

Chapter 551: All Sorts of Methods

Puyu nodded, "I hated him in the past, but now that the Inniverse and the Outerverse have been separated, our council no longer has the support of the Inniverse. Naturally, this has resulted in our influence over the Outerverse dropping. In particular, those Enlighters who've gotten stuck in the Outerverse will just ignore us. I'm hoping that Lu Yin can join the council so that he can act as a deterrent with his ability to kill Enlighters."

Wendy Yushan's expression turned frosty. "If he does come, then the first thing he'll do is kill you."

Puyu's face went blank, and then it fell.

Liu Shaoge tried to smooth things over. "There's no hatred that can't be resolved. Moreover, Councilor Puyu and Brother Lu don't have a terribly deep hatred, and besides, the most important thing right now is the council's authority and safety, right? Councilor Puyu?"

Puyu's lips quirked up. "That's right. Wendy, the council has given you a great deal of support. If not for the council, then you might not have been able to escape from the Ross Empire in one piece after breaking past their border. Also, White Knight has also shown a great deal of kindness to you. I hope that you can assume some responsibility and help protect the council during this crucial time."

Wendy Yushan indifferently replied, "There's no need for you to say anything more. I wouldn't have come otherwise."

Puyu nodded, and his eyes twinkled, as he did not intend to act against Wendy Yushan right away. She was valuable because of the Yu Secret Art, and right now, no one knew how the secret technique was passed on. As long as Lu Yin wasn't with her, Wendy could be taken care of at any time. At this moment, Puyu was honestly considering the Outerverse Youth Council's state of affairs; he hadn't been lying. At present, the Outerverse Youth Council's influence was plummeting, and the clearest indication of that was the number of people leaving the council.

Once the Outerverse Youth Council's influence disappeared entirely, Puyu would be nothing more than some youth from Darkstar Gorge who had an innate gift. If he came across any Enlighters, then he would be at their mercy, but the truth was that no one would even bother looking at him.

He hoped to obtain the secret technique and control Wendy Yushan. The best method would be to use Wendy Yushan's secret technique to entice an Enlighter over to help the Outerverse Youth Council, which would be perfect.

The current situation in the Outerverse had practically rendered any status or position one might hold hollow and useless. Right now, Enlighters were the greatest backers one could hope for.

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On Shuta Planet, as fierce winds raged and high temperatures distorted the horizon, a strong gale pushed along a heat wave that caused the ground to become even more parched.

Lu Yin slowly bent over and looked ahead. There was a massive mine in front of him.

Originally, there had been miners working there, but now, they had been locked down in a local town just like everyone else. At the moment, there was not a single soul in the mine, though there was a single squadron standing guard at the entrance.

Lu Yin was able to easily enter the mine without anyone noticing him. He buried a hundred tonnes of polarium essence in the deepest portion of the mine and then placed the sourcebox that he had found in Lei Long's cosmic ring in the center before leaving the mine again. "Hopefully, I'll be able to take at least one down. Otherwise, everything will have been wasted."

The area where this mine was located was in a region of the planet that was controlled by Darkstar Gorge, and the investigation of a nearby mining town had already been completed. About a day after the lockdown was lifted, the polarium essence at the bottom of the mine was discovered.

The discovery of the polarium essence shocked Darkstar Gorge, and with such a large quantity of polarium essence waiting to be mined, Darkstar Gorge's soldiers immediately moved to seal off the mine. Unfortunately, it was too late as the Nine Allied Nations had already learned of it. The Enlightener from Darkmist Weave rushed to the mine as soon as possible.

Lu Yin was hidden underground, anxious. He did not want to deal with this person, but rather with Elder Wu from Darkstar Gorge. The longer this Enlightener could live for, the better, as he would be able to restrict Elder Wu. Lu Yin felt like he could only blame himself for burying the polarium essence too shallowly. No, those miners should be blamed for being too eager with their work. Also, Elder Wu had appeared too late.

Hang on. Lu Yin suddenly felt something was not right. With an Enlightener's power and speed, Elder Wu should have already arrived at Shuta Planet from Darkstar Gorge.

Lu Yin filled his eyes with star energy and looked around and then beneath the mine. Once he looked down, he saw a majestic amount of rune lines. Lu Yin's eyes flashed. Sure enough, Elder Wu had already arrived, but had hidden himself.

The old fogey was really sneaky.

The Enlightener from Darkmist Weave casually waved a hand and swept the troops from Darkstar Gorge aside, exposing the massive amount of polarium essence that was in the mine. The powerhouse was shrouded in a black mist as he descended. Soon, his cold voice rumbled out. "Keep mining."

The miners within trembled, but they didn't dare to disobey him.

There was a total of a hundred tonnes of polarium essence, and Lu Yin hadn't buried it very deeply, nor in any sort of specialized way. Many of the miners had noticed these details, but nobody dared to speak up to the Enlightener.

That Enlightener from Darkmist Weave stored the polarium essence that had already been mined into his cosmic ring. The entire time, he occasionally glanced at the sky, as if he was wary of something.

Lu Yin marvelled at Elder Wu's methods. If not for Lu Yin's altered eyes, he would never have discovered that the old fogey had hidden himself either, and the Enlightener from Darkmist Weave was obviously unable to notice anything at the moment.

With a bang, a miner's pickaxe struck against a metal chest, and since he used too much force, his tool was flung out of his hands, crashing into the ground. The miner looked at the ground curiously and the other miners also looked over.

Darkmist Weave's Enlighter's eyes flashed. "Dig it out."

The miner picked up his tool and continued mining. Soon enough, the complete chest was dug out, and Elder Wu looked at it from the darkness. This thing had obviously been buried by somebody, but what could be so valuable that someone would bury it inside a pile of polarium essence?

There were no Lockbreakers present, as any Lockbreaker would be able to immediately recognize that the chest was made up of spiritual thread, which meant that a sourcebox was inside it. However, neither Elder Wu nor that Darkmist Weave almighty expert could see this.

Since an unknown time ago, the ground had been permeated with traces of a black mist, including the area where Elder Wu had hidden underground.

Elder Wu's attention was held by the chest, and Darkmist Weave's Enlighter's gaze suddenly turned sharp as he shifted his gaze to stare at the direction where Elder Wu was hiding. "Black Stab." The black mist in the ground abruptly condensed into incomparably sharp spikes that pierced towards the void in the area, instantly killing many of the miners. Elder Wu was also stabbed by these black thorns, and they pierced his thigh and his abdomen.

"Despicable, Topmist!" Elder Wu shouted as he charged up from beneath the ground towards Darkmist Weave's Enlighter, Topmist.

Topmist sneered. "Old fogley, did you really think that I wouldn't notice you hiding there? To compete in assassination techniques with my Darkmist Weave, you're still too lacking."

The black mist then gleamed as it formed together and swept towards Elder Wu while causing all of Shuta Planet to start shaking.

Elder Wu was not weak, either, and he raised a hand to block the black light. The two Enlighters had started their battle in the mine.

Lu Yin was shocked, as this was too treacherous! The two's moves were each more sinister than the last. Elder Wu had arrived earlier and arranged an ambush, but that Topmist guy had been even more sneaky. He had obviously discovered Elder Wu earlier, but the old man had pretended not to notice anything, only to later ambush Elder Wu first. These old men were truly talented individuals since they had been able to become Enlighters.

Lu Yin was suddenly delighted that he had an unexplainable method like Progenitor Wushang's hide. Whether it had been Karthika or Lei Long, he would not have been able to deal with either of them by himself as both of them had been too astute.

Unfortunately, the method of using Progenitor Wushang's hide would not hold up against schemes in the dark. Lu Yin raised a hand and lightly tapped out, and a wind shot through the void before striking against the chest. In that instant, Elder Wu and Topmist discovered Lu Yin's existence while the chest was opened.

The sourcebox within the chest released an invisible killing intent, which was something that even Lu Yin's universal armor could barely withstand. His armor had been upgraded so many times that it had reached the point where it could withstand Enlighters' attacks. Thus, the danger from the sourcebox could actually rival an Enlighter's attack.

Elder Wu and Topmist had not expected that a third person had been plotting against them in the dark. After all, they were two Enlighters! Besides that, the culprit was obviously not even an Explorer.

Not even an Explorer? Elder Wu's face changed, as that meant that it could be no one other than Lu Yin. The Enlighter quickly put some things together: Wendy Yushan had gone to East San Dios, but Lu Yin had clearly not remained behind in the Great Yu Empire. Instead, he had laid some polarium essence down on Shuta Planet to lure them over so that the threat facing Wendy Yushan would be reduced.

However, Elder Wu's realizations were too late. The terrifying danger from the sourcebox had already enveloped the entire mine, and it only continued to spread out from there.

Lu Yin stared at the sourcebox and saw the rapidly expanding rune lines. Sure enough, the amount that he saw from this sourcebox surpassed even how many Enlighters like Karthika and Lei Long had. Elder Wu's and Topmist's rune lines were also lacking in comparison, and they were trapped within the sourcebox's killing aura.

The two powerhouses instantaneously stopped, and neither of them dared to move about haphazardly. They remained in place. With their experience, they were able to sense danger even if they could not see it.

Topmist's face had turned very ugly. "This is a sourcebox! Not only that, this kind of formless danger is something that only a Boundless Advanced sourcebox would have. This is something that only a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker can deal with."

Elder Wu looked around. "Junior, come out! I know it's you."

Topmist barked, "Who?"

Elder Wu deeply replied, "Frostwave Weave's Lu Yin."

"Lu Yin?" Topmist was shocked, but then he recalled the person. "That brat who killed Karthika and Lei Long?"

Elder Wu had an ugly expression. He suddenly took a step back as the void where he had just been standing was pierced through.

"Why is Lu Yin on Shuta Planet?" Topmist asked as he stared intently at Elder Wu.

Elder Wu did not answer. Instead, he released his star energy to search for Lu Yin.

Topmist did not ask anything else. If Elder Wu had been able to guess the details so quickly, then it meant that this matter was definitely related to him and also that it would be useless to ask the man anything else. They had already been cast into the middle of the sourcebox's formless danger, but this

level was insufficient to kill the two of them. They were more worried about the method that Lu Yin had used to kill Karthika and Lei Long.

“Lu Yin, your Frostwave Weave and my Darkmist Weave have no enmity, and I won’t participate in the grudge that you have with this old man. Let me leave, and I’ll guarantee that I won’t spread news of what happened here today,” Topmist declared loudly.

Elder Wu bellowed, “Topmist, you’re an Enlighter yourself, so why treat a junior in such a manner? This sourcebox is no danger to us. In no more than ten minutes, we can get away from this place. There’s no way this brat can deal with two Enlighters simultaneously.”

Topmist’s eyes narrowed. “I have never interfered in grudges between others, and I won’t in the future either. Moreover, you and I are enemies, and I actually hope that you die here.”

Elder Wu was furious. This mouse only knew how to ambush from the dark, but even as an Enlighter, he was still so timid.

Lu Yin coldly watched the two bicker, and he focused on the two Enlighters’ feet. Their positions had drifted quite a bit from the beginning. He sneered. These two old folks were deliberately trying to make a scene to divert his attention while they escaped from the sourcebox’s danger zone. However, it wouldn’t be that easy.

As he thought about their actions, Lu Yin took out another chest and threw it right between Elder Wu and Topmist. “Two seniors, here’s another gift for you.”

When they saw another chest appear, the expressions on both men’s faces changed greatly.

“Younger Brother Lu, I have no grudges with you, so don’t make a mistake and kill a good person!” Topmist shouted, appearing completely terrified. The longer one lived for, the larger their fear of death might be, and Topmist perfectly fit this pattern. Otherwise, he would not have specialized in battle techniques that focused on ambushing from the dark. He was frightened of death.

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Elder Wu’s face sank. “Junior, I acknowledge my defeat. As long as you leave Shuta Planet, we’ll write off everything from before. You have my word that, from now on, Darkstar Gorge will not cause any trouble for you and that we will allow you to become a formal representative of East San Dios.”

Topmist also spoke up, saying, “I can also promise that you’ll become a formal representative of San Dios. I will also promise that Darkmist Weave will always be a friend of your Frostwave Weave, just as you and I will become friends.”

When it came to his survival, Topmist had no sense of shame.

“Seniors, your conditions are very attractive. Unfortunately, this junior’s afraid of dying, so I can’t really trust you.” Lu Yin then tapped out and a gust of wind struck the second chest, opening it as well.

Elder Wu and Topmist stared at the chest with bulging eyes. As soon as another formless danger burst forth, they would have to suffer heavy injuries in order to retreat.

The box fully opened, but this one was empty. There wasn't a sourcebox inside. Instead, a piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide had been stuck inside the box, and when the two Enlighters saw it, they felt their minds be jostled. Lu Yin took this opportunity to aim and fire his gun, first at Elder Wu, and then again at Topmist.

Two shots were fired out, and Elder Wu's head instantly exploded. Topmist's head also exploded, but it then dissipated into a dark mist. Lu Yin's shot had missed.

Lu Yin's pupils constricted as he stared at the dissipating mist in shock. What had just happened? He had clearly aimed at Topmist's head, but his head turned into a dark mist.

The dark mist that had taken the place of Topmist dissipated. Then, Lu Yin clearly saw Topmist's true appearance and was stunned. Topmist was only a meter tall!

Topmist came to his senses, as his head had cleared by the second gunshot. He saw the black mist fading away above his head, and he stared at Lu Yin in fear. "Junior, I nearly died at your hands!"

Lu Yin couldn't believe his eyes. "Is this your real body?"

Topmist suddenly leaped up. The formless danger from the sourcebox caused multiple wounds to appear on his arm and legs. But before he was able to completely avoid the sourcebox's invisible danger, his body was struck, and he crashed heavily to the ground. He spat out a mouthful of blood and looked at the sourcebox within the chest in fear. He then looked back at Lu Yin with an icy glare.

Lu Yin gripped his gun tightly and pointed it at Topmist. This old fart was too devious. He was clearly only one meter tall, but he had pretended to be two meters tall and managed to avoid Lu Yin's killing shot. It was troubling.

Topmist raised a hand. "Junior, I don't want to become enemies with you."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed.

Topmist spat out a mouthful of blood. "There are so many Enlighters from the Innerverse who are stuck in the Outerverse, and those people are the ones who are our true enemy. Junior, I'll look forward to cooperating with you."

Topmist then leaped up and tore through the void to leave.

Lu Yin stared closely at the void, and he only lowered his gun after he could verify that the rune lines had disappeared. His palms were sweaty.

When Enlighters were vigilant, it was too difficult to kill them. This wily old fox had plotted specially to ambush Elder Wu, and he had even played Lu Yin.

"Seventh Bro, won't that old fart spread information about you?" The Ghost Monkey was worried.

Lu Yin was also worried, as it would be hard to continually use these methods to kill another Enlighter if they were revealed to the universe. During this ambush, both his gun and Progenitor Wushang's hide had been exposed. "Just ignore him. So what if he releases it. There's no way that he could have recognized Progenitor Wushang's hide, so all he knows is that I have a means to daze Enlighters, and that's enough. Otherwise, he would not have left."

“That’s true. There are only a few people in this universe who can recognize Progenitor Wushang's hide. Even that Sea King might not be able to.”

Elder Wu was dead. Lu Yin had removed the threat of Darkstar Gorge that had been hanging over his head. Now, there was only the Scholar Newmoon left. Lu Yin looked up. He hoped that the Scholar Newmoon had not made his move to capture Wendy yet. He had to rush over to her.

It took him half a day of work to shut the chest and encase the sourcebox once again. After that, he grabbed the piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide and walked over to Elder Wu’s corpse. This was the third Enlighter that he had killed.

This was a shocking battle record, as even the top ten experts in the Top Hundred Rankings would find it almost impossible to kill an Enlighter, and yet Lu Yin had done it multiple times.

“Seventh Bro, where did that gun of yours come from? That thing can even kill an Enlighter,” the monkey asked in an odd tone. He had been wondering about this for a long time.

“It’s something that I got during lockbreaking. It’s some kind of an ancient item,” Lu Yin answered simply as he squatted down to retrieve Elder Wu’s cosmic ring, as well as the dead man’s blood. He then collected all of the polarium essence that was left on the ground and he moved to leave.

“Obtained through lockbreaking? An ancient item? That can’t be. I am very knowledgeable in the field of archaeology. One look is enough to tell that that gun is not ancient.” The monkey voiced his doubts.

“It’s up to you whether or not you want to believe me.” Lu Yin’s reply was straightforward.

The monkey was helpless, as he had already promised numerous times that he would not betray Lu Yin, and yet, no matter what, Lu Yin did not trust him. The monkey couldn’t even be bothered to kick up a fuss about it any more.

News of Elder Wu’s death would not spread quickly. Even if Elder Wu went missing, no one would think that he had died. For now, Lu Yin needed to get in touch with Wendy Yushan and find out what the situation at San Dios was looking like.

Suddenly, he felt a powerful pressure coming from off in the distance. Lu Yin looked up as his eyes filled with star energy, staring into the distance, where he saw an enormous number of rune lines. Although they could not compare with an Enlighter, they were not too far from it. These rune lines were from a peak Hunter.

This pressure came from the region that was under Darkstar Gorge’s control. Another expert from that power had arrived on the planet.

Lu Yin hurriedly concealed his star energy and then used only his physical strength to run across the ground towards his hidden spacecraft.

Very soon after, the void where Lu Yin had just been was torn open, and a man with a sullen face walked out. Strangely, his eyes were tightly shut.

He sensed the air for a moment and then headed in the direction that Lu Yin had escaped.

It was a trivial task for the Hunter to catch up to Lu Yin in terms of speed, but Lu Yin had concealed his star energy while the man had not comprehended a domain. Thus, he was not able to sense Lu Yin even when he used his star energy to search the space in front of him. Also, Lu Yin's domain enabled him to merge with his surroundings.

Underground, beneath a giant worm's corpse, Lu Yin looked upwards through the crevices in the ground. He saw the Hunter from Darkstar Gorge appear, only to vanish shortly after. Lu Yin had an ugly expression on his face, as this person was moving about with his eyes tightly closed. Evidently, this person knew about Progenitor Wushang's hide. It had to be Topmist. Aside from that old Enlighter, there was no one else who knew that Lu Yin could use the hide to stun powerhouses.

That devious sly old fox, Lu Yin mentally cursed.

The other party had clearly made their own preparations, and they had even sent a peak Hunter. Lu Yin's gun was powerful, but that did not mean that his attack would definitely connect. If he wasn't able to stun this Hunter, then it would be pointless to shoot at him. Even if the universal armor could block the Hunter's attacks, that didn't mean that Topmist wouldn't suddenly return and ambush him. That old fogley was very crafty, and Lu Yin didn't have enough confidence in the armor to face him at this time.

He needed to first find a better means of escaping from this planet. And afterwards, he could think about his revenge.

Lu Yin found some time to transmit an image of Elder Wu's death to Wendy Yushan, and then he headed towards his hidden spacecraft while traveling underground.

It was not easy to avoid pursuit and make it to his spacecraft. He could have gotten there quickly if he had flown, but he had to rely only on his physical strength to forcefully travel through the soil. It was difficult to cover such a distance, and it would take Lu Yin at least a couple of days.

Several days later, atop the tower at East San Dios, Puyu was looking down. The meeting had lasted for a few days, and what had needed to be said had already been said. There was only one matter remaining, which was to force Wendy Yushan to hand her secret technique over and then draw out Lu Yin. As long as they were able to kill Lu Yin and get their hands on the secret technique, Darkstar Gorge's power would soar, and they would be guaranteed a strong ally in the Scholar Newmoon.

"You're still not going to act? She's about to leave." Liu Shaoge stepped up onto the tower and sat down casually.

Puyu kept his back to the new arrival. "Do you think that I will be the one to act?"

Liu Shaoge's brows rose. "There's someone else?"

Puyu's lips curled up. "They'll arrive shortly."

Darkstar Gorge wasn't the only power that had made arrangements to deal with Lu Yin, as Scholar Newmoon was determined to do so as well. Although Elder Wu had gone to Shuta Planet, Scholar Newmoon had followed the original plan and traveled to East San Dios. He greatly desired the secret technique, and he also felt a need to kill Lu Yin. Elder Wu had been aware that the Scholar Newmoon

would act, so he had been at ease when he headed to Shuta Planet. However, Puyu wasn't certain what methods Elder Wu had used to guarantee that Scholar Newmoon would share the secret technique after obtaining it.

Wendy Yushan was staying in a courtyard. After receiving the picture confirming Elder Wu's death, she knew that it was time to leave. She had come to San Dios this time for two reasons. First of all, she was trying to act responsibly. The second reason was to resolve their current crisis. She and Lu Yin could not allow this conflict to reach the Frostwave Weave, and now that Elder Wu had died, it was time for her to return home.

As for the Outerverse Youth Council, it was unavoidable that its power would decline. With Enlighters running about the Outerverse and the council cut off from the support of the Ten Arbiters, it was inevitable that the power dynamic of the entire Outerverse would change. Unless the council was supported by more than just one Enlighter, its power would gradually fade away.

Although Wendy Yushan had never bothered with the council's internal matters, it had shown her a kindness that she would not forget. In the future, once she became unrivalled in the Outerverse with her secret technique, she would once again rebuild the Outerverse Youth Council out of gratitude towards the Ten Arbiters Council.

With the secret technique, Wendy no longer doubted her strength in the future unless, of course, she died prematurely.

She left the courtyard and observed her surroundings. Despite the fact that the council was already on the path to decline, no one would dare to touch them in this place. A declining power was one thing, but no one could know for certain that the Innerverse and the Outerverse would remain separated forever. There would come a day when the two regions would reconnect, and at that time, whoever acted against Wendy Yushan would have to face the punishment of the Ten Arbiters. No one was willing to take such a risk.

Closeby, there was a bang as a woman fell down. She held her forehead as she stood up. "Pain, pain..."

Wendy Yushan glanced over. "Zhao Ran, do you remember Lu Yin?"

Zhao Ran stood up with a dazed expression. "Lu Yin?"

She pondered the question for a while, but then her eyes lit up. She opened a piece of paper that was hanging from her neck and looked at it. "I remember now! Lu Yin, he brought me here. He's a good person."

Wendy Yushan looked at the girl. "Do you want to leave this place with me? I'll take you to see him."

Zhao Ran thought about it, but then she shook her head and answered in a downcast voice, "There's no need. I lose my memory often, so I'm a burden. I don't want to be a burden to him."

Wendy Yushan wanted to reply, but a kind-looking elder in white robes slowly walked over in front of her.

Wendy Yushan's gaze trembled when she saw the man, and she pushed Zhao Ran behind her while vigilantly watching the elder. "The Ross Empire's Scholar Newmoon."

This elder was the Scholar Newmoon. “Your Highness Wendy Yushan, it’s been some time.”

“We’ve met before?” she asked coldly.

He smiled faintly. “When you trespassed within the Ross Empire, I personally witnessed your battle, but I did not intervene.”

Wendy Yushan’s eyes narrowed. “What are you here for?”

Scholar Newmoon sternly answered, “The secret technique... and Lu Yin.”

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Wendy Yushan’s eyes flickered with killing intent. “Why do you want to kill Lu Yin?”

Scholar Newmoon sighed. “If I don’t kill him, then what will happen to us Enlighters’ dignity? Right now, a mere Limiteer has been falsely declared to be the nemesis of Enlighters. It’s too presumptuous.”

“It’s you guys who went too far,” she coldly retorted.

Scholar Newmoon smiled. “Is that so? You’re still young, so you don’t understand. When you reach my position, the universe’s rules become unimportant. Resources belong to the universe—not to an individual, and not a certain power either. If I need it, then I can take it for my use. Is that too difficult to understand?”

“Even though you’re called a scholar, you still believe in methods such as robbing by force,” Wendy Yushan berated.

Scholar Newmoon shook his head and sighed again. “You don’t understand, and I don’t expect you to either. Alright, pass me the secret technique, and I can spare your life. I may even take you as my disciple.”

Wendy Yushan’s right hand clenched the hilt of her sword while her left clutched the Money Bomb.

In a distant tower, Puyu and Liu Shaoge watched the events unfold. Puyu confidently said, “Things become more certain when an Enlighter senior takes action.”

Liu Shaoge’s eyes flickered; nobody could tell what he was thinking.

Inside the courtyard, Wendy Yushan pushed Zhao Ran to the side. “Get far away and don’t come close to this place!”

Zhao Ran ignorantly walked out of the courtyard.

Scholar Newmoon sized Wendy up and down. “Rest assured, I’m not despicable enough to use a commoner to threaten you. Furthermore, it wouldn’t be worth my time to threaten you. Enough, don’t force me to move. You should already know the disparity between you and an Enlighter.”

Wendy Yushan unsheathed her sword and slashed out at Scholar Newmoon. She had decided to use her actions to express her resolution. Scholar Newmoon simply shook his head. “You’re overestimating yourself.”

He then raised an arm and grabbed at the air in front of him with one hand. Wendy Yushan had used Ten Thousand Swords in One, and her sword qi nearly split the void apart. However, it was easily shattered when Scholar Newmoon simply made a grabbing motion. The star energy in his palm then expanded to form a giant palm that grabbed at her.

Wendy Yushan was only an Explorer, and the disparity between her and an Enlighter was too great. Not even her strongest sword qi could break through Scholar Newmoon's star energy.

As she watched the giant palm grab at her, Wendy Yushan's gaze trembled. "Yu Secret Art—Void Transfer."

As Wendy let out a cry, the giant hand that had been formed by Scholar Newmoon's star energy disappeared, only to instantly reappear in front of the Enlighter himself. Wendy Yushan had redirected his attack against the man himself.

Scholar Newmoon was astounded; so this was a secret technique. His gaze grew passionate.

In the distance, both Puyu and Liu Shaoge were stunned by what they had just seen. An Explorer had actually managed to divert an Enlighter's attack! This was a secret technique, which could transform something rotten into something miraculous.

Scholar Newmoon casually waved a hand, causing the giant star energy palm to disappear. He looked at Wendy Yushan with unprecedented anticipation. "No wonder. It really is a secret technique. Give it to me, and I give my word that I won't make things difficult for you."

Wendy Yushan suddenly activated her gadget and brought up something on the screen. A headless corpse was suddenly shown. "Scholar Newmoon, do you recognize this person?"

Scholar Newmoon frowned. "I don't have any connections in the Outerverse, so there's no point in trying to use someone else's life to threaten me."

Wendy Yushan continued coldly, "That's Elder Wu."

Scholar Newmoon's pupils shrank. "Impossible!"

As he continued to stare at the image on the screen, his expression gradually changed to one of shock. Puyu also came down from high above in the tower and stared at the image in astonishment. "It's the clan elder! The clan elder!"

Scholar Newmoon looked at Puyu with a cold face. "Are you certain that that's Elder Wu?"

Puyu nodded in a daze. "It's the clan elder."

Scholar Newmoon looked at Wendy Yushan. "Who killed him?"

"Who else?" Wendy Yushan proudly retorted. She raised her blade towards Scholar Newmoon once again. "He'll be here soon. You can wait around if you want to die. You can become the fourth Enlighter corpse he creates."

“Impossible! That kid caught Karthika and Lei Long off guard, but Elder Wu made preparations beforehand. How could a prepared Enlighter possibly be killed by that brat? That’s fake!” Scholar Newmoon barked.

Wendy Yushan put her gadget away. “You can judge for yourself whether or not it’s fake. Anyway, he’s on his way here.”

Scholar Newmoon’s face changed, and he stared intensely at the girl. In contrast, Puyu’s expression turned venomous as he was absolutely certain that that image showed Elder Wu’s body. The only Enlighter from Darkstar Gorge had just perished, which was a huge loss to Darkstar Gorge. During these many years, they had offended too many forces. As soon as news of Elder Wu’s death was released, Darkstar Gorge would be in trouble. They could not allow Wendy Yushan to leave this place alive.

“Senior, it will take some time for Lu Yin to arrive, and he definitely cannot deal with Enlighters that easily. You can use this time to capture this woman and then use her to control Lu Yin. You might even be able to get a hold of the item that he uses to kill Enlighters,” Puyu suggested.

Scholar Newmoon’s eyes flashed, and his body suddenly vanished. Wendy Yushan knew that something was amiss, and she directly shot her Money Bomb in a direction where no one could be seen. A beam of light shot out of the Money Bomb, and the next moment, Scholar Newmoon appeared behind Wendy with a hand stretched out to grab her. “How powerful. That must be what helped you people kill Karthika and Lei Long. It’s too bad for you that I’ve been on my guard this entire time.”

Wendy Yushan’s left hand waved through the air. “Yu Secret Art—Void Transfer.” The next moment, the light beam that had shot towards nothing suddenly vanished, and Scholar Newmoon’s face changed.

Not good! He tried to flee into the void again, but a beam of light appeared right in front of him and shot straight through his abdomen, blasting him into the ground. His body continued on, traveling straight through San Dios until it was flung down to the Prairie Flame Continent.

Scholar Newmoon had forgotten one thing: the Yu Secret Art could redirect attacks from others, but naturally, it could also shift the user’s own attacks. Wendy Yushan had known that the Enlighter had been on guard against the Money Bomb, and so, she had intentionally shot it into an empty spot to encourage him to show himself. His eagerness had provided the best opportunity for her attack to make her true strike.

The outcome had shown that she had made the right gamble. The Money Bomb’s attack was not something that could be easily withstood, and Scholar Newmoon would at least suffer heavy injuries if he managed to survive.

Everything had happened too suddenly. Scholar Newmoon had vanished and reappeared, only to be smacked towards the Prairie Flame Continent.

Wendy Yushan’s long sword struck out, and her sword qi streaked through the void towards Puyu. He was still lost in a daze, but he raised his arm when he saw the sword qi approaching him. His entire arm suddenly turned into metal before transforming into a sharp spear. Green veins soon spread across it while a blue outline covered it. Puyu had seven lined battle force.

There was a crash, and Puyu's arm shifted as he broke off the sword qi. He coldly stared at Wendy Yushan. "You want to deal with me? Don't forget that my ranking is higher than yours!"

He leaped up and dashed towards her.

After the great changes in the universe, they could no longer tear through the void like before. However, Puyu's speed was something that the average powerhouse could not even see, and it was not much different than someone directly tearing through the void.

Wendy Yushan's gaze shifted to her right, and she slashed out with her sword. There was a bang as a powerful shockwave swept out in all directions.

Outside the courtyard, Barley and the other subordinate council members hurriedly retreated, alongside the few cultivators who had not returned to the Inniverse in time. The force of the shockwave created a sharp wave of compressed air that swept across all of San Dios and sliced the ground open.

Wendy Yushan took several steps back, and Puyu howled savagely. His left arm suddenly morphed again, now taking the form of a sharp hook that stabbed out at Wendy Yushan. She blocked his attack with the edge of her sword and then spun the blade around in an attempt to cut Puyu's neck off. He didn't dodge, as instead, his neck turned to metal. There was a harsh screeching sound when the sword struck his neck, but Wendy Yushan's attack had been fruitless. On the other hand, while Wendy sliced at his neck, Puyu took the opportunity to counterattack, and the hook-shaped weapon that had replaced his hand stabbed right into her shoulder. There was a dreadful ripping sound as blood was scattered all across the ground. Wendy's shoulder had been injured, and a massive piece of her flesh had been torn off of her body.

Puyu's arm returned to its original appearance, but now, his hand was covered with her blood. "There's a tremendous difference in our strength. On Planet Pyrolyte, you weren't even able to beat Nightking Gu, so what makes you think that you can handle me?"

Wendy Yushan's left hand was holding her right shoulder while emitting a faint halo of light. She was healing herself.

Puyu snorted as his arm turned back into a hook that shot towards her. She sliced out multiple times: each slash was Ten Thousand Swords in One, and each attack carried a strength that could instantly kill the someone at the level of Zhanbing Daynight. Even if Puyu was confident in being able to block all these sword qi attacks, he would never face such a thing head on, so he dodged the sword attacks.

There was a bang, and San Dios quivered. Puyu's arm had been blocked by Wendy Yushan's raised sword. While blocking his arm, she waved her left hand. When Puyu saw this, his eyes narrowed. Not good, it's the secret technique!

Puyu pulled back without thinking, right as a sword qi attack sliced across the place where he had just stood, barely managing to snip the clothes at his waist.

Puyu felt fear and was glad that he had excellent reflexes. However, things weren't over yet. Wendy Yushan had unleashed ten consecutive sword attacks, and all of them were diverted to drown Puyu.

San Dios trembled intensely as smoke and dust rose into the sky.

Everyone stared blankly at the fight. It had been a very long time since there had last been such an intense battle here. Both of these two were among the top twenty experts of the Top Hundred Rankings.

Wendy Yushan was panting as she worked to heal her shoulder. All the while, she stared at the area where she had attacked Puyu.

A gust of wind blew past them and carried the smoke away to reveal Puyu. He was in a pathetic state, as Wendy Yushan's sword qi was not something that could be easily withstood, and even Puyu would be injured if directly struck. He was not Nightking Gu either, and he did not have anything like the Nightking's Body with strong defenses and recovery abilities. Even though he had managed to withstand Wendy's attacks with his battle force and innate gift, the attacks had managed to affect his organs. The trickle of fresh blood was quite eye-grabbing as it rolled down the corner of his lips.

Lu Yin had previously guessed that Wendy Yushan could use the secret technique to challenge the top fifteen experts of the Top Hundred Rankings. Events had now shown that his estimate was not too far off. Right now, Wendy Yushan was able to face off against Puyu.

Puyu had a gloomy face, and his eyes were venomous as they stared at Wendy Yushan. If not for her secret technique, he was confident in being able to defeat her, but unfortunately, a secret technique changed everything. He had now experienced the power of a secret technique for himself, and he felt an insatiable desire to acquire it.

Suddenly, Wendy Yushan turned to the east. Right after she turned, Scholar Newmoon tore through the void and reappeared. He was also in a pathetic state and didn't look much better than Puyu. In particular, his abdomen looked terrible and was covered with fresh blood. His face was ugly and pale.

When she saw Scholar Newmoon, Wendy took out another Money Bomb. Back on Planet Pyrolyte, Lu Yin had given Wendy Yushan one when they had faced Nightking Gu and Long Yun. This one had not been upgraded, but Wendy still took it out at this time.

Scholar Newmoon's eyes changed when he saw the green box in her hand, and a deep fear could be seen in his eyes.

This weapon by itself wasn't enough for him to feel threatened, but when combined with Wendy Yushan's secret technique, Scholar Newmoon was not fully confident in being able to deal with it. He had just experienced the power of a Money Bomb, and if not for his power vessel, then his injuries would have been far worse, and he might not have been able to return.

"Brat, do you think that I'll be struck by that again? You underestimate an Enlighter!" Scholar Newmoon threatened.

Wendy Yushan's eyes narrowed, and she hefted the Money Bomb and pointed it towards an empty area. "Do you want to try?"

Chapter 554: Stronghold

Scholar Newmoon's eyes twitched, as he was feeling uncertain. In the end, he did not understand the Yu Secret Art, as the uniqueness of the secret technique was unfathomable. After countless years, secret techniques had reached an almost mythical status, and the more hidden and secretive something was, the greater the fear it would inspire. And when Scholar Newmoon recalled the attack that he had forcefully endured from before, he fully believed that the secret technique would allow the attack from this second weapon to hit him as well. He was not confident in surviving a second attack like that.

Scholar Newmoon stared apprehensively at Wendy Yushan and the Money Bomb in her hand.

Nearby, Puyu also similarly stared at her.

Wendy Yushan's gaze was calm, and she showed no signs of panic. If she grew flustered, then it would be easy for her to get surrounded.

At that moment, Liu Shaoge appeared. "Councilor Wendy, when will Brother Lu arrive?"

She coldly answered, "Soon."

"Are you still leaving?" Liu Shaoge felt puzzled.

Her eyes narrowed. "He'll take my place and do the job of a councilor."

Liu Shaoge nodded. He then looked over at Puyu and smiled. "Councilor Puyu, do you agree?"

Puyu did not speak.

Liu Shaoge looked back at Wendy Yushan. "It would appear that Councilor Puyu does not agree. Councilor Wendy, you must remain here then."

Wendy Yushan was indifferent to his words. "It doesn't matter whether or not he agrees. When Lu Yin arrives, no one needs to think of leaving."

These words caused both Scholar Newmoon and Puyu's faces to lose color. Lu Yin had already killed Karthika and Lei Long, and recently, they had learned that he had killed Elder Wu as well. Thus, his record was currently at three dead Enlighters. Nobody knew what methods he had used to achieve this, but they seemed to be rather sneaky. Scholar Newmoon did not want to face this person without any preparations. Also, there would be Wendy Yushan aiding LuYin, and her secret technique was equally fearsome.

With her current methods, she could fire the Money Bomb and have it land on either Scholar Newmoon or Puyu. Regardless, one of them would be unlucky, and this led Scholar Newmoon to hesitate. He did not want to die, so he decided to come up with an alternative way to obtain the secret technique.

Scholar Newmoon left without saying another word.

His departure made Puyu's face turn extremely ugly. Without Scholar Newmoon, he felt like he would be dominated if he tried to face Wendy Yushan and that weapon in her hand by himself. He was alone.

Wendy Yushan secretly relaxed when she saw Scholar Newmoon leave. He had been intimidated, which was good. It meant that this deadlock had ended. She would be safe as soon as she returned to the Great Yu Empire.

Wendy Yushan looked at Puyu as killing intent radiated from her face.

His expression changed. He kept a wary eye on her as he said, "Wendy, you and I are both Outerverse Youth Council Councilors. My death will not do you any good."

Wendy Yushan's eyes flickered, but then she suddenly looked at Liu Shaoge. "Thank you for telling us about Elder Wu and Scholar Newmoon's plan. Our Great Yu Empire will remember this favor." With that, she stored the Money Bomb away and flew out of San Dios.

Liu Shaoge was stunned, as he had not expected Wendy Yushan to use this trick at the end.

Puyu looked at Liu Shaoge, and his gaze changed once again to become incomparably venomous. He finally turned to leave without saying another word.

Liu Shaoge was helpless. He had wanted to borrow Lu Yin's strength at this time to get rid of Puyu, but neither of the two were fools. As soon as their impasse was resolved, both of them would cast Liu Shaoge aside.

Liu Shaoge exhaled and shook his shoulders. His lips then rose. "Interesting."

On Shuta Planet, Lu Yin had suffered since he had spent the last several days traveling through the ground. Now, he had finally arrived at where he had hidden his spacecraft. By this time, there was more than one powerhouse from Darkstar Gorge who was searching for him. Aside from the peak Hunter he had initially seen, there were now at least two more Hunters searching for him.

Lu Yin sat in the spacecraft and immediately activated it. The vessel trembled for a moment before it charged up into space.

Not too far away, one of the Hunters saw the ascending spacecraft and immediately took action. At this time, Shuta Planet had locked down all of the trial takers and miners, so the only person who could try to leave was Lu Yin.

The Hunter unleashed countless attacks at the spacecraft in an attempt to strike Lu Yin down. However, Lu Yin combined his three Fatesands into a clump of soil that forcefully received all of the Hunter's attacks. Then, he fired his gun. The bullet distorted the void as it sped towards the Hunter with a powerful force that was enough to scare even Enlighteners.

The Hunter was overwhelmed and tried to dodge. When a powerhouse was prepared, the bullets' speed was not high enough to hit them. The Hunter successfully evaded the bullet, and the attack continued on, striking the ground before piercing through the entire planet.

Shuta Planet started to grow unstable.

But Lu Yin had no time to care about such a thing. At the same exact moment that the Hunter dodged aside, Lu Yin's vessel entered outer space, and he immediately charged towards the north.

However, not long after Lu Yin's spacecraft left the planet, another spacecraft rose up and chased after Lu Yin. This vessel was also a radiant-grade Aurora.

With Lu Yin's eyes, he was able to observe the number of rune lines from the spacecraft behind him, and he quickly realized that the peak Hunter was chasing after him. Lu Yin grew resentful, as they just wouldn't stop hounding him.

This person had resolved to kill Lu Yin, so this was probably someone who had a special relationship with Elder Wu. However, since both spacecraft were radiant-grade Auroras, it wouldn't be easy for the Hunter to catch up to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's greatest current worry was that Topmist might publicly announce how he had managed to kill Enlighters. If that happened, then every Enlighter would be prepared for him. In that case, then forget Enlighters—even Hunters would be able to threaten Lu Yin. Even if they weren't able to break through the defenses of his universal armor, they would still be able to capture him.

At that moment, his gadget beeped with a notification. It was a call from Wendy Yushan, and Lu Yin accepted it.

After some time, Lu Yin disconnected, lost in thought.

She had shared what had happened with the battle at San Dios, and Lu Yin seemed to have awakened from slumber. He had completely forgotten about the Yu Secret Art! Even if powerhouses were vigilant of Progenitor Wushang's hide, they were incapable of defending themselves against the Yu Secret Art. Nobody could easily guard themselves against that secret technique, and if Lu Yin was with Wendy Yushan, then they could rely on her secret technique to entirely divert the gun's attacks to strike Enlighters. Whoever went against the two of them would be down on their luck.

Lu Yin was thrilled. Wendy Yushan and he held no threat when they were alone, but together, his die's Enhance could upgrade weapons to the point of threatening powerhouses, and Wendy's Yu Secret Art could capitalize on that threat.

As he was thinking, Lu Yin checked the star chart for a bit. He then sent Wendy Yushan a set of coordinates and asked her to wait at that location so that they could rendezvous.

Topmist must have released Lu Yin's methods, and those Enlighters definitely would not let him go now. Even a Hunter had the guts to chase after him, let alone Enlighters.

Lu Yin had to hurry up and join forces with Wendy Yushan. Then, they could teach those Enlighters another lesson on how to be human as well as how to conduct oneself.

Right now, the more Lu Yin avoided confrontations, the more the Enlighters would believe that he had no confidence. They would gladly head to the Great Yu Empire to cause him more trouble, and he expected more than one Enlighter to move. Only by standing up for themselves and showing these powerhouses that they were at the same level would they be able to cause the Enlighters in the Outerverse to grow apprehensive.

Scholar Newmoon would not release news of his defeat to anyone, so they would be forced to spread the news themselves. Lu Yin had more than one method to target Enlighters: his other incomprehensible attack method was to use the secret technique.

He turned around to see that the peak Hunter was still chasing after him. Lu Yin had programmed his ship to automatically travel towards the coordinates he had shared with Wendy so that he could meet with her. This unlucky fellow behind him would be useful for an experiment.

The plan was good, but Lu Yin had underestimated the power of Darkstar Gorge. As the organization at the helm of Adonis Weave and as one of the few powers in the Outerverse with an Enlighter, its people were spread all throughout the surrounding weaves.

Lu Yin's route had long been determined, so there was a battleship waiting along his path.

When Lu Yin saw it, his heart sank as he saw a light beam instantly shoot out to welcome him.

He was very familiar with such light beams. Back at Darkmist Weave's pirate port, he had been severely injured by one and knocked unconscious. After that, he had been left for dead as white meat on Driftcharge Planet. Right now, he was facing the same kind of light beam, only this one was strong enough to kill even a Hunter.

The difference between a Hunter's attacks and this light beam was that this beam covered a large area, which meant that not even Lu Yin's Fatesand could block this attack. Besides, even if his Fatesand could block this beam, it wouldn't matter. There were numerous light beams shooting at him, and they covered almost the entire region of space around him.

Boom!

With a loud bang, Lu Yin's spacecraft was destroyed. He donned his universal armor and stood tall in the vacuum of outer space as battleships appeared all around him. The Hunter who had been chasing after him finally caught up.

"Seventh Bro, I'll take you to a planet," the Ghost Monkey said. His shadow started pulling Lu Yin towards a nearby dark planet.

The next moment, several more light beams swept through space, and one of them struck Lu Yin square on. This attack was not enough to break through the universal armor's defenses, but it did coincidentally hit him with enough momentum to shove him towards a different planet. This second planet had a very strange appearance. It was colored red all over, which was probably from magma. The core of this planet had already ruptured, but for some reason, the planet had not exploded yet.

When he saw this planet, Lu Yin felt that it looked strangely familiar. The push from the light beam caused him to crash onto that planet's surface.

The moment he hit the ground, Lu Yin remembered that this planet was one of the Neohuman Alliance's strongholds in the Outerverse.

Once, when he rolled six pips on his die, Possession, he had possessed the body of a high-ranking Specter clan member. That person had known where quite a few of the Neohuman's Alliance strongholds were. These strongholds were scattered not only across the Innerverse, but also throughout the Starfall Sea, Cosmic Sea, and Outerverse. This planet's surface was unique in its appearance, which was why he had remembered this information so quickly.

He remembered that the Specter clan member's impression of this planet was that there were no living organisms here and that the planet seemed to be on the verge of being destroyed, which was why no one had any interest in this place. The Neohuman Alliance's stronghold was located in the core of this planet.

His surroundings grew hotter as Lu Yin was thrust into the magma. All around him was a dark red color, but he filled his eyes with star energy and looked towards the core. But it was too far away, so he could not see it.

At this moment, he was struck by a strong pressure wave from above. There was a powerful attack headed towards him. Lu Yin didn't hesitate and charged towards the core.

"Seventh Bro, don't get captured, or else things will get tough." The monkey was growing anxious.

Lu Yin quietly replied, "They can't capture me."

There was a loud blast, and the ground behind them exploded. The peak Hunter had arrived, and he kept his eyes closed as he swung his longsword at Lu Yin. The youth quickly dodged aside as the attack tore open the ground and opened up a fissure that led towards the center of the planet.

Lu Yin hastened along the opening.

The Hunter chased after him. This person was Elder Wu's son, and he was determined to take Lu Yin's blood in revenge.

Some time later, Lu Yin suddenly felt that his surroundings were no longer as scorchingly hot, and he knew that he was getting close to the core now. Another sharp attack struck out from behind him. He did not dodge this time and instead allowed the attack to land on his back, hitting him with a tremendous force that launched him towards the core of the planet. With a loud crash, Lu Yin burst into a hollow environment. Before he could gather his senses, he felt himself crash into something else, and indistinctly heard a peculiar roar.

Lu Yin moved. He heard a grating sound as his armor scraped against the ground beneath him. When he looked up, he saw a pair of scarlet eyes that were only centimeters away from him.

Lu Yin was startled, and he immediately backed up, his face deathly pale. The monkey was similarly startled. "What the-"

In front of them was a Corpse King.

Chapter 555: Strange Mummy

The Corpse King's scarlet eyes stared at Lu Yin. Then, it raised its rotten arms and ruthlessly clawed at Lu Yin. However, Lu Yin merely shoved it aside with a casual motion before taking a good look around. This place appeared to be some kind of lab, and there was a massive hole above his head. He had forcefully entered this place.

There were quite a few blue crystals piled up around the lab, which were energy crystals that could assist cultivators in using water-type battle techniques. Some Corpse Kings would eat these to obtain innate gifts.

Previously, when he had been on Earth, Lu Yin had encountered one such Corpse King outside of Jinlin. These special Corpse Kings were what the Neohuman Alliance needed.

This planet was indeed one of the Neohuman Alliance's bases.

The ground trembled as more ash fell down from above. Lu Yin looked up and saw a considerable amount of rune lines converging. That peak Hunter from Darkstar Gorge had gotten tangled up with the Neohuman Alliance.

Any Neohuman Alliance base would not be a simple place, and each one would have at least a Hunter overseeing it. It would not be easy for this Hunter from Darkstar Gorge to wipe out this stronghold.

The Corpse King roared again before it snarled at Lu Yin and dashed towards him. Lu Yin frowned and exerted a bit of his strength with one hand to instantly kill the Corpse King.

Although the Neohuman Alliance could help Lu Yin deal with the powerhouse from Darkstar Gorge, the Neohuman Alliance itself was one of the human race's greatest enemies. Any Corpse King that one met had to be taken care of.

Lu Yin burst out of the lab and looked out. There were more than ten laboratories in a row. He walked past each one, destroying the Corpse Kings within as he went by.

When he reached the last lab, he looked up. The rune lines had somewhat diminished. This base wasn't an overly strong one, and even the Hunter protecting it was not a peak Hunter, let alone a Transformed Corpse King. This was evident by the fact that the guardian of this base could not fight off the Hunter from Darkstar Gorge. Thus, Lu Yin decided that he would lend them a hand.

Lu Yin was only able to take a few steps forward when he suddenly felt his scalp go numb. His domain mysteriously crumbled apart, and an indescribable chill enveloped him, making him shudder uncontrollably. He reflexively filled his eyes with star energy as checked around him before looking down below. He saw an incredible, boundless amount of rune lines. The number even surpassed what Lu Yin had seen from Karthika, Lei Long, and Elder Wu.

There's an Enlighter here! Lu Yin's pupils shrank. Damn, there's even this kind of powerhouse here?

Lu Yin raised a hand to blast through the ceiling up above him, and he hurriedly charged out of the Neohuman Alliance base.

The planet that he was on was very special. At this moment, the magma was being pushed away from the core of the planet, and this phenomenon was not artificially induced by the Neohuman Alliance. When they had first found this planet, it had already been in this state. The main reason why they had chosen this planet as one of their strongholds was because, at the planet's core, there was something worthy of their study: a dried mummy.

This desiccated corpse had existed for countless years and emitted an aura that was able to push the magma back, which had drastically reduced the longevity of the planet.

The mummy was located at the core of the planet, and Lu Yin was standing a mere hundred meters away from it.

At the core, the originally immobile mummy suddenly opened its eyes. Ancient bloodline discovered. Mission target confirmed. Kill.

Lu Yin dashed upwards, away from the lab and towards the upper levels of the base, frantically trying to escape.

In the distance, the Hunter from Darkstar Gorge was struggling against the Corpse King Hunter when he saw Lu Yin. He angrily barked, "You can't escape!"

He instantly chased after Lu Yin with his top speed.

Lu Yin turned his head around. He wasn't trying to look at the Darkstar Gorge Hunter, but rather, further underground. The rune lines had increased yet again. A chill ran down his spine.

"Lu Yin! I want you to shed blood in memory of my father's brave spirit!" The powerhouse from Darkstar Gorge shouted at Lu Yin. The man had a sinister expression.

Lu Yin looked behind him and gritted his teeth. "Don't chase me! There's someone even more powerful behind us. Get rid of him and then we can talk."

The Darkstar Gorge expert involuntarily looked down, and his pupils shrank. At the same time, Lu Yin looked back again, and his pupils shrank as well. The monkey shrieked, "RUN, SEVENTH BRO!"

Lu Yin saw as the Hunter realm Corpse King continued to struggle with the man from Darkstar Gorge. Suddenly, the Corpse King's head was crushed by a mummy-looking thing that had reached out with its hand. The desiccated corpse shook the headless body in its hand away. In the darkness of this underground place, it looked terrifying, as if it were the devil itself. The eyes of the mummified figure were completely colorless, but Lu Yin felt as if they were staring straight at him.

Lu Yin's face turned a deathly pale white; this monster was definitely staring at him with the intent to kill him. What's going on? A freak just appeared out of nowhere.

The expert from Darkstar Gorge went pale as well. He could feel a terrifying aura that surpassed even his father's. This was a fearsome powerhouse with a power level that exceeded 200,000! His only guess was that this was some freak that the Neohuman Alliance had been studying.

Lu Yin and the Darkstar Gorge man had no time to bicker with each other any more. They turned tail and fled to the surface, crushing the ground in their wake.

The mummy dropped the Corpse King and then slowly turned around. Its neck gave off creaking sounds, perhaps due to it having remained motionless for so long. Then, its four limbs moved at once; its knees bent down, and with a bang, its entire body shattered the ground it chased after the fleeing figures with an unstoppable energy.

The man from Darkstar Gorge tore through the void and made to leave, but Lu Yin noticed his movements. He pulled out Progenitor Wushang's hide and shouted, "Hey!"

The man instinctively looked over and saw the Progenitor Wushang's hide, jolting his brain. He had taken all sorts of precautions up to this moment, but he had been too careless at this crucial junction, falling victim to Lu Yin's schemes.

Lu Yin did not plan on killing the man, as he just wanted to outrun him.

The man didn't remain dazed for more than two seconds before regaining control of himself. He couldn't see Lu Yin anymore, and his expression turned livid. He tore the void and stepped through. After all, he was a Hunter who could move through the void.

However, right as his other leg was about to enter the void, his back went tight, and an intense pain suddenly filled his body. The next instant, he was able to see his own back, Eh? How can I see my own back? Behind me is that mummy.

The Darkstar Gorge powerhouse's neck had been snapped in two and his head tossed away. The mummy hadn't even stopped for more than a moment before it continuing its mad dash towards the surface.

A peak Hunter had not even been able to resist, but he was at least fortunate enough not to have suffered in his death.

Based on the number of rune lines that the mummy had, Lu Yin knew that the Hunter wouldn't be able to delay the thing in the slightest. As soon as he arrived on the planet's surface, he immediately threw out the chest with the sourcebox. After moving some distance away, he tapped out and opened the chest. The sourcebox's formless danger appeared, and Lu Yin released his domain to search for the Hunter's Aurora.

"Seventh Bro, that monster's here!" the monkey screamed in terror.

Lu Yin gritted his teeth. "Get us into space."

The monkey morphed into a shadow and towed Lu Yin off the planet.

The mummy emerged from underground and into the danger zone of the sourcebox, where it was forced to stop.

Lu Yin looked back behind him and saw that the mummy had been restricted by the sourcebox's formless attacks. He relaxed slightly as the monkey moved with the greatest speed he had ever achieved to escape.

The mummy looked up with eyes that could swallow all light. It focused on the sourcebox inside the open chest. Its eyes moved about before it suddenly leaped up. Lu Yin's eyes went wide as he stared blankly as the rune lines of the sourcebox's formless danger inundated the mummy. However, the expected scene of the mummified figure being injured did not occur. The invisible danger that had made Elder Wu and Topmist so nervous was not able to harm the mummy in any way.

Lu Yin went numb. Next, he shot his gun at the mummy.

The bullets from the gun were not very fast, and any Hunter could evade them if they were prepared. However, the mummy did not bother dodging at all, and the bullet burrowed right into its chest. However, even that turned out to be completely ineffective. The mummy's body only paused for a moment before it continued its charge towards Lu Yin.

“Hurry!” Lu Yin felt his hair stand on end.

The Ghost Monkey cried out, “Why are you blaming me now? This is all your fault! You just had to provoke that monster. I’ve even used up all the strength that was meant for my reincarnation, but I can’t outrun this monster.”

The mummy didn’t move very quickly, but every step that it took transcended space. This was different from tearing through the void, and it was also different from how Tian Hou could merge itself with the void. This was as if the mummy was stepping on top of space itself.

As he watched the mummy close in on him, Lu Yin had no other choice. He took out the monkey’s small piece of Progenitor Wushang’s hide and aimed it at the mummy. When the mummy’s dark eyes saw the piece of skin, its body suddenly stopped, and Lu Yin realized that the hide was effective. He gritted his teeth and tossed the bit of hide onto the mummy’s head, and it just so happened to cover the mummy’s eyes.

Progenitor Wushang’s hide could only cause an Enlightener to be stunned for a second or two, and simply shifting one’s gaze was enough to avoid the hide’s effect, and it should be the same for the mummy. The thing only needed to avert its gaze, but fortunately, it was not human, and it didn’t seem to be intelligent. The thing only continued to stare stupidly at the hide. A human would immediately know to move Progenitor Wushang’s hide to the side, but this mummy didn’t.

Lu Yin could only take this gamble since he had no other choice and this mummy was too strange.

The monkey did not even have time to feel sorry about the loss as he desperately dragged Lu Yin onto a battleship that was still above the planet.

Through this manner, the mummy was confined in place with its eyes being covered by Progenitor Wushang’s hide.

The battleships ahead of Lu Yin and the monkey fired light beams at them. The monkey bellowed, “Who dares to attack me? This monkey will fight you with everything I have!”

All of the beast’s potential seemed to surge forth, and he forcibly avoided all of the light beams before charging into one of the battleships and leaving a large hole in the hull.

Inside the spacecraft, all of the cultivators from Darkstar Gorge charged forward to attack Lu Yin. However, Lu Yin had already donned his universal armor, and he struck out with Thirty Stacks and split the vessel open. One Explorer sliced at Lu Yin with his blade, but Lu Yin easily caught the blade and wrapped his other hand around the Explorer’s neck before throwing him beneath the spacecraft. The man was already beyond dead.

Lu Yin had no time to waste on these people, and his domain expanded as he searched for a personal spacecraft on the ruined battleship. He continuously broke through the walls as he searched.

In outer space, outside the battleships, the mummy was still trapped there, motionless. Its eyes were wide open, and it continued to stare at Progenitor Wushang’s hide in the same manner as before. Anyone looking at the skin would be stunned, but the mummy didn’t know how to close its eyes nor that it should remove the hide. Thus, it had been trapped in this vicious cycle.

Lu Yin soon found a personal spacecraft. Although it was not an Aurora, its speed was not far behind a radiant-grade Aurora's. Its only inferiority was that this vessel could not be upgraded.

He sat in the spacecraft and dashed into space, once again setting off towards the agreed upon coordinates to meet with Wendy Yushan.

There were quite a few battleships in space, but none of them could block his path. Once Lu Yin was struck onto the planet, their encirclement had already been broken.

As the people on the battleships watched on blankly, Lu Yin departed in his new spacecraft, and quite a few Explorers appeared around the vessels. They were supposed to protect the battleships, but now that Lu Yin had escaped, they could not report back. They had to find the Hunter who had chased Lu Yin down to the planet.

In space, the mummy with Progenitor Wushang's hide covering its head attracted quite some attention.

A few Explorers flew beside the mummy, and their brains felt dizzy when they looked at Progenitor Wushang's hide. They then all fell onto the planet, and in the next moment, a battleship fired its weapons on the mummy. The people aboard the spacecraft had assumed that the mummy had attacked the Explorers and had opened fire in retaliation.

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The light beam struck the mummy's body straight on, and the impact caused it to be flung back down to the planet. On the other hand, the piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide that had been draped over the mummy's head shifted to the side, no longer blocking both of the mummy's eyes. The mummy was no longer stunned.

From high above the planet, the battleships rained beams of light down upon the mummy.

It looked up at the vessels. Its eyes that didn't hold even the slightest trace of light struck fear into the people aboard the spacecraft. The mummy charged into outer space, crashing through the bombardment with nothing more than its body. It easily shattered a battleship with a swipe of its hand, and then another. Soon, all of the battleships from Darkstar Gorge had been destroyed without a single survivor.

The people from Darkstar Gorge who had surrounded Lu Yin were now all dead with only the mummy remaining. Progenitor Wushang's hide was still partially draped over the mummy's head, which made for a morbidly comical scene.

"Ancient bloodline, escape. Must kill." A mechanical voice sounded out from the mummy. Then, it took step after step through space as it headed towards Lu Yin.

In the darkness of outer space, Lu Yin panted heavily as he sat down within a spacecraft. On his arm, the Ghost Monkey tattoo also panted comically. The existence of that mummy made the two of them feel cursed, as that monster had been far more terrifying than a Corpse King, though a Corpse King had a much worse appearance.

"Seventh Bro, could you stop provoking things like that? Just look at the things that you've provoked! A Corpse King that can transform, an isolated island that has screaming ghosts, and this time, a mummy!

Seriously, how is it that you keep getting involved with such strange and mysterious things?" the monkey complained.

Lu Yin snapped back, "Shut up! How was I the one who provoked it? That monster ran out on its own!"

"In any case, it has to be related to you. I have that sort of suspicion." The monkey was indignant.

Lu Yin could not be bothered to reply. He looked behind and relaxed, as he was not being chased. His luck was good, as this vessel turned out to be quite fast. Otherwise, he would have been finished back there.

"Right, Progenitor Wushang's hide! Seventh Bro, give me back my piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide!" The monkey suddenly remembered what had been lost and started wailing anxiously.

Lu Yin rolled his eyes and directly screened the beast off. The monkey didn't even have a right to feel disgruntled, as that piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide had been Lu Yin's spoils of war when he defeated the monkey. And that was not even mentioning how useful that thing had been to him so far. No one felt the loss more acutely than Lu Yin, and his only consolation was that he still had the larger piece of hide.

As for Progenitor Wushang's inheritance, Lu Yin did not care about it at all. It was in the Astral Beast Domain, and if he went looking for it, the only outcome would be his death.

Although the loss of the hide cut deeply, it was worth it to trade one piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide for his own life.

He stared into the darkness of outer space and sighed emotionally. The universe was just too vast; any random planet in the Outerverse could be hiding such a monstrous thing. That monster was much stronger than the average Enlighter, and the Outerverse would soon be facing some trouble.

Fortunately, the Outerverse was enormous, so the monster wouldn't be able to find Lu Yin.

The location where Lu Yin was to meet up with Wendy Yushan was at the fringe of Darkmist Weave. He glanced at his route, and since he was already on the weave's fringes, he would arrive in about half a day. Finally free from danger, Lu Yin closed his eyes as he wanted to rest for a while. He had not been able to relax at all recently.

Right, Elder Wu's cosmic ring. Lu Yin suddenly thought of his spoils of war as he drifted off. He could not wait to scour through the Enlighter's cosmic ring.

After an unknown amount of time, the beeping of his gadget awoke Lu Yin.

Lu Yin rubbed his forehead and checked his position. He had less than an hour to go before he arrived at the meeting place. He then checked his gadget and blinked. Liu Shaoge was calling him.

"Brother Lu, congratulations on resolving that ambush," Liu Shaoge's voice sounded out.

Lu Yin smiled. "I should thank Brother Liu for your help. Without your information, I might not have been able to escape from this dangerous situation."

“Heaven helps the worthy.’ This sentence describes Brother Lu very well. You won’t die young. Even without me, you still would have managed to get through this scheme alive,” Liu Shaoge said with a smile.

Lu Yin’s lips curled up. Wendy Yushan had informed him of what she had said to Liu Shaoge before leaving and how she had set him up. Lu Yin appreciated such crafty moves. Liu Shaoge had told Lu Yin about Puyu’s scheme not to benefit Lu Yin but rather because Liu Shaoge had wanted to use Lu Yin to deal with Darkstar Gorge and get rid of Puyu. Then, Liu Shaoge would be the only one in control of San Dios. His ambition had never been hidden.

As for Liu Shaoge, regardless of whether it was the alliance between Darkstar Gorge and Scholar Newmoon failing, or Lu Yin being defeated, there would be no harm to himself. He only wanted to reap the benefits while watching on as an audience member.

Unfortunately, Wendy Yushan’s words had thrown Liu Shaoge directly into a den of tigers, and Puyu now bore a grudge against him. This pleased Lu Yin, as some people would act as if they were so smart that they could control the fates of others, but in the end, they would fall victim to their own deviousness. Lu Yin had been on the receiving end of such schemes before, and it was Liu Shaoge’s turn this time around.

“Brother Liu’s luck is pretty good. You were even able to gain Nightking Zhenwu’s recognition. In the past, when Brother Liu was taken away by Qingyu, I thought that I wouldn’t be able to meet you again in my entire lifetime,” Lu Yin replied back with a smile.

Liu Shaoge exclaimed, “That’s right! One of us was in the Inverse’s Daynight Flowzone while the other was in a fringe weave of the Outerverse. The distance between the two places is very great, but Brother Lu still walked out of that place. Brother Lu, that’s extremely admirable.”

Lu Yin smiled, but he did not respond this time. He was waiting for Liu Shaoge to bring up a certain topic.

“But, Brother Lu, there are some things you did that weren’t too pure-hearted. Out of pure goodwill, I let you know about a dangerous situation, and yet you’ve betrayed me! Now, Puyu watches me like a grudgeful hawk.” Liu Shaoge’s smile slipped away.

Lu Yin was astonished. “Why, what happened?”

“Brother Lu doesn’t know?”

“I’ve been in Darkmist Weave this whole time, so I don’t actually know what’s been happening in San Dios.”

“Since that’s the case, it looks like I’ve wronged you,” Liu Shaoge spoke helplessly.

Lu Yin smiled. “Brother Liu, Wendy sometimes acts too willfully. Please don’t pay her any mind.”

Liu Shaoge’s tone grew more relaxed. “If it wasn’t something that Brother Lu intentionally plotted, then it’s fine. However, being too outstanding will also draw too much attention to yourself. You’ve killed three Enlighters now, which is a humiliation to those almighty beings. You were able to resolve the situation this time, but if three Enlighters team up to act against you, then will you still emerge victorious?”

Lu Yin's face grew solemn, as Liu Shaoge had just described a situation that he truly feared. But worrying was one thing, and he would not allow himself to be anxious about something that had not happened yet. This time, the actions of he and Wendy had essentially announced to all the Enlighteners that, when the two of them joined forces, they were able to drag any powerhouse down along with them.

"Thank you for the reminder, Brother Liu."

The call ended soon after, and Lu Yin looked up. He was about to arrive.

Their meeting location was only three filaments away from Shenwu Continent, and he could get to the continent in just half a day with how fast his spacecraft was.

Wendy had traveled from Adonis Weave to Darkmist Weave, so it would take her two more days to arrive. Lu Yin checked on the situation when he neared the meeting point, and he was stunned to find that the planet had been turned into a training ground.

Planet Woodrock was a very ordinary planet, and its civilization had only reached the stage of an ancient society. Lu Yin had randomly chosen this planet as the meeting place with Wendy out of pure coincidence and convenience. Who could have guessed that, less than ten hours after deciding on this place, it would be turned into a training ground.

However, Lu Yin could not be bothered to change their meeting point. A training ground was just a training ground, and given his current status, there were few places in the Outerverse that he could not step foot on. So what if he and Wendy were discovered by the powers behind the training ground? Even the strongest person from Darkmist Weave, Topmist, didn't dare to face Lu Yin by himself.

Of course, there were some exceptions like that monstrous mummy, but he doubted that he would run into such occasions that often. And he had already suffered from the bad luck of running into one earlier.

On a continent on Planet Woodrock, a giant, ancient city burned. This was the capital of a country, but there were zombies roaming everywhere. Meanwhile, there was a small group of people who had gathered together to resist the zombies' onslaught.

Compared to the apocalypse on Earth, the ancient society on this planet was facing the zombies with greater efficiency, as the people of this planet were naturally more warlike. Even their commoners had physiques that far surpassed what Earth's soldiers had during their apocalypse. Also, these people's weapons were swords and clubs, which were easily found. On the other hand, back on Earth, everyone had searched for guns, but they hadn't been able to find any.

The conflagration had engulfed the entire city, and the palace was also in flames. Even the emperor had turned into a zombie. The palace continued to blaze with fire as the city burned down to nothing. Many imperial servants, maids, eunuchs, and ministers were still trapped in the palace, and they trembled as they hid within a circle of guards. Everyone looked like they were drowning in their own despair. No one knew what was happening, as in just an instant, countless people had transformed into freaks, and even the emperor had changed.

To these people, the sky had collapsed since the emperor had also turned into a monster.

Fiery streaks crashed into the ground from the heavens.

One of the streaks careened towards the palace, and its impact shattered the very earth. A ferocious shockwave rippled out from the crash, destroying more than half of the palace.

Countless zombies were reduced to ashes.

The guards killed the zombies and slowly approached the site of the impact.

“It’s a divine rock! It must be the divine rock! The gods are helping us!” one minister cheered wildly.

Many ministers beside him knelt down and kowtowed towards the personal spacecraft that lay within the crater.

The surrounding guards were also berated by those ministers before being forced to kneel down and kowtow together with the rest of the people.

There was a crack as the hatch of the spacecraft opened. Outside the crater, everyone looked up in astonishment as they saw a young man with strange clothes walk out of the “divine rock.” One of the ministers screamed, “Deity, save us, please!”

“Deity, save us! Save us!” The crowd kowtowed to the young man again.

Lu Yin calmly looked at them. He then activated his gadget, and his brows shot up in surprise. Within this group, there was a Melder whose power level was approaching 5,000. Some distance further away, his gadget had detected more than one other Melder. This place proved to be a warfare-driven ancient society where all of its natives were well-versed in combat. Although this place could not lift a candle to Shenwu Continent, the people here were much stronger than on Earth. It should be known that the Seven Sages back on Earth had merely been Sentinels.

Lu Yin looked up as another fiery streak crashed down from space.

Lu Yin’s eyes narrowed, and he pressed against his spacecraft and exerted some strength to force the vessel beneath the surface. After it was out of sight, he casually waved a hand and caused some crushed rocks to bury the crater. His body twitched as it instantly disappeared from the crowd’s sight.

When the ministers and guards looked up, they realized that Lu Yin had disappeared.

A different corner of the palace was crushed by another ferocious shockwave, turning many zombies to ash. Another personal spacecraft appeared in a crater on the ground. This time, the occupant was a trial taker from Darkmist Weave.

The ministers and guards hurried towards the new landing site and looked at the open hatch of the small personal spacecraft, but they didn’t see anyone inside. The trial taker had fled at the first opportunity.

Lu Yin stood atop the palace, and he was flabbergasted when he looked towards the new landing site. Nothing could escape his notice within his domain, and the person who had been in that spacecraft had left their vessel at the earliest moment and then hid in the shadows. Their actions were very smooth, and they were obviously trained in subterfuge.

This feeling that he got from this newcomer, on top of the trial planet being in Darkmist Weave, reminded Lu Yin of a certain profession: assassins.

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There were many trained individuals who knew how to hide themselves quickly, such as soldiers or experienced cultivators. However, in Darkmist Weave, there was one profession that they were not lacking in: assassins. And the strongest assassin organization in the weave was Mafioso Planet.

This planet enjoyed a high position in Darkmist Weave, and its reputation was consistent even in the surrounding weaves. In some way, they were reminiscent of the Relentless Slayers in Chaos Flowzone. This group had nurtured many outstanding killers.

The filament where Planet Woodrock was located was not very far from Mafioso Planet, so Lu Yin immediately thought of them. This batch of trial takers was most likely from Mafioso Planet.

This group of assassins was one of the powers that coveted Shenwu Continent, and they could even be said to be the strongest power after the sealed continent. It was rumored that Mafioso Planet had an Enlighter realm assassin, and if Lu Yin's guess was correct, then that person should be Topmist.

That would be quite the coincidence. Lu Yin's eyes turned cold at the thought. Topmist had nearly killed him. If these trial takers were truly from Mafioso Planet, then there was no reason for them to leave in one piece. He could have some fun before Wendy arrived.

As more and more spacecraft dropped down from the sky, multiple trial takers began to appear in the zombie-filled capital. As long as there was a trial, there would be a mission. The top mission during Earth's trial had been to capture Qingyu, which had been extremely difficult and was still fresh in Lu Yin's memory.

Disregarding the increasing commotion outside, Lu Yin sealed himself inside one of the palace's buildings before taking Elder Wu's cosmic ring out. He used the dead Enlighter's blood to open the ring and dumped everything out.

He looked through Elder Wu's items and was dumbfounded. Not because there was too much, but rather because the things inside were just too strange. The old fogey's cosmic ring held many strange bottles and containers. Some were filled with liquids of various colors—some of which were even bubbling. Everything was simply weird.

"Seventh Bro, these should be poisons," the monkey said.

Lu Yin's eyes filled with star energy, and when he looked at these bottles and containers again, he was astonished. The rune lines that filled his vision were impressive, and each container's rune lines were at least equivalent to a Hunter's. Some of the items even had rune lines that approached what Lu Yin had seen from Karthika.

Rune lines represented how much influence something could exert on the universe, and it was an even more intuitive way of determining strength than the gadgets' power level numbers. This meant that some of these containers held substances that approached the influence of an Enlighter.

If these were poisons, then some of them could kill Hunters and even harm Enlighters.

Lu Yin carefully set those strange containers aside and stored them away before continuing on. He could not use them for now, and he couldn't even determine their usages. Thus, he could only wait until he found someone in the future who could.

After he carefully stored the containers away, he checked to see how many star essence Elder Wu possessed, but to his disappointment, he only found about 2,000 essence.

Elder Wu was an Enlightener from the Outerverse, and it should be expected that he would only have this much star essence.

Aside from the star essence, Lu Yin also found hundreds of thousands of star crystals as well as a few Mavis Bank cards.

Unfortunately, these cards were useless to him. He had already used up all of the blood that he had taken from Elder Wu to open the cosmic ring, so there was no way for him to use these restricted cards and access the money stored inside.

Lu Yin clenched his teeth. The Mavis Bank earned an obscene amount of money. There were many people who died every year whose money would become inaccessible after their death. This ended up benefitting the Mavis Bank, and the sum of these useless cards could reach astronomical numbers. Lu Yin was absolutely certain that Elder Wu's bank cards represented an astounding amount of wealth since each of the cards was gold colored.

The Mavis Bank's crystal cards were differentiated into tiers by color. The first was green, which was followed by blue, black, gold, purple, and red.

Black and gold cards would only be given to a client after they deposited a certain amount of star crystals. The cards beyond gold used star essence as currency. Since Elder Wu's cards were all gold, then he should have a substantial amount of star crystals in his account, but unfortunately, it was all just out of reach.

Aside from these items, the old man's cosmic ring also held many medicines from Shamrock Enterprises, as well as some unknown items. Lu Yin had now killed three Enlighteners, and he had obtained many things that he did not recognize. He gathered all of the unknown items together and stored them in a separate cosmic ring with the intention of having someone identify everything in there someday in the future. Anything that an Enlightener felt was worth storing should not be too common.

He felt rather curious about these containers, as some even had gases suspended inside of certain liquids, but those gases gave him chills. After considering things thoroughly, Lu Yin stored everything away. There was always a chance that he could use them in the future.

He was inwardly rejoicing that he had not given Elder Wu any chance to act. Otherwise, Lu Yin would not have been able to survive if any one of these strange containers had been thrown at him. Every Enlightener had different methods to protect themselves, so it was important to kill them immediately. Otherwise, even with his universal armor, Lu Yin wouldn't be comfortable with fighting them.

Right now, Lu Yin only had about 2,000 star essence to his name. He sighed. He had suffered a huge financial loss during this debacle. However, the star essence had been mainly used to upgrade the

polarium to polarium essence, which was rather valuable. He still had about 310 tonnes left in his cosmic ring, which was quite a substantial amount.

A violent noise was soon heard nearby as some zombies arrived outside the building where Lu Yin had sealed himself. They were madly trying to smash down the door.

Lu Yin frowned. Although zombies had no intelligence, they had a very acute sense for the presence of other living creatures. In fact, they had even been able to discover his existence.

He opened the door and Lu Yin's body flashed before he vanished within the crowd of zombies.

Inside the capital, there was a giant brothel. And in this building, there were many female zombies scantily clad as they brandished their claws and roamed about the building.

In the courtyard of the brothel, more than a hundred people had gathered together. This included the patrons of the previous night, as well as some commoners who had hid inside. There was also a wanderer.

A middle-aged man was squatting on the ground, shivering. He fearfully looked through the cracks in the wall to see the roaming zombies. He was quite familiar with one of the creatures; she was the lady whom he had spent the previous night with. She had initially been a lovely and charming girl, but now, she had turned into a blood-sucking monster. It was enough to drive the man insane.

Thump!

Thump!

Thump!

A loud sound was heard from the giant boulder at the courtyard's entrance. Many zombies had gathered outside the courtyard and were trying to smash the massive stone apart to gain entry into the courtyard.

Behind the rock stood a wanderer with a spear who was dressed in grey robes. At this moment, his face was ashen. He firmly stared at the rock.

Crack!

The boulder suddenly shattered, and the wanderer's expression changed. He clenched his jaw as his spear pierced the rock and skewered the brains of several zombies on the other side. The spear of the tip trembled with energy and shattered the brains, but the attack also caused the rock to shatter.

"Everyone, I've done my best, but I can only protect myself. May fortune smile upon you all," the wanderer barked. His spear moved like a flying dragon as it swept the many zombies that had surrounded the man aside. Then, he stabbed the spear into the ground and violently lifted it up. Countless pieces of rubble shot out in all directions and pierced through many of the zombies' heads. This one strike caused the brothel to crumble, but it also opened up a path of escape for the people who had been hiding within the building.

The wanderer watched them with a helpless expression and sighed. He then leaped up and dashed out of the brothel. As he had said, he was only able to protect himself, as there were too many monsters. No matter how strong he was, his strength would eventually run out against innumerable zombies.

It was already very decent that he could open up a path for those people. He was a reputable adventurer on this continent, but he could only do this much.

Suddenly, something cold flashed in front of the wanderer's eyes, and a black fog enveloped him. All he felt was a tearing pain in his neck, and he reflexively lashed out with his spear to sweep the fog aside. However, his neck was also torn apart, causing a fountain of fresh blood to spurt out. His lifeless body slowly crumbled to the ground.

Those who had been hiding in the brothel were dumbfounded as they watched this scene.

From beside the wanderer's corpse, a pale-looking youth stepped out. He bent down and casually beheaded the fallen man before storing the head in his cosmic ring. He didn't even glance at the people hiding before leaping away.

Similar scenes occurred all over the continent. This was the main mission of this trial. It was an assassination mission, and the trial takers had all been tasked with killing Planet Woodrock's cultivators. Each participant could only kill cultivators at their same realm or stronger, and their results would be judged based on their headcount at the end.

This was a trial by blood.

Although Earth's trial had not been intentionally set up, the trial's objective had not been to cause a bloodbath. Rather, it was to filter out the elites, from both the trial takers and the natives. For example Zhang Dingtian, Bai Xue, and the others were elites who had been selected by the Great Yu Empire.

On the other hand, the trial on Planet Woodrock was specifically set up to train killers, and this trial was also designed to last for a long time. Now that zombies had appeared, it also meant that there was a possibility of the planet's natives quickly growing stronger. This meant that there would be an endless supply of cultivators on this planet, which was why it had been chosen to become a long-term trial venue.

To the natives of Planet Woodrock, this decision was very cruel. They were essentially being raised like pigs for the trial takers to slaughter. Of course, there would always be the occasional outstanding native among them, and those specially talented people might be taken away from the planet.

Lu Yin dropped a trial taker's corpse. After obtaining the information that he wanted, his expression had become complex. Was it sympathy? Perhaps, but this was the wider universe. The dark law of the jungle did not care about cruelty. Everyone was the hunter, but everyone was also the prey.

He heard some footsteps from behind, and he calmly turned around to see a bespectacled girl walking towards him from nearby trembling. This girl was another trial taker.

Lu Yin had not tried to cover his tracks or sneak around after realizing that these trial takers were from Mafioso Planet. Before Wendy arrived, he would kill however many he could, which could be considered as a kind of revenge against Topmist.

The trial takers themselves were all killers who were devoid of emotions. He felt no guilt for killing them.

However, the girl approaching him seemed to be different from the other killers who were trial takers.

"I- I'm so- sorry. Please don't kill me! I- I'm not a bad person." The girl in glasses fearfully looked at Lu Yin as her body shrank into a small ball. She looked like a frightened rabbit.

Lu Yin slowly walked over to her.

When she saw that Lu Yin was getting closer, the girl became even more terrified. She lowered her head and bit her lip.

"Are you from Mafioso Planet as well?" Lu Yin asked.

She nodded, but then suddenly thought of something and shook her head. She exchanged glances with Lu Yin, as if thinking for a moment. She then bit her lip again and nodded. "We're all from Mafioso Planet."

"Were you born there?" Lu Yin asked indifferently.

She nodded. "My parents and relatives were all born there, so I had no choice."

"How many have you killed?" Lu Yin asked.

The girl's eyes went wide, and she vigorously shook her head in denial. "None! I haven't killed anyone! That's why they sent me here. They want to force me to kill people, but I don't want to kill anyone."

Lu Yin nodded and turned to look off into the distance. He could see various regions of the city being covered in flames. This was just the capital, but after considering the fact that the entire continent, or perhaps even the entire planet, was being drowned in chaos, just how many would die on this day?

A slightly chilly feeling came from his waist, and Lu Yin turned around to see that the girl in glasses who had been trembling just earlier, now had wide eyes and a green dagger in her hand. She stared at Lu Yin in disbelief as she stabbed at him again. However, no matter what she did, she couldn't even pierce his skin.

"So you're a Melder. With your techniques, even genius Melders wouldn't be able to evade your knife. I'll ask you again—how many have you killed?" Lu Yin quietly asked as he slowly lifted a hand and grabbed the bespectacled girl.

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The bespectacled girl quickly pulled away. She clenched her teeth in agony as she looked at Lu Yin. After that, she abruptly turned around and fled into the shadows around the corner.

Lu Yin did not chase after her. Instead, he looked at the green poison that now stained his clothes. He looked in the direction that the girl had fled and sank deep into thought.

The bespectacled girl fled for a whole ten minutes. During this time, she used every technique that she had learned on Planet Mafioso to increase her chances of escaping. She was confident that, after all of her efforts, not even an elite Limiteer would be able to catch her. With that assurance in mind, she finally stopped at a corner to catch her breath.

“What kind of monster was that? I couldn’t even break through his defenses, and his power level was too high to be measured by my gadget. Is he a Melder or a Limiteer? How did he get here? This planet should be locked down.” The bespectacled lady patted her chest to calm herself as she mumbled to herself.

“I’m a Limiteer,” a soft voice suddenly echoed in the girl’s ears. The young woman’s pupils constricted violently as she quickly dodged and looked to the side. There, she saw Lu Yin leaning against a wall, staring at her with his arms casually folded.

The bespectacled girl moved again. Without another word, she turned and fled.

This time, she ran for an entire hour. She used a variety of techniques this time as well, and she even disguised herself in the middle. Lu Yin had really scared her, but she was no ordinary cultivator. For the trial this time, Planet Mafioso had pinned high hopes on this girl. Her mission during this trial was not just to kill natives, as that would be no challenge for her. Her real task was to kill all the other trial takers.

Who could have known that she would run into such a freak before she even had an opportunity to get started. This person was a freak who she held no delusions of killing.

As the crowds of zombies roamed about, the girl looked just like one of them as she also wandered the streets. She was quite satisfied with her disguise. After running for a full hour, she was confident that not even an Explorer would be able to track her down, let alone a Limiteer. She was completely sure in her skills.

After roaming the streets for a while, the bespectacled girl finally felt safe. She had taken multiple precautions to ensure that she would not be followed.

Just as she was about to move away from the zombie horde, the girl suddenly felt like she was being watched. As an assassin, she was very sensitive to when someone was observing her. She looked to her left, and about ten meters away, she saw that same man once again. Just like before, he was casually leaning against the wall, silently watching her.

Strangely, none of the zombies passing by seemed to pay any attention to the man. It was as if they could not even sense his presence.

The young lady felt chills run down her spine. Even a well-trained assassin such as her found it challenging to mask their presence from these zombies. Even more shocking, this man wasn’t even making any obvious attempts to evade or hide from the zombies; he was standing in plain sight. It was terrifying.

The girl had a sour look on her face. She suddenly thought of something that would allow for such a thing to happen: a domain. It was said that comprehending a domain would allow a cultivator to

become one with their surroundings, and that they could control everything within their sphere of control. Had this man actually comprehended a domain?

The bespectacled girl gave up at this moment. She had already tried her hardest to escape from this man, but nothing had worked. She stood in place as the zombies moved away. She then took her wig off and removed her disguise. She replaced her glasses and asked the man, "What do you want from me?"

Lu Yin looked at her. "Have you trained in poisons?"

The bespectacled girl nodded. "I know quite a lot about poisons. There are many assassination methods, and poisoning is one of them."

Lu Yin threw her a vial of liquid that he had taken from Elder Wu's cosmic ring and said, "Tell me what's inside."

The bespectacled girl hesitantly took the vial. She stared at it intently and then rapidly started mumbling to herself. Lu Yin listened, but he could only make out the fact that she was reciting the names of various herbs and animal poisons. He was taken aback; could this lady make out the contents of this poison just by looking at the liquid? This was the poison of Elder Wu, who had been a powerful Enlightener.

The girl studied it for quite a while, and when she looked at Lu Yin again, she had an astonished expression as she asked, "Where did you get this?"

"That's none of your business. Just tell me what this is," Lu Yin replied, dismissing her inquiry.

The girl carefully took off the vial's cap, and her face suddenly becoming one of apprehension. She raised her hand, wanting to throw the contents of the vial onto Lu Yin, but she suddenly found that she was unable to move. The star energy surrounding her had suddenly frozen, trapping her in place. This level of oppression could only be due to the disparity in the two's star energy.

This was the same situation that Lu Yin had found himself in back when he had been participating in the teleportation battles. Star energy oppression, that feeling of restriction, had made it difficult for him to even move.

At this moment, the bespectacled girl was suffering from the same effect. Only now could she truly feel the disparity between the two of them. She was no ordinary cultivator, and she had even killed Limiteers before, so she could be considered to be a Realmbreaker. However, against this Limiteer, she couldn't even react. It was terrifying, and this man was definitely not from the Outerverse. He had to be an elite from the Innerverse who had been stranded here.

"Enough. Tell me what kind of liquid this is," Lu Yin demanded menacingly as he looked at the girl.

The bespectacled lady shook her head. "I don't know."

"You don't know?" Lu Yin's eyes turned cold. "I'm running out of patience. Killing you is nothing to me."

The young lady looked up at Lu Yin with fear. "I really don't know. I can only tell what some of these ingredients are, but that makes up less than one percent of this liquid. There are a bunch of things in that that I haven't even heard of."

Lu Yin believed her. If a Melder cultivator could determine the contents of an Enlighter's poison, then that would be truly unbelievable. Even Explorers would find it hard to determine the components of an Enlighter's poison, much less a Melder.

"If that's the case, then you have no value to me," Lu Yin said indifferently. His star energy was absolutely enough to suppress the young lady.

The girl let out a panicked shout. "Wait! Even though I don't know the exact contents, I can tell the liquid's potency."

Lu Yin narrowed his eyes. He could determine the poison's potency from the rune lines he saw on it, but he wasn't able to determine what kind of poison it was. "Do you really have such an ability?"

The girl looked at the liquid in the vial. Then, right in front of Lu Yin's bewildered stare, she drank the liquid in one swift gulp.

"What the hell is she trying to do?" the Ghost Monkey cried out.

Lu Yin stared at the girl in glasses. The rune lines that he had seen from the liquid matched the amount that he had seen on Hunters. If it was indeed a poison, then this girl would die without a doubt. Forget a Melder—even if Lu Yin himself drank the liquid, he was practically guaranteed to die.

The young lady set the now-empty vial down and blankly stared ahead. It almost looked like she was focused on experiencing something.

Suddenly, she let out a loud burp.

Lu Yin was shocked. She didn't die?

However, the liquid soon started to take effect. The girl's face twisted in agony, and she crumbled to her knees as she fought a violent pain. She started sweating profusely, and she remained in this condition for many hours.

During this time, Lu Yin prevented any of the zombies from approaching them. He was astonished that the girl had not died the instant that she had swallowed the poison. It was a complete miracle, considering that she was a Melder. He stared at her for several hours as she writhed in pain.

It was only after the sky turned completely dark that her pain abated. By this time, she was completely drenched in sweat. Her beautiful, curvaceous figure was enchanting beneath her clothes. Her skin was partly visible through her wet clothes, which made her appearance all the more alluring. However, Lu Yin didn't pay any attention to this aspect of the girl; he was in shock because he had noticed that the girl's rune lines had drastically increased.

The rune lines from the young woman had at first been at the level of a Realmbreaking Melder. She was an assassin, and the rune lines that Lu Yin had seen from her showed that she was an elite. After surviving the poison, her rune lines were now in no way inferior to an elite Limiteer! She had become comparable to one of the Astral Combat Academy's Area Masters.

This was an absolutely astonishing transition. The Astral Combat Academy's Area Masters were all absolutely dominating figures of the Inniverse, and they were considered as elite disciples of powerful organizations. Naturally, they were all known to be far superior to the Outerverse's elites. Not even

someone like Schutz, who had cultivated in the Astral Combat Academy for a long time and had enjoyed the additional benefit of personal training from Astral-10's Trialmaster, could reach the level of an Area Master. And yet, this woman had reached this realm just by drinking the contents of a vial.

Lu Yin suspected that he might have been tricked. Could that liquid have been some kind of fortifying potion all along? This thought caused Lu Yin's face to sour.

After going through such a long session of intense pain, the girl's body was trembling slightly. She released a pent up breath. She touched her clothes and discovered that they were completely soaked. Then, she did something unthinkable and began to strip right in front of Lu Yin

He was flabbergasted, and he quickly turned away as he asked, "What are you doing!"

The young lady winked. "I'm changing my clothes."

"Why do you have to do that in front of me?"

"Look if you want. I can't fight back against you anyways."

Her words caused Lu Yin's heart to stir slightly, but he forced himself not to turn around and watch.

The girl's mouth twitched a little, and she purposely took her time while undressing, and she even purposefully made loud sounds with her clothes, making it clear that she was dressing herself. It seemed like she was trying to seduce Lu Yin.

Lu Yin had not experienced such a thing before, and he started getting rather impatient.

After quite a bit of time had passed, the bespectacled girl finally spoke. "I'm done."

Lu Yin turned around, and his eyes immediately lit up. The girl was now wearing a casual long, white shirt that highlighted her long, glistening white legs. Her dainty little feet playfully dangled to the side. She had also tidied up her hair, though it still hung to her waist. She looked at Lu Yin with eyes that seemed to be full of innocence and bashfulness. She sensuously bit her lower lip and interlaced her fingers. "Do you like what you see?"

"Seventh Bro, she's trying to seduce you!" the monkey said with a strange laugh.

While the girl in glasses was not the prettiest woman that Lu Yin had ever seen, she had the purest appearance by far. Although pure was the complete opposite of what one would expect from a female assassin, it was true. This woman exuded a gentle temperament that set her apart from the other cultivators.

Lu Yin knitted his brows. "Why did that liquid increase your strength?"

She pushed up her glasses. "If I told you that the liquid was poison, would you believe me?"

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "I'm not an idiot."

The young lady protested helplessly, "Big brother, that really was poison!"

“Don’t call me that. No matter how you change your appearance, you’re still an assassin, and I won’t go easy on you. The better you are at hiding your true self just shows me that you have many tricks up your sleeve,” Lu Yin said coldly.

The girl looked at Lu Yin with eyes full of innocence. She then held out the empty bottle. “Let’s do an experiment.”

She then looked around as her star energy burst out like a gush of water. She quickly caught what seemed to be a six-legged mouse. She poured some water into the empty vial and then fed it to the creature.

The next moment, the small creature was reduced to ashes. Not a single trace of the animal remained.

Lu Yin was shocked.

“I know that big brother still doesn’t believe me,” After the bespectacled lady said that, she grabbed a zombie and forced some of the water down its throat. Just like the small creature before, the zombie was reduced to ash within a minute. Furthermore, it never burned. It was as if it had suddenly just decomposed.

“This is really a poison, a poison that even space-exploring powerhouses wouldn’t be able to withstand. Given its potency, this thing could easily kill a Cruiser,” the bespectacled lady estimated.

“Then how did you survive?” Lu Yin asked, suddenly full of curiosity.

The young lady laughed. Then, under Lu Yin’s flabbergasted gaze, her skin changed from white to green. The green tint was obviously very poisonous, and her clothing almost instantly turned to ash. The girl in glasses then stood naked before Lu Yin.

This time, however, he did not turn around. But he did block the monkey to keep him from looking. “Is this your innate gift?”

She replied, “Yes, it’s my innate gift. I’m a Poison Master.”

“Put your clothes on,” Lu Yin said dismissively.

The tinge of green that had glowed around the bespectacled lady’s body disappeared, and her skin returned to its original white. Her glistening white skin made her so irresistible that Lu Yin could not help himself from stealing two more glances of her nude body.

Chapter 559: Ironblood Weave

The girl quickly dressed herself. “My innate gift makes it so that no poisons can harm me. Also, the more poisons I ingest, the stronger my gift becomes.”

Lu Yin was astounded, as there were also these kinds of innate gifts. Now a problem arose: should he kill her?

This kind of innate gift was very powerful, and this woman would be able to rapidly increase her power. Since she was from Mafioso Planet, she would become his enemy in the future. He did not want to leave such a threatening enemy for his future self.

She immediately sensed Lu Yin's killing intent, and she pitifully cried out, "Big brother, you're a good person. Please let me go! I really haven't killed anyone yet."

Lu Yin stared at her, and bloodlust flashed across his eyes, causing the girl's heart to tremble. She promptly continued, "Lu Yin, you can't kill me."

Lu Yin's brows rose. "You recognize me?"

The bespectacled girl nodded. "Yes, just now. Lu Yin, killing me won't help you."

"Have you heard of Topmist?" Lu Yin asked.

She was shocked. "The Great Elder?"

Lu Yin's lips curled. "So he really is from Mafioso Planet. Unfortunately, I have a grudge against him, so I have to kill his people. Your innate gift is destined to not exist."

"Wait! I can help you kill him!" she shouted.

Lu Yin laughed. "Do you know how strong he is? Help me kill him? Wait another 500 years!"

"He's the Great Elder of my Mafioso Planet! He's an Enlighter! I know that I truly can't kill him right now, but there will come a day when I'll surpass him! Also, I have my own reasons to kill him," she quickly blurted out.

"Go on." Lu Yin grew interested.

Her eyes flickered. She hurriedly arranged her thoughts before explaining, saying, "Mafioso Planet is a top-notch assassin organization for all of the surrounding weaves. We also have an inherited treasure, known as the Bloodied Handprint. Only the strongest cultivator within the organization can inherit it, and all the assassins want to obtain the Bloodied Handprint. Right now, Topmist is the one who holds the Bloodied Handprint. Our organization does not cherish feelings of camaraderie, and our members won't unite. Thus, everyone's ultimate target is the Great Elder."

"The Bloodied Handprint? Is it very powerful?" Lu Yin asked.

She solemnly replied, "Based on some ancient records, the Bloodied Handprint was once used to swat an extreme powerhouse from the Inniverse whose power level was over 300,000 to death."

Lu Yin was astonished. "Your Mafioso Planet has such a powerful object?"

She nodded. "It's Mafioso Planet's most valuable inherited treasure, and it can't be used unless it's a matter of life and death. The authority to use it also lies solely with the Great Elder. As long as he's fighting for his life, he will have a power equivalent to an extreme powerhouse whose power level surpasses 300,000. However, the item can only be used against outsiders, and it can't be used internally. As soon as my power surpasses the Great Elder, I'll replace him. At that time, killing him will be a piece of cake. If an outsider wants to kill him, it will be almost impossible unless the Great Elder can be lured away from Mafioso Planet."

Lu Yin fell deep into thought. It turned out that Topmist actually had such a powerful life-preserving treasure in store. However, that didn't seem quite right. Lu Yin had seen Topmist's rune lines on Shuta

Planet, and they definitely had not reached an extreme. If he had possessed the Bloodied Handprint, then his number of rune lines would have greatly surpassed that of a regular Enlighter.

Since that old killer was clearly scared of death, he would obviously keep a life saving treasure on him at all times. However, there had been no trace of such a thing when Lu Yin had seen Wu Shen. Thus, there were only three possibilities. First, this woman was lying and the Bloodied Handprint didn't exist. Second, the Bloodied Handprint did not reveal its power until right before it was unleashed. Finally, the Bloodied Handprint was something like Ze Lin's power vessel, and it was something that could only be used once.

At this time, the bespectacled girl activated her gadget and tapped it to display a screen. "Big brother, I know that you don't believe me, so look here."

Lu Yin looked over and saw a bit of text on the screen. It described the Bloodied Handprint, and although there were not many words there, he could tell that the characters in this image were not a forgery. Rather, they were something that had been written long ago, as they were genuinely extremely ancient.

However, this still did not prove that the Bloodied Handprint actually existed. After so many years, it could have already been used. "Even if this thing still exists, it's clearly impossible for you to kill Topmist. I don't have the time to slowly wait for you to get stronger. If I truly want to kill Topmist, then I might as well look for someone stronger in your organization to cooperate with."

"Assassins won't cooperate with others, but I can." The young woman was flustered, as she could truly feel Lu Yin's killing intent at this time. Assassins were extremely sensitive towards this kind of danger. "The stronger a killer is, the more unlikely it is for them to cooperate with others. The assassins trained by Mafioso Planet have no loyalty, but I do. I can serve you, so long as you don't kill me and provide me with that poison from before."

"Why should I trust you?" Lu Yin asked coldly.

The girl replied, "You don't need to trust me. Regardless, I pose no threat to you, and you are extremely beneficial to me. The poison that you showed me earlier is something that's incredibly difficult to find, even if one searched the entire Outerverse. I want to quickly increase my power, so I need poisons like that one. How about it? Just treat it as if you're hiring me and paying me with those poisons. I can work for you." Then, when she saw the killing intent in his eyes slowly fade away, she continued, enticingly saying, "Think about it. Killing me won't do anything for you, but keeping me around will give you one more opportunity to deal with Topmist, right? Besides, when I get stronger, I can even kill others for you."

This was indeed a valid point, and the bespectacled girl's explanation was very convincing, especially the part about how the poison that could quickly improve her power was not something easily obtained. The poisons in Lu Yin's possession had all been manufactured by Elder Wu, an Enlighter. How many Enlighters were there in the universe, and how many of them could make poisons? The probability of finding other, similar poisons was extremely low.

This woman's existence was neither a huge nor an insignificant threat, and the best way for her to improve her power was in his hands. As long as he restricted her access to these poisons, Lu Yin did not

believe that she would be able to grow faster than him. His rate of improvement was something that he had absolute confidence in.

“How long will this trial mission last for?” Lu Yin asked.

She immediately answered, “Mine is one month, but the others’ are very long.”

Lu Yin nodded. “Alright. In three months, you must head to the Great Yu Empire’s Zenyu Star to meet with me. If you don’t, I’ll take it that you’re untrustworthy, and you can forget about ever getting more of these poisons. Also, if I meet you in the future, I’ll definitely kill you.”

The bespectacled girl relaxed, as she now knew she would not die here. “Relax, those poisons hold a greater attraction for me than you’d believe. I’ll definitely find you.”

“You just drank a bottle of poison, which is payment for starting your employment. I haven’t thought of anyone that you should kill, but I’ve already paid you. Thus, don’t even think about backing out on that bit,” Lu Yin commented.

She immediately acknowledged his words and then carefully patted her chest. “Thank you, big brother.”

“I already told you to not call me that.” Lu Yin frowned. Her seductive tone and previous actions were designed to suffocate his desire to kill her, and Lu Yin was well aware of it. However, what actually dispelled his killing intent was the woman’s words. There was truly no benefit in killing her here, and there wasn’t much of a threat in letting her live. It was possible that she might actually be of some use in the future.

Although consuming powerful poisons would allow her to quickly raise her power, such an innate gift must also come with severe limitations. This increase in power would not be properly balanced, and someone who used such methods would never be able to become a top-tier powerhouse.

Before she left, she told Lu Yin that she was called Mistchild. There were seven Mistchilds from Mafioso Planet, as it was the term that the top killer within a given realm on Mafioso Planet took on. She was the Melder Mistchild, and below her was the Sentinel Mistchild. Above her, there was the Limiteer Mistchild, Explorer Mistchild, Cruiser Mistchild, Hunter Mistchild, and the top was the Enlighter Mistchild.

Currently, Mafioso Planet only had one Enlighter, who was Topmist. Naturally, he was the Enlighter Mistchild.

The final target of all of the Mistchilds was the Enlighter Mistchild. This had been the tradition on Mafioso Planet for countless years, and no one could change it.

The bespectacled girl had told Lu Yin all this, possibly to express her sincerity out of fear that Lu Yin might still kill her.

However, she had thought too much. Since Lu Yin had agreed to not kill her, he would not kill her. He would not stoop so low as to deceive a girl, even if she was a killer.

The most important thing a killer could do was avoid bad luck. The girl's mission was to kill all the trial takers, but Lu Yin's existence prevented her from acting. In the end, she wasn't able to make a move until two whole days had passed, after which Lu Yin returned to his spacecraft in outer space. At this time, she finally bared her fangs and began to massacre the other trial takers.

She looked up and gazed deeply beyond the sky. She was different from the average killer, as they lacked foresight. She was ambitious, and she had never sought to gain a reputation that would cause others to fear her. Instead, she wanted all of Mafioso Planet.

Lu Yin's appearance had coincidentally allowed them to create an alliance. As she helped Lu Yin, she could also use him to help herself.

However, cooperating with Lu Yin left her with no room for negotiation. Her life was firmly within his grasp, but refusal was not a choice either. This person actually had poisons that were far beyond her own grasp, and she would be able to quickly strengthen herself with them.

One day, the future would belong to their generation. Since that was the case, then she would cooperate with the strongest member of her generation. Within the same realm, Lu Yin wasn't merely the strongest in the Outerverse, but in the entire universe.

In outer space, Lu Yin and Wendy Yushan disconnected from a call. Lu Yin wanted to head to Shenwu Continent's space station with Wendy to get a clear picture of the events there.

He had already killed three Enlighters, which was too oppressive a reputation for them to handle. The prestige of the almighty powerhouses had been challenged. Under these circumstances, Lu Yin needed to limit how frequently he appeared in the public eye. The less fearful he seemed to be, the more nervous the Enlighters would become, and they would become too eager to deal with him.

Wendy Yushan wasn't certain why Lu Yin wanted to go to Shenwu Continent, but she was determined to follow him wherever he went. At this time, only by cooperating could the two of them threaten the remaining powerhouses.

The Outerverse was connected to the Astral Wilderness in the west, while to the east lay the Astral Beast Domain. There was a weave in the Outerverse called Ironblood Weave which was the connecting point between the Outerverse and the Astral Beast Domain.

Ironblood Weave was a weave of pure conflict, and there were no commoners there. All of the habitable planets in this weave had been linked together to form massive fortresses, and each fortress was a different region of Ironblood Weave. This was done to extend the battlefield. An endless war against the Astral Beast Domain was waged within this weave, all in an attempt to prevent the astral beasts from invading the other weaves.

Countless years ago, all of the living humans in Ironblood Weave had been massacred. In modern times, those who fought in this place were either from other weaves or cultivators who had been sent there from the Innaverse.

The opposing Astral Beast Domain also suffered heavy losses in Ironblood Weave, similar to the border warfront in Erudite Flowzone. Countless years of fighting had led to many astral beasts perishing, and quite a few races had even gone extinct as a result of the never-ending fighting. Even if the Astral Beast

and Human Domains had agreed to a peace agreement, the war here would endlessly rage on until one of the two sides was completely extinguished.

Chapter 560: Former Haunt

The inter-domain war concerned everybody—the Daynight clan, the Sword Sect, and all of the powers in the various weaves of the Outerverse as well. Everyone had to send people to participate, and Ironblood Weave was filled with cultivators from everywhere in the universe. There was only one objective for them, which was to massacre all of the astral beasts there and make sure that the battlefield did not spill out beyond Ironblood Weave.

The Human Domain had been split in two, and the Innaverse and Outerverse had been separated due to the changes in the universe. This change did not only affect the Human Domain, but the Astral Beast Domain, the Technocracy, and even the Astral Wilderness were also affected. Things were in chaos everywhere, and only this conflict in Ironblood Weave had remained constant.

The stronghold that acted as the frontline of the war between Ironblood Weave and the Astral Beast Domain was known as Ironblood Fort. It was also the stronghold that was the closest to the Astral Beast Domain, and the war never ended there. This fortress was formed from 1,800 interlinked planets, and there was even soil that connected each of the planets together. Within this stronghold, countless weapons were aimed at the Astral Beast Domain.

Ever since Ironblood Fort had first been established, over 1,000 planets had been stained with blood. The fighting had never stopped even after the passage of an untold number of years.

Erudite Flowzone’s border warfront partially followed a tributary Astral River, which determined where the battlefields lay. For that reason, they had not built a massive fortress and instead protected the border by lining countless planets up in a defensive formation. Even if this line was breached, the astral beasts would still need to come up with a way to cross the Astral River.

But in Ironblood Weave, things were different. As soon as the invaders breached Ironblood Fort, they would have direct access to Ironblood Weave, which was a part of the Human Domain.

The Astral Beast Domain and Ironblood Weave did not share much adjacent territory, and the place where they did touch was where Ironblood Fort had been constructed. Countless astral beasts snarled as they charged through the void towards the planets of Ironblood Fort. Most of them were swept away by the first wave of weapons while the various surviving beasts were cleaned up by human cultivators. Every day, many died in this place, and many beasts were slaughtered. The war in this place was far crueler than the border warfront in Erudite Flowzone.

The battles repeated day after day, and the routine had gradually reached the point where the cultivators defending Ironblood Fort were no longer simple cultivators; they were soldiers now. They had become the troops that protected humanity.

Countless Void Wanderers tore through the void at Ironblood Fort, releasing numerous types of astral beasts down onto the planets that composed the fortress. Even after the universe had gone through its changes, Void Wanderers were still able to tear through the void since it was their innate gift.

Soldier after soldier fell, only to be steadily replaced one after another. The corpses fell into mounds that grew into hills.

In general, a single battle would last for no more than seven days. After that, there would be a break for a day or two before the next battle began. However, this current battle had already gone on for ten consecutive days, and there were still no signs of the fight abating. The Void Wanderers had even reappeared to deliver more astral beasts.

The closer it was to the center of the stronghold, the more intense the battle became. At the center, Limiteers were nothing more than cannon fodder, and even space-exploring powerhouses could barely survive.

On the surface of the fortress, various strange weapons were being used to massacre the beasts. These devices had been made with the Xun family's Gear Construction Technique. Xun Chong panted heavily and looked in front of him where the Void Wanderers had appeared. He raised a hand to attack, but he was blocked by another astral beast. "Human, this is the day this fortress will disappear!"

Xun Chong's face distorted. "Ironblood Fort cannot be destroyed by the likes of you!"

"Human, you are too arrogant. Die!" Then, the astral beast's mouth gaped open as the creature bit at Xun Chong. The cultivator was a Hunter, but so was the astral beast. Their battle was so violent that the entire planet became unstable.

A battle between Hunters was not uncommon at the center of the battlefield, and at the same time, in the very center of the stronghold, a battle between Enlighters erupted. This place was far more savage than Erudite Flowzone's border warfront.

Inside the fortress, there was a middle-aged man who was grimly looking at a screen that displayed an Enlighter astral beast locked in fierce combat with a Daynight cultivator who was also in the Enlighter realm. The fight between the two had caused the planet to begin crumbling apart.

The void tore open, and a flustered man emerged. "General Fei, just as you predicted, this battle's not going well."

This middle-aged man was Ironblood Fort's commander, General Fei. He had overseen this fortress for more than a thousand years, and his original name had long since been forgotten. "The Human Domain's Innerverse and Outerverse have been separated, but the Astral Beast Domain hasn't been split up. Thus, they've started transferring their main forces here. They're trying to charge into the Outerverse and take control."

The face of the man who had just arrived turned ugly. "That's right. The Astral Beast Domain has shredded the peace agreement apart, and they plan to use this as a starting point to infiltrate the Outerverse. Nobody knows how long the Innerverse and Outerverse will remain separated for, and the Outerverse could very well be entirely occupied by the Astral Beast Domain by the time they finally rejoin. Us humans will only be left with the Innerverse and the Neoverse, which would make it extremely difficult to seize the Outerverse back."

General Fei looked up with a complex expression. "We already guessed that they would make this move when we discovered that we were cut off from the Innerverse. However, it's not just the Astral Beast

Domain—the Technocracy will most likely invade the Outerverse from the west as well. Unless we can reconnect with the Innerverse, the Outerverse will fall into the hands of the Astral Beast Domain and the Technocracy sooner or later.”

The second man fell silent, as he was unwilling to accept such a fate. However, these were the facts facing them. When there had been nothing separating the Innerverse and the Outerverse, the bulk of the Astral Beast Domain’s forces had been deployed to the Innerverse. Despite the fact that the border warfront in Erudite Flowzone was not as cruel as the warfront in the Outerverse, it boasted many top experts, who made the Astral Beast Domain cautious. However, now that the Innerverse and Outerverse were completely isolated from each other, there was no longer any reason for the Astral Beast Domain to remain concerned about the Innerverse. Thus, they were able to focus all of their attention onto Ironblood Weave. The Innerverse forces wouldn’t even know that the Astral Beast Domain had torn up the peace agreement.

As long as no battle broke out at the Innerverse’s border warfront, the Astral Beast Domain would have nothing to worry about as long as it completely occupied the Outerverse.

It was an ill-timed fate. Right after the peace agreement had been established, the Innerverse and Outerverse had become separated. If the two domains had never agreed upon a truce, then the Astral Beast Domain would have to continue being cautious of the Innerverse, and their main forces would remain stationed there. Then, they would not have the opportunity to divert so many resources to taking the Outerverse.

“Is there really no other choice?” the man asked in a soft voice. He was Meng Ningge, an Enlighter from Beast Tamers Flowzone’s Divine Grade Hall. He was one of the few powerhouses in Ironblood Fort who were second only to General Fei.

General Fei’s gaze trembled. “There’s only one way: request help from all of the Outerverse’s weaves. They will need to unite and resist the invasion of the Astral Beast Domain.

Meng Ningge’s gaze also shivered. “I’ll send out the request now.”

General Fei’s attention returned to the screen. “There are too few experts in the Outerverse. As soon as the Astral Beast Domain sends out those old monsters whose power levels are in the hundreds of thousands, the Outerverse simply won’t be able to withstand it. I only hope that the Innerverse and Outerverse reconnect quickly, or else many more will die.”

“No matter what, even if all the humans in the Outerverse are destined to perish, we will die before them,” Meng Ningge said with steely determination.

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Shenwu Continent’s space station was a place that Lu Yin had not returned to since the Outerverse’s trial. He had expected to only return after several more years, and he had never thought that this day would come so soon.

The space station seemed much bigger than before, and there were also quite a few more experts here. While still aboard his spacecraft, Lu Yin could already see that there were at least five Hunters in the space station.

Ming Zhaoshu had allied with foreign powers, which had led to many powers once again becoming hopeful about capturing Shenwu Continent. At present, the leading organization that was looking to gain control of Shenwu Continent was not one of the forces from the Darkmist Weave but rather the Daynight clan.

Ming Zhaoshu had intentionally released Zhanlong Daynight and formed an agreement of sorts with the Daynight clan. There were many Daynight clan members in the space station. Some of them had gone directly to the space station while the others had only gone there after the recent events at Planet Pyrolyte.

No one had expected Lu Yin to suddenly appear. Shenwu Continent was hidden within a strange separate space, and this mainland was very desirable to many powers. However, it was something that didn't seem to have any relationship to Lu Yin. His strongest connection to the place was that he had participated in a trial on the continent, but now, for some reason, he had returned.

Lu Yin's relationship with the Daynight clan was not the best. If it hadn't been for Nightking Yuanjing, then Nightqueen Yanqing would have long since used her influence to have the Daynight clan to act against Frostwave Weave. This was something that all the Daynight members at the space station were aware of.

Now that the Innerverse and Outerverse were separated, there was no way for Nightking Yuanjing to interfere in the Outerverse's affairs. If possible, all of the Daynight clan members on this space station wanted to slaughter Lu Yin. However, they didn't dare to attempt such a thing since Lu Yin had openly killed two Enlighters. Such a daunting battle record had left them all terrified and panicked.

This time, Lu Yin was not greeted by an Explorer, but by a Hunter. It was even the person who held the highest authority in the space station. He was called Tyrial, and he was also the person who had sent Lu Yin and the others into Shenwu Continent in the past.

Lu Yin walked through the open hatch and exchanged glances with Wendy when Tyrial tore through the void to appear in front of them. He cordially greeted Lu Yin, "Student Lu, welcome back to Shenwu Continent's space station."

Lu Yin smiled. "Senior Tyrial, I'm sorry to disturb you."

Then, he introduced Wendy to him.

When he heard Wendy's name, Tyrial became shocked. The weaves in the eastern region of the Outerverse had all become aware of the fact that Wendy Yushan possessed a secret technique, and everyone was currently enviously trying to obtain it, but they were also all afraid of Lu Yin's methods. He did not expect Lu Yin to bring this girl to Shenwu Continent and parade her around. The youth's self-confidence amazed Tyrial.

"So it's Councilor Wendy. It's an honor to meet you." Tyrial smiled.

Wendy nodded, but her face remained calm.

Tyrial was not bothered by the young woman's behavior, as Wendy Yushan was a councilor of the Outerverse Youth Council as well as a senior disciple of the Innerverse's Myriad Swords Peak. On top of that, she was also known to be someone who was favorably looked upon within the Ten Arbiters Council. Now that she had mastered a secret technique as well, it was totally understandable for her to have such arrogance; she was too qualified.

Tyrial brought the two to tour around the space station, and he probed around for the objective of Lu Yin's visit this time.

Lu Yin only casually replied, "I'm bored. There's too much politics back home, so I wanted to relax."

Tyrial smiled. There were many powerhouses with their eyes on these two now. Even in just this space station alone, there were several Hunters who wanted to make a move against them. Only a fool would believe that Lu Yin would come out for a relaxing trip under such circumstances.

Through his conversation with Tyrial, Lu Yin learned that news of the events at East San Dios and the battle on Shuta Planet had not spread, which left him rather relieved. Topmist had not gone crazy about announcing Lu Yin's methods, which allowed him to keep some of his secrets. However, Lu Yin had actually been hoping that the details of the battle at San Dios would be publicized, as that would cause the other Enlighters to become even more apprehensive.

"Right, senior Tyrial, I heard that Shenwu Continent's Reverent King Ming Zhaoshu is cooperating with foreigners?" Lu Yin asked, feigning mere curiosity.

Tyrial nodded. "Ming Zhaoshu's schemes run deep. He took advantage of the moment when Ming Zhaotian was injured by Arbiter Wen to make a breakthrough in one move. He then proved himself to be a Realmbreaker by drawing with Ming Zhaotian in a battle, and he's already comprehended a forcefield. That person is very powerful, and he's silently endured for so many years. Once he finally burst forth, he immediately split Shenwu Continent apart. The Shenwu Empire can't handle such a person."

"The smartest move for him is still to cooperate with us. With us providing an endless number of experts, why would he be afraid of the Shenwu Empire?" Lu Yin smiled.

Tyrial felt disgusted by Lu Yin's choice of words. "Us?" What does this have to do with him? However, Tyrial was also afraid of Lu Yin's methods, so he remained silent.