

### **Chapter 781: Icy Carriage Battle**

Deng Pu was sitting within this frozen car, and he had unintentionally revealed his true appearance when he had been smacked to the side by another passenger, who was actually just a random commoner.

Deng Pu had never imagined that he would be smacked by a commoner who had no idea what his true identity was. It was only once his picture was published on the network that he had been recognized, after which his whereabouts were quickly exposed.

At this time, Deng Pu still did not know that his location had been exposed, and he had altered his appearance to that of a sickly youth as he lay in the frozen cart. His appearance made it clear that he did not have much time left and that he wished to use his remaining time to tour the frozen cart at least once.

Nobody would have believed that this sickly youth was a famous person who had shocked the Outerverse.

As he stared at the cold that had even frozen space outside his window, Deng Pu's heart was still fiery.

He had slipped away from the battle on Sourcepeak Planet when Felynn had stepped forward to testify against Saul's misdeeds. As expected, Saul had been expelled from the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, and Sourcepeak Planet had been ultimately pushed past the point of no return, leading to the society being forced to relocate to Frostwave Weave.

Deng Pu had celebrated his own resourcefulness countless times, and he had remained hidden for quite a long time. Finally, an opportunity was about to present itself. The energy that isolated Tyrannical Weave was about to dissipate, and once Millions City appeared, he would head straight over there. He wanted to sell True Insight in that place and then cultivate without any worries.

Only in this wealthiest city of the Outerverse could True Insight be sold for its true value.

Even though Deng Pu was a Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker himself and also desired to possess True Insight, he knew that he would never be able to study it peacefully and that he would eventually be discovered. Hence, he had steeled his determination to sell True Insight to another party.

He was getting close, and it was almost time. Once he arrived in Tyrannical Weave, he would not be too far from Millions City.

He was already considering how he would sell his treasure within Millions City, as well as to whom.

While he was entranced in his fantasy, a formally dressed, middle-aged man walked up and sat next to him while giving him a slight smile.

Deng Pu feigned a feeble smile, but the very next moment, his expression abruptly changed. His arm was seized by the well dressed, middle-aged man. Deng Pu stared at the man as his heart sank. He had quickly discovered that this person's star energy was as boundless as an ocean, and he was definitely a Hunter. Deng Pu realized that his identity had been exposed.

"Deng Pu, we've spent a long time looking for you," the man said as he smiled at Deng Pu.

Beads of sweat streamed down from Deng Pu's forehead as he nervously answered, "I- I don't know what you're talking about."

The middle-aged man laughed. "There's no need to keep up the act. Come with me. Rest assured, we won't do anything to you, as long as you sell us True Insight. Do that, and we'll guarantee your safety. Of course, you can also just join us. I'm from Amethyst Exchange."

Deng Pu's face paled. It turned out that this person was from one of the four great corporations, which meant that he was in trouble.

Suddenly, the middle-aged man leaned his neck back as a white light flashed in front of his eyes several times, obviously an attempt to claim his life. He was then forced to release Deng Pu to continue evading the attacks as his attacker was a Hunter realm assassin, which meant that it had to be someone from Aegis.

At this moment, there were very few organizations that were capable of receiving the information related to Deng Pu's whereabouts, but Aegis was one of them.

The assassin forced the middle-aged man back, showing no signs of giving up. A blade tip streaked by that caused the icy car to tremble as it was sliced in half. The middle-aged man bellowed in rage, "Aegis, do you guys really want to start a war?"

His Hunter realm strength then erupted amid the wails of grief and despair that echoed throughout the car.

Deng Pu charged towards a window, attempting to escape into outer space, but the assassin appeared in front of him and attacked him instead of the middle-aged man. Fortunately, Deng Pu wasn't too weak himself, as he was a Cruiser and also a Lockbreaker. Thus, a killer who had not reached the Hunter realm truly could not deal with him.

Within the frozen carriage, Zi Fang's face grew solemn, and he waved a hand, causing another two Hunter realm experts to appear. He had taken a rather large gamble to capture Deng Pu this time, even mobilizing three Hunters. If he could not succeed here, he would be punished. The Amethyst Exchange had never contested others through the use of force, but Zi Fang was breaking this tradition today.

One of the Hunters dealt with the Aegis assassin while the other attempted to grab Deng Pu.

Countless mercenaries appeared from all directions, all of them aiming for Deng Pu. Amethyst Exchange's experts all moved as one, and the icy car shattered into pieces.

"Stop!" one voice barked as a girl arrived from some distance away. "Icy Crystallization." As her shout faded, ice crystals began to spread through the void and rapidly sweep out in all directions, with the intent to freeze everyone.

Zi Fang's eyes narrowed, as this girl had actually shown up. Cool Sis, ranked tenth on the Top 100 Rankings. But shouldn't she be in Ironblood Weave?

A crash was heard as the ice did not manage to seal off everyone. One of Amethyst Exchange's Hunters had shattered it with a single punch, and a powerful gust of wind continued to blast towards Cool Sis.

Cool Sis's expression turned cold, and she raised a hand as another layer of ice crystals spread out to freeze the gust of wind accompanying the Hunter's punch. In addition, the crystals also formed a spear that shot towards the Hunter.

The Hunter was overwhelmed, and he had a feeling that he would not be able to withstand Cool Sis. Although she was just a Cruiser, she was rather terrifying, and he was forced to give up on chasing after Deng Pu and focus on defending himself against Cool Sis's attacks.

Cool Sis was a Cruiser with a power level of 80,000 and was ranked tenth in the Top 100 Rankings, which meant that she was a Realmbreaker who was strong enough to challenge Hunters. Even a peak Hunter like Kong Shi was not confident in being able to defeat her, let alone these Hunters.

Cool Sis had even surpassed Kong Shi on the Ironblood Rankings.

It was not that Kong Shi was not as powerful as Cool Sis, but rather that the younger woman had spent more time in Ironblood Weave than Kong Shi. Her style of combat was also more frantic, and even a bit reckless than his.

Once one was embroiled in a fight with Cool Sis, it was difficult to shake her off unless they absolutely crushed her.

Zi Fang's face turned gloomy as he stared at Deng Pu.

Deng Pu was attacked by many mercenaries, but he evaded them all rather adeptly. Those mercenaries moved about as though they were attempting to kill their target, which made Zi Fang extremely angry.

Suddenly, the temperature plummeted. It had already been extremely cold to begin with, and Cool Sis's arrival had caused the temperature to drop even more. However, this time, it was an even more intense change. The surroundings grew ever colder, and an extremely cold frost shrouded everything.

The first to suffer were the mercenaries, followed by the assassins.

Zi Fang's face went, as the true experts had arrived.

Cool Sis was shocked as this frost was even more intense than her own.

A whooshing sound was heard as the void froze; Yan Yan had taken action. Deng Pu's entire body trembled, and he rushed to try to make an escape as the mercenaries and assassins were both frozen. However, Phantom Sting's dagger glinted in the dark before slashing out across both of Deng Pu's legs, leaving him severely injured. The assassin then grabbed a hold of Deng Pu and started to drag him away.

However, the next moment, Phantom Sting's gaze trembled, and two swords suddenly stabbed at his abdomen from two interconnected shadows that had sneakily appeared behind him before the attack. This attack had been launched by Twin Daemon, who was the strongest expert from the Shadowsword Sect.

Phantom Sting's body bumped against a fallen ice crystal, but he sensed that something was amiss with his intuition, and he quickly escaped with his innate gift. If he had been any slower, he would have died.

Twin Daemon's appearance made Deng Pu become more panicked, and he desperately tried to escape while enduring the bleeding from his thighs.

Zi Fang gritted his teeth as he watched these events unfold. Just how many people knew of Deng Pu's whereabouts? Twin Daemon's appearance suggested that even the Shadowsword Sect had received the information. And if Zi Fang was not mistaken, that other assassin should be the one currently ranked seventh on the Outerverse's Assassin Rankings, which was Mafioso Planet's Hunter Mistchild. According to certain reports, this person might actually be working for Lu Yin. The combination of these new people and Aegis's people meant that it would be difficult for Amethyst Exchange's party to succeed.

Yan Yan moved to block Twin Daemon, but Twin Daemon was someone who was able to fight against Enlighteners, and their technique, the Daemon Slash, had even severely injured Fiend Li in the past. Although Yan Yan was very powerful, it was also very difficult for him to defend against Twin Daemon's attacks. His forte was not in defense, and Aden would have had a much easier time in this situation.

Another figure suddenly appeared in the area. It looked downwards sharply and shouted in anger, "Wicked disciple!"

Everyone looked up and was overwhelmed, as Saul himself had actually shown up.

When everyone saw Saul, the most terrified person was actually Deng Pu. All of the blood had drained out of his face, and he slowly knelt down. "Ma- master."

Saul seized Deng Pu. "Wicked disciple! Hand over the pages of True Insight."

"Retreat!" Phantom Sting's voice rang out.

Yan Yan fled without any hesitation.

Twin Daemon also vanished from the void, but they suddenly reappeared to attack Saul.

Saul bellowed and faced off against Twin Daemon.

Deng Pu's eyes lit up, and he hurriedly made his escape.

Phantom Sting and Yan Yan wanted to grab the fleeing Lockbreaker, but at that moment, Saul's star energy descended upon the area and enveloped everyone.

Deng Pu spat out a mouthful of blood and put on his lockbreaking tool despite the bleeding from his thighs. He managed to dash out of Saul's suppression range even though not even the Hunters could do so. Deng Pu alone was able to leave, precisely because he was a Lockbreaker.

When Saul saw that Deng Pu had escaped, he did not give chase, as he still had a backup plan in place.

Deng Pu fled to the west, but before long, another figure appeared to block his path. The newcomer had a solemn expression. "It's been a long time, Deng Pu."

Deng Pu's expression changed, and he hurriedly changed directions.

The figure tore through the void and once again blocked Deng Pu's path. "What? Are you still trying to escape? Come with me to see Saul."

This person was Mr. Jun, who was the backup plan that Saul had brought with him to ensure that Deng Pu would be captured.

After the battle on Sourcepeak Planet, Felynn was not the only one who had become smarter. Saul had also learned his lesson, and he had realized that he could not use all of his tricks at once. At this moment, his newfound caution had finally paid off.

When he saw the despair and confusion in Deng Pu's eyes, Mr. Jun frowned, and he seemed to think of something. He grabbed a hold of Deng Pu, but when he did so, he found that this person was just an ordinary Cruiser. This person wasn't even a Lockbreaker even though he was carrying a lockbreaking tool.

"Who are you?" Mr. Jun asked sternly with a fierce look on his face.

That person was agonized. "I'm just that person's body double! He already escaped."

Mr. Jun grew furious. "Where is he?"

The double shook his head. "I'm just a decoy, so why would he tell me where he's headed?"

Mr. Jun slapped the person dead and grabbed the lockbreaking tool before dashing back towards the ice car. They had made a mistake. Deng Pu had been too crafty, as he had even arranged a double in advance. No, this body double might not have even been arranged beforehand; he might have always been following Deng Pu in order to become a scapegoat at any given moment.

On Zenyu Star, Lu Yin lowered his gadget with a calm expression on his face.

Deng Pu had managed to escape, and he had lived up to what Lu Yin had expected from a person who had managed to slip away from Sourcepeak Planet. Powers from various forces had all acted at this time, and even Saul and Twin Daemon had appeared. But despite everything, Deng Pu had still been able to escape, which proved how sly he was.

However, Lu Yin had not expected so many organizations to be aware of Deng Pu's whereabouts, and it would definitely be harder to capture him the next time. After this battle, there was no way the fleeing Lockbreaker would show himself again in the near future.

"Your Highness, Lord Gavin requests an audience," Kayze's voice sounded.

"Send him in."

Soon, Gavin appeared before Lu Yin, and he respectfully said, "Greetings, Your Highness."

"Does Lord Gavin have something that he wishes to discuss?" Lu Yin asked.

Gavin replied, "Yes, Your Highness. Tyrannical Weave is expected to become accessible again in the near future, and the Nalan family has already started to shift to the west. Your subject wishes to ask Your Highness what arrangements we should make for the Nalan family."

Lu Yin was surprised. "Access to Tyrannical Weave is about to be restored?"

"Yes," Gavin replied.

## Chapter 782: Setting Off

Lu Yin opened up a star chart. He first checked the location of the frozen carriage before looking further westward. Tyrannical Weave was just a bit further to the west of the frozen carriage, so did that mean that Deng Pu was planning on heading towards Tyrannical Weave?

Deng Pu possessed True Insight, and so, the entire Outerverse was after him. The fugitive had neither the tools to protect himself nor the resources to cultivate to the Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker level. True Insight was actually useless to him at the moment, and if Lu Yin were in his position, he would absolutely sell off True Insight in order to gain more resources for cultivation. At least he would be able to protect himself then, and selling off True Insight would also divert attention away from him and stop him from being constantly targeted.

And the best place to sell such a treasure was Millions City.

“When will access to Tyrannical Weave be restored?” Lu Yin asked.

Gavin replied, “Anywhere from half a month to a month.”

Lu Yin thought about the timing. There were still about ten days left before the Grand Lu Auction. Even if he waited until after the auction to head out towards Millions City, he would still have enough time. However, if Lu Yin could figure out Deng Pu’s objective, then Saul, Wei Rong, and the others would obviously be able to do so as well. Thus, he had no time to waste.

As he thought about this, Lu Yin told Gavin, “Allow the Nalan family to arrange their own affairs. Don’t force things even if they wish to back out of some of the joint ventures.”

Gavin murmured his acknowledgement.

“Also, cooperate with Bei Qing to take care of the auction,” Lu Yin said as he dismissed Gavin. Next, he called Yan Yan and Phantom Sting over before commanding the two Hunters to head to the border of Tyrannical Weave and wait.

After that, Lu Yin contacted Elder Lohar to inquire about the Hall of Honor’s Enlighter who would be stationed at Zenyu Star.

“Rest assured, I’ve already sent Akira over to you. He’s my disciple,” Elder Lohar said.

Lu Yin said, “Elder, access to Millions City is about to be restored, and Junior wants to head there. Thus, I will not be able to host Senior Akira. I ask for Elder’s understanding.”

Elder Lohar felt that this trip was slightly odd. “What are you going to Millions City for?”

Lu Yin did not hide anything, and he quickly explained the situation concerning Deng Pu. There was no need to conceal this sort of information, as the Hall of Honor would definitely be able to find out if they wanted to.

Elder Lohar sighed. “True Insight is not inferior to a secret technique in the slightest, and the value of the complete True Insight may even surpass that of a secret technique. To you Lockbreakers, any page of True Insight is an unmatched treasure, so I understand. Go on. I will explain things to Akira.”

“Thank you, Elder,” Lu Yin relaxed. With Akira about to be stationed on Zenyu Star, the capital planet would be safe from any potential problems. Well, at least until the Hall of Honor exposed Lu Yin’s lies. Before that time, they would do everything they could to protect him.

At this time, the Hall of Honor’s deterrence towards the many powers of the Outerverse had dropped significantly, but it still had the prestige that it had accumulated over many years. Even now, there was no power that dared to treat them lightly.

Due to the fight at the icy carriage, Deng Pu’s information had been completely leaked out.

On Planet Hydrotink, Felynn excitedly paced back and forth. True Insight was too important to Lockbreakers, and it also carried a symbolic significance to them. Thus, it could not be allowed to land in outsiders’ hands. Otherwise, once the Innerverse and Outerverse were reconnected, there would be too much responsibility for her to bear.

However, just the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society alone would not be able to snatch back True Insight.

Felynn did not plan to seek out Lu Yin’s help, as he definitely would not give her True Insight even if he did obtain it. After thinking about her situation, she went to look for Cai Jianqiang. Out of everyone in the current Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, only Cai Jianqiang stood a chance of being able to seize True Insight. He was a powerhouse who had been unrivaled within his own generation.

Cai Jianqiang did not hesitate, and he immediately agreed to head west and search for Deng Pu. Before he left, he even gave Lu Yin a call and asked the youth to take care of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society.

Through Cai Jianqiang’s few interactions with Lu Yin, he had come to appreciate this youth, and his opinion of the Great Eastern Alliance’s leader was completely different from the outside world’s. His impression had become even more favorable after he saw Lu Yin take on Zi Rong’s blade and after they drank together afterwards.

After receiving Cai Jianqiang’s call, Lu Yin felt a headache coming on, as this was a person who had been unrivaled within his generation. Although Cai Jianqiang was from a different era, Lu Yin was still not confident about how powerful the man actually was. One thing was for sure though, Cai Jianqiang had the strength to defeat an ordinary Enlighter.

If this powerhouse also participated in the contest for True Insight, the probability of Lu Yin coming out on top would fall sharply.

Fortunately, it would be the same for the other competitors as well, and Lu Yin’s relationship with Cai Jianqiang was pretty decent. Even if the Hunter was able to snatch True Insight, he would still be under Lu Yin’s observation, and the younger man was confident in eventually being able to get his hands on the treasure.

When Felynn discovered that Cai Jianqiang had intentionally informed Lu Yin of his plans, her expression was wondrous to behold. She stared at Cai Jianqiang’s reassured expression, but Felynn only wanted to tell the man that his greatest opponent for this mission might actually end up being Lu Yin. However, after thinking it through, she decided to remain silent.

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In another part of the Outerverse, Wei Rong contacted the Shadowsword Sect, Endless Borders, Aegis, and the Umbral Butterfly Tribe. He wanted all of them to team up and fight for True Insight. Endless Borders hardly ever participated in the struggles between the various powers, but they were also motivated to obtain True Insight. This was the same as the attack on Sourcepeak Planet, and they agreed to cooperate. Due to their struggle against Lu Yin, Aegis's strength had been greatly reduced, but they also agreed to cooperate. The Umbral Butterfly Tribe was practically already tied to Wei Rong, and only the Shadowsword Sect was rather hesitant.

Still, in the end, the sect also agreed to cooperate, mainly because Wei Rong had brought up the threat that Cai Jianqiang posed, and the Shadowsword Sect's Twin Daemon was not confident in being able to deal with Cai Jianqiang.

Wei Rong's expression was deep as he stared out at space and muttered, "True Insight, Millions City."

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Shamrock Enterprises was spread throughout all seventy two weaves of the Outerverse, and the highest seat in the corporation was the Chairman, Yu Mu, who had the authority to oversee all of Shamrock Enterprises' branches in the entire Outerverse. Immediately below Yu Mu was the Western Chairman, Hoffman, and the Eastern Chairman, Shen Fu.

When news of True Insight's location spread out, Hoffman received orders from Yu Mu and immediately moved off of his planet and towards Tyrannical Weave. He was also an Enlighter.

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From Aurora Enterprises, a single, personal spacecraft shot towards Tyrannical Weave at an unimaginable speed. This was an Eonlight-grade Aurora, which was something that nobody else in the Outerverse possessed. The highest graded Aurora that Lu Yin had ever used was only a Blackhole grade.

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On one particularly bustling planet, universal currency floated to the ground, but nobody picked any of it up. This was the location of one of the Mavis Bank's largest branches, and anyone who could visit this place was someone with both wealth and respect, and such people could not be bothered by the banknotes falling to the ground. To the people visiting this planet, they were stepping on trash.

One refined-looking woman with green clothes stepped out and stretched. "It's been a long time since I moved about. True Insight? I can finally take a look at it. Those old farts from the Lockbreaker Society are too stingy, but fortunately, the Outerverse is isolated from the Innerverse right now."

After speaking, she vanished in an instant.

There had been people all around the place where the woman had been standing, but all of them behaved as if none of them had even seen the woman.

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True Insight was much like the Daynight clan's stone of inheritance. If the Outerverse was not isolated from the Innerverse, then nobody would dare to scheme over such a precious item out of fear that terrifying Lockbreakers from the Innerverse or even the Neoverse might come. However, since the

Inniverse and Outerverse were currently separated, the various great powers felt no apprehension at all, and everyone wanted to take a glance at True Insight's contents and see just how extraordinary this treasure was for it to rival the value of a secret technique.

Lu Yin also left Zenyu Star and headed towards Tyrannical Weave. He did not know that the people chasing after True Insight were not members of the group that he was anticipating. Rather, they included powerhouses from organizations like the Mavis Bank, Aurora Enterprises, and other such behemoths.

If Lu Yin knew this, he might have chosen to stay behind and not attempt to seize True Insight, as all of these heavyweights had terrifying backgrounds. He had already witnessed the power of Neo-Vestige Sect for himself, and they were just an Outerverse power no matter how strong they became.

Countless powers looked towards Tyrannical Weave and Millions City, waiting for True Insight to appear.

At this same time, countless people were also looking towards Zenyu Star's Grand Lu Auction, as it was about to begin.

The Lu's Grand Auction had created quite a commotion one month ago when it had first published the list of goods that it was auctioning off. This had lured many influential figures towards Zenyu Star, which had slightly improved Zenyu Star's economy.

Ever since the announcement was made, people would occasionally contact Bei Qing, hoping to auction their own goods, which had led to the original number of goods increasing by threefold.

Bei Qing was exceptionally delighted, as this was very different from simply having a great reputation. This auction had succeeded before it had even begun! Still, it was mainly the items being offered by His Highness that had stunned others.

At this moment, the benefits of the auction revealed themselves, as somebody was actually trying to sell pyrolyte. Lu Yin was completely astonished when he learned of this.

When pyrolyte had first appeared, it had captured the attention of the various great powers of the Inniverse. Even if the Inniverse and Outerverse were currently separated, the Daynight clan, the Sword Sect, and other such powers were still exploring the Astral Wilderness, searching for pyrolyte. After the defense of Ironblood Weave had ended, Elder Lohar had explicitly ordered that pyrolyte was a controlled substance and that whoever touched it without authorization would die. Thus, only an extremely small amount of pyrolyte came out of the Astral Wilderness anymore.

Aegis had tried to occupy Northcastle Weave, which Lu Yin had guessed came out of their desire for pyrolyte. If he hadn't lacked definitive proof, he would have reported them to Elder Lohar, and he wouldn't have been forced to struggle so desperately against Aegis.

But at this moment, there was actually someone who was attempting to auction off pyrolyte! Wasn't this an attempt to frame Lu Yin? This was openly challenging the Hall of Honor.

Lu Yin had Bei Qing carefully investigate the identity of the seller, and he also quickly contacted Elder Lohar. Lu Yin did not want to inadvertently alert the seller, so he continued to list the pyrolyte as if it

were a normal auction item while also investigating the seller's trail. Elder Lohar also wanted to know if the other party had only managed to obtain a bit of pyrolyte or if they had access to a stable supply chain.

This whole time, Lu Yin had only thought of framing others. Who cared how they had obtained the pyrolyte—he would simply frame whoever was his enemy.

In space, a spacecraft steadily cruised along as Lu Yin stared at a screen in front of him. The auction was about to begin.

Lu's Grand Auction was presented in a very lavish style, but surprisingly, there was no auctioneer. Instead, all of the auctioned items were displayed on the buyers' screens, where the items' uses, prices, and details were all displayed. All of the auction participants had entered the building from below and sat down in their assigned positions, after which the seats then rose into the air, finally bringing them to the main hall of the auction house.

This was just for the ordinary seats. There were also high-class rooms, but to gain access to those rooms, people had to verify their family or backgrounds before they were allowed to enter.

People flocked into the main hall, and the occupants of the private rooms also arrived one after another.

Lu Yin monitored the situation in each suite, and he saw that Zi Xianxian had arrived as well as people from Shamrock Enterprises. There was also Endless Borders' Di Nuo, and someone from the Nalan family had also arrived. Anyone who was able to access the suites was naturally someone with a befitting background.

People from corporations that merely spanned across a few weaves were only able to sit in the main hall.

There were naturally some people who created a fuss, but they were quickly suppressed. After they learned the identities of the people in the suites, nobody dared to object any further. Whoever was able to enter a suite had to be from a great power that spanned the entire Outerverse.

Bei Qing was very pleased by the turnout, as the suites had all been filled and the main hall was about to be fully occupied as well. Many people were not able to enter the building, but Bei Qing had no choice in the matter. The auction house had been built in the most expensive land of the entire Great Eastern Alliance, and with such property values, their building simply could not hold excessive numbers of people.

When the first goods to be sold appeared, the atmosphere immediately surged, as the very first item was a natural treasure that could evade danger paired with a work of art by a master from 10,000 years ago.

As Lu Yin looked at the crowd on the screen and saw how they were contesting against each other until everyone was flush with excitement, he smiled. This was the way forward, as he had many other items that were useless for him. Thus, the Grand Lu Auction would become the channel for him to dispose of such goods in the future.

The auction proceeded very smoothly, and the bids grew very intense, though Lu Yin was not worried about matters of safety.

Meanwhile, he had arrived at the location of the icy carriage.

### **Chapter 783: Iceform Sutra**

The icy carriage had stopped working since most of the vehicle's middle section had been destroyed. So when Lu Yin arrived, it was sitting there being repaired.

Lu Yin unleashed his domain; some people favored the shadow that was the closest to the light, and he did not know if Deng Pu was such a person. After a while, Lu Yin disappointedly withdrew his domain, as Deng Pu turned out to not be such a person.

He noticed that there were many cultivators searching around the area, trying to find any bit of useful information, and there was someone familiar among them: Cool Sis.

Cool Sis had also sensed Lu Yin's domain, so she immediately headed over to greet him.

She was in a bad mood, as the battle to capture Deng Pu had ruined the icy carriage. Coincidentally, that was where she had been meditating and where she could reach the best mental state. If not for that, she would not have stopped the various parties from battling in this place.

"Lu Yin, you arrived too late." Cool Sis arrived in front of Lu Yin, her expression still looking rather detached.

Lu Yin smiled. "I'm just passing by and wanted to take a look. How are you doing? I heard that even Saul and the Shadowsword Sect's Twin Daemon appeared."

Cool Sis coldly replied, "So what? That person still managed to slip away."

"I heard that you took action as well. You want True Insight?" Lu Yin was curious.

Cool Sis looked around and then answered, "I just didn't want the icy carriage to be destroyed."

Lu Yin looked back at the vehicle that was still being repaired. "That's truly regretful."

He then prepared to leave.

"Hold on," Cool Sis called out. She looked into Lu Yin's puzzled eyes. "I've heard that you've killed Enlighters."

Lu Yin helplessly answered, "That's only with the help of external supporting items."

"You've traded blows with Kong Shi?" Cool Sis asked.

"No, we just tested each other out," Lu Yin replied.

Cool Sis's gaze turned sharp. "She said that I'm not your match."

Lu Yin was astonished, as Kong Shi had not said that to him at the time.

Cool Sis continued, proposing, "Let's have a match to see whether or not I'm not your match."

Lu Yin shook his head. "Bullying females isn't my style."

Cool Sis's expression grew frosty. "You don't want to enter the top ten in the Top 100 Rankings?"

“It doesn’t matter,” Lu Yin replied.

“You don’t get to choose whether or not we fight.” Cool Sis released a burst of cold air around herself, which caused multiple layers of ice to bloom while the void surrounding Lu Yin also froze.

Lu Yin’s gaze trembled. Cool Sis was ranked tenth in the Top 100 Rankings, and she was an expert who surpassed countless others from her generation. Even Kong Shi, who was a peak Hunter as well as a Councilor from a previous generation’s Universe Youth Council, did not have the confidence to emerge victorious against Cool Sis.

Kong Shi’s strength was that of a peak Hunter, but she definitely could not compare to Zi Rong, who had painstakingly refined the blade that Lu Yin had experienced. Rather, Kong Shi’s strength was comparable to Cool Sis’s, which meant that Cool Sis had the strength to go up against peak Hunters.

Lu Yin had interacted with the peak Hunter level on many occasions. Saul, Twin Daemon, Aden, Cai Jianqiang, and Kong Shi were all at this level, but the difference between each of the various people there was extremely huge. Cool Sis was the most monstrous Cruiser realm genius Lu Yin had ever come into contact with.

“Icy Crystallization,” she shouted as she unleashed her attack, causing Lu Yin’s body to begin freezing over. This coldness was not something that could compare to Yan Yan’s, but Lu Yin’s limbs still started going numb, and the rune lines that he could see were entirely comparable to Kong Shi’s back when he had faced off against her.

Cool Sis was the first genius Lu Yin had faced who was in the top ten of the Top 100 Rankings, and he was actually a bit excited for this battle. His domain burst forth as his forcefield swept out. He then raised a hand and struck out with a palm with Overlaying Stacks, but the cold air in front of Cool Sis suddenly converged to form a layer of ice that blocked Lu Yin’s attack.

There was a bang as Lu Yin’s palm slammed against the ice barrier, and the impact warped the void right as a blast of cold air swept out in all directions. The cultivators who were repairing the icy carriage were all terrified, and they hurriedly fled from the area.

There was a cracking sound as the ice barrier split open, causing Cool Sis’s expression to change. All around them, cold air converged upon their position to form a massive ice crystal that then crashed towards Lu Yin. In response, he shouted out as his eight lined battle force appeared around them. Another explosive sound rang out as the ice shattered once again, allowing Lu Yin to break through and rush over to Cool Sis. He raised a hand that transformed into a claw. A beast howl echoed throughout the ages and rumbled out from the void, bringing an aura of palpable fear with it. The Skybeast Claw descended.

Cool Sis closed her eyes and then suddenly opened them wide. Her two eyes went white, and an indescribable feeling radiated out from her. The next moment, the Skybeast Claw itself froze and shattered.

Lu Yin hurriedly retreated, as Cool Sis had suddenly made him a bit nervous. The power of his Skybeast Claw was second only to his Dream Finger, but it had been shattered by this intense cold. Not to mention, Cool Sis’s rune lines had suddenly surged to the point where they could now rival those of Aden.

How was that possible? Was this woman's strength actually able to rival an Enlighter's? Didn't this strength already surpass Kong Shi's?

Plop!

Cool Sis spat out a mouthful of blood, and the fresh blood froze in midair. At the same time, her white eyes continuously fluctuated.

"Seventh Bro, this woman is putting her all into this attack!" the Ghost Monkey shrieked.

Lu Yin's face turned solemn, as this woman's true strength matched up to Kong Shi's at best. But at this moment, she had exploded past her limits, which meant that she had to be using some sort of battle technique or battle art that went beyond her ability to endure.

"Iceform Sutra," Cool Sis growled as her hair flew about. This was her best technique, and she had intended to use it to challenge Cang Mu and Hai Dashao. The pressure that Lu Yin had exhibited had been too much, especially his eight lined battle force, which made him nigh invulnerable, and that wasn't even mentioning his forcefield that also made it difficult for her to breathe. Her star energy actually gave her no advantage, so if she did not display this absolute technique, then she would not be able to win. This person qualified to go against her maximum potential in this fight.

Lines that were actually spatial cracks extended out, but they soon froze as a peculiar diagram inexplicably appeared behind Cool Sis that looked like boundless icy plains. At this moment, the Fatesand inside Lu Yin's body actually shuddered.

Cool Sis's rune lines had already reached the point where they could nearly match Aden's, and the cold aura around her felt similar to Yan Yan's, and it actually reminded Lu Yin of Yan Yan's Iceburst Flames. He didn't wait any longer, and he raised a hand as he tapped out with a finger that congealed the void.

There was a thump as the phantom image of the icy plains suddenly shattered. Cool Sis was forced back a dozen steps, where she spat out a mouthful of blood. Her face turned a deathly shade of white, and she looked at Lu Yin with disbelief etched on her face.

That finger had actually broken through her absolute technique.

Lu Yin's finger ached, but it was still alright since he had cultivated the Finger Tap technique, which had stopped the tip of his finger from being injured.

"The victor has been decided," Lu Yin said softly.

The icy cold gradually dissipated from the void.

Cool Sis reluctantly closed her eyes, and when she opened them again, her eyes had returned to normal. "I lost."

Lu Yin looked at her strangely. "For you to have reached such strength as a Cruiser, it's no wonder why people have said that the current younger generation is terrifying. Kong Shi once told me that she was not confident in being able to defeat you, and it seems that her apprehension was correct."

"Aren't you just complimenting yourself?" Cool Sis wiped the blood away from her lips.

Lu Yin shook his head. "I still have many areas where I'm deficient. Being able to defeat you doesn't mean that I can defeat any of the others. The nine ranked above you should also have their own hidden trump cards."

If Cool Sis was so incredibly strong, then how much stronger were the other people in the top nine of the Top 100 Rankings? What about the top five, top three, or even the number one ranked person? Lu Yin suspected that perhaps not even Cai Jianqiang would be able to beat the top three ranked experts on the Top 100 Rankings.

And besides them, the Ten Arbiters were even more terrifying.

The way Nightking Zhenwu had crushed Lu Yin in the Daosource Sect's ruins had already shown Lu Yin everything. When the various people had been fighting for the Progenitor's inheritance, they had actually been restraining themselves; otherwise, he would not have merely watched battles between people with the strength of normal Enlighteners. Was it possible that each of the Ten Arbiters was strong enough to rival Elder Lohar? That would be too horrifying.

Lu Yin did not understand why Kong Shi was so upset by the difference in strength or why she had pinned all her hopes of defeating Nightking Zhenwu onto him. This generation's youth had absolutely surpassed the previous.

Even Zi Rong would have to give his all to deal with Cool Sis's best technique!

"What about your secret technique?" Cool Sis asked.

Lu Yin smiled, as he had not needed the secret technique to deal with her.

Cool Sis's eyes dimmed. "You're just an Explorer who hasn't even cultivated for ten years, but you've already reached such a level of strength. Maybe you really are comparable to the Ten Arbiters."

"I'm leaving now," Lu Yin said, as did not wish to reveal any further information about his strength. The Ten Arbiters' information was hidden too deeply, and it was not something that he or Cool Sis could guess at.

"Are you headed westwards?" she asked.

Lu Yin nodded.

"Can you bring me along?" she asked.

Lu Yin was astonished. "You're going west as well? Where?"

"Millions City," she replied.

Lu Yin gestured for her to board his spacecraft, and Cool Sis thanked him before stepping onto the vessel.

It was Lu Yin's personal means of transportation, so naturally, it was a very large vehicle that was also a radiant-grade Aurora.

Cool Sis retreated to the room that she had been given to treat her injuries, though Lu Yin remained sitting in the lounge, as the auction was still going on.

The natural treasures were indeed spiking in price, and six of them had already been sold at an average price of 3,000 star essence.

It should be known that 1,000 star essence was enough to employ Phantom Sting for a full year, and the man was a Hunter realm assassin. This clearly demonstrated the extravagant value of each natural treasure.

At such prices, Lu Yin felt a little pained, since that bugger, Smoker, had taken almost thirty natural treasures for themselves, twenty of which had been used to purchase and upgrade Lu Yin's membership so that he could directly employ the assassin in the future. In addition to that, the assassin had been paid with around a dozen natural treasures for the actual jobs themselves, which was equivalent to about 40,000 star essence. For an assassin, this price was simply outrageous.

At this time, a transparent vial appeared on the main screen of the auction house, and there was an introduction to it beside the image. This was one of Elder Wu's poisons, though it was of course being called a life-preserving object in the auction.

This vial's rune lines showed that it could even threaten an Enlighter, and anyone who obtained this poison would have another trump card.

Nobody doubted the respectability of Lu's Grand Auction, and any discerning person already knew the auction belonged to Lu Yin. If Lu Yin lied about the items that he was selling here, no one would ever trust him enough to cooperate with him in the future. As the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance, he could not cheat people for money.

The starting price for Elder Wu's poison was 3,000 star essence. Few powers in the Outerverse had any star essence, and they tended to hoard what little they did. However, the auction's rules stipulated that all prices would be calculated in terms of star essence, which meant that this auction had caused another frenzied round of exchanges at the Mavis Bank, and the branch manager of Zenyu Star's Mavis Bank had grumbled a fair bit.

Something that could threaten Enlighters was rarely if ever found in the Outerverse, and there was not an Enlighter to be found anywhere in Frostwave Weave. Of the Outerverse's seventy two weaves, the vast majority did not have any Enlighters, which showed how precious such a poison was. Whoever obtained this would be able to intimidate an entire weave, or even a whole group of weaves, and this caused the price to continuously climb higher and higher.

From Lu Yin's perspective, only those few top powers could afford this poison, which could be seen in the expressionless faces of the people from the Mavis Bank as they sat in their suite and continued to push the price even higher. They raised the bid by 100 star essence each time, which left the other bidders dumbfounded.

Aurora Enterprises was competing with the Mavis Bank, and they similarly raised their bid by 100 star essence each time.

These two financial giants were competing with money, and the others quickly gave up.

Finally, the bid settled at 6,000 star essence, though Shamrock Enterprises was the one that ended up winning.

Lu Yin's eyes grew fervent, as these few top powers were truly rich. They were able to pay out thousands of star essence without even batting an eye. He had been too benevolent, and he still felt embarrassed about when Madam Nalan had lent him money in the past. To these wealthy corporations, thousands—no, even tens of thousands of star essence was not important.

His world view was still too limited.

#### **Chapter 784: Millions City**

Lu Yin thought back to when he had spent nearly 10,000 star essence in the Sea King's Dome by taking advantage of the Sea King's token, and Lulu had also spent a fair bit. Even if the others in the selection had spent much less than the two of them, the total expenditure must have surpassed 100,000 star essence, but that was nothing much to the Sea King's Dome.

This was the foundation of a great power. The four great corporations spanned the entire Outerverse, and their accumulated wealth was probably far more than what Lu Yin could even imagine while those financial powerhouses like Shamrock Enterprises probably had even more, let alone the Mavis Bank which controlled the entire universe's finances. Perhaps even they themselves did not know how wealthy they were.

Lu Yin still needed to expand his worldview, and it had to be done continuously.

At this moment, pyrolyte appeared on the auction screen.

When this item first appeared, quite a few participants in the auction were puzzled, as only a few people were able to recognize what was even being displayed. However, the people in the private suites were momentarily stunned, and even the people from the Mavis Bank were temporarily taken aback.

Zi Xianxian was stupefied. "Lu Yin is crazy! He even dares to sell something like this? Isn't he afraid that the Hall of Honor will cause trouble for him?" But then, Zi Xianxian suddenly remembered that the Hall of Honor was seemingly the one backing Lu Yin. She had only half believed the rumors before, but this made her absolutely certain in them. If the Hall of Honor didn't create any trouble for Lu Yin even after this happened, then they must be supporting him.

Zi Xianxian was not the only one with such thoughts, and an ordinary-looking man in another suite also let out a long breath. He was representing Aegis in this auction, and he had only bought one natural treasure so far as the competition had been too intense, rendering him only able to afford one.

When he saw that pyrolyte was being auctioned off, his thoughts followed the same line as Zi Xianxian's, and he quickly associated the sale of pyrolyte as proof that the Hall of Honor was behind Lu Yin.

Although Lu Yin had caused Aegis to suffer great losses, they were actually rather grateful towards him. They had indeed wanted to occupy Northcastle Weave to gain access to pyrolyte, but they had belatedly realized that the Hall of Honor had placed extraordinarily strict controls around pyrolyte only after their struggle with Lu Yin. To their shock, quite a few powers had been extinguished because of this, and they actually rejoiced that they had dodged this minefield.

People were also rather apprehensive of the hidden strength that the Hall of Honor might still have in the Outerverse. If they were supporting Lu Yin, then it was fortunate that Aegis had not continued to fight to the death. It would have been truly difficult to predict who would have come off worse in the end.

The auction for the pyrolyte did not proceed very smoothly, as nobody dared to purchase it. In the end, one of Bei Qing's employees bought it at a price that was 100 star essence higher than its starting value, so as not to embarrass the auction house.

Due to pyrolyte being sold at his auction, Lu Yin suddenly seemed even more mysterious than before due to his hidden support becoming even more terrifying.

However, many people who were hidden in the shadows also started paying more attention to Lu's Grand Auction. If this auction house was willing to sell even pyrolyte, then what would they not be willing to sell? All of a sudden, many people started planning to sell off certain objects that were better off kept a secret.

The auctioning of the pyrolyte was just a primer, as Lu Yin was not in a hurry to reach the final outcome. He had already ordered Bei Qing to track down the person who had sold the pyrolyte. If it was just someone who had accidentally come across a bit of the mineral, then that would be fine. However, if the seller had a steady means of obtaining more pyrolyte, that would be crossing the Hall of Honor's bottom line, and they would have to be eradicated.

The auction lasted for two more days, and when Lu Yin saw the total amount that Bei Qing had brought in, Lu Yin couldn't stop himself from smiling. He was very happy, as the auction had actually netted him 50,000 star essence. The ten natural treasures had sold for 30,000. In addition, they had also sold Elder Wu's poison, the five drops of gemspring water, King Zishan's palace's collection of artwork and other miscellaneous gifts, as well as all the commissions that he had received from the other auctioned items. All in all, the auction had brought in a small fortune for Lu Yin in just a short amount of time.

Before the auction, he had had 52,000 star essence, and with the profits of the auction added on, his funds had now surpassed 100,000. Lu Yin suddenly felt a sense of security.

100,000s star essence was enough for him to live rather extravagantly, but if he wanted to upgrade some items with his die's three pips: Enhance, then it still was not enough. Also, if he rolled another six pips: Possession, he might potentially squander his entire fortune in one go.

He still had to work hard to earn more money.

With a new sense of financial security from his recent windfall, Lu Yin arrived at the border of Tyrannical Weave within his aircraft.

This was not Lu Yin's first time seeing the scene before him, as there was a boundless river of energy blocking his way. The Astral River was much more spectacular now than before.

Once the energy dissipated, Tyrannical Weave would regain its connection to the outside universe.

This energy barrier had isolated Millions City for over two years, and they would soon be able to see the light of day again.

The inhabitable planets outside of Tyrannical Weave's border were already filled with people. Lu Yin and Cool Sis went their separate ways, as Lu Yin went to meet up with Yan Yan. After a few inquiries, he learned that all of these people were waiting for Tyrannical Weave to be accessible again.

Or more accurately, they were waiting for access to Millions City.

Millions City had gathered a considerable portion of the wealth of the Outerverse, especially star crystals.

When Millions City had first been isolated, more than ten weaves had been affected by the plummeting number of available star crystals. Not only had the merchants suffered, but the cultivators had been even more severely afflicted. Without any star crystals, they could only slowly absorb the ambient star energy roaming about the universe, forcing their cultivation to slow to an extreme crawl.

Countless people were waiting for Millions City to become accessible.

Lu Yin had also learned that the Mavis Bank's wealthiest Outerverse branch was located in Millions City.

He looked above him, at space, and he could see the occasional rune lines streak by. The people waiting for the energy barrier to come down were not only merchants, and some of these people had likely come to this place with the intent of capturing Deng Pu. Lu Yin's assumption was confirmed when he spotted Saul's rune lines moving about as well.

That old fogey had always been single mindedly focused on claiming True Insight. Once he obtained it and broke through to become an Enlighter, very few in the Outerverse would be his match.

When he recalled the terror of that sourcebox array formed from those four large, tree-looking sourceboxes, Lu Yin shuddered in fear.

He could not allow Saul to obtain those pages. Of course, he also could not allow any other Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker to obtain them either.

"Where's Phantom Sting?" Lu Yin asked.

Yan Yan softly replied, "Searching for Deng Pu."

"Tell him to stop looking," Lu Yin said.

The border of Tyrannical Weave was currently very busy, as there were merchants, cultivators, experts from various great powers who were looking for Deng Pu, and assassins and mercenaries.

If Deng Pu was not foolish, he definitely would not make any sort of appearance for quite a while. He had been able to hide himself for this long because he was a Lockbreaker, and there was no way for Phantom Sting to find him. Otherwise, he would have long since been discovered by members of Aegis.

Two days later, a piece of news spread through the crowd gathered at the border of Tyrannical Weave: Deng Pu had escaped.

No one seemed to know where this piece of information had originally come from, but the rumors seemed to have spontaneously sprung up everywhere. All of them were similar in that they claimed that Deng Pu was afraid of being captured and that he didn't dare to head towards Tyrannical Weave.

However, some claimed that Deng Pu had fled to the north while others said that he had fled to the east. Some even said Deng Pu had never come to the west in the first place and that he had immediately fled to the east.

There were many rumors, and they all seemed to appear at the same time.

Lu Yin firmly believed that Deng Pu had hired people to intentionally release these rumors so that the chaos would keep him safe. Still, these methods had some effect as many of the people and groups that were searching for Deng Pu moved out and headed in other directions to look for him.

Lu Yin did not leave, as capturing Deng Pu was a matter of pure luck. For the moment, he only wanted to get a glimpse of the legendary Millions City.

This city was just as famous as Neo-Vestige Sect and the Dark Phoenix family. These were the three great powers of the Outerverse that everyone knew could not be provoked, and Millions City was also the place with the greatest wealth.

As for money, Lu Yin had always valued it highly, and he was constantly feeling its lack.

After another few days passed, the energy barrier separating Tyrannical Weave from the rest of the Outerverse grew very thin. It had even reached the point where one could vaguely see the other side of the barrier.

Crowds had not only gathered outside of Tyrannical Weave's border; there were also countless people inside who were expectantly looking out, as they wanted to leave.

Back when Tyrannical Weave had first been isolated, the four great corporations had coincidentally been holding a meeting. Various merchants and companies of all sizes had attended to look for business opportunities, and some of these corporations even spanned across several weaves. The appearance of the energy barrier had trapped a number of wealthy people from the Outerverse, including the Enlighter who supported the Nalan family.

As that energy grew thinner, everyone became increasingly excited, as Millions City was about to open up again.

In space, within his spacecraft, Lu Yin calmly watched on. As the opposing scenery gradually became completely clear, countless spacecraft shot forward towards Tyrannical Weave, along with countless cultivators.

Lu Yin had never seen so many vessels coming and going through the same region of space before.

The universe was vast, and the human eye could only see so far. Generally, when two spacecraft flew towards each other, it was extremely unlikely that the occupants would be able to see each other. However, most routes were pre-planned such that vessels would never draw close enough to be seen by the naked eye.

It was indeed very rare to witness countless spacecraft weaving through one another like what Lu Yin was seeing.

Cool Sis's location was unknown, as she had not entered Tyrannical Weave with Lu Yin.

Yan Yan and Phantom Sting were standing next to Lu Yin, and they entered Tyrannical Weave inside his spacecraft that steadily moved towards Millions City.

At this point in time, the Outerverse's news cycle was about to explode, and all of the reports were related to Tyrannical Weave reconnecting with the rest of the Outerverse. Millions City held too powerful an influence on the rest of the Outerverse.

Millions City was situated slightly to the west of Tyrannical Weave's center, and it took Lu Yin's ship seven hours to arrive. During this time, Lu Yin read up on some information relating to Millions City so that he could develop a greater understanding of the place.

It was a city of money-grubbers, and anyone who wanted to enter the city was required to pay an entry tax of 10,000 star crystals. This was just the entrance fee, and it could also be seen as the doorstop that kept the poor outside of the city.

Not just anybody had 10,000 star crystals on them, as back during the trial on Earth, it had already been considered pretty decent if a participating student of the Great Yu Empire had a few fragments of a star crystal, which wasn't even enough to form a complete crystal. 10,000 was an exorbitant price for such people, and that was just the entrance fee for Millions City.

Not only that, but there was also a time limit for how long one could remain within the city. It cost a full star crystal to stay within Millions City for a day, and thus, it cost more than 300 star crystals to remain there for a full year.

Being able to afford the entrance fee was not actually overly impressive, but there were simply too many people who wanted to visit Millions City. Since this fee was collected from all of them, the amount that Millions City raked in on any given day was unimaginable.

Food and lodging within Millions City also cost money, and obtaining permanent residence within the city was a very lengthy and arduous process, though everything could be resolved with enough money.

In short, everything could be settled with money within Millions City. If one wanted to discuss business with a certain person, then as long as they could afford it, the city owner would arrange an appointment for them. This was Millions City, a city where money was the answer to everything.

Millions City also had a special characteristic, which was that each person had to authenticate their identity along with their wealth, and there were certain areas within the city that prohibited access to those who could not qualify, such as exclusive restaurants, libraries, entertainment centers, and so on. Many places required the clients to have a certain level of qualification, and the differentiation between classes was made very clear. Practically everyone had to declare their personal assets in order to participate in any business, and whether or not someone had money, as well as how much, could be readily found out through each person's verified status. This was similar to how some people had to verify their assets before they qualified to purchase certain luxury spacecraft.

There was no fighting allowed within Millions City. If any sort of fighting was discovered, the participating individuals would have to pay a fine for their actions or they would be expelled from the

city. This was also the minimum punishment, as the rulers of the city had to guarantee the safety of everyone within it.

Although it was a city founded on the concept of openness, Millions City was still one of the safest places in the entire Outerverse.

The Qiong family was the master of Millions City, but despite their name, they had grasped complete control of the wealthiest city.

As he had already seen Neo-Vestige Sect, Lu Yin assumed that he would not be too surprised when visiting Millions City. But the moment he saw it, he was completely astonished. This was because the rune lines that he saw from Millions City were overwhelming, and this city indeed possessed a hidden strength that could rival the power of Neo-Vestige Sect.

"Qiong" is a homonym for being poor.

### **Chapter 785: Qiong Xi'er**

Millions City had not been not built on a planet, and it was actually a lone city that floated through the universe with hot stars as well as countless satellites revolving around it. From afar, it seemed like a four-sided mainland, and it grew bigger the closer they got.

The city's overall area was about equal to ten Zenyu Stars spread out. It looked like a colossal creature creeping through space.

Countless spacecraft were queued up, waiting to enter Millions City. To proceed, all of the vessels had to stop at a satellite near Millions City, after which the people would have to take a Millions City spacecraft to enter the city itself. Lu Yin's group was no exception; they had to first pay the entrance fee before boarding the Millions City spacecraft, and they also authenticated their identities and assets while they boarded the spacecraft.

Authenticating one's wealth was very simple. One simply had to report it on their own before verifying it with someone from Millions City. Reporting an amount lower than what the visitor actually possessed would cause them to receive a lower authentication status, which would only place the visitor at a disadvantage. Thus, Millions City didn't care about such things.

Lu Yin didn't have to sit around in the public transport spacecraft for very long, but while he sat there, he used his domain to observe the situation around himself.

"Your Highness, we can actually contact the masters of Millions City and enter straight away," Yan Yan mentioned. Many disciples from the great powers have their own means to directly enter Millions City, as they enjoy the same elite status no matter where they go. After all, the universe was not fair. Were Enlighteners supposed to take the same public spacecraft when they arrived? Millions City was not run by fools.

Lu Yin laughed. "It's fine, this is just an experience. This is the Outerverse's wealthiest city after all."

Using his domain, Lu Yin watched as others authenticated their statuses, and it turned out to be a simple procedure. As for the authentication itself, it was just a tattoo imprinted on the wrist of the visitor. Once

they left the territory of Millions City, the tattoo would vanish, and it would only reappear whenever they returned. If they wanted to modify the tattoo, they would have to re-authenticate themselves.

It was Lu Yin's turn soon, and an adorable girl stepped up to authenticate his wealth and status.

Lu Yin smiled gently. "50,000 star essence."

The girl was stumped, and she paused for a long moment. "I'm sorry, how much did you say?" She felt that she must have heard wrong. 50,000 star essence? That was impossible. Someone with that much wealth would be a distinguished guest, and they would be able to enter through special means. Those people did not sit on public transports.

Lu Yin repeated the number again and then passed the girl his cosmic ring along with a drop of his blood.

The girl examined the ring before respectfully returning it back to Lu Yin. She then solemnly retrieved a certain seal that looked as though it was something that was seldom used. "Sir, your authenticated status is of the Qiong mark."

"Is there some difference with this mark?" Lu Yin asked.

The girl became rather nervous, and she looked at Lu Yin with fervent eyes as she gave him a charming smile. "Our Millions City's authenticated statuses are split into five grades. From lowest to highest, there is white, blue, gold, Qiong, and Millions City. You have been given the second highest grade, and guests with the Qiong mark can directly enter the City masters' residence, as well as any public area in Millions City. You will not be obstructed in such places."

She then very gently placed the seal against Lu Yin's wrist, though her finger lingered on Lu Yin's palm for a while, with clear hints of seduction.

Lu Yin smiled, but he did not say anything further, which left the girl very disappointed. She authenticated a blue mark for Yan Yan and Phantom Sting before leaving, though not without looking back a few times.

Not long after, Lu Yin was finally able to look down upon Millions City from up high, and he gasped in admiration.

This city had a simple and unadorned style, though many of its buildings felt like they were technologically advanced. The entire city was an amalgamation of modern and ancient eras, and there were many landmark buildings.

Lu Yin saw the Mavis Bank branch, which was very obvious, and that wealthy feeling could not be concealed.

When he entered Millions City, he saw countless stores and broad streets that were filled with people. The vehicles moving about had been manufactured with levitation technology, and they resembled flying saucers as they shuttled to and fro through the sky with their passengers.

Lu Yin stopped one and boarded it with Yan Yan and Phantom Sting. He then immediately chose their destination, which was the nearest hotel.

“The Mavis Bank is too overbearing. They actually won’t even allow people to withdraw money! And based on what? They’re just a bank!” Lu Yin’s trio ate inside the hotel while they listened to the conversations taking place around them.

“It’s all because of that cheapskate, Qiong Xi'er! She’s united all of Millions City’s merchants to suppress the outflow of star crystals and star essence. You can spend money, but they won’t give you any back, which has caused everything to be suppressed even further. Prices have been lowered by almost half compared to what the baseline was two years ago.”

“What does that slut want?”

“It’s simple—Millions City was sealed off, so the flow of resources in has been reduced. Thus, their purchasing power has greatly increased, and therefore, the price of all goods has dropped significantly. Qiong Xi'er instigated all of the major corporations to stock up on money without any restraint since they still have purchasing power. Then, they’ll wait to release their star crystals and similar resources, which will then once again increase the price of those goods. By repeating this multiple times, she can make a profit there.”

“Qiong Xi'er has reportedly already formed an agreement with the various corporations, and she draws a 1% commission from the profits. That woman is sucking our blood out.”

“That slut. Because of her, we’re earning much less.”

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As he listened to the conversations taking place all around him, Lu Yin was astonished. Such blatant economic manipulation was allowed to take place? It was not easy to forcefully create a price differential according to what these other visitors to Millions City were discussing, as this involved certain financial patterns, market analysis, and other abstruse skills. However, it was certain that these people were earning less, and their former profit margins had flowed into the coffers of the commercial corporations that had been sealed within Millions City. This meant that those corporations were earning a significant amount more, and 1% of all that belonged to this Qiong Xi'er.

Just how much money did that 1% amount to? The value of all the daily transactions in Millions City was very exaggerated, and even if it was just a 1% commission, a single day’s worth of commissions was probably more than Lu Yin’s entire wealth. Qiong Xi'er: Lu Yin made a point to remember this name, which wasn’t quite difficult as everyone around them was talking about her.

At that moment, Lu Yin’s gadget rang: Tyrannical Weave’s communication network had been restored.

Wang Wen’s voice was heard. “Chesspiece Bro, you should be at Millions City by now.”

“How did you know that I came to Millions City?” Lu Yin asked.

“Ha! How can I not know something that you ordinary people think of? Deng Pu showed up, and he’ll definitely head to Millions City to sell off True Insight, so how could you not have made a move?” Wang Wen was pleased with himself.

Lu Yin smiled. “So, what are you calling for me for?”

“Nothing much. I just wanted to remind you to beware of a certain woman,” Wang Wen said.

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "Who?"

"Qiong Xi'er."

Lu Yin arched a brow, as this was the name that he had constantly been hearing ever since he had first arrived in Millions City. And now, apparently even Wang Wen knew about this woman. "You know her?"

Wang Wen sniggered. "In the entire Outerverse, there's only two other people who are worthy of my attention since they can barely qualify to compare to me in intelligence: Wei Rong and Qiong Xi'er. I'm in the east, Wei Rong is in the center, and Qiong Xi'er is in the west. How can I put this? Nobody knows what that woman is thinking. She might suddenly trap you, and in the end, you might not even know how you died."

"She's that smart?" Lu Yin was taken aback.

Wang Wen leisurely replied, "Just be careful when you meet her. That woman has the ability to instantly deduce how a situation will develop from some minor details. A single gesture can allow her to deduce thousands of possibilities, and she's very troublesome to deal with. I don't want you to be finished before I can leave Ironblood Weave, so be careful."

Lu Yin then repeated what he had heard about Qiong Xi'er from the complaining merchants to Wang Wen.

Wang Wen laughed. "That's her style, though what you just mentioned is only a small path. Nobody even knows who she's truly plotting against. This woman is just embarrassing those people, or it might be a bad joke for her. Don't grab her attention. Right, there's one more point to mention: this woman is a little strange."

Wang Wen then abruptly disconnected.

Lu Yin rubbed his forehead, as he was most afraid of encountering such intelligent people.

He was not afraid of powerful opponents; rather, he was more wary of the smart ones. As long as there was not an overwhelming difference in strength, brains were usually harder to deal with than raw muscle.

He had to gain a deep understanding of Millions City, which meant that it was time to visit the Enlighter that the Nalan family supported, and she seemed to be called Villa Mistress Lian.

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Fragrance Pavilion was Millions City's largest brothel, and it also happened to be one of the largest money sinks in all of Millions City. It took up a large amount of land, and it had large numbers of clients all year round. The girls who belonged to the brothel were proficient at playing various musical instruments, adept at playing all sorts of characters, were of all colors and types, and had legendary outfits.

Unlike many other brothels, Fragrance Pavilion had a refined design, and it was separated into many individual courtyards with numerous small bridges that crossed over the running water and wound about the grounds.

Any man who visited Millions City dreamed of being able to freely walk about Fragrance Pavilion. The expenses in this brothel were high, and even if one could afford to enter, they still weren't likely to be able to freely spend their money in the establishment.

Fragrance Pavilion looked like a sprawling garden filled with multiple courtyards.

As soon as Millions City reconnected with the rest of the Outerverse, countless people had flooded into the city, and a large number of visitors had also entered Fragrance Pavilion.

One particular courtyard within Fragrance Pavilion was filled with laughter, joyous sounds, and music. At the moment, more than ten beautiful ladies were being chased around by a thin, blindfolded person, and the girls occasionally let out excited shrieks.

A more adorable looking girl suddenly entered the courtyard, although she did not seem to find the situation before her strange. "Young Master, a few important characters who have entered the city."

That figure chasing the girls around suddenly dashed over to hug the adorable newcomer, and he ran his hands all over her body, causing the girl's face to flush red. "Young- Young Master, do you want to see?"

That person let out a strange laugh, and hearing their voice would allow one to realize that this person was actually a girl, though her tone was gender neutral. "Read out which important characters have arrived to Young Master."

The girl did her best to push the person's hands groping her away to prevent any improper touching while quickly saying, "Shamrock Enterprises' Western Chairman Mr. Hoffman, Aurora Enterprises' Blaze Engineer, San Dios Councilor Moore, the Dark Phoenix family's Senior Sall Phoenix and Taylor Phoenix, Armament Weave's Wei family's Wei Rong, and the Great Eastern Alliance Leader Lu Yin. Ah, right, there are also many spacecraft from Endless Borders waiting outside the weave."

"Wei Rong? That treacherous fellow is also here?" The person pulled down the cloth blindfolding them to reveal an exquisitely beautiful face. She was a girl with short hair, and even though she was wearing male clothing, she also had lipstick on, which gave her a peculiar beauty.

This person was clearly a woman, but she liked to tease girls and took pleasure in pursuing them. This was none other than Millions City's Qiong Xi'er.

"Young- Young Master, could you please release me?" The adorable girl's face had flushed a deep red, as the most sensitive parts of her body were still being touched by Qiong Xi'er. It was very uncomfortable, but also strangely comfortable, making it a contradictory feeling.

Qiong Xi'er laughed and kissed the girl. "Nans, you're developing nicely under Young Master's servitude. In the past, that old man even wanted to marry you out, but let me tell you that that's impossible. You'll be Young Master's girl for your entire life, hehe."

Nana lowered her head, looking extremely embarrassed.

Qiong Xi'er waved her hand and dismissed the girls from Fragrance Pavilion. She then activated the screen on her gadget to look over the report listing all the names that Nana had just shared with her, along with an introduction to each person.

Millions City was naturally not able to obtain so much information in such a short period of time; instead, all of this information had been bought from Amethyst Exchange. Amethyst Exchange considered Millions City to be one of its more distinguished clients, as they were incredibly wealthy.

### **Chapter 786: Qiong Family's Banquet**

"Shamrock Enterprises, Aurora Enterprises, the Dark Phoenix family, and even that fellow Wei Rong are here. This doesn't seem right. What are they all doing here?" Qiong Xi'er asked.

Nana softly replied, "The Outerverse Lockbreaker Society was attacked on Sourcepeak Planet, and some pages of True Insight fell into the hands of some Lockbreaker called Deng Pu. They're all here to capture him."

Qiong Xi'er eyes flashed, and she immediately pulled up information detailing what had happened in the rest of the Outerverse during the time that Millions City had been isolated. After a while, she shifted her gaze. "True Insight—that's definitely something good. However, whoever obtains it will be the unlucky one."

"Young Master, don't we also have a chance to get it?" Nana asked out of curiosity as her eyes went wide. Her eyes were bright, but they also contained a trace of grievance and helplessness. Overall, it was a very appealing look.

Qiong Xi'er kissed the girl again. "No. The Outerverse will eventually reconnect with the Innerverse, and the Lockbreaker Society is not some ordinary power. That old fogey, Geoffrey, is very hard to deal with, and as soon as the Neoverse Lockbreaker Society steps forward, even we will have to give in. Thus, whatever we gain from this situation can only be sold."

"Such a pity. It was able to draw so many people here, so it must be incredibly valuable," Nana lamented.

Qiong Xi'er laughed. "There's nothing to regret, as only Boundless Advanced Lockbreakers can comprehend True Insight. This toy would be useless to us even if we did obtain it, so just let these people enjoy their dogfight."

She paused for a moment and continued molesting Nana's body as she muttered to herself, "They've all come to Millions City, but they can't fight within the city. Even if there was a way to chase them all away, it would just offend too many people, which isn't worth it. There has to be some other way."

"Young Master, there are also some people from the Mavis Bank here," Nana cried, as another name had appeared on the screen: Yuehua Mavis, who was from the Mavis Bank.

Qiong Xi'er's expression changed, as she definitely could not allow these people to raise a commotion in the city.

Her gaze swept across every name on the list before finally stopping on Wei Rong's name. Her brows involuntarily quirked up. With this fellow around, it would be impossible for the situation to remain

peaceful no matter how badly she wanted to avoid a chaotic situation. This person could kill without drawing blood, and he was truly treacherous.

Below Wei Rong's name was another: Great Eastern Alliance Leader Lu Yin.

She had just been reading about what had happened on Sourcepeak Planet, and Lu Yin's name had appeared among the reading material, along with Wei Rong's. If her guesses were correct, then that matter should be related to Wei Rong, as she understood him too well. However, the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society had ultimately relocated to Frostwave Weave, which was where Lu Yin was based. Either these two had cooperated or someone had actually gained the upper hand against Wei Rong.

The chances of them cooperating were not too great, as the Great Eastern Alliance's existence posed a grave threat to Armament Weave. Thus, the two should have an antagonistic relationship.

It was not easy for someone to gain the upper hand against Wei Rong, and so, this prompted Qiong Xi'er to check Lu Yin's previous achievements as well. She grew more astonished the more she read. This person had only cultivated for a bit more than seven years, but he was already able to kill Enlighteners when the Outerverse was separated from the Innerverse. And after that, he had established the Great Eastern Alliance and even subdued Aegis. Each accomplishment after the next showed that this Lu Yin was not some simpleton.

Qiong Xi'er quickly developed an interest in this Lu Yin, especially after learning that he had even created a commotion after going to Ironblood Weave. It was rumored that the final defense of Ironblood Weave was also somehow related to this person. If he had gone there, then Lu Yin must have also met that blockhead, Wang Wen, and become acquaintances with him. Lu Yin had also run into Wei Rong, but Lu Yin had managed to come out on top. He was an interesting person.

"Help me keep an eye on this guy called Lu Yin," Qiong Xi'er ordered.

Nana immediately murmured her acknowledgement and sent out the relevant instructions.

"Hold up." Qiong Xi'er seemed to have suddenly thought of something, and her expression grew lively as her face took on an enchanting mien. "Go and tell the old man to host the Qiong's Banquet."

Nana was astonished at this turn of events. "Yes, Young Master."

The Nalan family had quite a few properties within Millions City, and they even had an enormous villa within the city limits.

Villa Mistress Lian resided within Millions City.

Lu Yin had originally thought that he would be able to easily find the Enlightener's location through her rune lines, but he had been thinking too simply. At this moment, there were actually five Enlighteners in Millions City, and one of them had rune lines that approached Elder Lohar's. Even if that expert did not have a power level of 300,000, they were very, very close.

Being near a powerhouse of this level left Lu Yin feeling a bit suppressed.

This sort of powerhouse was someone who could easily deal with even Cai Jianqiang.

As dusk fell upon the city, Lu Yin led Yan Yan to Villa Mistress Lian's residence, intending to pay a visit as a friend of the Nalan family.

Madam Nalan should have already given Villa Mistress Lian a heads-up about Lu Yin's visit.

Soon, Lu Yin was brought in by a servant while Yan Yan waited outside.

10,000 years ago, there had been a villa in the Outerverse known as Waterlotus Villa, and it had flourished for a period of time. It had even been able to produce an Enlightener and become the guiding power of an entire weave. However, it had been wiped out in the course of just one night with only the injured, cryopreserved master escaping. That master was this very Villa Mistress Lian.

Villa Mistress Lian had been unsealed by the Nalan family, and she had been in their employment ever since.

Villa Mistress Lian had learned of Lu Yin's visit beforehand, and she was rather curious about this youth who had abruptly risen up from nothing, to the point where he was already able to stand at the peak of the Outerverse. She had seen many geniuses, but none of them could rival this Lu Yin.

"Junior Lu Yin pays his respects to Villa Mistress Lian." Lu Yin bowed respectfully when he arrived. This old woman's rune lines even surpassed those of Lord Egret, and according to Lu Yin's best estimate, her power level was approaching 300,000, which meant that she was one of the strongest people in the entire Millions City.

Villa Mistress Lian's complexion showed her age, though her expression remained serene as she sized Lu Yin up and down before nodding. "Fuxue already contacted me, and she told me that you would pay me a visit. You arrived rather quickly."

Madam Nalan's given name was Liu Fuxue, though Lu Yin had almost forgotten about it. That entrancing fairy of a woman had such a pretty name, and it matched her image very well.

Lu Yin smiled. "Junior didn't dare to make Senior wait for too long."

Villa Mistress Lian smiled. "During the time that Tyrannical Weave was isolated, the Nalan family received no help from me. So, thanks are owed to Alliance Leader Lu."

"Senior can call Junior Little Seven." Lu Yin hurriedly tried to suck up to the woman.

Villa Mistress Lian did not reject his offer. "Little Seven? You're ranked seventh in your family?"

"I just like the number seven. It has nothing to do with my family." Lu Yin smiled.

Villa Mistress Lian nodded. "Is there any particular matter that prompted you to come look for me?"

Lu Yin answered, "I won't conceal this matter from Senior. Junior wishes to find Deng Pu."

Villa Mistress Lian laughed. "I've heard of this matter, and anyone would want to obtain True Insight, though Fuxue did not ask me to look for Deng Pu. You should know the reason why."

“Millions City belongs to the Qiong family, and it wouldn’t be very respectful of Senior to search through their domain.”

“As long as you know. The Qiong family has wielded control of Millions City for many years, and during this time, many experts have coveted this place, but none have ever succeeded. Even those enormous powers from the Inniverse have threatened the Qiong family in the past, but none of them succeeded either. This is because there’s a strength hidden here that’s enough to even make Envoys feel apprehensive. Thus, I feel that it would be best for me to remind you: don’t cause a commotion here in Millions City. If you can compete for True Insight, then go for it, but if you can’t, then just let it go peacefully. Sometimes, being unable to obtain something is actually a blessing in disguise,” Villa Mistress Lian spoke emotionally, seemingly reminiscing about an old memory.

Lu Yin respectfully answered, “Junior has benefited from your advice. Actually, Junior does not hold too much hope in obtaining True Insight. Rather, I am actually more curious about Millions City, and I would like to ask Senior some questions.”

“What do you wish to know?” Villa Mistress Lian asked.

Lu Yin thought about what he had learned so far. “The Qiong family, as well as the other families that are able to influence Millions City.”

Villa Mistress Lian looked up into the sky as it grew darker. “The only families that can influence all of Millions City, apart from the Qiong family, are the Zhu family. Anyone with enough wealth is able to establish a residence in Millions City, even if that means that their ancestral grounds have to be relocated. But even after so many years, the only two families that have been here from the very start are the Qiong family and the Zhu family, while the rest are powers such as the Mavis Bank.

“Millions City is like a place where anyone can join in on the competition. Money is the only weapon available, and the Qiong family is the only clan that can completely control Millions City without using their money. The current head of the Qiong Family is Qiong Shanhai, who’s another Enlighter, and he also should not be provoked. In addition to him, the Zhu family also has their own Enlighter realm ancestor.”

Lu Yin felt like something was strange. “If it’s a matter of money, then shouldn’t many powers from the Inniverse be able to set themselves up in Millions City?”

Villa Mistress Lian laughed. “Who would be willing to lodge under another’s roof? They won’t come here unless they feel like they can gain control of Millions City. And since none of them think that they can, they will not waste too much energy on this place. In the end, for most people, this is just a place to make money and nothing more. This is not a paradise that can give rise to a powerhouse.”

Lu Yin chatted with Villa Mistress Lian for a little longer before he bade the old woman farewell. She had remained in Millions City for two years, and so, she had naturally developed a deep understanding of this place, and her experience allowed Lu Yin to learn more. He had come to understand that the Qiong family should not be provoked, and neither should the mysterious Zhu family.

He was especially interested in the Zhu family, as their ancestor was called Zhu Tiezhu, which was a peculiar name. Even after becoming an Enlighter, the man had made no move to change his name, which made Lu Yin admire this ancestor Zhu Tiezhu.

Right as he stepped out of Villa Mistress Lian's residence, a middle-aged man who had been standing nearby bowed respectfully to Lu Yin. "City Master Qiong invites Alliance Leader Lu to join the Qiong's Banquet tomorrow night. Would Alliance Leader Lu please do us the honor of attending?" The man then offered Lu Yin a written invitation with both hands.

Lu Yin took it. "Many thanks."

The middle-aged man bowed again before turning to leave.

Lu Yin opened the letter, only to discover there was not much written within it and that it largely reflected the middle-aged man's words. It was signed by Qiong Shanhai.

The Qiong Family's Banquet? Lu Yin put the invitation away and looked around. Finally, he led Yan Yan to an unadorned hotel that overlooked a river.

There were mountains and water inside Millions City as well as a wide river that flowed through it. The hotel where Lu Yin had decided to stay was close to the riverside, and although it was not that luxurious, it was one of the most famous establishments within Millions City. Its claim to fame was the large number of important guests that it had hosted throughout the years. In particular, it was proud of the various scholars who had left inked treasures behind. It was even rumored that the Daynight clan's leader, Nightking Dijiang, had visited this hotel before.

Not just anyone could enter the Riverside Hotel that overlooked the waterway. One needed to have at least a gold mark authentication before they qualified to eat a meal there, which was a symbol of status.

Yan Yan's authenticated status was only at the blue mark, which meant that he was not allowed inside the hotel. Thus, Lu Yin reserved a room in a nearby hotel for the man to stay in.

Lu Yin's Qiong mark allowed him to enjoy the hotel's warm hospitality, and they specially arranged for him to be seated at the table closest to the river and his room on the third floor. The hotel had a total of five levels, and although the building was not very tall, it was filled with a dense history.

As he looked at the flowing river water and sipped his wine, Lu Yin felt a new sort of sensation.

Those who could enter this hotel were all wealthy people. Lu Yin observed his surroundings as he listened to the conversations taking place around him. He was able to obtain a great deal of useful information in a place like this.

"The Qiong's Banquet is about to be held again. Do you know what kind of people are being invited? I bet that the names will scare you." A man spoke up in a slightly louder voice, and he proudly looked at everyone else sitting at his table before continuing. "My uncle is on duty at the City Master's estate, and he's the one who told me that this Qiong's Banquet is going to be one of the more extravagant ones in history. There will be at least six Enlighters, which include the City Master, Qiong Shanhai, Shamrock Enterprises' Western Chairman Hoffman, Aurora Enterprises' Blaze Engineer, the Nalan family's Villa Mistress Lian, the Dark Phoenix family's Sall Phoenix, and the Mavis Bank's Yuehua Mavis."

### **Chapter 787: Strange Conversation**

After listening to the man's introduction, a woman cried out, "The Mavis Bank also sent someone over?"

“I heard that they came for True Insight, as some Lockbreaker called Deng Pu thought that he could sell True Insight here in Millions City. These people all came here for him,” the man beside her explained in a deep voice.

“The City Master has organized this Qiong’s Banquet to warn these people not to take action within the city. Otherwise, that many powerhouses might actually ruin our Millions City,” someone else said.

“Remember how Inniverse experts have also looked for trouble in Millions City? Whenever that’s happened, the City Master always hosts the Qiong Family’s Banquet to resolve the crisis. Let’s just hope that this time is no different.”

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“I never dreamed that the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society would actually end up in such a miserable state. Things are so bad now that people are even plotting to take their True Insight. Back when the Inniverse was still connected to the Outerverse, even if True Insight had gone missing, there wouldn’t have been anyone who would dare to brazenly grab it.” Someone was discussing recent events on the second floor.

“The times have changed. I heard that the eastern weaves have been subdued by this fellow called Lu Yin, and he’s just an Explorer,” someone mocked.

“But isn’t that because he’s supported by the Hall of Honor? It’s all because Lu Yin has eleven Honor Points. Nobody is willing to risk killing him as the Hall of Honor will chase down his murderer.”

“You can’t say it like that—the Hall of Honor isn’t anyone’s nanny. Even if no one’s willing to kill Lu Yin, they must still have some way to capture him! This person was able to form this Great Eastern Alliance with his own methods and ability. Now that the Outerverse is isolated from the Inniverse, the Hall of Honor’s influence has dropped significantly.”

“That’s right, even Aegis was beaten back.”

“Aegis is just afraid of Smoker, and this Lu Yin is incredibly lucky. Wait a while longer to see if the central weaves will let him continue his streak.”

“This Qiong’s Banquet’s main target isn’t him, but rather those Enlighters. Let’s hope that a huge battle doesn’t break out.”

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Lu Yin calmly smiled and continued enjoying his wine.

In another corner of the hotel restaurant, there were other people having similar discussions. “The Outerverse Lockbreaker Society was attacked, and someone even raided the Mavis Bank recently. The Outerverse is becoming more and more chaotic, and it’s safer to stay here in Millions City.”

“How long can you actually stay in Millions City for? You’ll need to leave someday. No matter how good things are here, it’s still not our home.”

“Bah.”

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The nearby conversations all entered his ears. These people all had some degree of wealth and status, but they were still terrified of the current chaotic universe. In that case, then what about the commoners? Or ordinary cultivators? The current Outerverse was showing signs of becoming even more chaotic, and Lu Yin was actually a portent of that disorder, as was Wei Rong.

As Lu Yin thought about Wei Rong, Wei Rong actually arrived outside the Riverside Hotel and coincidentally exchanged glances with Lu Yin.

He had not expected to bump into Lu Yin in this place.

This Riverside Hotel often publicized that it had served the Daynight clan leader, Nightking Dijiang. Everyone also knew about Lu Yin's relationship with the Daynight clan, but Lu Yin had still chosen to visit this place.

Wei Rong quickly ascended three stories and casually sat down to join Lu Yin, and beside him was the Umbral Butterfly Tribe's young mistress, Angie.

"Brother Lu, you're still rather relaxed. Aren't you afraid that someone else will catch Deng Pu before you?" Wei Rong smiled.

Lu Yin smiled back and poured a glass of wine for both Wei Rong and Angie. "That's fine. If it's destined to end up with me, then it won't get away. If it doesn't belong to me, then I won't get it even if I beg for it."

"Well spoken. Cheers, Brother Lu!" Wei Rong raised his wine glass.

Lu Yin similarly raised his wine glass and clinked glasses with Wei Rong.

When they had met on Zenyu Star in the past, the two had chatted with each other in a very agreeable manner. Although they were enemies, their conversations tended to be even more carefree than one between true friends. They were both intelligent people, and they were both tactful in their words. They were mutually probing the other, and neither felt embarrassed by their verbal sparring. They were each trying to obtain information from the other party, and searching for weaknesses by reading between the lines.

"Brother Lu's battle against Aegis was very impressive," Wei Rong complimented.

Lu Yin smiled. "If it had been Brother Wei, you would definitely have been able to resolve things much more easily. I must thank Brother Wei for not creating more trouble for me."

"I wanted to, but things were beyond my influence. Aegis has been growing increasingly ruthless, and they even dared to openly attack Brother Lu. Even the Hall of Honor can't hold them back, so naturally, I have no ability to intervene in their affairs." Wei Rong sighed.

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "Actually I'm very curious about something. Aegis was willing to openly try to kill me—was that because they were certain that I wouldn't die, or was it because they wanted to give me a warning? Or, is there someone else hiding in the shadows behind them giving the orders and trying to probe the Hall of Honor?"

Lu Yin had thought of this possibility even before his all-out war with Aegis. Back then, he had suspected Wei Rong of trying to use Aegis to sound out how much strength the Hall of Honor still had in the Outerverse, but he had quickly ruled out that possibility. No matter how much hidden strength the Hall of Honor possessed, at the very least, everyone was aware of Elder Lohar's existence. Unless Aegis had a powerhouse who was comparable to Elder Lohar, there was no way they would be willing to antagonize the Hall of Honor.

Aegis was not run by fools. Even if Wei Rong had wanted to probe the Hall of Honor, Aegis would not have allowed him to act as he wished. Hence, Lu Yin had pushed this conjecture to the bottom of his list. Instead, he had simply assumed that, from the very start, Aegis had been confident that Lu Yin would not die to their assassination attempt. After all, he was someone who had killed Enlighteners before and that their assassination attempts must have been nothing more than a warning. As long as Lu Yin did not die, the Hall of Honor would not pursue his attackers.

Now that Lu Yin was meeting with Wei Rong again, for some reason, Lu Yin suddenly vented this suspicion that he had kept hidden in the depths of his heart.

Wei Rong's eyes flashed. "Does Brother Lu suspect that I may have instigated Aegis?"

"Of course not. Brother Wei is not that impulsive. Back when you attacked Sourcepeak Planet, it was only because President Geoffrey wasn't around. Even if Brother Wei hopes to spark a revolution and have the Outerverse cast off the constraints that those colossal organizations have placed upon us, you would still never choose the Hall of Honor as a target. In fact, they could only be the final target," Lu Yin said.

Wei Rong nodded. "That's right, the Hall of Honor has long since controlled the Human Domain, and its foundation is unfathomable. To me, Elder Lohar's existence is only what the Hall of Honor has revealed on the surface. It is very possible that they are hiding even more terrifying powerhouses. Only if the Astral Beast Domain had truly invaded the Outerverse back then, or if some powerhouse who couldn't be handled by the Outerverse's forces had appeared would the hall's hidden trump cards make a move. I will not even make plans to probe the Hall of Honor even at this moment, as I'm not that foolish."

"Then does Brother Wei think that my conjecture has any merit?" Lu Yin looked at Wei Rong. He had not brought this question up to anybody else, as there were only a few people, like Wei Rong, who qualified to answer.

Wei Rong felt that this question was somewhat strange. "Isn't Brother Lu already a member of Aegis' second level managers? In that case, you must have spoken with Starfox. Didn't you ask them?"

"Does Brother Wei think that Starfox would speak about such things?" Lu Yin laughed.

Wei Rong raised his glass, stared at the wine it held, and then at the roiling river water. "The circumstances of the Outerverse are like the river's water in that neither can be reversed. You and I are only able to see what's on the surface, but if Brother Lu's suspicion is correct, then that means that there is someone who can use Aegis to test the Hall of Honor. Such a person is definitely not someone who either of us can compare to."

Lu Yin fell deep into thought, and he suddenly thought of Ku Wei. The Court of Seven Names' Ku family had definitely sent other people to the Outerverse, and he also remembered meeting Blackless God. The

Three Dark Hands and the Hall of Honor were hostile to each other, and it would be perfectly reasonable for one of those two to probe the Hall of Honor.

Although this was just Lu Yin's conjecture, it was also possible that the assassination attempt had been nothing more than a mere warning from Aegis.

"Right, Brother Lu, I have a question that I would like to consult you about." Wei Rong placed his glass down and looked at Lu Yin. "Will the Neo-Vestige Sect join the Great Eastern Alliance?"

Angie's expression changed, and she turned to closely observe Lu Yin.

Neo-Vestige Sect was one of the three top powers of the Outerverse that could not be provoked. If Neo-Vestige Sect had really joined the Great Eastern Alliance, then the central weaves would have to rope in both Millions City and the Dark Phoenix family to contend against the alliance.

Lu Yin felt distressed. "That will be very difficult, but it's not entirely impossible. As long as the Great Eastern Alliance has twenty weaves among its members, the Neo-Vestige Sect will also join us."

Wei Rong shouted in admiration, "Brother Lu was actually able to convince the Neo-Vestige Sect! That's impressive!"

"It's a pity that there aren't even twenty weaves in the entire eastern region. I'll have to find a way into the central weaves, and I hope that Brother Wei will show some mercy at that time." Lu Yin smiled.

Wei Rong laughed. "That's impossible! There's no way I'd allow Brother Lu to get what you want. Otherwise, the entire Outerverse will fall under your control."

"Then let's wait and see. I'm quite confident." Lu Yin smiled.

"I am very confident as well, haha." Wei Rong laughed.

"Since Brother Wei is so confident, then it would appear that the formation of the central weaves' alliance is proceeding smoothly?" Lu Yin smiled.

"It's more troublesome, as those old farts don't really understand you. I can only try to smear Brother Lu's reputation in order to make them more wary of you, but it will still take some more time for them to ally together." Wei Rong was clearly vexed.

"That's very normal. Otherwise, an alliance would have formed a long time ago. Brother Wei will have to work harder, but of course, I won't allow you to have an easy time of things." Lu Yin smiled.

Wei Rong raised his glass. "I also won't allow Brother Lu to have an easy time as you try to completely take control of the eastern weaves. Cheers!"

"Cheers!"

Angie speechlessly looked back and forth from one to the other. What did this conversation mean? Had they really spilled their own secrets that casually? Had they really not hidden anything at all? During their entire tête-à-tête, they had seemed more like good friends than bitter rivals, which was something that Angie could not wrap her head around.

Under normal circumstances, shouldn't these two be trying to infiltrate the other's thoughts and obtaining secret information to wreak destruction on the other, or at least taunt each other? Why did these two speak to each other so strangely?

"Everyone, get out for Young Master! Young Master is reserving all the seats!" an arrogant voice echoed throughout the restaurant. The diners all looked down at the ground floor to see that a group of youths were surging in, and the commotion had even caused the hotel owner to come out and repeatedly bow while saying something indiscernible.

Wei Rong was astonished at who he saw. "It's actually him—Zhu San, the Zhu family's heir."

Lu Yin looked down as well. The Zhu family was an existence that was second only to the Qiong family within Millions City, and he had also heard of Zhu San's name before. Reportedly, this person was arrogant, but other than that, he was not too bad. At least he had not committed any heinous crimes.

"Lord San, there are many guests here today, and it's quite difficult for you to reserve all of our seats. Could you be a bit charitable? We will reserve a private room for you, if that's agreeable...?" The boss incessantly apologized.

Zhu San proudly answered, "Alright, but Young Master wants that private room."

The boss's expression instantly changed. "That- that-"

Zhu San glared at the older man. "The Innverse and Outerverse have been separated for almost two years already, and yet you're still trying to flatter the Daynight clan? I want that private room, and that's a must."

The boss sighed. "Very well. Please head inside, Lord San."

Zhu San was just about to enter the room, but two people suddenly walked in front of him and moved straight towards the second floor.

Zhu San was furious that he had been ignored, and the group of youths behind him also grew angry since these people had actually dared to walk in front of their young master. "You two, stop right there!"

The two people turned to face Zhu San, letting the people there see that they were both men. One was a middle-aged man with narrow eyes and snow-white skin who had a dashing aura. The other was a youth with ordinary looks and a downcast expression.

"Didn't the two of you see Young Master? How dare you walk in front of me! Are you tired of living?" Zhu San raged.

That downcast-looking youth frowned. "Didn't notice."

The dashing, middle-aged man beside the youth smiled. "Little bro, we've offended you, so please head on in first."

Zhu San was still unhappy. "It's not up to you where this lord goes."

"Are you going or not?" The downcast-looking man asked impatiently.

Zhu San shouted back, "This Lord has not lost my patience yet, but a country bumpkin like you actually dares to act haughty in front of me. Brothers, it seems like quite a few blind people have sneaked into Millions City. Beat him up for your lord!"

The group of youths behind Zhu San immediately picked up tables and chairs and rushed towards the two men.

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The middle-aged man put on a helpless expression as the gloomy-looking youth stepped forward. As he did so, all of the furniture was repelled by a mysterious strength. The youths who had moved forward to attack the two men were just Melders, and they also did not seem to have any actual battle experience, so they were easily knocked over when the furniture crashed into them. Only Zhu San was able to avoid an incoming table, after which he looked apprehensively at the youth before spitting out some menacing words. "You just wait! Wait for me! Young Master will remember you! You'd best beware of me!"

After that, he fled the hotel without showing any care for his companions.

The hotel boss smiled bitterly, though he was not surprised. In Millions City, the number one troublemaker was precisely Zhu San. It was good that the youth never would actually ask his family to seek revenge for him. At most he would verbally threaten some people.

The hotel owner turned to the two men and said, "Gentlemen, please don't mind him. He actually won't do anything, so please just head inside."

The middle-aged man then tapped the youth's shoulder and led him to the second floor of the restaurant. When they were about halfway to the second floor, the man seemed to sense something, and he turned to look up at the third floor, where he saw Lu Yin and Wei Rong. He was surprised to see the two of them there, but he merely nodded at them with a polite smile.

The gloomy youth beside the man also noticed Lu Yin, and a flicker of apprehension flashed through his eyes. However, he lowered his head and seemed to stay quiet.

Wei Rong was astonished to see the youth. "That's Moore, a Councilor from West San Dios. I never thought that he would come here too."

Lu Yin felt something was strange. "Does Moore also want to try to obtain True Insight?"

Wei Rong shook his head. "It doesn't seem like it. With his strength, there is no way he stands a chance."

West San Dios's Councilor was someone who used to be an important character, but after the Outerverse separated from the Inniverse, San Dios' influence had fallen apart. The members were all youths, and they no longer had the Inniverse's support, so unless they were someone like Puyu who had enjoyed the support of Darkstar Gorge, the councilors and representatives could only be considered talented youths.

Wendy Yushan had been one, and so had Liu Shaoge, which was why no one discussed them any longer.

Lu Yin was not concerned about Moore, as he was more interested in that Zhu San.

The others had not noticed anything, but Lu Yin had seen something interesting. His mind kept replaying the scene of Zhu San dodging Moore's attack.

It had not looked like anything special, but Zhu San's movement when he was evading had actually been slightly faster than Moore's attack. If not for the rune lines, Lu Yin would not have been able to notice anything either, but at the moment that he dodged, Zhu San's rune lines had been somewhat peculiar. It had seemed like a simple evasive maneuver, but his rune lines had actually suddenly exploded at that moment. That movement had been a battle technique.

Zhu San had relied on a battle technique to dodge Moore's attack, but neither Moore nor anyone else on the scene had noticed a single thing.

Lu Yin had initially thought that this Zhu San was just a good-for-nothing rich brat, but that subtle battle technique had made Lu Yin suddenly realize that the youth was not so simple after all. Zhu San had been able to predict the direction of Moore's attack in advance, and that alone was not something that the average person could do. It also had to be acknowledged that Zhu San was just a Limiteer.

The Zhu family had been able to survive in the Millions City since the beginning, and even Villa Mistress Lian did not fully understand them, which showed that they were truly not a simple family.

After another hour of chatting, Wei Rong finally took his leave. "Brother Lu, tomorrow night's the Qiong Family's Banquet, so I'll see you then."

Lu Yin smiled. "We'll meet there."

Wei Rong escorted Angie away, but when he arrived at the stairs, he seemed to suddenly remember something. "Right, did Brother Lu recognize the person who was with Moore?"

Lu Yin shook his head. "Does Brother Wei know him?"

"That's Starfox." Wei Rong smiled at Lu Yin before simply waving a hand and leaving.

Lu Yin's expression changed, and he immediately unleashed his domain only to realize that Starfox had already left the hotel along with Moore. It was a pity, as Lu Yin had wanted to meet Starfox face to face. Clearly, Wei Rong had purposefully not mentioned this information earlier and had only informed Lu Yin as he was leaving to embarrass Lu Yin, and it had definitely worked. Lu Yin felt humiliated.

Many experts had gathered in Millions City, and it was precisely them who had received invitations to the Qiong's Banquet.

The next night, Lu Yin led Yan Yan to the Qiong Forest, which was being held in the northwest of Millions City. This was the location of the Qiong's Banquet.

This so-called Qiong's Banquet was essentially just the City Master hosting a feast, but it was also an event that would put many unrestrained experts in their place. Only then would they not stir up trouble while within the city.

Congenially, it was a banquet, but it could also be called a warning. Throughout countless years, the Qiong family had used this method to warn potential troublemakers, and the Qiong's Banquet had become famous in both the Inniverse and the Outerverse.

Even Nightking Dijiang had participated in the Qiong Family's Banquet in the past. Of course, this was nothing more than a rumor, as nobody was able to verify it.

Qiong Xi'er was the one who welcomed Lu Yin when he arrived.

This was Lu Yin's first time seeing her, and even if he had mentally prepared himself, he was still surprised. This was because Qiong Xi'er had dressed herself up formally; she looked like a very beautiful tomboy, and she had even put on a light lipstick.

When Qiong Xi'er saw Lu Yin, her eyes lit up, and she passionately approached Lu Yin before giving him a hug. "Alliance Leader Lu, it's an honor to meet you. Welcome to Millions City. I'm Qiong Xi'er."

Lu Yin smiled drily. "So you're Miss Xi'er."

Qiong Xi'er fiercely slapped a hand upon Lu Yin's shoulder. "Don't call me that—calling me Brother Qiong will do fine."

Lu Yin coughed. "Brother Qiong, it's nice to meet you."

Qiong Xi'er smiled. "Alliance Leader Lu, please step inside. I hope that you can have a good time tonight."

She then moved her head closer and softly said, "If Alliance Leader Lu feels that this area is not exciting enough, I can take Brother Lu on a tour of Fragrance Pavilion—I'll even arrange everything so that you can have a good time. How about it? Is Brother Lu interested?"

Lu Yin had heard of Fragrance Pavilion's reputation, so he immediately declined.

Qiong Xi'er laughed. "Brother Lu, there's no need to be so reserved! We're all brothers here. Please, come in."

Lu Yin nodded and entered the Qiong Forest, feeling a bit awestruck while Yan Yan waited outside.

The Qiong Forest had a quiet and secluded environment. With the guidance of some attendants, Lu Yin was escorted to the center of a lake that lay beneath a waterfall. A tidy stage had been set up in the middle of the lake with the atmosphere of an ancient feast. Everyone had their own dining table, and they were all arranged in a circle so that there wouldn't be any sense of segregation or priority among the various parties.

Quite a few people had already taken their seats by the time Lu Yin arrived, and they were all dressed in luxurious clothes. Clearly, there were no common people in this place, and almost all of the attendees were space-exploring powerhouses who represented various powerful organizations.

However, Lu Yin did not recognize a single person. The universe was too vast, and Millions City lay in Tyrannical Weave, which was so far from Frostwave Weave that the two weaves rarely ever interacted if at all. Millions City mostly maintained relationships with the various great powers of the western weaves.

If this was the past, then Lu Yin would have been very wary of these people and the powers that they represented. But at the present time, there was no need for him to introduce himself to most of these

people. With his current position, if he was going to have any interaction with these powers, then he would speak directly to the people in charge rather than these representatives.

The Qiong family's true targets with tonight's Qiong's Banquet were the Enlighters who were competing for True Insight, and these other people were just additional guests.

Lu Yin was one of the people who had arrived the earliest.

Not much time passed before the middle-aged man who had been a part of the commotion at the Riverside Hotel appeared, and he walked straight over and sat beside Lu Yin.

Lu Yin looked at the man. "Starfox?"

The middle-aged man smiled. "Alliance Leader Lu, it's been a long time."

"We've interacted many times before, but this is still my first time seeing Starfox for myself, and your appearance is totally outside of my expectations." Lu Yin smiled.

Starfox was surprised at Lu Yin's reaction. "Can I ask what the Starfox in Alliance Leader Lu's mind looked like?"

"At the very least, his voice was not so gentle," Lu Yin commented.

Starfox laughed. "That's merely a simulated voice. An assassin must always be wary of being discovered."

Lu Yin nodded. "I have a question. Would you mind helping me answer it?"

Starfox gestured for him to continue. "Alliance Leader Lu is also a member of Aegis, so there's no harm in asking your question."

Lu Yin's eyes trembled. "Back when sir sent Feng Zi to attack me, did you really want to kill me?" In the past, he had hidden this question away in the bottom of his heart, never planning to ask it openly, as it was likely that he would not receive an answer. However, he had inadvertently brought it up when he was speaking with Wei Rong, and so, he had decided to try bringing it up now that he was face to face with Starfox.

Starfox's expression did not change, though he did give a slight smile. "That attack was just a warning. Alliance Leader Lu is able to participate on a battlefield with Enlighters, so how could a mere Feng Zi kill you?"

"And what if I had actually died?" Lu Yin stared closely at Starfox's eyes.

Starfox maintained the same calm expression. "Then our Aegis would have sacrificed a bunch of people who would have followed after Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin knew what Starfox meant. If he had died, then the Hall of Honor definitely would have investigated his murderer, and there would have been no way for Aegis to avoid being implicated, and they would have been forced to make sacrifices. Lu Yin did not believe that the Hall of Honor would be

willing to eradicate all of Aegis just for him, but the price that Aegis would have had to pay would have been steep as well.

Lu Yin did not know if what Starfox told him was true, but he hoped that it was. Otherwise, if someone had truly tried to use Aegis to probe the Hall of Honor, the situation would be even more serious.

The stability of the Hall of Honor also represented the stability of the entire Human Domain. If a problem appeared within the Hall of Honor, then the Outerverse would be thrown into chaos. Lu Yin did not wish for the Outerverse to become too chaotic, and he also still wanted to relax for a bit longer under the shade of the Hall of Honor's flag.

"Right, Alliance Leader Lu, we are no longer enemies, so will the Great Eastern Alliance welcome Aegis's returned presence?" Starfox smiled.

Lu Yin replied, "Of course, anytime."

"Many thanks," Starfox said.

Lu Yin asked, "Where do you plan to set up?"

"I haven't considered that part quite yet. The powers that we cooperated with in the past have more or less suffered certain losses. Not even mentioning the costs of rebuilding the bases, it will take us some time to move into the Great Eastern Alliance's territory again, but we hope to receive Alliance Leader Lu's valuable assistance at that time."

Lu Yin smiled, as the current atmosphere had become rather harmonious.

At this moment, a middle-aged man arrived from the Qiong Forest side entrance. Qiong Xi'er stood beside the man in a respectful manner, her mien completely different from when she had welcomed Lu Yin.

Lu Yin looked over and was puzzled by the middle-aged man's identity, as he was definitely an Enlighter.

Starfox quickly enlightened Lu Yin. "That's Hoffman, Shamrock Enterprises' Western Chairman who's stationed in the Outerverse. He's also an Enlighter."

Lu Yin's expression turned solemn. Shamrock Enterprises: even this colossal monster had appeared. People like Hoffman were the true protagonists of this Qiong's Banquet, and even Starfox was a part of the background.

It was not unexpected that Wei Rong would want to disintegrate these top powers, as nobody liked having a bunch of people stand above them. Shamrock Enterprises often hid their strength, but once they were crossed, their opponent would face a very terrifying outcome.

Even Starfox's face showed a tinge of apprehension when his gaze fell on Hoffman.

Hoffman took a seat that wasn't too distant from Lu Yin, and he also looked over at Lu Yin and Starfox. However, he didn't show any sort of reaction and simply remained arrogant and aloof.

Lu Yin did not plan to get close to this man. However, he had been hoping to chat with the Eastern Chairman, Shen Fu, as they were located closer to each other.

At this moment, Starfox's expression grew much uglier when he looked at the entrance.

A woman dressed in dark green had appeared. She was beautiful, and she gave off an aura of freshness despite her indifferent expression.

Qiong Xi'er hurriedly ran over to welcome the woman, and she acted even more respectfully and cordially than when she had welcomed Hoffman.

"Someone from the Mavis Bank?" Lu Yin asked, as this style of clothing was identical to Lulu's.

Starfox softly replied, "That's Yuehua Mavis, one of the Outerverse Mavis Bank's guardians. She's a woman who truly cannot be reasoned with."

Lu Yin stared at the man in astonishment. "Back when the Mavis Bank was raided, was she the one who caused trouble for Aegis?"

Starfox remained silent.

It seemed that it had indeed been this woman.

### **Chapter 789: Beginning Of The Banquet**

Yuehua Mavis didn't have an overwhelming number of rune lines, but the people from the Mavis family could not be judged by conventional methods.

Yuehua Mavis's appearance caused even Hoffman to stand up while Lu Yin, Starfox and the others rose from their seats. This was a sign of their respect towards the Mavis family.

Yuehua Mavis silently sat down and closed her eyes, showing no response to anyone.

Lu Yin's brow rose. He had had a considerable amount of interactions with the Mavis family before, and this Yuehua Mavis was rather detached from everything.

After that, people constantly arrived at the banquet, and the ambient noise grew louder.

Lu Yin and Starfox did not interact with each other any further.

Qiong Xi'er then personally welcomed another person to the banquet. This time, it was a short old man who was not even a full meter in height. The man had thick glasses, but the strangest thing about him was that he was actually carrying a screwdriver with him, and he seemed like a skilled laborer.

This person was not dressed like the others at the banquet. If not for Qiong Xi'er personally escorting him inside, many people would have thought that the man was a plumber.

"Aurora Enterprises' Outerverse Engineer, who doesn't have a given name. Everyone calls him the Blaze Engineer," Starfox introduced.

Lu Yin frowned, as yet another Enlighter had shown up, and the person was actually from Aurora Enterprises this time. His manner of dressing seemed to match his job well.

Blaze Engineer sat down and began downing drinks in huge gulps. He then set his screwdriver on the banquet table and surveyed his surroundings. "Good wine, very refreshing, hahaha."

Across from him, Hoffman said, "Blaze Engineer, I heard that you arrived on an Eonlight-grade Aurora. Are there any more? I want to buy one."

The Blaze Engineer let out a breath that reeked of liquor. "Not selling."

Hoffman frowned. "Price is no issue."

"I only deal with repairing, not selling. Go look for someone else," the Blaze Engineer replied.

Hoffman's expression remained calm, and he did not take any offense.

Villa Mistress Lian soon arrived as well, and Qiong Xi'er also escorted her in, and this time, Lu Yin immediately moved to greet her.

Villa Mistress Lian smiled at Lu Yin and then sat down near Yuehua Mavis.

More and more Enlighters were gathering at the banquet, and as their numbers increased, the conversations dwindled. Not everyone dared to chat and joke around these big shots.

Wei Rong soon arrived as well, and he brought Angie to sit near Lu Yin, behaving in a very humble and low-profile manner.

Soon after, Qiong Xi'er escorted another two people in, and their presence astonished quite a few guests, as these people were from the Dark Phoenix family.

There were three powers in the Outerverse that everyone knew were not to be provoked, and two of them had already gathered in this place. Neo-Vestige Sect had always remained isolated and aloof; otherwise, all three of the Outerverse's great powers might have gathered in this place.

The Dark Phoenix family had sent an Enlighter named Sall Phoenix and a youth, Taylor Phoenix. Lu Yin had heard of this Taylor Phoenix before, as he was ranked fourteenth on the Top 100 Rankings, and he was an absolute expert within the younger generation who was ranked just below Moore and Puyu.

In the Innaverse, Lu Yin had also interacted with the Dark Phoenix family, and he had also learned a bit about the animosity between the Dark Phoenix family and Phoenix family. This Dark Phoenix family was clearly extremely powerful since they were able to survive as an enemy of the Phoenix family. After all, the Phoenix family had given birth to one of the Ten Arbiters, and not even the Daynight clan dared to provoke them.

"Are you that Lu Yin?" A frivolous voice was heard from beside Lu Yin.

Lu Yin turned around to look, and he saw that someone had suddenly appeared in the previously empty chair beside him: Zhu San. Lu Yin had never thought that it would be this person.

"You're Zhu San from the Zhu family?" Lu Yin asked.

Zhu San looked pleased. "It seems like you've heard of me."

Lu Yin smiled. "We crossed paths in the Riverside Hotel yesterday."

Zhu San's face turned ugly upon mention of this incident, and he snorted. "Young Master's stomach was hurting at that time. Otherwise, that kid would have had his just desserts."

He suddenly looked past Lu Yin and exchanged glances with Starfox, and his expression suddenly became incredibly interesting to look at. "Why are you here as well?"

Starfox smiled. "Young Master Zhu, we offended you yesterday."

Zhu San gritted his teeth. "Stupid old man!"

Starfox was stumped, and stopped speaking to the youth any further. This kid was very vulgar, as Starfox hadn't even been the one to move against this brat.

Lu Yin was amused, and he asked Zhu San, "I was wondering, what is the battle technique that Brother Zhu San displayed yesterday? I'm very curious about it."

Zhu San blinked. "Battle technique? What battle technique? Did I display one? Hahaha, I'm a genius, so I've just casually fiddled and played with everything however I want. Thus, there's no reason to give the techniques any names."

Lu Yin smiled and did not ask any further questions.

When the night sky's silvery radiance fell down, everyone finally arrived. Qiong Xi'er was naturally standing in the center of the banquet, and even though she was dressed as a boy, her facial features were exquisitely beautiful.

Before long, Millions City Master Qiong Shanhai appeared. "Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Millions City. Qiong Shanhai greets you."

He then bowed in each direction, and all the guests stood up to return his greetings.

Qiong Shanhai smiled. "Millions City is located in Tyrannical Weave, and despite the vicissitudes of many ages, it still has not fallen. The city has only been able to do this through all of your support and forgiveness. Millions City has its own rules, and the Qiong family humbly requests that no one use force in Millions City. If there's any conflict, you can resolve it here tonight during the Qiong's Banquet. After this, please show me some face. Thank you.

"I trust that everyone has heard of our Qiong Family's Banquet. Before we formally convene the banquet, we will host a mini-auction, and all proceeds from this auction will go towards the upkeep of Millions City, and it will also be treated as everyone's contributions towards Millions City. I would like to express my gratitude in advance."

He then waved a hand towards Qiong Xi'er before taking an empty seat near Yuehua Mavis and the other Enlighters.

Qiong Xi'er walked to the center of the stage and made some courteous remarks.

Zhu San looked on, clearly entranced as he practically started drooling.

Lu Yin was astonished. "Brother Zhu likes her?"

Zhu San muttered, "I don't."

"Then why would you-"

But before Lu Yin could finish asking his question, Zhu San said, "It's infatuation."

"Seventh Bro, this fellow is pretty disgusting," the Ghost Monkey commented.

Lu Yin felt a bit uncomfortable as this Zhu San's taste was rather odd. Few men would be attracted to someone like Qiong Xi'er, and for that matter, did Qiong Xi'er even like men? It was rumored that she liked to tease girls and that she even brought some back to the Qiong family's estate every night.

Zhu San cleaned the corner of his mouth. "None of you understand Xi'er. I've grown up with her and known her since we were little, and we were even childhood sweethearts. Thus, I understand her all too well. She's the kindest and most beautiful woman in the entire universe."

Beautiful was an acceptable description, as even if she was dressed like a boy, there was no way she could hide her pretty face. But kind? "She's kind?"

Zhu San nodded, but he only continued to stare blankly at Qiong Xi'er. "She's very kind, but none of you can understand her. To prevent humans from becoming slaves to money, Xi'er thought of many methods to line her own pockets with the money of others, all so that they would not be dazzled by money. To prevent certain ingrates from prevailing, she also took quite a few girls back to the city master's residence to educate them, often for an entire night. To make me understand the principle of learning to take punches before fighting, Xi'er has always personally beaten me from when we first met. She is the kindest person I know."

Lu Yin silently stared at Qiong Xi'er in the center of the stage. It was obvious that Zhu San had gone crazy.

Suddenly, Zhu San glared fiercely over at Lu Yin. "After telling you so much, you won't think of snatching Xi'er from me, right?"

Lu Yin shook his head. "Relax. I absolutely will not."

Zhu San nodded in satisfaction, revealing an expression that he had recognized Lu Yin's tactfulness.

"The first item to be auctioned: fire fungus." At that moment, the maid, Nana, brought out a box and opened it up. A fiery-red plant shot into the sky and tried to flee into the distance, but it was pulled back by an invisible strength.

"It's actually a danger-evading natural treasure!" someone cried out.

Lu Yin was stunned, as he had not thought that they would even sell natural treasures during this banquet.

Qiong Xi'er smiled. "This fire fungus has been in my Qiong family for many years, but tonight, it will seek out its destined owner. The starting price is one star essence, and everyone can start bidding now."

Someone immediately placed a bid the moment that Qiong Xi'er finished speaking, and the initial bid was 3,000 star essence.

“The ten natural treasures auctioned by the Lu's Grand Auction were sold at an average price of 3,000 star essence, but none of those can survive for more than a year. For this one, I'll bid 4,000,” someone else in the distance mentioned.

“4,500.”

“4,800.”

“6,000,” Starfox called out. Danger-evading natural treasures had become very popular recently, and it was mostly because of what had happened to Aegis. Starfox glanced over at Lu Yin and was determined to buy this natural treasure.

Lu Yin did not bother placing any bids, as nobody knew how many of these danger-evading natural treasures he had in his possession.

Qiong Xi'er beamed as she glanced past Lu Yin. “Mr. Starfox has bid 6,000 star essence. Are there any other offers? If not, this fire fungus will go to Mr. Starfox.”

“7,000,” Hoffman offered. Although this price surpassed the fire fungus' intrinsic value, every natural treasure was a money making tool for Shamrock Enterprises. It was just 7,000 star essence anyway, and that amount could easily be earned back.

Starfox did not continue after seeing Hoffman bid. The Outerverse's four great corporations could not compare to a colossal financial giant like Shamrock Enterprises. Even if the Outerverse was isolated from the Innerverse, he had no desire to go head-to-head against such behemoths.

Lu Yin was envious, as this natural treasure was actually able to sell for 7,000 star essence, which was double the price that his Lu's Grand Auction had reached. Even if there hadn't been any sort of time restriction, the Lu's Grand Auction's natural treasures would at most fetch a price of 4,000 star essence, and they would never reach 5,000 star essence. There were too many wealthy people at this banquet. Perhaps the Lu's Grand Auction should open a branch in Millions City.

“The next item for tonight is a technique: Induction Burst.” Qiong Xi'er opened the screen and displayed an introduction of the technique. It was a technique that allowed cultivators to absorb star energy at a rate five times faster than ordinary cultivators.

A fivefold absorption rate was pretty decent, and before Lu Yin had been given a more complete version of the Cosmic Art by Mister Mu, his own technique had only been ninefold.

“The Induction Burst's starting price is one star essence. The bidding may begin.”

This Induction Burst Technique caused many to suddenly compete for it. All of the powers represented by the individuals attending the Qiong's Banquet had their own powerful battle techniques, and they naturally surpassed the slow absorption speed of an ordinary cultivator. Still, nobody would object to obtaining another technique.

Those who contested over this technique were mostly aristocratic children like Zhu San, and in the end, Zhu San bought it for 8,000 star essence.

Lu Yin grew more and more envious. In the past, the Jade Meditation Technique that he had sold to the Nalan family was able to assist a person in comprehending a domain, but he had only received 100 star

essence for it. Even though its value could not compare to this Induction Burst, it should not be too far off. Sure enough, one had to visit Millions City if they wanted to sell something valuable, as the prices there could reach levels that greatly surpassed the value of the goods themselves.

It was not unreasonable for Deng Pu to risk his life to travel to Millions City.

“Xi'er, this is for you!” Zhu San then shamelessly ran over to Qiong Xi'er and tried to pass the Induction Burst Technique over to her.

Qiong Xi'er smiled slightly before very naturally lashing out with a kick that sent Zhu San sprawling away. It seemed like she had not held back, and the fierce kick looked like it had hurt.

### **Chapter 790: Divination Qualification**

That kick was bold and completely unfeminine. In fact, it even astonished Hoffman and the others to the extent where even Yuehua Mavis looked askance at Qiong Xi'er.

“Haha, Xi'er, don't be disrespectful,” Qiong Shanhai berated the girl.

Qiong Xi'er smiled as she apologized, and Zhu San very casually rearranged his clothes as if he was used to such treatment.

Lu Yin admired the youth, as this guy was certainly brazen.

“The next item to be auctioned is this ancient medicinal pill, which comes from 50,000 years ago. The starting bid is one star essence, and everyone can place your bids now,” Qiong Xi'er said.

“1,000.” Hoffman was the first to speak, as their Shamrock Enterprises needed all sorts of medical pills to research.

“2,000,” Lu Yin called out, as the more things like these medicinal pills that he had, the better.

Hoffman glanced over at Lu Yin. Normally, no one would bid against him. He shifted his attention over Lu Yin for the first time this evening. “3,000.”

“4,000,” Lu Yin indifferently continued.

Hoffman frowned, but he did not raise the bid any further. His company obtained too many of these pills to count on a daily basis, and it would be a long time before they even finished researching everything currently in their possession. Thus, they did not particularly need this one. “Great Eastern Alliance Leader Lu Yin, I've been looking forward to meeting you.”

Lu Yin smiled. “Shamrock Enterprises' Western Chairman, Mr. Hoffman, I've also looked forward to meeting you.”

Hoffman smiled slightly, but he did not reply.

Qiong Xi'er sent someone to deliver the pill over to Lu Yin. “The next item to be auctioned is a lockbreaking tool: White Sand.”

Every item that the Qiong family brought out for this auction was extremely valuable, so there was no meaning to the starting bid. The White Sand was eventually won by Wei Rong for 3,000 star essence,

and after that, a horn from the Celestial Ice Phoenix clan was brought out. This horn was able to emit a tricolored light that could dissolve battle techniques.

The Ghost Monkey kicked up a fuss, begging Lu Yin to buy it, but it was eventually won by Blaze Engineer for 6,000 star essence, and the small man looked as if he had gained the most precious treasure.

"I wonder if anyone will be interested in the next auctioned item." Qiong Xi'er clapped her hands, and a Spiritual Thread box was brought into view.

The crowd was astonished, as this was clearly a sourcebox.

Qiong Xi'er did not have anyone open the box. Instead, she activated the screen once again, which then displayed a video of the sourcebox with a rocketing flame. The extraordinary temperature was enough to scorch the void.

"This sourcebox was already mostly unlocked by the time we discovered it, and it only requires a light touch to be finished now. Also, this sourcebox contains an ancient tinder. The might of the blaze is unclear to us, but just the high temperature of the sourcebox is able to scorch the void. If there's a powerhouse who cultivates fire battle techniques, then they can try to use this flame," Qiong Xi'er introduced.

The crowd stared at the screen, as this sourcebox actually contained an ancient tinder. They first thought of the Blaze Realm, as their inherited battle technique, the Karmic Flame Sword, needed to be guided by the Karmic Flame. Not many within the universe knew this secret, but there were quite a few at this banquet who were privy to this information.

Even if the ancient tinder within this sourcebox was not able to reach the same level as the Karmic Flames, it would still be very beneficial when cultivating fire-based battle techniques.

But at this moment, there was no one else who was more excited than Lu Yin, as he had wanted to obtain a powerful flame more than anyone. Doing so would allow him to cultivate by burning natural treasures and absorbing their vaporized star energy, as he had found that this cultivation method allowed him to rapidly increase his cultivation. Even if the natural treasures on Bushtree Planet were severely lacking in star energy, he still wanted to find a powerful flame as it would still be a great shortcut for him.

Qiong Xi'er had not even started the bid, but the Blaze Engineer already spoke up. "10,000."

Quite a few people who had initially wanted to compete for this flame were stunned, as the starting bid was already 10,000 star essence. But it was no wonder, as the bidder was the Aurora Enterprises' Chief Engineer.

"15,000," Hoffman offered, as it seemed as though he also wanted this sourcebox.

Starfox joined the bidding. "20,000."

"30,000," Villa Mistress Lian said.

"40,000," Sall Phoenix spoke up.

"45,000."

“50,000.”

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“80,000,” Lu Yin called out, instantly raising the price to the highest of the night.

The crowd was astonished.

Hoffman’s eyes flashed. “The younger generation will certainly surpass us in the future.”

The Blaze Engineer was astonished. “Young fellow, do you have that much money?”

Villa Mistress Lian stared at Lu Yin, completely flabbergasted. 80,000 star essence was no small sum, and even she would have to seek approval before spending such an amount, even if she was representing the Nalan family.

Lu Yin smiled. “There’s no need for Senior to be troubled. Junior can afford just 80,000.”

“The Grand Lu Auction brought in a profit of tens of thousands of star essence during its first auction, so it’s not too difficult for Alliance Leader Lu to bring out 80,000.” Wei Rong smiled.

Qiong Shanhai looked at Lu Yin with a serious expression. This person was the Great Eastern Alliance Leader? He certainly was young.

Lu Yin was very nervous, as he had only brought 50,000 star essence with him while he had another 50,000 on Zenyu Star. 80,000 was truly the upper limit of what he could afford, and if these old people continued to bid, then he would not be able to win the sourcebox.

To these monsters, was 80,000 a lot? No. Hoffman, the Blaze Engineer, Villa Mistress Lian, Sall Phoenix, and any of the powers behind them could easily take out 100,000 to 200,000 star essence, not to mention Yuehua Mavis. She could probably effortlessly bring out 1,000,000 star essence.

Hence, Lu Yin was extremely nervous at this moment.

Fortunately, no one bid against him. These great powers all had immeasurable foundations, and this strange fire was not very precious to them. Otherwise, the Qiong family would not have taken it out to auction off, which naturally meant that they had better stuff of their own.

Only when Qiong Xi'er announced that the sourcebox belonged to Lu Yin was he able to relax, but he also felt exceptionally regretful. He had already spent 84,000 star essence in this auction, and he was broke once again. This sort of flame was not something that could be easily found, which had forced him to buy it, as there was nothing more important than raising his personal strength.

“The next item to be auctioned are the Cloud Boots, which everyone may have heard of.” Qiong Xi'er smiled.

The Blaze Engineer was amazed. “A part of the ancient Cloud Outfit?”

Qiong Xi'er nodded smilingly. “That’s right.”

“The Cloud Outfit?” Lu Yin was puzzled.

Starfox, who was beside him, explained, saying, “The Cloud Outfit was a set of equipment that was discovered in some ancient sect’s ruins, and the full set included weapons as well as protective gear. According to the sect’s records, if an ordinary person puts it on, they will be able to survive attacks from any powerhouse whose power levels are below 300,000, which means it’s incredibly valuable. It’s a pity that it’s parts have been scattered.”

Lu Yin instantly understood. It was no wonder why this thing was so famous. For something to be able to defend against attacks from experts whose power levels were at 300,000, it meant that it was on the same level as his universal armor. To the majority of cultivators, a power level of 300,000 was already the peak, which meant that they would be able to preserve their lives under almost any circumstances if they obtained this Cloud Outfit.

Quite a few started to bid for the boots, and once again, it was the young aristocrats who raised the price, as they were the only ones present who needed such equipment. Finally, the Cloud Boots were purchased by Zhu San for 50,000 star essence. Unsurprisingly, the scene from before repeated itself with Qiong Xi'er viciously kicking him away once again. However, the Cloud Boots remained behind, which rendered the crowd speechless.

Lu Yin rather admired Zhu San, as it must not have been easy for this person to survive up till now.

“The next item to be auctioned is a little more special, as it’s not something physical. Instead, it’s a promise. This is the qualification to receive a divination from the Starsibyl Sect,” Qiong Xi'er introduced.

The crowd’s expressions changed: a divination from the Starsibyl Sect?

Yuehua Mavis’s eyes went wide, and she turned to look at Qiong Shanhai in astonishment.

The Blaze Engineer and Hoffman were also stunned.

The Starsibyl Sect was the most mysterious sect in the entire Human Domain. Although it might not be considered powerful, it was a sect that even ordinary people had heard of before, as the name of Starsibyl was known throughout the universe. Also, the top geniuses of the younger generation had all met one of the Starsibylys before, including the Ten Arbiters.

The transformation of the universe and the Top 100 Rankings were both related to the Starsibyl Sect. Even when the Sea King had stolen all of the pyrolyte, his actions had been uncovered by the Starsibyl Sect.

It was widely accepted that this sect could understand the past and also look into the future.

Anyone who wished to know their own future would want to ask the Starsibyl Sect for a divination. However, not even a handful were able to truly enter the Starsibyl Sect and obtain the qualification for a divination.

However, the Qiong family actually wanted to sell off something like this.

Even if the Inverse and Outerverse were currently separated, one day, the connection between the two would be restored. Additionally, a qualification to receive a divination from the Starsibyl Sect would

definitely be able to be passed down to subsequent generations, so why did these people wish to sell this?

“100,000,” Yuehua Mavis said softly.

Everyone was thrilled, as this was the highest price that had been called out during the day’s auction so far, and it was just the starting bid! Everyone looked at Yuehua Mavis with complex expressions. To this woman, money was just a number!

It was fated that nobody would bid after Yuehua Mavis spoke, as nobody dared to compete with the Mavis family when it came to money.

Qiong Xi'er smiled and passed the qualification for a divination over to Yuehua Mavis. With this, the Qiong Banquet’s auction ended, and the feast formally began.

Gorgeous and fragrant dishes were served to all the guests, and each dish was something that was difficult to find anywhere else. Even if Madam Nalan had served sumptuous and luxurious dishes to Lu Yin, he was still stunned by the dishes that were present at this banquet because this food actually had rune lines.

The raw ingredients for the food had all come from living organisms or plants that had gained their own rune lines, which was extraordinarily extravagant.

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In Millions City, the Zhu family was second only to the powerful Qiong family. Although this top family was not very large, they had still managed to stand tall in Millions City without ever falling.

The Zhu family owned a mountain, and the region within a 10,000 mile radius of the mountain was the family’s gardens.

When the Qiong's Banquet began under the moonlight, there was a man who requested an audience with the Zhu family patriarch claiming to be—Deng Pu.

“You are Deng Pu?” In the Zhu family’s salon, the patriarch Zhu Jie was sitting as he looked at an obviously panicking man.

The man trembled and bowed in a panic. “No, I’m not.”

“Are you trying to deceive me?” Zhu Jie’s gaze became fierce.

The man instantly became even more terrified. “It- it was that person called Deng Pu who had me request to see Lord Zhu, and he said that he wanted to sell you something.”

Zhu Jie’s eyes flashed. “What thing?”

The man continued despite his terror, “He- he says you already know.”

Zhu Jie stared at the man. “The price and method of trade.”

“Two- two million star essence, to be transferred into ten Mavis Bank accounts,” the man said in a quivering voice as his entire body trembled. He had never seen two million star crystals in his entire life, let alone two million star essence. He felt terrified to even mention such a price.

But Zhu Jie remained completely calm. “Very well, my Zhu family will buy his item. You can report back to Deng Pu, but do not fool around with me! Otherwise, my Zhu family will make him understand what it means to enter truly desperate straits.”

“Yes, your humble servant understands.”

Beneath the silvery moonlight’s illumination, Millions City looked very beautiful, and it even resembled a pearl that shone through the dark heavens of the universe.

Within Millions City, Cai Jianqiang continued to search for Deng Pu, but to no avail.

Countless other people also shuttled through the dark, looking for Deng Pu.

But none of them would have thought that Deng Pu had already struck a deal with the Zhu family.

Two million star essence was not a high price. When considering a priceless treasure like True Insight, such a treasure would normally be considered priceless. However, Deng Pu was only able to ask for so much, as he was afraid that the Zhu family would do something to him if he asked for anything more.

Saul had also arrived at Millions City, but he had not gone to the Qiong’s Banquet despite receiving an invitation.

He only wanted to find Deng Pu and personally eradicate that disloyal disciple of his. His hatred for Deng Pu had become irrepressible, and it even surpassed what he felt for that group of people who had attacked Sourcepeak Planet.

Twin Daemon had also arrived in Millions City, and they similarly did not participate in the Qiong’s Banquet. On this night, Millions City was exceptionally sinister.