

Chapter 791: One Move

Before the Qiong's Banquet came to a closure, Qiong Shanhai proved that his words were not just for show. The Qiong Family's Banquet was a feast to welcome everyone, but it was also a place where all the guests could resolve their conflicts.

"Grudges are to be resolved during the Qiong's Banquet, and no force of any kind is to be used in Millions City. I believe that everyone has heard this rule before, so right now, everyone can battle to their hearts' content beneath the waterfall. After the banquet, I hope that everyone will give me some face and not use any sort of force in Millions City," Qiong Shanhai said.

The crowd ate their food and drank their wine as some of them exchanged glances.

They had mentally prepared themselves before arriving, and had not planned to do much in Millions City. Since the Qiong family respected these people enough to host this banquet, they also had to give the Qiong family some respect in turn.

Very few people actually fought during a Qiong's Banquet, but this banquet turned out to be an exception.

Taylor Phoenix stood up and looked towards Lu Yin. "I heard that you defeated Puyu, so let's have a go."

The crowd grew excited, as the younger generation's most famous members were those in the Top 100 Rankings, and Lu Yin had become famous in both the Inverse and the Outerverse by stepping over experts on the Top 100 Rankings. This was the reason why Cool Sis had challenged him earlier, as well as why Taylor Phoenix wanted to challenge him at this moment.

The crowd all looked over.

Qiong Xi'er looked at Lu Yin with interest, as this person was known as the Enlighters' Bane. However, that name had been gained through his extraordinary external items. In that case, what was Lu Yin's personal strength? Everyone was quite curious about this.

Several of the Enlighters also looked over. While there were only a few in the junior generation who could catch their attention, at this moment, the most famous one of those few was Lu Yin, the Enlighters' Bane. This was a title that really upset them.

Lu Yin looked back at Taylor Phoenix. "I'm sorry, but I can't think of any sort of grudge between us, so there's really no reason for us to fight."

Lu Yin had already defeated Cool Sis on his way to Millions City, and even though news of that battle had not spread, he had no interest in sparring with someone at Taylor's level. Lu Yin already had a reputation, and he did not need to defeat Taylor to make a name for himself. Things might be different if one of the top ten experts on the Top 100 Rankings had challenged him, as that would benefit Lu Yin's reputation, but Taylor was not on that level.

"You don't dare?" Taylor sneered. "There are rumors claiming that you always use some kind of external item when you fight, which is a despicable method to fight. It turns out those rumors are true—you can only back down when facing an expert."

Lu Yin's face sank.

"Seventh Bro, this fellow isn't being very friendly, so just give him a beating," the Ghost Monkey said.

Next to Lu Yin, Zhu San looked at his dinner companion in surprise. "You can only rely on external aids? That's disgusting! Even though this young master has so much money, even I don't use any foreign objects. If you can't beat your opponent, then you just can't beat them."

Starfox smiled. The truth was that, in the battles where Lu Yin had become famous for relying on external items, most people did not consider who he had been fighting. Lu Yin was actually just an Explorer, but he typically fought against experts who were at least in the Hunter realm, and he had even fought against many Enlighters. The fact that he had used external items to contend against such people was not something to be ashamed of, and Lu Yin had no need to explain himself to anyone.

"Taylor, there's no need to force him. Some people will do whatever it takes to become famous, but they're only able to shrink back in fear when faced with a true challenge. This is very normal," Sall Phoenix said with a laugh.

Many looked over at Lu Yin, and some of the guests even started looking down on him while others were puzzled. Others were even rejoicing at how the scene was unfolding, especially the other youths. They were all of similar ages, so what had this Lu Yin relied on to step onto the Enlighters' battlefield, and how had he even gained a title from it? At least he was not being exposed!

Wei Rong stared disdainfully at Sall Phoenix. These people often thought that their towering backgrounds and Enlighter realm backers meant that they could look down upon others. But in the future, when these people started crying, it would already be too late. The times were changing, and the old powers were being eliminated one by one. Wei Rong and Lu Yin were the ones who were walking the correct path.

Lu Yin stood up and rolled his sleeves up. "If you just want to fight, then that's fine." His eyes suddenly turned fierce as he stared at Taylor. "But don't cry later."

Taylor was infuriated. "How arrogant!"

He leaped towards the waterfall, clearly eager for the fight.

Lu Yin took a step forward, and his body suddenly vanished. He had moved at a speed that was so fast that not even Starfox and the other Hunters could track his movements. The Enlighters were all surprised, as his speed was so fast that an ordinary Hunter would not even be able to catch up to Lu Yin.

Yuehua Mavis looked at Lu Yin with a bit of interest. The Mavis family had recognized this youth a long time ago, and they were already reasonably positioned to invest in him. This person should be proud that he had been able to grab the attention of the Mavis family, and it should be known that not even the top ten experts in the Top 100 Rankings were guaranteed to draw the notice of the Mavis family.

Qiong Shanhai stared at Lu Yin with astonishment. As soon as Millions City had been unsealed, most of the information that he had received and accessed had been about this youth whose reputation had risen like a comet while everything else had gotten more and more out of hand. This person had unified the eastern weaves, and his personal growth was also overwhelming. Qiong Shanhai had always been very curious about this person, no matter if it was the youth's power level, personality, methods, or

anything else. This person was outstanding in every aspect, though he still had not reached a sufficient level in Qiong Shanhai's view.

The so-called "Great Eastern Alliance" still was not enough to enter his sight, and if he wished for it, his Millions City could easily destroy the alliance. But despite all that, Qiong Shanhai still had to take this youth seriously.

Sall Phoenix frowned, as the youth's speed was not simple. This kid had become famed throughout the universe, and he had even been hailed as the unequalled Limiteer for a time, and such things could not be achieved just through relying on foreign objects. Otherwise, if such feats were possible by relying on external items, then powers like the Daynight clan, which had far more items and resources than Lu Yin, would have long since claimed them.

Sall Phoenix looked back at Taylor as a bad premonition welled up within him.

"Both brothers are among the universe's most elite experts of the same generation, and this fight is merely a spar, though you may even receive some appraisal from the seniors here. Please keep things to nothing more than a spar, and please maintain the peace of the city," Qiong Xi'er said loudly.

Below the waterfall, Taylor arrogantly faced Lu Yin. Before the Inverse and Outerverse had been separated, he had heard too many legends about the fellow currently in front of him. This brat was supposed to be some champion of the Tournament of the Strongest, an unequalled Limiteer, and the Starfall Sea's son-in-law. It was as if the entire universe revolved around this Lu Yin, and it bothered Taylor a great deal.

When the energy that had isolated the Dark Phoenix family lifted, Taylor had heard legends of Lu Yin yet again, though they had become even more exaggerated than before with him even gaining the title of Enlighters' Bane. Before, Taylor had been irritated, but he had not thought much of the brat. However, everything had changed when he learned that Lu Yin had killed Puyu.

Puyu had been ranked thirteenth on the Top 100 Rankings while Taylor was ranked fourteenth. However the rumors all claimed that Puyu had died to Lu Yin. Didn't that mean that Lu Yin should be able to crush Taylor? This brat was still just an Explorer.

Ever since the Dark Phoenix family had received the news of Puyu's death, Taylor had heard countless taunts. He had once been regarded as the child who brought pride to the Dark Phoenix family, and he had been heralded as an absolute genius who represented the Dark Phoenix family in their contest against the Inverse's Phoenix family. But now, all of that limelight had been stolen by this bastard, which was what had triggered Taylor's hatred. These old and new grudges had motivated Taylor to challenge Lu Yin at the first opportunity he got; Taylor thirsted to defeat this bastard and show the entire universe that this person was a liar who had used foreign objects to gain his fearsome battle reputation. No, Taylor had to completely crush him.

"I will show everyone the liar that you are and that you're just another piece of trash," Taylor shouted with a sneer as a black blaze that distorted the void shrouded his body. These were the black flames of the Dark Phoenix family, and they gradually took the form of a black Undying Bird before soaring into the sky and letting out a clarion cry. As it flapped its wings, it tore through the void.

The crowd exclaimed in surprise, as these were the flames of the black Undying Bird. Just the release of these flames was enough to scorch the void and reach the destructive power of a Hunter. Taylor was just a Cruiser, which showed that this flame was extremely powerful, and it was no wonder why the Dark Phoenix family was able to rival the Inniverse's Phoenix family.

The Dark Phoenix family was one of the Outerverse's three powers that everyone knew should not be provoked, as they had an extremely powerful strength.

Taylor was pleased by the crowd's attention, and as the black flames of the Undying Bird surged around his body, three black feathers appeared.

Hoffman was surprised at the appearance of these feathers. "It's rumored that the Dark Phoenix family powerhouse's flames can give rise to plumes. Since he can manifest three plumes, it's no wonder why he's a genius of the Dark Phoenix family and a top expert in the Top 100 Rankings."

Sall Phoenix humbly responded, "It's still not enough. He has to train more."

"He indeed has to train more," Yuehua Mavis said, which was the first sentence she had uttered since arriving. Her words, however, caused Sall Phoenix's expression to turn ugly. He had just been acting humbly whereas this woman was actively mocking him. Although, with her status, he did not even dare to respond.

Even in the face of Taylor's mighty flames, Lu Yin's expression remained calm. "Are you done with your performance yet?"

Killing intent flashed through Taylor's eyes. "You will regret that sentence for the rest of your life!"

He then pushed both of his hands down as the black flames converged upon the area and blasted towards Lu Yin. The waterfall began to rapidly evaporate, and even the void started to shatter apart in layers.

It had to be recognized that the runes lines representing Taylor's flames were very numerous, and they could even rival an elite Hunter's. His position as fourteenth on the Top 100 Rankings and his reputation as a Realmbreaker were both well deserved, but unfortunately, it still wasn't enough. Not even close.

Lu Yin slowly raised a hand that turned into a claw. A beast's howl tore through the void, transcending the ages and shocking everyone. As the Skybeast Claw descended, it tore straight through the black Undying Bird and landed directly on Taylor, ruthlessly flinging him an unknown depth into the lake while his Undying Bird was split in half and burned away in the void.

The crowd went silent, and all the spectators looked at Lu Yin in shock. One move—just one move had defeated the expert ranked fourteenth on the Top 100 Rankings. This could not be real!

Lu Yin retracted his hand, as the power of his Skybeast Claw was second only to his Dream Finger. The only reason why this technique had not been very effective against his recent enemies was simply because most of his recent enemies had been too powerful. Only his Dream Finger was able to injure them, but against experts of his own generation, even someone like Cool Sis, who was ranked tenth on the rankings, would have their limits tested by this Skybeast Claw.

Cool Sis had been able to freeze and shatter his Skybeast Claw, but she had only been able to do so by relying on her best technique, which she had wanted to reserve for when she challenged Hai Dashao. Using that kind of technique would harm both the practitioner and their enemy, and it had forcefully bolstered Cool Sis' strength to the point where it had been able to rival Aden's. In other words, that technique could even cause Enlighters to raise their brows, and it had already surpassed a Hunter's power level.

Cool Sis had been forced to use such an absolute technique to break through the Skybeast Claw, so there was no need to mention Taylor.

The top ten of the Top Hundreds Rankings and those who were ranked beyond them, even eleventh, were simply on completely different levels. The difference between Taylor and Cool Sis was simply too vast.

Skybeast Claw: one form was more than enough to instantly kill. This was Lu Yin's current strength, and of his generation, only the top ten experts of the Top 100 Rankings were able to challenge him. This was also in the circumstance where he did not use his secret technique.

Sall Phoenix sprang to his feet and stared at the scene in disbelief. How was this possible? Taylor had not even been able to receive one move from his opponent! Even if the rumors were true, Lu Yin should have been able to rival Taylor's strength at best, and Taylor should not have been defeated this easily.

Qiong Shanhai's eyes flashed, and he looked at Lu Yin appreciatively. This youth was an absolute genius.

Villa Mistress Lian had a smile on her face; the head of the Nalan family had been right, and this youth had boundless potential.

Yuehua Mavis stared at Lu Yin with a serious expression. This person's value had risen once more in her heart, and the amount that they were willing to invest had increased.

Lu Yin glanced across the banquet area, and his focus streaked past everyone before finally landing on Sall Phoenix's face. "Relax, he's not dead, though he may have started crying."

Sall Phoenix became furious. "Junior, you are too arrogant!"

Chapter 792: Meanness

Lu Yin sneered. With his current abilities and status, there was no need for him to be courteous to anyone here. Since he had dared to challenge the Daynight clan in the past, the Dark Phoenix clan was nothing to him. "I've fought against people from the Phoenix family before, and their Undying Bird was golden. It was much nicer than this black one."

Everyone stared in disbelief, as those words were derogatory to the extreme.

Sall Phoenix's eyes blazed with anger, as the members of the Dark Phoenix family would not stand someone claiming that they were inferior to the Phoenix family. Immediately, a storm descended as the star energy of an Enlighter rushed towards Lu Yin.

Lu Yin merely waved his hand, The void churned, and the attack was quickly dispersed. Lu Yin had merely shaken a hand, but his eyes had turned cold. He had already completed two cycles after becoming an Explorer, and the amount of star energy that he currently possessed had already far

exceeded what many peak Hunters had. A burst of star energy from an Enlighter wasn't enough to suppress Lu Yin.

Each cycle that Lu Yin completed required two hundred times the amount of star energy that an ordinary Explorer needed. Each cycle, even with his hundredfold star energy absorption rate, would take Lu Yin more than twenty years to finish normally. That was ridiculous, and it was also nearly impossible to accomplish, but it was also the reason why not even powerful Enlighters could suppress Lu Yin through pure star energy; he had too much of his own.

Everyone was stunned. Who was this guy who even dared to challenge a powerful Enlighter? This couldn't be! However, once they considered his title, it no longer felt completely unbelievable.

A glint of murderous intent flashed through Sall Phoenix's eyes as he prepared to strike again. However, right before he acted, Yuehua Mavis spoke up. "One of the older generation has to defend his junior's defeat; how shameful."

Before Sall Phoenix could retort, Taylor charged out of the lake with staggered breathing. His clothes had been badly torn, and he was a sorry sight for all to see. Bloody claw marks could still be seen on his chest.

He threw a sinister glare at Lu Yin. Just like Sall Phoenix, Taylor was in a state of disbelief. He could not believe that he had been defeated by a single move from Lu Yin.

A smirk tugged at the corners of Lu Yin's mouth as he looked at Taylor. "Are you going to cry?"

Taylor gave him an evil look, his eyes burning with hatred. If word leaked out that he had been crushed to such a state, his reputation would be obliterated.

With a loud whoosh, the black Undying Bird appeared once again, and the three tall feathers transformed into a black current that gushed into Taylor's body.

Everyone grew excited at what they were seeing. These two were about to duke it out.

After the three tail feathers vanished, the black flames covering Taylor's body rose even higher, and the void around him boiled like water. "I will make you regret your existence."

As soon as he finished speaking, he charged at Lu Yin at top speed. He pushed both of his hands down, and the black Undying Bird charged to the sky. Accompanied by inexhaustible black flames, it shot straight at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin raised his hand again as it turned into claws once more. He used the Skybeast Claw a second time, but this claw was reinforced with seven lined battle force. Following the howl of the ancient beast, the Skybeast Claw ripped through the black Undying Bird for the second time, once again suppressing Taylor.

Taylor became desperate—why was his situation still the same? It was just one attack, but this one attack was overwhelming him to the point where he couldn't even counterattack.

"Stop!" Sall Phoenix cried out angrily. Following his roar, black flames started to spread through the void. These black flames blocked the Skybeast Claw, and they prevented Taylor from being hit.

Taylor had a sinister look in his eyes, and he pulled out a black plume from his cosmic ring that then lit itself on fire. “Go to hell.”

This new tail feather suddenly burst into flames that surged into the ones already surrounding him. The black Undying Bird behind Taylor shrieked with renewed power as it spread its wings, bursting forth with unlimited energy that neared the power level of a peak Hunter.

Lu Yin immediately flew into a rage. “Despicable!”

With that one word, the battle force shrouding his hand condensed into eight lined battle force, and his Skybeast Claw pressed down upon Sall Phoenix’s raging black flames even as they continued to shield Taylor’s body. Meanwhile, Taylor’s black Undying Bird charged through Sall Phoenix’s flames, headed straight at Lu Yin.

At this moment, the expressions of everyone present changed, as this was truly a despicable move.

Yuehua Mavis’s glare turned icy as her fingers twitched slightly. With that minute movement, an indescribable force swept towards Sall Phoenix’s black flames. At the same time, Yuan Zhuangzhu and the Blaze Engineer acted in unison. Their combined effort snuffed out all of the flames that Sall Phoenix and Taylor Phoenix had unleashed. Naturally, Lu Yin’s Skybeast Claw was also dispersed.

The expressions of everyone present had already soured. This was supposed to be a spar between equals, but a supposedly grand Enlighter had actually done something so shameless. Without even mentioning the interference, Taylor’s use of a power vessel was already an absolutely despicable move.

Lu Yin’s eyes turned frigid as his glare darted past Taylor and towards Sall Phoenix. “Ah, is this how the Dark Phoenix family conducts themselves in battle? Thank you for showing me your character.”

Sall Phoenix snorted coldly. “Junior, you will pay for your arrogance.”

Taylor stared at Lu Yin in a menacing manner. “Count yourself lucky today.”

Lu Yin smirked as he stared at Taylor. “Remember what I said: I’ll make you cry.”

Taylor sneered, but he otherwise completely ignored Lu Yin.

Qiong Shanhai stood up to mediate and pacify the tense situation.

Everyone present had been riled by the Dark Phoenix family’s tactics, though no one would actually go against the Dark Phoenix family over something like this. After all, no one in this place had any sort of relationship with Lu Yin.

Yuehua Mavis was the only one who had called them despicable, but just that was enough to make Sall Phoenix very angry, and he once again cast a cold look towards Lu Yin.

As Lu Yin returned to his seat, the Ghost Monkey incessantly murmured, “Seventh Bro, just kill them all! You’ll have to kill them all sooner or later.”

Zhu San looked at Lu Yin with admiration. “Well done, brother. You only used three moves—ah, I mean three claws—to render that bird unable to fight back. You have my respect.”

Lu Yin gave him a slight smile, as what had just happened was practically a farce. It was a good thing that he had not been hurt, though he would remember what the Dark Phoenix family had done to him on this day.

Wei Rong had merely observed the situation from start to finish. He looked at Lu Yin with a high degree of interest before slowly turning his sparkling eyes to Taylor. A strange smile then spread across his face.

Even though the earlier battle had been interrupted, everyone had fully witnessed Lu Yin's might. It had only lasted for an instant, but everyone was now looking at him in a different light. This was especially so for the younger women, who had started fawning over him.

Angie exclaimed, "This Lu Yin really is an expert! In the younger generation, perhaps only the top ten of the Top 100 Rankings can actually fight against him, and perhaps only the top three are able to compare to him!"

Wei Rong let out a slight smile. "Some people cannot stand to see others succeed. People will therefore naturally gain more enemies as they become more powerful. This is a rule of reality that will never change."

Angie nodded her head. She was not attracted to men like Lu Yin, who acted rashly, and she preferred men like Wei Rong, who meticulously planned his strategies.

Qiong Xi'er walked over to Lu Yin and offered him a drink as she repeatedly told Lu Yin to call her Brother Qiong. Interacting with this girl tired Lu Yin out even more than fighting. He really did not know how to deal with such a woman, as no one had ever taught him how!

He was willing to get close to Qiong Xi'er for one reason and one reason only: this woman was extremely rich.

"Brother Qiong, are you interested in joining the Great Eastern Alliance? You can simply invest, and I'll definitely offer you a sweet deal," Lu Yin said warmly.

Qiong Xi'er clinked glasses with Lu Yin. "I have never invested in businesses—I only invest in people."

Lu Yin was confused; what was that supposed to mean?

Qiong Xi'er moved in towards Lu Yin's ear and softly whispered, "I will invest in you! Tell me how much you want."

Qiong Xi'er's red lips were currently mere centimeters from Lu Yin's face. A heavy scent of alcohol wafted towards him along with the unique scent of a woman. He suddenly became repulsed by this girl's actions, as he felt like he was being seduced by another man.

Zhu San could not take it anymore, and he moved in between the two as he stared fiercely at Lu Yin. "Brother, you shouldn't make moves on your friend's wife."

Qiong Xi'er rolled her eyes and walked away.

Lu Yin was baffled. "Are we friends?"

Zhu San threw a cosmic ring at Lu Yin that landed with a heavy thud.

Lu Yin checked its contents, and found that there were twenty thousand star essence inside. This was a very generous gesture, and his eyes were glowing when he looked back at Zhu San as he seriously said, "Friends."

"If we are friends, then don't hold any intentions towards Xi'er. She's mine," Zhu San said with a soft growl.

"Don't worry, she'll be yours forever," Lu Yin immediately promised.

Zhu San was satisfied with Lu Yin's answer, and he returned to his seat.

"Hey friend, do you want to invest? The Great Eastern Alliance will welcome you." Lu Yin had already thought it through before saying anything to Zhu San.

Zhu San pursed his lips. "Let's discuss this after I get my allowance next month."

Lu Yin gasped. Apparently, he was dealing with extraordinarily wealthy people; had Zhu San just been spending his allowance earlier? Lu Yin started to question everything he thought he previously knew, and he quickly realized that he had been living among poor people his entire life.

At this moment, Qiong Shanhai finally spoke up. "Thank you, all, for demonstrating your kindness to the Qiong family. The Qiong family has stood at the top of Millions City for countless years, and we enjoy making friends. For the auction that just took place, our Qiong family will return every star essence that you may have spent. For those who did not manage to successfully win any of the bids, my family will also give you a humble token of appreciation."

Once he was done, he waved an arm, and everyone who had not won any of the auctioned goods were given gifts.

Lu Yin was amazed, as these people were clearly wealthy beyond his comprehension. The eight items that had been auctioned off earlier on had sold for roughly 210,000 star essence in total. But despite that astronomical sum, the Qiong family had just written it off. And just to be friends?

Lu Yin realized that he was indeed a poor man.

However, Lu Yin immediately snapped out of his ecstatic daze. He had just spent eighty thousand star essence that would all be returned to him. In short, just from attending this Qiong's Banquet, he had gained 80,000 star essence. Additionally, there was also the 20,000 star essence that Zhu San had given him.

This was what Millions City was all about. This was the richest city in the Outerverse, and it was known for making whoever visited wealthy.

Lu Yin could now truly understand how local tyrants felt.

"Oh yes, there is one more thing." Qiong Shanhai looked around the banquet, and his eyes lingered on the many young people who were attending as he smiled. "Xi'er has been of age for many years, and it is time for her to be wed. All of you know that she is my only daughter and that she is also the only heir

to Millions City. Therefore, she will not be betrothed to another family, but instead, her husband will join our family. If anyone here is worthy of her hand, I would be most grateful.”

Everyone glanced around at each other, and all the youths saw determination in each other’s eyes. Becoming the Qiong family’s son-in-law would not be easy. Qiong Xi’er was the only heir to the family, which meant that whoever married her would undergo an earth-shattering change in status.

Lu Yin directed his attention towards Wei Rong, who was looking at Lu Yin in turn. They each gave the other a smile.

Neither of them were afraid that the other would become a part of the Qiong family. Even though they had only met a few times, they had an excellent understanding of each other. Neither was the sort of man who would marry into another family. Thus, they were instead more afraid that the future Qiong son-in-law would utilize his newfound power to greatly influence the universe.

Neo-Vestige Sect, Millions City, and the Dark Phoenix family were the three Outerverse powers that could not be provoked. As far as Lu Yin and Wei Rong were concerned, the influence that Millions City wielded far surpassed that of the Dark Phoenix family or Neo-Vestige Sect for one reason alone: this city was the wealthiest of the three powers.

Wars were fought over money, and the victor was often the side that had the most resources. Thus, the likelihood of any particular power’s victory would greatly increase if they managed to gain the backing of Millions City.

Wei Rong said that he had come here to look for Deng Pu, but since stepping foot in Millions City, he had not made any efforts to find the Lockbreaker. As far as Wei Rong was concerned, a priceless treasure like True Insight paled in comparison to Millions City itself.

Lu Yin shared the same belief, as Millions City was just too important.

Qiong Xi’er’s choice of a husband would not just affect Millions City. With the Outerverse isolated from the Innaverse, the situation had changed drastically. Millions City had now become an extremely important power.

“Me, Uncle Qiong! I am willing to vie for her hand!” Zhu San shouted excitedly as he jumped up. He had been waiting for this moment for a long time.

Chapter 793: Betrothal Gift

Qiong Shanhai glanced at the excited youth. “The Zhu family only has you, Zhu San, as their heir, so can you become a member of your wife’s family? Just forget about it and stop making a scene.”

Zhu San hurriedly replied, “Uncle Qiong, I’m not messing around! Xi’er is mine, forever mine! I want to become a member of your family. I want to live with my wife!”

But Qiong Shanhai no longer bothered with him.

Quite a few looked at Qiong Xi’er, wanting to see her reaction. However, what the crowd saw left them all speechless; Qiong Xi’er was currently in the middle of teasing Nana, and she was sporting a smile that was remarkably reminiscent of a playboy’s.

The crowd was rendered speechless.

“Uncle Qiong, give me a chance! I want to marry Xi'er!” Zhu San shouted loudly.

Qiong Shanhai frowned. “That’s impossible.”

Zhu San became dejected, and he helplessly looked at Qiong Xi'er. He then suddenly shouted, “Xi'er, I can't take care of you, so take care of our twelve children.”

The crowd became excited at this new development: twelve children?

Qiong Xi'er looked over and furiously replied, “What nonsense are you spouting?”

Zhu San had an innocent look on his face. “It can't be hidden. Anyway, you aren't-”

He suddenly paused with a smile plastered across his face.

Qiong Shanhai flew into a rage. “Get out of here!”

Zhu San was then tossed out of the Qiong's Banquet.

Qiong Shanhai immediately tried to explain, but the crowd's expressions were rather strange, as their suspicions were not impossible considering Qiong Xi'er's masculine mannerisms. Also, this Zhu might actually be the victim, since this tomboy seemed to be rather casual towards male-female relationships. In fact, her arms had been wrapped around someone else just now.

Qiong Xi'er was in no mood to tease Nana any longer, as Zhu San had infuriated her.

Lu Yin was rather amused; that fellow was willing to do any unscrupulous things as long as he was able to wed Qiong Xi'er. On top of that, he seemed to be truly unafraid of death.

Before much more time passed, the Qiong Family's Banquet ended with a strange atmosphere.

Qiong Shanhai's initially good mood was completely gone by the end of the banquet. If not for his apprehension towards the Zhu family, he had even considered throttling Zhu San.

Qiong Xi'er's expression was not too great either, as she was also disgusted by Zhu San. All this time, she had been the one plotting against others, but she had actually been made a fool of by Zhu San. A shameless person was truly invincible.

“Just wait for it. Today's debt will be collected another time,” Taylor Phoenix threatened Lu Yin before leaving.

Sall Phoenix's gaze was gloomy, and although he did not say anything, the implication of Taylor's threat was evident.

Lu Yin did not care, as he had already put the Dark Phoenix family on his blacklist. Although the clan was powerful, Lu Yin was not a weakling either, and the Hall of Honor would continue to support him.

Taylor regretted that the Dark Phoenix family was located too far away from the Great Eastern Alliance.

Wei Rong brought Angie over to speak with Lu Yin again. “Brother Lu, that was marvelous.”

Lu Yin's voice was tranquil as he replied, "I just got another enemy for free. Brother Wei must be quite happy."

Wei Rong shook his head. "No, not that happy. Their attitude towards Brother Lu is about the same as their attitude towards me, though they currently don't take me as seriously as they do Brother Lu. You may have noticed this, but during this Qiong's Banquet, nobody really spoke with me from start to finish."

Lu Yin motioned towards Qiong Xi'er as he said to Wei Rong, "She hasn't forgotten you, and her attention keeps returning to you."

"Has Brother Lu ever felt like the Outerverse is not very transparent? Are the people who came here truly the only Enlighteners that belong to those various great powers? I don't think that that's the case. Rather, what we saw today should only be their public strength. Also, there's still the Hall of Honor as well as the hidden powers. Brother Lu, we still have a long ways to go on our journey," Wei Rong said with an emotional sigh.

Lu Yin glanced over at Angie. "It would seem that you have the Umbral Butterfly Tribe in your grasp."

Angie's brow arched up upon hearing Lu Yin's words, as his tone did not sound very friendly.

Wei Rong put a hand on Angie's shoulder. "The Neo-Vestige Sect should also already be in Brother Lu's bag. We are just enjoying some mutual collaborations."

The two left the Qiong's Banquet and returned to the entrance, where Yan Yan and the others were waiting. There, Lu Yin saw someone familiar: Ah Mu.

Angie had taken Ah Mu along on the attack on Sourcepeak Planet, and she had once again brought him with her on her trip to Millions City. It appeared that Ah Mu was rising up in the Umbral Butterfly Tribe's ranks.

The two of them acted as though they were strangers, and they merely exchanged glances before looking in different directions.

"Brother Lu, have you considered becoming the Qiong family's son-in-law?" Wei Rong asked as he looked at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin glanced at Angie. "What if I say yes?"

Wei Rong thought about it and then seriously replied, "Then I'd be very happy."

Lu Yin laughed. "I'm sorry to disappoint you, but I am also confident that you have absolutely no thoughts of joining her family. Otherwise, you wouldn't be the Wei Rong that I know."

"There's someone who's very suitable to become their family's son-in-law, and Qiong Xi'er's personality would even control him." Wei Rong smiled and looked at Lu Yin before saying, "Wang Wen."

Lu Yin's eyes flashed, as Wei Rong seemed to be aware of everything. However, that was rather normal. Lu Yin's encounters with Wang Wen were not a secret, and it was also quite normal for Lu Yin to have met Wang Wen. Thus, Wei Rong had long since known that the two youths knew each other.

Soon after, the two separated, and the Ghost Monkey commented, "Seventh Bro, if it was up to me, I'd take care of this Wei Rong right now. I get the sense that he's either plotting something right now or preparing to do so soon."

"This Qiong's Banquet will temporarily prevent these parties from acting against each other. The Qiong family is attempting to use diplomacy before they use force, and we cannot be the first to make a move. Millions City has survived for many years without being conquered by any other power, and it has even fended off plots from the great powers of the Innerverse. Thus, their hidden foundation can't be any less than that of Neo-Vestige Sect," Lu Yin replied.

"What hidden foundation? If you don't tear it open, then nobody will ever know about it." The monkey rolled his eyes.

Won't know? Lu Yin's gaze deepened, as he was aware of the city's hidden power since rune lines could not be faked. The rune lines of Millions City were rather terrifying.

News of what had happened during the Qiong's Banquet quickly spread throughout Millions City, and countless were surprised at the Qiong family's extravagance, though they were also astounded at Lu Yin's strength. Still, the most shocking piece of news was that the Qiong family was looking for a son-in-law.

In a short amount of time, countless young men were racking their brains to think of who they knew that could transmit their personal details to Qiong Shanhai, all of them hoping to be able to join the Qiong family.

Although it was generally considered shameful for a groom to join the bride's family, that greatly depended on the bride's family. Millions City's Qiong family was one of the Outerverse's most powerful clans, and even the heirs of great powers from the Innerverse would feel proud to marry into such a family. The Qiong family only had one heir, Qiong Xi'er, and once someone married into the family, even if they would not be able to take control of the Qiong family's enormous financial empire, their own child would eventually be able to do so.

To many, this was a good opportunity to achieve instant success.

In the City Master's residence, Qiong Xi'er disinterestedly flipped through some photos of candidates, as they had all sent over their resumes. She looked through them for a while, but eventually tossed all of them aside. "A bunch of trash. Not a single one of them can compare to Nana, but they want to marry into my family? No way!"

Qiong Shanhai said, "Xi'er, there are very few youths in the Outerverse who can catch your eye. Are there really none here that catch your fancy?"

Qiong Xi'er thought about it before replying, "None."

"What about that Lu Yin? You seem to find him pleasing to the eye," Qiong Shanhai asked.

Qiong Xi'er was amused. "Do you think that he would marry into our family with his personality?"

"As long as you set your mind to such a thing." Qiong Shanhai was confident.

Qiong Xi'er shook her head. "Lu Yin is not as simple as he seems to be on the surface. He has the Hall of Honor behind him, and also..." Qiong Xi'er suddenly grew serious before she continued, saying, "I have no confidence in being able to suppress him. This person's ambition is too overbearing, and he also has the means and talent that support that ambition."

Qiong Shanhai was quite surprised by this response. From a young age, his daughter had never ever appraised someone this highly before. Even Wei Rong and Wang Wen, who were as famous as her, were only seen as opponents. However, this Lu Yin was evaluated to be even more outstanding than those two.

Qiong Xi'er looked at her father. "If Lu Yin agrees to marry into our family, then who do you think will make the decisions for Millions City in the future?"

Qiong Shanhai's eyes flashed. "Then just forget it."

At this moment, someone reported that the Zhu family patriarch, Zhu Jie, had arrived for a visit.

Qiong Shanhai felt that this visit was rather odd. "Could he be here about the matter of Zhu San being tossed out of the Qiong Family's Banquet?"

Qiong Xi'er shook her head. "Shouldn't be. I'll head out first."

Qiong Shanhai nodded.

Soon after, Zhu Jie stepped into the City Master residence's sitting room, where he saw Qiong Shanhai.

Upon meeting, the first thing the Zhu patriarch did was immediately apologize. "City Master, my son caused you a great deal of trouble during the Qiong's Banquet."

Qiong Shanhai smiled. "It's fine. I watched that child grow up, and he has a decent personality. He's just a little more playful than the rest. What matter has brought Brother Zhu here to see me this time?"

Zhu Jie retrieved a box from his cosmic ring and offered it to Qiong Shanhai. "Brother Qiong, please take a look."

Qiong Shanhai was curious, so he opened the box, only for a golden radiance to illuminate his face. He reflexively closed the lid and then blurted out, "True Insight!"

Zhu Jie smiled. "Brother Qiong is sharp. That's right—that is indeed True Insight."

"Did your Zhu family find Deng Pu?" Qiong Shanhai was astonished.

"It was he who sought us out and sold it to us. How about it? Brother Qiong, if you want it, it's yours." Zhu Jie smiled.

Qiong Shanhai's eyes flickered. At this moment, there were many experts in Millions City who had come here just to obtain this True Insight. If he publicly auctioned it off, then not only would he be able to earn an immense profit, but he would also be able to resolve the matter that was currently plaguing him by preventing all the gathered experts from creating trouble within Millions City. This would be killing two birds with one stone.

"Brother Zhu, could you please state your conditions?" Qiong Shanhai asked.

Zhu Jie's tone grew solemn, and he became very serious. "True Insight is my Zhu family's betrothal gift to your Qiong family. My son, Zhu San, wishes to wed Xi'er."

Qiong Shanhai stared blankly at Zhu Jie for a moment, but then he very directly pushed the box back towards Zhu Jie. "My Qiong family is unable to accept this betrothal gift."

"Brother Qiong, I only have but one son, and he's the most precious thing in the world to me. The only desire he has is to wed Xi'er, and so I hope that Brother Qiong can give me some face. True Insight is merely one of the betrothal gifts, and if Brother Qiong is willing, then my Zhu family is willing to part with half of our wealth as the other part of the betrothal gift."

Qiong Shanhai sighed. "Brother Zhu, my Qiong family only has one Xi'er as our heir. If we give her to you, then how will our Qiong family manage?"

Zhu Jie quickly replied, "Brother Qiong is still young, and you are absolutely able to have another child."

Qiong Shanhai shook his head. "There's no need to speak any more words. If Brother Zhu is willing, then my Qiong family is willing to purchase True Insight for multiple times its value. Otherwise, we can simply forget about it."

Zhu Jie saw Qiong Shanhai's unwavering attitude, and he could only helplessly bid his host farewell.

Qiong Shanhai watched Zhu Jie's departing figure, and his expression fell. Did this man truly think that Qiong Shanhai would fall for the excuse of Zhu San liking Xi'er? Once the two families were maritally joined, it would be impossible to predict who would rule Millions City in the future. He would rather marry Qiong Xi'er off to the eastern weaves than to the Zhu family.

The next day, news of the Zhu family offering True Insight as a betrothal gift leaked out. Nobody believed these rumors at first, but then Zhu San went and announced it without restraint, supposedly to demonstrate his sincerity for Qiong Xi'er. That caused countless people to believe the news, and they accepted this as verification that True Insight was really with the Zhu family.

Saul was the first to demand it from them, but he was summarily rejected by the Zhu family. They had their own Enlighter realm ancestors, and this was Millions City. Thus, they were not intimidated by Saul.

After Saul, Hoffman, the Blaze Engineer, Villa Mistress Lian, and more took turns visiting the family. Even Cai Jianqiang and Wei Rong made a visit, but every last one of them was refused by the Zhu family.

The Zhu family did not lack for money, and they were also unafraid of threats.

At this moment, the Zhu family's estate had become the most watched place in all of Millions City, and countless people had surrounded the entrance to their home.

Chapter 794: Lu Yin, Love Expert

Lu Yin did not go to the Zhu family, as doing so would be completely useless. The Zhu family had clearly demonstrated that they were not going to give anyone face, which he felt was strange. If that was the case, then why was the Zhu family still hanging on to True Insight? The family had no powerful Lockbreakers. Thus, they must be either waiting for a better offer, or they had some other use for the pages.

Not even a few days had passed before the Zhu family released an announcement, stating that the family would be willing to give True Insight to whoever was able to help Zhu San marry Qiong Xi'er. In addition, the family was also offering an additional 300,000 star essence as a gift to that person.

As soon as this announcement was released, the news shocked the entire Outerverse. The family wasn't only offering True Insight, but also 300,000 star essence, which was an insane amount of money that the vast majority of cultivators would never be able to see in their entire lifetime.

Countless people contacted Zhu San and tried to design some kind of scheme for him, and they all offered advice on how to chase girls.

However, Qiong Xi'er was not an ordinary girl. Over the course of ten days, Zhu San tried various methods, but he always ended up being beaten by Qiong Xi'er, which made him only feel anger towards the people who had given him advice. After these few days, he started beating these people before they could even approach him.

Qiong Xi'er was even more frustrated; who would have thought that the Zhu family would come up with such a bizarre plan. She was certain that she would not marry Zhu San, but this sort of scheme left her feeling disgusted. Even if she remained hidden within the City Master's residence, Zhu San still managed to think of all sorts of crazy methods to demonstrate his affection. The most outrageous incident was when she had been taking a bath. Suddenly, a bunch of mice had appeared, and each one of them had Zhu San's declarations of love carved onto them. This entire situation was close to driving her crazy.

Qiong Shanhai was also infuriated, and he even went to meet with Zhu Jie and ask the Zhu family patriarch to revoke his promise. However, Zhu Jie was not accepting any visitors during this time. Even if Qiong Shanhai was the City Master, the man in question had not committed any heinous crimes, so he was left helpless.

During this period, everyone in Millions City discussed how Zhu San could woo Qiong Xi'er.

It was not just Zhu San doing this, as those who wanted to marry into the Qiong family were all using various methods to try to win over Qiong Xi'er. Zhu San would also occasionally pick a fight with these people, which caused Millions City to become rather chaotic.

Lu Yin watched as the crowd below him dispersed, as they had gathered here just to fight. Each party was attempting to force the others to stop pursuing Qiong Xi'er.

He was left speechless by these events. This tomboy had actually managed to whip so many people into a frenzy with just her status alone.

This matter not only affected Millions City, but its effects had also rippled out throughout the entire Tyrannical Weave, even affecting the rest of the Outerverse. Various powers wanted to cooperate with Millions City, so this entire matter caused many other places to turn chaotic as well.

Qiong Xi'er was now thoroughly famous, and people everywhere suddenly knew not only her family and backing, but they also knew her hobbies, personality, style, and even how she often had women stay overnight. Every incident of her existence ended up being dug up.

Still, that didn't change anything. Even if this girl was promiscuous, there were still many who would fight to be with her.

This whole matter was a farce, but Lu Yin did not intend to remain as a spectator; even a farce could become an opportunity for him to take advantage of. If someone out of this group of aspiring suitors really managed to marry into the Qiong family, then the situation of the entire Outerverse could easily change, and Lu Yin would not allow something that he could not control to happen right before his eyes.

As he thought about this, he contacted Wang Wen, as this person understood Qiong Xi'er rather well.

"You want to chase after Qiong Xi'er!" Wang Wen cried out loudly.

Lu Yin rubbed his ears. "Not me. Rather, I want to help Zhu San woo her. So do you have any suggestions?"

"No. That woman is a freak no matter what she does or where she goes. She's able to dress up nicely and act dignified and natural during the Qiong Forest Banquets, but she can also become a playboy in the brothel. This kind of woman is very strange, and you have to be a woman to chase after her. She has no interest in men," Wang Wen stated.

A lightbulb seemed to light up in Lu Yin's brain. "What did you just say?"

Wang Wen blinked. "She has no interest in men."

"Before that," Lu Yin urged.

Wang Wen replied, "You have to be a woman to chase her."

"That's right! It's that part—'be a woman!'" Lu Yin slapped the table and closed the screen. He then quickly headed straight towards the Fragrance Pavilion. During these past few days, Qiong Xi'er had spent a great deal of time at the brothel, almost as if she was announcing to the universe what sort of person she was and that everyone should leave her alone.

Zhu San was also in the Fragrance Pavilion, blankly watching her.

He felt like, if he did not win over Qiong Xi'er, he would be lost in despair for the rest of his life. Thus, he watched her all day, every day. He trashed anyone who dared to strike up a conversation with her, and if he could not beat them, then he would have his Zhu family find someone else to do the job. There was nobody the Zhu family didn't dare cross within Millions City. Unless, of course, it was someone whom they could not defeat.

The Fragrance Pavilion was laid out in a series of courtyards, and Zhu San had booked all of the courtyards surrounding the one that Qiong Xi'er was in, and there were multiple people having discussions in these reserved courtyards. These people were all self-proclaimed love experts creating plans for Zhu San.

Zhu San paced back and forth, clearly on edge.

Wei Rong and Starfox had arrived some distance away. Since arriving at Millions City, this was the first time these two had met alone.

As they observed Zhu San in the distance, Wei Rong smiled. "Actually, if he can manage to marry Qiong Xi'er, that would be pretty good."

Starfox nodded. "The Zhu family will not step foot outside of Millions City, and the Qiong family will be nothing more than a powerful clan if they ever leave Millions City. Neither of them can even come close to being able to alter the situation."

"There are only a few powers that are able to truly alter the situation of the Outerverse. However, it is exactly those few powers whose true limits nobody knows," Wei Rong replied.

Starfox did not respond. Instead, he continued to look into the distance with some interest.

Lu Yin had just arrived, but he did not bother with Wei Rong or Starfox. Rather, he directly approached Zhu San. "Why don't you try my plan?"

Zhu San was doubtful towards Lu Yin. "You have a plan?"

Lu Yin replied, "Try it. It might work."

Zhu San remained skeptical, and he quietly asked, "Could you be intentionally trying to break us up? Let me tell you something, Lu Yin. If I can't wed Xi'er, you won't be able to either."

Lu Yin was left speechless. When someone was infatuated with another person, they tended to assume that everyone else was also infatuated with that person. This was a classic aspect of a one-sided love affair.

He did not continue exchanging nonsense with Zhu San. Instead, Lu Yin quickly pulled him into a corner and then whispered something in his ear.

Zhu San listened attentively, and his mouth gradually fell open, wider and wider, as his expression turned rather sluggish. It looked as though he had just heard something that made him doubt his life.

"Do you dare to try?" Lu Yin asked.

Zhu San swallowed his saliva. "Are- are you certain?"

Lu Yin nodded. "You should know her strange personality better than anyone else, and you definitely will not be able to woo her through normal methods. Try this. Can your situation even get any worse than it currently is? She doesn't merely dislike you right now, as she actually loathes you. Do you understand that? Loathing? That means that, when she sees you, she can't stop herself from wanting to trample you underfoot and then spit on you."

Zhu San's lips twisted, as these were the most savage words he had heard these past few days. He gritted his teeth before determinedly saying, "Fine, I'll try it. I'm willing to do anything for her, even if it means becoming a laughingstock."

He then headed towards another courtyard without turning back, and he even instructed the Fragrance Pavilion to send some girls to him.

The crowd grew curious as to what Lu Yin had proposed to Zhu San.

Wei Rong and Starfox were similarly curious.

Over the course of these past ten days, Zhu San had already used all sorts of methods, but all of them had been completely ineffective on Qiong Xi'er. Zhu San was like a gambler who had already lost everything, so would he take things too far this time?

It didn't take long for Zhu San to reappear.

And when he did, everyone was stunned at his appearance.

Wei Rong was unable to control himself, and he spat out the tea that was in his mouth, showering Starfox.

Despite being an Enlighter, Starfox actually didn't dodge the spray of tea, as he was staring dumbfoundedly at Zhu San.

Everyone was stunned by Zhu San, as he had come out dressed as a woman.

There were all sorts of strange things in the universe, and this was just a simple act of crossdressing that even commoners participated in, and it was often someone's hobby or fetish. After all, everyone had their own interests. However, Zhu San was the Zhu family's only heir, and his reputation in the Outerverse was not unknown.

The Zhu family was one of the most powerful families in Millions City, as they were second only to the Qiong family.

Just now, Zhu San had come out, dressed as a woman, and this image shocked all of Millions City like a sudden clap of thunder. The Zhu family's reputation would be gone after this matter.

Wei Rong stared at Zhu San in amazement, as the young man's courage was truly commendable. He then looked over at Lu Yin. This person was playing with fire! Wasn't he afraid that the Zhu family's ancestor would make a sudden appearance and crush him?

Those Zhu family followers and retainers felt like crying on the spot. They were doomed. Nobody could save them now.

Nobody knew how much courage Zhu San had mustered up, but he walked towards Qiong Xi'er's courtyard step by step as countless eyes were glued to his figure. He knew that his clothing choices would soon spread throughout the entire Outerverse, but he had still decided to give this a try. For his beloved, he was not even afraid of death, so there was nothing that was too terrifying.

Lu Yin felt nothing but respect for Zhu San, as he did not have this kind of courage himself.

When the door to the next courtyard swung open, Lu Yin and the rest could hear the sounds of cheerful conversations with Qiong Xi'er's wilful laughter sprinkled through.

But as soon as Zhu San walked in, the laughter abruptly stopped.

The crowd was waiting to see if Zhu San would be kicked out, as that scene had occurred numerous times already, and the spectators were no strangers to it.

But even after waiting for a while, there was no change.

Those under the Zhu family grew panicked. Could Qiong Xi'er have been so disgusted and ashamed by their young master's appearance that she had killed him in a fit of fury? They quickly dashed into the courtyard, but then they ran out just as quickly. When they exited, they were all wearing ecstatic expressions, as their young master was actually enjoying himself with Qiong Xi'er.

The crowd took in a breath of cold air, as such a wild gambit had actually succeeded. They all looked over at Lu Yin, as he was indeed a love expert.

Lu Yin felt a heavy weight lift from his chest, as he had actually been gambling. This was a desperate situation where one would be willing to try just about anything. Dealing with someone as strange as Qiong Xi'er required techniques that were just as strange. Lu Yin had not personally carried too much hope for this attempt, and when Zhu San had walked out fully dressed in female clothes, Lu Yin had already prepared himself to face the wrath of the Zhu family. However, to his surprise, Zhu San had actually succeeded so quickly.

This incident caused Lu Yin to become famous all over again, not because of his strength and backing, but rather because he had succeeded in helping Zhu San get close to Qiong Xi'er. Reports came out that she had happily spent her time with Zhu San and that the two had stayed at the Fragrance Pavilion for the entire night.

Wei Rong rather admired Lu Yin for being able to come up with such an unusual method.

As Starfox looked over at Lu Yin, he was struck by a slight sense of post-traumatic stress. This person would truly dare to do anything, and fortunately, Starfox had been sensible enough to not fight Lu Yin to the death. Aegis was not afraid and would have been able to go toe-to-toe with Lu Yin, but who could predict what methods this sort of enemy would be willing to deploy?

Starfox swore to himself that, no matter what happened in the future, Aegis would not become enemies with this person, as he had no bottom line.

Still, Lu Yin was not the only one without a baseline.

After Zhu San managed to successfully approach Qiong Xi'er, the following day, many other men also dressed up as women and visited the Fragrance Pavilion, which stumped many of the establishment's patrons. They quickly assumed that this was a new service being offered by the pavilion, and one client was even interested. However, when he tried to tease one of the crossdressers, his leg was broken by the man.

Zhu San was immediately abandoned, as Qiong Xi'er found a new playmate who had dressed himself up even more enchantingly than Zhu San. This person had no hesitations, and he completely let himself loose.

Zhu San gave it his all, and he even learned an erotic dance.

The others were not too bad either, and they quickly learned to do whatever a woman could do. They all competed in the feminine arts within Qiong Xi'er's courtyard, which caused many of the men outside to rub their eyes in disbelief.

Lu Yin did not go to the brothel anymore, as this was just too much for his eyes, and the scenery of that place had completely changed. He felt as though he had opened a can of worms.

One day, Lu Yin received an invitation from Qiong Shanhai, and he quickly headed straight for the City Master's residence.

Ever since Lu Yin had arrived in Millions City, this was his first time visiting the City Master's residence.

It was located in the center of Millions City, and rather than the City Master's residence, it would be more aptly called the Qiong family's estate.

Chapter 795: Reappearance Of Death Energy

Lu Yin assumed that Qiong Shanhai wanted to discuss the matters of the last few days, as Lu Yin had indeed been the one who had triggered this unhealthy trend.

However, when Lu Yin saw the corpse inside the City Master's residence, his face fell, and his expression turned cold.

Phantom Sting was dead.

When they had first arrived in Millions City, Yan Yan had been the one following Lu Yin around while Phantom Sting had moved about in the dark, searching for information. This meant that he had almost never revealed himself.

As a Hunter realm assassin with a peculiar innate gift, even Lu Yin would be forced to rely on observing rune lines if he wanted to search for Phantom Sting. However, the man's corpse was now lying in front of him.

"Who did it?" Lu Yin's voice was low, and he looked directly at Qiong Shanhai.

Qiong Shanhai shook his head. "We're not sure. When we found him, he was already like this."

"Where?"

"In an alley outside the Qiong Forest."

Lu Yin's first thought was Sall Phoenix. If someone had easily killed Phantom Sting without creating a huge commotion, then it could only be an Enlighter.

But he quickly refuted this assumption. Sall Phoenix had never seen Phantom Sting, and so he had no reason to take action against the assassin. Even if he had made a move, it would not have been this inconspicuous. The Dark Phoenix family's abilities were too distinctive, and on top of that, Phantom Sting was a seasoned assassin. For him to die so soundlessly, he had to have been ambushed.

Unless Sall Phoenix had both the strength to instantly kill a Hunter realm assassin and the knowledge that Phantom Sting was working for Lu Yin, the probability of the Dark Phoenix elder being the killer was too low.

"How did City Master find out that he worked for me?" Lu Yin felt that this detail was strange.

Qiong Shanhai took out a token that had the Second Imperial Squadron Captain's symbol on it. "His cosmic ring was left intact, and nothing was taken from it."

Lu Yin crouched down and examined Phantom Sting's wounds.

“There’s no need to check—only his internal organs were shattered. There are no superficial injuries either, and the assailant only used a single strike,” Qiong Shanhai explained.

Lu Yin frowned, as the murder victim in question was Phantom Sting. While he couldn’t compare to Aden or Yan Yan in terms of combat strength, his ability to stay alive was not inferior to Aden’s in any way. But despite that, he had been killed in one strike.

Lu Yin pressed one hand against Phantom Sting’s body, and strangely enough, he felt a familiar energy that made his scalp turn numb. It was death energy.

Phantom Sting’s organs had almost definitely been shattered by the death energy that had pervaded his body, and only the Specter Clan possessed death energy. The Neohuman Alliance had made a move.

Lu Yin’s eyes flashed, and he lowered his head so as to not prevent Qiong Shanhai from noticing anything peculiar.

He slowly stood up and said to Qiong Shanhai, “City Master, please investigate and discover the culprit. This man was the Great Yu Empire’s Second Imperial Squadron Captain, and he was also this Junior’s subordinate. He cannot be allowed to die without good cause.”

Qiong Shanhai nodded. “Rest assured, Millions City will not allow anyone to get away with murder. This person dared to kill someone here, so they had better be prepared for my Millions City’s punishment.”

Lu Yin cremated Phantom Sting’s corpse before departing from the residence with a heavy heart. The Neohuman Alliance had shown up. For Lu Yin, it would have been better if a Corpse King had come, but it was actually someone from the Specter Clan.

Lu Yin’s previous experience of Possessing someone from the Specter Clan had given him a deep understanding of the status that the Specter Clan held within the Neohuman Alliance. Whenever a Specter Clan member appeared, it was a sign that the Neohuman Alliance was planning something big. It should be known that a Specter Clan member did not appear even on Sourcepeak Planet, but one had actually come to Millions City at this time.

There was definitely something that the Neohuman Alliance wanted dearly in Millions City.

Whenever the Neohuman Alliance took action, it would definitely result in nothing good. Millions City might possibly be in huge trouble.

After thinking about it, Lu Yin wrote a letter and immediately hired someone to deliver it to Qiong Xi'er in the Fragrance Pavilion. He was planning on leaving with Yan Yan for a nearby planet, where he could analyze the situation calmly. He had a nagging feeling that he was constantly under the Neohuman Alliance’s surveillance, and he felt that staying in Millions City was too dangerous.

“Brother Lu, Brother Lu, you must help me!” Zhu San found Lu Yin and tightly latched onto him as he cried out, “Brother Lu, Xi'er doesn’t want me again. You have to think of another way!”

Lu Yin hurriedly pushed the young man aside. “My apologies, Brother Zhu, but I have something else that I have to attend to, and I have to leave Millions City for now. We’ll talk again once I return.”

“No! Nothing is more important than Xi'er! Brother Lu, you must help me. 100,000! 100,000 star essence if you help me come up with another idea.” Zhu San tried to entice Lu Yin with money, but Lu

Yin remained unmoved. Despite the number of powerful Enlighters currently in Millions City, the Neohuman Alliance still dared to make a move. Lu Yin had no confidence in his ability to face them, and although Mister Mu had said that his jade talisman could even defend against an attack from Blackless God, it only contained one strand of spiritual force. How would Lu Yin deal with a Neohuman Alliance expert whose power level was over 300,000?

These people dared to plot against Millions City, which was in and of itself proof that they had a way to contest Millions City's formidable strength. In other words, the power of Millions City would be soon rendered useless. Lu Yin did not want to stay in such a dangerous place any longer than he had to.

As for getting revenge for Phantom Sting, he would collect the debt some day, as he could not coexist with the Neohuman Alliance.

"Brother Zhu, let's talk another time." Lu Yin started to get impatient.

"Brother Lu, you truly don't want True Insight?"

"Nope. You can keep it."

"It's my family's to begin with."

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Lu Yin was entangled by Zhu San for half a day before he was forcibly dragged to a teahouse and delayed even further.

Suddenly, Millions City shuddered, and a huge explosion detonated in the distance as a powerful shockwave shot into the sky and through the clouds, where it exploded. Countless people felt an immense pressure descend, and quite a few buildings shattered.

Everyone in Millions City looked up towards where the explosion had occurred.

Lu Yin's expression changed, as a boundless amount of rune lines had risen in the sky and were dashing towards the edge of Millions City. These rune lines were no less than those of an ordinary Enlighter.

"Who dares to attack my Zhu family?" A roar reverberated throughout Millions City, and multiple figures dashed towards the outskirts of Millions City, including even a few Hunters. The Zhu family was second only to the Qiong family within Millions City, and they had quite a few Hunters as well as hidden Enlighter realm ancestors.

"That's my family! My family home has been attacked!" Zhu San cried out in fear.

Lu Yin looked at the rune lines that had attacked the Zhu family estate and were currently fleeing into the distance. There was a golden radiance that glinted in the wake of the fleeing rune lines while star essence sprinkled down from the sky, which shocked many people.

"True Insight is not something that your Zhu family can keep. I'm taking it away," a sinister voice sounded throughout the sky.

"Thief! How bold!" bellowed the Zhu family patriarch, Zhu Jie, as he gave chase, quickly vanishing into outer space, above Millions City.

Closely following behind the patriarch was Hoffman, the Blaze Engineer, Saul, Yuehua Mavis, and the other Enlighters. They all appeared in outer space together, looking as if they were trying to investigate something. It didn't take long before they all gave chase as well, but they were stopped by Qiong Xi'er, and a protective barrier that enveloped Millions City had appeared.

"Qiong Xi'er, what's the meaning of this?" Hoffman's temper was bad, and he immediately questioned the girl.

Saul snorted coldly and tried to dash into space, only to be stopped by the protective barrier. He then placed a hand on it, as if about to attempt to break it down.

"There's no need to waste your efforts. This is my Millions City's barrier that can even defend against powerhouses whose power levels are above 300,000. Unless a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker makes a move, there's no way this barrier can be overcome in a short period of time," Qiong Xi'er explained.

Sall Phoenix coldly asked, "What does Millions City mean by this? Are we not allowed to leave?"

Qiong Xi'er's eyes scanned across the various Enlighters, and she apologetically replied, "I'm sorry, Seniors. My father has just been attacked and is gravely injured, and at the same time, the Zhu family's estate was invaded. In all of Millions City, only you few seniors are able to do something like this. Please wait in Millions City until this matter is fully investigated. The Qiong family will naturally provide an accounting to the Seniors who are here."

Yuehua Mavis looked up. "The person who attacked the Zhu family seized hold of True Insight and fled from Millions City. We all know that, but we did not notice any other expert attacking the City Master."

Qiong Xi'er spoke in a seething voice, saying, "That's the most terrifying detail. The attacker must have at least been an Enlighter to carry out such an attack. Senior Yuehua is wise and farsighted, so I trust that you all can understand our stance in this matter."

Hoffman frowned. "We were not the ones who did such a thing, so let us out and we can help the Zhu family recover True Insight."

"I'm sorry, Seniors. My father has been attacked, and this matter has to be investigated first. Seniors, please wait here patiently," Qiong Xi'er said in an apologetic manner.

No matter who questioned her, she would not allow anyone to leave the area. Within Millions City, there was nobody who dared to rashly do anything to this girl. With the status that Millions City held at present, these Enlighters knew that there were some hidden details, and that made all of them remain cautious.

Lu Yin, Starfox, Wei Rong, and the others all also arrived on the scene, and they exchanged glances.

"Something's not right. Brother Lu left the City Master's residence not long ago, so the Qiong family patriarch was injured within that small time window, and there wasn't even a sign of an attack. Even the Enlighters who are here would find it hard to do such a thing, as the Millions City Master is also an Enlighter. The hidden power of the Qiong family is not something that just one or two Enlighters can

deal with. In addition to that, Qiong Xi'er is even intentionally forcing us to stay behind," Wei Rong said as he looked deeply at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's expression remained calm, but internally, he was very anxious.

It was obvious that the people who had attacked the Zhu family wanted to intentionally lure these Enlighters away from Millions City. Otherwise, the person would not have revealed that they had True Insight. It was highly likely that this person was from the Neohuman Alliance. They had moved against Millions City, but they were clearly unafraid of the few Enlighters present cooperating, and thus, they had made an attempt to lure these powerhouses away. Qiong Xi'er had realized this detail, and so she had thought of a way to force these Enlighters to stay behind. That way, they would have to face the impending crisis alongside Millions City.

The fact that Qiong Xi'er had been able to figure this all out so quickly had to be related to Lu Yin's note.

In that note, he had mentioned that Phantom Sting might have died at the hands of a Neohuman Alliance's Corpse King. Given Qiong Xi'er's shrewdness and intelligence, combined with the fact that the Zhu family had just been raided, she could only focus on making the best short term decisions for Millions City.

Lu Yin secretly regretted his actions, as he should not have shared that information with Qiong Xi'er so soon. At least, he should have waited until after he left the city. He was flustered now, as the Neohuman Alliance was the Human Domain's greatest enemy, and he did not understand much of this deep darkness.

Things had happened too coincidentally, and he had been left with no choice.

The Neohuman Alliance's scheme had been close to succeeding, as they would have easily lured the various Enlighters away, but their plans had ultimately failed because of him. The unlucky part was he had also ended up trapping himself.

Fortunately, the fact that the Neohuman Alliance had wanted to lead so many Enlighters away showed that they were not confident in their ability to deal with them all. Thus, he still had an opportunity.

"Brother Lu, what do you think of this?" Wei Rong looked at him.

Lu Yin nodded. "I think that you're right."

Wei Rong's brow quirked up. "I'm right?"

Lu Yin was taken aback, and then he asked in a confused manner, "What did you just say?"

Wei Rong smiled, "I said, the Qiong family is considering having Brother Lu marry into their family."

Lu Yin was about to deny such a thing, but then Millions City shuddered once again, and this time, the rumbling had come from the City Master's estate. Everyone looked over. Initially, they were only able to hear a stifled roar, but then, a cold and gloomy cry echoed out that made their scalps turn numb.

Lu Yin's expression changed, as this was the roar of a Corpse King.

Everyone else's expression changed as well. They were all very experienced people, seeing as they had cultivated to the Enlightener realm, and it was too easy to recognize the aura of someone from the Neohuman Alliance. They did not have to hide their knowledge, as they could all recognize this aura.

In the distance, above the City Master's estate, Qiong Shanhai spat out a mouthful of blood as his body was sent flying by a powerful force. The resulting shockwave formed a sharp blade that swept out and split the estate in two.

"It's a Neohuman Alliance Corpse King! Time to move," Yuehua Mavis barked as her figure vanished.

Chapter 796: Mobile Fortress

The other Enlighteners all acted simultaneously, as the Neohuman Alliance was the number one public enemy of all of humanity. All cultivators would instinctively move to kill members of the Neohuman Alliance as soon as they appeared.

Yuehua Mavis suddenly appeared beside the Corpse King, and she swatted out with a palm. An emerald green radiance illuminated the face of the Corpse King, who raised its arm to block the attack in turn. Yuehua Mavis's palm attack seemed casual, but it forced the Corpse King back 1,000 meters, and one of his arms was very visibly distorted after the fact. This palm strike had been extremely powerful, and it caused a chill to run down Lu Yin's spine. Its rune lines just now had surpassed what Lu Yin had seen on all the Enlighteners whose power levels were above 200,000.

Sall Phoenix appeared next, and a black Undying Bird cried out. Its appearance caused the general temperature of Millions City to rise steeply, and many looked up at the black Undying Bird in shock. This manifestation of the Undying Bird actually had five plumes, and it proudly shot through the sky towards the Corpse King, burning it within black flames and causing it to wail in agony.

Hoffman's clothes tore apart, and he pressed both palms together to firmly smash downwards. Space itself was visibly compressed, but it did not tear apart under his precise control. This was an Overlaying Stacks technique that far surpassed Lu Yin's capabilities. While Lu Yin was only capable of unleashing Thirty Stacks, Hoffman's strike contained Seventy Stacks or even possibly more.

The Blaze Engineer suddenly appeared from an unknown place, and flames once again raged on the Corpse King's body, and these new flames seemed to rival the black flames that had burnt it before, which rather irritated Sall Phoenix.

Villa Mistress Lian casually waved a hand, causing phantom lotuses to bloom all around the Corpse King. This was her battle technique, Lotus Strike, and it could even restrict Enlighteners. A weaker Enlightener could not even dream of breaking free from this technique.

Five Enlighteners had just attacked together, and not a single one of their attacks had missed the Corpse King's body. If the creature had just been an ordinary Enlightener, then even if its power level approached 300,000, it still would have been severely injured by such a ferocious series of attacks. However, aside from a twisted arm and singed hair due to the two flames, the Corpse King's body had no other discernible injuries, and its aura became even more ominous.

Lu Yin stared intently at the creature, as this Corpse King was also an Enlightener, and its rune lines were about on par with Sall Phoenix's. However, the creature possessed an unimaginable physical strength,

and that made it much harder to deal with than someone like Sall Phoenix. Also, the most worrying thing was...

Lu Yin sighed, as things were turning out about as he had expected: Corpse King Transformation.

Cold air spun and whirled around the Corpse King. It then suddenly looked up, and its now grey eyes caused the crowd to do a double take.

“Corpse King Grey Eyes Transformation! Everyone, attack!” Yuehua Mavis ordered, attempting to rally the Enlighters together to defeat this Corpse King.

However, the next moment, Villa Mistress Lian’s Lotus Strike was forcibly shattered, and the Corpse King’s uninjured hand suddenly swatted towards Villa Mistress Lian. She flashed away and evaded the attack as the other Enlighters all attacked as one.

Suddenly, faint lights appeared in all directions that shot towards the Enlighters fighting in outer space.

Lu Yin looked around, as these narrow beams of light actually had rune lines that were comparable to an Enlighter’s, and their might was enough to make even Enlighters wary. More importantly, Lu Yin had seen these thin light beams before: when he had been attacked during the Lockbreaker Competition.

Many people in Millions City suddenly revealed sluggish expressions. These narrow light beams had been shot by these people.

Millions City was instantly plunged into chaos.

Everything happened too suddenly, and nobody was prepared for this.

Black lightning exploded in outer space, and it ruthlessly dispelled Sall Phoenix’s black flames. The Corpse King then unleashed a punch that landed on Hoffman’s body, and Hoffman was heavily slammed into the ground with a distinct indent on his chest. Just one punch had been enough to severely injure Hoffman.

In the City Master’s estate, Qiong Xi'er searched for her injured father.

“Quickly, gain control of Millions City and activate the Zenith Beam. The Neohuman Alliance wants to scheme against our Millions City, and there’s more than just that one Corpse King that was already detected. Be careful.” Qiong Shanhai coughed up blood as he urged his daughter to action. He was an Enlighter and was not weak, but he had still been severely injured by the Corpse King’s ambush. This was a very serious injury, and the excuse that Qiong Xi'er had used to hold back the visiting Enlighters had actually come true.

Qiong Xi'er’s face went pale, and she hurriedly descended into the estate’s underground facilities.

In the sky, the Corpse King’s body glinted with black lightning, and it was in the midst of a great battle against Yuehua Mavis and the other Enlighters. Even though the Corpse King was being continually beaten back, its grey eyes meant that its physical strength had increased by tenfold. The Enlighters’ all-out attacks were no longer enough to restrain it.

Lu Yin looked for a person who had shot one of the thin beams of light, and he immediately took action. He quickly restrained the person, but as soon as he did so, there was an explosion, and the person

suddenly blew up. Lu Yin was forced several meters back as he waved his hand to dispel the smoke that had filled the air. Once the air cleared, he saw scattered bits of machinery alongside a mangled corpse.

This scene played out not only with Lu Yin, but also with many experts all across Millions City. They moved against the people who had fired off the light beams, and every single one of them faced the same situation, and some were even injured by the resulting explosions.

These explosions rang out everywhere in Millions City.

Lu Yin noticed Cai Jianqiang, Cool Sis, Moore, and Mr. Jun fighting, and he also saw Twin Daemons' rune lines. These people were all either hiding or fighting back, and all sorts of people had appeared in the chaos.

Even the Neohuman Alliance would not dare to take this place lightly when they were forced to face off against so many powerhouses. After all, the Neohuman Alliance did not have large numbers. However, this whole situation gave Lu Yin an uneasy feeling. The Neohuman Alliance had never seemed to try overwhelming their enemies with numbers; they had always acted with just one or two of their members at a time.

A sudden, glaring light appeared from outer space.

Lu Yin looked up and squinted. A group of rune lines had suddenly appeared that approached a power level of 300,000, and these runes formed a beam of light that shot at the Corpse King.

At the same time, dozens of light beams shot out from certain locations within Millions City, and they all converged upon that powerful light beam.

Meanwhile, in outer space, a giant spatial crack appeared and neared the city, looking like a strange beast that was attempting to devour Millions City. Its descent caused an enormous shockwave to ripple out and shatter countless structures. The Fragrance Pavillion and the Riverside Hotel were both instantly blasted into bits and pieces.

Countless commoners were injured by this blast, and even some cultivators were not able to withstand the pressure.

The light beam was not destroyed by the narrow beams. Instead, it fused with them and continued to shoot on toward the Corpse King. However, the massive light ray had been slowed by the narrower beams, which bought enough time for the Corpse King to evade the attack.

Next, a second and a third ray of thick light followed close behind the first one.

However, even more narrow beams of light emerged from all over Millions City. Nobody could tell how many dead warriors the Neohuman Alliance had sent to this place.

Lu Yin was puzzled; could the person who had tried to assassinate him before have also been from the Neohuman Alliance?

Beneath the City Master's estate, at the end of a dark passageway, there was a control room that was filled with all sorts of advanced technology. That room also contained a bright screen that was displaying multiple different areas of Millions City at the same time, including what was happening in outer space above the city.

Qiong Xi'er pressed her hand against the screen. Her hand was covered with fresh blood, her face was pale, but she stared unwaveringly at the Corpse King. Beneath her feet was a countless number of star essence. "Again."

As these words were uttered, a bit of the star essence beneath her vanished, seemingly absorbed by something. The next moment, another light beam shot out across the sky and rocketed towards the Corpse King.

"So the Qiong family's blood is indeed the key to this mobile fortress," a sinister voice called out from behind Qiong Xi'er.

Qiong Xi'er's face turned a deathly shade of white as she slowly turned around to see a pair of white eyes. These dead eyes were accompanied by a specter that existed in a form of black mist that was staring straight at her.

In that instant, Qiong Xi'er's entire body seemed to freeze up, and she did not move a single muscle. No, it was more that she didn't dare to move. She felt like she was prey being stared at by a predator, and that any movement would result in her death.

The black mist slowly spread out and enveloped her as she stared at the specter in front of her in terror. "Who- who are you?"

The man's white eyes focused on the screen that was displaying multiple Enlighters surrounding the Corpse King. He then slowly ordered, "Attack Yuehua Mavis."

Qiong Xi'er's expression changed drastically, but she did not react.

The white eyes turned to stare at her again, and the man slowly enunciated every syllable as he repeated his command. "A-ttack-Yue-hua-Ma-vis."

Qiong Xi'er's eyes trembled, and they gradually turned blank. She then activated the Zenith Beam again, but this time, it was aimed at Yuehua Mavis.

In the sky above the City Master's estate, the Enlighter who had been dealing the most damage to the Corpse King was Yuehua Mavis. It could not evade any of her attacks, and she was the only one who was actually able to harm the Corpse King's tough physical body. The Mavis family controlled the entire Human Domain's finances, which led to everyone associating them with money, but it took strength to protect such wealth.

The Mavis family was from the Neoverse, and they were not afraid of the Three Dark Hands.

An emerald-green radiance flashed out as Yuehua Mavis's palm struck the Corpse King's back, causing it to wail in agony as Villa Mistress Lian, the Blaze Engineer, and all the other Enlighters' attacks were all simply ignored. It was only wary of Yuehua Mavis.

A massive ray of light shot into outer space again, and once again, it was obstructed by the narrow beams of light. However, unlike the previous times, the ray struck Yuehua Mavis's body this time.

Nobody had expected for this to happen, least of all Yuehua Mavis. She had not even tried to dodge. But despite striking her head on, the light ray was not able to cause much damage. IN fact, Yuehua Mavis only looked slightly dishevelled by it.

An invisible layer of protection had appeared around her body, and it gave her a divine appearance.

Yuehua Mavis looked up above, puzzled, and she saw another light ray emerge. Once again, she was the target of this attack.

Something was off, and it seemed that some misfortune had occurred down in Millions City.

This time, Yuehua Mavis easily dodged the light ray, and she looked down at the ground, her expression contemplative.

In the distance, a powerful aura surged forth. However, this aura ignored the Corpse King. Instead, it immediately charged down toward the area beneath the City Master's estate. It was the Zhu family's ancestor, Zhu Tiezhu.

He was also an Enlighter, but even though Zhu Tiezhu fiercely charged underground, he was quickly and pathetically beaten back. As he retreated, he panted heavily, and there was a trace of blood on the corner of his lips. He had clearly been at a disadvantage against whatever was down there.

Zhu Tiezhu shouted, "Everyone, Millions City is an ancient mobile fortress, and if the Neohuman Alliance takes control of it, even an Envoy will die inside it. Everyone, please, we have to stop the Neohuman Alliance."

Yuehua Mavis and the others were not surprised by this announcement, as they and the powers behind them had already made their own conjectures concerning Millions City.

"The key to activating Millions City is the Qiong family's blood, and an underground Neohuman Alliance expert has already taken control of Qiong Xi'er. It won't be long before an even more powerful attack is launched against us," Zhu Tiezhu shouted. This was also the reason why he had charged underground without any hesitation. He had not wanted to reveal himself earlier, and he had not appeared even when True Insight had been stolen from his family. The Zhu family coveted control over Millions City, but their ancestor could not remain concealed at this time; otherwise, they would all die.

The Neohuman Alliance had truly made a bold move this time, and it was completely terrifying.

Villa Mistress Lian's eyes trembled. As the void was ripped open, multiple blooming lotus flowers emerged to entangle the Corpse King. The might of this attack was completely different from her previous ones, as this time, the lotuses could even lock down the void. The Corpse King was unable to break free from the blossoms. Taking advantage of this opportunity, the Blaze Engineer and Sall Phoenix immediately attacked together, and their two flames burned away at the Corpse King's body. Yuehua Mavis also acted, clasping both of her hands together before slowly opening them back up. A soft radiance of moonlight gradually emerged from the centers of her palms, and the light easily pierced through the Corpse King, forcing it to violently spit out a mouthful of blood. It then slowly fell towards the ground.

This attack truly frightened the other Enlighters. The Mavis family's hidden strength was in no way inferior to the Three Dark Hands'. In fact, their family was so old that they had been around even longer

than the Neohuman Alliance. The other Enlighters were barely able to harm the Grey Eyed Corpse King, but it had been cautious towards every attack from Yuehua Mavis.

Chapter 797: Double Power

“Chase after it,” Yuehua Mavis ordered as she rushed toward the ground.

The Blaze Engineer and Zhu Tiezhu immediately followed after her.

Villa Mistress Lian used her Lotus Strike to trap the injured Corpse King before rushing underground as well.

Sall Phoenix was the only person who didn't follow. Instead, he turned to look at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin felt a chill crawl down his back as he turned around to directly look at Sall Phoenix .

Sall Phoenix smirked. “Young fellow, let me teach you how to speak to your seniors.” The Enlighter waved a hand, causing black flames to sweep towards Lu Yin.

Lu Yin put on his universal armor and his wrist guard, his expression instantly turning serious.

An extremely cold blast of wind froze the approaching flames as Yan Yan appeared in front of Lu Yin. “Retreat, Your Highness.”

Sall Phoenix smirked. “You're going to die.”

The black Undying Bird crowed out as it flew towards Yan Yan.

Yan Yan's eyes narrowed as his cold aura was burned away by the flames. The black Undying Bird flew past him and forced him down towards the ground as black flames ran rampant over his body.

Lu Yin leaped up and caught Yan Yan. He then used his Backlash Pearl to absorb the flames before redirecting them back towards the black Undying Bird.

Sall Phoenix was surprised by this move. “Young man, give me that power vessel that can absorb my attack.”

Lu Yin released Yan Yan and stored his Backlash Pearl away. “Old man, I'm going to kill you.”

Sall Phoenix laughed. “How dare you! My power level has reached 260,000 and you'll never be able to withstand my attack. Your power vessel won't be able to help you either.”

The black Undying Bird behind them then unfurled its wings as black flames covered the sky, causing Millions City to turn dark. The black Undying Bird instantly dove towards Lu Yin.

Lu Yin clenched a fist and flew up towards the black Undying Bird.

Sall Phoenix smiled darkly. “Just die.”

Lu Yin waved his left hand and used the Yu Secret Art to slightly redirect the black Undying Bird. He then raised his right fist and unleashed a punch at Sall Phoenix. His attack included the wristguard's effect, and the physical power of his attack was doubled, which caused it to shatter space around them.

The surrounding void erupted with a bang as a huge spatial crack spread out, reaching far into the distance and stunning countless nearby people.

Lu Yin's expression turned grim, as his attack hadn't landed on Sall Phoenix.

Black flames engulfed Lu Yin as Sall Phoenix reappeared. "Young man, you've underestimated me."

Lu Yin opened his palm, and the Flash Tearbomb that he had been holding exploded, causing a blinding light to illuminate all of Millions City. Sall Phoenix involuntarily closed his eyes, and Lu Yin took advantage of that instance to attack again. However, Sall Phoenix quickly fell back, managing to fend off Lu Yin's second attack as well. As an Enlighter, he had gained a huge amount of battle experience, and he was able to reflexively dodge enemy attacks.

However, Lu Yin had already expected Sall Phoenix to dodge his second strike. Thus, he had used the Daynight Punch this time.

The interchanging black and white colors were hidden by the Flash Tearbomb's blinding light, and an overwhelming amount of spiritual force struck Sall Phoenix, dazing him and even causing him to start bleeding. An individual's power level did not correspond to their spiritual force, and an Enlighter powerhouse who had never undergone any special training might not have as much spiritual force as a Daynight clan Hunter. Furthermore, Lu Yin's spiritual force would be extraordinary even for a Daynight clan member.

Lu Yin's punch nearly knocked Sall Phoenix unconscious, and the older man had to turn into a black Undying Bird to block Lu Yin's attack.

Lu Yin was panting heavily. He wouldn't have been able to injure Sall Phoenix without using the Daynight Punch.

Some distance away, Taylor Phoenix turned into a black Undying Bird; when he saw that Sall Phoenix was about to be defeated, he had decided to try to ambush Lu Yin.

However, Taylor Phoenix was nearly frozen through when ice crystals suddenly appeared on his body. An icy chill that was nearly comparable to Yan Yan's descended upon the area, causing multiple layers of ice crystals to cover the sky and hold the black flames at bay.

Taylor Phoenix turned around in shock as Cool Sis appeared in front of him. "You're the expert who's ranked fourteenth on the Top 100 Rankings. Using an ambush is too despicable."

Taylor Phoenix glared at Cool Sis in disbelief. "Why are you here?"

Cool Sis waved a hand, causing the surrounding ice crystals to vanish. Taylor Phoenix took advantage of this opportunity to attack, and his black Undying Bird collided against the remaining ice crystals. The two opposing elements of ice and fire resulted in a massive amount of steam clouding everyone's vision.

The spectators nearby hurriedly ran away.

Taylor Phoenix's black Undying Bird was frozen by Cool Sis's ice again, causing it to plummet toward the ground. Cool Sis then suddenly appeared in front of him as Taylor started shivering.

"Do you want to become an enemy of my Dark Phoenix family?" Taylor threatened.

Cool Sis slammed down with a palm. Taylor was much weaker than her, since the top ten of the Top 100 Rankings were on an entirely different level compared to those below them; Taylor would never be able to compare to a top ranker like Cool Sis. Taylor could only watch on as Cool Sis's palm drew closer, and everything in his vision turned white as he felt an overwhelming sense of doom overtake him.

Suddenly, Taylor Phoenix was yanked away by an overpowering force, causing Cool Sis's attack to miss. She coldly looked in front of her.

A man had appeared behind Taylor. He was Moore, a Western San Dios Councilor, as well as the person ranked twelfth on the Top 100 Rankings.

"Cool Sis, your attack doesn't have to be so intense, does it?" Moore asked calmly. His body looked ethereal, and he almost appeared to be transparent.

There were rumors that Moore was the product of an experiment that had been conducted in the Outerverse and that he had only been successfully created by sacrificing an entire planet. He didn't have a physical body, and he looked more like a phantom. Apparently, he was a product of the sacrifice of billions of lives, and he looked even more illusionary than Ghostfire.

Taylor stared at Cool Sis in fear, his limbs still stiff and frozen.

"Since I'm fighting, why wouldn't I use my best efforts?" Cool Sis coldly replied.

Taylor bellowed, "How have I offended you?"

Cool Sis just ignored him.

Suddenly, the three youths' expressions changed. Countless black flames fell down like comets as a powerful shockwave swept through the area, forcing all of them back while all of the buildings in the immediate area were instantaneously pulverized.

A deafening noise drew everyone's attention.

Lu Yin's attack had collided against Sall Phoenix's black Undying Bird. With the help of his bracer, Lu Yin's attack had risen to the same level as the black Undying Bird, which shocked everyone watching.

"That's impossible!" Taylor exclaimed. He had heard rumors claiming that Lu Yin could kill Enlighters through the help of his various external items, but in his mind, it should have still been impossible for Lu Yin to withstand Sall Phoenix in a direct confrontation.

Everyone else was also stunned as they watched the two people in the sky face off against each other.

Numerous shreds of black flames fell down upon Millions City from the sky, and these flames were even more destructive than the aftershocks of the battle between the Enlighters and the Corpse King.

Cool Sis was also astounded; how could Lu Yin be so powerful? He was probably comparable to the top ten of the Top 100 Rankings, though it was highly unlikely that he would be able to defeat Avery, who was ranked fourth, let alone the top three geniuses in the rankings. Despite that, out of everyone within the younger generation, only those top three ranked individuals and the Ten Arbiters were able to fight against Enlighters. Did this mean that Lu Yin had also reached their level?

How much of his power had he concealed during his fight with her?

Lu Yin definitely wouldn't be able to defeat Sall Phoenix head on, but he was able to withstand the Enlighter's attacks with the help of his universal armor and wristguard. However, he was still relying on external items as he wasn't able to do this on his own.

At most, Lu Yin could defend himself against Hunter powerhouses if he were relying solely on his battle techniques and secret technique. Enlighters were in an entirely different league.

Moore warily observed the battle between Sall Phoenix and Lu Yin. This Lu Yin was too scary; he was just an Explorer, but he had already attained such a monstrous level of strength. What would happen when this youth became a Cruiser, let alone a Hunter? At that time, only the Ten Arbiters would be able to fight against him! This youth was a true genius.

Sall Phoenix's roar reverberated throughout all of Millions City. He would become the joke of the Dark Phoenix family if he couldn't defeat this Lu Yin.

Another exciting battle had broken out some distance away, where Saul and Twin Daemons were battling against each other. Neither of them had attended the Qiong's Banquet.

Taylor glanced over at Moore. "Let's fight her together."

They then attacked Cool Sis as one.

Cool Sis wasn't afraid. So long as a member of her generation hadn't entered the top ten of the Top 100 Rankings, she was unconcerned.

There were battles breaking out all over Millions City,

Hoffman slowly stood up, as he had been badly injured by the Corpse King.

The Corpse King was still trapped by the Lotus Strike, unable to escape. As Hoffman gathered himself despite the excruciating pain, he slowly approached the Corpse King.

Beneath the Qiong family estate, Yuehua Mavis, the Blaze Engineer, Villa Mistress Lian, and Zhu Tiezhu had already found Qiong Xi'er, who was being held hostage by a powerhouse from the Specter Clan.

Yuehua Mavid ordered, "You, from the Specter Clan, release Qiong Xi'er."

The Specter Clan expert calmly looked at the gathered Enlighters with his white eyes.

Yuehua Mavis quickly reminded everyone, "Don't look at him. Otherwise, you might be controlled."

"The Mavis clan will eventually need to pay, but let me collect some interest early today," a cold voice rang out. The ground started trembling, and Yuehua Mavis and the rest instantly realized that hidden gears and machines were shifting about in the ground.

All of Millions City started to change, and the ground cracked open, as if something was about to appear.

Back in the estate, Qiong Shanhai's eyes narrowed. Oh no, the mobile fortress is starting to appear. He wanted to rush underground, but his injuries were too severe, and he collapsed after only taking a few steps.

From an aerial viewpoint, the surface of Millions City was undergoing a huge transformation. An enormous cannon had emerged, causing the ground around the City Master's estate to crumble away and open up vast fissures that many people fell into.

Lu Yin and Sall Phoenix paused their fight and watched on in awe as these events unfolded.

Everyone else also stopped to see what was happening.

Nobody was more surprised than Lu Yin, as the rune lines surrounding Millions City were rapidly approaching those of Neo-Vestige Sect's, and they had already far exceeded what he had seen on Elder Lohar and Northgate Taisui. If he were to compare then, the rune lines of Millions City were currently close to matching an Envoy's who had a power level of 500,000.

Was this Millions City's true form? Just what had happened underground?

Starfox, Wei Rong, Angie, and Ah Mu were together. Wei Rong's expression turned grim, and he turned to Starfox. "We have to leave immediately."

Starfox was frustrated. "I had heard that Millions City had its own secret, but I never expected that it would actually be an enormous fortress."

"Stop thinking about that! Let's go. Can Endless Borders get us away from here?" Angie asked anxiously.

Wei Rong frowned. "We have to get out of Millions City's shield first. Otherwise, no one will be able to take us away."

He quickly checked their surroundings. "There must be a lot of people who want to leave, so we should all work together to escape."

Chapter 798: Desperate Straits

After listening to Wei Rong, Starfox's eyes deepened. "We'll have to charge out."

In the distance, Saul and Twin Daemons stopped fighting while Wei Rong's voice echoed out in everyone's ears, calling for them to put their shared grudges down and to charge into the heavens together.

Twin Daemons revealed themselves and looked up at the sky. They did not want to remain behind in Millions City either, as this place had become too dangerous.

Suddenly, the twins' hair stood on end as a sense of crisis sprang up within their heart. They instinctively used the Daemon Slash technique to flee into the void, but it was already too late. A single palm pressed against the twins' back, reinforced with exceptionally dazzling nine lined battle force.

"This palm is for Sourcepeak Planet." A low voice entered the twins' ears and made their scalps turn numb. Next, the twins' heart quivered, and the void shattered in a spiderweb pattern. There was a soft

shockwave that shuddered through space and released a thump against Twin Daemons' chest. Then, fresh blood splattered onto the ground.

Saul, Wei Rong, and a few others looked over. This was their first time seeing Twin Daemons' true appearance, though it was also their last. Cai Jianqiang slowly walked out from behind the fallen twins.

"Sourcepeak Planet's grudge has been avenged, but what you owe the society still needs to be returned," Cai Jianqiang coldly said to Saul.

Saul instantly became apprehensive, as he knew that this person was an exceptionally talented fighter who was unrivalled within his generation. Despite knowing all that, Saul still had not thought that Cai Jianqiang would be so terrifying that he could kill Twin Daemons in a single strike. Although there had been an element of surprise to the attack, that palm's power had absolutely horrified Saul, and he knew that he would have died without question if that attack had struck him instead. "I don't owe the society anything. Felynn is the one who cooperated with outsiders to force me out."

"Anything you want to say can be said after returning to Planet Hydrotink," Cai Jianqiang stated firmly.

Saul was infuriated. "How dare you! As long as the Neoverse Lockbreaker Society has not revoked my position, I am still the Vice President of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society! Cai Jianqiang, you are merely a one star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker. On just what basis are you qualified to arrest me?"

Cai Jianqiang arrogantly replied, "On the basis of my strength."

Saul was enraged, and it seemed that communication between the two had broken down.

Wei Rong's eyes narrowed. Twin Daemons was actually dead, which was actually great for them, but this Cai Jianqiang was absolutely terrifying.

"Be careful!" Lu Yin shouted.

Cai Jianqiang turned around just in time to see Mr. Jun appearing from the void. He had a lockbreaking tool pasted to his forehead, and he hurled a palm at Cai Jianqiang.

Cai Jianqiang snorted and mirrored Mr. Jun by raising his own hand to answer the incoming palm strike. The attacks collided, and Mr. Jun spat out a mouthful of blood as his entire body was blown back. Cai Jianqiang leaped up after the man and seized him by his neck. "Despicable man, it's time for you to die."

"Stop!" Saul tried to intervene.

Cai Jianqiang's face remained solemn.

Off to the side, the black Undying Bird above Sall Phoenix's head flew even higher as its five plumes blazed black. Its scorching flames caused the black Undying Bird to continuously expand until it covered all of Millions City. Its high temperature could even burn the sky, but the boundless black flames suddenly compressed into a condensed black Undying Bird whose darkness was so deep that it even swallowed the surrounding light. The runes lines of this black Undying Bird had multiplied compared to earlier, and they were now infinitely close to Elder Lohar's.

Sall Phoenix haughtily declared, “Junior, the Dark Phoenix family was able to kill our way out of the Innerverse, and our strength is not something that you can imagine. Today, you will become a grieving soul after perishing in our flames.”

The compressed black Undying Bird then shot towards Lu Yin.

Lu Yin’s expression turned grave. His universal armor was able to withstand attacks that exceeded power levels of 300,000, but even then, he felt apprehensive towards this black Undying Bird. His universal armor might be able to block it, but he was certain that he would not have an easy time of it.

Helpless, Lu Yin punched at the ground, as he had seen that there were a tremendous number of rune lines directly beneath him that represented several Enlighters.

Although he did not know how Yuehua Mavis and those few Enlighter had suddenly appeared beneath him, as long as they came out, there would be others to share the pressure of Sall Phoenix’s attack with him.

At the same time, directly beneath Lu Yin, Zhu Tiezhu and the Blaze Engineer similarly attacked towards the surface. Their position had been mysteriously shifted away recently, and they could no longer sense any traces of Qiong Xi’er or that Neohuman Alliance expert. The black mist that had appeared in the air was being blocked by Yuehua Mavis and Villa Mistress Lian while the two men were in charge of breaking through to the surface.

Lu Yin’s punch slammed into the ground, and he was one step faster than Zhu Tiezhu and the Blaze Engineer. The ground split open as the surface layer completely disintegrated. Not only Lu Yin, but Saul, Cai Jianqiang, and Mr. Jun were also all caught up in the destruction. As all of them fell down, the Blaze Engineer and Zhu Tiezhu’s attacks had already been unleashed, and they could not take their attacks back. Coincidentally, at the same time, the black Undying Bird had also already flapped its wings and was flying towards the group.

The Blaze Engineer and Zhu Tiezhu immediately controlled their attacks to aim towards the black bird.

An explosion erupted over Millions City, and the entire city shuddered as an earth-shattering inferno filled the sky.

Sall Phoenix had never thought that his attack would be stopped like this, and he was not able to react to the explosion in time, which meant that the aftershock knocked him down.

Lu Yin and the others landed not too far away from Zhu Tiezhu and the rest, and Zhu Tiezhu was delighted. “We can get out now!”

But right after he said that, a tremendous pulling force appeared beneath them. Although Sall Phoenix had already managed to stabilize himself, he was dragged back down again by the force, and it did not let up.

Sall Phoenix growled and tried to break away from the force, but then, Taylor suddenly shouted from further below, “Uncle, save me!”

He was also being dragged underground.

Sall Phoenix hesitated, but it was only for a moment. Still, due to that moment of hesitation, he was also dragged down by that intense pull.

Even Enlighters would find it hard to break free from this force.

Zhu Tiezhu and the others had no chance of escaping either.

When Sall Phoenix landed with a crash, a loud thump rang out. It seemed as though something had covered the space over their heads as the area had been plunged into pitch-black darkness.

“What’s going on?” Sall Phoenix shouted.

Everyone else was also confused.

Millions City had opened up because of the giant cannon slowly rising out of the ground, and Lu Yin and all the others had actually been trapped inside of the cannon barrel itself. What had just sealed off the space above them was the cannon’s breechblock, and they were now completely trapped.

On the other side of the underground space, the Specter Clan expert’s lips curled upwards as he looked at the group on a screen. He then ominously said, “Everyone, have you ever experienced the power of an Envoy? Today, you will have that opportunity, so at least your lifetime of cultivation has not been in vain.”

Qiong Xi'er then spoke in a sluggish voice. “Activate everything.”

As soon as these words were uttered, Millions City trembled, and the giant cannon suddenly started flashing red as the underground mountain of star essence was completely absorbed by something. A low rumbling then emerged from deep underground. It sounded as if something was about to boil over.

Inside the cannon, Zhu Tiezhu’s face turned a deathly shade of white. “We’re finished! We’re all going to be blasted into smithereens by an attack with a power level of several hundred thousands!”

Sall Phoenix glared sharply at the man. “What did you just say? Repeat that.”

Yuehua Mavis coldly explained, “We are inside Millions City’s fortress cannon, and it can fire an energy blast from its main cannon, and we are within that cannon’s barrel. This energy shot will first reduce us to dust and then fire us out into space. We have no way of escaping, as this cannon can even isolate the void.”

The crowd grew horrified, as such a prospect was too terrifying.

“No! I want to get out! Uncle, I want to get out! SAVE ME!” Taylor Phoenix screamed.

Sall Phoenix shouted at the youth, “Shut up!”

Saul and the others all had gloomy faces, as they had sensed that, deep underground, an unimaginable amount of energy was indeed converging. If what Yuehua Mavis had said was true, then how could they survive such a thing?

“How powerful is the energy blast?” Villa Mistress Lian frowned as terror flashed through her eyes.

The Blaze Engineer pulled out a flask of alcohol, took a swig, and then answered, "It depends on how many resources they've used to activate it. In the worst case scenario, with Millions City's reserves, it should be a blast at a power level of at least 400,000."

The crowd became desperate.

"Let's work together and fight our way out." Sall Phoenix felt that this was possible, as he had a power vessel.

The Blaze Engineer sniggered. "Stop dreaming. This cannon is able to compress energy to a power level of 400,000 before unleashing it all at once. This isn't something that just the few of us can destroy. Also, an attack with a power level of 400,000 is just an optimistic estimation. That fellow did say this was going to be something at the level of an Envoy, which means a power level of 500,000. Even if all of us here worked together, we wouldn't be able to harm a single hair of an Envoy even in our dreams, and this cannon's the same."

"Then are we supposed to just wait here to die?" Sall Phoenix bellowed.

Yuehua Mavis looked helpless. "Nobody wants to die. Everyone, all the best to you."

Thump thump thump!

Mr. Jun, Taylor, and Sall Phoenix all started desperately attacking the sides of the chamber in an attempt to break the cannon, and they even took out several power vessels.

"Seventh Bro, think of a way to escape!" the Ghost Monkey screamed.

Lu Yin observed his surroundings. "When will this cannon fire?"

Blaze Engineer replied, "In about fifteen seconds."

Lu Yin had no other choice; even if he crushed the jade talisman, Mister Mu would not be able to arrive in time, as fifteen seconds was too short a timeframe. He could use the futon to hide himself in the Daosource Sect's ruins, but when he returned, he would return to this same place, and at that time, this mobile fortress would have fallen under the Neohuman Alliance's control, in which case he would still face death. He did not want this mobile fortress to fall into the Neohuman Alliance's hands, as that outcome was too terrifying to even contemplate. Of course, if there was truly no other choice, then he would have to use the futon to escape before the attack landed, as facing death in the future was still much better than unquestionable death in the present.

Underground, an enormous amount of rune lines became even more concentrated, and the amount that Lu Yin saw made his scalp go numb. These rune lines were more than sufficient to turn all of them to ash. This was an energy cannon, and Lu Yin did not believe that his secret technique could divert such a massive attack. His secret technique was not invincible, and it had an upper limit. Even if he did not know what that limit was, it was unlikely that he would be able to divert an attack whose power level was between 400,000 to 500,000.

"Hand over all your star essence to me, and I can try to save all of us," Lu Yin spoke hurriedly.

Everyone stared at him in shock.

“Just by yourself?” Taylor questioned.

Lu Yin frowned. “You can choose to not believe me, but I really do have a way. You can give it a try, or else we’re all toast.”

Yuehua Mavis unhesitatingly threw her cosmic ring along with a drop of blood to Lu Yin, while the Blaze Engineer, Zhu Tiezhu, Villa Mistress Lian, Cai Jianqiang, Saul, Mr. Jun, and even Sall Phoenix did the same. At this point, foreign objects had no use to them whatsoever, so they might as well take a gamble.

“No peeking, or else we will all die together,” Lu Yin threatened.

The crowd could only listen to him.

Lu Yin turned his back to them and raised his hand, causing his die to appear.

At this moment, the underground red radiance grew even richer, and the energy suddenly felt closer to everyone than ever before. The energy cannon was about to fire.

This was a desperate situation, and just like how a commoner would fare upon falling into a sealed volcanic shaft, they were certain to die as soon as the volcano erupted.

Lu Yin did not want to die, so he tapped out. The die slowly spun before stopping on one pip. He quickly restored it and tapped again.

As the cannon’s energy shot charged upwards at an extreme speed, an unimaginable despair gripped everyone’s soul, and they all closed their eyes. In this situation, anyone would be scared of death.

Chapter 799: Hope

In another part of the mobile fortress’s underground structures, the Specter Clan expert was feeling very pleased. In one fell swoop, he had taken care of five Enlighters and two experts who were close to becoming Enlighters. In the Outerverse, this was an impressive feat, and the victims even included a member of the Mavis family. This was a huge achievement, and the additional merit of seizing the mobile fortress would mean rich rewards for him. Hopefully, they would allow him to advance another step further, and he would even receive a silver opportunity to improve.

The die stopped spinning on four pips, and Lu Yin was delighted. The scenery changed before his eyes changed, and he next appeared in the Timestop Space.

His panic and anxiety immediately faded away when he arrived in this space, as he now had all the time in the world.

He lined up all of the cosmic rings and then took off his universal armor. “Hopefully, this universal armor can be upgraded to the point where it can defend against an Envoy’s attack.”

Every item that he upgraded was restricted by the inherent quality of the materials that it was made of, putting an upper limit on how far the item could be upgraded. Although Lu Yin was not certain what the upper limit of his universal armor might be, it should not be too high. Since that was the case, he took out another item: the metal plate that contained trace Ancient Scarlet Copper. Back when he had obtained this piece of metal from a Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox, he had heard that this material was mainly used to manufacture weapons that could unleash attacks with power levels of 500,000. It

was supposed to be extremely rare with an extremely invasive nature, but it was exactly what Lu Yin needed at this moment.

At this moment, he was not afraid of the metal's invasive nature; rather, the more invasive it was, the better. In fact, it would be best if this Ancient Scarlet Copper could completely replace the universal armor's previous materials.

If anyone else was in Lu Yin's position, they would have had no way to extract and refine the Ancient Scarlet Copper from the piece of scrap metal. However, Lu Yin had a way. He looked back at his die and tapped it again. After a while, the die slowly came to a stop, but it was on one pip: Pilfer. Lu Yin remained calm upon seeing this result, and he quickly used some star essence to extend his time in the Timestop Space to thirty days. After all, right now, all he had was star essence.

Ten days later, Lu Yin rolled the die again, and things proceeded very smoothly this time. The die stopped on two pips: Blackhole Disassembly, which was exactly what he needed.

He placed the piece of metal in the blackhole for it to be refined, and the Ancient Scarlet Copper that the Ghost Monkey had once described to Lu Yin quickly appeared, though in very scant quantities. Still, no matter how little there was, it was what Lu Yin needed. He had to improve the quality of his universal armor's base materials, or else he would not be able to upgrade it to a high enough level.

The Ancient Scarlet Copper had to be fused with the armor, and it was one of the primary materials used when manufacturing items capable of withstanding power levels of 500,000. However, it was very difficult to heat it up to the point where it could fuse with other materials. At the very least, with Lu Yin's current strength, it was beyond his abilities. Thus, he took out the sourcebox that contained the ancient tinder.

Perhaps the heavens had foreordained this moment, as Lu Yin actually had everything that he required on hand.

Right, he also had the other people's cosmic rings as well. Lu Yin's eyes lit up, and he quickly opened each of the cosmic rings, though he was especially excited about the one that he had received from the Blaze Engineer. That old fart was an engineer, so he should have quite a few materials in his ring.

When Lu Yin opened Yuehua Mavis's cosmic ring, he was rather stunned, as this woman was simply too wealthy. The capacity of the woman's cosmic ring was several fold greater than Lu Yin's, and it was all stuffed with star essence, numbering in the several millions!

Lu Yin was speechless; if this much star essence was released, the universal markets would instantly turn chaotic.

It was no wonder why she was a part of the Mavis family.

After going through all the cosmic rings, Lu Yin was able to find more than ten different types of materials, though he didn't recognize any of them. Still, that was fine; he would just fuse all of them into his universal armor.

The sourcebox containing the ancient tinder was only one step away from being successfully unlocked, but Lu Yin still needed to take two days to completely unlock it. The extremely high temperature smoldered within the Timestop Space, and if he was not in this unique space, the high temperature

would have already incinerated him. However, this was his Timestop Space, and he could control everything within this place and easily isolate the scorching heat.

He tossed the Ancient Scarlet Copper and all of the other materials into the blazing fire. After a short while, all of the materials looked like they were slowly melting. Lu Yin then hurriedly pulled them all out and tossed them towards his universal armor.

The other materials somewhat retained their shape, and they simply stuck to the surface of the armor, very much looking like a ugly patchwork piece of metal. Only the Ancient Scarlet Copper, even in its extremely limited amount, actually merged into the universal armor, and it did so very quickly. It even tinted the universal armor's color slightly, giving a hint of green that quickly spread throughout the whole set.

It was no wonder why this material was known to have an invasive nature; even a little bit was enough to change the universal armor's internal structure.

The ancient tinder continued burning, but without any combustible materials, the flame would gradually expire.

Lu Yin could not bear to let it extinguish so quickly, and he suddenly thought of something. He hurriedly threw a handful of star essence into the fire, and the star essence naturally melted. A scorching burst of vaporized star energy filled the frozen space, and the high temperature gradually returned to the area. His physical body was being burned alive, and the intense agony caused his entire body to sweat. The high temperature of this flame was rather peculiar, and it was not something that he could fully withstand. He could only adapt to it little by little as he gradually approached the fire. However, there was a limit to how much he could adapt, and he was never able to completely adapt to the scorching heat.

Still, that was enough. Within the overwhelming high temperature, Lu Yin quickly started absorbing the star energy, and his eyes went wide as he delighted that this method was actually still effective. The vaporized star energy released by the star essence burned by the high temperature ancient blaze, combined with the high temperature that was cooking his body, allowed him to absorb the star energy much faster than if he were directly absorbing the star essence. Although it could not compare to his exaggerated cultivation speed when within that furnace, this method was still several times faster than when Lu Yin cultivated normally.

As he thought about it, Lu Yin quickly activated his Cosmic Art, causing the star energy to form a visible tornado that revolved around him as it was absorbed into his body, where it quickly vanished.

Lu Yin opened his eyes and released a breath. With the ancient fire burning the star essence and him, his cultivation speed was twenty times that of when he used the Cosmic Art normally, and his cultivation speed when using the Cosmic Art was already a hundred times that of normal cultivator's. In other words, this method was 2,000 times faster than the rate at which a normal cultivator absorbed star energy, which was an insane number.

Although it could not compare to the 40,000 times effectiveness that he had achieved within the ancient furnace, this was still absurdly fast.

Unfortunately, of the star energy released by burning the star essence, roughly half was wasted. This method was ultimately too wasteful, and as Lu Yin looked at the blaze, he noticed that it was already slightly smaller than before. This method also depleted a great deal of the ancient fire's energy.

This was a cultivation technique that chased after speed by completely disregarding cost and efficiency.

He stood up and touched his arm, which was still scorchingly hot. This sort of cultivation technique was not something that ordinary cultivators could withstand. His physical body was abnormally tough, but even so, it had still been difficult for him to withstand the ancient flame's high temperature. For any normal cultivator, before they could absorb even a scrap of star energy, they would probably have already been burned to a crisp.

Even though this method had many cons, it was still a shortcut that rapidly increased his strength. Lu Yin involuntarily looked at the other cosmic rings, feeling as if he was about to make a fortune.

The blaze continued to burn, and as it did so, Lu Yin constantly fed various items into the flame so that it would not burn out too fast.

Ten days quickly passed by, and Lu Yin impatiently tapped out again, causing his die to spin.

Six pips: Possession was useless in this place, and Lu Yin helplessly had to wait another ten days before he could roll the die again. This time, he rolled three pips: Enhance. This was the roll that he had been waiting for.

The universal armor had already cooled down by now. It had become much uglier, as the many materials that had been plastered on looked like haphazardly welded patches, and it had also turned slightly green. All in all, the armor had become exceptionally ugly, but Lu Yin had no other choice. He did not know how to properly refine armor, so he could only use this clumsy method. The only thing that mattered was if it proved effective.

He placed the universal armor on the upper light screen and then generously threw out tens of thousands of star essence. It piled up into a small hill, and the universal armor instantly dropped down.

It had already been upgraded eleven times in the past, which had raised its defenses to the point where the armor could withstand attacks with power levels of nearly 300,000. Now, the first upgrade during this session cost 15,000 star essence. It was absurdly expensive, but it was worth it.

He picked up the armor and put it back on the top screen, and it easily dropped through, going through a second round of upgrades. However, the mountain of star essence that he had thrown out had already been nearly depleted.

Almost 50,000 star essence had been used up just like that, and Lu Yin had already used up everything that Sall Phoenix had had in his cosmic ring. That old fart was just too poor! The Dark Phoenix family was not a power that some random Outerverse Enlighter could compare to, and that family was even comparable to some of the Innerverses' great powers. But despite their power, one of their Enlighter realm elders only had around 50,000 star essence in his cosmic ring. Even Lu Yin found this rather pitiful.

He did not think about this any further, as the cosmic rings that he had looted from those few Innaverse Enlighters like Karthika had actually contained even less than Sall Phoenix's. Compared to them, the old man could actually be considered quite wealthy.

Next was Mr. Jun's ring, but as a Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, he only had 2,000 star essence. Embarrassing.

Lu Yin internally looked down upon the man before quickly taking out Saul's cosmic ring, which caused his eyes to light up. Not bad—this old man had more than 100,000 star essence on him. As expected of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's Vice President. However, this should just be the man's backup money, as his true wealth was kept in a Mavis Bank card. What a pity.

Lian Zhuangzhu's cosmic ring merely held nearly 30,000 star essence, which left Lu Yin somewhat speechless. After all, she was from the Nalan Family, but was actually this poor.

Zhu Tiezhu's cosmic ring contained more than 200,000 star essence. It was of no wonder, as this old man was a Zhu family elder, though this still did not satisfy Lu Yin. Zhu San had offered to pay him 100,000 star essence at one point, and that had been quite a generous offer.

The Blaze Engineer did not have much money in his ring, as it mostly contained materials, which left Lu Yin quite sour.

Lu Yin did not touch Cai Jianqiang's ring, as that fellow probably did not have much money.

Aside from Yuehua Mavis, he managed to gather a total of about 350,000 star essence from the various cosmic rings. However, as soon as Yuehua Mavis's ring was added into the pool, the amount rose to a jaw-dropping amount of nearly three million star essence.

Lu Yin's eyes were bright as he upgraded the universal armor again and again. He continued using the star essence until they were greatly depleted, and finally, after being upgraded six more times, the universal armor no longer showed any signs of changes, which showed that it would be useless to try upgrading it any further.

Lu Yin sighed. Had the armor reached its limit? If he hadn't incorporated the Ancient Scarlet Copper into it, it might have only been able to handle another one or two upgrades at best. Unfortunately, he had had too little Ancient Scarlet Copper, and the other materials were too lacking in comparison.

Lu Yin was unsure what the universal armor's defensive abilities had become, but he was sure that it could at least handle an attack with a power level of around 400,000.

There were still nearly two million star essence remaining, and after Lu Yin thought about it. He took out the Backlash Pearl and began continuously upgrading it. It managed to go through five upgrades before reaching its limit, which depleted around 300,000 star essence. The fully upgraded Backlash Pearl could probably absorb attacks from powerhouses whose power levels were at almost 300,000.

He began upgrading the bracer as well, but unfortunately, its materials did not allow it to be upgraded more than two more times. However, the bracers should now be able to double his physical strength until it reached the level of an attack with a power level of about 300,000.

He still had around 1.5 million star essence remaining, and Lu Yin unrestrainedly upgraded a Ultra Flash Tearbomb twenty times, which was its maximum limit, and that used up around 100,000 star essence.

There were still 1.4 million more star essence left. That, combined with Lu Yin's personal savings of 120,000 star essence, meant that he had access to a great deal of wealth.

Lu Yin did not plan on upgrading any more of his items. Instead, he planned to use the remaining star essence to cultivate.

He looked at the timer on the wall and then increased it by another hundred days. The blaze would not burn for much longer, so every little bit that he absorbed was another bit of strength gained.

As he thought about it, Lu Yin quickly tossed star essence into the fire and then allowed the high temperature to scald his physical body before crazily absorbing the vaporized star energy.

The days passed one by one, and the fire grew weaker and weaker with each passing day until it completely vanished. This process took place over the course of seventy days, and during this time, Lu Yin absorbed the star energy of almost 3,000 star essence. If he had absorbed this amount in a more traditional fashion, then it would have taken him four years. But in this special environment, he had only used seventy days to do so.

Chapter 800: Absorption And Cycles

The blaze finally burned out, after which Lu Yin raised a hand and let out a long sigh. He would be able to leave when the time ran out. However, to protect himself from anything unexpected happening, he preemptively took out his futon. If anything went wrong, he would immediately sit down on the futon and escape. He had no other choice, as that was absolutely better than dying together with everyone.

As the scenery changed before his eyes, Lu Yin put on his universal armor and reappeared inside the cannon. At this moment, the cannon's energy blast was rapidly approaching them, and Yuehua Mavis and the others all had pale faces. They had no hope in Lu Yin's ability to stop the energy blast, and they had only given him their cosmic rings in a final, desperate attempt. How powerful could an Explorer possibly be? At best, this youth could rival an Enlighter whose power level was at 200,000 with his external items, but this cannon's energy blast had a power level of at least 400,000.

Everyone was desperate, and at this time, there was a rumbling sound from outer space, outside of Millions City. A certain suppression caused the nearby planets to tremble, and the volcanoes on all of them erupted at the same time.

Everyone on Millions City felt as though an unimaginably terrifying creature was being born underground. Hoffman, Starfox, Wei Rong, Cool Sis, and a few others all rose into the sky when they sensed that mighty pressure.

Lu Yin stared intently at the cannon's energy blast as rune lines filled the area. His gaze then turned solemn as he tried to make a direct comparison between it and his armor. He should be able to withstand this blast, as the power level of this shot from the energy definitely had not reached 500,000; at most, it was at around 400,000. Thus, his newly upgraded universal armor should be able to withstand it.

There was a whooshing sound as a red radiance filled everything in their sight, and an unimaginable scorching heat accompanied a terrifying pressure that fell upon the group. In that instant, the attack directly rammed into Lu Yin's body, as Lu Yin had moved forward to block everyone from the energy blast. He growled in defiance as the tremendously high temperature passed through the universal armor and cooked his body to the point where his skin actually began to crack.

Yuehua Mavis and the others were overwhelmed; was Lu Yin actually able to withstand that energy cannon by himself? How was that possible? Was he really going to do this?

There was another whooshing sound, as Lu Yin had not managed to completely block the energy cannon, only a majority of it. A trace of the attack swept past his body and shot towards those behind him, enveloping Yuehua Mavis and the others. Taylor Phoenix was instantly vaporized without even having a chance to cry out. Next was Mr. Jun, who could only withstand the attack for a moment before being vaporized.

The rest were mostly Enlighters. In the end, Lu Yin, Saul, and Cai Jianqiang were the only survivors who were not.

Cai Jianqiang continuously waved his palms as nine lined battle force shrouded his body while his berserk star energy compressed itself into a wave that withstood the aftershock of the energy cannon's blast. Saul, on the other hand, continuously retreated. Although he was reduced to a miserable state, he was able to gradually dispel the energy.

The Enlighters had a slightly easier time withstanding the blast, but only slightly so.

If not for Lu Yin blocking the majority of the blast by standing in the front, everyone else would have been instantly vaporized, just like Taylor.

Lu Yin was not in a good state at this moment either. A faint hairline crack had actually appeared on his universal armor, which caused his heart to sink. In theory, based just on their rune lines, his universal armor should have been able to withstand the energy cannon's attack. However, that was just in theory. When the two actually collided, the universal armor was not able to fully bear this attack.

The scorching heat had seeped in through the armor's crack and flooded its interior. Right now, Lu Yin could only clench his teeth tightly as he experienced a boundless pain. His physical body had forcefully withstood a pressure that could vaporize powerhouses whose power levels were in the tens of thousands. He immediately took out the Backlash Pearl and placed it next to that tiny crack.

The heat and pressure seeped into the armor through the crack was slightly stronger than the remnant energy that had vaporized Taylor and Mr. Jun. However, the newly upgraded Backlash Pearl could absorb attacks that had a power level of 300,000, so it could just barely hold out.

Even if the Backlash Pearl was able to plug the gap for now, as time passed, more cracks would appear in the armor, and when that happened, Lu Yin would die without question.

But strangely enough, Lu Yin suddenly realized that the energy that had seeped into his armor seemed to be compatible with him. His mind flashed with a bold thought: could all of this energy actually be star energy? Could this terrifying destruction be the result of star energy being compressed to the extreme? If this was all star energy, then couldn't he absorb it?

This star energy that had been compressed to the extreme and formed into an energy blast was inherently the same as the star energy released by the incinerated natural treasures in the furnace in the Daosource Sect's ruins. In some sense, this place was also equivalent to a furnace.

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. He did not care if it was reasonable or not, as he would simply try it again. Still, before he made the attempt, he crushed the jade talisman. Even if an accident occurred, Mister Mu should still be able to arrive in time to rescue them—just Lu Yin's universal armor and Backlash Pearl would be enough to stave off the energy blast for another half a minute without any problems.

He shifted the Backlash Pearl slightly, allowing the scorching heat and pressure to seep into the universal armor once again. Lu Yin screamed in pain, and his body was immediately flushed red as he burned. He revolved his Cosmic Art rapidly as he began frantically absorbing the blazing star energy. Soon, all of the insanely hot energy that had trickled through the crack in the universal armor was absorbed by Lu Yin. He had guessed correctly—the energy blast was indeed unleashed through compressing a countless number of star essence, and this blast was fundamentally nothing more than star energy.

This ultra-compressed star energy that had been heated to a high temperature was the same as the vaporized star energy that had been ubiquitous within the furnace, though the ultra-compressed star energy was even better suited to being absorbed. Even if Lu Yin was only able to absorb the energy that seeped through the crack in his armor, it still formed a tornado-like star energy vortex that was frenziedly consumed by Lu Yin.

If Lu Yin's star energy absorption rate in the furnace in the Daosource Sect's ruins had been 40,000 times that of a normal cultivator, it was even faster at this moment. This was because this star energy had been densely compressed, and it was in the most suitable state for being absorbed.

Generally, no one should be able to absorb this energy, as the force of this energy blast was enough to almost instantly vaporize any powerhouse, and any expert that could withstand it had no need to absorb this star energy.

But in this unique situation, the energy blast was being blocked by Lu Yin's armor, and only a small amount was leaking through and being absorbed by him.

Behind him, Yuehua Mavis and the others were having a difficult time just trying to withstand the aftermath of the energy blast.

On the other hand, Lu Yin was withstanding the energy blast while simultaneously absorbing it.

In another part of the mobile fortress, the expert from the Specter Clan had a strange look on his face as he stared at the screen. Once the energy cannon fired, he had no longer been able to observe the situation inside the cannon, but why had the cannon blast not come out yet? Could the cannon be too old and damaged, or had the blast somehow gotten stuck?

The power released by the energy cannon in the instant that it had been fired was too overwhelming. Thus, even if it was blocked, the strength of the blast would gradually dwindle.

Half a minute passed. Then, a minute, and two minutes.

The crack in the universal armor started to widen, but fortunately, the Backlash Pearl was able to help Lu Yin bear the brunt of the burden. Additionally, the widening of the crack in the armor allowed him to better absorb the star energy.

He did not know how fast his current star energy absorption rate was, but he knew that it definitely surpassed his absorption rate when he had been in the Daosource Sect's ruins because he could clearly sense his third cycle within his body. He had originally assumed that it would take him a long time to complete it, but at this point, he had a feeling that he was close to completing it. Additionally, completing his third cycle would mean that he would be one step closer to becoming a Cruiser.

The harsh red light was the only thing anyone could see, and after some time, the Specter Clan expert grew impatient and decided to fire a second energy blast from the cannon. However, he then discovered that the star essence reserves were insufficient to do so.

Inside the cannon, the might of the energy blast had clearly fallen, and the power level of the attack had declined to around 350,000 at this time.

More cracks had appeared on Lu Yin's universal armor, and if it had been in such a state in the beginning, then it would have failed to withstand the energy cannon's initial burst. But fortunately, it was still enough to withstand the weaker attack that Lu Yin was currently facing.

The energy cannon was blocked by Lu Yin for a good ten whole minutes.

And during this time, he had completed the third cycle within his body.

His star energy absorption rate during this period could not be calculated in terms of a normal cultivator's rate. Instead, it could be considered as a completely separate way to absorb star energy as it was more like a torrential overflow. It had coincidentally taken advantage of unique, suitable conditions to form a perfect opportunity for him to complete the third cycle.

The energy blast became weaker and weaker, and it had now reached the point where it was equivalent to an attack with a power level of 200,000.

Lu Yin punched out, eliminating the remainder of the energy blast and pushing the remnant pressure back underground.

Behind him, Yuehua Mavis and the others simply stared at Lu Yin in shock. They had all been reduced to a pathetic state, but they simply stared at Lu Yin. This youth had actually blocked an attack with a power level of 400,000. Just how had he done it?

Lu Yin barked, "Hurry up and escape! There's no way we'll be able to take on another one of those."

The crowd seemed to awaken from a daze, and the Blaze Engineer said, "Head underground."

"Why not to the mouth of the cannon? We can exit straight from there," Sall Phoenix asked in a low voice.

The Blaze Engineer sniggered. "If it was that easy to escape, then this wouldn't be an ancient mobile fortress. The more something seems to be an exit, the harder it will be to use as an exit."

He then streaked past Lu Yin and dashed deep underground.

Yuehua Mavis glanced at Lu Yin and then similarly rushed underground.

Villa Mistress Lian and Zhu Tiezhu both followed closely behind.

Sall Phoenix could only follow behind the others, though he glanced at Lu Yin with a boundless killing intent and wariness in his eyes. This kid could not be allowed to live.

Saul and Cai Jianqiang exchanged glances before also flitting past Lu Yin and dashing underground.

Lu Yin stopped Cai Jianqiang, and then offered the man his cosmic ring back. "This is yours."

Cai Jianqiang took it back and solemnly said, "I'll remember this time that you saved me."

After that, he hurried underground.

Lu Yin let out a deep breath. He looked at his universal armor that was now covered with multiple cracks. He would have to find a replacement when he returned. This armor still had a robust defense, as even with these cracks, it was able to withstand an attack with a power level of 300,000. However, that was only against something like the energy blast. If Lu Yin was facing an Enlighter's battle technique attack, the existence of these cracks would prove fatal for him.

Yuehua Mavis and the others were searching for a way to escape from the cannon while the Specter Clan expert had left his original underground location. He started moving towards the City Master's estate to search for more star essence. He wanted to fire the energy cannon a second time, as he did not believe that these people would be able to survive a second blast.

After the Specter Clan expert left, another person sneakily infiltrated the room. It was actually Zhu San.

The Zhu family had lived within the Millions City for countless years, and they understood Millions City better than anyone else. The Zhu family's ancestor had noticed early on that Qiong Xi'er was being controlled, and the Zhu family also naturally had their own ways to infiltrate the City Master's estate.

If not for the Neohuman Alliance's ambush, the Zhu family would have never exposed these secrets so soon.

Even if the Neohuman Alliance's ambush failed this time, the Zhu family would still be forced to leave Millions City, as the Qiong family definitely would not allow it.

Zhu San sneakily moved through the underground passages; there was just one last corner separating him from the control room where Qiong Xi'er was controlling Millions City.

Just as Zhu San was about to enter, his expression changed. Qiong Xi'er, who should have been under the control of the Specter Clan expert, actually moved. Her eyes were clear, and it was readily apparent that she was not being controlled.

"Who?" Qiong Xi'er barked as she looked in Zhu San's direction. She then stretched out her right hand as her fingers bent to form a peculiar design with one finger tapping towards the direction where Zhu San was hiding.

If Lu Yin could see Qiong Xi'er's finger at this moment, he would have definitely been startled. Qiong Xi'er was obviously just a Limiteer, but this finger's power level could rival those on the Top 100 Rankings. Although it had not reached the level of strength that Lu Yin had possessed as a Limiteer, it was not too far off.

Zhu San was petrified. "Xi'er, it's me!"

Qiong Xi'er's gaze turned cold, and the finger formed a peculiar diagram that continued traveling towards Zhu San without any hesitation. Killing intent filled the room, and Zhu San's pupils shrank. As he stared at Qiong Xi'er's finger that was approaching him, he dodged the attack at the last juncture, her finger slamming into the wall behind him and leaving an unusual mark there.