powerful battle technique. What is it?”

Yōu Ye'er was pleased by the attention. “It’s the Yōu Court’s battle technique, Encompassing Lockdown Array. Isn’t it awesome?”

Hai Qiqi nodded incessantly, and then excitedly said, “It’s very powerful. Teach me!”

She had already forgotten her awkwardness due to the Sea King plotting against Lu Yin and had returned to her normal behavior in the blink of an eye.

Yōu Ye'er readily agreed.

Nightqueen Yanqing fiercely bellowed. What did these two stupid brats take her as?

At that point, the void tore open as a Que's Mighty Slash arrived, piercing through the Encompassing Lockdown Array and rescuing Nightqueen Yanqing.

Yōu Ye'er retreated a dozen steps and gritted her teeth as she stared at the distant Ling Que. This scoundrel had the ability to interfere in their scuffle even while battling with Mu Rong.

Ling Que was already facing tremendous pressure from Mu Rong and had incessantly widened the scope of their battle in an attempt to avoid being controlled by the shepherd boy's song. He had no choice but to stop and save Nightqueen Yanqing, but Mu Rong made use of that opportunity to sweep past three powerhouses who had reduced their cultivation. The shepherd boy leading the cattle then crushed the entire battlefield, and caused almost ten of the former Explorer experts to spit out mouthfuls of blood.

Mu Rong was too terrifying, as he was still able to retain his unparalleled status despite being surrounded by numerous experts, of which included Ling Que.

Nightqueen Yanqing was fixated on slaughtering Yōu Ye'er and Hai Qiqi, so after being rescued, she became more careful so as to not be captured by Yōu Ye'er's Encompassing Lockdown Array again. Every time Yōu Ye'er moved, Nightqueen Yanqing would change locations at extreme speed, and then she would use her powerful star energy to attack Yōu Ye'er.

Yōu Ye'er cried out, hurriedly escaped, and Hai Qiqi called out to her. "Follow me!"

Yōu Ye'er immediately went to the other girl.

Nightqueen Yanqing's hatred for Hai Qiqi even surpassed what she felt for Yōu Ye'er. She chased after the two of them while ignoring everyone else, and she ended up charging towards the mountain range.

Most of the Limiteers around the mountain range had been severely injured by Liu Xiaoyun and Liu Shaoqiu's sword techniques. Only a minority of them still had the ability to move, and they decided not to participate in the battle, as the people taking action at this moment were too scary.

Nightqueen Yanqing's power was absolutely formidable. As long as she maintained her vigilance, Yōu Ye'er's battle technique would be ineffective against her, and Hai Qiqi's domain was also not a match for her power. The two girls were being chased by Nightqueen Yanqing, and they soon arrived at Northgate Gang's position.

Northgate Gang was stunned, but he had already known that something was amiss when Hai Qiqi had excitedly charged out. Sure enough, she had provoked a terrible enemy into chasing her back. Everyone could feel the steeply mounting pressure as they faced Nightqueen Yanqing, but they could not withstand it at all, so they looked towards Lu Yin.

Hai Qiqi screamed, "Save us! This old auntie is killing people!"

Yōu Ye'er also shouted, "Somebody save us!"

Nightqueen Yanqing's eyes released a cold killing intent. Even if this girl was the Yōu Court's princess, she had decided to kill these two girls before answering to anyone, as the Nightking clan was not afraid of anyone.

Hai Qiqi pulled Yōu Ye'er over next to Lu Yin, but then she suddenly stopped moving. "We're safe."

Yōu Ye'er blinked. "Why?"

Nightqueen Yanqing raised her hand and grabbed at the two girls, completely ignoring Lu Yin as she did not even glance at him.

But the moment she streaked past Lu Yin, she felt her scalp turn numb as a shiver ran down her spine. With her many years of battle experience, she was able to instinctively sense danger, and she tried to twist away from her location, but a hand firmly grasped her shoulder. "Nightqueen Yanqing, it's been a while."

These words caused her pupils to constrict to pinpoints, and she turned around with a blank face to look at the person who had just spoken. She looked at Lu Yin, and he then nodded before altering his appearance.

Nightqueen Yanqing felt lost, as she recognized the person who was holding onto her. He was the same person who had used two fingers to trap the Que's Mighty Slash, which had indirectly saved her life. She had always been looking for this person, but she never expected to meet him at this place. Still, why was his voice so familiar? Could it be...?

The next moment, Lu Yin's looks changed back to his original appearance.

Nightqueen Yanqing's eyelids had dropped so much that her eyes were nothing more than slits. She cried out in disbelief, "Lu- Lu Yin?"

Not even a meter away from them, Hai Qiqi patted her chest as Yōu Ye'er also stared in shock at Lu Yin. It's him?

"All this time, I've been indebted to your care," Lu Yin quietly replied. He was already in a bad mood since he was being forced to participate in this contest for pyrolyte despite not gaining anything at all from his actions, and he was even expecting to be forced to flee to the Cosmic Sea afterwards. To him, his fate had already become a tragedy, and whoever appeared in front of him right now could only be considered unlucky.

Nightqueen Yanqing felt an intense pain shoot out her shoulder as a boundless strength passed through her shoulder and into her organs. A fresh line of blood flowed down from her mouth. "Lu Yin, how dare you appear here! Aren't you afraid that Frostwave Weave will be targeted?"

Lu Yin's eyes turned cold. "That's right, everyone will definitely try to take advantage of me. However, from now on, this threat won't work on me anymore. Pass this message on to Elder Yuanjing for me: I, Lu Yin, will forever remember his care."

He then flung her away.

She had been thoroughly suppressed by his strength, and she was not able to resist at all as her entire body was sent crashing into the mountain range like a cannonball. With a boom, she was smashed underground. Her Nightking's Body disappeared, and her battle force collapsed, as she had instantly lost consciousness.

Everyone was frightened by Nightqueen Yanqing's devastating defeat, and everyone turned to look at the mountain range. There was someone there who could defeat her in such a manner?

Ling Que also looked at the mountain range in shock.

Although Nightqueen Yanqing was not a top-tier elite, she was still qualified to be one of the experts who had surrounded and targeted Mu Rong. In fact, she could be considered as one of the five most

powerful people in the present battle. But despite that, she had been beaten so badly in an instant just now.

High above the planet, Nightqueen Qiuyu's body trembled as she stared at the scene. "It's actually him! This junior's looking to die! He actually dares to make a move against my Daynight clan! Contact Karthika and get him to immediately destroy the Great Yu Empire!"

In the Sword Sect's spacecraft, Elder Viletree frowned. "Is that Lu Yin? Why is he here?"

Within the Wen family's vessel, Mira also stared at the scene in shock. Why had Lu Yin been so foolish as to attack the Daynight clan? He should have stayed out of this mess.

From the Second Grade Hall, Karthika clenched his fists. Lu Yin had still shown up, and he had actually attacked the Daynight clan at that! Wasn't this kid afraid of dragging Frostwave Weave down along with him? Or did he really think that Hai Dashao's promise would be enough to keep it safe? As long as the Sea King himself didn't make any promises, they wouldn't care since this brat was messing with their bottomline.

From Northline Flowzone, Granny Chan and the rest were pleasantly surprised. Did Lu Yin want to help them seize the mountain range? But why? The situation was changing way too quickly.

The various powers were all focused on Lu Yin now. Mu Rong had previously demanded their attention, but now, Lu Yin was the greatest obstacle standing in front of them.

At the base of the mountain range on Planet Pyrolyte, everyone looked towards Lu Yin. They were not unfamiliar with this person, as he was the strongest Limiteer, someone who had surpassed Mu Rong. He was the true unequalled powerhouse within their realm.

Mu Rong and the rest stopped fighting while Liu Shaoqiu and Zhanlong Daynight emerged from underground, also having stopped fighting. Lord Pisces' face turned a deathly white as he looked up. There was another junior who was even more ferocious?

Lu Yin's appearance had changed the situation once again. He was not afraid of being surrounded, and since he had decided to make his move, he would no longer remain cautious. He would teach these people a lesson and show them what an unequalled Limiteer actually was.

Chapter 505: The Fifth Sword

Outside the mountain range, Zhuo Daynight gazed at Lu Yin with a complex expression; was he about to act? If that was the case, then why had he been so secretive earlier?

One person towered above all others like a peak, casting a shadow over everyone. At this moment, even Mu Rong's image seemed to fade a bit.

In space, numerous spacecraft suddenly formed words, "Unite, kill Lu."

These simple words showed an incomparable determination. It had been the Daynight clan's spacecraft to form those words.

The next moment, Zhanlong Daynight acted first. He raised his right hand and gathered all of his strength, and with a boundless power that warped the void, he released a punch. “Lu Yin, it’s been a long while.”

Lu Yin’s gaze shook when he saw Zhanlong Daynight’s punch. Everyone focused on him as he slowly raised his right hand. There was a tremendous explosion as smoke rose into the air around Lu Yin. A visible shockwave rippled out, pushing Hai Qiqi and the others back. The mountain range itself cracked open as a fissure snaked through the void, causing many onlookers to turn pale.

When the dust settled, there was a woosh, and Lu Yin’s calm face appeared in everyone’s vision. He had not taken even half a step back, and his hand was tightly clenched around Zhanlong Daynight’s right fist, keeping the Daynight youth from advancing or retreating.

Countless mouths fell open as they stared at the scene in disbelief. This person was Zhanlong Daynight, one of the top powerhouses of the Daynight clan, and he was someone comparable to Liu Shaoqiu. In fact, he was also qualified to act as one of the powerhouses who had worked to surround Mu Rong, but his punch had been casually stopped by Lu Yin. It had to be acknowledged that, even if Ling Que or someone else at that level was attacked by Zhanlong Daynight’s punch, they would have had to retaliate or dodge. No one else could effortlessly receive such an attack besides Lu Yin.

Zhanlong Daynight stared straight at Lu Yin as his eyes flickered in disbelief. “You- your strength.”

Lu Yin’s eyes narrowed. “The current you is too weak.”

Lu Yin then exerted a bit of strength through his hand and broke Zhanlong Daynight’s hand with a sharp crack. The Daynight youth was then flung aside just like Nightqueen Yanqing. He spat out a mouthful of blood and lost consciousness.

Lu Yin looked down at him. “I’ll look for you again after I deal with the rest.”

He then stepped forward and disappeared, only to next be seen at the base of the mountain range.

He had used merely two attacks to eliminate two of the strongest Daynight experts on Planet Pyrolyte. Just two attacks had dispatched two top-notch Daynight experts.

Lu Yin’s strength caused everyone else present to feel as if an insurmountable shadow had crept over their hearts.

Yōu Ye'er was astonished, as this person was indeed powerful.

Hai Qiqi blinked. Right now, he’s not bad to watch. I can understand why father is considering making him his son-in-law. I get why he didn’t directly order Lu Yin to come here and get the pyrolyte—hold on, that’s not right. What future son-in-law? That won’t happen!

Above the planet, Nightqueen Qiuyu’s eyes changed after Zhanlong Daynight and Nightqueen Yanqing were both thoroughly defeated after just two moves from Lu Yin. How could such a thing happen? Could there really be such a huge disparity between Limiteers? Lu Yin’s strength caused the old lady to think of the Ten Arbiters.

On Planet Pyrolyte, at the base of the mountain range, Lord Pisces stared at Lu Yin, who had just suddenly appeared, in astonishment. In the blink of an eye, this person had appeared in front of Lord Pisces, who was not even five meters away.

Lu Yin's gaze swept over everyone. "I'll only say this just once: this mountain range belongs to me now. Everyone else, get lost."

Ling Que looked up, walked a few steps forward, and arrogantly stared at Lu Yin. "You've got balls. Even if you're the strongest Limiteer, do you really think that you can stop all of us?"

Lu Yin turned towards Ling Que. "You can try."

Ling Que's eyes went wide. "Everyone, attack him together! If we can't defeat him, then no one will get anything from this place."

As soon as he finished speaking, he moved to attack, his Que's Mighty Slash slicing through the void as it moved towards Lu Yin. Ling Que had put his full strength into this attack as he clearly remembered that this bastard had trapped his blade with just two fingers. This was not some random innate gift, as there was no one else who could stop Ling Que's blade with just a couple of fingers.

Next to Ling Que, Mu Rong also moved to attack. Since they were facing Lu Yin, he had chosen to cooperate with Ling Que. Before this, Ling Que and the rest had been attacking Mu Rong, but now, everyone had united against Lu Yin, even Mu Rong.

The void before Lu Yin's eyes was torn apart as the Que's Mighty Slash emerged. However, Lu Yin merely raised a hand and lightly tapped against the blade, sending it spiraling in another direction with a thump. He then raised his hand towards Ling Que and released a palm attack. By this time, he had already unleashed the grains of Fatesand around his heart and left arm, hiding them within his clothes. In other words, he had removed two-thirds of the seal that suppressed his physical strength. Right now, Lu Yin was invincible.

The shockwave that the Spacerender Palm unleashed blasted through the void and snarled as it shot towards Ling Que like a strange beast. Ling Que's eyes shrank, as he had already known that Lu Yin was powerful, but had Lu Yin's strength really reached such a ridiculous extent that he could flick away his blade with one finger? This toppled Ling Que's worldview. How was the disparity between them so vast?

With a boom, the Spacerender Palm swept through one direction, though Ling Que was able to avoid it. However, everyone else in that area was struck, and they all lost their ability to fight.

Beneath Lu Yin, green grass appeared as the farmer boy's song was heard. Lu Yin's brows rose. "You didn't learn your lesson. Your farmer boy's song is useless against me."

His body then trembled, and the void fractured as Lu Yin raised a hand towards Mu Rong, whose face changed as he quickly evaded the attack. A massive shockwave struck the place he had just been standing at.

Just two attacks had forced both Ling Que and Mu Rong to dodge away, and not only had Lu Yin managed to flick Ling Que's blade away, he had also caused Mu Rong's farmer boy's song to collapse. In just a few seconds, Lu Yin had demonstrated a strength that caused everyone to feel fear from the bottom of their hearts.

“Freak, he’s a freak!” someone shouted as they stared at Lu Yin in terror.

At those words, the crowd immediately backed away from Lu Yin. “He’s a freak! He’s invincible!”

“Freak...”

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Against Mu Rong, the crowd had still been able to unite with Ling Que and have a relatively even battle, but against Lu Yin, even when Mu Rong joined their forces, they still felt like they were tiny ants trying to shake a giant tree. This was not a battle that could be won through simple numerical superiority.

Wen Qian'er looked on, dumbfounded. This was the strength of a peerless Limiteer. She had vastly overestimated herself at one point by wanting to experience such a strength for herself. Not to mention her, even Ling Que was too weak compared to Lu Yin.

Ever since Mister Mu had upgraded Lu Yin’s physical body to the absolute limit, he had reached the same level of the Limiteer realm as that war spirit with closed eyes. This meant that Lu Yin was truly invincible, and he could perhaps match the strength shown by the Ten Arbiters when they had been Limiteers. At this moment, there was no one in the crowd who could stand up to him.

Mu Rong looked at Lu Yin with a grave expression, as the current Lu Yin made even him feel powerless. He had already exchanged blows with Lu Yin once, and he had acutely sensed this person’s strength then. At the start, there had not been much of a disparity between them, and Lu Yin had not possessed the strength to shake off his farmer boy’s song. However, by the end of their battle, Lu Yin had released a strength that belonged to an entirely different level.

This was what Mu Rong had come to realize at the Sea King’s Dome. However, at this moment on Planet Pyrolyte, Lu Yin had revealed his most powerful strength right from the very beginning of the battle. Mu Rong was not able to resist such a power, and the other people at his level were no different.

Currently, the only ones who could fight against Lu Yin were either Explorers or perhaps even Cruisers, as he was truly an unequalled Limiteer.

In outer space, above the planet, the various major powers were also all flabbergasted. The disparity displayed through this battle was too great, and it was not something that could be compensated for with numbers.

In the Sword Sect’s spacecraft, Elder Viletree was shocked. “There’s no explanation for this kid! Think of a way to send Explorers down to Planet Pyrolyte. Order Liu Shaoqiu and the rest to retreat back to Pyrolyte Mountain. They can’t fight against this kid.”

“Yes, Elder.”

Inside the Wen family’s spacecraft, Mira’s expression was similarly overwhelmed. She had not thought that, after not seeing Lu Yin for a while, that he would be able to become this strong, and certainly not to this exaggerated of a level. The current Lu Yin could even attract the attention of the Ten Arbiters. When they had been Limiteers in the past, they had been similarly invincible, but they had probably not surpassed Lu Yin’s current strength. It was possible that he already possessed a strength that could rival her own.

No one would have thought that some nobody cultivator from Earth would be able to reach such a level and would hold such a supreme position within the Limiteer realm.

At the same time, the Daynight clan and Wen family also sent out orders for their ground forces to retreat. The elders could see the difference more clearly than the Limiteers on the ground. Lu Yin was not someone who their juniors could deal with.

As the words in the skies changed, they all formed the same word: "Retreat."

At the base of the mountain range, everyone inexplicably relaxed, as they no longer had to fight against this freak anymore.

Lu Yin looked up, as the various powers that had been able to survive in the Inniverse had a rather decisive way of doing things. For them to order a retreat so quickly proved that they already had other plans. They might work to threaten Lu Yin himself, or find other powerhouses to send down here.

Liu Shaoqiu walked out from the forces of the Sword Sect with a resolute gaze.

Liu Xiaoyun's face changed. "What are you doing? The elder ordered us to retreat!"

The others also looked at Liu Shaoqiu.

Liu Shaoqiu determinedly walked towards Lu Yin. "You and I had an agreement to challenge the Top 100 Rankings at the same time."

"That's right," Lu Yin answered faintly.

Liu Shaoqiu's gaze trembled. "I have a feeling that this battle might be the last one we have as Limiteers, as well as the first. I don't want to miss this opportunity."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "You aren't my match."

Liu Shaoqiu gripped his hilt tightly. "So what? This is my path of the sword."

In outer space, Elder Viletreet and the rest all fell silent. Liu Shaoqiu had been able to inherit the Thirteen Swords, which was related to his path of the sword. In this current battle, regardless of the outcome, he had to act, or else his path would collapse.

They would rather Liu Shaoqiu fight Lu Yin than destroy his path of the sword, even if it meant him being killed in this fight.

Of course, the Sword Sect did not believe that Lu Yin would actually dare to kill Liu Shaoqiu, as that would create a death debt.

Lu Yin's head hurt, as someone with such an extreme sense of conviction was the most troublesome to deal with. Zhang Dingtian was one such person, and it seemed that this Liu Shaoqiu in front of him was another one. Ever since Lu Yin had started cultivating, he had relied on his die and his destiny. He held no strong determination towards cultivation itself. At this moment, when he looked at Liu Shaoqiu's face, Lu Yin felt like he was lacking something himself and that he should also hold some sort of conviction.

“Then go ahead,” Lu Yin replied.

Everyone stared at Liu Shaoqiu, as the Fourth Sword had not been enough to defeat even Ling Que and Mu Rong. Did that mean that he was about to use the Fifth Sword?

Each of the Thirteen Swords was overwhelming, and everyone wanted to take a look at the Fifth Sword’s power.

Liu Shaoqiu inhaled deeply as he clenched his sword’s hilt. His eyes flashed with his resolve. He was indeed about to display the Fifth Sword, which was a technique that he had yet to comprehend. It was already extremely terrifying for him to display the Fourth Sword with the strength of a Limiteer, and the Fifth Sword was something that he should only touch after breaking through to the Explorer realm. However, he had to use it now, or he would have no chance at all.

Perhaps, after using the Fifth Sword, he would become crippled! But even so, he would not regret it.

Below the mountains, many cultivators pulled away from the two since they were afraid of being caught up in the impending battle’s aftershocks. Lu Yin did not attack, showing his respect for Liu Shaoqiu’s determination; he would give Liu Shaoqiu ample time to prepare.

The cultivators continued to back away when one of them suddenly looked at his own sword in surprise. His sword was quivering, and the various swordsmen around him all found that their blades were similarly quivering, as if they could not be controlled.

This was a forcefield. One that had yet to fully emerge, but one that still existed.

The Fourth Sword manifested in the form of a domain filled with sword qi, and it was able to unleash a powerful attack. At this moment, a forcefield had merged into the surrounding area.

Chapter 506: Opening Line

Yōu Ye'er looked down from atop the mountain range, recalling how one of her elders had described the Sword Sect’s Fifth Sword: “The human merges with the sword; the sword merges with the domain; the human merges with the domain. Three become one for the Fifth Sword.”

“What did you say?” Hai Qiqi was lost.

Yōu Ye'er shook her head. “Nothing. Do you think that he can take the Fifth Sword?”

Hai Qiqi rolled her eyes. “I don’t know.”

At the base of the mountain range, Lu Yin’s face grew solemn. He could sense Liu Shaoqiu’s forcefield as well as the Fifth Sword’s terrifying strength that merged everything into one entity. This sharpness was something that was incomparable to anything from before, and it was already causing spatial cracks to appear in the void. In Lu Yin’s eyes, Liu Shaoqiu had already become a sword, and Lu Yin could see countless spatial cracks extending out from the swordsman’s body. He was on the verge of slicing through the space in this area.

Ling Que looked at Liu Shaoqiu with surprise. This attack lived up to the reputation of the Sword Sect’s Thirteen Swords, and if this person had completely comprehended this attack, then Ling Que might not have been able to defeat the Sword Sect genius and their battle might have ended in a draw.

Mu Rong also stared on in astonishment. The inheritor of the Thirteen Swords was indeed not someone simple.

Countless people watched the confrontation between the two with great expectations, wondering whether or not Liu Shaoqiu's sword would be able to defeat Lu Yin.

Liu Shaoqiu's eyes suddenly snapped wide open as he unsheathed the tip of his sword. With Liu Shaoqiu himself as the center, the sharp aura radiated out in a circle. The circle quickly expanded from a hundred, then a thousand, and then ten thousand meters away from Liu Shaoqiu. Everyone was enveloped within this sharp aura, and it caused their scalps to turn numb. This was a strength that could determine their life and death.

Mu Rong raised his hand and saw that a very miniscule wound had appeared upon his palm. It wasn't just him; everyone who was within the Fifth Sword's domain range had received various injuries to some extent. This caused the cultivators to become even more terrified, and they all hurriedly retreated again.

Lu Yin raised his hand and flicked out. The void twinkled and formed a white shockwave that shot towards the ground. The Fifth Sword had not been completely unleashed yet, but it had already tried to harm Lu Yin, which was normally impossible.

Lu Yin suddenly shook his head when he made contact with the Fifth Sword. "This sword is still beyond you."

The crowd had not thought that Lu Yin would suddenly say such a thing, and many went into a daze while only a select few looked towards Liu Shaoqiu with a bit of sympathy.

Elder Viletree sighed from the heavens. "The Fifth Sword, where human, sword, and domain merge as one. He has merged human and domain, and human and sword. However, he has yet to merge sword and domain. His strength was not properly contained, and that caused it to fail at the last minute. This sword is not something that he can use yet."

Behind Elder Viletree, Liu Sanjian looked at the screen with pity. "If he could use the Fifth Sword, then Shaoqiu would definitely be the strongest down there."

Elder Viletree replied faintly. "Not necessarily. No, that's actually wrong; even if he could use the Fifth Sword, he still would not be the strongest." Elder Viletree stared at Lu Yin. "I saw this person battle against Mu Rong, and this kid has a strength that has also reached the pinnacle. He is not someone who can be withstood by those in the same realm, unless they have similarly reached a pinnacle in some aspect."

Liu Sanjian was lost. "The pinnacle?"

Elder Viletree nodded and explained, "Yes, the pinnacle, like the Ten Arbiters."

Liu Sanjian was shocked. "That kid can rival the Ten Arbiters?"

Elder Viletree did not reply, but he did not deny the possibility either.

One of the Ten Arbiters was from the Sword Sect, so they clearly understood the strength of the Ten Arbiters. These monsters' reputation was not something that had been fabricated; it was genuine. Even to a powerhouse like Liu Sanjian, who neared the strength of an Enlightener, the strength of the Ten

Arbiters when they had been Limiteers was something that was unimaginable to him, as it went against his understanding of the universe.

It was precisely because the Sword Sect understood the strength of the Ten Arbiters when they had been Limiteers that they had not cared much for Lu Yin and the rest when they were proclaimed as Ten Arbiters candidates, because the gap was just too vast. They were simply not on the same level. The so-called "Ten Arbiters candidate" title was just given as encouragement. But on this day, a person who could truly rival the Ten Arbiters had appeared. Liu Sanjian understood quite well how scary it was for someone to rival the Ten Arbiters strength in the Limiteer realm and how inconceivable such a thing was.

To all the Limiteers present, such a person was nothing but a freak.

It was no wonder why, after Lu Yin acted, Elder Viletree had ordered everyone to retreat. This was someone who was literally unstoppable by those present.

On Planet Pyrolyte, just like what Lu Yin had said, Liu Shaoqiu was not able to completely execute the Fifth Sword. His forcefield had collapsed, or it was also possible that it had collapsed on its own since he had not managed to merge the sword into his domain.

Liu Shaoqiu spat out a mouthful of blood, and he suddenly looked miserable.

Lu Yin looked at him calmly. "Although this sword is still a bit beyond you, you're not far from being able to unleash it. I'll wait for your challenge since I probably won't become an Explorer before you."

Liu Shaoqiu couldn't accept such words. "Are you pitying me?"

Lu Yin shook his head. "It doesn't matter if you believe me or not, but it will be more difficult for me to become an Explorer than you. However, even before breaking through, I'll still be able to challenge the Top 100 Rankings. So the agreement can be nullified today, as you are currently unable to challenge the Top 100 along with me."

Liu Shaoqiu left in silence, as he had lost before the battle had even begun. However, he did not regret his actions one bit. If he did not even have the courage to engage in a battle, then how could he even consider trying to surpass his ancestors?

Most of the crowd quickly left one after another. Since Lu Yin was the guardian of this area, no one would be able to seize control of this region.

At this moment, a few Daynight clan members charged over with the intention of taking Zhanlong Daynight away. Lu Yin casually struck out with a Spacerender Palm, unleashing a shockwave that swept out and sent them all flying away. "You guys can't take him away."

The Daynight clan members were terrified. "Lu Yin, are you trying to create a blood feud with our Daynight clan?"

"Just wait until after I question him."

"You!" By this time, Nightqueen Yanqing had finally awoken. Her injuries were severe, as Lu Yin remembered how she had used Zhuo Daynight as a shield. He had not shown much mercy in his

previous attack, and it was mostly thanks to her Nightking's Body and her battle force that she had managed to survive.

Nightqueen Yanqing was being supported by other Daynight members, and she sent a death glare at Lu Yin, as if she wanted to devour him.

Lu Yin merely glanced at her before turning to leave.

"Lu Yin, pyrolyte ore is a strategic resource. If you dare take it, Elder Yuanjing will not protect you or your Great Yu Empire!" Nightqueen Yanqing threatened.

Lu Yin froze in place and then slowly turned around.

From a distance, the Sword Sect, Wen family, Second Grade Hall, Dire Barbarian Clan, Blaze Realm, and all of the other great powers saw this exchange as well. If possible, none of them wanted to retreat, but it looked like the Daynight clan wanted to violate the agreement at this time.

If it was against another power, then the Inniverse powers would be able to mutually restrict each other, preventing the Daynight clan from breaking the rules, just like how Wen Qichen had been stopped by Nightqueen Qiuyu when he wanted to circumvent the rules that everyone had agreed upon. However, right now, they were all against Lu Yin, and he did not have much of a background. At best, he could be considered to hold the status of the Sea King's future son-in-law, but he was just the future son-in-law. Right now, it didn't really amount to much of a backing.

If the Daynight clan was able to threaten him and force him away from the mountain range, then they could all continue to fight over it.

However, they were also afraid that Lu Yin would be won over by the Daynight clan, which would be even more annoying.

"You're threatening me." Lu Yin stared coldly at Nightqueen Yanqing.

Nightqueen Yanqing panted heavily, and the Daynight members around her stared fearfully at Lu Yin, terrified that he would attack them.

But then, Lu Yin withdrew his gaze. "You're one step behind." Lu Yin pointed at the mountain range. "There's someone up there with an even higher position."

Everyone involuntarily looked where he had pointed.

Yōu Ye'er blinked and then turned towards Hai Qiqi. Aside from the people from the Northline Flowzone, there was only this kid on top of the mountains.

Hai Qiqi did not back away. Instead, she stepped forward, towering high in the sky as she prepared to speak. However, she could not think of a good opening line, so she simply rolled her eyes. "Dregs, I'm your Miss Qi."

The mountain range fell silent, and everyone stared blankly at Hai Qiqi. Even Mu Rong was included in the speechless crowd. Dregs? Was she referring to them?

The expression on Yōu Ye'er's face as she looked at Hai Qiqi began to shift to adoration. This opening line was too awesome!

Hai Qiqi blinked and looked at everyone in the area. Had she chosen her words poorly?

Lu Yin had already discovered that Hai Qiqi's venomous tongue was not entirely reliable, but he hadn't known it could fail to such a degree. Such a serious occasion had been completely destroyed by her. However, this also caused his resentment towards her to diminish greatly. The one who had plotted against him was the Sea King, not Hai Qiqi.

Nightqueen Yanqing stared at Hai Qiqi. Stupid brat, I'll tear your tongue out sooner or later!

Hai Qiqi looked at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin indifferently announced, "She's Hai Qiqi, the Sea King's daughter."

At the base of the mountain range, a commotion exploded as everyone stared at Hai Qiqi in shock; the Sea King's daughter?

Mu Rong was also shocked. Although he had also participated in the competition to become the Sea King's son-in-law, he had never actually met the Sea King's daughter. This was her? He suddenly felt incredibly lucky that he had not pulled out the Sea King's Trident.

Ling Que stared at the scene blankly while feeling that something was off. The Sea King's daughter's first words had been a bit too unrestrained.

Xi Yue stared at Hai Qiqi. This was Lu Yin's fiancée? The two made quite a match.

Nightqueen Yanqing's pupils shrank. The Sea King's daughter! It was no wonder why she had humiliated Nightqueen Yanqing in such a manner. Yanqing suddenly felt as if she would never be able to do anything to this stupid brat for her entire life.

Yōu Ye'er was also surprised. She's the Sea King's daughter?

Hai Qiqi was proud of the attention she was currently receiving, and she looked at everyone with a pleased expression. This was the effect and the kind of entrance that she had always wanted. As a girl, she desired the spotlight even more than a man, but she had always been overshadowed in the Starfall Sea. She had let the selection for her future husband be held just so that she could have someone accompany her when she left the Starfall Sea to go out and play. Her lifelong dream had finally been achieved.

Now that the Sea King's daughter had appeared, Nightqueen Yanqing could no longer find a single word. The Sea King's attitude could be seen by the fact that he had allowed his own daughter to accompany Lu Yin out in the universe, and the Daynight clan's threats to him were now completely meaningless.

The rest sighed. Sure enough, Lu Yin really did have something to rely on before taking action.

At this point, the mood in outer space around the planet shifted, and a dark-red gas curled up and created some ripples as the void quivered. Everyone felt an immense pressure descend on the planet as they all looked up. A face appeared from outer space; it was the Second Grade Hall's Enlighter, Karthika.

Ever since the contest on Planet Pyrolyte had started, this was the first time an Enlighter had directly intervened.

“The Sea King’s Dome has not promised to protect your empire, kid. I’d advise you to reconsider the outcome before you act again,” Karthika’s voice spread across all of Planet Pyrolyte.

Lu Yin’s eyes narrowed.

Hai Qiqi suddenly shouted, “You scared me so bad! You old shameless thing, hide your stupid face!”

Karthika was furious, but he could only act as if he had not seen Hai Qiqi. He continued to stare at Lu Yin. “Kid, did you hear me? Hai Dashao’s personal promise isn’t enough to represent the Sea King’s Dome, which means that they won’t intervene in a conflict in the Outerverse. They will not protect your empire!”

Lu Yin did not speak, and he merely looked at the sky. It’s time to appear, Hai Dashao.

Sure enough, the next moment, Karthika’s face changed, and he vanished from the crowd’s sight. Planet Pyrolyte descended into silence once again.

All the Enlighters in outer space stared at a youth standing tall above Planet Pyrolyte. They were amazed, as he was none other than Hai Dashao.

Hai Dashao’s appearance caught all the other great powers unprepared. Was the Sea King’s Dome actually going to intervene in this contest on Planet Pyrolyte?

Chapter 507: Patron

Nightqueen Qiuyu was the first to move, and she stared at Hai Dashao with a cold look. “Senior Sea King has never intervened in the struggles of the Innaverse and the Outerverse. Second Prince, do you want to break that agreement?”

Hai Dashao glanced at her before responding in a tone that was neither arrogant nor servile. “Senior, don’t be mistaken. The Sea King’s Dome has not intervened in any such conflicts, and the Sea King’s Dome will also not intervene in this contest on Planet Pyrolyte. However, Frostwave Weave has fallen under our protection, as this is the promise that Father has made to his future son-in-law.”

A trace of fury flashed across Nightqueen Qiuyu’s eyes. “Future son-in-law? Do you mean Lu Yin?”

“Yes,” Hai Dashao firmly replied.

Beside them, the Sword Sect’s Elder Viletree stepped out from the void and looked at Hai Dashao. He sighed emotionally. “So many years have passed, and the Sea King has not made a single comment on the struggles of the Innaverse and Outerverse. But this tradition was broken on this day by a youth.”

Hai Dashao’s brows rose. “Senior, this junior has already said that the Sea King’s Dome does not intervene in the conflicts of the Innaverse and Outerverse. We’re simply protecting the Sea King’s future son-in-law. It’s just a fringe weave, so I believe that it shouldn’t be important enough to catch your attention.”

“That’s easy to say, but that kid has currently seized control of the largest pyrolyte mine on Planet Pyrolyte, and he has encroached on the revenue stream of numerous powers. If your Sea King's Dome does not plan to intervene, then immediately back off—and take that kid away with you. No one will make things difficult for him.” The Dire Barbarian Clan’s Lei Long stepped out of the void from another direction and spoke up in an unkind tone.

Immediately following him, more Enlighters appeared consecutively, including the Blaze Realm’s Huo Houye, the Ross Empire’s Scholar Newmoon, as well as Karthika. They all stared at Hai Dashao with hostile expressions, and they somewhat encircled him, seemingly with the intent to coerce him.

The pyrolyte mines were too important for the various powers, and they would not move aside even against the Sea King's Dome.

Legends had it that the Sea King's Dome was transcendent, and that the Sea King had reached the level of an Envoy with a power level of over 500,000. It has been many years since those details had been confirmed, and gradually, the various great powers had stopped being as cautious of the Sea King's Dome.

Only the powers that had some sensitive insider information did not make any moves against Hai Dashao, such as the Daynight Clan, Sword Sect, and Wen family. They had not forgotten the terror of the Sea King; otherwise, the Starfall Sea would not have remained as the backyard of the Sea King's Dome.

Hai Dashao looked over the crowd as his lips curled up. “Seniors, are you showing your displeasure with the Sea King's Dome?”

Nightqueen Qiuyu, Viletree, and Wen Qichen all exchanged glances, but they did not speak.

Lei Long stepped forward and glared at the youth. “Junior, you don’t have the qualifications to speak to us yet. Ask your senior to step out.”

Hai Dashao looked upwards towards the depths of outer space. “The Sea King’s Dome has not intervened in the affairs of others for so many years... Have we been forgotten? It looks like Father should occasionally come out for a walk.”

This single sentence made Nightqueen Qiuyu and the rest tremble. Was the Sea King really about to come out? That would be no simple event, and if the situation soured, then those powerhouses who supervised the fate of their clans would appear as well. In the end, a storm might sweep across all of the Inniverse and Outerverse.

Suddenly, Nightqueen Qiuyu and the rest felt their hearts drop as they felt an indescribably enormous pressure sweep over them. It felt like an invisible storm had embraced them all. Every single one of them felt as if they were being grabbed by a large, invisible hand, and they found it difficult to breathe.

Viletree’s pupils shrank. They were all Enlighters, so only some secluded old monster could give them such a sensation. Upon realizing this, he quickly spoke up. “Would the unknown senior from the Sea King's Dome please show themselves.”

The faces of Lei Long and the rest went pale. Was this pressure from someone of the Sea King's Dome?

Hai Dashao smiled at Lei Long, Huo Houye, and the others as an aged, hunchbacked figure slowly emerged from the void beside him. The old man was only about a meter tall. His appearance was ordinary, and his clothing was casual. He looked just like an elderly neighbor, and his murky eyes didn't even seem like they could see clearly.

When this old man appeared, Viletree and Nightqueen Qiuyu's expressions changed greatly. When they had been younger, they had once roamed across the Starfall Sea. During their stay at the Sea King's Dome, they had seen this old man, Elder Ren. He was one of the Sea King's Dome's four elders, and he was an old monster whose power level was in the several hundred thousand.

No one would have expected such a person to appear at Planet Pyrolyte, let alone someone from the Sea King's Dome.

Lei Long was watched closely by Elder Ren, and he felt a certain terror from the bottom of his heart. He had a feeling that he could be wiped out at any moment.

Karthika was even more afraid to show his anger.

Huo Houye, the Scholar Newmoon, and the others didn't dare to move. They merely stared at Elder Ren in shock.

Soon, Enlighters started appearing one after another. They were from the smaller organizations, and originally, they had not expected to receive much if any of the profits from the mountain range, which was why they had not tried to coerce Hai Dashao. However, now that Elder Ren had shown up, they had all come out to pay their respects to the old man, even Granny Chan.

If someone uploaded this scene onto the network, it would stun countless people. It was difficult for the various Outerverse weaves to produce even one Enlighter, but there were a dozen of them in this place. Just their presence alone was enough to cause the space to shudder.

Elder Ren glanced around the room and then spoke slowly and emotionally. "It's been a long time since I've been out, and I'd forgotten what the Astral Wilderness is like. How nostalgic."

The Sword Sect's Viletree stepped forward and bowed politely. "This junior pays his respects to Elder Ren. I wonder if Elder Ren still remembers this junior?"

Elder Ren's aged eyes looked at Viletree, and a faint smile appeared on his face. "So it's you, little kid. You've aged as well."

Viletree respectfully replied, "I never thought that elder would remember this junior."

Elder Ren smiled. "A genius of the Sword Sect. Of course I would remember."

He then looked at Nightqueen Qiuyu, and a trace of astonishment flashed through his eyes. "Young lady, so you're here too."

Nightqueen Qiuyu stepped forward and bowed. "I pay my respects to Elder Ren."

Elder Ren nodded and then suddenly recalled something. "Where's that other kid?"

Nightqueen Qiuyu's body shuddered, and her eyes filled with agony. "He's not around anymore."

Elder Ren sighed and looked at her. "In the end, you two still separated. That was predestined, and bystanders should not be held accountable for such things."

Nightqueen Qiuyu closed her eyes to conceal her torment.

When that old monster, Northgate Taisui, appeared in Northline Flowzone, it had not overly shocked the other organizations because Northline Flowzone was just too weak. Even if Northgate Taisui's power surpassed that of Elder Ren, the status that he wielded in the universe was just too low. This showed the influence that the Sea King's Dome wielded, as even powers such as the Daynight clan and the Sword Sect had to bow their heads.

Hai Dashao spoke up and pointed at Lei Long. "Elder, that person said that our Sea King's Dome isn't qualified to take care of Frostwave Weave."

Lei Long's face instantly changed. "Hai Dashao, don't spout nonsense! I didn't say anything like that."

Elder Ren looked at Lei Long. Then, his murky eyes suddenly changed, and Lei Long felt as if the heavens had become an unknown place. He suddenly lost control over his strength before he spat out a mouthful of blood, and his face turned deathly white.

Everyone was overwhelmed, as this was just too terrifying a scene. After all, Lei Long was an Enlighter with a power level of over 200,000, but he didn't even have the strength to resist.

Elder Ren did not act a second time. "For the sake of giving your clan's elders some face, I'll let you off this time."

Lei Long bowed his head. He didn't dare to speak, though his eyes revealed his resentment.

Those who could cultivate to the Enlighter realm were geniuses among geniuses, and those whose power levels had reached 300,000-400,000 were even more exceptional. Moreover, this old man came from the Sea King's Dome, which meant that it would be difficult for even someone of the same power level to defeat Elder Ren, let alone someone like Lei Long who was much weaker. He would basically be crossing realms if he challenged the old man. For a super powerhouse from the Sea King's Dome, dealing with Lei Long was nothing difficult.

The surrounding Enlighters subconsciously distanced themselves from Hai Dashao, as they dared not stay too close to him.

Wen Qichen stepped forward and greeted Elder Ren. "This junior from the Wen family, Wen Qichen, pays his respects to Elder Ren."

Elder Ren looked at Wen Qichen and nodded with a smile. "The Wen family is a reasonable family, and all of their members are scholars. I like to talk with scholarly people."

Wen Qichen forced a smile onto his face as he saluted Elder Ren again. "May I ask senior if the Second Prince's words are true? Does the Sea King's Dome intend to protect Frostwave Weave and Lu Yin?"

Elder Ren shook his head. "No."

The crowd's eyes lit up.

Hai Dashao was stumped, and he cast a strange look towards Elder Ren.

Elder Ren slowly continued, saying, "The Sea King's Dome is not protecting Frostwave Weave and Lu Yin. Rather, it is protecting the Sea King's Dome's future son-in-law, as well as his hometown."

Bullshit! That's the same thing! The Enlighters all cursed silently, but they didn't dare to express their displeasure.

Wen Qichen smiled bitterly. "This junior understands. The Wen family will not act against Lu Yin, his friends, or his family. During this contest on Planet Pyrolyte, the strong win, and the weak can only leave."

Elder Ren nodded and looked appreciatively at Wen Qichen. "Little one, you have a knack for seeing things clearly. Not bad, not bad. You deserve to be called a scholar."

Wen Qichen was speechless. The words he spoke sounded like a scolding, but the appreciative expression on the elder's face did not quite fit. Wen Quichen didn't know if the old man was praising or admonishing him.

The rest had also come to understand the present situation since the conversation had reached this point. The Sea King's Dome would protect Lu Yin, which meant that they could no longer threaten the youth, and also that he would be able to act without restraint.

Things were now hopeless for the rest of the Limiteers on Planet Pyrolyte.

Lu Yin was basically a gigantic mountain that none of the other Limiteers could surmount. The only way the various powers could still move forward was to mobilize their Explorers.

As Wen Qichen, Nightqueen Qiuyu, Viletree, and the other Enlighters from the various great powers went their separate ways, the Enlighters from the smaller organizations all left as well.

Lei Long had a malicious expression, and when he returned to his spacecraft, he immediately ordered for his underlings to speed up their research on developing a method for Explorers to descend onto Planet Pyrolyte, and possibly even Cruisers. If a method was found for Cruisers to descend onto the planet, then Planet Pyrolyte would suddenly belong to the Dire Barbarian Clan. After all, they had Avery.

It wasn't just the Dire Barbarian Clan, as all of the various organizations started focusing on finding a method to send Explorers down to the planet.

On the surface of the planet, all of the Limiteers retreated from the mountain range until only one person remained: Zhanlong Daynight, who had been captured by Lu Yin.

When Karthika's face disappeared, Lu Yin had realized that the threats surrounding him no longer existed. The Sea King's Dome had stepped up to protect him.

However, Lu Yin was not happy at this turn of events since this meant that, from now on, Frostwave Weave would be forever subservient to the Sea King's Dome. And as long as Lu Yin did not back out from the engagement, then he would also belong to the Sea King. Additionally, he was not naive enough to believe that the Sea King was protecting him out of his goodwill.

Still, those were all issues for the future. Right now, Lu Yin wanted to find out what had happened on Shenwu Continent, and how Zhanlong Daynight had left.

Zhanlong Daynight had been severely injured by one strike from Lu Yin, but his abnormal recovery abilities allowed him to awaken after merely half an hour, and the injuries on his body had also improved by a great deal. His recovery piqued Hai Qiqi's interest, and she watched him heal in fascination.

When he awoke, Zhanlong Daynight arduously raised himself up and looked at Lu Yin before spitting out a mouthful of blood. "It's been a while."

Lu Yin looked at Zhanlong Daynight. "You know why I kept you behind."

Zhanlong Daynight grinned. "Do you think I'll tell you?"

A coldness flashed across Lu Yin's eyes as he said, "You have the choice to remain silent, and I have the choice to kill you."

Chapter 508: Unforeseen Events

The two young men exchanged glances while the crowd spread across the mountain range broke apart. People would occasionally stare at Lu Yin with shock or fanaticism etched on their faces. Not a single one of them had imagined that this person would prove to be this powerful.

Northgate Gang looked at Lu Yin while feeling slightly ridiculous. A peerless Limiteer was a legend, and he was standing so close to this legend.

Hai Qiqi looked at Zhanlong Daynight with curiosity, especially at the injuries on his body which were recovering at a discernible rate. How Interesting.

Before long, Zhanlong Daynight let out a breath, sat up, and leaned against the dark red stone wall. He then looked at Lu Yin. "Do you think that I'm afraid of death?"

Lu Yin looked down on him from above. "Do you belong to the Dayking bloodline, the Nightking clan, or perhaps just the simple Daynight clan?"

Zhanlong Daynight's eyes flashed, and his brows creased. "You know quite a bit."

"I know more than you can imagine. Your Daynight clan has degenerated greatly. Since you've managed to leave Shenwu Continent, there must be something that you want to do. Are you willing to die so easily? Don't think for a moment that I'd hesitate to kill you now that I have the Sea King's Dome behind me. The Daynight clan won't raise any fuss with the Sea King for someone like you who's not even a Nightking."

Zhanlong Daynight sighed, and then he bitterly smiled. "Well said. Alright, I'll tell you. Not because you scare me, but because even if I don't, someone else will just spill the beans. That's because I'm not the only one who made it out of Shenwu Continent. All of the outsiders who were captured by the Reverent King were released."

Lu Yin shivered. "What does that mean?"

Zhanlong Daynight shrugged. "Martial Emperor Ming Zhaotian was heavily injured by the Scholar Arbiter, and Reverent King Ming Zhaoshu betrayed the Shenwu Empire. He proclaimed himself as the emperor and then started cooperating with the outsiders. Shenwu Continent has completely changed, as the outsiders are no longer hated. Instead, they cooperate with Ming Zhaoshu."

Lu Yin was surprised. "Ming Zhaoshu was able to defend himself against attacks from the Shenwu Empire's Martial Sovereigns?"

Zhanlong Daynight sneered, "You underestimate Ming Zhaoshu. His silent endurance is the most impressive out of everyone I've ever seen. He grasped the opportunity when Ming Zhaotian was injured to seize the inheritance of the dead Ming Taizhong. With that, he broke through to become a Martial Sovereign, which is the equivalent to the Cruiser realm. He's now evenly matched with Ming Zhaotian. Besides that, he's also comprehended a domain, and even a forcefield."

Lu Yin was astounded, as he had already known how formidable Ming Zhaoshu's mental fortitude was, but he still hadn't known that it had reached such an extent. A forcefield was an extraordinary power that only a handful of the top geniuses at his age had grasped. And yet, Ming Zhaoshu had done so without even letting anyone finding out until he chose to reveal it.

Lu Yin replayed the various scenes from Shenwu Continent in his mind. The grudge between the crown prince and the Reverent King, the Demon Hunters Society, the Ming Constables, the five sealing planets, and the most memorable: Reverent King Ming Zhaoshu and Lu Yin's own beloved, Ming Yan.

Ming Zhaoshu had once told Lu Yin that he would wait for ten years before forming an alliance with the outsiders to help Shenwu Continent escape from its current predicament. At that time, not only had Ming Zhaoshu exhibited his patient endurance on himself, but he had also used it on Lu Yin. He had decided to use Lu Yin due to his accomplishments during the Astral Combat Tournament. Ming Zhaoshu had also been willing to use Ming Yan as bait, and he had even told Lu Yin about the Tower of Resonating Light's secret. The Reverent King's vision and finesse were very impressive.

If not for Ming Zhaotian's sudden injuries, then Ming Zhaoshu definitely would not have rebelled at this time, as not doing so meant losing the opportunity to obtain the inheritance from the Tower of Resonating Light. In the end, Zhanlong Daynight and the rest would not have been able to leave the continent either. They all owed their thanks to Wen Sansi.

"Ming Zhaoshu would not let you off without some kind of good reason. Does he want to cooperate with the Daynight clan?" Lu Yin asked. Even if Ming Zhaoshu had once said that he did not like to cooperate with people who could decide his fate, that had been back then. To obtain Ming Taizhong's inheritance, Ming Zhaoshu had committed betrayal quicker than expected, and as soon as the pressure became more than he could handle, it was very likely that he would start borrowing the strength of powerful clans from the universe.

Zhanlong Daynight replied, "For now, no. But he had me take a message back to my clan. Shenwu Continent is not as simple as it appears to be, and those five sealing planets are not in Ming Taizhong's style."

Lu Yin was surprised at this news, though it seemed that obtaining Ming Taizhong's inheritance had given Ming Zhaoshu a deeper level of understanding of Shenwu Continent. He had probably learned a

secret that gave him the confidence to release Zhanlong Daynight and bring a message back to the Daynight clan. This indicated that this secret could allow the Daynight clan to help him at any moment so long as a price was paid, though the Reverent King would definitely always make sure that he was in a sure-win situation.

“Anything else aside from this bit of news?” Lu Yin asked, as he was most concerned about Ming Yan.

Zhanlong Daynight frowned. “What else do you want to know? I’ve told you everything that’s important.”

“Why did you attack Ming Zhaoshu’s daughter back then?” Lu Yin asked.

“You haven’t figured it out yet? It was to aggravate the conflict between Ming Zhaoshu and Crown Prince Ming Hao.”

“So what happened afterwards? When Ming Zhaoshu’s back was turned, did Crown Prince Ming Hao really not send someone to attack Ming Yan?” Lu Yin asked, as he stared closely into Zhanlong Daynight’s eyes.

The man shook his head. “I don’t know about that. Shenwu Continent has undergone tremendous changes, and no one cares if one girl lives or dies. Still, since she’s Ming Zhaoshu’s daughter, she’ll be fine.”

Lu Yin relaxed, as it seemed like Ming Zhaoshu did not intend to create any fuss about Ming Yan. Lu Yin didn’t dare to ask any further questions out of fear that Zhanlong Daynight would learn about his relationship with Ming Yan. That would expose one more of his weaknesses, and Lu Yin actually had no intention of killing Zhanlong Daynight right now. Even if the Frostwave Weave was now under the Sea King’s Dome, Lu Yin would not follow the Sea King, so he could not risk further ruining his relationship with the Daynight clan.

Although Zhanlong Daynight was a member of the Daynight clan and wasn’t a Nightking, he had still comprehended the Daynight Restoration Technique and thus enjoyed an important status in the Daynight clan. Killing this person would not be much better than killing Nightqueen Yanqing.

Lu Yin had asked all the questions that he needed to, so he gestured at Zhanlong Daynight, saying, “You can leave now.”

Zhanlong Daynight’s brows rose up. “You’re letting me go?”

“There are no grudges between us, and killing you wouldn’t bring me any benefits,” Lu Yin commented.

Zhanlong Daynight spat out a mouthful of blood, as his injuries had almost entirely healed by now. He gave Lu Yin a serious look. “I owe you one life.”

He then jumped up and raced towards Pyrolyte Plain.

As he watched Zhanlong Daynight rush into the distance, Lu Yin withdrew his gaze. It seemed like he would not be able to wait for much longer. Even though he had used Darkstar Gorge to divert the threat away from Shenwu Continent, its interior would only become more unstable with time. Ming Zhaoshu was a Cruiser, and he was evenly matched against a severely injured Ming Zhaotian, but when the emperor recovered, Ming Zhaoshu would be in trouble. At this moment, he was definitely racking his

brain and trying to ensure that Ming Zhaotian wouldn't recover, but how long could that continue on for?

Ming Yan was not very safe in the currently chaotic Shenwu Continent.

When the events on Planet Pyrolyte ended, should Lu Yin head to Shenwu Continent? With his current strength, what could he even do there now? He was caught in a dilemma.

“That person’s injuries healed amazingly fast. Did he take some kind of medication?” Hai Qiqi asked curiously.

Lu Yin remained silent.

Hai Qiqi stared at Lu Yin for a bit before deflating. “I’ve already told you that I truly didn’t know. Don’t you trust me?”

Lu Yin glanced at her and then commented, “That was Zhanlong Daynight. He’s cultivated the Daynight Restoration Technique, so his recovery speed is more than ten times faster than normal.”

Hai Qiqi was astonished. “There’s actually such a powerful technique? The Daynight Restoration Technique... Just hearing its name is enough to know that it’s very formidable. So he’s a professional punching bag!”

Lu Yin turned around, as anything could gain new meanings when Hai Qiqi described it.

Now that no Enlighters were appearing to threaten Lu Yin, Northgate Gang and the rest were finally able to relax after a Northline Flowzone cultivator came to inform them of the current situation. The mountain range was absolutely theirs. No, it was more accurate to say that it was Lu Yin’s. No, that was still incorrect; it belonged to the Sea King’s Dome.

No one present was a fool; what possible use could Lu Yin have for pyrolyte ore? Even if he obtained it, he wouldn’t be able to use it. Now that Frostwave Weave had become a subsidiary of the Sea King’s Dome, it was no longer able to participate in the conflicts of the Inverse and Outerverse. The group that would actually obtain the pyrolyte ore was the Sea King’s Dome.

Northline Flowzone was distressed about whether or not it would be able to get a share of the portion taken by the Sea King’s Dome. Granny Chan even considered whether or not she should invite Northgate Taisui to have a chat with Elder Ren.

Planet Pyrolyte fell quiet for a period of time. With Elder Ren overseeing things, no one dared to threaten Lu Yin.

A video of the battle at the mountain range was quickly leaked onto the network, and it caused an overwhelming number of people to be astonished.

In Frostwave Weave, Huo Qingshan, Huo Xiaoling, and the others watched the video, and a sense of pride accompanied their astonishment. This was their Royal Regent.

In the Yu Academy, Schutz, Gerbach, and the other students were all flabbergasted. Behind them, Gerlaine, Jeraldine, Veron, Parlie, Eddy, and the other students who had been trial takers on Earth were all dumbfounded as well. This strength was just too terrifying; was this the strength of an unrivaled Limiteer? Lu Yin's power had surpassed everyone's understanding, as from their assumptions, even an Explorer could not be this powerful.

Those from Earth who had joined the Yu Academy, such as Fu Xiaoshu, Zhen Tong, Song Shi, Zhao Yu, Huan Sha, and Qin Xuan, also saw the video. Most of them watched it fervently, as this video proved that Earthlings were not any weaker than the other students, and they could also have invincible powerhouses hail from their home.

In the Auna family manor, Jenny Auna passed time in a dim room. She calmly watched the video. You've become much stronger, even much more than back at San Dios. Much, much stronger.

In prison, Sigmund Mathers grew emotional when he watched the video with Ruky Mathers beside him. Before, during Astral-10's entrance exam, Ruky had broken his arm, but he had still managed to obtain a battle technique and become famous throughout Frostwave Weave. Not only had he joined the Yu Academy, but he had even surpassed Gerbach and the others. It had reached the point where he was now the only one who could battle against Schutz.

In the Ordnance Mercenaries, Dana was intoxicated, and her eyes were hazy. She held onto Ian as she looked at her screen. "Isn't this the Royal Regent? And you fought him once before, hahahaha!"

Ian smiled. "Yes, that's my proudest memory."

When he had first lost to Lu Yin, Ian had been ridiculed before he finally joined the Ordnance Mercenaries. Now, the memory of that defeat had transformed, as not everyone could boast of having the experience of battling a legend.

As the video spread even further, it gradually reached Vastdearth Weave and the Vastdearth Sect.

"This person is Young Master's classmate, Lu Yin! He's the true unrivaled Limiteer!"

"How terrifying! I heard that Young Master once had to compete with this person."

"Once this person matures, he'll at least become an Enlighter. Our master will be friends with a powerhouse!"

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In Adonis Weave, in Darkstar Gorge, someone said, "That's Lu Yin. The mysterious powerhouse who sliced our Darkstar Gorge at that time is somehow related to him."

"He can't be allowed to mature, or else things will become too terrifying. He might even usher in another era."

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In East San Dios, Puyu's face sank, and he crushed a stone table with a thump.

On the other end of the city, Liu Shaoge watched his screen with astonishment. "I can't let myself fall too far behind! But this is becoming more interesting."

In Wendy Yushan's residence, there was a girl who fell down. Once she stood back up, she looked around in a daze. "Where is this place? Why am I here?"

After a while, the girl exclaimed, "Oh, so it's like that. Oh, I need to serve tea to the Councilor!" She then quickly rushed away. It was Zhao Ran, who frequently lost her memories.

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In space, there was a luxurious spacecraft cruising along. The stunning Madam Nalan was within the vessel, looking at a screen with bright eyes. "If you can usher in a new era, then so what if you're enemies with the Ten Arbiters."

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In Umbral Butterfly Weave, in a certain gloomy region, Ah Mu watched the video of Lu Yin with a detached expression. Some level of expectation could be seen within the depths of his eyes, but he had gone through too many changes since he had last seen Lu Yin.

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In Northcastle Weave, on a bustling planet that was close to the Astral Wilderness, there was a building that the entire universe recognized: the Mavis Bank.

The universal currency floated through the air like leaves, displaying the generosity of the Mavis Bank.

One man walked into the Mavis Bank. He took a deep breath before moving to look for the bank manager.

Half an hour later, the man walked out under the bank manager's shocked expression. All of the star essence that had been stored at this branch had just been exchanged and taken away.

This scene didn't occur at just this one branch of the Mavis Bank, but repeatedly at any bank that carried star essence. Even clans that possessed star essence had mysterious people visit them, making offers to take as many star essence as possible.

These were not eye-catching events, and they were not even noticed for an entire month.

One month after Lu Yin took control of the mountain range on Planet Pyrolyte, one of the Ross Empire's battleships exploded. Scholar Newmoon took action, but he was obstructed by a mysterious Enlighter, which led to a battle erupting in the area of outer space directly above the planet. The battle didn't last for long, but it still attracted a great deal of attention from all of the organizations present at Planet Pyrolyte.

Closely following that battle, a piece of news that was leaked. Rather than news, it would be more accurate to call it a method that allowed Explorers to descend onto Planet Pyrolyte.

The Ross Empire had always stood at the forefront of technological advancements, and it was the one out of all the gathered powers that was the most likely to succeed in developing a way to send Explorers

down to the planet. This meant that many of the great powers were watching the Ross Empire like hawks, and though no one knew which Enlighter had ambushed the Ross Empire, none of them would have intervened even if they did know. That was because now that the method had leaked, they would be able to equally divide the benefits.

The method that the Ross Empire had come out with was simple but also crude. It was to put on another layer of skin over the outermost layer, much like clothes.

Compared to a Limiteer, an Explorer's body had undergone a transformation and naturally resonated with the universe. For their bodily functions to operate, Explorers had to constantly absorb star energy; otherwise, they would fall into a period of exhaustion. This was the price that Explorers paid to be able to freely move about the universe. For them to not absorb the outside world's atmosphere, their only option was to put another layer over their skin, and it also had to be made from star essence. Without the star energy provided by star essence, the Explorer's body would involuntarily start absorbing energy from Planet Pyrolyte, which would lead to pyrolyte entering their body and causing them to spontaneously combust.

When this method was revealed, the various great powers studied the feasibility of the method while they sent people to search the nearby weaves and gather all of the available star essence.

However, when they started moving, they discovered that, regardless if they searched Northcastle Weave, Grandtop Weave, or Lars Weave, all of the nearby weaves had been stripped clean of star essence.

The various powers weren't made of fools, and they instantly knew that the Ross Empire must have cleaned out the nearby weaves of star essence.

Helpless, the other powers were forced to look in more distant weaves, or even mobilize the star essence of the Innaverse.

They also considered Frostwave Weave, but because of Lu Yin's orders, the entire weave had sealed its borders. Also, since Elder Ren was close by, not one of the Innaverse powers dared to take any actions against Frostwave Weave. Thus, they could only skip that weave.

In the span of a month, a third of the pyrolyte ore from Pyrolyte Mountain had already been mined out. The other mining areas had reached a similar state, and many of them had already been depleted. Battles constantly broke out on Planet Pyrolyte.

The mountain range that Lu Yin occupied had already been probed rather deeply, and its pyrolyte ore was still being mined. However, though no one knew exactly how much pyrolyte ore was available in this location, one thing was certain: this area held more pyrolyte ore than Pyrolyte Mountain, Pyrolyte Lake, and Pyrolyte Plain combined. That was because those three areas were actually merely the edge of this gigantic pyrolyte reservoir.

As such, the various great powers urgently wanted to take control of the mountain range. The longer Lu Yin occupied the area, the more pyrolyte ore the Northline Flowzone people would take away. Although the pyrolyte ore was being mined by Northline Flowzone, even a fool knew that it would end up in the Sea King's Dome's hands. Northline Flowzone would not dare to be bold enough to fight the Sea King for this pyrolyte. Actually, they would be quite satisfied if they could receive just a small amount of the ore.

Lu Yin sat on a dark-red cliff and stared at the nearby mining tunnel. They had dug immeasurably deep into the ground, and Lu Yin watched on as pyrolyte ore was occasionally brought out.

If the Sea King's Dome did not participate in conflicts in the Innerverse or the Outerverse, then what did it require this pyrolyte for? Lu Yin had asked Hai Qiqi this question, but he had been mercilessly mocked by her. "Let's not say that Miss Qi doesn't know, but so what if I did? Why would I tell you? Can't you use some of your brain?"

To the great powers, Planet Pyrolyte had been peaceful for a month.

Lu Yin did not know when the pyrolyte ore beneath the mountain range would be depleted, but he did not believe for a single moment that those major powers would allow this pyrolyte reservoir to be mined away like this. He had a feeling that there was an intense battle brewing on the horizon.

There was basically no more star essence to be found in the Outerverse. Things had reached the point where only the warehouses of enormous organizations or the Mavis Bank still possessed any. None of the Innerverse powers had had a smooth time gathering star essence with the sole exception of the Ross Empire. They had started making their moves a month ago, and they had managed to gather a rather considerable amount of star essence as their harvests totaled nearly 10,000 star essence.

This was a rather staggering figure. For the Outerverse, one star essence was already something that was rarely seen, not to mention 10,000, which had been gathered from Northcastle Weave as well as the surrounding weaves.

This enormous amount of star essence had been successfully used to create a second layer of skin for one person, who was an Explorer named Kayze from the Dire Barbarian Clan. Although he was not on the Top 100 Rankings, that was simply because the Dire Barbarian Clan did not want their successful disciples to attract extra attention. According to Avery, Kayze's true strength could place him within the top eightieth on the rankings.

If they were considering pure strength, then the Ross Empire might not have been willing to hand over the star essence to the Dire Barbarian Clan after using so much effort to gather them. After all, Lu Yin had not been disadvantaged even against Faceless during the Sea King's son-in-law selection. This showed that Kayze might not actually be Lu Yin's match.

However, Kayze's task was to probe, not fight. He had an innate gift that heightened his sense of hearing, and it also allowed him to perceive a person's physical strength as well as the fluctuations of their star energy.

It was precisely because of this that the Dire Barbarian Clan's Lei Long had convinced Scholar Newmoon to allow Kayze to act first so that they could determine Lu Yin's true strength. Then, they would be able to decide who to send next. They had come up with this plan so as to not waste their stock of star essence, as they needed to ensure that the second person they sent down was someone who could completely defeat Lu Yin.

Of course, Kayze himself was not weak, and he could even lead the Dire Barbarian Clan, Ross Empire, and Blaze Realm to seize either Pyrolyte Mountain, Pyrolyte Lake, or Pyrolyte Plain if he wanted.

The Dire Barbarian Clan did not bother concealing Kayze's circumstances, as they would not be able to hide it even if they wanted to. He would definitely appear on Planet Pyrolyte, and that appearance would instantly attract the attention of the various powers.

Hence, the Dire Barbarian Clan had generously revealed Kayze's information. So it was under many watchful eyes that Kayze took a personal spacecraft down to Planet Pyrolyte.

On the mountain range, Hai Qiqi cried out, "Someone's coming!"

Northgate Gang, Ah Fan, and the others all looked up in unison, as it had been some time since someone landed at this mountain range. Now that someone had appeared, the defenders looked worried. Had some organization already found a way to let an Explorer safely visit Planet Pyrolyte? It was probably the Ross Empire.

Lu Yin calmly watched the spacecraft crash into the ground, and shockwaves burst out in all directions as a massive crater appeared in the dark-red ground.

As the smoke cleared, a rather ugly-looking man slowly rose into the sky and began moving towards the mountain range. He stared directly at Lu Yin, not hiding his Explorer realm aura at all. The undulations caused Northgate Gang and the others' eyes to twitch. It turned out that an Explorer had really come down to the planet's surface.

The price that had to be paid to send an Explorer down to Planet Pyrolyte was not small, so every Explorer who was sent down would not be weak.

Hai Qiqi glared at him without shame, and she pointed at Kayze while shouting in an exaggerated fashion, "That's too ugly! Lu Yin, he's even uglier than you!"

Lu Yin sighed, as Hai Qiqi's venomous tongue was something that could not be changed, and she would lash out the moment she encountered anyone new. Lu Yin had already grown accustomed to it, so he didn't even bother with the girl. Instead, he slowly rose up to directly face Kayze.

In outer space, above the planet, everyone stared at the confrontation as Kayze's information was transmitted to the various powers as fast as possible. No one had thought that the Dire Barbarian Clan had hidden such a person so well. Kayze was even able to match up to people in the top eighty of the Top 100 Rankings, which meant that he was one of the top Explorer powerhouses. It was no wonder why the Ross Empire had been willing to use all their gathered star essence on him.

Kayze rose higher into the skies and stared at Lu Yin while his ears moved. He was attentively listening to the sounds of Lu Yin's body: the vibration of his muscles, the rumbling of his heart, and the flow of his blood. All these sounds were transmitted to Kayze in an incomprehensible fashion, but they all worked together to allow him to understand the strengths and weaknesses of the person in front of him.

Lu Yin was not careless either, and his eyes filled with star energy as he looked at Kayze. At that instant, many rune lines filled his vision, astounding Lu Yin. The number of runes that this person possessed were considerable, and he clearly surpassed someone at the tail-end of the Top 100 Rankings like Northgate Lie, and he would likely even be a match for the Faceless Man. This person was an expert, and Lu Yin subconsciously shifted the Fatesand from around his heart and left arm, unsealing a great portion of his physical strength.

And Kayze's face became even more solemn, as he had just heard something incredible.

He had not thought much of this mission at first, as he could rival the top eighty of the Top 100 Rankings, which meant that he could easily crush Limiteers, even if they were considered unrivaled Limiteers. But at this moment, Kayze truly understood how freakishly strong this unequaled Limiteer was. This youth's physical strength was a little too exaggerated. In the entire Dire Barbarian Clan's younger generation, only Avery was stronger than Lu Yin, as even Kayze himself was far physically weaker than this person. Not just that, but he had also heard a noise that he could not comprehend.

He had listened to many people before, and among them were Explorers, Cruisers, and even Hunters. However, not a single one of them had been as complicated as the person currently before him. Kayze did not know how to describe this sound, but it was very complex, and he could not even hope to understand it.

The mountain range fell silent as everyone watched this strange scene, with neither Kayze nor Lu Yin acting. Hai Qiqi was the first person to break the silence. "Hey! You two haven't taken a fancy to each other, right?"

Kayze's gaze quivered, and his ears moved again as he stared closely at Lu Yin. His mouth did not move. Instead, he used star energy to make the air vibrate and create sound. This was done to prevent the ambient pyrolyte from entering his body through his mouth and nose. Not only could Kayze not speak, he could not breathe either. "You know my objective: clear out!"

Lu Yin raised his right arm and clenched a fist. "Come and make me."

"Seventh Bro, this guy's not weak," the monkey reminded him.

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A glint flickered in Kayze's eyes, and he raised his hands up as the air trembled. Strands of wind started to appear and wrap around each other to form an enormous sphere.

Countless people watched this scene. "That's sound! He managed to physically manifest sound."

"He truly is from the Dire Barbarian Clan; they're all experts at acoustic battle techniques."

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As the ball of sound increased in size, Lu Yin frowned. He wouldn't allow himself to be defeated by just that. He lifted his hand and released a Spacerender Palm, sending visible shockwaves pulsing towards Kayze. No Limiteer could ignore Lu Yin's attacks if he unleashed more than half of his strength. In the past, Lu Yin had managed to break free from Mu Rong's farmer boy's song through sheer physical power, causing Mu Rong to admit defeat. A month ago, Lu Yin had managed to make both Ling Que and Mu Rong admit defeat with just two moves.

At this moment, Lu Yin was extremely strong, and not even Explorers were able to withstand his attacks, not even powerhouses on the Top 100 Rankings.

Kayze had been surprised by Lu Yin's strength as soon as he sensed it with his hearing. He gathered the ball of sound and sent it flying towards Lu Yin, causing it to collide against Lu Yin's Spacerender Palm.

The sky suddenly exploded and shattered into numerous spatial cracks that rained down upon the ground, causing Northgate Gang and the others to tremble with fear.

Lu Yin didn't bother waiting for the aftershocks to die down. He immediately used Flash to instantly appear next to Kayze. He swept his leg towards Kayze, who promptly dodged, but he was still pushed back by the aftermath of Lu Yin's attack.

Kayze gritted his teeth. Lu Yin was far too strong, and it was no wonder why there were rumors of him defeating Faceless. Kayze roared and reluctantly used all of his star energy. His hair stood on end as he gathered many soundwaves close to himself. The soundwaves then transformed into black flames. This was his strongest battle technique: Berserk Inferno.

Everyone who was near the mountain range felt their heart stop for a moment. They felt as if they had heard a deafening noise. Kayze pushed his palm outwards, and the soundwaves that had turned into black flames swept across the area, spreading across a region of nearly ten thousand meters.

Lu Yin's body shook as cracks appeared under his feet. He frowned and turned pale when the soundwaves erupted. However, he quickly used his right hand to tear through the soundwaves before leaping towards Kayze. He raised a hand and pressed towards the Explorer's head.

Kayze's eyes narrowed, and he hurriedly retreated. The shockwaves from Lu Yin's attack had managed to hit his abdomen and caused him to spit out a mouthful of blood. Fortunately, he had managed to protect his body from Lu Yin's attack, but he had still been launched against the mountainside, causing him to vomit blood once again.

Kayze didn't hesitate to retreat from the mountain range in pain when Lu Yin glanced over.

The soundwaves started dissipating as soon as he left.

Lu Yin sighed and rubbed his temples. Sound attacks could not be dodged, so he could only directly withstand them. Fortunately, Kayze's attack hadn't surpassed the limits of Lu Yin's body. Otherwise, he would have been in trouble.

This was just the first battle. Soon, there would be many more Explorers making their appearances. Lu Yin wondered if he would be able to continue to successfully defend the mountain range. However, he also wondered if it would be better for him if he failed to defend the pyrolyte mine. That way, the Sea King wouldn't be able to reprimand him, and at the same time, the Inverse organizations wouldn't feel a need to target him either.

Kayze had been defeated in their battle, which was only a small surprise to the various powers watching the events unfold.

Lu Yin had defeated Faceless in the past, and he had even fought against Cheng Wu for a short while. His strength seemed to be comparable to top seventy on the Top 100 Rankings, which meant that it wasn't a huge upset to anyone when he was able to defeat Kayze.

However, Lu Yin had been able to defeat Kayze very quickly due to the Explorer's weak defense. Although the Dire Barbarian Clan's acoustic attacks carried an element of surprise, Lu Yin's strength was something uniquely his, and most people could not withstand his physical attacks.

Kayze had been lucky enough to quickly escape. If he had been heavily injured by Lu Yin, then he might have involuntarily started breathing, which would have caused him to explode from the ambient pyrolyte entering his body.

There was complete silence in the Dire Barbarian Clan's spacecraft. Lei Long looked at his screen gloomily; they had been defeated.

Kayze soon returned with a pale face, and everyone turned to look at him.

Scholar Newmoon and Huo Houye were also present, as they desperately wanted to learn of Lu Yin's power so that they could find someone who could defeat him. They didn't want to learn things through trial and error, as that would waste far too many star essence. Even if they were able to transfer star essence from the Blaze Realm, it would still be a waste of resources.

"Alright, so what's that boy's ability?" Lei Long asked sharply.

Kayze answered quietly, "Judging by what I was able to hear, we will need someone in the top seventy—no, the top sixty of the Top 100 Rankings."

Huo Houye's face shifted dramatically. "He's that powerful?"

Kayze bitterly replied, "His physical defense is too powerful and complex. He might not be able to beat someone in the top seventy, but they would also struggle to defeat him in turn."

Everyone fell silent, as this meant that Lu Yin's defenses were even stronger than his attacks.

"Interesting. Elder Lei, gather more star essence and send me down. I want to play with him," a voice rang out from the corner.

Everyone turned around, and Kayze was stunned: Avery?

Avery smirked as he stared at the screen. So Lu Yin had a strong physical defense? What a coincidence! He happened to be exactly the same. Also, Avery loved to fight strong people and tear them apart.

Lei Long awkwardly replied, "Avery, with your level of strength, you would need more than ten times the star essence that Kayze used. Our clan doesn't have such a huge amount of star essence."

The technique of incorporating star essence as a second skin meant that each skin was unique to a person; otherwise, even Hunters would be able to go down to Planet Pyrolyte. The amount of star essence required for the skin differed from person to person, and it was also affected by each individual's body.

For Kayze, they had needed more than a thousand star essence, which had then been processed and compressed into a thin layer that acted as a second skin for him.

If they made a similar skin for Avery, he would need far, far more than a thousand star essence; he might need three, four, or maybe even tens of thousands of star essence. While Avery was only a Cruiser, he was also ranked fourth on the Top 100 Rankings.

To a strong clan, tens of thousands of star essence was something that they could gather, but they couldn't casually use such an amount of wealth on just anything. At this moment, there still wasn't a

great need for Avery to join the battle since the Blaze Realm and the Ross Empire had powerhouses as well. The combination of the three organizations gave them sufficient strength to hold their own against the other powers.

Avery contemptuously answered, "Our clan can't achieve anything great because of conservatives like you."

Anger flickered within Lei Long's eyes, but he didn't quarrel with Avery. This youth was the pride of the Dire Barbarian Clan as well as the greatest genius that the Dire Barbarian Clan had seen in thousands of years. They all assumed that Avery would be the person to support the clan in the future. Thus, given Avery's status in the clan, it wasn't up to Lei Long to reprimand him.

Although Kayze had been defeated, he had still managed to enter Planet Pyrolyte and had even fought against Lu Yin. This exacerbated the other forces' desire to obtain star essence, and many of them had already started transporting star essence from the Innerverses. However, traveling from the Innerverses to Planet Pyrolyte took almost half a month, and that much time caused all of them to become anxious.

After Kayze, two more Explorers from the Ross Empire and Blaze Realm went down to the surface of Planet Pyrolyte. The Blaze Realm had been given previous notice by the Ross Empire, and so, they had managed to enough star essence rather quickly.

Even so, most of the star essence had just been used on Kayze, and so, the next two Explorers weren't very powerful. They were just elites among Explorers, but their main aim wasn't to fight against Lu Yin to take control of the mountain range. Rather, it was to steal pyrolyte from the other forces.

Kayze, together with the other two Explorers, was able to take over any place on Planet Pyrolyte aside from Pyrolyte Mountain and Pyrolyte Lake. The trio was even capable of taking over Pyrolyte Plain which was currently controlled by the Daynight clan, but they didn't do so as the Daynight clan was too overbearing. Thus, they only picked fights against the other forces, such as the Souldream Tribe.

Xi Yue saw a warning being spelled out by their spacecraft, and she had decisively led the members of the Souldream Tribe to flee, preventing Kayze from annihilating everyone in the Souldream Tribe.

Mira's idea had managed to prevent countless deaths thus far, and it also made the sky above Planet Pyrolyte more lively.

Sometimes, when Hai Qiqi was bored, she would look at the sky and watch the ships. She would try to guess what the messages were trying to say, and she had even been right a few times.

"Hey, look! The ugly man tribe and the pretty lady tribe are fighting!" Hai Qiqi shouted excitedly as she pointed at a message formed by spacecraft.

Lu Yin raised his head and saw the string of messages formed from spacecraft

"Run, Yi is chasing."

"Chase, steal Yue."

"Run quickly, west."

“Block, west.”

“North, run.”

“North, block.”

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The sky was bustling.

Lu Yin speechlessly watched it all unfold. Hai Qiqi, on the other hand, was extremely entertained.

Suddenly, another batch of spacecraft appeared in the sky and charged towards the Souldream Tribe’s vessels without warning, destroying all of their spacecraft. This meant that either the Blaze Realm or the Ross Empire had started attacking, and they were helping the Dire Barbarian Clan by obstructing Xi Yue’s group.

It was to be expected that Xi Yue’s group would soon be caught by the Dire Barbarian Clan since the Souldream Tribe was unable to provide any further directions from the sky. Even without Kayze’s help, the other two Explorers were still enough to easily wipe out the entire Souldream Tribe.

Lu Yin frowned. He had heard the stories about the feud between the Dire Barbarian Clan and the Souldream Tribe. If Xi Yue was caught, then her life would become a living nightmare.

At that moment, a spacecraft landed at the base of the mountain range, attracting everyone’s attention. This mountain range had suddenly become a focal point for the major forces in space.

There was a girl in the spacecraft with a very elegant appearance. Her robe bore dark blue musical notes, which was the tribal symbol of the Souldream Tribe and proof that this girl was from the Souldream Tribe.

The girl lightly came from the spacecraft and flew straight towards Lu Yin on the mountain range.

In space, the people from the Dire Barbarian Clan were shocked. That girl was Lan Yue from the Souldream Tribe, and she was clearly seeking Lu Yin’s help.

Lu Yin silently watched her approach.

Hai Qiqi looked at the approaching girl and thought that she was quite pretty.

“Brother Lu, I’m Lan Yue. Do you still remember me?” the girl asked anxiously.

Lu Yin nodded. “Yes. What’s wrong?”

Lan Yue bowed and explained, “Brother Lu, please help save the members of my Souldream Tribe. If you do, Lan Yue will be eternally grateful.”

Lu Yin helped her up as he fell into deep thought. He did not answer her immediately.