

**Chapter 511: Peeled**

Lan Yue pouted. "Brother Lu, as soon as Xi Yue is captured by the Dire Barbarian Clan, things will become miserable for her. On behalf of your academy mate, I beg for Brother Lu to rescue Xi Yue. She once mentioned in the clan that she had a moment of fate with Brother Lu."

Lu Yin's eyes flickered. "Where are they?"

"They're fleeing in the direction of Pyrolyte Lake, and they're currently heading east." Lan Yue was delighted with Lu Yin's response.

Lu Yin leaped up and dashed away, as Lan Yue was correct in saying that Xi Yue and he had interacted in the past. He did not want to watch the woman die a miserable death for nothing. As for the Dire Barbarian Clan, Blaze Realm, and Ross Empire, they were all already his enemies. Who cared how they responded to his actions.

Lu Yin had initially hesitated before because the Souldream Tribe had tried to deceive him in an attempt to bind him to their side in the competition for pyrolyte ore. However, their schemes were wholly unrelated to Xi Yue, and that washboard was rather interesting.

In outer space, above the planet, the Dire Barbarian Clan became upset, and Lei Long looked at Lu Yin's movements coldly. He quickly ordered some people to move towards Planet Pyrolyte and send another order with their spacecraft.

Not long after, Lu Yin looked up and saw the Dire Barbarian Clan's warning: "Lu, retreat."

Lu Yin sneered. The Blaze Realm and Ross Empire were already his enemies, so he had only been lacking the Dire Barbarian Clan.

In the worst case scenario, he would just take Ming Yan with him to the Cosmic Sea after the events on Planet Pyrolyte fizzled out, where he would join up with Leon's Armada. At that point, the Dire Barbarian Clan would not be able to look for him even if they had the courage to enter the Cosmic Sea.

To the south, Xi Yue led a group of Souldream Tribe members towards the east in defeat. In the sky above them, spacecraft moved together to form an arrow that pointed directly towards them. Even if the Souldream Tribe sent ships to crash into the arrow, it was useless since the arrow would only reappear elsewhere.

In a deep crater, before the fleeing clan members, there was a single personal spacecraft that appeared in everyone's vision.

The clan members were delighted. "Xi Yue, head for space and escape! You can't be captured by the Dire Barbarian Clan," one of the female Souldream Tribe members shouted.

"Xi Yue, go! There's only one personal spacecraft, so only you can leave."

"Xi Yue, don't bother with us."

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Xi Yue felt distraught, because she knew that her escaping would be the best outcome. She gritted her teeth and charged towards the small ship.

However, the vessel didn't even make it a thousand meters before it was destroyed by an invisible shockwave. Xi Yue plummeted through the sky in a sorry state, and she despaired when she looked back to see Kayze and the two other Explorers.

Kayze towered high in the sky and arrogantly stared down at Xi Yue. He had a heated gaze, and he used his star energy to make the air vibrate, producing a voice. "I've searched for you for a long time, little lamb."

Xi Yue clenched her fists tightly as she lifted her cosmic ring up high. "Kayze, don't force me to detonate all of the pyrolyte ore in here!"

Kayze sneered. "Do you think that this is still when everyone first arrived at Planet Pyrolyte? Based on how long you've been mining for, at best, you have a few grams of pyrolyte, which would amount to an explosion equal to an attack with a power level in the couple ten thousands. I'll just stand here and let you blast me. How's that sound?"

Xi Yue's body trembled.

The members of the Souldream Tribe gathered around Xi Yue and stared fearfully at Kayze.

Kayze smirked and then slowly descended as he stared at Xi Yue. "I'll give you a chance to hand that cosmic ring over. Then, I'll give you a dignified death. Well, at least you'll keep your clothes on."

"Despicable!"

"Shameless!"

"Pervert!"

The Souldream Tribe girls all screamed at him.

The two Explorers behind Kayze frowned, as they rather disapproved of the Dire Barbarian Clan's behavior. However, they didn't have a choice at this time since they had to listen to the strongest, who happened to be Kayze.

"Look at the sky," one of the Explorers behind Kayze growled.

Kayze looked up, and saw two words formed by the vessels: "Kayze, hurry."

Kayze's eyes flashed. He pushed out with both of his hands, causing a visible shockwave to converge into a line. He wanted to destroy all of these people with one strike so that they would have no ability to resist at all.

Suddenly, the void tore apart as the tip of a blade pierced through and stabbed at Kayze.

His pupils constricted, and he hurriedly moved to dodge the attack, but the tip of the blade still managed to draw some of his blood before vanishing into nothingness.

The crowd turned around and saw Ling Que coldly looking at the Explorers.

Xi Yue and the others were overjoyed.

Kayze's face sank. "Ling Que, you want to intervene?"

Ling Que looked at Kayze with loathing. "Your Dire Barbarian Clan is a cancer upon Souseal Flowzone. I've long since wanted to eradicate you scum."

Kayze's eyes went wide. "Cut the bull shit! If the Souldream Tribe hadn't married off so many girls to your Lingling clan, then why would you guys even bother defending them? They're just whores waiting to be sent off to work."

Ling Que grew furious, and he immediately split his soul. One became two, and then two became three. Three Que's Might Slashes were quickly launched at Kayze.

Kayze's body quivered, and he unleashed his Berserk Inferno in response. The terrifying black soundwaves formed a blazing inferno that covered the entire area, and it even caused Ling Que's giant blades to become unstable. Ling Que was not Lu Yin, and he could not compare to such a freak. He did not have the power to easily suppress Kayze, and while merging the three blades into one would be enough to threaten Kayze, the Explorer still wouldn't have much difficulty facing such an attack.

The Berserk Inferno carried a strength that repelled everyone, and only the three Que's Mighty Slashes were able to resist it.

In space, Lei Long was furious, as everyone seemed willing to challenge his Dire Barbarian Clan. Although the Lingling clan was powerful, Ling Que was just a mere Limiteer. And yet, he had the guts to challenge their clan.

However, even though the Enlighter was furious, he didn't dare to give the order to kill Ling Que, as such an order would lead to the entire Dire Barbarian Clan being massacred by the Lingling Clan.

Kayze was being held back by Ling Que, and the other two Explorers glanced at each other, trying to decide whether to deal with the Souldream Tribe and steal their pyrolyte.

Xi Yue and the others prepared themselves since they could put up some resistance so long as they were not facing Kayze.

Suddenly, a figure appeared in front of the crowd and blocked the path in front of Xi Yue. In the next moment, the two Explorers fell to the ground, and their bodies trembled intensely. They had evidently suffered a great attack.

Xi Yue stared dumbfoundedly at the man who had suddenly appeared. "Lu Yin?"

Lu Yin turned around and looked at her. "Long time no see, washboard."

The Souldream Tribe crowd had strange expressions. Washboard?

Xi Yue's face flushed red. "You bastard! You're the washboard, you thug!"

Lu Yin shrugged. "I'm not a thug, but he is-" He pointed towards Kayze.

Kayze's expression changed, and he was just about to escape, but three Que's Mighty Slashes streaked past him. Two landed on nothing while the last hit his arm. However, Kayze didn't stop moving, as he forcefully endured the pain and escaped.

Lu Yin's eyes flashed, and he vanished only to reappear in front of Kayze the next instant. "I heard that you're covered in some layer that's made up of a bunch of star essence."

While making his way over, Lu Yin had suddenly had this thought. Truth be told, his objective in rescuing Xi Yue was not entirely pure. He seemed to see a countless amount of money headed his way in the future, and he would not let go of a single bit of it. It should be known that, after rolling his die at the Sea King's Dome, he only had about 120 star essence and 80,000 star crystals left. That was far too little for him, and it made him unwilling to risk rolling his die any more. After all, rolling the die was the best method to improve his power.

Kayze's face turned deathly white when he heard Lu Yin's words. "What do you want?"

Lu Yin's lips curled up, and he grabbed Kayze.

Kayze gritted his teeth and was about to display his Berserk Inferno again in an attempt to throw off Lu Yin.

However, when he encountered a way to get money, Lu Yin's power was abnormally strong. Five-lined battle force instantly covered his body as one of his palms shot through the black inferno formed from soundwaves. He firmly grabbed Kayze by his hair and then smashed him into the ground. There was a loud thump, and the ground in the entire area quivered as a giant fissure extended through the earth.

Everyone blankly stared on, as Kayze, a Dire Barbarian Clan powerhouse, was being brutally beaten by Lu Yin. It looked like he was swinging a wooden club.

Against Lu Yin, whose physical body had reached the pinnacle, those even a little weaker than him would meet a very tragic outcome. Kayze was in such a position now, and even if his true power was impressive, he was finished the moment that Lu Yin grabbed a hold of him.

Ling Que watched Kayze's tragic situation, and his eyelids twitched. He didn't hesitate for even a moment to flee from the scene.

The other two Explorers' faces paled. They endured their pain, and they wanted to escape as well, but they were suppressed by Lu Yin's Spacerender Palm and forced to remain flat on the ground.

The Souldream Tribe stared at Lu Yin in shock and adoration, as he was truly too powerful.

Xi Yue's gaze had become complex, as the disparity between when they first met and now was like the chasm between heaven and earth. Before, during the Astral Combat Tournament, she had previously even been determined to catch up to Lu Yin, but there was no such motivation now. An abnormality like this person was something that she could never catch up to.

Above the planet, Lei Long snarled furiously. He wanted nothing more than to charge down to the planet and slaughter Lu Yin.

The other powers also had ugly expressions, as there seemed to be no solution to this kid. Even if they sent down Explorers, there weren't many Explorers who could defeat this youth. He had created too much trouble for them all.

Elder Ren and Hai Dashao stood tall above the planet, and the old man looked at Lu Yin with appreciation in his eyes. "This little brat's not bad. In all my years, he ranks within the top few of all the youths I've ever seen."

Hai Dashao did not deny such praise, as Lu Yin's performance was indeed impressive.

Lu Yin stepped upon Kayze and looked all around. He then looked at Xi Yue. "Is there a spacecraft nearby?"

Xi Yue shook her head.

Lu Yin extended his domain out further and further until he finally managed to find a hidden spacecraft beneath the dirt to the southwest.

It was only at times like this that the value of a collapsible spacecraft was properly appreciated. If Xi Yue owned such a vessel, then she would have escaped long ago, especially since such a spacecraft could ascend into outer space extremely quickly and was fast enough that Kayze would not be able to react in time. Since killing was not allowed above the planet, she would have been safe the moment she left the planet. In other words, she would have been safe so long as she owned a collapsible spacecraft, but unfortunately, she did not.

It was logical for a collapsible spacecraft to be sold at such extravagant prices.

Right, where's Ling Que? Lu Yin suddenly recalled that Ling Que had been around earlier.

He looked around for Ling Que, but the other man had disappeared, as he had escaped at high speeds. Lu Yin couldn't be bothered with Ling Que's absence, so he simply grabbed Kayze, took him to the spacecraft, and stuffed him inside. He thought about things for a moment and then went back to capture the other two Explorers. He ordered one of them to peel off the star essence skin on the other two.

Kayze had awakened by this time, and he was stunned when he heard these words.

Lu Yin had an imposing look. "What? Is there a problem?"

Kayze was furious. "Lu Yin, don't go too far when bullying others!"

Lu Yin glared at him coldly. "If you don't have these star essence, then it won't be too easy for your Dire Barbarian Clan or the Blaze Realm and the Ross Empire to send more people down. I'm saving myself a bunch of trouble."

"Think this through! If you go through with this, then the next Explorers who will show up will be stronger than me—none of the forces are willing to waste their star essence, so they'll start sending their strongest people. Can you really handle that?" Kayze bellowed in rage.

Lu Yin sighed, as his words were actually true. As soon as these three star essence skins were peeled off, then the Dire Barbarian Clan would suffer heavy losses. They would then save up their star essence for

the most reliable person they could send. Naturally, they would send a powerhouse, and it would be someone who wasn't the slightest bit weaker than Kayze.

It had to be said that Kayze's words had struck the bottom of Lu Yin's heart, but there was one other thing: his hidden trumps had not been revealed .

He was thinking about his Fatesand, and especially about the fact that he had not removed the grain of Fatesand in his right leg yet. The various forces observing him still didn't know his true strength.

"Peel them off!" Lu Yin barked decisively.

### **Chapter 512: Making Money**

The selected Explorer had a pained expression. He first peeled off the other Explorer's star essence skin, then Kayze's, and finally, his own.

After that, Lu Yin forced the trio into one personal spacecraft and had them to take off and leave the planet. If they spent any more time on the planet, then they might have breathed in too much of the ambient pyrolyte and exploded. Lu Yin didn't want to kill these three Explorers since it might cause other Explorers to be unwilling to face him.

Lu Yin looked at the three star essence skins that possessed a sparkling lustre and grew incomparably excited. These star essence skins had been made at a great price, but unfortunately, they would not fetch the same amount of star essence even if he sold them.

For example, it would be decent for one star essence skin that was made from 1,000 star essence to sell for 500 star essence. After all, these toys could only be used on Planet Pyrolyte, and even the next buyer would not be able to recover that many star essence.

This was unacceptable, as it meant that things were disadvantageous for him!

Lu Yin pondered over his situation for a while.

At this time, Xi Yue and the others arrived from a distance.

When he saw them, his eyes lit up, and he stored the three star essence skins in his cosmic ring.

Xi Yue came over to Lu Yin and looked at him with a complex expression. Her eyes carried a grateful yet shameful expression, as well as an indecipherable emotion. "Thank you."

Lu Yin casually waved his hand. "You're welcome, washboard."

Xi Yue's brows rose, and she glared furiously at Lu Yin. "I'm no washboard!"

Lu Yin reflexively glanced at Xi Yue's chest. "It has gotten a little bigger."

"Thug." Xi Yue's face flushed red, while many of the Souldream Tribe members' faces behind her became strange.

"Where's the trio?" Xi Yue asked.

Lu Yin pointed to the sky. "Threw them out."

He then leaned closer to Xi Yue. “Do you want to make a trade?”

Xi Yue backed away as her face flushed red. “You... you get away from me!”

Lu Yin pursed his lips and retrieved one of the star essence skins. “I’ll sell this to you for 1,000 star essence.”

Xi Yue’s eyes went wide, and many of the Souldream Tribe members stared at the skin, dumbfounded. “You peeled the star essence skins off of their bodies?”

Lu Yin nodded. “So how about it? 1,000 star essence is the price for your Souldream Tribe.”

Xi Yue stared at him, dumbfounded, but she didn’t refuse. Instead, her eyes flickered with a calculating glimmer. It took a great deal of time to manufacture a star essence skin. If they could really buy one straight from Lu Yin, then it would be much cheaper, and they would also save a lot of time that was needed to manufacture one.

“How about it? Do you want it? If not, I’ll sell it to Northline Flowzone,” Lu Yin urged.

Before she spoke, a voice rang out from afar, “Brother Lu, our Souldream Tribe wants it.”

Lan Yue was much slower than Lu Yin, and she had only arrived at the scene now. When she saw Lu Yin brandishing the star essence skin and hawking it, she immediately spoke up to buy it.

Lu Yin very generously tossed the star essence skin to her. “Deal, 1,000 star essence. Thank you.”

Lan Yue grabbed the skin and found that the star essence skin was smooth to the touch and completely made from star essence. It felt like it would be very comfortable to wear, and the Souldream Tribe would now be able to send an Explorer down to the surface of Planet Pyrolyte with this suit.

“Brother Lu, you should have two more on you?” Lan Yue asked Lu Yin with high expectations.

Lu Yin nodded, and retrieved another two suits.

“Pass them all to us: 3,000 star essence,” Lan Yue offered excitedly.

Lu Yin sneered, “I recall that when I spoke to you in space, you tried to hoodwink me. Are you still trying to do the same now?”

Lan Yue’s face changed, and she awkwardly asked, “Brother Lu, what do you mean?”

Lu Yin’s eyes narrowed. “Do you want me to state the obvious? You tried to entice me with a marriage proposal and conveniently offered the amazing condition of allowing the Great Yu Empire to enter the Inniverse. But the reality is that everything in that deal was aimed to have me help your Souldream Tribe get the advantage here on Planet Pyrolyte while also establishing a relationship with the Sea King’s Dome. Am I wrong?”

Lan Yue’s face went pale.

Xi Yue looked at Lan Yue, as she had not known about this matter since she had already arrived on Planet Pyrolyte when the conditions had been offered.

“Brother Lu, I think that you’re mistaken. Our Souldream Tribe is sincere about wanting to have marital relations with the Great Yu Empire. If you don’t believe me, then when we leave Planet Pyrolyte, we can immediately start arranging things while also providing you with financial support. We will also do our best to bring your Great Yu Empire into the Innerverse. How about that?” Lan Yue sincerely offered Lu Yin.

Lu Yin naturally did not believe her, as the Sea King's Dome had already announced that it would protect Frostwave Weave. As for the Souldream Tribe, they only wanted to establish marital relations now so that they could pull themselves closer to the Sea King's Dome.

“There’s no need to say anything more. I understand your intentions. I still have two star essence skins left, and I’ll trade this one for 1,000 star essence.” Lu Yin handed Lan Yue another star essence skin, but he kept the one that he had obtained from Kayze.

He was not stupid. Kayze had obviously been much stronger than the other two, so the price to manufacture his star essence skin was entirely different since it could be given to a different tier of experts. The other two star essence skins could be used by elite Explorers at best, while those who could rival the youths on the Top 100 Rankings would not be able to use them unless the skins were rebuilt. But Kayze’s skin was different, as it could be immediately used by experts in the Top 100 Rankings.

In fact, Lan Yue really wanted Kayze’s suit. Although the Souldream Tribe had no one in the Top 100 Rankings, that list only took the younger generation into account, and there were still many older Explorers who could rival the youths on the ranking list. However, Lu Yin had not given her what she wanted.

Helpless, Lan Yue could only accept the two suits, though she was not losing out either. The cost to manufacture these two suits definitely surpassed a mere 1,000 star essence each.

“Brother Lu, how do you wish to conduct the transaction? Do we send the money to your Mavis Bank account, or shall we directly pass it to you?” Lan Yue asked.

“Directly. You can send someone to the mountain range.”

Lan Yue nodded and then looked at Xi Yue, as she tried to send a message through her eyes. She wanted to obtain Kayze’s star essence skin, but Xi Yue pretended not to see the other woman. She had already admitted that she didn’t know Lu Yin that well.

Lu Yin left and returned to the mountain range.

Above the planet, the various great powers had been unanimously shocked by this matter. They could not send anyone weaker than Lu Yin to challenge him, or else, not only might they fail to seize the pyrolyte mine, but they might also have their star essence skins stolen.

The Dire Barbarian Clan, Blaze Realm, and Ross Empire had all suffered a great loss, and many of the other powers were secretly thrilled. Retribution had come for those three who had been the quickest to act! However, this bandit-like behavior by Lu Yin, where he had forced them to peel off their star essence skins, had created a huge dilemma for all of them. No one was willing to spend so much time and resources to manufacture a star essence skin only to lose it after just one round of battle on Planet



Pyrolyte. The loss of star essence was acceptable, but the time needed to transport the star essence, as well as to manufacture the skins, was something irreplaceable.

That was the greatest loss facing them.

The next day, Lu Yin sat atop the mountain range just like before, occasionally looking towards the sky as he waited for someone from the Souldream Tribe to deliver the money.

Hai Qiqi dashed out of the pyrolyte mine, bored. She sat down beside Lu Yin and asked, "Hey, if the pyrolyte ore hasn't been completely mined, then does that mean that we're stuck here?"

Lu Yin nodded. In the distance, he could see a spacecraft soaring into space. This was the method used to transport pyrolyte ore, and such a thing happened every few days. Over the past month, Northline Flowzone had brought out quite a bit of pyrolyte ore.

"Is Father that confident? Does he really think that you can defend this place?" Hai Qiqi felt curious, and she cocked her head at Lu Yin. "But you're just a Limiteer."

"Go and ask your Father."

Hai Qiqi pursed her lips. "It wasn't right of Father to scheme against you, but he also didn't harm you in any way. He even promised to protect your home. Why are you upset?"

Lu Yin did not bother answering Hai Qiqi, as she would not understand even if he tried to explain.

He would rather become a pirate than join the Sea King's Dome and lose his freedom.

In the sky, something with a red color crashed down towards the mountain range.

Lu Yin looked up and squinted as his eyes filled with star energy, allowing him to see the rune lines that comprised the spacecraft. He could see quite a few, but it was only enough to equal an elite Explorer. Also, he could see that there was a dark-blue music symbol on the hull of the vessel, indicating that it was from the Souldream Tribe.

With a rumble, the spacecraft crashed into the ground a bit away from the mountain range, creating a pit in the earth.

From above, it was possible to see that, all across and all around the mountain range, there were numerous similar craters, all caused by spacecraft landing in the area.

Hai Qiqi stared curiously at the spacecraft.

A young lady walked out of the vessel. She was beautiful, but her eyes carried an experienced light that belied her age. She was evidently not someone from the younger generation.

The lady approached Lu Yin and waved her hand. The light of 2,000 star essence flickered before being quickly stored in Lu Yin's cosmic ring.

"The Souldream Tribe thanks Brother Lu for his help." The woman was courteous.

Lu Yin nodded his head, and the girl left soon after.

Hai Qiqi looked at Lu Yin. "Not bad. Everyone else is fighting for their lives, but here you are making money."

Lu Yin's lips perked up, as he was still rather proud of his abilities. He even admired himself for coming up with a way to make some money, and it had even been a rather considerable amount this time.

2,000 star essence was an amount that had been unimaginable to him before. Even when he had robbed the Blackbeard Pirates' tribute, he had only gained 1,000 star essence. These were definitely major powers since they were able to bring out such a sum so easily.

Right, there was also another 1,000 star essence, which was what he had received for selling Kayze's star essence skin to Northline Flowzone. He had given them a lower price to show his gratitude towards them.

"Eh, let me go somewhere else, and I'll bring you back some more star essence skins. Relax, I don't want a single coin. Everything will be yours." Hai Qiqi looked at Lu Yin expectantly, as she felt that it was easier to talk to him when talking about profits.

However, she was disappointed, as Lu Yin did not agree to her proposal.

"Why? Each one should be worth 1,000 star essence. That's 1,000! Think about it carefully," Hai Qiqi shouted.

Lu Yin sighed. "You won't be able to do it."

Hai Qiqi wasn't convinced. "You're underestimating Miss Qi! I'll tell you seriously—if we actually had a proper fight, you wouldn't be my opponent. Do you believe me?"

Lu Yin did not respond.

Hai Qiqi ran over in front of him. "Do you believe what I said?"

Lu Yin was helpless. "Let's put it this way. Do you have three feet of rope and a wooden stool?"

"What do you mean?" Hai Qiqi was baffled.

Lu Yin casually replied, "Hanging yourself is better than bragging."

Hai Qiqi was furious since she had just received a verbal attack, which was the one area she was confident in being unparalleled. "Alright, idiot, just wait and see! Miss Qi will show you what happens when you criticize me. Just wait and see."

Lu Yin regretted his words the moment he spoke them, but he had not been able to resist the impulse to tease her. He realized that the coming days might not be good for him.

The Ghost Monkey was pleased at Lu Yin's misfortune. "Seventh Bro, I think that you'd best keep some distance from her."

Over the next two days, Lu Yin received an endless number of merciless taunts that seemed to be omnipresent. He was almost pushed to the point of being unable to endure. He vowed that he would not criticize Hai Qiqi in the future. Instead, he would just pretend that he did not hear her.

Above the planet, one spacecraft crashed outside the mountain range. Under Northline Flowzone's watchful gazes, Northgate Lie walked out, which led to many cheers.

### **Chapter 513: Strength On Strength**

Northgate Gang was so emotional that he almost broke down in tears. He had not had a good time on Planet Pyrolyte this entire time. Before Lu Yin arrived, he had come face to face with death many, many times. After Lu Yin's arrival, he had been ridiculed by Hai Qiqi so often that he had started questioning life, and he had also been left with no choice but to escape and face dangerous enemies. Finally, ever since Lu Yin had started standing guard over the mountain range, Northgate Gang had turned into a miner. A month had passed since he had last stepped out of the mining tunnel, and it was all because he was afraid of running into Hai Qiqi.

His big brother had finally arrived.

Northgate Lie looked at Northgate Gang and his bloodshot eyes. As the Explorer looked at his pitiful brother and the mining tools in his hands, he nodded silently. His little brother was finally growing up and starting to work for the sake of the family. He had even started mining on his own accord, despite the difficulties. The saying that adversity forced one to grow up faster was really true.

Lu Yin had guessed that Northgate Lie would come, as Kayze's star essence skin had actually been used for him.

"Brother Lu, many thanks." Northgate Lie spoke respectfully to Lu Yin. Not too long ago, they had been enemies. At that time, Northgate Lie had been fully confident in being able to dominate this Limiteer, but after the battles during the Sea King's son-in-law selection, he had realized how foolish and overconfident he had been. Lu Yin had long since surpassed him.

Lu Yin absent mindedly uttered a few pleasantries in reply.

Northgate Lie pulled out 2,000 star essence from his cosmic ring. "Brother Lu, I know that this is not enough to pay for this star essence skin, but this is all I have at this time. I owe you a debt, and I'll pay it off next time, you have my word."

Lu Yin was shocked. "1,000 star essence is fine. Didn't I say that I would accept just 1000 star essence?"

Northgate Lie replied solemnly. "This star essence skin is worth much more than 1000 star essence. 3,000 star essence is a more accurate price. Northline Flowzone doesn't wish to shortchange you, Brother Lu. You saved my brother's life, and Northline Flowzone owes you a great deal."

Since there was someone willing to pay extra, Lu Yin would not stand on ceremony. He accepted the 2,000 star essence and stored them away in his cosmic ring. He had now accumulated 4,000 star essence. Perfect.

He was excited to discover if the Money Bomb and the universal armor in his possession could fetch such high prices as well.

Northgate Lie's arrival stirred up excitement among many organizations.

In the Outerverse, far out in space, many spacecraft arrived from the Innaverse, carrying huge amounts of star essence.

Above Planet Pyrolyte, the many powers were busy working. They weren't only manufacturing star essence skins, as they also needed to refine pyrolyte ore.

Refining pyrolyte ore was harder to accomplish than many had initially anticipated. Since pyrolyte was found in extremely high concentrations as well as explosive and destructive, exceptional care had to be taken while handling it so as not to ignite it.

The level of effort required to refine the ore had been grossly underestimated by the various powers.

At the present moment, the biggest extractor of pyrolyte ore was the Sword Sect. They had control of Pyrolyte Mountain and had also started mining much earlier than the other great powers. In addition, their robust facilities had already refined around 300 grams of pyrolyte. 300 grams of refined pyrolyte, in terms of destructive power, was the equivalent of an attack with a power level of three million. If it was all ignited at once, it would be strong enough to reduce a planet to a black hole.

The greatest use of pyrolyte was not in battle, as powerhouses could easily divert and lessen the force from a pyrolyte explosion. Pyrolyte was refined for war, as its destructive prowess was something that could strike fear into anyone's heart.

Elder Chou Shu's initial idea had been to take the refined pyrolyte back to the Sword Sect, but he had changed his mind since he was not confident in being able to protect it. He had quickly changed plans to extract all of the pyrolyte here and then request someone more powerful from the sect to come and escort the pyrolyte back.

At the present moment, Pyrolyte Mountain still had about two thirds of its original pyrolyte ore remaining. After extracting and refining all of the ore, the Sword Sect expected to end up with around 1,000 grams of refined pyrolyte. That, combined with the pyrolyte that the Sword Sect had already gathered from elsewhere in the Astral Wilderness, meant that the Sword Sect would end up with about 1.1 kilograms.

This would become a weapon that the Sword Sect would be able to hold over others. If a large scale war were to break out, this pyrolyte would be enough for the Sword Sect to gain an upper hand in battle.

It was a good thing that there was a barrier between the Innerverse and the Neoverse in the form of the Cosmic Sea, as this prevented the Neoverse powers from receiving any timely reports about what was going on. If they had up to date information, then it wouldn't just be the Innerverse organizations fighting against each other, as those terrifying large behemoths from the Neoverse would be involved as well.

A few days after Northgate Lie descended onto Planet Pyrolyte, a huge beast roared and charged down onto the planet from space, shattering a spacecraft that was taking off along the way. It snatched the pyrolyte from the destroyed ship and then leaped over the mountain range and sped off to the northwest.

This scene shocked many of the gathered powers.

"Is that Ze Lin? The individual ranked sixty seventh on the Top 100 Rankings? He's a powerful expert from the Divine Grade Hall!"

"Yes, that was Ze Lin, and that was his Oolong Horse. It's very famous."

“The Second Grade Hall managed to gather enough star essence to send Ze Lin down to Planet Pyrolyte quite quickly!”

“The Divine Grade Hall must have played a part in this. They’ve always been wealthy.”

“To think that Ze Lin would join the fight on Planet Pyrolyte... Lu Yin’s in big trouble now. Will he be able to fight against the person ranked sixty seventh? It is rumored that Ze Lin’s innate gift allows him to merge with his beasts. He’s a gifted Beast Tamer, and the Divine Grade Hall had to fight against the other powers to recruit him. This man’s abilities cannot be understated.”

“Ze Lin leaped over the top of the mountain range over there. Is he trying to insult Lu Yin?”

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Atop the mountain range, Northgate Lie looked up, and a look of shock spread across his face. It really was Ze Lin, the expert ranked sixty seventh on the Top 100 Rankings. This spelled trouble.

Lu Yin watched as the Oolong Horse disappeared to the northwest, and a grave look appeared on his face. This man had stepped over his head on purpose. Was he trying to make a point?

“Hey, a horse walked over you.” Hai Qiqi happily pointed her finger at Lu Yin in a mocking fashion.

Lu Yin’s face soured as he stood up. “Then we’ll trample them back.”

Hai Qiqi’s eyes lit up. “Really? Let’s go and train some horses!”

Northgate Lie’s eyelids twitched. “Brother Lu, I urge you to reconsider. Ze Lin is extremely powerful. His Oolong Horse possesses immense power and is capable of devouring planets. Besides, Ze Lin’s innate gift lets him fuse with his Oolong Horse, which makes the horse even stronger. This means that Ze Lin’s weakness as a Beast Tamer, which is their physical defenses, is also minimized. Don’t do anything rash.”

Lu Yin replied without much thought, “He’ll look for me even if I don’t look for him.”

Northgate Lie fell silent, as it was true that, given Ze Lin’s character, he would be sure to start trouble with Lu Yin. The Divine Grade Hall definitely would not let go of this mountain range, so Ze Lin was someone that they would inevitably need to confront.

“I’ll go with you,” Northgate Lie solemnly said to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin shook his head. “There’s no need. Take care of the mountain range.” And with that, he took to the sky and headed northwest.

Ranked sixty seventh in the Top 100 Rankings? Lu Yin was curious to find out if this man could force him to reveal his full strength, or perhaps even force him to use his Fatesand. He had many other trump cards with him as well, such as his universal armor, the Money Bomb, and more. While other powers had immense wealth, none of them had his die that could endlessly Enhance his abilities. As such, they had nothing that could assist them with defeating very powerful enemies, while on the other hand, Lu Yin had many such things.

Hai Qiqi excitedly followed behind Lu Yin, a wide smile plastered across her face.

High above the sky, inside the Second Grade Hall's battleship, Karthika had an agonized look on his face. Before Ze Lin went down to Planet Pyrolyte, Karthika had ordered him not to provoke Lu Yin. It was not that Karthika was worried about Ze Lin being defeated, but rather that there was simply no need to do so. Karthika was planning on letting powerful figures from the other forces deal with Lu Yin, since by now, there were many other powerful individuals on their way.

Forcing the other powers to consume their resources to deal with Lu Yin would mean that they would be disadvantaged during the final fight. And yet, this rascal had refused to obey and had still chosen the route of provocation.

In reality, Ze Lin also felt helpless about the matter. He would never have imagined that Lu Yin would be provoked just from him merely crossing over the mountain range. He had thought that Lu Yin would try to avoid fighting with him at all costs. He would never have expected Lu Yin to have the guts to challenge him, as he was ranked sixty-seventh on the Top 100 Rankings.

Alas, there was no longer any meaning to thinking about this.

Lu Yin had already caught up to him with a young girl in tow. Lu Yin's face showed that he was dead set on fighting, which made Ze Lin uncomfortable, but he could not reveal his feelings either. He had only recently arrived on Planet Pyrolyte, and so, he did not know about the recent events that had transpired.

The Second Grade Hall controlled a pyrolyte mine that was not too far away from the Daynight clan's mine. They had plundered quite a lot of pyrolyte mines from other organizations, and they had set up their own mining operations not too long ago.

Outside the mining tunnel, Kuang Wang looked up at the sky.

It turned out that Lu Yin had really come to do battle with his big brother, Ze Lin.

"Hey, hand over your horse." Before Lu Yin could say anything to Ze Lin, and while he was still just staring at the Explorer, Hai Qiqi had already opened her mouth to speak. This stunned both of them.

Ze Lin raised his brows as he looked angrily at Hai Qiqi. "You little wretch, what did you just say?"

Hai Qiqi pointed at the Oolong Horse that Ze Lin was riding. "Give me the horse. I want to train it."

With a thunderous roar, the Oolong Horse revealed its anger. It was an astral beast that was capable of devouring planets and highly intelligent. And yet, a miserable girl was standing in front of it and daring to say that she wanted to tame it. The beast was livid and wanted to swallow the young girl whole.

Ze Lin hurriedly tried to calm his Oolong Horse before looking at Lu Yin. "Who the hell are you to challenge me?"

Lu Yin retracted the star energy from his eyes. His scan had shown him that Ze Lin was nothing much on his own, but on the other hand, the Oolong Horse possessed a complex set of rune lines, and that beast was undoubtedly the individual ranked sixty-seventh. The Oolong Horse was way above Kayze's league, and this would be a rather difficult battle. However, that was only if Lu Yin partially unsealed his physical strength.

“Let me ask you a question,” Lu Yin responded as he looked at Ze Lin a curious manner. “How many star essence did you spend on that star essence skin?”

Ze Lin was taken aback. “Why would you ask that?”

“I’m just curious to know how much I should ask for when I sell it,” Lu Yin answered unenthusiastically.

Ze Lin’s face sank. “Insolent!”

As he spoke, he released the Oolong Horse. With a mighty neigh, the Oolong Horse angrily charged at Lu Yin and Hai Qiqi. Lu Yin pushed Hai Qiqi to the side, raised his right hand, and then smacked the Oolong Horse.

There was a thud, and the void contorted as countless spatial cracks spread out. The thunderous sounds from the impact formed ripples that could be seen by the naked eye that pulsed out and covered the entire region as well as the void.

Everyone in the immediate area and all the powers above the planet in outer space focused on this clash.

Lu Yin had blocked the Oolong Horse’s charge.

Ze Lin’s pupils shrank. How was this possible? How could a Limiteer block the Oolong Horse’s charge?

Karthika was stunned. He was aware of how powerful the Oolong Horse’s charge was. Even though he knew that Lu Yin had a sturdy physique, who could be that strong as a Limiteer? That guy was a freak of nature!

Only Kayze was not surprised by the results since he had been crushed by that freak’s strength when they had fought.

Lu Yin was mere centimeters away from the Oolong Horse; his palm had landed between the horse’s eyes. His muscles swelled, and all of a sudden, he took a step back. The horse’s eyes filled with rage and had nearly turned scarlet. It could sense that Lu Yin was challenging it, and the Oolong Horse could not stand such an open provocation. With a tremendous roar, the horse miraculously grew larger as its strength multiplied.

Lu Yin started being pushed back even more. Beneath his feet, two large cracks opened up. He raised his other hand, and with the strength of both arms, he used the most power he had ever used to hold the horse back.

Ze Lin could sense his Oolong Horse’s resentment as he sat on top of the Oolong Horse. He then raised his hand to strike at Lu Yin.

The Oolong Horse suddenly flew into a rage. It was stopping Ze Lin since it wanted to test Lu Yin’s physical strength by itself.

#### **Chapter 514: Power Vessel**

Lu Yin’s eyes became icy. The grains of Fatesand in his heart and left arm had already been moved, and he was currently utilizing more than half of his maximum physical strength, but it was still not enough to

suppress the Oolong Horse. This horse was undoubtedly the deciding factor that had allowed Ze Lin to be ranked sixty seventh on the Top 100 Rankings. This terrifying beast was capable of devouring planets, which meant that the Oolong Horse still had not reached its full power yet. Its true form must be absolutely massive.

In the next moment, the Oolong Horse's body twitched before, under the gazes of countless alarmed people, it grew immensely in size. It grew from the size of a regular horse until it reached the size of a mountain. Its herculean strength could now be seen by the naked eye as the mere action of growing disrupted the void and sent shockwaves rippling across the entirety of Planet Pyrolyte.

Ze Lin, towering high above, looked down at Lu Yin from where he sat on the horse. "Testing your strength against the Oolong Horse is a stupid endeavor. Even the top fifty of the Top 100 Rankings who are known for their brute strength are unable to compete against it."

Lu Yin had been thoroughly suppressed. Since he had emerged from that separate space with the golden ocean, this was the first time his physical strength had ever been suppressed by another entity. He suddenly grew excited, and he saw a mighty challenge in the form of the Oolong Horse's strength. After taking a deep breath, his right leg twitched as he moved away the last grain of Fatesand.

With a gentle swoosh, Lu Yin suddenly raised his head. He stared at the Oolong Horse's huge eyes and beckoned. "Come and try again. Let's see who's stronger."

The horse was starting to get excited as well.

With a boom, the ground below the two split open as red hot lava shot up from the bowels of the earth.

This time, Lu Yin managed to withstand the Oolong Horse's charge, and not only that, but his strength was also magnified tenfold as he even started to push the Oolong Horse back.

At this moment, even Karthika, a powerful Enlighter, was stunned. Lu Yin was a mere Limiteer, and there should be a limit to his strength. How was this scene possible?

Some individuals were just too strong and would be considered as freaks. The Ten Arbiters were such individuals, as their strength was so immeasurable that it baffled many. As such, there wasn't anybody to compare their strength to.

Once Lu Yin demonstrated his full power, his abilities were shown to be incomparable since his strength defied all human understanding.

Even Elder Ren, an old freak with a power level in the several hundred thousands, could not understand how Lu Yin had pulled off such a feat. He could not understand how this kid had cultivated such an incredible physical strength.

Above the planet, Avery suddenly appeared. He looked down at Lu Yin with both bemusement and fervent desire. "Interesting, this is what true strength is all about! I'll wait for you to break through and become an Explorer, kid. When that day comes, I'll await your challenge."

The entirety of Planet Pyrolyte shook. Northgate Lie and the others, Xi Yue, Liu Shaoqiu, Mu Rong, Ling Que, Nightqueen Yanqing, and more, all felt the boundless power that was still traveling through the ground and the air. This strength had shaken them to their very core.



With another mighty roar, the Oolong Horse expressed its anger. It wanted to expand in size again, but it was stopped by Ze Lin this time. This was not just any planet—it was Planet Pyrolyte. If this place was damaged and all the pyrolyte exploded, it would result in everyone's deaths.

However, the Oolong Horse's anger was something that not even Ze Lin could control. Left with no other option, Ze Lin used his innate gift to merge with the Oolong Horse's body, and in the next moment, the Oolong Horse's gaze changed.

Lu Yin could sense that the dominant presence within the Oolong Horse was now Ze Lin. That was because the Oolong Horse was no longer trying to compete with him in terms of strength. Instead, it used its head to viciously charge at him.

Lu Yin immediately evaded the charge with Flash Step. He then appeared on top of the Oolong Horse's head, where he slammed a single palm against the Oolong Horse's back. "Thirty Stacks Fiftyfold Shockwave Palm."

Boom!

An intense vibration ripped the void apart. Since the Oolong Horse was truly massive, Lu Yin's strike was unable to affect its entire body. Instead, the force of his attack ricocheted into the sky and tore through the atmosphere of Planet Pyrolyte. Its power was so great that it caused a few of the spacecraft flying up from the surface of the planet to explode.

Not only did the Oolong Horse possess immense strength, but it also had a robust body. Lu Yin's palm strike did not damage the creature much, and furthermore, its gargantuan body made Lu Yin's strike have the same effect as a minor sting, much like a person getting pricked by a needle.

The Oolong Horse spun around and used its immense body to charge at Lu Yin. However, Lu Yin managed to evade the charge yet again. There were times when it was a curse to have such a large body, such as when faced with agile opponents who could easily evade large attacks.

Lu Yin retreated about a kilometer away before he paused, slightly out of breath. As he looked at the mammoth-like Oolong Horse, he realized that this horse was indeed hard to deal with. His attacks did not seem to be able to do much damage to it.

The Oolong Horse locked eyes with Lu Yin. Its attacks also seemed to be useless against Lu Yin.

Both parties seemed to have no way to land an effective attack on the other.

"Seventh Bro, this fight is too tough. Just retreat, as he can't do anything more to you anyways." the Ghost Monkey said.

But Lu Yin was unwilling to do so. As he stared at the Oolong Horse's eyes, his own eyes lit up. He used Flash to appear right in front of the horse's eyes and then raised both of his hands up. "Skybeast Claw!"

Two Skybeast Claws viciously attacked the eyes of the Oolong Horse, which immediately moved to evade the claws.

Lu Yin was surprised. This creature indeed had a weakness in the form of its eyes. Although it had a very strong body, it was impossible for its eyes to be as tough as the rest of its body. Lu Yin's best strategy was to aim his attacks at the beast's eyes, as the creature could only blame itself for being too big.

Ze Lin flew into a rage when he saw Lu Yin relentlessly attacking the Oolong Horse's eyes. He was left with no choice but to have the horse shrink. This was a difficult decision, as although shrinking made it more difficult for Lu Yin to attack the Oolong Horse's eyes, it also removed the horse's size advantage.

But in the end, Ze Lin still had the Oolong Horse shrink back to its usual size.

Lu Yin smiled slightly, and with another Flash Step, he appeared behind the Oolong Horse, ready to press his palm down once again.

However, the scene that he expected to witness did not come to pass. Instead, what appeared in front of Lu Yin's eyes was a humanoid creature—Ze Lin. The Explorer's body now carried the aura of the horse.

Ze Lin's innate gift allowed him to merge his body with an astral beast, but this worked in the other way as well; Ze Lin could also have the Oolong Horse merge with his own body.

Lu Yin looked at the figure before him in bewilderment; what a unique innate gift!

This version of Ze Lin had no weaknesses. He had his human form, his personal battle techniques, and also had the brute strength of the Oolong Horse. This was the first time that Lu Yin had met someone whose strength was comparable to his own. In addition to that, Ze Lin's battle prowess also made it clear to Lu Yin that the Explorer's power level was comparable to the individuals ranked between sixtieth and seventieth place on the Top 100 Rankings.

That was a very impressive placing, as most of the people on the Top 100 Rankings were powerful Explorers of the younger generation, so being able to battle against someone who ranked so high undoubtedly proved that Lu Yin was an unparalleled Limiteer. When he broke through to the Explorer realm, there was no question that he would be able to contend for a place in the top fifty. This was a tremendous achievement after considering the fact that even people like Northgate Lie, who had with the benefit of the entirety of Northline Flowzone's resources behind him, had still only managed to reach the last spots of the Top 100 Rankings.

Ze Lin extended both of his arms out and charged towards Lu Yin. Five-lined battle force appeared and shrouded his body as he struck out with a punch. With the might of the Oolong Horse's body, Ze Lin had no fear of going head to head with Lu Yin.

Five-lined battle force also emanated out from Lu Yin's body, and with excitement in his eyes, he also charged towards Ze Lin, striking out with a punch of his own.

Boom!

The dreadful collision let out a sound like thunder, and it rocked the very sky. The resulting shockwaves distorted the void and undulated through the sky, creating a tear in Planet Pyrolyte's atmosphere. Both men struck out with a hundred blows at the same time, and neither of them showed any signs of retreating. The aftershocks of their blows forced Kuang Wang and the others to continually back away. Far away, above Pyrolyte Plain, Zhanlong Daynight, Nightqueen Yanqing, and the others were all shocked. This was Lu Yin at his strongest, and he had only shown his full power at this moment.

With a thud, both parties were sent reeling back.

The look in Ze Lin's eyes changed. The fact that a Limiteer could fight him to a draw had slightly shifted his entire world view.

Lu Yin was panting, as it was very difficult for him to rely solely on his physical strength to suppress Ze Lin. He did not wish to utilize his Fatesand at this moment either, as there were bound to be stronger challengers after Ze Lin.

He had to think of something else he could do.

Lu Yin started growing anxious, but Ze Lin was even more anxious than Lu Yin. If Ze Lin was able to come down to the surface of the planet, then it meant that the powerful Explorers from the Sword Sect and Daynight clan weren't too far behind. If he continued participating in this pointless exchange with Lu Yin only to be defeated in a future battle, he would be a huge disappointment to the Beast Tamers Flowzone. As Ze Lin thought of this, his face took on a determined look, and he said to Lu Yin, "I don't wish to waste my time with you anymore. I admit that you are at the same level as me when it comes to strength, but I need to remind you that in this universe, personal strength isn't everything. There are still outside items."

As he said that, Ze Lin took out a dagger with a strange grey lustre that roamed about it. Once it appeared, it shockingly sliced through the void.

Lu Yin's eyelid twitched. The dagger gave him a great sense of danger.

The monkey cried out, "Oh damn! It's a Power Vessel!"

Lu Yin was puzzled. "What's that?"

"Seventh Bro, do you remember the power that Liu Shaoge displayed back in East San Dios just when you were about to kill him?" the monkey asked gravely.

Lu Yin would never forget that moment. With his strength back then, he should have been able to easily defeat Liu Shaoge, but Liu Shaoge had managed to escape by using a power that was foreign to Lu Yin. That power had appeared with a black and white flash, so it was definitely an exclusive power of the Daynight clan.

"I wanted to tell you about it back then, but it slipped my mind. I remember reading in a powerhouse's journal that some people are able to transfer their power to others. Liu Shaoge probably received the power of some powerhouse, which gave him the chance to escape from your clutches and save his own life," the monkey said.

"Are you telling me that this dagger has the power of some expert embedded inside of it?" Lu Yin had some doubts about this information. Liu Shaoge was still a human, but this was a dagger: a lifeless weapon.

The Ghost Monkey solemnly replied, "Yes. Honestly, it's extremely rare for powerhouses in the universe to be able to transfer their powers to others, but there's no limit to the power that they can transfer. This has nothing to do with one's personal abilities, as it's more closely related to one's techniques, innate gifts, and destiny. Having said that, throughout the vast universe, there are all kinds of freaks. The

person who fused his power with Liu Shaoge is one of those freaks, but such people also existed millions of years ago. Weapons that have been infused with such powers are known as power vessels since they have more capabilities than regular weapons.”

As Lu Yin looked at the dagger in Ze Lin’s hands, he narrowed his eyes. He was in deep trouble. That dagger had unknown capabilities, and he felt like he was facing off against a powerhouse with an unknown innate gift. Who knew what innate gifts this thing had.

“It seems like you already know about power vessels.” Ze Lin was able to guess as much from Lu Yin’s grave expression, and he stared intently at Lu Yin. “I don’t want to use this power vessel to deal with you, so leave this mountain range immediately. Otherwise, I’ll kill you with this power vessel.”

Lu Yin’s gaze faltered, and he didn’t know what to do.

“Seventh Bro, even though a Power vessel can be terrifying, you can just think of it as just another innate gift. Besides, most power vessels are only good for a one-time use. This joker isn’t showing you any kindness by not attacking now, as he just doesn’t want to waste that power vessel,” the monkey explained.

“Can my Fatesand block off a power vessel’s attacks?” Lu Yin asked in a quiet voice.

“I don’t know. There’s no way of telling what that power vessel can do.” The monkey was unsure.

Ze Lin knitted his brows as he stared at Lu Yin. “I’ll say this one last time: retreat from this mountain range, and I can spare your life.”

### **Chapter 515: Spirit**

Lu Yin shivered. If he retreated because of just one power vessel, then the various great powers would be able to use similar means to threaten him in the future. This was not his style, and although this power vessel was powerful, the power within it could not have surpassed the strength of a Hunter with a power level of 100,000. Lu Yin had his universal armor, which, conservatively, could withstand an attack with a power level of 150,000.

“You can try.” Lu Yin stared at Ze Lin. The Explorer was about to act, as making the first move was equivalent to seizing the advantage.

Ze Lin’s heart sank, as his power vessel could indeed only be used once, and his elder had reminded him of that before he came to the surface of Planet Pyrolyte and that he was only allowed to use it as a last resort. However, the present situation made him feel like it was necessary to use it now. “You’re asking to die, so don’t blame me.”

Ze Lin then brandished the dagger and charged towards Lu Yin. Lu Yin stared at the incoming figure intently as Ze Lin’s speed increased multiple times over.

The dagger stabbed out in a traceless manner, which was its ability. Additionally, it could also push the speed of its attack to the extreme while also greatly boosting Ze Lin’s speed as well.

Lu Yin’s pupils constricted as he filled his eyes with star energy and pulled out the Giant Emperor’s third eye from his cosmic ring. He also unleashed his domain, managing to move to the side and dodge the

dagger by a dozen centimeters. The dagger stabbed through Lu Yin's original position and created a spatial fissure that extended on for 10,000 meters.

Ze Lin was completely incredulous as he looked at Lu Yin. He dodged it?

At this moment, not only Ze Lin, but the countless powers watching from above the planet were also overwhelmed. Lu Yin had actually dodged the power vessel's attack when even a Hunter would find it difficult to dodge given Ze Lin's speed during that last attack.

Karthika was the most stunned, as he had given that dagger to Ze Lin to enable the Explorer to stand up against the powerhouses that were soon to arrive from the Sword Sect, Daynight clan, Wen family, and other major powers. He had thought that the youth would be victorious with one strike, but it had been avoided just now, and the speed Lu Yin had demonstrated—no, that hadn't been speed. That was Secret Sidestep!

The words "Secret Sidestep" appeared in many experts' minds, and many people suddenly recalled that Lu Yin had also displayed this technique during his battle against Mu Rong at the Sea King's Dome.

Secret Sidestep was revered by many Lockbreakers as the supreme footwork technique, and it was a technique that could be used to dodge invisible dangers from sourceboxes during lockbreaking attempts. If even invisible dangers could be evaded, then visible ones were non problem.

Although Ze Lin's speed had been extraordinarily fast, it had not been so fast that he had become completely invisible.

Lu Yin had four ways to enhance his perception: the Cosmic Art, his domain, filling his eyes with star energy, and the Giant Emperor's third eye. With any three of those four active, he was able to use Secret Sidestep, and he was the least afraid of a speed-based trump card.

Lu Yin relaxed as he watched that spatial crack gradually close itself. So the power vessel was about speed. He would not have been that worried if he had known its details earlier, and he had actually almost put on his universal armor.

Lu Yin looked at Ze Lin, who was staring at him in shock. Then, he placed one palm against Ze Lin's chest. "It's over."

Before Ze Lin could react, a Thirty Stacks Seventyfold Shockwave Palm was unleashed into his body, forcing Ze Lin to spit out a mouthful of blood. His outer clothes were shredded apart, and a deep palm imprint was left on his chest. His entire body was batted away like a shooting star, though that dagger was conveniently grabbed by Lu Yin.

If not for his carelessness, Ze Lin would not have been struck that easily. It could only be said that a power vessel had its advantages and disadvantages. When Lu Yin had dodged the earlier attack, it had caused Ze Lin to lose his concentration, which allowed Lu Yin to strike him. This singular strike had severely injured Ze Lin, as he had been pounded beneath the ground.

The various major organizations fell silent above the planet. Even with the use of a power vessel, Ze Lin had been defeated. This Lu Yin was simply unnatural.

Hai Qiqi cheered excitedly.

In the distance, Kuang Wang and the others looked miserable, as their Brother Ze Lin had been defeated.

Even further away, Zhanlong Daynight and the rest of the Daynight clan had also witnessed the scene, and they turned back around, helpless. This large mountain would continue to suppress everyone from high above them.

Lu Yin's eyes continued to be filled with star energy as he gazed underground. The rune lines that represented Ze Lin were now very few, which proved that, at this moment, the Explorer really was severely injured. Even the fusion with the Oolong horse had come undone. Ze Lin was being crushed underground, and his face had turned deathly pale.

Lu Yin released a breath. This battle had been rather challenging, and even a power vessel had appeared.

He had once considered the fact that the great powers must have their own hidden trumps, and even if their Limiteers did not use them, their Explorers might be able to. Ze Lin would likely not be the last Explorer to carry such a powerful tool. Did Lu Yin need to start wearing the universal armor to stay safe from now on? That was the question.

Hai Qiqi excitedly ran towards Lu Yin and stared at the dagger in his hands. "Let me take a look!"

Lu Yin held the dagger and ran a hand across it, but it seemed just like a normal dagger. He used a bit of force, and a crack appeared as the dagger broke.

Hai Qiqi was disappointed. "A single-use item. That's worthless."

"You know about power vessels as well?" Lu Yin looked at her.

Hai Qiqi rolled her eyes. "Obviously. There's nothing that my Sea King's Dome is lacking in."

"Does the Sea King's Dome have a lot of power vessels?" Lu Yin asked with interest.

Hai Qiqi's lips curled up, and she looked at Lu Yin with a pleased expression. "Yes, beg me! Beg me, and I'll tell you."

Lu Yin shook his head, not bothering with her any further.

"You're so boring. My Sea King's Dome even has a power vessel that you've already touched." Hai Qiqi acted very important.

"I know, the Sea King's Trident."

Hai Qiqi's eyes widened. "How did you know?"

"I guessed."

Hai Qiqi turned around. "Boring."

After that, she flew over to where Ze Lin had crashed into the ground.

Lu Yin hurried after her. "What are you doing?"

“Don’t you want that star essence skin? I’ll help you,” Hai Qiqi offered eagerly.

Lu Yin directly pulled her away. “Don’t make trouble. He hasn’t lost yet.”

Hai Qiqi stuck her tongue out at him and then ran away.

The ground quivered, and then it ruptured as Ze Lin jumped up and stood on the surface. He looked pathetic, and there was even a deep palm-print on his chest that was causing him endless agony. He was struggling to even stand and could only half-kneel on the ground.

Lu Yin approached him. “One question.”

Ze Lin panted heavily and looked down at his chest, as even touching it caused him intense pain. At this moment, Lu Yin’s shadow had completely shrouded him, and he looked up. “You’ve won.”

Lu Yin stared at him. “How much did it cost to make your star essence skin?”

Ze Lin’s eyelids twitched. “Lu Yin, do things in moderation. My Divine Grade Hall is no pushover, and you should know that the Beast Tamers Flowzone is a unified force. To thoroughly offend us won’t bring you anything good.”

Lu Yin shrugged. “I’m sorry, but it’s already too late. I actually wanted to coexist peacefully with you guys. Only fate can be blamed for toying with us.”

Lu Yin then grabbed Ze Lin and went to find a spacecraft. After that, he quickly peeled off the star essence skin and threw the Explorer into the vessel. “Go back. I’m guessing that we won’t meet again on this planet.”

Ze Lin looked helplessly at Lu Yin, and he truly regretted challenging this person the moment he had arrived on the planet. This person was a monster, and he had been severely injured as well. The next time they met, this person might already be an Explorer. Once Lu Yin broke through, Ze Lin definitely would not be Lu Yin’s opponent. He really was a freak.

As he watched the spacecraft ascend, Lu Yin stored the star essence skin away, which was worth at least 5,000 to 7,000 star essence. However, he hadn’t decided on whether or not he would sell it, as if he did sell it, another powerhouse on Ze Lin’s level might appear with this same suit. If the person turned out to be an enemy, then that would be a problem.

But he was also unwilling to not sell it, as it represented an enormous fortune.

He looked around, as the pyrolyte ore in this area had been more or less completely mined out. He saw Hai Qiqi charge towards Kuang Wang and quickly gathered himself before leaving.

Ze Lin’s defeat had given the various major powers a deeper understanding of Lu Yin’s strength. Their common understanding at this point was that someone had to at least be in the top sixty of the Top 100 Rankings, or else they could simply forget about beating Lu Yin.

As for the younger generation, there were not that many Explorers in the top sixty of the Top 100 Rankings, and those few were scattered throughout the universe. However, the various great powers

had some older Explorers with similar power levels, and those older people could possibly be the next batch sent to the planet.

When Lu Yin returned to the mountain range, he was received by Northgate Lie's astounded gaze, and he also saw that Lily Anne had unexpectedly arrived.

Northgate Lie was wearing the star essence skin that Lu Yin had sold to Northline Flowzone while Northline Flowzone had made another skin and evidently given it to Lily Anne.

"Brother Lu, your battle has shocked everyone. From now on, you're invincible among Limiteers. Congratulations, Brother Lu." Lily Anne smiled at Lu Yin.

Northgate Lie looked at Lu Yin with complex emotions, as there was still a shock that had not left his eyes.

Lu Yin smiled. "The universe is too big, and it's too early to use the term 'invincible.'"

"Since ancient times, I've never heard of any Limiteer that could rival Brother Lu's strength. Even the Ten Arbiters might not have reached Brother Lu's strength when they were Limiteers. Brother Lu will probably be recorded down in history," Lily Anne praised.

The rest were shocked, as "history" was a rather serious term. Countless people wanted to leave their names in history but were unable to, while it seemed that Lu Yin could already do so. At least, in the record books, no one had ever matched his strength while still a Limiteer.

Lu Yin's eyes changed. History? Has the strength that I've shown really reached the level of being recorded down in history?

"The various great powers are now afraid to send some random nobody down," Lily Anne said.

Lu Yin's mind was jolted. With his own strength, he had changed the standards of what members the various powers could send down to Planet Pyrolyte. With his current strength, Lu Yin felt like he had reached a new level. No Limiteer was his opponent anymore. Ling Que? Mu Rong? No, not even someone placed rather highly on the Top 100 Rankings like Ze Lin was enough anymore.

It hadn't been too long ago since Lu Yin had looked up to the elites in the Great Yu Empire's Yu Academy, then a bit later, to the Astral Combat Academy's Area Masters, then the Realm Masters, and then to the genius freaks within the same generation as him. He had steadily surpassed them all, and he now stood at the peak.

As he thought of this, Lu Yin felt a ball of fire rise in his chest, and a faint green line appeared around his body. This was the sign of six-lined battle force, where the battle force gained a green outline.

Lily Anne and Northgate Lie were stunned. What's happening? Hold on, is he breaking through?

Lu Yin stretched out both of his hands, and he suddenly recalled the Sandmaster's words from back then: battle force could be improved through cultivation, but it could also be improved through one's spirit. Lu Yin previously had not held the ambition of looking down on everyone within the universe, and his battle force had been unable to improve. But now, he had defeated Ling Que, Mu Rong, and Ze Lin and had stunned the universe in the process. He had become an invincible Limiteer and experienced a new type of ambition, and his battle force had transformed accordingly.



But the green lines only appeared for that instant before quickly vanishing. His breakthrough did not succeed.

Northgate Lie subconsciously relaxed. Lu Yin was already so powerful, and if he made another breakthrough, then Northgate Lie would lose the courage to even attempt to catch up.

“Brother Lu, that’s too unfortunate. You-” Lily Anne had not even finished speaking when Lu Yin leaped up and charged towards Pyrolyte Lake. Had he failed to breakthrough? No! It was just that his spirit wasn’t bold enough. He wanted to face his own strength now and reaffirm his beliefs in his own invincibility through battle. Right now, the most suitable opponents were those like Mu Rong and Ling Que, and the closest person to the mountain range was Ling Que, so Lu Yin was heading over to find him.

### **Chapter 516: Searching For Self-Confidence**

Above the planet, the various forces were baffled by Lu Yin’s actions.

Wen Qichen and the others’ expressions immediately changed. “Not good! That brat’s headed towards Pyrolyte Lake! Hurry and send a message!”

In the sky, a group of spacecraft formed the words “Lu, calm down” and “Wen, careful.”

Lu Yin did not look up as he charged towards Pyrolyte Lake at maximum speed.

At this moment, Wen Qian'er was in the middle of Pyrolyte Lake, and when she looked up, the words in the sky gave her a strange feeling. The family was sending them a warning?

Given Lu Yin’s speed, as long as he was not delayed, it would only take him twenty minutes at most to reach Pyrolyte Lake. This was unlike the time when he had brought Hai Qiqi and taken several days to walk over.

Not only did the Wen family warn their ground forces through writing in the sky, they even sent Limiteers down to Planet Pyrolyte.

When Wen Qian'er and the others learned that Lu Yin was charging towards them, all of their hearts sank. Who on this entire planet could stand up to that guy?

Ling Que subconsciously wanted to run, but he was stopped by Wen Qian'er, who insisted that their guardian not leave.

They could not give up Pyrolyte Lake, as this was one of the largest pyrolyte mines on Planet Pyrolyte.

Ling Que felt miserable, as he could not disobey Wen Qian'er. Thus, he could only hope that Lu Yin would not be irrational.

Lu Yin was also afraid that Ling Que would slip away, as based on his understanding of Ling Que’s personality, this was very likely to happen. Hence, he had continuously increased his speed and had even unsealed the three grains of Fatesand around his body to use Flash to travel even faster. Finally, he arrived at Pyrolyte Lake, where he saw Ling Que and the others waiting for him.

“Lu Yin, what do you want?” Ling Que put on a bold front.

Lu Yin raised his fist. "To reaffirm my beliefs."

Ling Que's mouth fell wide. "You came here to search for self-confidence?"

Lu Yin did not deny it. He raised his hand and immediately pressed down.

Ling Que's face changed. "You're too overbearing!"

He immediately used the Soulsplitting Technique as three Ling Que launched their Que's Mighty Slashes in unison. Three merged back into one that crashed towards Lu Yin's palm.

There was a boom as Pyrolyte Lake vanished; Lu Yin's palm had evaporated the entire lake, crushed the three Que's Mighty Slashes, and also sent Ling Que flying into the bottom of Pyrolyte Lake in one blow.

Wen Qian'er and the rest were stunned. Was the disparity between Ling Que and Lu Yin this large?

Actually, Ling Que and Lu Yin had not truly confronted one another before this moment. At the base of the mountain range, Ling Que had retreated after receiving just one palm from Lu Yin, leaving the battle unresolved. On the other hand, Mu Rong had fought against Lu Yin for quite a while before the outcome had been decided. Hence, the various people had always assumed that the disparity between these three people was not that great, as they were still two of the top four Limiteers. However, everyone now truly understood the difference between the two.

Ling Que himself was also able to finally recognize this gap. He could tell that all of his bones had fractured, since this strike had not been gentle in the slightest.

Lu Yin pulled back his hand, but he didn't turn around to head back towards the mountain range. Instead, he began moving towards Pyrolyte Mountain. Mu Rong was next.

He hadn't unleashed all his strength against Mu Rong before, and he had at most unsealed two grains of Fatesand to break free of the farmer boy's song, which had led to people having a misconception of Lu Yin's full strength before this day. Ze Lin was the one who was most clear on his full strength, and Lu Yin wanted to set things straight for Mu Rong at this time. This would also help him reaffirm his belief that he was invincible, which would help him break through to six-lined battle force, which would allow him to become even stronger.

At Pyrolyte Lake, Wen Qian'er and the others quickly relaxed. Everything was fine so long as Lu Yin did not seize the pyrolyte mine.

Wen Qian'er immediately arranged for a spacecraft to take Ling Que to the Wen family's battleship to recover.

Ling Que felt aggrieved. "I told you earlier to let me go, but you insisted on stopping me."

Wen Qian'er apologized profusely.

Ling Que sighed. "That freak! But everything's still alright. From the direction he ran off in, Mu Rong will be the next one to run out of luck. At least it can't always be me, keke."

Above the planet, Wen Qichen's face grew even uglier, as she knew that Lu Yin was attempting a breakthrough. Although she did not know in what aspect, breaking through always represented an

increase in power, and that would be troublesome since this Limiteer had already left them all feeling helpless before him.

The other powers finally began to understand Lu Yin's intentions as well.

The Sword Sect quickly used their spacecraft to form words, warning Mu Rong and Liu Shaoqiu to retreat.

However, neither of them left Pyrolyte Mountain, as retreating would mean that they were afraid, which went against their convictions. If they retreated, then Lu Yin would become a massive stone gate forever standing over their heads.

The Yōu Court's cultivators tried to persuade Yōu Ye'er to leave, but she wouldn't leave either. She was very curious about Lu Yin as his body always carried this aura that attracted her, but she didn't know what it was.

Moreover, she was not afraid either. If possible, she also wanted to experience Lu Yin with her full strength and see who was the true invincible Limiteer. Could this person beat the Yōu Court's Secret Art? The so-called strongest Limiteer didn't include the Limiteers from the Three Dark Hands or the Neoverse.

The sky rippled, and a stifling pressure descended. Near Pyrolyte Mountain, the Sword Sect, Yōu Court, and a few secret observers felt their breaths inadvertently grow sluggish. When they looked up, they saw that Lu Yin had already appeared.

Mu Rong spun the wooden flute in his hands with a solemn expression.

Liu Shaoqiu stepped forward and unleashed his forcefield, instantly attacking with the Fourth Sword.

He wanted to use the Fifth Sword to defend against Lu Yin, but the simple fact was that he had not reached that level of proficiency and could only display the Fourth Sword.

The forcefield converged into an endless rain of sword qi that sliced down, and space itself seemed to boil as the limitless sharp energy tore the void apart and caused cracks to appear everywhere. Lu Yin raised his head and stood in place. He then raised his right hand into the air and actually grabbed the sword qi while unleashing his strength.

Under everyone's stunned eyes, Liu Shaoqiu's Fourth Sword was directly crushed.

Even if everyone had already known that Liu Shaoqiu would lose, they had not imagined that his loss would be so tragic. He had not even been able to force Lu Yin to take a single step back. He hadn't even been able to force Lu Yin to become serious.

Elder Viletree, Liu Sanjian, and the other Sword Sect's experts all had ugly expressions.

The moment the Fourth Sword had collapsed, fresh blood flowed from Liu Shaoqiu's lips. He had been injured.

Mu Rong raised his wooden flute, causing green grass to appear and cover both the ground and the void. The farmer boy's song rang out, and the farmer boy rushed at Lu Yin with his cow.

It could be said that, when Lu Yin unsealed two grains of Fatesand, the farmer boy's song could still influence him a little and he needed to exert some amount of force to break free from the song. However, at this moment, he had removed all three grains of Fatesand and had completely released his physical strength. The farmer boy's song was just a song that only made others feel peaceful; it had no influence on Lu Yin whatsoever. The image of the farmer boy herding cattle was similarly casually swatted away by his right hand.

With a bounce, Mu Rong slammed into the ground. Although Lu Yin's palm strike had not been released against Mu Rong himself, its force had still shattered the forcefield, so Mu Rong had been indirectly attacked, much like Liu Shaoqiu.

Yōu Ye'er frowned, as Lu Yin was indeed very powerful. Mu Rong's strength was top-notch even when compared to those in the Neoverse, but he had not been able to receive even a single palm from this person. This Lu Yin was stronger than what she previously estimated him to be.

Lu Yin did not move a single step to defeat both Mu Rong and Liu Shaoqiu. He had only raised his right arm, and this singular move allowed everyone to keenly sense the disparity between them.

They were all shocked at Lu Yin's strength, but Lu Yin himself still was not satisfied. These two had not managed to reinforce his confidence enough to break through to six-lined battle force, and his spirit was still slightly lacking.

At that moment, a spacecraft shot down from space on a path aimed straight for Pyrolyte Mountain. Lu Yin's eyes filled with star energy as he observed the ship. He could see a majestic amount of rune lines, which even surpassed Ze Lin's. Through these runes, Lu Yin could tell that the person descending was almost definitely Long Yun, a Sword Sect expert who had appeared as a trial taker on Shenwu Continent in the past. Long Yun's actions there had allowed the Neohuman Alliance's Wu Shang to escape, and his presence had also prevented Crown Prince Ming Hao from directly acting against those who had been trapped within the Lightshaking Tower, which had allowed all of them to escape.

Long Yun's name was not included in the Top 100 Rankings as he was a hidden ultra expert of the Sword Sect. His status meant that it was of no surprise to anyone that he had been able to cause the Shenwu Continent's Crown Prince Ming Hao to be so afraid.

Lu Yin returned to the ground with a solemn expression. Long Yun's arrival was something that was unavoidable. He represented the Sword Sect's intention to seize the mountain range, and there was bound to be a battle between the two.

Boom!

The spacecraft landed outside of Pyrolyte Mountain as Mu Rong, Liu Shaoqiu, Yōu Ye'er, and the others all watched on.

As the hatch opened, a youth wearing a felt hat, short-sleeved shirt, and jeans walked out with a faint smile as he curiously observed his surroundings.

As they looked at this youth, Liu Shaoqiu and the other Sword Sect disciples felt a jolt run through their hearts. "Senior Long?"

Yōu Ye'er blinked. She did not recognize this person.

"It's Long Yun, one of the Sword Sect's disciples from the previous generation," an expert from Yōu Court quietly informed her.

Yōu Ye'er was curious. "How do you know? Is he very famous?"

That Yōu Court cultivator explained, "This person is in the same generation as the Arbiter from the Sword Sect, and the two of them do not have a simple relationship. During their time together, this person ranked within the top three of the sect. However, after the Sword Sect's Arbiter broke through to become an Explorer, this person grew quieter until there was nothing left to say about him. Who would have imagined that the Sword Sect would send him here now."

Long Yun's timely arrival caused the Sword Sect disciples to clearly relax, but they were also rather apprehensive. To their understanding, Long Yun was a bold and uninhibited roamer, but nobody knew what his actual power was. However, if the Sword Sect had sent him down, then he definitely would not be weak.

Long Yun glanced across everyone present before finally settling his eyes on Lu Yin, who was already staring at Long Yun.

"We've met before, right?" Long Yun beamed at Lu Yin. He spoke by using his star energy to make the air vibrate, thus producing sound.

Lu Yin answered, "In the Outerverse, during the trial on Shenwu Continent, we met once."

Long Yun nodded. "You should be the one who rescued that group from the Tower of Resonating Light. The moment I heard about that feat, I already knew that you were not someone simple, but I never imagined that you were only a Limiteer. Your strength is terrifying."

Lu Yin looked at him gravely. "You're not simple either. Your true strength surpasses even Ze Lin's."

This sentence shook the Sword Sect members and even shocked the various great powers in outer space. Not many of them had heard of Long Yun's name, and those who had were of the same generation as the Ten Arbiters. Long Yun had initially been rather famous, but his glory had gradually dimmed, so no one would have expected that he could rival an expert ranked in the top sixty of the Top 100 Rankings. This was a rather deep concealment, as the Sword Sect still had someone at the top of the rankings.

Liu Shaoqiu's eyes flickered, as he had already known that Long Yun's power was not simple, though he had never checked into the concrete details before. Back at the sect, Long Yun did not like to fight, and he was also rather laid-back. Liu Shaoqiu had never found an opportunity to exchange blows with Long Yun, but he had never thought that Lu Yin's appraisal of his senior would be so high.

Long Yun was surprised by Lu Yin's words as well. "How did you know that? Only a few old folks in the entire Sword Sect know of my strength."

Lu Yin's eyes lit up. "I guessed."

Long Yun nodded. "No matter how you know, you won't be able to avoid me today."

Long Yun pulled out a very ordinary looking longsword from his cosmic ring. Under everyone's shocked gazes, green lines twisted around the blade, and a dark-gold radiance illuminated the void as a stifling and boundless pressure swept across.

Everyone felt their hearts seize for a moment as they stared at Long Yun while feeling completely overwhelmed. He was glowing with a dark-gold radiance, and his sword had green lines twisting about it. That was six-lined battle force.

The strongest cultivators on Planet Pyrolyte to battle up till now had only ever had five-lined battle force, but Long Yun had raised the standard by one bar. His green, six-lined battle force was being prominently displayed before everyone else now.

### **Chapter 517: Breakthrough**

Battle force was a powerful strength that everyone was aware of, but it was difficult to cultivate, just like a domain. Currently, there were thousands of outstanding disciples from the younger generation on Planet Pyrolyte, but there were no more than a hundred who had comprehended battle force or a domain. This was so even despite the fact that all of those present were elite disciples from the various great powers, which went to show just how difficult comprehending battle force or a domain was.

When Long Yun's six-lined battle force appeared, it caused the various great powers to feel their hearts turn heavy, as this was yet another suppressive strength.

Lu Yin's eyes went wide as five-lined battle force twisted around his body. He was releasing all of his strength just to resist Long Yun's six-lined battle force, as there was an enormous disparity in just one line of difference.

There was a whoosh, and Long Yun appeared right before Lu Yin after moving with extreme speed. He sliced down with his blade without any hesitation. Lu Yin's eyes filled with star energy as he held the Giant Emperor's third eye in his left hand, allowing him to use Secret Sidestep to easily dodge Long Yun's attack. He simultaneously counterattacked with a palm just like against Ze Lin.

The same attack that had defeated Ze Lin moved towards Long Yun, but he simply smiled. Instead of dodging, he swept his blade horizontally in reply. If Lu Yin's attack landed on Long Yun, then his blade would also land on Lu Yin. This was a mutually destructive battle style, and it showed Long Yun's extreme confidence in his own battle force.

Lu Yin was still able to retreat since his Secret Sidestep guaranteed that Long Yun would not be able to cut him, leaving Lu Yin with what seemed to be a sure-win position. He believed that Long Yun was not so fast as to transcend Secret Sidestep, and at this moment, Lu Yin's boldness surged. He did not want to retreat, as he felt that moving back would cause his spirit to decrease.

With a bang, Long Yun's abdomen forcibly endured Lu Yin's Thirty Stacks Seventyfold Shockwave Palm, and the Explorer's clothes were torn off as a palm print deeply imprinted itself onto his torso. Lu Yin's chest was similarly struck by the sword, causing scarlet blood to spray onto the ground. The two combatants were each knocked back a hundred meters.

Long Yun exhaled as he looked at his abdomen. There, he saw a deep palm imprint from which intense pain radiated out. His organs felt like they had been pulverized, and his six-lined battle force had already

collapsed. He was astonished that a Limiteer could actually cause his six-lined battle force to collapse. If he took that attack again, then there was no doubt that he would lose, and he also understood why Ze Lin had not been able to withstand a single attack.

Those who could cultivate their battle force to six lines would have decent physical strength, but even so, Lu Yin's palm had nearly crippled Long Yun.

However, Lu Yin was not much better off as the cut across his chest was rather deep. Not only had it sliced through his five-lined battle force, but it had also lacerated his physical body. If Mister Mu hadn't helped him improve his physical strength to the pinnacle by allowing Lu Yin to undergo a transformation, then the blade would have cut him straight in two.

Through this exchange, they had mutually left a deep impression on the other.

Lu Yin looked at Long Yun, and his lips rose as his face betrayed his excitement. "No wonder it's six-lined battle force. The intensity can't even compare to five-lined battle force."

Long Yun exhaled and held his abdomen. "Do you really care about six-lined battle force?"

Lu Yin's eyes flashed, but he didn't reply.

Long Yun flexed his neck. "Six-lined battle force is indeed incomparable to five-lined battle force, and the disparity becomes greater the higher one goes. The limits of what you can withstand should be six-lined battle force, which means that this battle is over."

Then, the dark-gold radiance that previously shrouded his body was replaced by a green light while blue lines appeared on his blade and illuminated the sky.

Countless were stunned, as this was seven-lined battle force.

This was Long Yun's true power. It turned out that he had been keeping his seven-lined battle force hidden.

In the younger generation, there were very few who could cultivate their battle force to seven lines, as it was just too difficult. When Lu Yin had attained five-lined battle force, it had been back during the Astral Combat Tournament, but he had only felt signs of it breaking through to six lines just now. This showed just how difficult it was to improve one's battle force, as Lu Yin had nearly improved his physical body to its extreme. Despite this, Long Yun had actually comprehended seven-lined battle force.

At this moment, even the various major forces in outer space didn't dare to believe their eyes.

Mira was astonished as she looked at Planet Pyrolyte.

Moore stepped out of a spacecraft and stared at Long Yun. He was a West San Dios Councilor and was ranked twelfth on the Top 100 Rankings.

Avery also walked out of a spacecraft and stared at Lu Yin.

From the Ross Empire's spacecraft, a youth who had been sleeping suddenly opened his eyes and looked towards Planet Pyrolyte with a flabbergasted expression. The seven-lined battle force had illuminated the entire area.

On Pyrolyte Mountain, Long Yun raised his blade and pointed it at Lu Yin. "Leave Planet Pyrolyte. I know that you can use Secret Sidestep technique, so my speed can't hope to catch up to you, but I can still destroy an entire area of the void. Can your Secret Sidestep technique guarantee that you'll be able to avoid that? The range will be very great."

Liu Shaoqiu and the others stared at Long Yun in shock, as the current Long Yun could rival the top fifty on the rankings; he had hidden himself much too deeply. Once he broke through to the Cruiser realm, his power would rise once again, and that breakthrough would even cause the front-ranking experts to grow nervous, as no one could guarantee that Long Yun would not be able to comprehend eight-lined battle force.

Once he successfully comprehended eight-lined battle force, Long Yun would have the strength to threaten even the top ten.

The universe's top-notch powers were domain and battle force. Once reached the pinnacle in either one, one would obtain an immeasurable strength. This was the path for commoners to surpass cultivators with powerful innate gifts, and it was also a path to become a first-rate powerhouse.

Long Yun had no innate gift. Instead, he had relied on his battle force to challenge numerous talented geniuses.

No one believed that Lu Yin could withstand Long Yun, as he definitely could not stop seven-lined battle force since six-lined battle force had already torn through his defense.

"Seventh Bro, we're in trouble. That's seven-lined battle force. Humans are indeed insane! Just any random person can actually become so powerful," the monkey gasped.

An overwhelmed Lu Yin stared at Long Yun, who was enveloped in a green radiance that sparkled with blue lines. Lu Yin raised his hand, almost able to touch it. Was this the strength seven-lined battle force? It was very powerful.

"Are you retreating or not?" Long Yun's blade spun in the air. If Lu Yin refused to retreat, then Long Yun would use his sword to destroy the immediate region of the void, and this was what gave him his self-confidence.

Lu Yin grimaced. "I'm always one step behind."

Long Yun was stumped, and he looked at the Limiteer, puzzled by his words.

The rest were also lost. One step behind? What did that mean?

Liu Shaoqiu's brows raised. Could it be?

Lu Yin suddenly looked up, as the dark-gold radiance around him charged into the skies while green stripes twisted around him like ribbons, releasing a shockingly tyrannical wave. This was six-lined battle force. After receiving Long Yun's attack, besides gaining a huge wound, he had also gained the harvest of comprehending six-lined battle force. His spirit had reached a new level.

The various great powers in the heavens were speechless. This was also possible? Had this brat always been hiding his strength?



Wen Qichen's brows leaped up. "This kid's been trying to break through in his battle force! Little rascal, he was actually using Ling Que and the others to build up his confidence."

In the Sword Sect, Elder Viletree was so furious that his mustache nearly pointed upwards. "What a pity. If Long Yun had been just a little slower, then this rascal might not have broken through to six-lined battle force. Such a pity."

The other Enlighters were also able to guess at what had just happened, and they all had strange expressions as they looked down at Planet Pyrolyte. Long Yun's arrival was supposed to be a watershed event and herald the change of control over the mountain range, but he had actually helped Lu Yin upgrade his battle force. Now, there was no Limiteer who was Lu Yin's opponent, maybe not even in the Neoverse. After all, five and six-lined battle force were completely different levels of strength.

Long Yun blankly stared at Lu Yin. "Did you just break through?"

Lu Yin nodded and smiled. "Many thanks to you."

Long Yun forced a smile onto his face, but he quickly regained his state of mind. "The higher battle force goes, the more difficult it is to cultivate. Similarly, the difference also becomes greater. Six and seven-lined battle force are two entirely different concepts. The question still stands: will you retreat or no?"

Lu Yin raised his hand, feeling the power of six-lined battle force for himself. He looked back at Long Yun. "If I still only had five-lined battle force, there would be no chance of me being able to stand against you, but with six-lined battle force, things are no longer as certain. I might not be able to beat you, but I can at least protect myself. The reaction time that my Secret Sidestep technique gives me combined with my six-lined battle force makes for a defense sturdy enough to receive your blow, as your blade's destructive ability is not that strong yet. There's no need to fight anymore. I'm sorry, but things will end here today."

Lu Yin charged to the west with Flash Step; he did not want to fight anymore.

Long Yun instantly sliced out with his blade while also targeting the void in the area. He wanted to detain Lu Yin and completely put an end to this danger.

Lu Yin's Flash Step and Secret Sidestep techniques were not enough to escape from the range of Long Yun's sword since the Explorer was using a battle technique. Long Yun was now serious.

Lu Yin turned his back to the west and fled. When Long Yun's sword qi approached him, he raised his hand that was covered with six-lined battle force and struck out at full force. His palm made contact with the sword qi 10,000 meters away from him in an explosion of sparks. The void directly shattered with countless cracks. The scenery on both the ground and the sky collapsed, and fresh blood dripped down from Lu Yin's palm. His six-lined battle force had only barely been able to withstand the sword attack, and it had even been breached at the last moment. Fortunately, Lu Yin managed to escape in the end.

Even sword qi reinforced with seven-lined battle force was not enough to detain Lu Yin.

Pyrolyte Mountain fell silent, and the Sword Sect disciples all looked at Long Yun with adoration. The moment Lu Yin revealed himself on this planet, he had been like a mountain crushing down upon them, but now, an expert on their side had finally appeared who could defeat the monster.

Long Yun fell silent. Defeat? Not necessarily, as Lu Yin's escape had been rather prompt. His many years of battle experience allowed him to sense a faintly dangerous aura from Lu Yin's body. This aura had made Long Yun instinctively not give chase, as this person had not been defeated yet; he still had trump cards hidden up his sleeves.

It was annoying. When had a Limiteer become so hard to deal with? Was it really to the extent where not even seven-lined battle force was enough?

Long Yun put his sword away, and his carefree expression returned. He looked down at his ruined clothes and immediately changed, though his new clothes were identical to his old outfit. He then looked at Liu Shaoqiu and greeted him with a wave, "Yo, junior."

Liu Shaoqiu looked seriously at Long Yun with a thoughtful expression.

Long Yun's brows rose up somewhat cautiously. "Junior, what are you thinking about? Let me tell you this straight up. Senior will definitely not fight you."

Liu Shaoqiu's eyes flashed, but then he walked over to Long Yun and bowed solemnly. "Senior, please guide me on how to improve my battle force."

Long Yun frowned and grabbed his head while looking rather distraught. "Junior, you really don't know how fortunate you are."

Liu Shaoqiu continued to bend at the waist.

Long Yun turned around. "In the entire Sword Sect of hundreds of thousands of disciples, only you and her have inherited the Thirteen Swords. She's on a whole different level of abnormal, so we don't need to even mention her. And you? Since you've inherited the Thirteen Swords, you should be first in your generation: invincible. And yet, you've lost your way."

Liu Shaoqiu was puzzled.

Long Yun sighed. "You've lost a battle, and you believe that your loss to Lu Yin is because of the Thirteen Swords and not because of you yourself. This is why you want to learn battle force—to reinforce the Thirteen Swords with it and challenge Lu Yin again. You think that if you comprehend battle force, you'll be able to win, right?"

Liu Shaoqiu did not deny his senior's words, as those had indeed been his thoughts. Long Yun's and Lu Yin's battle force had lit a fire within him.

Long Yun shook his head and he forced a smile onto his face. "Honestly, if someone is able to inherit the Thirteen Swords, why would they be willing to cultivate battle force?"

Liu Shaoqiu's body trembled.

## **Chapter 518: Unexpected Person**

“Since ancient times, the Sword Sect’s Thirteen Swords has been famous throughout the universe and has been heralded as the supreme path of the sword. Did you think that all that is just for show? This senior may not know about other things, but I do know this: the inheritor of the Thirteen Swords may be defeated, but they can never retreat. This is because in the end, the Thirteen Swords will forever be the most powerful. This is a path to ultimate power, and any defeat is just because you cannot cultivate it well enough,” Long Yun explained with a tinge of envy and longing in his voice.

Liu Shaoqiu’s eyes flickered, and he stood in place as he silently pondered over his senior’s words.

Long Yun did not say anything more and walked away. Actually, he had simply come up with some rubbish since he was afraid of trouble. He had actually just said that so that Liu Shaoqiu would not pester him any further. However, his words could not be considered as pure rubbish, because the invincibility of the Thirteen Swords was real. However, that was only so when looking at all of history. There were times when the inheritors of the Thirteen Swords met crazy geniuses, and met with a tragic end where their entire generation was suppressed. For example, the current generation was in such a situation. Of course, Long Yun definitely would not mention those details.

In the sky, Lu Yin continued to absorb star energy from star essences while also using the Shamrock Enterprises’ special medicines to treat the wounds on his chest and hand.

He placed special attention on the area in his chest where he had a deep horizontal gash that had caused half of his clothes to be stained red.

“Seventh Bro, cut down on how often you do this stuff in the future. You’re not alone! If you die, then I’ll die too.” The Ghost Monkey was unhappy with Lu Yin’s actions.

Lu Yin simply replied, “As long as I continue to cultivate, such actions are unavoidable.” He then sighed, saying, “I haven’t suffered from injuries this severe in a long time.”

“So, how many more times do you want to go through with this?” the monkey shrieked in exasperation.

Lu Yin laughed. If experiencing such an event could allow his battle force to improve, then why wouldn’t he take the risk?

He was indeed very powerful now with six-lined battle force, but when would he manage to break through to the Explorer realm? He still did not have the feeling that he was close to a breakthrough, and the five-stage formcast model was still inside of him. Before he broke through, he would have to upgrade the formcast model once more to a six-stage formcast model. That would be perfect.

He recalled that it had taken him 300,000 star crystals to upgrade the formcast model from a four-stage model to a five-stage model. He wondered how many more star crystals it would take to upgrade it one step further to a six-stage formcast model? It should be a lot since there were very few six-stage formcast models even in the entire universe.

A Hunter could create a normal formcast model, but a five-stage formcast model required at least an Enlighter to create it. A six-stage formcast model was on a different level, and it might require a monster like Northgate Taisui to get involved.

Lu Yin wondered if there was such a thing as a seven-stage formcast model. If so, would that require an Envoy with a power level of over 500,000?

He wondered if the Sea King was able to form a seven-stage formcast model. He would have to find an opportunity to question Hai Qiqi later. She definitely had a formcast model inside of her body.

When the mountain range entered his sight, Lu Yin moved towards it. However, his expression fell since he suddenly sensed an extreme danger. He had no time to retrieve the Giant Emperor's third eye, but he subconsciously activated the Cosmic Art, and his eyes filled with star energy, which allowed him to move to the side with the Secret Sidestep technique. Dozens of strange weapons with green stripes suddenly pierced through the void and landed where he had just been as a figure appeared in front of him.

Lu Yin broke into a cold sweat, as he had been too careless. He had nearly fallen for that ambush just now.

This figure was wrapped in a black robe, and he stared at Lu Yin in astonishment. He had clearly not expected his ambush to fail. However, the attacker did not stop and raised a hand before lunging at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin was enraged, as this person had nearly succeeded in ambushing him. If he had been impaled by those sharp weapons, then he would have definitely died. This person had to die, but Lu Yin could not act impulsively. He had seen how many rune lines made up this person, and it was about the same amount as Long Yun's. This was another top-tier expert.

Above the planet, the various organizations did not notice the appearance of this person, and they had not seen when he had arrived or which force he belonged to since he was completely covered by the black robes.

The figure grabbed at Lu Yin, who retreated while six-lined battle force burst forth from his body. He tapped out lightly, but his extreme physical strength created a gale of wind that was strong enough to repel people like Ling Que or Mu Rong. However, a strange weapon appeared in the black-robed figure's hands, which he used to withstand Lu Yin's attack after similarly coating it with six-lined battle force. Then, the hooded figure's other hand lifted up, causing a chill to run down Lu Yin's spine. He dodged again with the Secret Sidestep technique, and numerous weapons pierced through the void to stab at where he had just been standing.

What is this? Lu Yin was flabbergasted. Just how had these weapons appeared out of nowhere?

"Seventh Bro, look!" the monkey cried out.

Lu Yin looked at the figure again and saw that the black robes shrouding the figure had ripped open. While the face was unfamiliar, he had that unmistakable, eye-catching black-and-white hair. It was someone from the Daynight clan.

No one would have expected the Daynight clan to secretly send a top-notch expert down to Planet Pyrolyte, but this person had nearly killed Lu Yin in an ambush. The Daynight clan was just too ruthless.

Lu Yin's eyes turned sharp, and he used Flash Step to dash towards the Daynight man and then slam down with a palm.

"Heavenly Armory." The Daynight man looked up as strange weapons suddenly appeared all around his body, hiding him from view. The moment they appeared, the weapons were also wrapped in the green lines of six-lined battle force.

Lu Yin was taken aback, as these weapons had been formed from an innate gift.

Someone in outer space, above the planet, cried out, "I got it! That's Zhanbing Daynight, ranked fifty fifth on the Top 100 Rankings! He's a Daynight genius."

The various great powers quickly recognized the attacker one after another as his innate gift was too conspicuous. It was to turn anything he touched into a sturdy weapon. Also, his battle technique was not one that belonged to the Daynight clan. Rather, it was something that he had obtained from the Dao of Slaughter in the Astral Combat Academy's trial zones. This was an inherited ancient battle technique: Heavenly Armory.

A Daynight expert who did not use the Daynight clan's battle techniques was indeed very eye-catching.

On Planet Pyrolyte, Lu Yin stared at the powerhouse in front of him with shock. Zhanbing Daynight had covered his body with countless weapons, and he currently looked like some monster that was armed to the teeth. And on top of that, every last one of the weapons was covered with six-lined battle force.

At this moment, the rune lines representing Zhanbing Daynight were in no way inferior to Long Yun's when he had used seven-lined battle force. Although this person only had six-lined battle force like Lu Yin, his battle technique and innate gift were able to make up for the difference, making him a top-notch expert who was not much weaker than Long Yun.

There was a whoosh as Zhanbing Daynight pressed one hand down in Lu Yin's direction. From the sky, a powerful arm formed from weapons ruthlessly slammed down onto Lu Yin.

Lu Yin gritted his teeth and punched out. There was a bang, and the void distorted for a moment before collapsing. Lu Yin was forced underground by Zhanbing Daynight, and half of his body went numb.

This was the strength of the individual ranked fifty-fifth on the Top 100 Rankings. This was someone whom Kayze could not compare to, not to mention Ze Lin.

Zhanbing Daynight did not give Lu Yin any chance to catch his breath. He ferociously slammed his hand into the ground again, wanting to smash Lu Yin to death then and there.

Lu Yin's eyes went wide. He had not thought that he would have to use it here, but he released his Fatesand.

Boom!

There was a loud explosion, and Zhanbing Daynight's two arms composed of weapons twisted as they smashed into the ground, causing the entirety of Planet Pyrolyte to tremble. A giant fissure emerged in the ground that extended out for hundreds of kilometers.

What followed was an intense rumbling, as Zhanbing Daynight did not stop attacking. He struck out dozens of times and caused the surrounding area to completely disappear, leaving only a floor of lava.

Everyone in outer space blankly stared at the scene, as that attack had been way too brutal. Zhanbing Daynight had not given Lu Yin any chance to survive.

Elder Ren watched the events calmly, though Hai Dashao had clenched both of his fists. Against the expert ranked fifty-fifth on the Top 100 Rankings, Lu Yin's chances of survival were slim, even if he had comprehended six-lined battle force.

Not too far from the battleground, even the mountain range had been completely split open, though Northgate Lie and the rest did not even dare to intervene. They could only stare fearfully at the enormous monster that was Zhanbing Daynight.

Hai Qiqi's whereabouts were currently unknown, as she was not at the mountain range.

Long Yun and the others looked in the direction of Pyrolyte Mountain, and they were shocked to feel the pressure of a top-notch expert.

Zhanbing Daynight slowly rose up, looking like a giant monster overseeing its domain. He stared at the roiling lava. He had a cold expression on his face. His mission this time was to kill this person, and he was certain that all of his attacks had landed on him. Lu Yin's death was unquestionable.

He turned back to look at the mountain range, raised his weaponized arm, and then aimed it at Northgate Lie. A dozen weapons fired out at them.

Northgate Lie was overwhelmed, and he immediately used his Phantom Disc in an attempt to defend against the weapons. However, he had vastly overestimated his own abilities. He was able to block the majority of the weapons, but the few that he missed caused heavy casualties among Northline Flowzone's forces. Even Lily Anne was injured, as she fell to the ground in a miserable condition.

There was a weapon stuck in Northgate Lie's leg, and his face looked desperate as he stared at Zhanbing Daynight. Was the disparity between them that great? This was a person ranked fifty-fifth.

After Lu Yin battled against Long Yun at Pyrolyte Mountain, he had left in high spirits after his battle force broke through to six lines, but no one, least of all him, had expected to run into an ambush from Zhanbing Daynight. It was unknown if Lu Yin was still alive, but the mountain range was about to be taken over by the Daynight clan.

Zhanbing Daynight's power was unquestionable, and he was already confident that Lu Yin had died. How could a mere Limiteer survive so many attacks from him? Could he really be that much of a monster?

Above Planet Pyrolyte, one personal spacecraft charged into the atmosphere and landed exactly where Zhanbing Daynight stood.

The area around Planet Pyrolyte had already been sealed, so no one could enter without approval from the various forces. This personal spacecraft had taken advantage of everyone being distracted by Zhanbing Daynight to quickly shoot down onto Planet Pyrolyte.

Someone had initially wanted to block the vessel, but in the end, no one did. If the person on the ship was a Limiteer, then it was useless for them to go down to Planet Pyrolyte. And if they were an Explorer, then they would definitely die without question if they didn't have a star essence skin. There was no need to block this person.

Zhanbing Daynight towered high in the sky, and Nightqueen Yanqing and the others soon appeared one after another from a distance. They smiled. The mountain range had ended up belonging to them in the end.

At that moment, the spacecraft that had barged into Planet Pyrolyte entered their sight.

Zhanbing Daynight casually released several weapons to attack the vessel, and each one was lined with six-lined battle force as they tore through the void. He had assumed that the spacecraft would be easily destroyed by his attack, but when the weapons approached the spacecraft, they all broke apart and were reduced to dust.

Zhanbing Daynight's expression immediately changed, and he raised his giant weaponized arm and ruthlessly fired another volley of weapons.

The spacecraft continued its flight towards the ground, and a pretty figure appeared in midair. The void suddenly distorted in front of Zhanbing Daynight. He and the crowd behind him could vaguely make out a figure wearing a white coat embroidered with golden threads. There was a silver-white scabbard as well as black hair that hung down to the waist of the figure.

There was a whoosh as sword qi streaked past, splitting Zhanbing Daynight's arm of weapons in two and eradicating his six-lined battle force.

This scene shocked everyone, including the various great powers in space.

That was Zhanbing Daynight, someone ranked fifty-fifth on the Top 100 Rankings.

Zhanbing Daynight was stunned, and he hurriedly retreated since he had felt a considerable amount of danger in that instant. He had encountered a terrifying powerhouse.

A gale swept past him and swirled up the dark-red dust that floated by.

In the skies, a young and beautiful woman appeared in everyone's eyes.

"Wendy Yushan?" Above the planet, Moore was shocked.

Others also quickly recognized the girl. She was ranked eighteenth on the Top 100 Rankings and was also one of the few Explorers who were in the front twenty: Wendy Yushan.

### **Chapter 519: Instant Kill**

The battles on Planet Pyrolyte were becoming increasingly intense. Even Wendy Yushan, who should have been taking care of East Saint Dios, had appeared.

Her arrival was something that nobody expected. She did not join hands with any faction, which meant that she did not have a star essence skin.

Zhanbing Daynight seemed to turn serious as he looked at her in a guarded manner.

Up in the sky, the members of the major powers all had complex expressions on their faces. Without a star essence skin, even the most powerful Explorer would be fated to explode and die. This woman was far too reckless!

News of the battles on Planet Pyrolyte had been sealed off by the various powers. While there had been some videos that leaked out, no one aside from them actually knew what was going on here. The same went for Wendy Yushan. This was the purpose of information. People who had it would gain the upper hand.

Wendy Yushan was powerful, but she did not know what was going on this planet. Appearing out of nowhere was as good as dying.

Wendy Yushan directed her eyes to the ground. The reason why she had been in such a rush to come here was because of Lu Yin, the only person she acknowledged as a member of her family. She didn't want him to die.

With a bang, the ground cracked, and Lu Yin leaped up as he charged into the sky.

Everybody was shocked. That hadn't killed him?

Zhanbing Daynight's pupils shrank. Impossible! I know that all of my attacks landed. He had to have died there! How can this be? Did he actually manage to block all of my attacks?

Lu Yin had no time to bother with anyone else, and he raced over to Wendy Yushan's side. He pulled out a star essence skin and ordered, "Wear it."

This skin had belonged to Ze Lin, and Lu Yin was currently incredibly glad that he hadn't sold it off. Otherwise, Wendy Yushan would die for sure.

She had no idea why she had to wear the thing, but she put it on without any hesitation.

Ze Lin's star essence skin wasn't enough to completely protect her, but so long as she did not use too much power, she would be fine for now.

Lu Yin heaved a heavy sigh of relief, but then he glared at her. "How can you be so reckless? Don't you know that Explorers can't just enter Planet Pyrolyte as they please? There's aerosolized pyrolyte everywhere, even in the air! If you breathe it in, you could explode!"

Wendy Yushan stared at Lu Yin while Lu Yin did the same, though he appeared to be absolutely fuming.

Then, Wendy Yushan casually glanced away. "I got it."

"Don't say anything except by using star energy to make the air vibrate!" Lu Yin exclaimed.

Wendy Yushan made a sound of acknowledgement and then really stopped talking.

Everybody watched their interactions in a daze. This was an expert who was ranked eighteenth on the Top 100 Rankings, so why was she letting herself be reprimanded in such a manner?

Even Lu Yin himself was shocked. He'd been prepared for her to give him the cold shoulder, but she hadn't done that and was instead being very obedient. What the hell?

Nobody knew what she was thinking, but ever since Lu Yin had given her the Yu Secret Art, she had decided in her heart that Lu Yin was the only family member she had left in this universe. Thus, he was the only one who was allowed to get mad at her.



She had been at Saint Dios when she heard about how Lu Yin had been threatened by an Enlighter holding the Great Yu Empire hostage, and she had also heard a bit about the battles on Planet Pyrolyte. From these matters, Lu Yin's place in her heart had grown once again. This was because Lu Yin showed that he truly regarded the Great Yu Empire as his home, and it wasn't just his home, but also hers as well.

Although Wendy Yushan might appear to be fine even after losing everyone in her Yushan family, that was only because her grief was hidden too deeply. Lu Yin was now the only family that she had left in the universe.

This was also the reason why she had rushed over to Planet Pyrolyte without even considering her own safety. She did not want to lose her family ever again. The universe was much too big, dark, and cold. She needed to preserve the bit of warmth that she still had in her heart.

"What are you doing here?" Lu Yin asked.

Wendy Yushan kept her eye on Zhanbing Daynight, who was in the distance. "It was on the way."

Lu Yin was speechless. This is the Astral Wilderness. On the way? To where?

He looked at her seriously. Just now, she'd seemed anxious and worried. She had probably come for him. He couldn't help but feel touched at the thought. From the time he began cultivating until now, how many people had risked their lives for him? How many had even been worried about him? This was kinship.

Wendy Yushan took a step forward. "What should I do?"

Lu Yin's eyes flashed coldly, and he looked at Zhanbing Daynight with merciless eyes. "Kill him."

Zhanbing Daynight's actions made Lu Yin want to kill him. Since the other party had intended to kill him, then he wasn't going to hold back. So what if this person was from the Daynight clan? Lu Yin was not someone who would let another person kill him just because he was scared of the Daynight clan. Besides, Zhanbing Daynight had nearly succeeded in his task.

Wendy Yushan started to unsheathe her sword, and Zhanbing Daynight's pupils shrank. He immediately charged up towards outer space. One of them was ranked fifty fifth while the other was ranked eighteenth on the Top 100 Rankings. The gap between them was just too vast. Zhanbing Daynight was not at all confident in being able to block her attacks even with the limitation that she could not use her full strength due to the limitations of her current star essence skin.

With a whoosh, her sword was completely unsheathed, and a cold glint immediately illuminated the entire region. No matter how quick one was, or even if one hid in the void, there was no way to dodge this sword. This was Ten Thousand Swords In One. The style of Myriad Swords Peak was incredibly simple: there was just one attack.

Zhanbing Daynight's body hung in the sky, completely still. He seemed to be dazed, and his eyes eventually glazed over. His weapons then disappeared one by one as his entire body smashed onto the ground. He was completely dead.

With just one attack, Wendy had killed Zhanbing Daynight. This was her strength. This was the strength of someone in the top twenty.

Everybody was frozen in place. Zhanbing Daynight was the first powerhouse in the Top 100 Rankings to have died here. The battles on Planet Pyrolyte were so vicious that even somebody with such an impressive level of strength wasn't guaranteed to survive.

Above the planet, Nightqueen Qiuyu was furious, but there was nothing that she could do about this. She no longer had anything that she could use to threaten Wendy Yushan as Frostwave Weave was now under the Sea King Dome's protection. Unless the Daynight clan declared war on the Sea King, their clan elders would not intervene. This matter could only be handled by those in the younger generation. However, given Wendy Yushan's strength, how many people in the Daynight clan were qualified to be her opponents? And what's more, who could actually kill her?

Wendy Yushan's arrival had instantly made her the strongest being on Planet Pyrolyte for the moment. She was ranked in the top twenty of the Top 100 Rankings, and that was a height that only a few Explorers could reach. Unless Cruisers were able to descend onto the planet, Wendy would stand firmly at the peak for quite some time.

In that battle just now, there had been one thing that even the major powers were unable to understand. How had Lu Yin managed to block all of Zhanbing Daynight's attacks without suffering from any injuries? It was very strange.

However, Wendy Yushan's appearance had been too much of a surprise, so no one even had a chance to mention the matter of Lu Yin's survival. Still, it wasn't like they had completely forgotten about the matter either.

Nightqueen Yanqing and the rest immediately fled without even grabbing Zhanbing Daynight's corpse.

Lu Yin saw what they were doing, but after thinking it over, he ultimately decided against giving chase. There was no point in offending that clan any more than he already had, unless he was planning on actually joining the Sea King's Dome.

Lu Yin went and retrieved Zhanbing Daynight's star essence skin before having Wendy Yushan change into it.

She did not protest and returned the one that had belonged to Ze Lin afterwards. However, Lu Yin did not want it. "Wear them both. Even two might not even be enough to protect you completely. Having another one as a backup is also a good idea. Also, if you need to fight again, make sure you don't use too much of your strength."

She nodded.

"Actually... I think that it might be better if you head back. It's too dangerous here," he stated. He wasn't worried that Wendy wasn't strong enough. Rather, he was worried that she might explode.

"It's fine. I know what I'm doing," Wendy Yushan answered nonchalantly.

Lu Yin did not press the issue and took her to the mountain range.

Above the planet, Hai Dashao heaved a sigh of relief that he hadn't been too late. The news regarding Lu Yin had been leaked to Wendy Yushan by the Sea King. Otherwise, there was no way that she would have found out. Everything had been a part of Elder Tong's plan.

His plan had taken all sorts of unexpected elements into account. Actually, if Lu Yin did not have a star essence skin, then Elder Ren would have forcefully taken Wendy off of the planet. In his eyes, rules were made to be broken. They wouldn't sit there and watch her die, but the current situation was for the best.

"She possesses an interesting innate gift! She'd be a good match for you," Elder Ren said as he looked at Wendy in appreciation.

Hai Dashao was also looking at her. She was definitely pretty and completely his type.

While he was looking at the planet, Elder Ren's expression suddenly changed, and he became grim. "Go and have some fun with Avery."

Hai Dashao's eyes shone. "Is he attempting to go down to Planet Pyrolyte?"

Elder Ren nodded. "Elder Tong anticipated everything. That girl's not somebody whom a regular person can deal with. The Blaze Realm, Ross Empire, and Dire Barbarian Clan have decided to work together to make a star essence skin for Avery so that he can go down to the planet and attack her."

Hai Dashao grinned. "Got it," he said before vanishing.

On Planet Pyrolyte, Lu Yin found that Hai Qiqi had disappeared. He checked with Ah Fan and the rest, but nobody knew where she had gone.

It was no wonder why he hadn't seen her on the sidelines while he'd been fighting. Lu Yin wasn't worried about her since there were elders from the Sea King's Dome above the planet. Besides, Hai Qiqi wasn't weak herself, and she probably had a number of means to protect herself. All Lu Yin knew for sure was that the Sea King had been absolutely confident that Lu Yin didn't need to protect Qiqi. Thus, she probably was at least as capable as Lu Yin in keeping herself safe.

Northgate Lie and the others looked at Wendy Yushan in curiosity. She was in the top twenty of the Top 100 Rankings, but she was very young—even younger than the Ten Arbiters. Once they grew old enough to no longer be considered a part of the younger generation, Wendy Yushan would become one of the top ten on the ranking. Such a thought was terrifying.

When had the people from the Northline Flowzone ever had the chance to be so close to somebody so powerful?

Lily Anne tried to butter up to Wendy with her elegant demeanor, but unfortunately, such behavior had no effect whatsoever on Wendy.

Lu Yin chased everyone away and quietly asked, "How's your practice for that going?"

Wendy Yushan looked at him. "What about you?"

Lu Yin could only reply, "I can't learn it until I become an Explorer."

Wendy Yushan nodded, but it did not seem like she was going to say anything more.

"How are things going at East Saint Dios? Liu Shaoge hasn't been trying anything, has he?"

"I don't know."

"How's Zhao Ran? Is she still losing her memories all the time?"

"I don't know."

"Has Puyu been harrasing you?"

Wendy Yushan looked at Lu Yin seriously. "I don't know."

Lu Yin was speechless. "Then what do you know?"

Wendy Yushan still didn't answer him.

"Her underlings were almost all stolen away by Puyu! Why are you surprised by this?" the monkey yelled.

Lu Yin screened the monkey off, but then he thought things over. What he actually wanted to know was who had taken Wendy to Myriad Sword Peaks, but he didn't know how to bring such a question up.

"I think that it's better if you make the decisions regarding the Great Yu Empire," Wendy Yushan suddenly said.

Just as Lu Yin was about to reply, there was a distortion in outer space, and a terrifying pressure descended. Something swept over them like a huge gale, nearly causing the atmosphere itself to be destroyed.

Wendy Yushan looked serious. "Someone's fighting in space."

Lu Yin could tell the same thing, and it seemed both parties were pretty strong at that. At the very least, they were both stronger than him.

Quite some time later, the pressure vanished.

"It's over," Lu Yin commented.

Wendy Yushan frowned and continued to stare into outer space. A hint of lust for battle could be seen in her eyes.

## **Chapter 520: OCD And The Formcast Model**

Currently, in outer space, Avery was glaring intensely at Hai Dashao. Both of them looked incredibly pitiful.

"I don't want to fight you at a time like this. Screw off!" Avery was furious.

Hai Dashao responded in a serious tone, "I want to challenge you. I want to become one of the top five on the Top 100 Rankings."

“We can do this later.”

“No. It has to be now.”

“You’re despicable, Hai Dashao! You’re only doing this because you want to hurt me and stop me from going down to that planet!” Avery bellowed.

Hai Dashao very seriously answered, “What kind of person do you think I am? What do you think the Top 100 Rankings are? I’m going to defeat you today and enter the top five.”

“You bastard! You’re despicable!”

“I’m just excited. Let’s begin!”

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The wrath of Lei Long of the Dire Barbarian Clan was not any less than Avery’s. He had just persuaded the Blaze Realm and Ross Empire to help them support Avery in going down to the planet. However, Hai Dashao had stepped in, and they couldn’t just simply ignore him since Elder Ren was nearby.

Lei Long was rather annoyed by this.

Huo Houye looked rather grim. “Avery won’t be able to make it to the planet. Hai Dashao won’t let him off.”

“What should we do? Is there anyone else on hand who we can use?” Lei Long asked in a low voice, sounding rather frustrated.

Huo Houye had wanted to offer up Lilyrose, who was ranked thirty-first on the Top 100 Rankings, but after remembering that Wendy Yushan was on the planet, he gave up. Besides, Lilyrose hadn’t even arrived yet.

“Let Sleeping Prince go,” Scholar Newmoon suggested as he suddenly appeared.

Lei Long and Huo Houye were both startled. “Sleeping Prince?”

Scholar Newmoon nodded and smiled. “Sleeping Prince is ranked hundredth on the Top 100 Rankings, but his true strength is quite fearsome.”

“How would you know that?” Lei Long asked. While they were both Enlighters, that was only a measure of one’s power level. Power level had little to do with actual combat strength.

Scholar Newmoon replied, “I know the technique that he cultivates, and if I’m not wrong, he’s no weaker than Wendy Yushan.”

Lei Long and Huo Houye exchanged glances. Scholar Newmoon was very knowledgeable, and perhaps it would be a good idea to bet on this plan. They could also roughly determine Sleeping Prince’s strength based on how much star essence was needed to make a star essence skin for him.

“Fine, we’ll give him our full support.” Huo Houye agreed.

Scholar Newmoon made a sound of acknowledgement. The Graceful Mercenaries had been hired by the Ross Empire, so if Sleeping Prince made a move, then he would naturally be representing the Ross

Empire. If the youth was able to take over the mountain range, then the Ross Empire would definitely be the lucky benefactor.

Five days passed without Hai Qiqi returning. Although Lu Yin wasn't worried about her safety, she did seem to be going a bit overboard with her fun.

On the seventh day, Hai Qiqi finally returned, but she started making a fuss the moment she arrived. "What's wrong? What happened? Was there an earthquake? What's going on?"

Lu Yin didn't actually want to bother with her, but upon recalling his curiosity about formcast models, he eagerly replied, "There was a huge battle a few days ago. Here, let me introduce you. This is Wendy Yushan, the real power of the Great Yu Empire."

Hai Qiqi followed his gaze and looked at the other girl. At the same time, Wendy looked at Hai Qiqi.

Over the past few days, Wendy had heard quite a few rumors concerning Hai Qiqi and was rather curious about her.

Hai Qiqi looked Wendy up and down. "I know you! Baobao's always wanted to surpass you."

Wendy Yushan just looked at Hai Qiqi, confused.

Hai Qiqi blinked. "What's with that look? Are you saying that you don't know who Baobao is?"

Wendy Yushan turned away without making a sound.

Hai Qiqi exclaimed in an exaggerated manner. "Lan Baobao! Ranked twenty-fifth on the Top 100 Rankings! She's pretty close to your ranking. Do you seriously not know about her?"

Wendy Yushan remained silent.

Hai Qiqi went right to her. "Hey, say something!"

Wendy Yushan looked up at the sky.

Hai Qiqi waited a while, staring at Wendy Yushan the whole time. However, the girl did not speak and did not even glance at Hai Qiqi again.

Lu Yin's eyes lit up as he stared at Wendy Yushan in admiration. As expected of an expert in the top twenty. She had her own way of dealing with Hai Qiqi! Being ignored in such an obvious manner would definitely drive anyone crazy.

As expected, Hai Qiqi grew incredibly annoyed, and she kept talking to Wendy Yushan. However, Wendy never spoke a single word in response, and she simply closed her eyes to train.

Hai Qiqi spoke for an entire thirty minutes until her mouth ran dry. However, Wendy Yushan never once replied to anything that Hai Qiqi said. She didn't even show a sign of annoyance.

Hai Qiqi felt incredibly frustrated, and she looked over at Lu Yin in a pleading manner. Right now, she only had one goal, which was for Wendy Yushan to speak to her. Just one word would be enough! As long as Wendy started talking, Hai Qiqi would be able to say something sarcastic to her, and that was all the Sea King's daughter needed to feel better.

Lu Yin had a thought. Does this girl have OCD?

With this thought, he beckoned Hai Qiqi over.

She ran towards him and excitedly looked at Lu Yin. "Make her say something to me! Just a sentence is enough!"

Lu Yin grinned. "Just a sentence, eh?"

Hai Qiqi nodded hastily.

Lu Yin sighed. "Sure, but you'll need to answer a question for me."

"Go on!" Hai Qiqi was in a rush.

"How do I know that you won't go back on your word?" Lu Yin asked.

Hai Qiqi suddenly grew anxious. "No, no! I'm the princess of the Sea King's Dome! I wouldn't lie to someone like you."

Lu Yin frowned. That sounded slightly derogatory, but he wasn't in the mood to focus on that part. He looked straight at her straight. "What stage is your formcast model?"

Hai Qiqi froze. "Why are you asking about that?"

Lu Yin explained, "I've got a five-stage model, but I want a seven-stage one."

Hai Qiqi's eyes went as wide as saucers. "Seven?! Are you crazy? Where are you going to get one?"

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed, and he focused on the girl. "There aren't any?"

Hai Qiqi shook her head. "Not that I've heard of."

"What stage is yours?" he asked.

Hai Qiqi used her fingers to show "Six.

"Mine is a six-stage one. My father got it for me."

"Six? Why aren't there any seven-stage ones?" Lu Yin was confused.

However, Hai Qiqi was even more confused. "Why would there be a seven-stage model? Do you have any idea how a formcast model is made? They're made by an ultra powerhouse using their own power to help someone else alter their body. My father is an Envoy, and even he can only make a six-stage formcast model. You want a seven-stage one? Dream on!"

Lu Yin had assumed that a six-stage formcast was something that could only be made by someone powerful, but he had been thinking of someone at the level of Northgate Taisui, for instance. However, with this new information, that was clearly not how it worked. Only Envoys were able to create six-stage formcast models, so it was no wonder why he hadn't been able to find anyone with a six-stage formcast model even after searching on the network.

An Envoy! Only ultra-large organizations could boast of having experts of that level, such as the Sword Sect, Daynight clan, Wen family, and so on.

If Lu Yin did not have the die, then the only way to get a six-stage formcast model would be to steal it from those people, but how many people with such a formcast model would be weak? Perhaps not even Liu Shaoqiu would have a six-stage formcast model, and the only person from the Sword Sect who had one might be the one who had become one of the Ten Arbiters.

“Okay, I’ve told you everything, so hurry up and get her to talk to me!” Hai Qiqi pleaded anxiously.

Lu Yin gave her a strange look. “Do you have OCD or something?”

Hai Qiqi’s eyes darted about. “Nope.”

“Then why are you so fixated on having her talk to you? Does it make you anxious if she doesn’t reply?” Lu Yin asked.

Hai Qiqi glared at him. “How dare you! You’d better do what you promised!”

Lu Yin pursed his lips and walked over to Wendy Yushan, though he had a bit of a sly look. He whispered something to her, and she opened her eyes. She gave Lu Yin a glance and then looked over at Hai Qiqi. “So your name is Hai Qiqi?”

“Duh. Is there anyone else in the universe who could have such a great name?” Hai Qiqi instantly retorted, and she relaxed as soon as she started speaking. She then let out a long sigh, clearly feeling much better.

Lu Yin gave her a look. Hai Qiqi must have some kind of obsessive-compulsive disorder. It seemed that he had finally found a method to deal with her.

Wendy Yushan had only said one thing, but she had already lost interest after that. She went back to staring at the sky. Nobody knew how long the battle on Planet Pyrolyte would last for, but after it ended, what would happen to the Great Yu Empire? How far would the Sea King go to keep his promise? Wendy glanced over at Lu Yin. I’ll just leave it to him!

Boom!

With a thunderous sound, a spacecraft smashed to the ground, attracting everybody’s attention.

Northgate Lie and the rest did not feel nervous in any way. Wendy Yushan was helping them now, and there were way too few Explorer powerhouses in the entire universe who could actually pose a threat to her even when the members of the older generation were included.

All those who were able to enter the Top 100 Rankings were monsters, and such a difference in power was not something that could easily be compensated with just time. Of course, there were also some incredible older Explorers, but there were very few of those.

The hatch of the ship opened, and a person who Lu Yin was very familiar with walked out: Mira.

The moment he saw her, Lu Yin suddenly recalled the scene of the huge spacecraft that had landed on Earth during its trial. At that time, Mira had been like a monster that he’d never be able to match. She



had been like a goddess. The difference between them back then had felt like a barrier that he'd never be able to break through. He hadn't even been able to comprehend her strength.

At that time, she'd promised Lu Yin that, as long as he managed to make some achievements at the Astral Combat Academy, she'd make a recommendation for him to enter the Universe Youth Council.

Now, four years later, everything had changed. The difference between them was no longer so unfathomable. With his current abilities, Lu Yin might not be able to beat her in a duel, but he also wouldn't lose that easily.

Mira was ranked fifty-third on the Top 100 Rankings while Zhanbing Daynight stood at fifty-fifth. If Zhanbing Daynight hadn't been able to break through Lu Yin's defenses, then Mira wouldn't be able to either.

In other words, Lu Yin now wielded a strength that was somewhat similar to Mira's.

At the base of the mountain range, Mira looked up and met Lu Yin's gaze with a troubled glint in her eyes. Who could have thought that this young man who had merely seemed to be slightly talented back then would now have climbed to the peak of the universe? He was even able to measure up to her, and how many years had it taken her to train and cultivate to reach her current level? What kind of resources had she been given? This young man was so talented that it was scary.

The memory of what had happened on Earth as well as at the border warfront in the Erudite Flowzone flashed through her mind. At that time, she'd already known that this young man would catch up to her at some point, but she had had no idea it would be so soon. On top of that, he was still only a Limiteer at this moment.

Arbiter Wen had wanted Lu Yin to defeat Mu Rong and make the unparalleled Limiteer a little less arrogant. However, Arbiter Wen had never expected that not only would Lu Yin defeat Mu Rong, but he would also climb to the point where he now stood on the same level as the Ten Arbiters when they had been Limiteers. Arbiter Wen had always been rather condescending towards Lu Yin and thought little of him, but now, this youth was already on his way to the top. The moment Lu Yin became an Explorer, he'd definitely jump to the top of the Top 100 Rankings.