

Chapter 701: Terrifying Array

Felynn stared at the fight taking place underground in shock. Nobody had expected that this Lockbreaker Competition would have this many surprises. She had assumed that everything was within her control, but the situation had ultimately developed to this point. If the two individuals continued fighting in such a manner, then not just Hall of Insight, but even Sourcepeak Planet itself would be destroyed.

Xi Qi leaped up, but she was nonetheless still caught by the gale sweeping up from the battle taking place underground and forcefully flung far away. Above her, the fish screamed loudly, though she did not know what it was shouting about. She only vaguely heard "Corpse King Transformation" and "What a monster."

Ku Wei stared underground, and his face had become solemn. Even he was unable to intervene in such a battle, as this was essentially an Enlighters' battlefield. If these two continued to fight seriously on this planet, it was doomed.

Fiend Li's eyes cracked open from where he was being supported by a few Lockbreakers. He then floated into the sky. "Sourcepeak Planet must not be destroyed. Never!"

Underground, Lu Yin took a punch to the chest. Although it had been blocked by his universal armor, he still felt stifled, as the Corpse King's physical body was simply too powerful. Lu Yin was thrown a hundred meters back, at which moment Aden suddenly appeared with his thunder shield and defended Lu Yin from the Corpse King.

The Corpse King unleashed two more simultaneous punches, causing an explosion to ring out as Aden's thunder shield exploded, and his nine lined battle force grew unstable. He was similarly flung back, and he also spat out a mouthful of blood.

"Seventh Bro, stop fighting! Let's go! You aren't his opponent!" the Ghost Monkey shrieked.

Corpse Kings only fought by using their physical strength, and they did not utilize any sort of star energy attacks. The Yu Secret Art was almost completely useless against the creature, and Lu Yin could only defend and occasionally counterattack. As he thought about his situation, he moved forward and sent out a palm attack reinforced by his seven lined battle force. "Thirty Stacks, One Hundredfold Shockwave Palm."

The Corpse King looked up, and its figure blurred as it vanished. Lu Yin's eyes narrowed as stars began revolving around his body. He then suddenly turned around to face a different direction before swatting out with a palm right as the Corpse King emerged from the void and unleashed a punch.

With a thump, overwhelming shockwaves tore through the underground battlefield before erupting into the open sky. The numerous shockwaves also caused the ground to ripple slightly before ferociously exploding. Many of the Lockbreakers flying in the air were also affected by the shockwaves, and they were blown away without any way to resist.

Lu Yin was sent flying once again. However, the Corpse King's green eyes quickly drew close to him as the monster reached out to grab Lu Yin. He evaded with Secret Sidestep and quickly retreated at top speed.

This time, the Corpse King did not chase after him. Instead, it turned around and went back to attacking the door to the secret room. By now, the door could no longer resist any more, and it shattered after one punch, allowing the Corpse King to charge in.

Lu Yin's eyes flashed, and he dashed in right after the creature.

The room was not very large, but there was a strange looking sourcebox in the very center. When the Corpse King charged into the room, distorted ripples emanated out of the void itself and twisted around the Corpse King. This was the sourcebox's formless danger. Lu Yin entered the room one step behind the Corpse King, and he quickly stopped in place. As he surveyed his surroundings, Lu Yin's gaze finally settled on one corner of the room, where there were two boxes: one small and one large. The Corpse King was trying its best to shake off the formless ripples that had entangled it as it forced its way to the boxes.

Lu Yin grasped the Giant Emperor's third eye and studied the sourcebox's formless danger while he continuously used Secret Sidestep to evade it. In this manner, he quickly approached the boxes, moving much faster than the Corpse King.

The Corpse King growled in anger, and under Lu Yin's astonished gaze, its right arm extended unnaturally and grabbed the larger box. This was the creature's innate gift, and it caused Lu Yin to become flustered. When the Corpse King grabbed a second time for the smaller box, Lu Yin stabbed out with his pike. Although the pike's spiritual force attack was ineffective against the Corpse King, the weapon was still incomparably sharp, and when backed with Lu Yin's impressive physical strength, it was able to skewer the Corpse King's extended arm to the wall. Lu Yin then took advantage of the opportunity to grab the smaller box.

The Corpse King stared at Lu Yin with its green eyes and then used its other hand to pull out the pike. It thrust the pike towards Lu Yin, but the youth managed to dodge the attack as he charged out of the secret room.

The Corpse King struggled, but it soon charged out as well.

Lu Yin did not plan to tangle with the creature any further, as he could not defeat it even if he had another Money Bomb that had been upgraded to the point where it could wipe out an Enlighter. This Corpse King's physical body was much tougher than that of an average Enlighter, and it would likely take more than a single Money Bomb to take care of this monster.

When Lu Yin charged out of the room, he saw that the surrounding area had changed greatly. The earth had collapsed, and the sky was filled with thick smoke. In the distance, red magma constantly seeped out of the ground and emitted a pungent odor that filled the air.

When Fiend Li and the others saw Lu Yin emerge, they promptly asked, "How is it?"

At that moment, the Corpse King charged out as well, and its green eyes stared at Lu Yin for an instant before it vanished.

Stars revolved around Lu Yin's body and he quickly evaded to the side with the Secret Sidestep Technique. The Corpse King appeared where Lu Yin had just been, but its attack missed. It then waved a hand and sent a sweeping gale towards Fiend Li and the others. Aden also dashed up from beneath the ground, charging towards the Corpse King with his nine lined battle force. However, he was driven back by just one punch from the Corpse King.

Lu Yin saw that the Corpse King was staring at him with determined eyes, so he shouted, "The secret room was opened, and he grabbed everything inside."

Fiend Li's face went pale. "Everyone, listen up! Do not let this creature escape."

But despite his words, there was no one on Sourcepeak Planet who could fight against the Corpse King. In fact, the best that Lu Yin could do was not be defeated himself.

The Corpse King intently pursued Lu Yin, clearly bent on snatching the other box away. While fleeing, Lu Yin surveyed his surroundings before locking onto Ku Wei. He then dashed over without any hesitation.

Ku Wei's mouth fell open. "Oh, \$%@"

Lu Yin smiled at Ku Wei. "I'll pass him over to you."

Ku Wei was stunned in place, but the Corpse King did not bother with Ku Wei at all. It steadily continued to chase after Lu Yin.

Lu Yin was surprised; what was this? The Corpse King's intelligence was quite low, and it could only identify its target and execute its given orders. It was completely uninterested in everything else.

"Seventh Bro, turn around and look for that Ku Wei! He has to be from the Seven Courts' Ku family, which is also a part of the Three Dark Hands. He definitely has a way to deal with this Corpse King!" the monkey shouted.

Even if he had not said this, Lu Yin had already been planning on doing this. Of everyone here, Fiend Li had been severely injured and was on the brink of death while Felynn was not nearly powerful enough. The other Lockbreakers were only at the Hunter realm at best, and they would not be able to help out against this Corpse King in any way. Only Ku Wei stood out, and in a way completely unrelated to his power level; Lu Yin felt that his background was the most reliable thing he could count on at this moment.

Ku Wei saw that Lu Yin was heading back towards him, and he started to run while screaming, "Bro, Brother Wei never offended you, so why are you chasing me?"

Lu Yin said, "Bro, help me by taking one hit."

"You've got to be crazy!" Ku Wei seemed to snifle even though no tears were shed.

Behind the two youths, the Corpse King's speed continued to increase until it finally tore straight through the void and appeared in front of Lu Yin. It punched at him, and Lu Yin once again evaded with the Secret Sidestep Technique as he passed by the Corpse King. But this time, the Corpse King turned around as it punched, the wind generated by its fist warping the void and causing boundless shockwaves to sweep out from its fist. Lu Yin could block the attack, but Ku Wei was swept away by the gale and thrown underground in a miserable condition.

He was just an Explorer, so it was already very impressive for him to display a power that could match up to a Hunter. However, that still wasn't enough to stand up to this Corpse King.

Lu Yin felt helpless, as it seemed like this fellow was not actually that useful.

This person's physical power was rather close to Lu Yin's, and he was also a Realmbreaker who could challenge Hunters. However, while Lu Yin could rely on his universal armor to fight against the Corpse King, Ku Wei had no such armor, and he could not even resist against the Corpse King's attacks.

Lu Yin constantly evaded the Corpse King's punches with the Secret Sidestep Technique, and he felt confident that as long as he had the Cosmic Art active, the Corpse King would not be able to land a hit on him. And after enough time passed, the Corpse King would definitely flee since the Hall of Honor would not allow it to roam about freely.

Some distance away, Fiend Li pushed the Lockbreakers who had been supporting him aside as he dragged his injured body into the sky above the ruins of Hall of Insight. This was the place that had been filled with the invisible danger from the four sourceboxes that looked like four great trees. The old man hung in midair as he stared at Sourcepeak Planet with a complex expression. "I never thought that the final scenes of my life would be this. Geoffrey's worries have come to pass, and if that is the case, then I will fulfill my promise and not allow those items to land in the hands of others." He raised his gadget as if he was about to send out a message, looked at the cat-and-mouse game that Lu Yin was playing with the Corpse King, and then opened his mouth to speak.

Lu Yin was busy evading the Corpse King's attacks when he suddenly felt his ears twitch. He looked over at Fiend Li in astonishment before unhesitatingly charging over with the Corpse King following close behind him.

Lu Yin dashed into the area within the four trees before continuing to dash towards the east.

The Corpse King chased after Lu Yin and also entered the area surrounded by the four great trees. However, the moment Lu Yin left this area, Fiend Li's eyes went wide, and the star energy in the area suddenly transformed. The four great trees rapidly wilted as they revealed four sourceboxes of varying sizes and shapes. The void froze as the four sourceboxes gave off a slight radiance. Then, through some unknown mechanism, the area bordered by the sourceboxes suddenly distorted, and all of the star energy inside instantly vanished, along with the Corpse King and Fiend Li himself.

Lu Yin stared at this scene in shock. What had just happened? All of the star energy in the area encircled by the four great trees had completely vanished along with the Corpse King, Fiend Li, and anything else that had even contained a trace of star energy. Right now, that area was utterly devoid of star energy.

Was this a sourcebox array? Only a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker could comprehend such an array, as this was a supreme technique of Lockbreakers.

That had been a green-eyed Corpse King that had transformed twice, but it had still disappeared as if it had never even existed. Such a thing was too fearsome.

"I've heard rumors that some powerful Lockbreakers can use a sourcebox array to kill super powerhouses. So it turns out that those rumors were true," the monkey said with a sigh.

Lu Yin's eyes flickered as he recalled the True Insight: the thirty six pages of this treasure contained information about sourcebox arrays. If all such arrays contained this much power, then True Insight was indeed as valuable as a secret technique. It was no wonder why Saul had coveted the True Insight as badly as he had.

It was a pity that Fiend Li had only been a five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, which meant that he could not comprehend the techniques behind sourcebox arrays. Although Lu Yin did not know how the old man had activated this particular sourcebox array, Fiend Li had clearly paid for it with his life.

If President Geoffrey had still been around, then how would things have turned out? Lu Yin didn't even dare to imagine what sort of strength Geoffrey possessed. If he had comprehended this sourcebox array, then he would have been able to take care of Saul, Lord Egret, and even that Corpse King all by himself!

A wooden box fell down from high in the sky, which was the one that the Corpse King had grabbed from Geoffrey's secret room. Lu Yin wanted to grab it, but he did not dare enter that area, as that array was truly horrifying.

Felynn flew over from a distance, entering the desolate region of space to retrieve the box. Only when she collected it did she finally visibly relax. She then focused her sight onto Lu Yin, her gaze complicated.

Lu Yin and Felynn exchanged glances. "That senior Lockbreaker voluntarily killed himself so as to prevent that box from landing in others' hands, right?"

Felynn stored the box away in her cosmic ring, not replying.

Lu Yin looked around him. "Sourcepeak Planet can be considered finished. Hall of Insight, the Vice President, and the Honorary Vice President are all gone. Nobody can stop you from becoming the President any longer."

Felynn's body quivered, and then she asked in a bitter voice, "Is there any meaning to becoming the President any more?"

"I'll support you," Lu Yin said.

Felynn fell silent.

All around them, many Lockbreakers looked around with miserable expressions. Regardless of whether they were standing on the ground or floating in the sky, they all looked as though they had lost their souls.

Too much had happened on this day, and they were still trying to process it all.

Chapter 702: Distant Dream

"I want to go to Armament Weave and follow Master Yi Feng," a Lockbreaker proclaimed loudly before leaping into outer space.

Once he said those words, more and more Lockbreakers left one after another. Sourcepeak Planet was done for, and there was no meaning in staying behind any longer.

Felynn's gaze grew complicated. The Outerverse Lockbreaker Society was truly finished.

"Aren't you planning on doing something? If you allow them to leave, then even if you eventually become the president, you'll barely have anyone left under you," Lu Yin commented as he glanced at the surroundings.

Aden had been injured, but not too badly.

The main issue at the current moment was Deng Pu's location, as he had seemingly disappeared the moment the fight broke out, and he likely still had the three pages of True Insight on his body.

Felynn looked at Lu Yin. "Are you really willing to support my presidency?"

"Of course," Lu Yin replied.

If things had been the same as the past, Felynn would not have actually cared about Lu Yin's support. Her original intentions had been to use Lu Yin to expose Saul's schemes, but the situation had changed. Lu Yin had rallied a large number of Lockbreakers to protect the Hall of Insight, and in the final moments of battle, he had assisted Fiend Li in killing their greatest foe. In the hearts of all the Lockbreakers present, Lu Yin's image was the largest.

"What are your conditions?" Felynn asked.

Lu Yin removed his universal armor and smiled at her. "Sourcepeak Planet is finished, but I know of a suitable planet for Lockbreakers to live on. I hope that you'll be able to shift the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society to that place."

Felynn's eyes flashed. "In Frostwave Weave?"

Lu Yin smiled. "That's right."

Felynn immediately refused. "That's not possible. Sourcepeak Planet is the foundation of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society."

"Wrong. Lockbreakers are the foundation of the Society. Without Lockbreakers, everything else is mere drivel."

"You are no different than Wei Rong—you also want to divide the Lockbreakers," Felynn accused as her tone harshened, resentment filling her eyes.

Lu Yin's smile disappeared in response. "Wrong again. I'm different from him, as I'm not the kind of person to scheme and machinate."

Felynn's body trembled. "What do you mean?"

Lu Yin looked at her. "President Geoffrey is not around, Vice President Saul has been chased away, Honorary Vice President Fiend Li has died, Mr. Jun has run away, and Yi Feng has cast his lot in with the Wei family. Thus, the only one suitable to become the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's President out of everyone present is you. If these Lockbreakers learn that the person who came up with all of these hidden schemes is actually you, then what do you think they'll do?"

Felynn went pale, and she stared intensely at Lu Yin.

“If they find out that a president like you was manipulated by others in a way that almost led to the entire Society’s collapse, what would they think?” Lu Yin asked calmly.

“You’re threatening me.” Felynn clenched her fists, and her originally gentle face turned dark.

Lu Yin’s tone grew even colder. “I am. Either you become the president and move the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society to Frostwave Weave, after which the Great Eastern Alliance and I would support you, or you can become the shame of the entire Outerverse Lockbreaker Society and bear the guilt of causing the society’s collapse. Choose.”

Felynn trembled as her eyes flickered, occasionally with a sharp killing intent, and at other times with helpless embitterment.

She wanted to kill Lu Yin, but she did not have the ability to do so. “Even if you don’t say anything, as soon as I bring the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society to Frostwave Weave, Wei Rong will expose everything,” Felynn said gloomily.

Lu Yin replied, “Perhaps. But if you don’t do as I say, I’ll do it right now.”

Felynn looked at Lu Yin with a pleading expression. “I can make you the society’s Honorary Vice President, and I can even follow your orders on many matters. Is there any way for you to leave the society’s headquarters here in Sourcepeak Weave?”

Lu Yin sighed. “This is why I said that your vision is too narrow and that you’re foolish. Sourcepeak Planet is just some random place that was chosen by some ancient Lockbreakers, and it is just a location. It once symbolized the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, but once the Hall of Insight collapsed, its power as the symbol lost all meaning. We want to reestablish a new symbol of the society at this time, and you and I will write a new page in this chapter of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society. Do you understand?”

Felynn stood on the spot and carefully considered his words.

Lu Yin continued, saying, “By staying on Sourcepeak Planet, you will forever remain as an appointed president of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, and the most useless one at that. Once the Innaverse and Outerverse reconnect and President Geoffrey returns, you will lose all value. If you go to Frostwave Weave, then the new Outerverse Lockbreaker Society will be founded by you, and everything that the society’s Lockbreakers gain will have been because of you. They will respect you for your actions, and not just because of your title as Society president.”

“But what can I offer them? If we take the society to Frostwave Weave, then will Lockbreakers even be willing to follow me?” Felynn asked.

Lu Yin smiled. “What Yi Feng can do, you just have to do better than him.”

Felynn was astonished. “You want me to freely offer my lockbreaking experience?”

Lu Yin’s lips curled upwards. “Not just you, but many other Lockbreakers have to do so as well. You are one of the society’s executives, just like Yifeng Li. You should also be aware of the Society’s sourceboxes and that you can take them out for distribution. Either way, I don’t really care how you do it—just bring these Lockbreakers to Frostwave Weave. As a form of repayment, the Great Eastern Alliance and I will always support you.”

Felynn stood in place and considered Lu Yin's offer, but she was still at a loss for what to do.

More and more Lockbreakers started leaving Sourcepeak Planet, and they were all heading towards Armament Weave.

Lu Yin coldly said, "Sourcepeak Planet is no longer suitable for survival, so make a decision quickly. Otherwise, too many Lockbreakers will be lured over to Armament Weave by Yi Feng, and there won't be any meaning left in you becoming the president."

Felynn looked up and leaped into the sky off in the distance. "I understand."

Lu Yin looked at her, and then he looked at where he had fought against the Corpse King underground. Wang Wen's voice rang out in his ears. "You might enjoy an even greater harvest than Wei Rong this time."

"Hopefully. You got me to break Sourcepeak Planet's core so that it'll no longer be habitable. Will this really push the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society to relocate to Frostwave Weave?" Lu Yin asked.

Wang Wen replied, "Of course, so long as you control Felynn. Lockbreakers hold a position that is too revered, but aside from taking some risks to increase their lockbreaking experience, they rarely ever take any risks. Hence, most Lockbreakers are essentially flowers in a greenhouse, and they are not very proficient at taking care of themselves. Also, with the Society's long term protection, nobody dares to act against any Lockbreakers. Thus, their reliance on the society is even greater than what you can imagine. Once Felynn uses the Society's name to relocate it to Frostwave Weave, many Lockbreakers will absolutely head over there."

Lu Yin nodded, as he could understand this line of reasoning. When he had still been weak, he had relied on the Lockbreaker Society to survive against his many enemies. Otherwise, the Daynight clan could have sent any random clan member to take care of him. Lockbreakers truly relied on the Lockbreaker Society a tremendous amount.

"Pawn Bro, let me ask you a question." Wang Wen's tone suddenly changed to that of curiosity. "What exactly are you trying to accomplish with the Great Eastern Alliance?"

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "I want to protect the eastern weaves."

"Just the eastern region?" Wang Wen's voice climbed higher, as he clearly didn't believe Lu Yin.

"What do you think?" Lu Yin replied.

"Actually, the Outerverse's resources are fairly comparable to the Innerverse's, since it covers a much greater area. If all seventy two weaves united, it would form a very terrifying power, especially in terms of resources. If they all unite, then the capability the Outerverse could display would be something neither of us can even estimate," Wang Wen said.

Lu Yin sighed. "That's true, but the Outerverse is too big, and no one can integrate it in its entirety. Even the biggest corporations, like Endless Borders, that claim to be able to move throughout the Outerverse unhindered only occasionally make visits all the way to Frostwave Weave. They at most know of

shortcuts and have regular routes in around thirty-some weaves, and they will never be able to cover the entire Outerverse.”

“It was truly impossible before, but things are different now. The dramatic increase in energy has caused the Innaverse and Outerverse to become separated, and it has also isolated many places in the Outerverse’s seventy-two weaves. All in all, many matters have become easier to take care of as there’s less interference now. As long as one has the ability, they can annex the Outerverse step by step—just take your Great Eastern Alliance, for example. If it was the same as before, then any random weave could just ask for some support from the Innaverse, and your Great Eastern Alliance would be finished. However, right now, such things can’t happen.

“If the Great Eastern Alliance is successfully established, then spreading westwards is also possible. There are still too few supreme powerhouses in the Outerverse for how many resources it contains. In the past, those resources were always hoarded by the Innaverse. If all of these resources could be used to develop the Outerverse, then the number of powerhouses born might not be any fewer than the Innaverse...”

Wang Wen had said a lot in his explanation, and Lu Yin listened to him attentively for quite a while. Then, he finally asked, “What is that you want to say?”

Wang Wen smiled mischievously. “Have you ever thought of completely uniting the entire Outerverse?”

Lu Yin’s eyes flickered. “Yes, in my dreams.”

“It’s no longer a dream.”

“I can’t do it.”

“How would you know if you don’t try?”

“Are you going to help me?”

Wang Wen then fell silent. “One can grow tired after staying in Ironblood Weave for too long. I can help you, but my condition is that you must first completely unite the Great Eastern Alliance, as a gift to welcome me. I guarantee that my gift in return will make you very excited.”

“What gift?” Lu Yin was full of expectations.

Wang Wen smiled, but he said nothing further. “Chesspiece Bro, the unification of the Outerverse is not as simple as just integrating its resources. If you can actually unite the Outerverse, then the benefits you would obtain are unimaginable to the you of right now. Once you reach that point, you will understand. Work hard to arrive at that position. Goodbye.” And with that, he disconnected from the call.

Lu Yin looked up at the sky. Uniting the Outerverse was a distant dream, and it also posed a great challenge.

If the Great Eastern Alliance could be established, then why couldn’t the seventy-two weaves of the Outerverse be united? He truly would not know if he didn’t even try.

In the distance, Felynn looked down at the bewildered Lockbreakers from high up in the sky. Did she really have to do as Lu Yin had said and become his puppet? She thought about it one last time before

gritting her teeth and activating her gadget. Quickly, a voice was heard from it. "Executive Felynn, why did you contact me so late?"

Felynn was seething. "Wei Rong, you went against our agreement."

"Executive Felynn, you can't make baseless remarks like that. Back then, our agreement was for me to help you chase Saul away so that you could take the position of president. I have done what I agreed to. Hasn't Saul been chased away? And now, there's nobody else in the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society who can threaten your position, so you will naturally become the president. Isn't that true?" Wei Rong smiled.

Felynn was furious. "You broke the society apart and had Yi Feng take away the Lockbreakers. Is there any meaning to me holding the position of president anymore? Your true objective was to seize the Society's treasury. You used me!"

Wei Rong smiled. "Executive, there's no need to speak so harshly. Since you feel that there's no meaning to the Society anymore, then why don't you come to Armament Weave and help me? You are already familiar with Executive Yi Feng, so the cooperation between the two of you will be smooth. Xin'er also welcomes your arrival, as you are her mentor after all."

Chapter 703: Harvest

Felynn coldly said, "Allow Yi Feng to return to the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, and the matters between us can be considered settled then. As for those treasures, what you obtained will be considered yours. How about that?"

"Who gave Executive Felynn the confidence to talk to me like that?" Wei Rong teased.

Felynn's gaze froze. "The foundation that the Lockbreaker Society accumulated over so many years is still present. Do you truly wish to become the entire Lockbreaker Society's enemy? The Innerverse and Outerverse will reconnect sooner or later, and when we regain the Innerverse Lockbreaker Society's support, we will crush you like an ant."

"Perhaps, but that's only after the Innerverse and Outerverse are reconnected. Now, Executive Felynn, if there's nothing else, let's not contact each other again." Wei Rong then immediately disconnected from the call. He needed the Lockbreakers, but he did not want someone like Felynn. This woman's ambition was overly large, but she was stupid and easily duped by others. This sort of person was worthless in his eyes, and she could not even compare to the worth of a one star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker.

Yi Feng could draw a large number of Lockbreakers to Armament Weave, and the remaining Lockbreakers could be slowly lured over afterwards. There was no rush, as Wei Rong did not need to achieve instant success.

These Lockbreakers were rather difficult to deal with, so he would just take his time.

Felynn's face was gloomy as she placed down her gadget, still hovering in the sky above Sourcepeak Planet. Wei Rong's attitude clearly showed that he wanted to sever all ties with her, and he had no intention of making any compromises. She had not even stated her conditions before he disconnected, and if that was the case, then her only option was to go with Lu Yin's plan. Even if Wei Rong publicly

released the secret that she had cooperated with him, she could use Lu Yin's influence to refute that claim.

As she thought about it more, Felynn smiled bitterly. When had Lockbreakers turn into others' tools and become vassals that were subservient to cultivators?

Not long after Felynn's call with Wei Rong, Xi Qi was busy looking for Lu Yin when she checked her gadget and cried out in surprise. Felynn had released a notification, and with her status as interim president, she was relocating the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society to Frostwave Weave, and just like Yi Feng, Felynn was also offering tempting conditions to all Lockbreakers that followed her.

Quite a few Lockbreakers who had been intending to head to Armament Weave suddenly hesitated.

"Go to Frostwave Weave? I seem to remember that there's nothing in that weave. There aren't any sourceboxes, and it's really out of the way. Why would we relocate there?"

"Executive Felynn's given reason is that the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society needs the Great Eastern Alliance's protection. The Great Eastern Alliance is made up of eight large eastern weaves, and it's rather powerful. Also, its integration of resources is pretty convenient, and with Lu Yin as the Great Yu Empire's Royal Regent, even Enlighters don't dare to provoke it."

"That's right, our Outerverse Lockbreaker Society no longer has anybody that can deal with Enlighters. It's better to have someone protecting us."

"Hmph, since when did we Lockbreakers require someone to protect us? How humiliating."

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Discussions broke out everywhere, and some agreed with the relocation while others rejected it. But regardless of their stance, they could not stay on Sourcepeak Planet any longer. With Felynn's position as the interim president, she shifted the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's headquarters to Frostwave Weave, and nobody in the Society had the seniority to reject her.

Many Lockbreakers were rather independent, and they did not typically remain at the Society's headquarters. Thus, this transfer didn't really affect them. However, there were also quite a few Lockbreakers who remained at the headquarters all year round, and these people needed Felynn to placate them.

The good thing was that, while Yi Feng had offered appealing conditions that moved many Lockbreakers, Felynn's offer was even better. With the offers clearly stated, many Lockbreakers started to make their future plans.

They had no choice, either, as they had to either follow Yi Feng or Felynn. In comparison, although Yi Feng's strength was greater, Felynn's title of interim president was perfectly justified. On top of that, she also had the society's protected information, which was much better than what Yi Feng could offer.

As for Armament Weave and the Great Eastern Alliance, the comparison between the two was even more drastic considering the value that they offered.

Many Lockbreakers who had been planning to move to Armament Weave quickly turned around and decided to follow Felynn to Frostwave Weave once the news broke.

“Wei Rong’s gravest mistake was not having Yi Feng stay behind to fight for the seat of president. Otherwise, he could have taken all of these Lockbreakers to Armament Weave with him,” the Ghost Monkey sighed.

Lu Yin commented, “It’s not that he didn’t want to, but rather that he couldn’t. Yi Feng’s roots within the Society are not as deep as Felynn’s. Even if he had stayed behind, there was no possible way for him to win against Felynn. Besides, Armament Weave can’t handle that many Lockbreakers. If not for the Great Eastern Alliance, Frostwave Weave would face the same problem.”

“Then how did the Sourcepeak Weave do it?” the monkey retorted.

Lu Yin replied, “When the society’s headquarters was first established in the Sourcepeak Weave, there definitely weren’t so many Lockbreakers in the Outerverse. Things had to develop step by step—where else do you think the Hall of Insight gathered all of its treasures from?”

Lu Yin’s heart was moved when he mentioned the society’s treasures, as he still needed to check and see just exactly what he had obtained. He was especially looking forward to finding out what was inside the box that had been stored inside Geoffrey’s secret room. That Corpse King had been desperate to acquire those two boxes, so there was definitely something extremely valuable inside.

“Brother Lu, are we really heading over to Frostwave Weave?” Xi Qi asked as she walked over to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin nodded. “The society will be coveted by greedy people, and the things that occurred today will definitely happen again. After all, the treasures and knowledge that the society accumulated over countless years are more than enough to make others jealous. When we go to Frostwave Weave, I can have the entire Great Eastern Alliance protect the society as well as support it with the alliance’s integrated resources. These Lockbreakers won’t need to delay their cultivation.”

Xi Qi acknowledged him with a grunt.

“Familiar two-legged beast, Lord Fish sees that you have an amazing skeleton and that you are rather prone to seizing opportunities. Follow Lord Fish! Lord Fish will teach you True Insight,” the fish atop Xi Qi’s head bragged as it swung its tail about.

Lu Yin did not even bother to acknowledge it.

“It’s a pity about those sourceboxes. Those few two-legged beasts have already left, and now, nobody can take them away,” the fish said.

Lu Yin followed the fish’s gaze and looked over at the four large trees. The four sourceboxes had turned back into towering structures, and faint imprints of trees could already be seen on their surfaces. It was all very mysterious.

These four sourceboxes truly made Lu Yin feel rather emotional. He wished that there was a way to take them away, but unfortunately, the fish was right. There was no one who could take these sourceboxes away.

Seeing a sourcebox was like being able to see a hidden treasure but being unable to touch it. There were such sourceboxes present on Shenwu Continent, at every stronghold in Ironblood Weave, and even more on Sourcepeak Planet.

Lu Yin coveted them all. If he had the ability to unlock them, then he might be able to obtain something truly extraordinary.

At that moment, Ku Wei showed up in a rather sorry condition, and he started indignantly blaming Lu Yin for treating him as a scapegoat.

Lu Yin sized him up and down with a strange look. "Your surname makes it easy for me to do so."

Ku Wei was stumped, and then he laughed loudly. "Surname? What surname? I'm Brother Wei, and my full name is hardly ever seen, hahaha!"

After that, he fled.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. This person was definitely someone from the Seven Courts' Ku Family.

Every single one of the Three Dark Hands had an unpredictable strength. Even the various great powers of the Inniverse would not consider provoking them, and Lu Yin did not want to confront such a terrifying power either. To date, the Neohuman Alliance had not directly acted against him, and all of his conflicts had actually been a series of chance encounters. If the Neohuman Alliance truly wanted to do something to Lu Yin, he had no confidence of being able to withstand them unless he requested help from Mister Mu.

Lu Yin still remembered what had happened to the members of the Yushan bloodline. The Seven Courts and the Neohuman Alliance were both equally famous, and neither one was known for their kindness.

Lu Yin looked for an empty area where he could peacefully check his harvest.

First, he decided to look through the cosmic rings that he had seized from the fallen cultivators. While grabbing the rings, he had also collected a bit of blood from each person, and he used that bit of blood right now to open the rings one by one.

He had grabbed dozens of cosmic rings, though he found nothing special even after going through several of them. There were even a few that were completely empty. Finally, something good appeared in one ring: a crystal bottle. It was filled with a liquid, and there was an introduction to the liquid written on the bottle.

Gemspring water: a liquid that could help one during a lockbreaking session that was used by dripping it into one's eyes. Lu Yin was delighted, as this was a lockbreaking tool, which was definitely a good thing. Every lockbreaking tool was valuable.

He checked the amount of gemspring water in the bottle and estimated that there should be around twenty-odd drops, which was pretty decent.

He continued to open cosmic rings and glance through them. Soon enough, he found something else that was decent. This time, it was dozens of memory chips, and when Lu Yin inserted one of them into his gadget, he found that it was a Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker's entire lockbreaking channel that included an introduction of that Lockbreaker's experience. Lu Yin was delighted, as this was a Lockbreaker's greatest treasure. Every single one of these chips contained a Lockbreaker's entire lifetime of lockbreaking experience.

He almost could not suppress his laughter, as this one cosmic ring contained more than thirty chips, which was equivalent to over thirty people's lifetime lockbreaking experience. This amount of valuable information even made him feel slightly flustered. If this information was exposed, then all those other Lockbreakers would probably want to devour him alive.

These were the most valuable treasures that had been in the Hall of Insight.

Lu Yin looked through the chips one by one and found that they all contained Lockbreaker experiences. He had no time to study these chips right now, so he stored them away before continuing to look through the other cosmic rings.

In the end, the various cosmic rings provided him with two lockbreaking tools, a hundred chips that recorded various Lockbreakers' experience, more than 100,000 star essence, and also a strange technique.

The two lockbreaking tools were the gemspring water and a piece of pink cloth, obviously meant to be worn by a lady. As for the technique, it was called "Great Sacrifice." According to its description, it was a technique that allowed one to overdraw their vitality in order to display increased power. Once it was used, the person's life would be consumed.

Lu Yin recalled how Fiend Li's rune lines had rapidly spiked right before his death and how the old man had been able to activate the four tree sourceboxes. He had most likely used this Great Sacrifice technique at that time.

The extra harvest was the more than 100,000 star essence, which was a rather considerable sum. Lu Yin's harvest on this trip to Sourcepeak Planet was almost too much.

There was one final thing, which was the box that had been stored in Geoffrey's secret room.

He carefully pulled it out and slowly opened it, only to see a strand of golden radiance peek out from the box.

As he looked at it, Lu Yin's breath turned ragged, and his eyes went wide. Could it really be...? Could it really be that? His luck was just too good!

As he opened the box, what appeared before Lu Yin was five golden pages, all of which looked very familiar. He had seen this same sight not too long ago, as they had appeared when Saul had opened the box containing the prize for the Lockbreakers Competition: True Insight.

Each season's Lockbreaker Competition's champion would be rewarded with three pages of True Insight. When the chaotic fighting had first broken out, Deng Pu had taken the three pages that he had won and vanished. Later, Saul had been chased out of the Lockbreaker Society because of his various schemes to obtain those three pages, but now, Lu Yin had just gotten a hold of five pages.

He had never thought that his luck would be good enough to actually obtain five pages of True Insight. This must be what the Corpse King had wanted to steal, and it was no wonder why the Corpse King had risked its life to take the box. Five pages of True Insight was truly invaluable.

He hurriedly closed the box lid and appeared incomparably excited. Then, he laughed uncontrollably.

"Seventh Bro, that's really True Insight! You've really struck it rich!" The Ghost Monkey laughed as well.

Lu Yin was pleased, as his harvest this time had turned out to be much better than Wei Rong's. Wei Rong had set up all sorts of schemes, but he had ended up paving the way for Lu Yin. If that fellow learned of Lu Yin's harvests, he would definitely go crazy in anger.

"Geoffrey lives up to his status as the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society President, as he actually had five pages of True Insight. Truly formidable," the monkey exclaimed.

Chapter 704: Box

Lu Yin was also taken aback, as something like True Insight could not be reproduced or spread outside of its original copy. It was just like the Stonewall Scriptures that he had memorized; even after so much time, he still could not recite it all at once. It was impossible for him to pass the scriptures onto someone else since he could not write it out either. True Insight was the same, and there were only thirty six pages of it. There were five pages in front of Lu Yin, and three other pages had been taken by Deng Pu. This meant that the Innaverse and Neoverse combined held the remaining twenty eight pages.

Lu Yin was overwhelmed with emotion as he had actually obtained five pages of True Insight for himself.

"Seventh Bro, I wonder what the other box contained. Could it be more pages of True Insight?" The Ghost Monkey was curious.

Lu Yin had also thought of that possibility. Fiend Li had risked his life to prevent the Corpse King from taking that box away, and that would be completely justifiable if it contained pages of True Insight.

But what if that wasn't the case? Regardless, the contents of that other box couldn't be any less valuable than True Insight.

"Seventh Bro, look for Felynn and get her to hand you the other box," the monkey urged.

Lu Yin answered, "Not now. Fiend Li sacrificed his life to keep that box from being taken away. Felynn must also know of its importance, so there's no way she'll hand it over to me. After all, she's also a Lockbreaker."

"So what? Are you saying that we can't do anything even though that treasure is right in front of us?" The monkey felt tempted.

"There's no need to hurry. She's going to be kept under close eye and key in the future, so there'll definitely be an opportunity," Lu Yin replied. He might act very impulsively at times, but he could also be incredibly calm at others. The more important a matter was, the calmer he became.

While Lu Yin was going through his harvests, on an Endless Borders' spacecraft that was traveling through outer space, Wei Rong learned of what had occurred on Sourcepeak Planet after he had left, and he was astonished.

"An expert appeared who was able to actually force Fiend Li to sacrifice himself in order to take him down, and this all happened after the contents of Geoffrey's secret room was seized. Hurry up and invite Master Yi Feng over," Wei Rong ordered.

Yi Feng quickly arrived. "What's the matter?"

"What's inside President Geoffrey's secret room?" Wei Rong asked as he stared at Yi Feng.

Yi Feng's eyes narrowed. "How did you find out about the secret room?"

Wei Rong laughed. "There's no need for me to hide anything. That secret room has been opened, and the stuff inside it was seized."

"Impossible! Fiend Li and the others would never allow those items to leave." Yi Feng immediately denied such a possibility.

Wei Rong was curious at his reaction. "What exactly are those items?"

Yi Feng started to get worried. "First tell me what's going on."

Wei Rong shared what he had learned regarding the recent events on Sourcepeak Planet, and only after hearing the full story did Yi Feng finally relax. "So those objects are still in Felynn's hands and they haven't been stolen."

Wei Rong nodded. "That's right. So, tell me. What are these items that would cause Fiend Li to sacrifice his life to protect them?"

Yi Feng thought for a while, and after a moment, he looked back at Wei Rong. "I can't tell you."

Wei Rong was amused by this response. "You've already betrayed the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, so what information could you possibly not share?"

Yi Feng remained firm. "These items are too important, so I can't say anything."

"I'm very curious about something—although your position within the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society is very high, it can't be considered much within the scope of all of the Lockbreakers in the universe. In that case, how exactly do you know about those important items if your identity is just that of an Outerverse Executive?" Wei Rong was curious.

Yi Feng smiled bitterly and shook his head. "It's actually unrelated to my position. It was unwittingly divulged by the president when he was drunk."

Wei Rong blinked. "Do I look like an idiot?"

Yi Feng was rendered helpless. "You may not believe it, but it's the truth. President Geoffrey is very different from what you guys think, and he often indulges in liquor. Once he's intoxicated, he might say anything. That's a part of the reason why he was sent to become the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society President. Otherwise, with his power, he would be president of not just a mere Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, but rather the Innerverse Lockbreaker Society.

"Other than our own responsibilities, us three executives also had another task: every time the president drank, one of us had to accompany him to prevent him from doing anything overboard. This secret was spoken by him during one of the times when he was drunk."

Wei Rong looked at Yi Feng incredulously. "Seriously?"

Yi Feng nodded. "Seriously. The reason why Vice President Saul was able to rope in several Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers is partially related to how the president never properly performed his duties.

Although President Geoffrey was vigilant against Saul, his drinking habit was just too much. Otherwise, there's no way Sourcepeak Planet would have ended up as it did."

Wei Rong now believed Yi Feng, as the executive would not lie to him about such matters that could be easily verified.

This was troubling, as Yi Feng would not reveal what had been in the secret room. Thus, only Saul, Mr. Jun, and Felynn had that knowledge. Two of them had already left, and Felynn had Lu Yin's support, which meant that Wei Rong could not touch her. It seemed like it would not be easy for him to find out just what those items were.

At this moment, Wei Rong's gadget beeped lightly. He glanced at it, and his expression changed. He suddenly stood up. Such a thing actually happened?

"What happened?" Yi Feng asked.

Wei Rong's face remained calm as he answered, "Someone has taken a similar action as me."

"What action?" Yi Feng was baffled.

Wei Rong took a deep breath and activated his gadget. He then opened a star chart and pointed at a certain location. "The Outerverse Lockbreaker Society will be relocated here."

Yi Feng looked over, astonished. "Frostwave Weave?"

Wei Rong's eyes lit up. "I never thought that this Lu Yin would be intelligent enough to borrow my methods and gain some influence for himself. Not only did he create a favorable impression with the Outerverse Lockbreakers, but he also brought all of those Lockbreakers to Frostwave Weave. Interesting. It looks like things'll be less lonely next time."

"How did he do it?" Yi Feng found this development strange. He knew Felynn quite well, and he knew that she would not be normally willing to relocate the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's headquarters to Frostwave Weave.

Wei Rong duly answered, "The 'how' is not important. Rather, it's the outcome that is. In conclusion, for this Sourcepeak Planet Campaign, even though I achieved my objectives, gained quite a bit from Hall of Insight, and was even able to take away some Lockbreakers, Lu Yin also obtained quite a bit. In fact, he even came out on top in terms of acquiring influence over the Lockbreakers. I seem to have underestimated him. I had thought he was just an oaf, and I never imagined that he would actually have a brain."

"I'm very curious about this. It wouldn't be difficult to take care of Felynn with your methods, and in that case, I'd eventually become the president. At that time, the entire Outerverse Lockbreaker Society would listen to your orders. If that's the case, then why did you have me lure a bunch of Lockbreakers away to Armament Weave?" Yi Feng asked.

Wei Rong replied, "Felynn is not stupid, and if I threaten her, she'll definitely come up with some way to save herself. Do you think that she sought out Lu Yin to cooperate with her just because of his identity? She was actually guarding herself against me, but I never considered dealing with her, as Armament Weave cannot sustain that many Lockbreakers. I only wanted to attract them bit by bit so that I could

gradually use the influence of these Lockbreakers to unite the central region and eventually grow stronger. I never expected that this Lu Yin would be even quicker.

“The Great Eastern Alliance can truly provide for that number of Lockbreakers. This Lu Yin made the best decision, but attempting to take away the entire Outerverse Lockbreaker Society in a single move shows that his appetite is too big. He may very well choke on this bite.”

Yi Feng did not ask Wei Rong any more questions, as the Lockbreaker was not adept at such schemes, and he actually hated them. If not for the fact that he was indeed a member of the Wei family, he never would have cooperated with Wei Rong.

After Yi Feng left, Wei Rong activated his gadget and started to search for any and all information related to Lu Yin. This person was worthy of his attention, and Lu Yin also posed a great threat towards Wei Rong. He was not afraid of having powerful enemies, as he was only afraid of those who were both powerful and smart. Lu Yin belonged to the latter.

The Outerverse Lockbreaker Society carried too great of an influence within the Outerverse. News of the Lockbreaker Competition as well as of the following events quickly spread throughout the many weaves of the Outerverse, shocking everyone.

Countless individuals were stunned. To many, the Lockbreaker Society was no different than the sky. Without even mentioning the entire Lockbreaker Society, any random single Lockbreaker roaming about the universe generally would not be bothered by anyone. But despite this universal fact, someone had dared to raid the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's headquarters and seize the society's treasures that had been gathered over countless years. This caused Sourcepeak Planet to suffer devastating losses, which did not seem to be possible.

When the news first broke, most people did not believe it, but as time went on, more and more people started discussing the events. In addition, videos were released, verifying the news. On top of all this, at the same time, news about the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society relocating to Frostwave Weave was also spread.

There were seventy two weaves in the Outerverse, but any flourishing region would know of some familiar names, such as Shamrock Enterprises, the Mavis Bank, and the various spacecraft manufacturers. There were too many mammoth corporations to count, as a myriad of powers and companies had established themselves throughout the Innaverse and Outerverse. This included the few most famous entities such as Shamrock Enterprises, the Mavis Bank, and Aurora Enterprises.

Various plants were being grown on a certain large planet in the Outerverse, which was under Shamrock Enterprises's control. They did not allow any outsiders to enter this planet as it was used to grow and research certain special medicinal herbs. Shamrock Enterprises had many such planets.

At this particular moment, within a very beautiful flower garden on this planet, there was a middle-aged man leisurely lying down in the air, and he floated up and down from time to time. There was a glass of fragrant wine next to him that had attracted many species of butterflies and bee-like creatures. The

middle-aged man occasionally stretched out a hand to chase them away, but more of them always quickly came back.

The man seemed to be enjoying a day of relaxation.

Such a comfortable environment was suddenly disrupted by a girl who stepped out of the void.

She wore a formal, light red dress and glasses. One glance was enough to tell that she had the appearance of a stereotypical secretary. But her beautiful appearance and exceptionally bright eyes belied the fact that she could move by tearing through the void. Her strength was terrifying, as in the current universe, only Hunters were able to travel through the void.

“Chief Shen, there’s a situation,” the woman firmly announced as she walked beside the middle-aged man, using a rather old-fashioned manner of speech.

The middle-aged man leisurely drained the fragrant wine from his glass and let out a relaxed sigh. “Xiao Qin, this isn’t Boss nitpicking at you, but look at yourself. You’re so beautiful yet so old-fashioned! It’s no wonder why you can’t find a man despite already being of age.”

“Chief Shen, there’s a situation,” the woman repeated; neither her expression nor her tone changed in the slightest.

He rubbed his temple and answered in a grudging voice, “What’s the matter?”

“The Lockbreaker Competition has ended, and Deng Pu emerged victorious,” the woman called Xiao Qin said.

The middle-aged man smiled. “As expected. That old fogey Saul chased away all the Lockbreakers that could have threatened his disciple. He might not have used above-board measures, but they were effective enough. So, has True Insight already landed in his hands?”

“No, True Insight and Deng Pu are both gone,” Xiao Qin said.

“How is that possible? How could Deng Pu have escaped from Saul?” The older man was astonished.

Xiao Qin continued explaining in an indifferent tone, saying, “A great battle erupted on Sourcepeak Planet. Saul was accused by Executive Felynn of collusion, and his crimes were confirmed. Then, someone sneakily raided the Hall of Insight and seized the society’s treasures. Now, Sourcepeak Planet is about to collapse, Vice President Saul has been chased away, and Honorary Vice President Fiend Li has died. Also, Executive Jun’s whereabouts are unknown while Executive Yi Feng has thrown his lot in with the Wei family of Armament Weave. Executive Felynn is now overseeing the society, and she has decided to move the society to Frostwave Weave.”

The middle-aged man’s expression had turned solemn, and he seemed to be seriously considering all of these developments.

Xiao Qin did not disturb his thoughts.

Chapter 705: Reaction

Not much time passed before the middle-aged man spoke up again. “Who raided Sourcepeak Planet?”

“That hasn’t been investigated yet, but it should be those few organizations with the Wei family at the helm. Lord Egret appeared and held back Saul,” Xiao Qin replied.

The middle-aged man’s eyes flashed. “Lord Egret. On the surface, he’s an independent cultivator, but according to certain reports, he has received support from Aegis since long ago. In that case, between the Wei family and Aegis, there should have also been quite a few other powers that participated. How bold of them to actually succeed in plotting against the Lockbreaker Society.”

The middle-aged man paused for a moment before continuing, saying, “I seem to recall that the Wei family has raised a very outstanding junior in recent years.”

“Wei Rong is adept at strategy. Although he is still young, he is ruthless, and he has never failed. He also appeared on Sourcepeak Planet,” Xiao Qin said.

The middle-aged man nodded. “That’s right, and Yi Feng also cast his lot in with the Wei family. This Wei Rong indeed has some ability.”

“Yi Feng announced some conditions aimed at attracting Lockbreakers to Armament Weave, and they also stole the treasures of the Hall of Insight. Wei Rong has reaped quite the harvest,” Xiao Qin added on.

The man stood up with knitted brows as he looked at a flowerbed. The main issue stemming from these events was not what had happened to the Lockbreakers or even the Lockbreaker Society’s treasury; rather, it was the fact that Wei Rong had set a very bad precedent. Since ancient times, colossal organizations like themselves had looked down upon the Outerverse as they plundered and controlled their lifeline throughout the ages. But now, the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society had fallen, which would give the other Outerverse organizations hope of overthrowing the other colossal organizations. This was not something good.

This meant that their own Shamrock Enterprises was also at risk.

“What reaction has the Mavis Bank taken?” he asked.

“Not yet clear,” Xiao Qin replied.

“Right, you mentioned that the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society has decided to move to Frostwave Weave, right?” He suddenly remembered this detail and asked about it.

Xiao Qin nodded.

The middle-aged man felt a headache coming on. Could Lu Yin have participated in these events? Otherwise, why would the society relocate to Frostwave Weave of all places? If Lu Yin had started cooperating with Wei Rong, then the situation was even more troublesome than what he had thought. Wei Rong was not frightening, but Lu Yin certainly was. He had established the Great Eastern Alliance and had already proven himself to be an outstanding individual. Also, Lu Yin happened to be both incredibly powerful and tremendously ambitious. If he made a move, then the problem would become even thornier.

“Tell me everything that happened on Sourcepeak Planet, and don’t leave out a single detail, especially about anything concerning Lu Yin. Didn’t he participate in the Lockbreaker Competition? And he should have also played a very active part during the battles on Sourcepeak Planet,” the man said firmly.

Xiao Qin answered, “It was indeed lively. If not for him, Sourcepeak Planet...”

After a long while, Xiao Qin’s narration finally finished, and the middle-aged man let out a long breath. According to this information, Lu Yin probably had not collaborated with Wei Rong, or else he would not have defended the Hall of Insight. That was good; as long as the two of them had not teamed up, it meant that Lu Yin’s focus was not on the colossal organizations, which was the most important point.

“Immediately check and see what the Mavis Bank and Aurora Enterprises’ reactions are. I want a detailed report.”

Xiao Qin immediately withdrew.

After she left, the man thought things over and then used his gadget to contact someone. He sullenly said, “Chief Yu, there’s been an incident.”

Not long after, a voice replied from the gadget. “President Geoffrey is not around, which is why those clowns dared to take such an action. If they dare to treat our Shamrock Enterprises the same as the current Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, their days will be numbered. There’s no need to pay them any mind.”

“What about that Wei Rong?”

“Don’t worry about him. Schemes and tricks will only ever be a sidepath when there are people who can overturn or even cover the skies. No matter how smart this kid is, his power will always be limited.” The person on the other end of the call then disconnected.

The middle-aged man exhaled. That was indeed true—if President Geoffrey had been around in the Outerverse, he would have resolved Sourcepeak Planet’s chaos with a flip of his hand. Those clowns would have never been able to even create a ripple. They had better not treat Shamrock Enterprises as an organization on the same level as the Geoffrey-less Outerverse Lockbreaker Society. Otherwise, they would be in for an unforgettable experience.

But if Chief Yu had such an attitude, then the Mavis Bank would likely have an even loftier one, and they might even completely disregard the events.

On a planet not too far away from Sourcepeak Planet, Cai Jianqiang emerged from the void and appeared. He found a random restaurant, sat down, and ordered a few delicacies as snacks.

He had known that he would be eliminated during the Lockbreaker Competition, and he was already used to such things.

As he ate, he heard snippets of conversation from the tables nearby.

“What, Sourcepeak Planet almost collapsed? The Lockbreaker Society was robbed? Is that for real? Who has the balls to do that?” one person shrieked.

Cai Jianqiang froze while his drink was halfway to his mouth.

“It’s real! After the Lockbreaker Competition, Vice President Saul was accused of using dishonest methods to eliminate other Lockbreakers. Then, some other people invaded the Hall of Insight, and the Lockbreaker Society is now on the verge of collapse. The Hall of Insight was reduced to ruins, and even Honorary Vice President Fiend Li died! It’s a disaster.”

“I never thought that the grand Lockbreaker Society would sink so low. Being isolated from the Inniverse has truly changed the Outerverse.”

“Shh, quiet! Don’t let a Lockbreaker hear you.”

“What are you afraid of? It’s a good thing that the Lockbreaker Society has collapsed. Those Lockbreakers have always been conceited even though they’re only relying on the society’s support without caring about anyone else. It’s about time for them to fall off of their pedestal. I don’t care—I will clap and celebrate such a thing.”

“That’s true, most Lockbreakers have never even managed to unlock a single sourcebox, but they’re given special privileges just because of their innate gift. That’s unfair. Here, cheers!”

“Cheers!”

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Cai Jianqiang’s expression grew dark, and he quickly opened his gadget to look for news articles on what had happened on Sourcepeak Planet. Out of all the reported images, the scene of the Hall of Insight collapsing into ruins was exceptionally clear. It showcased the fall of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society.

He browsed until the end of the newsfeed and then set his drink down. Everything had already been settled, and there was no need for him to return. However, he still felt that he should return and take a look since the society was moving to Frostwave Weave. Although most Lockbreakers looked down upon Cai Jianqiang, he was exceptionally fervent about lockbreaking, and he valued the society rather highly.

Frostwave Weave... that person called Lu Yin should be the one in charge there.

That person had not appeared in this Lockbreaker Competition, but he had mysteriously appeared once the fighting started. It was all a little strange.

On Shenwu Continent, as Ming Zhaoshu’s death neared, he began to act even more recklessly; he started sending policing troops against the various rebellions, massacring rebels, and exterminating any and all remnants that had been left behind by Ming Zhaotian. This led to seething discontent across the entire Shenwu Continent, but the people were completely suppressed under his iron fist.

He had already seized the highest position on Shenwu Continent, and with the outsiders’ help, he could quell any rebellion regardless of the size, and the fate of such rebels was always quite miserable.

Ming Zhaoshu was not the same as before, and his draining vitality had almost completely devoured his rationality, and Ming Yan had seen this up close.

“Kill them all! Don’t leave a single one alive. These rebels actually dared to betray the empire and me,” Ming Zhaoshu barked, killing intent filling his eyes.

Beside him, Ming Yan picked up the memo that her father had thrown to the floor, and she frowned slightly. She then looked over at Ming Zhaoshu. “There are more than 3,000. You want to kill them all?”

Ming Zhaoshu replied in a low voice, “That’s right, don’t let a single one escape. I will let these people realize their fate.”

After the previous massacre, Ming Yan’s determination had grown firmer, and she had become much more decisive at handling matters. However, she still could not casually make a decision to kill 3,000 people without any ability to resist. This was 3,000, not 300.

When he saw that Ming Yan had not made any sort of confirmation, Ming Zhaoshu looked at her. “What? Are you not going to listen to Father any longer?”

Ming Yan looked miserable. “Father, how many do you want to be buried with you?”

Ming Zhaoshu’s body trembled as he clenched his fists tightly.

Ming Yan pursed her lips, knowing that her words had been too harsh. She immediately tried to calm her father down. “Sorry, Father, I didn’t mean that, but-”

“Get out.”

Ming Yan still wanted to say something, but Ming Zhaoshu repeated his words. “Get out.”

Ming Yan placed down the memo and glanced at Ming Zhaoshu before stepping out of the study.

She raised her face towards the sunlight, and her body swayed as she almost fell down. Right now, she didn’t dare to sleep at night, and since she had to handle the various administrative duties during the day, her body was overly exhausted.

Tang Si respectfully asked, “Princess, do you wish to summon the imperial physician?”

Ming Yan shook her head and left with the support of her maids.

Tang Si hung his head with a complex look on his face.

Within the office, Ming Zhaoshu stepped in front of a mirror, and his appearance changed. A decrepit old man appeared in the mirror, a man devoid of all vitality and who looked to be a mere breath away from death. This was the emperor’s true appearance as his vitality had been sapped away, and nothing could stop it. Those rare natural treasures that had been gathered from all over, even the ones from the Outerverse, could not stop his vitality from slipping away, and the speed had gradually increased. He felt that his death would arrive sooner than he had initially estimated.

Ming Zhaoshu had grown numb to the sight of the old, decrepit man in the mirror. He almost wanted to die immediately so that he could break away from this feeble old body that disgusted him so, but he could not. He still had certain matters to attend to. Just a little longer, just a little more.

Under Felynn's arrangements, the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society was shifted from Sourcepeak Planet to Frostwave Weave, and the natives of Sourcepeak Planet were also resettled onto some nearby planets. In short, Sourcepeak Planet was no longer habitable.

Yi Feng had attracted quite a few Lockbreakers to join him in Armament Weave, a majority of whom were the Outerverse Lockbreakers who did not remain at the society's headquarters. Hence, the Lockbreakers who headed over to resettle in Frostwave Weave were only the few who had previously lived at the society's headquarters, as well as some Lockbreakers who wanted to study in the headquarters. There were not very many, and they did not even number 3,000. However, they were all Lockbreakers, which meant that they were not ordinary people.

What delighted Lu Yin the most was that, among the various Lockbreakers heading to Frostwave Weave, there were three Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers, including Felynn. They were Felynn, Xi Qi, and a two star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker known as Master Kai.

Perceptive Intermediate and Discerning Elementary Lockbreakers were on two fundamentally different levels.

Every Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker had the strength to fight against a Hunter. No matter what realm they had cultivated to, even if they were nothing more than a lowly Explorer, they would still have the ability to hold their own against a Hunter.

Unfortunately, during the fighting on Sourcepeak Planet, several Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers had died, and there had also been a few who had sided with Saul and left, like Mr. Jun. Their whereabouts were unknown, and only Master Kai had remained behind.

As for Xi Qi, she wanted to head over to Frostwave Weave to take a look for herself.

Aside from the Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers, Ku Wei, Serpent Queen, and Tong Mi'er also headed towards Frostwave Weave. They all had enormous potential and could become Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers in the future. Thus, they were all highly valued by Lu Yin. Ku Wei was a bit more troublesome, as Lu Yin had basically confirmed that this person was a member of the Court of Seven Names' Ku family. Lu Yin did not feel confident about allowing a member of the Three Dark Hands to follow him back to Frostwave Weave.

Chapter 706: Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum

"Why do you want to go to Frostwave Weave?" Lu Yin sought out Ku Wei and directly asked him this question.

Ku Wei was holding onto another cultivator's shoulder, and he looked very happy. However, Lu Yin's arrival shocked him, and the cultivator took the opportunity to quietly slip away.

Ku Wei turned to face Lu Yin, and in a righteous manner, he said, "In any case, Brother Wei is also a Lockbreaker, and there's many things that I can still do for the Society. Brother Wei is willing to contribute my fair share to the Society."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "Let's quit with the nonsense. You're from the Seven Courts' Ku family."

Ku Wei grudgingly rubbed his nose. "Bro, don't burst my bubble."

“Right now, you’re headed towards my place, so make your motives clear. Otherwise, I’ll let the Hall of Honor know of your existence,” Lu Yin threatened.

Ku Wei spread his hands. “Is that really necessary?”

Once he saw Lu Yin’s serious expression, Ku Wei sighed. “Alright, fine, I’ll tell you. Actually, I want to go and look for the Yu family.”

Lu Yin’s eyes flashed. This was what he had expected.

“The Court of Seven Names has seven surnames, which represent the seven great families. The Yu family betrayed the Seven Courts, so we have to find them,” Ku Wei explained.

“For revenge?” Lu Yin asked.

Ku Wei thought about the question. “Sort of, but also no. More importantly, we want to let the Yu family’s strength return to the Seven Courts.”

“Their secret technique?” Lu Yin asked solemnly.

Ku Wei laughed. “Not just their secret technique. Any family that’s a part of the Seven Courts possess terrifying strength, and every one of those families has enough strength and baseline influence to contest against the various great powers of the Inniverse. With such enormous power, how can we abandon them so easily? Back then, there had to have been a reason for the Yu family to betray the Seven Courts, so we’re willing to give them a chance.”

Lu Yin frowned. “The Yu family possesses terrifying strength?”

“Of course, what do you take the Seven Courts for? The seven great surnames were not born from the same origin, but we’ve gone through countless years of mutual tribulation and cooperation in order to form the Seven Courts. Each one of the seven great surnames is frighteningly powerful. Since you know the secret technique and have even managed to comprehend it, you must know of its value. Let me ask you—how many families of the Inniverse’s eight great flowzones possess a secret technique?”

Lu Yin thought about it and realized that he had indeed never bumped into anyone who had used a secret technique during his few years of roaming about the Inniverse. Of course, this was also related to his strength at that time. He had not been qualified to come into contact with those true, absolute monstrous descendants of the great powers like the Daynight clan or the Sword Sect.

“The Neoverse is a mysterious place, and one can’t enter it without having the prerequisite ability. Do you think that those Inniverse powers don’t want to enter the Neoverse? Wrong. They really want to, but they can’t. From our Seven Courts, all of the great seven surnames can enter, so you can imagine the strength behind them.”

Lu Yin stared at Ku Wei. “So what does this have to do with you wanting to go to Frostwave Weave?”

Ku Wei beamed at Lu Yin. “Let’s not mess around with insinuations and hidden messages. Brother Lu, you used the Yu Secret Art.”

Lu Yin did not deny anything. “So what if I did? The Outerverse is cut off from the Innerverse, so I can tell you that it’s indeed the Yu Secret Art. I received it from the Great Yu Empire’s former emperor, Undying Yushan. Unfortunately, he’s long since dead, along with the entire Yu family.”

“I don’t believe that.” Ku Wei adjusted his expression as he looked back at Lu Yin. “I believe that what you’re saying is true, but I don’t believe that the entire Yu family is dead.”

Lu Yin’s gaze grew icy. “Are you scheming against Wendy?”

Ku Wei shook his head. “No, this isn’t related to her. You know, I once spent a long time laying low in the Great Yu Empire, and I paid attention to everything that happened there up until a little more than a year ago, when the various great powers finished competing for pyrolyte ore. Then, I received a message telling me that the Great Yu Empire is unrelated to the Yu family, and so I left the Great Yu Empire to roam about the Outerverse, until just now. I just saw you use the Yu Secret Art, and I know that the Great Yu Empire’s Yushan clan is made up of the Yu family’s descendants. Thus, clearly, what I was told was not entirely accurate. I previously assumed that the sole survivor of the Yushan bloodline was a single woman, but after confirming that the Yushan bloodline is a part of the Yu family, I can guarantee that the Yu family has not been exterminated.”

“But these are the facts—they were exterminated by the Neohuman Alliance,” Lu Yin countered.

Ku Wei sneered. “That’s impossible. If the Yu family of the Seven Courts could be exterminated that easily, then there’s no way they would have survived long enough to even make it to the Outerverse. You don’t know what the Yu family has kept hidden, and only by understanding that strength would you not be confused by the various events that have occurred. Brother Lu, I can explicitly tell you that the Yu family is still alive and that it always has been.”

“Are you saying that Undying Yushan is not dead?” Lu Yin countered.

Ku Wei shrugged. “I don’t know about that. He might actually be dead, but regardless of his survival, the Yu family definitely persists. That family has some hidden old monsters, and if the Neohuman Alliance actually had the ability to wipe out the entire Yu family, then the Innerverse and Outerverse would definitely know about it. If old monsters at that level made a move, it would be a historic moment, and such people do not die silently. Why do you think I kept myself hidden, not daring to expose myself before? It’s precisely because I’m afraid that I might draw out such a monster.”

Lu Yin stared off into the distance. He had come into contact with many powers, such as the Daynight clan, the Sword Sect, the Wen family, and the Neohuman Alliance. Each one of them had very powerful foundations, and it would not be easy to exterminate any one of them. As a fundamental part of the Seven Courts, the Yu family was definitely no different. Could they really not have been wiped out? Did Wendy know anything?

He was baffled, as Undying Yushan and the others were clearly dead, and even their corpses had vanished.

Hang on, their corpses vanished? A lightbulb suddenly seemed to light up his brain. Back then, he had thought that the Neohuman Alliance had stolen the corpses, and Silver had practically admitted to it, but was that really the case? Could there have been some other reason behind the bodies’ disappearance?

If the Yu family really still existed, then they had skirted his detection abilities. Rune lines could not be forged, and it was not very realistic for an entire family's rune lines to be hidden. If such an old monster existed, then he definitely would have discovered something.

Ku Wei reached out and waved a hand in front of Lu Yin's eyes. "Brother Lu, let me go to Frostwave Weave, and I'll help you investigate. Anyway, since the Innerverse and Outerverse are currently separated, I pose no threat to you. Don't you want to know what the Yu family has been hiding? Why were you able to take over the Great Yu Empire after Undying Yushan? Did Undying Yushan really die? Don't you want to know the answer to all these things?"

Lu Yin looked at the other youth. "What does your Ku family have hidden in the Outerverse?"

Ku Wei exclaimed in an exaggerated fashion, "Brother Lu, don't spout nonsense! I'm the only one from the Ku family who's in the Outerverse."

"Is that so? Then that means that you have no exploitable value. No going to Frostwave Weave for you," Lu Yin said firmly.

Ku Wei blinked, as he had just discovered that the ways they thought were entirely different. "I'm not any sort of threat to you by myself."

Lu Yin's lips curled upwards. "But you're of no use either."

"I can help you investigate the secrets of the Yu family."

"There's no need for that. It's none of my business whether they are dead or not. And since I'm protected by the Hall of Honor, then even if the Yu family is still around, they won't be able to do much to me. Also, my relationship with the Yu family should be pretty good. Speaking of which, if the Yu family really still exists, and they're your enemies, then don't you think I should just get rid of you right now?" A chill flashed through Lu Yin's eyes as he casually spoke, and he also equipped his universal armor at this same time.

Ku Wei sensed true killing intent from Lu Yin. "You're crazy! I'm willing to help you out of kindness."

Lu Yin coldly replied, "Do you think that I'm an idiot? You claim to be searching for the Yu family by yourself, but you're exaggerating too much. If what you say is true, then how can there be nobody from the Ku family supporting you in the Outerverse? If you're lying, then you must have a motive for lying to me. However, regardless of if what you've said is true or false, your existence is not a good thing for me. Now that the Outerverse has been isolated from the Innerverse, why would you take the risk to come to Frostwave Weave with me to search for the Yu family? Everything that you say is filled with contradictions from start to finish, so you can just go and meet your maker now."

The pike suddenly appeared, and Lu Yin pointed it straight at Ku Wei.

Ku Wei quickly spoke up, "Alright, you win! I'll speak. I'll tell you everything!"

Lu Yin stared into Ku Wei's eyes. "If you lie to me again, I'll definitely act. The Hall of Honor should give me some kind of reward for killing someone from the Three Dark Hands."

Ku Wei looked pained. "I'm not lying, and what I said before is true. The Outerverse really doesn't have anybody from the Ku family who can come to my aid. Who could have known that the Innaverse and Outerverse would suddenly be separated? We were also left without any choices." He looked up and saw the chill in Lu Yin's eyes intensifying, so Ku Wei quickly continued, saying, "As for why I'm taking this risk to look for the Yu family, it's because the Yu family has an item that I have to get."

"Continue."

Ku Wei exhaled heavily. "Have you heard of Progenitor Chen?"

"Progenitor Chen?" Lu Yin was astonished.

"Progenitor Chen?" the Ghost Monkey shrieked.

Ku Wei nodded, and he looked at Lu Yin seriously. "It seems like you have, but you must not understand about who Progenitor Chen truly was. In fact, even I don't really understand everything, but all you need to know is that he was a Progenitor. Our Seven Courts first united because we discovered Progenitor Chen's mausoleum."

Lu Yin's heart lurched, and his eyes went wide. Progenitor Chen's mausoleum?

The monkey was also excited. "For real? Progenitor Chen's mausoleum?"

Ku Wei stared at Lu Yin. "Shocking, huh? There aren't that many people in the Outerverse or Innaverse who know about this secret. Because of Progenitor Chen's mausoleum, the Seven Courts united to repel all other powers, after which they forcefully occupied Progenitor Chen's mausoleum. This is exactly the reason why our Seven Courts is considered one of the dark powers. There are some people who can't beat us, so they try to smear our reputation. We are completely different from the Neohuman Alliance. They are truly sinister and belong in the dark while we were deliberately maligned just because we seized Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum."

"Get to the point." Lu Yin was getting anxious.

Ku Wei pursed his lips. "The Seven Courts took control of Progenitor Chen's tomb, and of the seven great families, every hundred years, one person from each family can be sent into the tomb to search for a destined encounter. Our Ku family is the same, but unfortunately, it's not my turn. Thus, I came to the Outerverse to try and find the Yu family. If I find them, then my family has agreed to give me the entrance opportunity that belongs to the Yu family. This isn't just what the Ku family has promised me, and the other families have agreed as well."

"And so they sent just you?" Lu Yin asked.

"Of course not. Every family sent their own people, and the opportunity will belong to whoever finds the Yu family. However, everyone else has hidden themselves, and no one else would be like Brother Wei, who is so open about things." Ku Wei was rather smug.

Lu Yin sized the young man up and down. Could this be for real? He did not quite believe it.

"Seventh Bro, it should be true, as he actually mentioned Progenitor Chen's mausoleum! Is there any greater secret in the universe than a Progenitor's inheritance? There's nothing else!" the monkey said.

Lu Yin responded, "With the current situation with the Outerverse being isolated from the Innerverse, even if you find the Yu family, it's still useless. Even if you can get that opportunity, you still won't be able to get back to the Neoverse."

Ku Wei's look suddenly became even more determined. "No matter what, I have to give it a try, since this is an opportunity for a qualitative leap forward. Anyone who enters Progenitor Chen's tomb will end up completely transforming if they manage to survive. This would be a metamorphosis for me."

Ku Wei stared at Lu Yin as he continued. "Brother Lu, my existence is of no threat to you. Believe me—with the Hall of Honor supporting you, even if there are others from the Ku family in the Outerverse, they still wouldn't be able to threaten you. If I find the Yu family, I just want to obtain the chance to enter the tomb, and everything else can go to you. Don't forget that, aside from the Yu Secret Art, the Yu family still has many other battle techniques. The foundations of the Seven Courts' Yu family is not something that you can even imagine."

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Lu Yin continued to stare at Ku Wei. "You may go to Frostwave Weave, but there's a condition."

"Sure."

Lu Yin looked down at Ku Wei's finger. "I want to learn the battle technique that you used against me during the Lockbreaker Competition. It should be called Finger Tap."

Ku Wei was stunned for a moment, but then he immediately refused. "No, Finger Tap is a technique that belongs solely to my Ku family, and it can't be passed on to outsiders."

"Then forget about it. Allowing you into Frostwave Weave to look for the Yu family also carries risks for me. If the Yu family really does still exist, it's difficult to say who the Great Yu Empire would listen to between me and them. I established the Great Eastern Alliance after a great deal of difficulty, and if I have to surrender it just because you unearth the Yu family, that would be unfair for me."

"I can promise to hand over the Yu family's other items to you."

"What are you relying on to make a promise like that? If the Yu family is actually as powerful as you claim and has that deep of a background, or as you claim, even old monsters, then do you even have the ability to hand their items over to me? What a joke! I can't hope for something like that."

Ku Wei was rendered speechless, as he would not have mentioned all this if he had known how Lu Yin would have reacted. "Change your condition. I can't teach you Finger Tap, or else the Ku family will definitely kill me when they find out."

Lu Yin suddenly raised his pike and pointed it at Ku Wei. "So you're saying that there are members of the Ku family in the Outerverse."

Ku Wei hurriedly replied, "No, I meant after the Innerverse reconnects to the Outerverse!"

Lu Yin frowned. "You've been contradicting yourself from beginning to end. I don't believe you. I was only 30% certain that there were Ku family experts in the Outerverse before, but now, I'm 90% certain. It looks like it's better for you to just die."

“How can I convince you that there’s nobody from the Ku family in the Outerverse?” Ku Wei was flustered.

Lu Yin smiled. “Teach me Finger Tap.”

Ku Wei stared at Lu Yin with a frustrated expression, looking as though he wanted to eat Lu Yin.

Lu Yin remained calm, and the tip of the pike felt ever sharper.

After a while, Ku Wei finally gave in. “So as long as I teach you Finger Tap, you’ll promise to let me enter Frostwave Weave, not to make things difficult for me, or tell the Hall of Honor about me, right?”

“Of course, I value mutual trust.” Lu Yin was delighted. He wanted to learn Finger Tap to help him with the Dream Finger since, right now, every time he used it, his finger would rupture. His finger could not endure the technique’s pressure, but learning Finger Tap should strengthen his finger quite a bit.

Ku Wei had compromised, but Lu Yin still needed to determine if what Ku Wei had told him was true. The opportunity to enter Progenitor Chen’s mausoleum was extremely appealing, and since the Outerverse had been cut off from the Innerverse, Ku Wei would rather risk being punished by his family for sharing some of their core techniques than let go of a chance to enter the tomb. This showed Lu Yin that Ku Wei stood to gain far more than what he was offering. Even if it was just a chance at an opportunity, it was still worth it. Progenitor Chen’s mausoleum was indeed worth paying almost any price, but it was too much of an illusion, like the moon’s reflection in a lake. There had to be a more substantial benefit if Ku Wei was willing to make such a deal.

However, Lu Yin did not plan to continue questioning the other young man, as their deal was just like his one with Felynn. He had a great deal of time to pursue this further in the future. The Hall of Honor was still around, and he did not believe that Ku Wei would be able to overturn the sky.

There would certainly be some obstacles that the Lockbreaker Society would have to clear before it could completely move to Frostwave Weave. Sourcepeak Weave would not easily allow it, and this matter had to be handled by Felynn. It was not difficult, but it did require time.

Lu Yin had to return to the Great Yu Empire to arrange a location for the new Lockbreaker Society’s headquarters. The planet that he ultimately selected was known as Planet Hydrotink and was located near Zenyu Star.

Following Lu Yin to the Great Yu Empire were the Serpent Queen, Xi Qi, Ku Wei, as well as Master Kai. Aden had been left behind to help protect the other Lockbreakers.

Lu Yin had originally been worried that the Neohuman Alliance would send someone else to seize the box, but Felynn allayed his worries; the Hall of Honor had already intervened. The Lockbreaker Society was technically one of the Hall of Honor’s subsidiary organizations, though it had its own structure. The Hall of Honor would not intervene in the Lockbreaker Society’s domestic and external conflicts, which was why Wei Rong had dared to act against Sourcepeak Planet. However, the Hall of Honor would definitely protect that box.

Lu Yin was very curious about what was inside the box that could move the Hall of Honor to directly protect it.

It was not unexpected for Xi Qi and Ku Wei to follow him to Frostwave Weave, and Master Kai wanted to investigate Planet Hydrotink. However, it was strange that Serpent Queen was also following Lu Yin back to Frostwave Weave. She did not have a favorable impression of him, and she was also hostile towards Ku Wei.

Lu Yin was now slightly suspicious that this woman might have also been sent by the Seven Courts!

“My hometown is in Frostwave Weave, so there’s nothing strange about me returning,” Serpent Queen said matter-of-factly.

Lu Yin was stunned. “Your hometown is in Frostwave Weave? Aren’t you from the Innerverse?”

Serpent Queen duly replied, “I was born in Frostwave Weave, but Master took a liking to me when I was young and took me to the Innerverse.”

Lu Yin understood now, as this girl had experienced the same situation as Wendy Yushan. They both had outstanding natural talent.

Hiss!

The ancient, multi-colored python had shrunk itself to about the size of a palm and was currently curled up on Serpent Queen’s shoulder, where it continuously hissed at Lu Yin. It was pocket-sized, and whenever it noticed Lu Yin looking at it, the snake would immediately divert its gaze towards Xi Qi and the fish atop her head.

“What are you looking at? You’re just emergency rations! Be more aware of yourself,” the fish shouted arrogantly.

The multi-colored snake raised its body to stare at the fish, and its hissing grew even more frequent.

Serpent Queen helplessly reached up a hand to placate the beast. The stories of Xi Qi and her fish had long since spread throughout the Lockbreaker Society, and the fish was incredibly infamous for its vulgar mouth.

The multi-colored snake wriggled into Serpent Queen’s collar and did not emerge again.

Ku Wei saw the scene and felt envious of the python. “A man isn’t as good as a snake.”

Serpent Queen glared at him, as she still had not forgotten about the scoundrel’s behavior during the first stage of the Lockbreaker Competition, where he had actually robbed her.

“Two-legged beast, if you are willing to become Lord Fish’s mount, Lord Fish will bestow that female two-legged beast upon you,” the fish shouted at Ku Wei as it swatted its tail all over.

Serpent Queen became even more furious, and she glared at the fish one last time before turning to leave.

Ku Wei curled his lips up and looked at the fish. “Hang on, I’ll go and find a cat for you.”

“Seventh Bro, this monkey wants to find a cat as well,” the Ghost Monkey said.

Lu Yin was rendered speechless, and he turned his gaze to outer space instead.

The journey from Sourcepeak Planet to the Great Yu Empire was very smooth, and they didn't run into many disturbances. Felynn had settled things with Sourcepeak Weave, and even if the various great powers of Sourcepeak Weave did not want the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society to move its headquarters, they could not stop it from happening. Not even Felynn could stop it, as Lu Yin had published the contents of several of the memory chips in his possession before heading back to Frostwave Weave as a way to demonstrate his willingness to make these lockbreaking records public. The files that he had shared were all of Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers, and they were way more appealing than the records of average Lockbreakers.

Against the expectations of the crowd of Lockbreakers, nobody moved to stop them from heading to Frostwave Weave.

When Lu Yin's Aurora arrived at Zenyu Star's space station, he immediately returned to King Zishan's palace while Xi Qi and the others went their own ways.

Ku Wei had imparted Finger Tap technique to Lu Yin in the spacecraft, and Lu Yin had already practiced it for a few days. He felt that it would indeed be useful for raising his finger's resilience. However, Ku Wei had not imparted the true Finger Tap to Lu Yin, as the technique lacked a core, little charm. The true might of Finger Tap was in its auspicious form that rendered its target unable to resist the changes in their emotions and desires.

Of course, Lu Yin did not need that part, and Ku Wei would not share it with him either. Lu Yin only needed the Finger Tap's finger-training method.

Once Lu Yin returned to King Zishan's palace, he summoned Huan Sha, En Ya, and Gavin.

His harvest from the trip to Sourcepeak Planet had been great, but it had also been extremely exhausting. Lu Yin sat in the palace's courtyard, and Zhao Ran appeared from behind to serve him a drink. "Your Highness."

Lu Yin nodded.

At this moment, Huan Sha arrived. "Greetings, Your Highness."

Lu Yin replied, "How are the arrangements at Planet Hydrotink?"

"One week ago, Your Highness sent orders to convert Planet Hydrotink into the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's headquarters, and we have already completed our preparations. The transport and defense facilities around Planet Hydrotink are already in order, and they will be completed in no more than ten days," Huan Sha answered.

Lu Yin nodded. "Everything should follow the arrangements of Sourcepeak Planet, but there's no need to make too many preparations. Planet Hydrotink was a tourist planet to begin with, and it has a naturally beautiful environment. Just maintaining its original appearance will be fine."

"Yes, Your Highness."

"Has anything happened in the empire recently? How are the Four Ministries?"

“Nothing much has happened. The most notable event is that the Twelfth Squadron has purged quite a few departments that had various aristocratic heirs placed within them. Because of this matter, quite a few officials looked for the Imperial Cabinet and asked them to uphold justice, but they were suppressed by the cabinet. Also, the Ninth Squadron has investigated a bunch of officials, which has caused turmoil in many regions of the empire. The Four Ministries are currently settling these affairs.”

Lu Yin nodded, as these types of small matters were no longer worth his attention. However, since Ban Jiu purged those aristocratic heirs, it seemed that something might be happening in the Technology Department.

As for the Ninth Squadron, the Auna family had willingly embraced the role that he had given them. That was good, as he liked obedient people.

Not long after Huan Sha left, En Ya arrived. “Your Highness, the Alliance Conference is about to start. Does Your Highness have anything special that we should take note of?”

Lu Yin replied, “During the Alliance Conference, the Lu Ministry of Defense has to guard the empire. I don’t want anything to happen that could possibly tarnish our prestige.”

“Yes, Your Highness.”

“How’s the proposal for the Allied Forces coming along?” Lu Yin asked. This was something that he was concerned about. One of the main objectives in establishing the Great Eastern Alliance was to integrate the members’ resources, and the other was to integrate the member weaves’ military forces. The resource integration had already slowly begun, but one of the most important topics of discussion for this Alliance Conference was the integration of the various powers’ military might, which were the soldiers.

In this universe, everything could be glossed over except for military might. Even an enormous corporation like the Nalan family had been forced to stoop to relying on Lu Yin when they lost the protection of their Enlighters. This showed the importance of military strength.

If the Great Eastern Alliance did not have a united military force, then it would be the same as not having an alliance.

When Lu Yin mentioned this, En Ya’s face turned solemn, and she handed Lu Yin a list that laid out the preliminary proposed system and candidates for the Allied Forces.

Lu Yin glanced over it. “This is too simple.”

En Ya was caught in a difficult position. “Your Highness, the alliance has only just been established, and the wills of the various members have not united yet. Additionally, there are even certain eastern weaves that are still vigilant towards our Great Yu Empire. For now, we can only establish a preliminary allied force. It will still take some time before we can staff a larger military force, unless...”

Lu Yin looked up at her. “Unless some external pressure appears.”

En Ya agreed. “Yes.”

Lu Yin immediately thought of Wei Rong. Lu Yin had brought the entire Outerverse Lockbreaker Society to Frostwave Weave, and it would be strange if Wei Rong was not bothered by this. It was as if Lu Yin

had managed to come out ahead by using a path that Wei Rong had blazed. At this time, Wei Rong might already be focusing his attention onto the Great Eastern Alliance. The Wei family's Armament Weave was a part of the central region, and the establishment of the Great Eastern Alliance would definitely pose a threat to them, so Wei Rong would not disregard their united front. External pressure would appear soon—they merely didn't know what form it would take.

"Leave it as it is for now. We can't allow powers like the Vastdearth Sect and Six-Fingered Tribe to remain wary of us."

En Ya acknowledged her orders. "Your Highness, do you have a candidate in mind for the position of Commander of the Allied Forces?"

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Lu Yin appeared to have fallen deep into thought. Since there was an allied military, then a commander would definitely have to be selected. However, choosing that person would be a sensitive topic. "Let me think about it."

"Your Highness, in addition to the Allied Forces, we can also set up a secret, quick response team to deal with the thorny issues," En Ya suggested.

Lu Yin's eyes lit up. "Special forces?"

"Something along those lines. This quick response force would ideally be made up of space-exploring powerhouses. We should also aim for this team to be the most deadly force in the entire Outerverse, assembled solely to carry out matters of the Great Yu Empire," En Ya said.

Lu Yin agreed. "Alright then. This team can't be made known to anyone else. I'll leave it to you to set up this team's organization while I look for the decision makers of the various weaves and have private discussions with each of them."

"Yes, Your Highness."

After En Ya left, Gavin was the next to visit Lu Yin. He had requested to meet with the Minister of Finance to discuss the budget for the Allied Forces' establishment. As for matters regarding economic cooperation among the alliance members, he was not interested in discussing such things at this time. However, Gavin brought with him some surprising news; Endless Borders was interested in establishing a presence in Frostwave Weave.

"Endless Borders? The company that's one of the four biggest corporations?" Lu Yin asked in astonishment.

Gavin replied, "Yes, Endless Borders. Your minister has already met their regional manager for Frostwave Weave, Di Nuo. Many other people have also already met with the people from Endless Borders."

Lu Yin started pondering this news. As one of the four major corporations, Endless Borders could move about the Outerverse unhindered, and they naturally had control over many secure and secret star routes. It was quite common for powerful organizations like them to establish a presence in Frostwave

Weave, but it was quite unusual for their leader to personally seek out Gavin. This showed that the company valued Frostwave Weave.

Even though Endless Borders had a route that ran through Frostwave Weave, the supply vessels typically did not stay there for long. The fact that the corporation wanted to establish a presence in Frostwave Weave now was definitely related to what had happened on Sourcepeak Planet.

“Your Highness, after the arrival of Endless Borders, our local transport companies in Frostwave Weave have seen a significant drop in their market value. Some companies are even on the verge of bankruptcy, and they have been forced into desperation. About a dozen companies have already sought me out and requested that the empire expel Endless Borders from our region. There are more than a thousand people from various transport companies who are gathered outside of my residence right now, and all of them are seeking protection from the empire,” Gavin respectfully informed Lu Yin.

Lu Yin knitted his brows. “Get Di Nuo to come and see me.”

Gavin acknowledged Lu Yin’s orders.

The place where Di Nuo had chosen to temporarily reside was rather close to King Zishan’s palace. It seemed that he had already guessed that Lu Yin would request a meeting with him, and he had been waiting outside King Zishan’s palace for a while now.

Soon after, Lu Yin met with Endless Borders’ regional manager for Frostwave Weave. His appearance made it clear that he was a businessman; he was not particularly well dressed, but his disposition indicated his high intelligence.

“Di Nuo pays his respect to the Royal Regent of the Great Yu Empire.” Di Nuo respectfully bowed when he saw Lu Yin.

Lu Yin raised his hand and smiled. “There’s no need for such formalities, Mister Di Nuo. Please, have a seat.”

Gavin silently stood to the side as he watched the two men interact.

Di Nuo sat down as Zhao Ran offered him a cup of tea.

“Thank you, Your Highness,” Di Nuo said.

Lu Yin looked at the man. “I heard that you are in charge of Endless Borders’ activities in Frostwave Weave, correct?”

Di Nuo bowed slightly. “Yes, Endless Borders humbly requests to enter Frostwave Weave and establish a presence here. We hope that you can facilitate this for us, and for this, you will have Endless Borders’ eternal gratitude.”

“Frostwave Weave is not a prime location for trade, and it doesn’t have any well-known specialty products either. As one of the four big corporations, why has Endless Borders chosen to expand to this place?” Lu Yin asked, staring intently at Di Nuo.

Di Nuo laughed. “Your Highness, you must be kidding. Frostwave Weave has an illustrious history, and it has also produced skilled individuals such as Wendy Yushan, who is in the Top 100 Rankings. Endless

Borders would be blind to underestimate a place that has been able to produce such rare talents. Moreover, Your Highness has brought the entire eastern region of the Outerverse together in the Great Eastern Alliance. Needless to say, Frostwave Weave is at the core of the Great Eastern Alliance. Businesses are flourishing in the east, and the alliance might even expand further, so this is the best time for transport businesses. Endless Borders also wants a piece of this lucrative pie, and we hope that Your Highness will not mock us for our ambition.”

What Di Nuo had mentioned were all good reasons.

Lu Yin tapped the table with a finger, deep in thought.

Di Nuo took one look at Lu Yin, and after a slight moment of hesitation, said, “Is Your Highness troubled by this? I have heard that there are many people within Frostwave Weave who do not welcome Endless Borders. If I may be blunt, they are worried about nothing. We at Endless Borders are not unreasonable, and we will obey the laws and prices of any region that we enter, and we will not overstep our boundaries. We simply want to run a business, and we are not looking to establish a colony.”

Lu Yin looked at Di Nuo. “When did you receive word that you would become the regional manager of Frostwave Weave?”

Di Nuo’s eyes twinkled. “Seven days ago.”

Lu Yin’s eyes narrowed. Seven days ago... He had already left Sourcepeak Planet by then. In other words, it was certain that this decision had been made precisely because of what had happened on Sourcepeak Planet. This was not just a business move.

What was Endless Borders trying to do? Were they a friend or foe?

“Mister Di Nuo, could I meet with someone from a higher management level in Endless Borders? Perhaps a member of your board of directors?” Lu Yin asked.

Di Nuo respectfully answered, “I will let my superiors know about your wish for a meeting right away. My leaders would definitely be thrilled to speak with you.”

“Alright then, I’ll wait for your good news, Mister Di Nuo.” Lu Yin smiled.

Di Nuo then asked, “What about us establishing a presence in Frostwave Weave?”

“You may do so. However, please remember to act fairly. The Ninth Squadron of the Great Yu Empire is dedicated to combating corruption, and I hope that you will not overstep any boundaries,” Lu Yin said.

Di Nuo was overjoyed, and he quickly stood up to offer his thanks.

After Di Nuo left, Gavin asked, “Your Highness, are we really going to allow Endless Borders to set up shop here?”

Lu Yin gave him a faint smile. “Frostwave Weave is trying to integrate with the other seventy two weaves of the Outerverse. We have to deal with these powerful Outerverse companies sooner or later.”

“What about the local transport companies?”

"It's simple: don't start a business if you're not capable of maintaining it. Relying on the empire or the filament for protection is not a sustainable practice, and things are only going to become more unbalanced in the future. Prices and services will not correspond to each other, and life won't be fair to the citizens either," Lu Yin said decisively.

Gavin had no choice but to agree in exasperation. But just as he was about to leave, something suddenly popped into his mind. "Your Highness, when I was talking to Di Nuo, he said something that I found strange."

"What did he say?" Lu Yin asked.

Gavin pondered for a moment before responding, "He brought up Aegis several times, and over the course of our conversation, he mentioned that I should be wary of Aegis."

Lu Yin's heart stirred a little. "Alright, you may leave now."

"I will take my leave then."

Di Nuo had been very cautious during his interactions with Lu Yin, and he had not said much to Lu Yin himself. Instead, he had used Gavin to pass on this message. Lu Yin laughed at himself. He felt naive for believing that Di Nuo just wanted to spread the company's business ventures for even a second. Endless Borders' reasons for wanting to establish a presence in Frostwave Weave were definitely not that simple. For them to remind Lu Yin that he needed to be wary of Aegis, it seemed that they really wanted to be friends.

After Gavin left, Lu Yin turned his personal gadget on and immediately contacted the alluring Madam Nalan. He wanted to understand the four major corporations of the Outerverse better, and there was no one better to ask than Madam Nalan, who was the head of one of the four major corporations herself.

After a considerable amount of time, Madam Nalan finally picked up Lu Yin's call. She was absolutely beautiful as always, with flawless skin reminiscent of jade. Behind her, Lu Yin could see a stunning backdrop of the starry sky illuminating the lustrous sea. This background was also bathed in silver light as the dawning sun peaked above the horizon, making her look like a fairy from a fantasy. Lu Yin found himself inexplicably attracted to the woman.

"How does the scene look?" Madam Nalan smiled as she greeted Lu Yin. While her eyes exuded a sense of exceeding gentleness, Lu Yin felt indescribably attracted to her.

"Beautiful, absolutely stunning," Lu Yin responded.

Madam Nalan let out a laugh. "This is the view that I love the most, and to prevent this wonderful sight from suffering any damage, I bought the entire galaxy so that this unique scenery would be preserved. I can bring you here if you would like."

Lu Yin let out a cough and showed an awkward smile. Madam Nalan had been referring to the backdrop while Lu Yin had been referring to her.

"Your Highness, what can I do for you?" Madam Nalan asked as she looked at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin coughed yet again. “Endless Borders has started establishing a presence in Frostwave Weave.”

Madam Nalan did not seem surprised at all. “Oh? It looks like one of our partnerships will soon come to an end then.”

“Are you referring to transport?” Lu Yin asked.

Madam Nalan laughed. “Of course. With Endless Borders entering the scene, the Nalan family’s transport business will suffer a severe blow. Furthermore, since they are establishing a foothold in Frostwave Weave, they will make sure to give the Great Yu Empire the best services and prices available. Congratulations, Your Highness.”

“Can you tell me more about Endless Borders?” Lu Yin asked.

Madam Nalan took a sip of juice before continuing, saying, “Do you think that Endless Borders wants to establish a presence in Frostwave Weave because of the events at Sourcepeak Planet?”

“Is that not the case?”

“Partly. Ultimately, regardless of whether it is Endless Borders or the Nalan clan, we are all commercial giants. Our instincts will drive us to wherever we can make the most money. The establishment of the Great Eastern Alliance and the integration of its members’ resources heralds a golden age for transportation services. During this period, there will be no fewer than a hundred thousand transport companies that will be established. Of course Endless Borders would want a piece of this lucrative pie.”

“It won’t just stop at Endless Borders. After the establishment of the Great Eastern Alliance, many other well-known corporations of the Outerverse will also want to establish their presence within Frostwave Weave. This is inevitable. This is not just because of the Great Eastern Alliance’s establishment, but also because they are drawn by your ambition.”

Lu Yin’s eyes twinkled. “Ambition?”

An alluring smile spread across Madam Nalan’s mouth. “Your ambition is apparent for all to see, Your Highness. The Great Eastern Alliance may not be enough for you, and many others want it to grow larger just like you. Them establishing a presence in Frostwave Weave will give them a pioneer’s advantage in the future. Even if you were not ambitious, the Great Eastern Alliance alone would be enough for them to become rich.”

Lu Yin laughed. “It looks like I have become a highly sought after commodity for you merchants.”

Madam Nalan laughed. “Military affairs have always been largely dependent on politics, while politics change due to those various benefits, which are a major driving force for merchants. Let me put it this way—humans do everything that they can to reap benefits and rewards, and commerce is the most superficial activity that covers that. Merchants without a sound financial structure will never amount to greatness, and the way you govern incentivizes many merchants to set up shop in Frostwave Weave. They are not just investing in the domain and the goods—they are also investing in you, Your Highness.”

“What about you then?” Lu Yin asked.

Madam Nalan blinked at him. “I invested in you since I first laid eyes on you. Have you not felt it, Your Highness?”

Lu Yin shrugged his shoulders. "Yes, I feel it. You've done a lot for me."

Madam Nalan rolled her eyes. "It wasn't me, but rather the Nalan clan. Your Highness, please choose your words carefully, as you may create misunderstandings like that."

As he drank in Madam Nalan's exquisite beauty and captivating mannerisms, Lu Yin's heart was stirred once more. He brought himself back to reality with a cough and said, "I want to know how powerful Endless Borders really is."

Chapter 709: The Four Great Conglomerates

Madam Nalan's expression changed. "Endless Borders has a deep background. If Your Highness wishes to become enemies with them, then please carefully consider it first."

"What do you mean by that?" Lu Yin asked.

She considered her answer. "I mean this—even with a similar cost, commodity, and vessel, Endless Borders can send goods to a given destination faster than any other transport company. The reason for this is because they have discovered many secret routes throughout the universe. These are all routes that they have personally explored, and Your Highness should know the cost of exploring a portion of the universe. Endless Borders has gained control of too many routes, and that is something that it could not have done without a certain level of strength and background.

"Even if Endless Borders rarely participates in conflicts between other powers, nobody dares to underestimate them. All of their enemies have simply vanished after being looted, without exception."

Lu Yin's gaze flashed, as the universe was so vast, and the greatest wealth that one could obtain was a route through space. Humans explored the universe and paid a tremendous price, just to discover these routes. Any route had been paid for with countless lives, and Endless Borders was clearly able to use its own strength to explore the universe. This was a strength that made Lu Yin feel a bit of fear. It should be recognized that he did not have the confidence to explore the entire Outerverse even if he had established the Great Eastern Alliance.

"Endless Borders has found secret routes that even many Innerverse powers wish to obtain, but none have ever succeeded. Their foundation is strong enough to resist the greed of Innerverse's great powers, which is the true face of Endless Borders. Becoming enemies with them is even more frightening than going against an entire weave," Madam Nalan solemnly explained.

Lu Yin pondered over this information.

"But," she interjected as her tone suddenly changed, "The Outerverse has never heard of Endless Borders intentionally making enemies. They did not send anyone to participate in the conflict on Sourcepeak Planet and merely provided transport. In essence, Your Highness does not need to be overly concerned about them."

Lu Yin's expression remained calm, but in reality, his sense of caution towards Endless Borders had risen several times over. He did not like matters that were out of his control, and Endless Borders far surpassed his grasp. This was a group that could even pose a threat towards his future plans. This made him very uncomfortable, though there was nothing he could do about it for the moment.

“Compared to worrying about Endless Borders, why doesn’t Your Highness focus more on Aegis? They’re the greater threat,” Madam Nalan suddenly suggested.

Lu Yin’s eyes flashed. “Aegis?”

Her expression turned solemn. “That’s right, Aegis. On the surface, Aegis bridges the gap between mercenaries and regular citizens by providing such services for hire. It is also the largest security company in the Outerverse. But in reality, those mercenaries are all people who have been trained by the company. They have countless training grounds littered throughout the Outerverse, all of them focused on churning out mercenaries that wander across the universe, gathering spoils of war. Even more frighteningly, Aegis is the greatest assassin organization in the Outerverse.”

Lu Yin’s pupils shrank. “Aegis is an assassin organization?”

She nodded. “This secret is not something that is widely known, and only those who are in the upper echelons of a select few circles are in the know. As the leader of one of the four great conglomerates, I am naturally aware of this fact. Additionally, of the top ten assassins in the Outerverse, six of them are a part of Aegis. The Outerverse has many assassin organizations, and at least a tenth of them are funded or were established by Aegis, and many others are related to Aegis in some other way. On one hand, they demand a high price for their bodyguards and mercenaries, but on the other, they send out assassins. This means that they control both sides of a conflict, earning money twice. This company similarly has an extremely deep foundation.”

Lu Yin had never expected Aegis to be the type of company that tried to control both sides of a conflict at the same time. This meant that, in the Outerverse’s underworld, they were able to play however they wanted and that Aegis was the true king there.

Not a single one of the Outerverse’s four great conglomerates was simple. Even though Madam Nalan appeared to be harmless before Lu Yin, the fact that the Nalan family was one of the Outerverse’s four great conglomerates showed that they had an immeasurable foundation, as evidenced by the fact that they were backed by the Sword Sect. With the precedent set by the Nalan family, Endless Borders and Aegis might also have the support of some great Innerverse power.

“I already know about three of the four great conglomerates, so tell me about the last. Amethyst Exchange isn’t simple either, is it?” Lu Yin asked.

She smiled coyly. “Your Highness is smart. That’s correct. Amethyst Exchange appears to be the Outerverse’s largest retailer, but in reality, they are actually the largest intelligence organization, and they have gathered the largest information database in the entire Outerverse. Whatever you want to know, they already have it. If they don’t know, then you don’t need to bother looking anywhere else.”

Lu Yin laughed. One corporation was the king of the underworld, one had grasped secret routes through unknown methods, and one was an intelligence organization. These were the true faces of the four great conglomerates. In that case, then what about the Nalan family? It should be known that, as a part of the four great conglomerates, the Nalan family was known as the Outerverse’s most wealthy family. And when it came to their business ventures, the Nalan family actually surpassed the other three corporations. So what else was this woman hiding?

Lu Yin did not ask any further questions, and Madam Nalan did not speak any more about the four great conglomerates either. Rather, she very calmly ended the call.

She had informed him about the other three great corporations, which was also equivalent to telling Lu Yin that the Nalan family was also not as simple as it appeared on the surface. Lu Yin's eyes flashed, as the Outerverse still contained unknown depths. Things truly were not as simple as he had previously thought. Everything that had changed on the surface was merely a false veneer; the true dangers still remained hidden beneath the surface.

Fortunately, Frostwave Weave was situated to the east of the Outerverse, and the eastern weaves were not viewed as very important by the rest of the universe. Also, many people had started shunning the Eastern Weaves when they realized that many places were still isolated after the Ironblood Weave published its draft list. Otherwise, Lu Yin may not have been able to establish the Great Eastern Alliance as smoothly as he did.

These powers were hidden too deeply, but they had gradually started losing their patience since the recent events. Wei Rong had thrown the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society into chaos, which had caused Aegis to expose itself slightly. Endless Borders and Amethyst Exchange would not just idly wait by as this happened. Colossal companies such as Shamrock Enterprises, Mavis Bank, and Aurora Enterprises would also not be resigned to such a fate. A good show was about to begin, and all Lu Yin needed to do right now was simply wait for the most opportune moment to act, just as he had done with the Lockbreaker Society.

In Bard Weave's Evenground Palace, beneath the same waterfall as before, Mu Nichang listlessly propped up her chin with a hand as she stared at the waterfall. After becoming the Sect Mistress, it had been a long time since she had left the sect. Also, whenever she made a move nowadays, there were always a bunch of people accompanying her, which was frustrating. She could only reveal her true personality when she was alone with her precious disciples, and being stifled like this was not a good feeling. In reality, she never even wanted to inherit this position, but her master had just happened to be the previous mistress. She wanted to find a chance to resign, or else she felt like she would contract some sort of stress-based illness one of these days.

Some people liked authority, but Mu Nichang truly did not enjoy it. From her perspective, being stuck in the position of Sect Mistress and passing through one's life like this was just a waste of time. The universe was so huge, and she simply wanted to go out for a stroll.

"Master, master!" Doro ran over, gasping for breath.

Mu Nichang rolled her eyes. "Girls need to have manners. Look at you! How can Master feel assured in handing Evenground Palace over to you?"

Doro smiled bitterly. "Master, stop joking around. This disciple isn't even an Explorer yet, so how could I take over Evenground Palace?"

"What's impossible about it? Master supports you!" Mu Nichang waved her fists as she encouraged her disciple.

Doro was struck speechless, as anyone else would be eager to inherit the position of Sect Mistress. However, their line seemed to be rather strange, as her master constantly wanted to hand over the position of Sect Master to Doro, and Mu Nichang's master had been the same. In fact, she had disappeared almost as soon as she had been relieved of the position. This made Doro reluctant to take on this position as well, as it almost seemed to be poisoned. Was something wrong with the position of Sect Master?

"What's the matter?" Mu Nichang asked lazily.

Doro replied, "The Vastdearth Sect has contacted us to enquire about our preparations."

"About what preparations?" Mu Nichang was lost.

"The preparations related to the previous agreement: using the sect's entire strength to nurture a powerhouse at the same level as Lu Yin to suppress the Great Yu Empire and place Lu Yin in a difficult position."

Mu Nichang cried out exaggeratedly, "Meng Tianlong is still thinking of doing such a thing? He can just go and die."

Doro blinked.

With a voice full of disdain, Mu Nichang said, "Does he not know that Lu Yin took the entire Outerverse Lockbreaker Society from Sourcepeak Planet and brought them to Frostwave Weave? Trying to make things difficult for Lu Yin now is just stupid, as he can just send any two Lockbreakers to take care of us. Tell him to go to hell."

Doro was candid, and sent that exact message back to the Vastdearth Sect. "Go to hell."

In the Vastdearth Sect, Elder Hua Qiao stared at his gadget and felt like something was off. "Go to hell?" What was that supposed to mean? Did that woman from the Evenground Palace send this out by mistake? He thought about it and sent another message asking how the preparations were going.

He received the exact same reply. "Go to hell."

Hua Qiao became furious, as Evenground Palace was obviously looking down upon their Vastdearth Sect. He immediately went to go find Sect Master Meng Tianlong and have the Sect Master demand that Evenground Palace make their stance clear. Humiliating an elder like himself was no different than humiliating the entire Vastdearth Sect.

But before he could find Meng Tianlong, the disciple who had been waiting to report to Elder Hua Qiao took the opportunity to share what had happened on Sourcepeak Planet. Hua Qiao had gone into seclusion for a dozen days to comprehend a battle technique, and he had only just come out. As soon as he returned, he had sent that message to Evenground Palace, not knowing what had happened at Sourcepeak Planet. Upon learning of those events and their details, his expression changed.

"What? The Outerverse Lockbreaker Society is going to shift their headquarters to Frostwave Weave?" Hua Qiao was in disbelief.

“Yes. According to the reports, Lu Yin has rendered meritorious services to the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society on Sourcepeak Planet, and so, Interim President Felynn has decided to relocate the society’s headquarters over to Frostwave Weave. They are currently en route.”

Hua Qiao looked up and suddenly understood why Evenground Palace’s attitude had changed so drastically. So this was why—the Great Eastern Alliance now had the support of the entire Outerverse Lockbreaker Society. Lockbreakers were extremely strong within their own realm, and just a few of them could easily deal with their two sects. Even though they had power vessels, Lockbreakers had lockbreaking tools, and it was very difficult to beat a Lockbreaker who was at the same power level. No wonder, no wonder.

Hua Qiao could not help but smile bitterly. Their sect had planned to unify the eastern region for such a long time, but it had all come to nothing. It was absurd.

In Flaxen Weave, the Tri-Banner Federation’s current chairman, Gibu, also received the news that the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society was shifting its headquarters over to Frostwave Weave, and he immediately sent Lu Yin a message of congratulations. He was dead set on faithfully following the Great Yu Empire, as without it, he would be relegated to being a former chairman. Also, his secrets were held by the empire.

The Vastdearth Sect had wanted to collude with Gibu to make things difficult for the Great Yu Empire, and he had immediately sent a message about this to En Ya. The reason why he had continued to cooperate with them had been En Ya’s suggestion, as that would allow him to gather more intelligence on the Vastdearth Sect’s plans, which he would then provide to the Great Yu Empire.

At times, Gibu tended to look down on the Vastdearth Sect. On one hand, they appeared to have subserviently agreed to join the alliance, but on the other, they had only done so while holding a knife behind their back. They were utterly unlike him, who was loyal to the end.

Chapter 710: Possession Again

In Adonis Weave, after Darkstar Gorge was destroyed, Greenpeak Gorge had suddenly become the leading power of the weave. In the past, it had always been thoroughly suppressed by Darkstar Gorge without an opportunity to stand out. However, after Elder Wu was dealt with by Lu Yin, many powers had denounced Darkstar Gorge, and Greenpeak Gorge had risen up. The powers that had denounced Darkstar Gorge had practically all been tied to them.

Greenpeak Gorge had been much more sincere than Darkstar Gorge, and after they became the weave’s leading power, they had immediately contacted the Great Yu Empire and taken the initiative to join the Great Eastern Alliance. They had taken very proactive moves, but they had also agreed to cooperate with the Vastdearth Sect—they were actually double-crossing Lu Yin.

When they learned that Lu Yin had relocated the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society to Frostwave Weave, they immediately cut off all relations with the Vastdearth Sect and also sent a bunch of resources to the Great Yu Empire. They then used all sorts of excuses to continuously send gifts over, to the extent where even En Ya and the others were embarrassed by Greenpeak Gorge’s behavior.

Although Greenpeak Gorge appeared to be very enthusiastic, En Ya still placed them on the “unreliable” list of alliance members. She felt that the Great Yu Empire had to be on guard against this power even more than against the Vastdearth Sect, as Greenpeak Gorge was too willing to change sides.

The Six-Fingered Tribe was the one that cared about the events on Sourcepeak Planet the most, as the Armament Weave was the Six-Fingered Tribe’s greatest enemy in the west. The two powers had been mortal enemies for countless years, and the Wei family’s hands were stained with the blood of the Six-Fingered Tribe while the Six-Fingered Tribe had similarly massacred countless members of the Wei family.

When they learned that Yi Feng had joined the Wei family and had also brought a bunch of Lockbreakers with him, the Six-Fingered Tribe had started panicking. They had been worried that the Wei family would use those Lockbreakers to boost their strength. In reality, they were not merely worried, as such a thing would absolutely occur; otherwise, the Wei family would not have gathered the Lockbreakers to their weave.

It was good for them that Lu Yin had moved the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society to Frostwave Weave, and it reassured the Six-Fingered Tribe that they were not inferior in any way.

In order to counteract the threat posed by the Wei family, the Six-Fingered Tribe decided to sincerely join the Great Eastern Alliance. Only the alliance could protect them from the Wei family’s suppression since only Lu Yin had the ability to control the Lockbreakers that were supporting the Wei family.

Thus, currently, the most sincere supporters of the Great Eastern Alliance were the Lars Weave and the Grandtop Weave. The Nine Stacks Sect of the Grandtop Weave was actually a puppet of Lu Yin’s, and the other powers in that weave had no influence and were forced to listen to him.

There was still Darkmist Weave, and aside from Shenwu Continent, the weave’s most terrifying power was Mafioso Planet. Although Mafioso Planet could not openly join the Great Eastern Alliance, Lu Yin had control over the bespectacled Limiteer Mistchild, which meant that this power also supported Lu Yin.

The events of Sourcepeak Planet soon spread throughout the eastern weaves, and the most discernible change was that the Great Eastern Alliance’s relationships grew more stable.

Lu Yin quickly learned that the various great powers of the eastern weaves had given up on their collaboration and that they were prepared to truly join the Great Eastern Alliance, which allowed him to finally relax. It was best to take on less difficulties.

“Your Highness, the Six-Fingered Tribe wishes to request military support from the Great Eastern Alliance. They are mortal enemies with Armament Weave, and now that Armament Weave has been reinforced by a group of Lockbreakers, they are worried that the Wei family will take this opportunity to invade Lars Weave,” En Ya said.

Lu Yin acknowledged the request. “Tell them that, based on the terms of the alliance contract, the Allied Forces were established to protect the alliance members. There’s no need for them to worry about this.”

“Yes,” En Ya replied as her eyes lit up. Uniting all seventy two weaves of the Outerverse had long since been a dream of Grand Marshal Shui Chuanxiao. Now that he was imprisoned in Gaia’s Swamp and could not come out, she wanted to be the one to help him achieve that dream. She had initially joined the Great Yu Empire because she had nowhere else to go, but now, she saw a true hope of uniting the Outerverse.

This man in front of her had the ability, ambition, and the destiny. Not a single one of these conditions could be missing when attempting to unite the Outerverse, and Lu Yin was even a natural Outerverse denizen. When considering the possibility of uniting the Outerverse, he was more suitable than Shui Chuanxiao had ever been.

At this moment, Lu Yin’s gadget beeped with a notification, and he glanced at it. He then waved at En Ya, asking her to withdraw. He lightly tapped his gadget, causing Elder Lohar’s image to appear on the screen. He smiled at Lu Yin. “Kid, I heard that something big happened on Sourcepeak Planet.”

Lu Yin replied in a respectful tone, “Somebody ambushed the Hall of Insight, and Vice President Saul was exposed in a scandal. It really was not a small matter.”

Elder Lohar said, “I’m not talking about that. Although the Lockbreaker Society is a subsidiary of the Hall of Honor, we cannot intervene in its matters. When Ironblood Weave was in desperate straits, the Lockbreaker Society similarly did not bother moving for us, and this feeling is mutual. I am speaking about what happened after everything else.”

Lu Yin’s eyes flashed. “Are you talking about that box?”

Elder Lohar nodded and then solemnly said, “You did well. That box is not only very important to the Lockbreaker Society, but it is also just as important to our Hall of Honor. Not allowing it to be stolen is extremely fortunate. Do you know who it was that tried to steal the box?”

“A Corpse King,” Lu Yin answered sternly.

Elder Lohar nodded. “That’s right, a Corpse King who had been hidden on Sourcepeak Planet for many years. Because of their fear for President Geoffrey, that creature had always remained hidden, but it exposed itself due to the events that occurred on Sourcepeak Planet this time. If not for Vice President Li’s sacrifice and your assistance, nobody would have been able to stop him. Kid, since you’ve taken the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society to Frostwave Weave, that box will also end up in Frostwave Weave. Are you confident in being able to protect it?”

Lu Yin fell silent, as this was a troubling matter that he had considered before. However, he could not give up on the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society just because of this issue.

“The Outerverse Lockbreaker Society will decline both due to the Outerverse being isolated from the Innaverse and because of President Geoffrey’s absence. Now, the two Vice Presidents and two Executives have also left, leaving the Society even more powerless today than it was before, which gave you the opportunity to take them to Frostwave Weave. You will have to bear this responsibility while also receiving the Lockbreakers’ aid. If that box is stolen by the Neohuman Alliance while the Society is under your supervision, then your transgression will be enormous,” Elder Lohar solemnly cautioned.

Lu Yin looked at the old man. “This junior will do my utmost to safeguard that box.”

Elder Lohar acknowledged Lu Yin's response and seemed pleased. "Good attitude. Rest assured, the Hall of Honor will keep an eye on things as well, and we will not be careless. However, the Neohuman Alliance is everywhere, and their roots run deep. You must do your utmost to protect that box."

"Yes, Elder," Lu Yin respectfully replied. He then looked expectantly at Elder Lohar. "Can this junior ask what is inside that box?"

Elder Lohar shook his head, "I don't know."

Lu Yin pursed his lips, as he did not believe the old man.

Elder Lohar forced a smile onto his face. "I know that you don't believe me, but I truly don't know what it contains. The separation of the Innerverse and Outerverse was just too sudden. Before this, I had no interactions with the Lockbreaker Society, so I don't even know what their Hall of Insight held, much less that box. However, the Hall of Honor's records state that the box is in the Outerverse, that it is one of the most valuable items in the universe, and that it must be protected. Hence, I merely know that it must be safeguarded."

Lu Yin then understood.

"Kid, I urge you not to even think about what's in that box. There are times when it's not a good thing to know too much," Elder Lohar warned.

Lu Yin promptly replied, "This junior is busy with the matters of the Great Eastern Alliance, and I'm under a great deal of pressure. Thus, I have no spare time to investigate such secrets. Elder can rest assured."

"Okay, that's great. Right, have you been to the Daosource Sect's ruins recently?" Elder Lohar asked.

Lu Yin shook his head. "Not recently, no."

Elder Lohar solemnly said, "Kid, the Daosource Sect's ruins contain the ultimate inheritances of our Fifth Mainland, and the path for you to strengthen yourself lies in there. When you become a powerhouse, not to mention a puny Great Eastern Alliance, you will even be able to obtain the entire Outerverse. Don't neglect the basics."

Lu Yin answered seriously, "This junior understands and will follow Senior's advice."

Elder Lohar nodded and ended the call.

"Seventh Bro, that old fart is right. If you can obtain a Progenitor's inheritance from the Daosource Sect, then uniting the Outerverse would be nothing huge, and the Hall of Honor might even help you in that case," the Ghost Monkey said. "But you can't enter it for now, as it's become a battlefield that's beyond terrifying."

Lu Yin was not in a good mood. "Even if it's not a battlefield, we can't go there too frequently. Do you think that a Progenitor's inheritance is something that can be easily obtained there? Just one look at that White Knight woman and I know that she's scheming something. It seems that she wants to take

advantage of me to obtain a Progenitor's inheritance. It's possible that she's been waiting there for me all this time. Going there now is no different than courting death."

"Right, we don't have to listen to him," the monkey agreed.

Regardless of whether it was Elder Lohar, the Ghost Monkey, or anyone else in this region of the universe, no one knew that, once Lu Yin united the entire Outerverse and integrated all of its resources, he would be able to explosively upgrade his strength. Lu Yin did not feel like it would be a stretch to say that, after doing so, he would even be able to take on a group of old monsters whose power levels were between 300,000 to 400,000, and he might even dare to mess with Envoys. This was his fastest way to improve his strength.

He could not let go of the battle technique that was in that cauldron in the Daosource Sect. He could obviously comprehend it, but he still couldn't go back, which was the most frustrating part.

The Nine Cauldrons' battle techniques would be unrivalled once they were combined into one, and that thought made Lu Yin feel twitchy. Perhaps the Stonewall Scriptures would allow him to comprehend all of the Nine Cauldrons' battle techniques, which would be perfect.

He would wait a bit longer, as although the battles between the Ten Arbiters and the Realmings would not end quickly, they also could not carry on forever. After a sufficient period of time, he would be able to safely reenter the Daosource Sect ruins.

Upon thinking of battle techniques, Lu Yin screened the monkey off and retrieved his die. It was time to cultivate again, and he planned to spend some time cultivating Finger Tap technique. If he could consecutively unleash his Dream Finger, then his battle strength would undergo a tremendous improvement, and improving his strength was indeed the most pressing goal.

As he thought about it, Lu Yin went to a secret room and tapped his die. It slowly stopped spinning as one pip appeared. There was a thump as a single star crystal fell out.

Lu Yin was left speechless, and he simply crushed the crystal to restore his die before rolling it again. He rolled one pip again, and this time, a weapon dropped out. Lu Yin exerted a slight bit of force before it shattered. He threw the bits to the side and continued.

Third roll: one pip yet again.

Lu Yin had no choice, as his luck this time proved to be rather bad. He had rolled nothing but ones.

A thick journal fell out this time, and he casually flipped through it. It was signed by Ellen Gale.

He placed the journal to the side as well. He refused to believe his luck would continue to be bad, and he quickly rolled the die once again. He had one more chance left, and he felt that he should be able to roll four pips: Timestop, as this roll usually appeared without much difficulty.

However, this time, the die landed on six pips, and Lu Yin's heart skipped a beat. This wasn't good, as he had forgotten to remove his cosmic ring. The scenery before his eyes flashed before he reappeared in the strange space where balls of light sped past him on either side.

Lu Yin felt helpless, and he quickly stopped to look around. There were some balls that were burning brightly while others were rather dim. Those that burned the brightest were similar to him in terms of

cultivation or some other aspect. He didn't dare stay in this space for too long, as the longer he stayed, the faster the star essence in his cosmic ring would be burned away. He paused and surveyed his surroundings before quickly finding the brightest ball of light. He dashed towards it and immediately merged with it.

There was an eye-dazzling flash of light, and Lu Yin slowly opened his eyes as memories flooded into his consciousness.

It didn't take him long to stand up, glance around, and then look down at his hands. He had possessed someone called Tong Chou, who was just a Limiteer. How could a light ball that represented a mere Limiteer have given off such a bright radiance? This had to be a lie!