

Chapter 811: Probing

At this time, Lu Yin was sitting inside a spacecraft that was headed towards the war's battlefield. This war was very important to him, and victory lay in speed. Once Wei Rong was able to stabilize the situation, it would become very troublesome. Lu Yin might be able to eventually win even against many surprise reinforcements, but he could not disregard the Dark Phoenix family.

His gadget beeped quietly, and Lu Yin opened it to hear Ah mu's voice call out, "Seventh Bro, Wei Rong has borrowed a huge amount of money from Millions City."

Lu Yin's gaze trembled. "How do you know this?"

"He told Angie, and she didn't bother hiding it from me," Ah Mu said.

Lu Yin immediately ordered, "Disconnect from this call and delete my contact info! You're being tested, so think of a way to protect yourself."

Lu Yin then immediately ended the call.

War was all about utilizing resources efficiently, and borrowing money from Millions City meant that the Wei family could not hold out any longer. Once this news leaked out, it would cause a huge blow to the Wei family. Wei Rong was not foolish, and he would never allow this kind of information to be leaked. The only possibility was that he had intentionally leaked the information to Ah Mu in order to test if he was a traitor.

Since Lu Yin had rushed to attack Armament Weave, it had seemingly forced Wei Rong towards different measures. Right, normally, he shouldn't have rashly attacked Armament Weave before he united all of the eastern weaves into the Great Eastern Alliance. But since Lu Yin had done something unexpected, it was quite normal for Wei Rong to be suspicious.

This news had to be false, and Lu Yin would not even try to verify it with Millions City, as such a move would confirm that Ah Mu was the mole. He hoped that Ah Mu would be able to handle this matter well and not be discovered.

On the other end of the call, where the Umbral Butterfly Tribe was located, Ah Mu's expression changed drastically after hearing Lu Yin's words. He immediately erased all of Lu Yin's contact details as well as all of his call records with Lu Yin. Simultaneously, he released several ant-like creatures. He then used his innate gift that allowed him to communicate with such organisms to give them certain instructions. Finally, he walked to the wall and pressed his hand against it before unleashing his star energy in a trembling pattern.

On the other side of the wall was a woman from the Umbral Butterfly Tribe who had been resting, and she was knocked unconscious by Ah Mu's star energy.

At this moment, a commotion was heard outside the door to Ah Mu's room, and quite a few people gathered outside Ah Mu's room where they waited.

Ah Mu's expression did not change, and he inhaled deeply as he closed both eyes.

Before long, Angie arrived outside the door and knocked loudly.

Ah Mu opened the door and respectfully greeted Angie, "Young Mistress."

Angie grunted in acknowledgement, but her focus was on Ah Mu's gadget. "Did you call anyone just now?"

Ah Mu felt that this was a strange question. "Why is Young Mistress asking about this? Your subordinate's gadget has been damaged since yesterday, and I forgot to repair it. Thus, I haven't been able to communicate with anyone."

"Damaged?" Angie evidently did not believe this, as she made Ah Mu take off his gadget so that she could examine it. It was indeed ruined, but that was even more suspicious, since the timing was too coincidental.

Wei Rong believed that Lu Yin had hurried to invade Armament Weave because he had somehow learned that Wei Rong was cooperating with the Dark Phoenix family. Few were aware of this news aside from Gui Wuzong from the Shadowsword Sect and the Dark Phoenix family itself. If Lu Yin truly was aware of this alliance, then that meant there was a mole among his members, and the possibility of Ah Mu being the mole was rather high.

Although Angie suspected Ah Mu, she could not understand how Ah Mu could have possibly managed to get in contact with Lu Yin. Had the two of them met previously? There did not seem to be such a possibility, and their positions were strikingly different. Even if Lu Yin was capable of luring in Ah Mu, he could not have done it this quickly.

Ah Mu's status in the Umbral Butterfly Tribe was still quite acceptable. Although Angie was the Young Mistress, she still could not interrogate Ah Mu without cause. After thinking about it, she asked, "Did you tell anyone about the matter of the Wei family cooperating with the Dark Phoenix family?"

Ah Mu hurriedly shook his head, but then he seemed to suddenly think of something, and his expression twitched.

Angie's gaze trembled. "Tell me, who did you tell?"

Ah Mu replied, "I really didn't tell anyone! On the way back from Millions City, I drank with Miss Qing and got a bit drunk."

Angie immediately ordered, "Go and bring Ah Qing here."

At the same time, she felt slightly puzzled. Ah Qing's quarters were right next to Ah Mu's, but despite being so noisy, she had not come out for a look. Why hadn't she come out of her room?

In the adjacent room, the girl who had been knocked unconscious by Ah Mu was the Ah Qing in question. Her gadget contained Lu Yin's contact details, which was ironclad evidence that had been planted by Ah Mu's ants.

When Angie found Lu Yin's contact details in Ah Qing's gadget, the killing intent that filled her eyes caused the others to tremble.

"Go rest, and don't drink alcohol anymore in the future," Angie ordered solemnly.

Ah Mu immediately murmured in acknowledgement.

Everyone left, and Ah Mu released a pent-up breath. He had successfully passed this trial, and he was lucky that Seventh Bro had reacted so quickly and cut their call short, preventing their call from being traced. Otherwise, Ah Mu would have been doomed.

He fearfully wiped the dirt off of his gadget. Angie could not have possibly deduced that Ah Mu was behind everything that had happened. Thus, only Wei Rong could have guessed that there was someone leaking their secrets.

That person's thinking was too meticulous, and it was quite frightening. Even if he was only working with a guess, he still would not let go. Ah Mu clenched his fists tightly, as he had almost died this time.

As for Ah Qing, Ah Mu did not feel even the slightest bit of guilt towards her. He hated the Umbral Butterfly Tribe, and he hated everyone who was a part of it. His hatred had reached the point where he would not care even if they all died, and to some degree, he actually hoped that they would all die. As for Angie, he had simply brought her up as an attempt to deceive Lu Yin. He didn't actually want Angie. Rather, he wanted to gain total control of the Umbral Butterfly Tribe.

The Allied Forces of the Great Eastern Alliance's overall power surpassed Armament Weave's. Even if the Wei family was able to call upon quite a few reinforcements, they were still only barely able to resist the invasion, and the Wei family had to struggle to defend themselves.

Lu Yin had thought that it would only take the Allied Forces five or six days at most to push their way into the depths of Armament Weave. However, the Wei family's reinforcements proved to be unending, and their reinforcements had also arrived much faster than he had expected. Thus, the defenders had managed to hold out for an additional half month.

Something was going on; the space within the universe was fixed and could not shrink or change. The routes that the western weaves could send reinforcements through had been analyzed by the Great Eastern Alliance, and they had determined that it should be impossible for reinforcements troops to arrive this quickly.

Within a battleship, Lu Yin looked at a distant skirmish as Peach and Aden followed behind him. There was also a row of Great Yu Empire soldiers behind the two captains as well as En Ya, Xueshan Auna, and some of the older veterans from the Lu Office of Defense.

Although battles in space were common, a large-scale conflict such as this one was more uncommon. Lu Yin wanted to provide these people with some experience, as they would have to deal with even greater wars that he might have to conduct in the future.

"Your Highness, Armament Weave's reinforcements are arriving rather quickly, and this has essentially become us waging war on all of the central weaves. This deadlock will continue," En Ya said.

Lu Yin frowned and studied a star chart. "Why are their reinforcements able to arrive so quickly? Does anybody know?"

Sigmund Mathers stepped forward. "There are only two possibilities why they can pull in reinforcements quicker than expected, since space cannot be changed. The first is the same as our Great Eastern

Alliance, which is that an express military route has been created that allows their troops to travel about much more quickly. The second is that they have discovered new routes.”

“However, it can’t be an expressway, as that would mean constructing a passageway that goes through the various borders, and no power would allow such a thing without some degree of trust. It should be the second possibility,” En Ya said.

Lu Yin’s eyes flickered, and he quickly contacted Gavin. “Get Di Nuo to call me.”

It didn’t take long for Di Nuo’s image to appear on the screen. “My lord, you were looking for me?”

Lu Yin shared an image of the astral battlefield, and coincidentally, an Armament Weave spacecraft exploded at that same time. Countless bits and pieces of debris floated through space, accompanied by many corpses that were half complete or in even worse shape. Fresh blood floated through space, only to be burned up.

Di Nuo was taken aback by the macabre scene. “This is?”

“This is the battlefield in Armament Weave, the largest battlefield in the Outerverse at this moment. There were almost 10,000 soldiers on that spacecraft, and they were all cultivators. Now, they’re all dead,” Lu Yin said coldly.

Di Nuo did not understand why Lu Yin was showing him all this. “Lord, what do you mean by this?”

Lu Yin looked at the man. “This war could have been finished quickly, but the opposing side has been able to call in reinforcements too quickly. This has led to things being dragged out, which has led to countless more casualties. I want to know if your Endless Borders has participated by assisting their transportation efforts.”

Di Nuo was puzzled. “Lord, I’m just the person in charge of Frostwave Weave, so I truly don’t know.”

“Then go and check everything related to this war. I don’t wish to face unknown enemies, and I also have no desire to not even know anything before new enemies appear!” Lu Yin barked.

Di Nuo was stunned, and he immediately began to check into things.

It was not easy to discover new transportation routes, which meant that the first group that had come to Lu Yin’s mind in this topic was Endless Borders.

When the Great Eastern Alliance had first been established, Endless Borders had given Lu Yin a gift, which was a newly discovered route that greatly surpassed the efficiency of the known routes of the time.

If Endless Borders was able to give him a route so easily, then that meant that they had better ones still. If that was the case for Frostwave Weave, then it meant that it was quite likely that they had more efficient routes for Armament Weave as well.

Before long, Di Nuo called Lu Yin again, this time with an ugly expression. “Lord, I’m sorry. Endless Borders has indeed helped in transporting troops.”

Lu Yin's face sank. "What does Endless Borders mean by this? Are you trying to become enemies with my Great Eastern Alliance?"

Di Nuo hurriedly denied such allegations. "Lord, please don't be mistaken. This was not done by our headquarters, as it was the decision of Mo Si, who is in charge of Armament Weave. Also, he was forced into a corner."

"I don't need to hear any excuses. This is war! And it should not be dragged out for another minute or second! Immediately contact Endless Borders' headquarters. I want to speak to the highest ranking person."

"Lord, even if you are able to contact our headquarters, it's no use. The situation within our Endless Borders situation is rather unique, and the one who is helping Armament Weave at this time is the captain of an expedition crew, Bach. These groups have their own, independent authority, and they are even able to reject requests from headquarters," Di Nuo explained.

Lu Yin sneered. "Are you saying that Endless Borders can't control this so-called 'expedition crew?' Do you think that I'm that stupid?"

Di Nuo's face went pale. "Lord, all of these expedition crews have made great contributions to our company. As for the captains of these expedition crews, they are all a part of our board of directors. Even if headquarters sends orders to such a group, they must first receive approval from the board. Our Endless Borders' foundation is in discovering new shipping routes, and these expedition crews are the core of Endless Borders. Moreover, Armament Weave hired Endless Borders for transport, and there's nothing illegal about such a request. Thus, it is up to the company if they will accept such a request or not. Nobody can object even if Captain Bach accepts such a request."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "So, as long as that Bach rejects this request, your company won't bother with it either?"

"That's right. Our Endless Borders won't participate in conflicts between powers. Generally, such requests that are related to warfare are not accepted, but Captain Bach seems to have some relationship with someone from the Wei family, so he accepted this commission. Our headquarters can't do anything about it," Di Nuo explained.

"I want to talk to Bach," Lu Yin said.

Di Nuo was placed in a difficult position.

Lu Yin's face turned much colder. "What? Can't it be done?"

Di Nuo agonizingly answered, "I just spoke to Captain Bach, and he asked that you dismiss your troops."

Lu Yin was stumped, but then he became so furious that he smiled. "Some captain of an expedition crew wants me to dismiss my troops? He's got balls."

Di Nuo became even more nervous, and he did not even dare to look at Lu Yin. He had gained some understanding of Lu Yin during the time as the person responsible for Endless Borders' business within Frostwave Weave, and he felt that nothing good would come of offending this person. Di Nuo had seen the fates that awaited even the disciples of powerful organizations from the Inniverse. Thus, he had

tried to persuade Bach during their call. Unfortunately, Bach was haughty to begin with, and he had begun to disregard most people after becoming the captain of an expedition crew, even other expedition crew captains. This time, his disregard had stirred up a great deal of trouble.

Chapter 812: Threat

“Help me remind Endless Borders’ headquarters that this is a war. Since Bach has participated, then there’s no need to discuss his life and death. If this Bach ends up dead, then don’t blame me.” After saying that, Lu Yin directly ended the call with Di Nuo and reached out to Smoker. He paid five natural treasures for the top assassin to take out Bach.

Bach’s strength may not be as impressive as top ranked assassins like The Magistrate, but he had a very high status, and his location was also a secret. Thus, so five natural treasures was not an excessive price.

In fact, Lu Yin had considered employing Smoker to assassinate Wei Rong at one point, but in the end, he had decided against it. He did not know precisely why, but he felt that there were some things that required a bottom line. Wei Rong was a worthy opponent, and although they had only met a few times, Lu Yin found it hard to bring himself to deal with Wei Rong through using underhanded means.

“Your Highness, the Sixth Squadron asks to join the fight.” Peach fidgeted from her eagerness.

Nearby, Gong Ke, who was acting as Peach’s bodyguard, exclaimed, “No! The battlefield is too dangerous! You can’t go.”

The Neo-Vestige Sect expert then stared at Lu Yin with a blatant warning shining from his eyes.

Lu Yin did not care about the Hunter, and he told Peach, “Go ahead if you want. Just take care of yourself.”

Peach became excited. “Thank you, Your Highness!”

She then flew out of the spacecraft and headed towards the battlefield.

Gong Ke was taken aback, and he glared at Lu Yin. “If anything happens to her, Neo-Vestige Sect will not let you off.”

Lu Yin frowned. “My mood isn’t very good right now, so watch your tone.”

Gong Ke wanted to protest, but he swallowed his words when he saw Lu Yin’s cold eyes. It would not be wise to provoke this person as Lu Yin clearly could not be controlled. With no other choice, Gong Ke reluctantly rushed towards the battlefield himself to protect Peach. As he flew over, he made sure to contact Neo-Vestige Sect as well.

In Neo-Vestige Sect’s main hall, Master Bei grew furious. “This Lu Yin is too bold! He actually dares to allow Little Peach to participate in this battle! Who’s going to be held responsible if anything happens to her?”

He was not actually concerned about Peach’s well being. Rather, if the arrow that she carried was lost on the battlefield, it would not be easy to recover.

Gong Ling immediately called Lu Yin.

As soon as Peach had headed for the battlefield, Lu Yin had already guessed that the Neo-Vestige Sect would reach out to him.

“Sect Leader Gong Ling, is there anything that I can do for you?” Lu Yin smiled.

Gong Ling’s expression was stern. “Alliance Leader Lu, if anything unexpected happens to Little Peach on the battlefield, do you know what the consequences will be?”

Lu Yin adjusted his expression. “Is Sect Leader Gong Ling threatening me?”

“Of course not. Alliance Leader Lu is a formidable person within his generation, and even my Neo-Vestige Sect must show respect to Alliance Leader Lu. However, Little Peach is very important to my Neo-Vestige Sect. If anything happens to her, then no matter who might be responsible, my Neo-Vestige Sect will not let them off,” Gong Ling said coldly.

Lu Yin nodded. “I understand what Sect Leader Gong is saying, but war is upon us, and Peach is, after all, the captain of the Sixth Imperial Squadron. She even requested to enter battle of her own initiative. I should not reject her, as otherwise, what would the others think? That I’m giving her preferential treatment? As the leader of an organization, Sect Leader Gong should understand that being in such a position is not simple.”

“I hope that Alliance Leader Lu understands what my Neo-Vestige Sect has relied on to obtain its current status,” Gong Ling said before finally ending the call.

Lu Yin put his gadget away and looked back towards the battlefield.

The battle had become very intense, and there were already more than five Cruisers participating. The next to make a move would be the Hunters.

They were still too far from the peak of the battle.

“Your Highness, your subordinate requests to join the battle,” Xueshan Auna requested respectfully as he walked out.

The Auna family had thoroughly become Lu Yin’s blade. After the family weeded out a massive number of corrupt officials, they had become universally hated by everyone within the Great Yu Empire, and they had suffered huge losses. However, they had also achieved their objective, and the Auna family now had Lu Yin’s trust. This time, Lu Yin had even specifically brought Xueshan Auna with him, and Hill Auna was still the Imperial Cabinet’s Foreign Secretary, which allowed the Auna family to feel at ease.

Lu Yin calmly answered, “This battle does not need you, as we are relying on the Allied Forces.”

Then, Lu Yin sent out new orders to the Allied Forces, prompting the two Hunters to directly join the battle. As soon as they made a move, Armament Weave suffered horrible casualties. They had purposefully chosen to not send out their Hunters all this time, as they did not want to escalate the situation. However, they were forced to respond since the Allied Forces had taken the initiative.

A single Hunter was enough to change the entire battlefield, let alone two.

From afar, a light beam shot through space.

This attack had a considerable amount of energy behind it. Armament Weave had discovered the location where Lu Yin and the others were observing the battlefield, and they had directly attacked them.

However, this light beam was easily blocked by Aden.

Peach was effortlessly suppressing an enemy Cruiser, which forced Armament Weave to send out more people to hold her back.

Lu Yin constantly paid attention to Peach, as he had never seen her use any battle techniques from Neo-Vestige Sect. It was impossible for her to not know any, so it simply meant that nobody had been able to force Peach to show her true power, though this battle should be able to do so.

More than ten days passed, and reinforcements continued to endlessly pour into Armament Weave, all of them being brought by Endless Borders transport services.

Lu Yin continued to wait for news from Smoker.

During these ten days, neither side stopped fighting. Although the Allied Forces continually held the upper hand, they were unable to completely suppress the forces of Armament Weave from beginning to end.

There were five Hunters who were on Armament Weave's side, and Lu Yin was forced to dispatch Xueshan Auna and Aden to the battlefield, though he still did not expose the Rapid Response Team.

Countless people were observing the endless battle during these ten past days, and they weren't just from the eastern and central weaves. There were even news outlets from the western weaves that were covering this war, and it had become the focus of the entire Outerverse.

In Millions City, Qiong Xi'er had remained focused on this battle for an entire month, which was essentially the entire duration of the war.

The combined strength of the entire Great Eastern Alliance was still unable to take down Armament Weave, which showed that Wei Rong was indeed quite skilled.

Millions City was still in the process of rebuilding, and although the reconstruction efforts were expensive, it was just a drop in the ocean for the Qiong family.

Qiong Shanhai did not pay much attention to this war, though he was rather interested in the two youths Lu Yin and Wei Rong. In his heart, Qiong Xi'er's achievements were his focus.

Still, no matter if one was talking about Lu Yin or Wei Rong, neither of the two had any thoughts of joining their wife's family. These two people possessed great ambitions, particularly Lu Yin. For such a person to join his wife's family, the conditions would have to be sufficient to appease him. Still, Qiong Shanhai remembered what Qiong Xi'er had mentioned before, and truthfully, he did not dare to allow Lu Yin to join his family. This would be less like recruiting a son-in-law and more like inviting a ravenous wolf in.

"Xi'er, what do you think of this war?" Qiong Shanhai asked.

Qiong Xi'er felt puzzled. "Father, you're watching it too?"

Qiong Shanhai replied, "After all, those two youths did participate in the Qiong's Family Banquet. Naturally, I'm curious about them."

Qiong Xi'er casually closed her gadget. "If nothing unexpected happens, then the Wei family will be finished."

"You're that certain? Wei Rong is someone who can even make you wary, and everyone else says that this kid is able to find advantages in chaos and that he is quite adept at finding opportunities. But despite all that, you're saying that he isn't Lu Yin's opponent?" Qiong Shanhai asked in astonishment.

Qiong Xi'er replied, "Hence why I said if nothing unexpected happens. Wei Rong is adept at doing the unexpected, but Lu Yin is even craftier. Nobody knows what sort of methods he has available. It's just like this war, which started mysteriously. Everyone had previously assumed that Lu Yin would only deal with the central weaves after uniting all of the eastern weaves, but he started fighting before that, and he doesn't even seem to be afraid of a counterattack from the rear."

"What if he has to fight?" Qiong Shanhai asked profoundly.

Qiong Xi'er's eyes flashed. "Father, do you know something?"

Qiong Shanhai laughed. "There's no need to act—how could you not already know? You should have guessed it already. The Qiong's Banquet gave Wei Rong a platform through which to contact the Dark Phoenix family, and with his personality, how could he not have contacted them? Sall Phoenix claims that Lu Yin is responsible for Taylor Phoenix's death, and the Dark Phoenix family hates Lu Yin, which has provided Wei Rong with a great opportunity."

Qiong Xi'er nodded. "That's right. Since Sall Phoenix pushed the blame for Taylor's death onto Lu Yin, this war is unavoidable. Even if Wei Rong did not contact the Dark Phoenix family, Lu Yin would still not just sit around. Clearly, he is trying to use this period when the Dark Phoenix family is still unable to intervene in this war to quickly eliminate Wei Rong. Unfortunately, the war has dragged on too long for Lu Yin. Wei Rong has managed to delay things long enough, and now, there will be certain effects. The Armament Weave will survive for now, but their future survival all depends on whether or not the Dark Phoenix family will participate in this war. Once the Dark Phoenix family moves, it won't be easy for Lu Yin to eliminate the Wei family."

"So what if the Dark Phoenix family participates? The Great Eastern Alliance is also difficult to deal with," Qiong Shanhai rebutted.

Qiong Xi'er disdainfully replied, "Just the Dark Phoenix family alone isn't enough to deal with Lu Yin. Although all of us lost our memories of the underground battle, Lu Yin seemed to be the only one who was perfectly fine when we emerged. Even Yuehua Mavis had been roughed up, so clearly, Lu Yin's methods must be impressive. Moreover, he has the Hall of Honor supporting him, so it's difficult for the Dark Phoenix family to deal with him. And that's not even mentioning Neo-Vestige Sect, which still needs to be considered."

When she mentioned this other great power, Qiong Xi'er looked at Qiong Shanhai. "Father, it would be better if you don't get involved in this conflict. There are no benefits for us no matter which side we choose."

Qiong Shanhai replied, "Relax, Millions City is still in the process of rebuilding, and I don't have the spare energy to participate in other people's projects." He was not in a bad mood, as despite the Neohuman Alliance's efforts to seize Millions City, their operation had failed, which meant that there should not be any other power in the Outerverse that could act against Millions City for the time being. Since the Zhu family's ancestor had died, the Zhu family was no longer any threat to them either, and Millions City seemed to have been secured.

Qiong Xi'er looked at Qiong Shanhai's relaxed expression, but she could not relax herself. She leaned towards supporting the Wei family in this conflict, as she hoped that they would be able to block the westward expansion of the Great Eastern Alliance. Otherwise, after Lu Yin conquered all of the central weaves, their Millions City would enter his sights.

Although Millions City had the ability to protect themselves, if the surrounding region became Lu Yin's territory, they would be no different from a turtle trapped in a jar. How long would they be able to last in that situation?

Lu Yin was not a member of the Neohuman Alliance, and he had a brain. More importantly, he had the Hall of Honor's support, and he was much more dangerous than Wei Rong.

There was another detail as well; Qiong Xi'er felt that the memories they had lost about their time underground was actually very important. She had lost a huge amount of blood at that time, but after everyone left, she had not been able to find any traces of her own blood. So just where had all that blood gone? This was the answer that Qiong Xi'er was most desperate to uncover. She was worried that her blood might have been taken away by someone else, and that was extremely worrying.

In the distant Suna Weave, a radiant-grade Aurora sped towards Armament Weave. This spacecraft belonged to Endless Borders, and within it was one of Endless Borders' expedition crews, whose captain was Bach.

Endless Borders did not have many expedition crews, and becoming a captain and joining the company's board was not as simple as what outsiders would imagine. Bach's contributions included three secret routes, which was what had given him his current position.

Any captain of an expedition crew had a high status in Endless Borders.

Bach had maintained a high profile ever since he had become an expedition crew captain, and there were always people fawning over him no matter where he went. Of course, he did not slack off either, and he was constantly looking for more ways to discover new routes. The more routes he contributed to the company, the higher his status in Endless Borders would be.

Chapter 813: Adventurers' Guild

"Captain, headquarters has contacted us again, asking us to not interfere in Armament Weave's war. The person in charge of Armament Weave, Mo Si, has also indicated that he won't help the Wei family

with transportation related issues anymore, as the Great Eastern Alliance's pressure is too great," someone reported.

Bach was not bothered in the least. "The Great Eastern Alliance? So what? Is my Endless Borders afraid?"

"Then what about headquarters?"

"Don't rush to reply. Just wait until the war's over. Then tell them that we were in a dangerous area and weren't able to find the time to reply," Bach said.

"Yes, captain."

Bach sneered as he looked at the star chart. Only with a deep understanding of Endless Borders would one be able to see that it was truly a colossal creature. Although he was unsure how strong the other three great corporations of the Outerverse were, who cared if some puny Great Eastern Alliance had managed to suppress Aegis before?

Endless Borders' greatest wealth was in its secret routes. Even if the Great Eastern Alliance wanted to send out experts to deal with Bach, they had to find him first. These secret routes were nothing like an assassin's concealment methods. Secret routes were basically isolated parts of the universe, and few could find such a place, let alone cause Bach any trouble when he was hiding there.

If Endless Borders ever wanted, they could completely withdraw into their secret routes and then target any power they wished while hiding without any fear of retaliation.

This was the source of Bach's confidence, as there was no need for him to fear anyone, especially since he knew some secret routes that not even Endless Borders was aware of. Even if the entire forces of the Great Eastern Alliance turned up, they could only dream of finding him.

He had coerced Mo Si into helping the Wei family transport their troops for a month, and the Great Eastern Alliance had only been able to watch on helplessly.

As he thought about it, Bach became even more satisfied, and he put a cigarette between his lips to celebrate. The smoke curled up, which was rather irritating. Bach frowned. Is something wrong with this smoke? Why is there so much of it?

Suddenly, his heart lurched. Not good!

He had forgotten about someone.

The next moment, the smoke twisted about like a python and entered Bach's body through his various orifices. Bach was a Hunter with a power level of 180,000, an innate gift, battle force, and multiple power vessels. He had spent years painstakingly cultivating and gathering all of these items and abilities, but at this moment, none of them mattered. White smoke entered Bach's body, but a red smoke emerged, carrying all of Bach's blood with it.

His body rapidly shriveled up, and it eventually turned to a dried corpse that fell to the floor.

When the other crew members eventually entered the room, they were greeted with a terrifying scene. Bach had clearly died without even being able to retaliate.

Nobody was able to find the secret routes that Bach had kept to himself, but Smoker was different, and their methods were mysterious. Despite being a Hunter, they had once infiltrated the Blaze Realm, which had multiple old powerhouses with power levels in the several hundred thousands. Although they had not succeeded in their assassination attempt, they had still managed to escape unscathed, and not even the various great powers of the Inniverse had been able to discover their methods.

Nobody knew how Smoker had done such a thing, no matter if it was infiltrating the Blaze Realm in the first place or their feat of escaping alive. Even powerhouses with power levels of 300,000 or even 400,000 might not be able to do what Smoker had. This was the top ranked assassin in the Outerverse, and they were an unconventional existence that even the Inniverse dared not offend.

News of Bach's death spread quickly, and while the majority did not know who Bach was, those who did all had uncommon statuses.

Many were left speechless, as Bach had died at Smoker's hands, and everyone had already associated Smoker with Lu Yin. Coincidentally, the Great Eastern Alliance was at war with Armament Weave, and the one who had been helping Armament Weave transport its soldiers, reinforcements, and resources was Endless Borders.

As long as they were not foolish, anyone could guess that Smoker had been hired by Lu Yin.

Lu Yin felt better, as Smoker was always extremely reliable, and Lu Yin even considered upgrading his membership once again. Eventually, Smoker would be wrapped up by all the natural treasures that Lu Yin had sent to the assassin, and then, Lu Yin would be able to use the assassin as his own personal club. Of course, it would be better if Smoker just joined the Great Yu Empire.

After Bach died, Endless Borders immediately put a stop to their cooperation with Armament Weave, and Liuying Zishan immediately deployed more troops to the battlefield. As long as the Allied Forces wiped out the batch of enemies before them, they would be able to quickly advance into the depths of Armament Weave.

Beep beep beep beep!

Lu Yin looked at his gadget and saw that he was being called by an unknown number. He answered the call, and a voice sounded out. "Alliance Leader Lu, this is Endless Borders' Chairman Yan."

Lu Yin's eyes flickered. "Boss Yan, are you finally willing to talk?"

"Alliance Leader Lu, what you did was overboard."

Lu Yin responded in a low voice, "Does Boss Yan understand the importance that this war holds to my Great Eastern Alliance? Your subordinate helped my enemy, the Wei family, and do you know what losses I suffered due to his interference?"

"Everything that was done, was done within the rules. Endless Borders helps with transport. Be it goods or humans, everything is acceptable."

"If that's the case, then I would like to hire Endless Borders to transport my Great Eastern Alliance's troops to Myriad Weapons Planet. Name your price," Lu Yin stated. Myriad Weapons Planet was the ancestral home of the Wei family.

The opposite party fell silent for a moment and then replied, "Alliance Leader Lu, my Endless Borders has no intention to participate in struggles between other powers, as you should know."

"I did not ask you to intervene in this dispute. You said it yourself: transport can involve goods or humans, and safety is guaranteed. My millions of soldiers need to step onto Myriad Weapons Planet," Lu Yin said.

"It seems that today's not a good day to talk. Alliance Leader Lu, being too smart may cause your own downfall, so please take care." The call then abruptly ended.

Lu Yin directly immediately called Madam Nalan, and his first words to her were, "Tell me more about Endless Borders."

She helplessly held her forehead. "I already know that Bach was killed by Smoker on your behalf."

"He helped the Wei family transport military resources, which caused massive losses for me. How could I have convinced the masses if he didn't die?" Lu Yin said firmly.

She sighed. "Alright, you've already offended Endless Borders with this."

Lu Yin smiled. "Aegis was just the first, and Endless Borders is merely the second. There's no worries, as we'll take things slowly. Just so long as I don't offend you."

"Oh? And why is that so?" Madam Nalan licked her red lips as she looked at Lu Yin with her bright eyes.

Lu Yin's heart sped up under her stern gaze, and he embarrassedly changed the topic. "Quickly tell me more about Endless Borders and what their overall situation is like. Also, why doesn't their board of directors have any control over their expedition crews? I've never heard of such an organizational structure before."

"For Endless Borders, I've already mentioned that their background is very deep, and they have found numerous secret routes. Even Inniverse powers have tried to take control of those secret routes, but to no success. Endless Borders' foundation is even able to withstand the great powers of the Inniverse."

"That's too general. I want to know some details," Lu Yin urged.

She replied, "Actually, Your Highness doesn't have to be too worried about Endless Borders. Rather than calling it a large corporation or a company, they are more like a guild. Specifically, they are one that existed long ago that was never recognized: the Adventurers' Guild."

"A guild?" Lu Yin was astonished, as this kind of organization sounded rather foreign to him.

She continued her explanation, saying, "The universe is seemingly endless, and there will always be a need for people to go out and explore it. Thus, the Adventurers' Guild rose to the occasion, though that was a very long time ago. Initially, the Adventurers' Guild was a gathering place for cultivators who were passionate about nothing besides exploring, and it could have even been considered a hobby group. But as time went on, many of the rare items that they unearthed were sold for extravagant prices, and their nature changed into more of a profit-driven organization. Despite their successes, they had their own

struggles... After many ups and downs, the Adventurers' Guild gradually developed a more structured system, which culminated in the guild taking all of the profits. Nobody, not even their President, can privately take a portion.”

“Reportedly, the Hall of Honor wanted to take over the Adventurers' Guild, but anyone who joined such a guild did so to preserve their freedom, and they did not want to be supervised no matter what. Hence, the Adventurers' Guild changed its name upon the suggestion of its president at that time, and they became Endless Borders. They expanded into the transportation business and exploited their secret routes. This is the true history of Endless Borders.”

She paused for a moment before continuing on. “What we see, or rather, what the majority sees is just the surface of Endless Borders. They are still inherently that same Adventurers' Guild from the past, and their main passion is still for exploration and risk-taking. Thus, they are primarily gathered in... the Astral Wilderness.”

Lu Yin had not expected to learn such a thing about Endless Borders, as he had honestly believed them to be a mammoth corporation. “Why haven’t you ever told me any of this before?”

She smiled. “I didn’t expect Your Highness to offend them so quickly, but that’s still alright. As I said before, Your Highness doesn’t need to be overly concerned about Endless Borders. They are more relaxed, and they don’t have the same ideologies as other financial powers. This is also the reason why their board of directors cannot restrict their expedition crew captains. You hired Smoker to kill Bach, which will, at most, cause a few people within Endless Borders to be unhappy. However, Bach can only blame himself for his ending, so there should not be any retaliation.”

Lu Yin felt reassured, as he did not want to create new enemies for nothing.

“However, Your Highness must still be cautious. Although Endless Borders might not retaliate against you for this matter, if you ever truly become enemies, their strength is rather terrifying in terms of revenge. Aegis was only able to send out Lord Egret, but Endless Borders may be able to send out far more. Nobody knows how much strength is stationed within the Astral Wilderness, and it’s possible that even the Hall of Honor might not know,” Madam Nalan cautioned.

Lu Yin replied, “I understand. They are able to explore the Astral Wilderness, and that’s something only the great powers of the Inniverse are generally capable of. If Endless Borders has the confidence to do the same and has existed for this long, then their foundations must be incredibly deep.”

“As long as Your Highness understands. The Outerverse is the weakest region in the universe, but it covers a vast amount of space. Many powers want a piece of this pie, but the four great corporations have long been able to tower at the peak and spread their influence across multiple weaves. Your Highness cannot look at things with a narrow mind, and that even includes the fact that Aegis gave in to you. Nobody knows how strong those assassins who are still in stasis really are.”

Lu Yin had never underestimated Aegis, and he had always kept them in mind. Granted, he would not underestimate the other great corporations either, especially the Nalan family. They were widely known as the wealthiest family and were ranked on the same level as the other three major companies. Thus, their true face was definitely not as simple as it appeared to be. This temptress was someone from the

Sword Sect's Liu family, and she had married into the Nalan family. But even before she had married into the Nalan family, it had already been known as one of the four great corporations.

This conversation with Madam Nalan allowed Lu Yin to understand Endless Borders a bit better. In the end, it was an organization that revered freedom. Although this organization might seem scattered and undisciplined, if he was someone who wielded power within the Hall of Honor, he also would not allow an organization with the name "Adventurers' Guild" to exist.

Freedom was something very important to independent cultivators. If something called the "Adventurers' Guild" was allowed to exist, countless independent cultivators would naturally flock to the organization, and it would invariably become a colossal organization. He understood why the Hall of Honor had wanted to assimilate this organization in the past.

Since they had rejected the Hall of Honor, that meant that this organization was being supervised. Their strength could not be weak, but it also not be overly powerful. Otherwise, the Hall of Honor would not have let them escape.

Chapter 814: Dark Phoenix To The Rescue

Lu Yin called Di Nuo next. He made it clear that he wanted to talk to an expedition crew captain, but Di Nuo only knew one.

"Alliance Leader Lu, I was told that you're looking for me," a gloomy voice said. This was one of Endless Borders' expedition crew captains, Yang Hai.

Lu Yin courteously replied, "I wonder, how does Captain Yang view the Great Eastern Alliance?"

Yang Hai fell silent for a while. "It's none of my business."

Lu Yin replied, "It must be dangerous searching for secret routes. Di Nuo previously participated in Lu's Grand Auction, and I believe he came to purchase items for Captain Yang. I wonder what the captain might need?"

Yang Hai curtly replied, "Alliance Leader Lu, just get to the point."

"Very well. I want to purchase undiscovered routes from Captain Yang."

Yang Hai did not feel that this was unexpected, as this was the only reason why Lu Yin would have reached out to an expedition crew captain. "We'll have to disappoint Alliance Leader Lu then. All new routes found by expedition crews have to first be sent over to headquarters. If Alliance Leader Lu wishes to buy them, then you'll have to contact headquarters directly."

Lu Yin replied, "Captain Yang doesn't need to be in such a hurry to reject me. Your Endless Borders is not an entirely for-profit organization, and what mitigates the ever-present risks in exploration the most are life-saving items. I have natural treasures that have reached the point of evading danger, poisons that can harm Enlighteners, lockbreaking tools, and many other items that you may need but are difficult to acquire."

Yang Hai did not respond, but he was evidently moved. Deaths occurred regularly in their expedition crews, and nobody knew how many would die whenever they started a new exploration mission. All of the crews were passionate about exploration and happily took on these risks, and they were all

cultivators with common goals. It wasn't easy for Yang Hai to see his companions die, and Lu Yin's conditions had clearly moved him greatly.

Endless Borders' headquarters had many life-saving objects, but the majority was given to the expedition crews that worked in the Astral Wilderness, as those regions were more dangerous. Expeditions crews that roamed about the Outerverse would not receive much of those precious items.

"I'm sorry, Alliance Leader Lu, but I can't agree to your request for now." Yang Hai considered the offer, but he remained firm in his refusal.

Lu Yin smiled. "That's fine. There's no hurry. Captain Yang can consider this offer carefully for now. Of course, an undiscovered route from Captain Yang would have to be beneficial for me, or else I would have no reason to buy it. Isn't that so?"

Yang Hai's voice rose a little higher. "The secret routes in my hand are definitely what you require."

"Alright, then I'll wait for Captain Yang's reply. I hope that the next time we talk, it will be to make a deal." Lu Yin then hung up.

The distant battle continued in an unstoppable manner, and casualty reports constantly flowed in.

This was typical of a war, especially for an interstellar war. Those who had not reached the Explorers realm were unable to protect themselves, and a single attack could destroy a spacecraft and kill thousands of soldiers, not a single one surviving.

The war had already dragged out for a month, and logically, the Dark Phoenix family experts should have arrived by now.

Lu Yin's gaze trembled, as Wei Rong must have made some preparations from the very beginning of the war.

If not for Endless Borders helping the Wei Family, one month would have been more than sufficient for the Allied Forces to fight their way to the Wei family's ancestral planet. Unfortunately, they had ultimately failed in their gambit to quickly eliminate the Wei family.

In the distance, dozens of spacecraft were lined up in a row as light beams suddenly descended and swept across everything.

The Wei family, the Umbral Butterfly Tribe, the Shadowsword Sect, and other reinforcements had half of their vessels destroyed by this round of energy attacks, and hundreds of thousands of soldiers were instantly vaporized.

Wei Rong had never visited the frontlines in person, and he had always been giving orders from the backlines. He had seen that their defenses could not hold out for any longer and had immediately given the order to retreat, pulling back the defensive perimeter.

Liuying Zishan ordered the Allied Forces to give chase.

Armament Weave's defensive line collapsed bit by bit. Their reinforcements were no longer able to arrive quickly enough whereas the Allied Forces' attacks grew stronger with every wave.

“Send out videos of this war,” Wei Rong suddenly ordered, his face solemn. This war was an ample display of the Great Eastern Alliance’s Allied Forces’ power, and if they had not received reinforcements from the various other weaves, the Wei family would have already been crushed. Any weave that faced the Great Eastern Alliance on its own would also quickly be defeated.

He wanted to show the central weaves and even the western weaves that this was the true power of the Great Eastern Alliance that they had been disregarding all this time.

The Great Eastern Alliance was already a colossal organization within the Outerverse, and it just barely lacked the status to become an unprovokable power on the same level as Neo-Vestige Sect, Millions City, and the Dark Phoenix family. However, in terms of influence, the alliance had already surpassed the other three powers.

The new battlefield collapsed yet again, but this time, the battle only lasted for another half month. By now, the Allied Forces were fewer than five filaments away from the Wei family’s ancestral planet. If everything went smoothly, they would be able to cover this distance in no more than another half month.

Many in the Wei family were starting to panic, and they begged their elders to reach out to the Great Eastern Alliance and find a way to end the war.

The Wei family had governed Armament Weave for a long time, and none of them could recall the last time they had faced such a dire crisis. All along, they had been the ones plotting against others, and it had been too long since someone else had brought a war to their doorstep.

Wei Baichuan had been focused on the war this entire time, and it still had not ended. After all, none of the Lockbreakers were participating in the defense and neither had Yi Feng. Their Wei family had not run out of all options yet.

In Frostwave Weave, on Planet Hydrotink, Wei Xin'er desperately pleaded with Felynn, asking her to urge Lu Yin to stop the war. However, Wei Xin'er was emotionlessly rejected by Felynn.

Felynn had not thought that her alternative route would be cut off this quickly, but was there any purpose in pleading for mercy at this point? Would Lu Yin even listen to her? What a joke! At this point, whoever dared to obstruct Lu Yin was an enemy, and Felynn had no desire to die just yet.

Although she was the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society’s Interim President, she was fully confident that Lu Yin still had ways to deal with her.

The various powers of the Outerverse were all focused on this war, but they held differing attitudes towards it. Some were grieving, some ridiculed the two sides, and still others rejoiced at others’ misfortune. However, the vast majority was uncaring. In this war, the Great Eastern Alliance was not in the wrong, as the Wei family had undeniably planted troops within Frostwave Weave. They had brought this war upon themselves.

This indifference was especially prevalent in the western weaves, and many news outlets were completely unrestrained in their mocking comments towards the war, and they treated it as a

confrontation between two weaklings. Many of the western powers had never cared about the Great Eastern Alliance.

There were many who believed that the Wei family was about to meet their end when the experts from the Dark Phoenix family finally arrived on the battlefield. By this time, the war had been going on for almost two months. The Allied Forces had advanced until they were only three filaments away from the Wei family's ancestral planet.

Lu Yin sighed, as these people had still come in the end. Wei Rong had managed to maintain his composure well. He had not even evacuated the Wei family from their ancestral planet. Did he really trust the Dark Phoenix family that much?

A dozen or so experts from the Dark Phoenix family had arrived, and they brought troops from the Dark Phoenix family with them, totaling nearly 10,000 cultivators. Just their appearance caused a black flame to engulf an entire region of space. If not for Lu Yin already being prepared for such an event, the flames would have burned the Allied Forces to a crisp.

Their arrival prompted the Rapid Response Team to finally act, joining the Allied Forces along with the impatient Six-Fingered Tribe experts who had long been eager to join the fray. A total of seven Hunters participated in the next battle, and the Dark Phoenix family alone mobilized five. The battle between the Hunters superseded the skirmishes of all the other troops, and their confrontation caused space itself to rupture and nearby planets to shatter.

A terrifying pressure descended, and the spacecraft that Lu Yin was sitting in cracked. This was an Enlighter's strength.

Lu Yin was not surprised, as he had noticed Sall Phoenix's rune lines the moment the Dark Phoenix family had arrived.

Aden leapt out with his thunder shield that was reinforced with nine lined battle force to block Sall Phoenix's black Undying Bird. Sall Phoenix was surprised to discover that there was a Hunter who could actually stop him and that the Great Eastern Alliance had been holding such an expert in reserve.

Back at Millions City, Yan Yan had also exchanged blows with Sall Phoenix, but he had been easily beaten back. Compared to Yan Yan, Aden's defense was much more robust since it was his specialty, but it only managed to surprise Sall Phoenix for a moment. The Enlighter's strength was greater than Lord Egret's, and he was not someone who Aden could withstand on his own.

"Junior, I'm going to show you the outcome of offending my Dark Phoenix family!" Sall Phoenix barked as his black Undying Bird's plumes intensified. It was the exact same move he had used back in Millions City.

When he had first faced this black Undying Bird, Lu Yin had been forced to shatter the ground and use the other Enlighters to block the attack. But now, it no longer mattered.

In outer space, as he faced the enormous black flames that swept towards him, Aden raised a hand, revealing the Backlash Pearl that instantly absorbed all of the black flames.

Sall Phoenix was astonished. "How is this possible?"

Lu Yin had upgraded the Backlash Pearl sixteen times, and it had been enhanced to the point of being able to reflect attacks of power levels of 300,000. Sall Phoenix's power level was infinitely close to 300,000, which was coincidentally within the upper limit that the Backlash Pearl could absorb.

The black flames rolled back towards Sall Phoenix, and he gritted his teeth as he allowed the black flames to descend upon himself. He sneered as he mocked, "I can release my Dark Phoenix family's flames, and I can naturally absorb them as well. This method cannot do anything to me! Go and die!"

He then tried to maneuver around Aden to directly attack the spacecraft.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed, and he quickly donned his set of universal armor as he stepped out of the spacecraft. He then tightly clenched his right fist, and his bracer trembled as he unleashed a punch.

Aden quickly moved aside.

Lu Yin's punch slammed towards Sall Phoenix, who did not make any attempt to dodge. His black flames crowded as they fiercely plummeted towards Lu Yin in return.

There was a thump as space distorted before it burst open both near and far. Countless people were stunned, as their scalps had gone numb.

The black flames scattered apart, falling in what looked like meteors.

Sall Phoenix was repelled 10,000 meters back by Lu Yin's punch, and a clear fist imprint could be seen on his chest.

He dared not believe this outcome. Back in Millions City, a single punch from Lu Yin had indeed forced him back, but it had not been able to harm him at all. But now, this person's strength had actually risen this far; how was such a thing possible?

Lu Yin shook his right fist. He had already completed three cultivation cycles, which improved both his star energy and power level. Naturally, this meant that his strength had risen as well. He was not the same person that he had been back in Millions City, and this old fellow had been knocked silly with one punch.

However, Lu Yin was not in good condition himself, as his universal armor still had cracks in it. Those black flames had hurt him, but fortunately the cracks were not too large, and also, the majority of the flames had been torn apart by the power of his fist. Otherwise, even if it had just been a trace of the black flames, he would have been out of luck.

Just in terms of power levels, there was no way Lu Yin was anywhere close to being Sall Phoenix's opponent. However, Lu Yin's physical strength had been amplified and doubled by his bracer.

Lu Yin himself was aware that he had only succeeded due to this item, but it was not readily apparent to the others who were watching the exchange. It was easy to recognize the universal armor as an external item, but the bracer was much harder to notice and recognize.

Not only had Lu Yin's punch stumped Sall Phoenix, but it had also stumped countless people watching from the battlefield.

Who would have thought that a puny Explorer would be able to directly repel an Enlighter from the Dark Phoenix family?

This entire region of outer space suddenly broke out into cheers, as countless soldiers were cheering for their Alliance Leader.

Lu Yin felt proud, as this was the effect that he had wanted to have. A war was fought with resources and paid in blood, a vital component of which was morale. He did not know how to give inspiring speeches, so he could only raise the troops' morale through his actions.

He had done the correct thing, as the momentum of the entire battlefield completely shifted to their side. Originally, due to the Dark Phoenix family's reinforcements, the defenders of Armament Weave had enjoyed a huge boost of confidence. But after the exchange between Lu Yin and Sall Phoenix, they became dispirited again. If even an Enlighter was not able to best their enemies, then what hope did they have left?

Sall Phoenix's eyes turned blood red. "Junior, die for me!"

He dashed towards Lu Yin as his black flames swept out and formed a giant hand that grabbed at the youth.

Lu Yin's gaze trembled, but he did not move. As he remained in place, an extreme chill appeared from behind him. Yan Yan had appeared, and he moved to block the black flames.

Chapter 815: Outside The Battlefield

Aden forcefully shoved his thunder shield towards Sall Phoenix.

Sall Phoenix hollered at Lu Yin, "Junior, fight me if you are able!"

Lu Yin did not care about the taunt, as there was no longer any need for him to act. Repelling Sall Phoenix once was already enough. If he was truly to fight against Sall Phoenix, the cracks in his universal armor might not be able to withstand repeated attacks from the Enlighter. If the old fart gave his all, then his attacks would approach a power level of 300,000.

Yan Yan and Aden united with the support of the Backlash Pearl. Although they could not beat Sall Phoenix, they could hold him off for the moment.

Across the interstellar battlefield, close to 10,000 cultivators from the Dark Phoenix family had entered the fray, and at the same time, the Great Eastern Alliance's Rapid Response Team also joined to reinforce the Allied Forces. The sudden influx of forces from both sides caused the battle to escalate drastically.

At this point in time, a sharp radiance appeared in the distance as countless arrows distorted space as they shot towards the cultivators from the Dark Phoenix family.

The experts from the Neo-Vestige Sect had arrived.

Peach was participating in this battle, so Neo-Vestige Sect could not rest comfortably if they left her alone.

With the intervention from the Neo-Vestige Sect, the battlefield changed completely, and the Dark Phoenix family no longer held the advantage.

When Wei Rong discovered that Neo-Vestige Sect had joined the battle, he immediately gave the order to withdraw.

On a battlefield, Neo-Vestige Sect's members were superior even to the Dark Phoenix family. Their arrow techniques were truly astounding, and they were always executed with great precision. The strength of their attacks was mysteriously high, and they were not something that the Dark Phoenix family could compete with.

Sall Phoenix could only helplessly withdraw his forces.

Everyone who was focused on the war quickly realized that the scales had tipped heavily in Lu Yin's favor.

Lu Yin waved a hand, and the Allied Forces again broke through the defensive perimeter and advanced toward the Wei family's ancestral planet. He wanted to see if the Wei family would finally withdraw.

There were no Enlighters among Neo-Vestige Sect's reinforcements this time, and only several Hunters had arrived, all led by Gong Chou.

Gong Chou's expression when he met Lu Yin was very unfriendly. "Alliance Leader Lu, I want to take Little Peach back to Neo-Vestige Sect."

Lu Yin agreed. "Sure thing. Just see if she's willing."

Gong Chou immediately contacted Peach, but he ended up being firmly rejected.

Gong Chou was thus helpless. "Alliance Leader Lu, please do us a favor and send Little Peach back to Neo-Vestige Sect."

Lu Yin said quietly, "Brother Gong Chou, you know that this is a war and not some child's game."

Gong Chou was instantly forced into a difficult position. "Father ordered me to absolutely take Little Peach away. I ask that Alliance Leader Lu not make things difficult."

"I'm not making things difficult. You can take Peach away yourself, but you can't use force, as otherwise, that will be considered kidnapping," Lu Yin replied.

Next to Gong Chou, a Hunter barked, "You, the one surnamed Lu, don't go overboard! Do you really think that we don't see you trying to use Little Peach to force our Neo-Vestige Sect into this war? Despicable!"

Gong Chou immediately made the Hunter shut up.

Lu Yin's expression grew frigid. "Brother Gong Chou, I'll show you some face this time and simply ignore this person's words. However, there will not be a next time. Otherwise, even if it's an expert from Neo-Vestige Sect, I will make that person's life miserable."

That Hunter still seemed to want to say something, but he was stopped by Gong Chou.

Lu Yin had climbed to such a position not only by way of schemes and trickery, but more so by his own strength. Without strength to support his schemes, Lu Yin would have died in the time since the Inniverse and Outerverse had been separated.

If they were still in Neo-Vestige Sect's territory, they would not have even asked this youth. But outside, this person's strength surpassed what even Neo-Vestige Sect could match, and even the Dark Phoenix family's Enlightener had not been able to do anything to him. Unless the Arrow Mountain Elder personally intervened, Neo-Vestige Sect would not be able to do much to Lu Yin either.

"Alliance Leader Lu, the Great Eastern Alliance has many experts, and it even has powerhouses who can withstand Enlighteners. There is no need for Little Peach to participate since she's just a Cruiser," Gong Chou protested.

Lu Yin indifferently answered, "I've already said that, as long as she's willing, she can leave with you. I'm not forcing her to do anything."

Gong Chou smiled bitterly. If Peach was willing, she would have long since left the battlefield, and there would have been no need for them to come to this warzone. Their main objective this time was to protect Peach, but it would be best if they could take her away to a safe place.

When Peach had appeared on the battlefield, it was as if the Great Eastern Alliance had drawn Neo-Vestige Sect into the war.

When Neo-Vestige Sect took action, Lu Yin had been very happy. But even if Neo-Vestige Sect had not made a move, he had other methods to take care of the Wei family with, and Neo-Vestige Sect's help could only be considered as icing on the cake.

Sall Phoenix had wanted to join the battle on multiple occasions, but each time, he was stopped by Wei Rong, as it was meaningless to drag out the fight at this time.

"Those two Hunters can't stop me, and it won't take me long to take care of them all," Sall Phoenix said, irked.

In a respectful voice, Wei Rong responded, "Senior can naturally take care of them, but taking care of Lu Yin is very difficult. If Senior is willing, Junior would like to ask Senior to deal with the Allied Forces."

Sall Phoenix frowned. "You want me to attack his soldiers?"

"Yes. Without the soldiers, the Great Eastern Alliance will not be able to defeat us, no matter how strong their experts might be," Wei Rong answered.

Sall Phoenix thought about it and agreed. It was too difficult to take care of Lu Yin and the other experts. However, it would be trivial for him to deal with regular troops, as just a single blaze would be enough.

But before he could make a move, the Allied Forces launched their own attack with Aden, Yan Yan and the powerhouses from Neo-Vestige Sect spearheading the assault. Meanwhile, Lu Yin constantly updated Aden with Sall Phoenix's location in order to prevent Sall Phoenix from annihilating the soldiers. If Wei Rong could think of such a tactic, then so too could Lu Yin.

Interstellar battles were always the same in one regard: one expert could change the entire situation.

Wei Rong rubbed his forehead. This Lu Yin was too difficult to deal with, and it seemed like Wei Rong would have to use that dark pawn after all.

In Neo-Vestige Sect, the giant fire beneath the ground rose up and shot towards the sky. Master Bei's expression was solemn, and as he looked at the fire, an arrow gradually took form.

This was the original form of an arrow that he had been forging for over a hundred years, and he had used countless precious minerals and materials during that time to sharpen the aura of the arrow. He had hoped that this arrow would become one of Arrow Mountain's most treasured divine, and that it would be recorded down in Neo-Vestige Sect's history.

Outside, a Cruiser realm Neo-Vestige Sect disciple requested an audience.

Shao Zisong had a hateful expression. "Master is not someone who you can meet as you please." He had been sentenced to work on Arrow Mountain as a slave, but he had been brought out by Master Bei after just a few days, though he was still considered an arrow slave.

"Senior Song, I'm not looking for Elder just for myself, but also for Senior Song." The Cruiser disciple tried to fawn over Shao Zisong.

Shao Zisong frowned and looked at the disciple with a strange expression. "For me? We have never had any sort of interaction, so what sort of relationship could you have with me?"

The Cruiser realm disciple quietly said, "I have a way to deal with Lu Yin."

Shao Zisong's eyes went wide, he grabbed the Cruiser's collar, and he gritted his teeth, "You dare to mock me?"

"I don't dare! If Senior Song will allow me to meet with Elder, then I will report the current situation. If Senior Song is not satisfied, then you can simply make me disappear," the Cruiser said hurriedly.

Shao Zisong's eyes flickered, and he snorted coldly. "Follow me."

Before long, Master Bei walked out and looked at the Cruiser disciple. He indifferently asked, "What's the matter?"

The Cruiser disciple knelt on the floor. "The Armament Weave's Wei Rong requests to speak with Elder."

Master Bei's eyes flashed. "The Wei family? Is it the same Wei family that's waging a war with the Great Eastern Alliance?"

"Yes."

Master Bei fell deep into thought.

Shao Zisong's eyes lit up. "Master, there's no harm in listening to what he has to say."

Master Bei nodded.

Shao Zisong had the Cruiser disciple open the screen on his gadget before both Shao Zisong and the Cruiser disciple withdrew, leaving only Master Bei and Wei Rong to meet through a video call.

Wei Rong had a respectful expression on his face and he slowly bowed. "Junior Wei Rong pays his respects to Master Bei."

In a detached tone, Master Bei asked, "Why have you come looking for me?"

Wei Rong serenely answered, "Junior wants to ask Master Bei to enforce justice. The Great Eastern Alliance took the initiative to start this war, which has led to a terrible situation for many in the Outerverse with blood flowing in rivers. It's well known that Master Bei is consistently just and kind, so I beg Master Bei to please help my Armament Weave."

Master Bei indifferently replied, "Just this?"

Wei Rong adjusted his expression. "If Master Bei is willing to help, my Wei family will naturally offer a gift."

"I don't have the time." Master Bei began leaving.

Wei Rong hurriedly spoke up. "Would Master Bei please wait a moment. The Wei family's gift—and I trust that Master will not reject it—is Peach."

Master Bei abruptly froze before turning around slowly and revealing an icy expression. "What do you mean?"

Wei Rong respectfully responded, "My Wei family is willing to give Peach to Master Bei as a present, so we ask Master Bei to please come to our aid."

Master Bei's eyes narrowed. "Peach is from my Neo-Vestige Sect, but you want to use her to threaten me?"

Wei Rong smiled. "A straightforward person does not resort to such insinuations. Peach will be given to Master Bei, which will be a secret deal between the two of us. Junior promises that nobody will find out about this matter."

"What do you know about Peach?" Master Bei asked coldly.

Wei Rong shook his head. "I don't know much, but there is one thing: there was a period of time where, due to Peach, Master Bei's disciple became enemies with Lu Yin. In fact, I even heard that Master Bei was about to act. I trust that Peach will definitely be of use to Master Bei, though this junior may not know the reason. Truth be told, I don't want to know, just so long as this can help Master Bei."

Master Bei stood in place and stared at Wei Rong, and his expression grew gentler after a long while. "What do you want me to do?"

Wei Rong's lips curled upwards.

Not much more time passed before Master Bei walked out. He then gave Shao Zisong a few instructions. Shao Zisong was delighted, and he quickly left.

As for the Cruiser realm disciple, Master Bei simply dismissed him. Master Bei had gained some impression of Wei Rong during their conversation, and he had realized that the kid had actually planted a spy within Neo-Vestige Sect. No—judging by the ages of the two people, that disciple should have been sent by the Wei family rather than Wei Rong himself.

It was rumored that the Wei family was adept at various plots and that they had their fingers in many pies. Sure enough, they had even placed someone inside Neo-Vestige Sect. They had truly hidden their assets very deeply.

Although Master Bei was rather unhappy with the Wei family, for the moment, they had a common enemy. They should first take care of that person, and this time, their plan should be ironclad.

In Armament Weave, Lu Yin watched as the line of defense crumbled yet again. At this moment, there were only two filaments standing between the Allied Forces and the Wei family's ancestral planet. The war would end soon, but Lu Yin had a feeling that Wei Rong would not go down that easily. At the very least, the Lockbreakers, such as Yi Feng, had not made any moves yet.

Wei Rong had brought those Lockbreakers into Armament Weave, and they were not there simply for show.

The astral warhorses appeared again, which marked the fifth time that they had been used during this war. Each appearance had heralded great losses for the Allied Forces. However, ever since the experts from Neo-Vestige Sect had arrived, the losses had been greatly reduced.

"Your Highness, more reinforcements have arrived, this time from the Umbral Butterfly Tribe and some other forces from the nearby weaves," Liuying Zishan reported to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin was not surprised by this. The time it had taken these forces to arrive seemed to be about right. If not for Lu Yin eliminating the support that Armament Weave had been receiving from Endless Borders, the reinforcements would have arrived much earlier.

It seemed like it would take a bit more time to breach the defenses that stood in their way.

At this time, the Allied Forces were being supported by the Rapid Response Team and the Six-Fingered Tribe, not to mention the Great Yu Empire, Neo-Vestige Sect, and other experts from all parts of the alliance. They had thrown their full strength into the war efforts. Even if Armament Weave received more reinforcements, they would only last for an additional day or two at most.

The most troublesome part of the defense was Sall Phoenix's presence. If not for Lu Yin lending his Backlash Pearl to Aden, even the combination of Aden and Yan Yan would not be able to hold off the Enlighter for long.

In the distance, a scorching heat wave sped towards the Allied Forces yet again, and the surface of Lu Yin's spacecraft was slightly charred with some sections of the hull even melting before gradually breaking away.

Chapter 816: Tiny Arrow

The Dark Phoenix family had united to launch another joint attack, but countless arrows shot westwards, which was Neo-Vestige Sect's retaliation.

“Your Highness, according to the most recent calculations, it will take us half a month at most before we arrive at the Wei family’s ancestral planet,” En Ya reported.

Lu Yin nodded. “Don’t get careless.”

“Rest assured, Your Highness. The Great Eastern Alliance has already set up multiple emergency contingencies, and there’s an Enlighter protecting Zenyu Star. There is no way for Wei Rong to turn the tides,” En Ya stated confidently.

Lu Yin had a tight frown on his face. The further they progressed into Armament Weave, the more likely he felt it was that they would run into complications.

“Your Highness, we’ve obtained some news. People from the Wei family have started to pull out of their ancestral home,” someone reported.

Lu Yin frowned; was Wei Rong admitting defeat?

The spacecraft trembled as Sall Phoenix suddenly attacked, but it was once again blocked by Aden.

Lu Yin looked at the rune lines that pervaded the area around him, and he took a deep breath. As long as he was able to deal with Wei Rong and take care of him, Lu Yin would not need to be concerned about the central weaves, even if they did unite.

Wei Rong was like a rope connecting the central weaves. Once this rope snapped, the unity between those weaves would be easily scattered.

It was just like how Lu Yin was the one holding the Great Eastern Alliance together. If something happened to him, the Great Eastern Alliance would completely fall apart.

Lu Yin was caught in a dilemma yet again; should he hire Smoker to take care of Wei Rong? When facing off against Wei Rong, Lu Yin struggled to be as decisive as he usually was. Some of Wei Rong’s aspects seemed to mirror Lu Yin’s, and that made Lu Yin reluctant to resort to dark methods like assassination to deal with Wei Rong. Lu Yin wanted to defeat Wei Rong head on, regardless of the methods required.

The universe only saw the victor as the king, and it was possible that, at the bottom of his heart, Lu Yin held onto the unrealistic fantasy of subduing Wei Rong. Unfortunately, such a thing was close to impossible.

Suddenly, urgent footsteps approached. “Your Highness, Captain Peach was killed in action!”

Lu Yin was caught off guard. “What did you say?”

“Captain Peach just- her body was completely destroyed!” The reporting soldier had a deathly pale face.

Lu Yin’s pupils shrank, and his heart wrenched in pain as he stepped into outer space and sped towards the battlefield.

On the battlefield at this moment, the Neo-Vestige Sect disciples were frantically attacking the cultivators from the Dark Phoenix family. Gong Ke, Gong Chou, and the others were all shouting something.

Sall Phoenix was no longer tangled up with Aden. Instead, he was blocking the advancement of the full Allied Forces all by himself.

When Lu Yin arrived, Sall Phoenix sneered, and his black flames formed a wall that blocked off the Allied Forces.

The Neo-Vestige Sect disciples all looked stunned, especially Gong Chou, who was trembling from head to toe.

Lu Yin arrived next to him and asked softly, "What's the matter?"

Gong Chou looked at Lu Yin and roared in anger, "Little Peach is dead! Crushed! You must be satisfied now, as you're the one who sent her onto the battlefield! You're the one who killed her!"

The Neo-Vestige Sect disciples all glared at Lu Yin with bloodlust in their eyes.

All around them, the various Hunters from the Allied Forces, as well as Aden and Yan Yan, appeared, and they stood across from the Neo-Vestige Sect disciples.

Lu Yin stared at Gong Chou. "What is going on? Describe what happened clearly."

Gong Chou exhaled and bitterly said, "The battlefield was too chaotic, and Little Peach strayed away from us without us noticing. When we found her again, she and a battle spacecraft both exploded simultaneously and were vaporized."

"Where?" Lu Yin barked.

Gong Chou pointed in a certain direction, and Lu Yin turned to see the wreckage of a spacecraft floating through space. As far as he could see, aside from some Neo-Vestige Sect disciples searching through the debris, there were no other rune lines in the area.

His heart sank, and he approached the wreckage as he unleashed his domain. There were no living organisms and no corpses. Had Peach truly been killed without leaving even a corpse behind?

"How is it that so many of you strayed away from her?" Lu Yin asked as he stared at Gong Chou.

Gong Chou angrily retorted, "This is a battlefield, and there's enemies all around us! That's not even mentioning how that old bastard, Sall Phoenix, suddenly appeared and prevented us from finding Little Peach."

Lu Yin looked at Aden. "Why did Sall Phoenix suddenly withdraw?"

Aden shook his head. "I don't know, but he suddenly pulled back after fighting here and there across the battlefield."

"Senior, there's nothing here," a Neo-Vestige Sect disciple reported to Gong Chou. It seemed as though they had been searching for something.

Gong Chou remained stubborn, and he personally flew over to the wreckage to search.

Lu Yin knew that the man was searching for the arrow that had belonged to Peach, and he felt his heart sink. Peach had been his friend, and he had to get revenge.

However, the entire situation was too strange. If Wei Rong wanted to kill Peach and cause a falling out between the Neo-Vestige Sect and Lu Yin, then that would be very normal. However, why were they unable to find Peach's arrow? Her arrow was a divine arrow that had been handed down through ancient times and had survived the corrosion of time. It could not have been destroyed by a single attack, and Peach had once mentioned that she always carried the arrow on her person.

If the arrow had truly been on Peach's body, then it had either been either picked up by someone on the battlefield or Peach was not actually dead. He did not believe that her body had been completely destroyed, and just like Undying Yushan, there was a possibility that a person was not actually dead so long as there was no corpse to be found.

However, Lu Yin had arrived on the scene as soon as he had heard of Peach's death, but despite that, he could not see any trace of her rune lines.

The Neo-Vestige Sect disciples continued searching through the wreckage, and although Gong Chou had quarreled with Lu Yin, he still had not left. Gong Chou must have guessed that the arrow had been taken by someone, and he wanted to stay near the battlefield to rendezvous with other Neo-Vestige Sect experts to look for the arrow.

That arrow was too important to the Neo-Vestige Sect.

Lu Yin returned to his spacecraft and immediately called Wei Rong.

Soon, Wei Rong's smiling face appeared on the screen. "Brother Lu, long time no see."

Ever since the war had begun, the two had not spoken to each other. Wei Rong had also essentially never even stepped foot near the battlefield, despite the fact that the battles had been going on for two months already.

"Is Peach dead or not?" Lu Yin directly asked in a depressed voice. He was a little expectant and also a little nervous. He was emotional not only because of the looming threat from Neo-Vestige Sect, but more so because Peach had been his friend.

Wei Rong helplessly answered, "Anything can change in an instant on the battlefield. Brother Lu, restrain your grief."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "Is Peach actually dead?"

Wei Rong smiled softly. "Brother Lu should not ask me this question, as I wasn't near the battlefield. You should ask those Neo-Vestige Sect disciples, as they personally witnessed what occurred."

Lu Yin was stubborn. "Brother Wei, if Peach is not dead but was instead captured by you, I'm willing to end this war right now in exchange for Peach."

Wei Rong's expression changed, as he had not expected Lu Yin to be willing to pay such a steep price. "Is it worth it?"

Lu Yin firmly answered, "She's my friend."

Wei Rong laughed. "Brother Lu must be afraid of the Neo-Vestige Sect's retaliation."

In a low voice, Lu Yin threatened, "You underestimate me too much. The universe preys on the weak and follows the dark laws of the jungle. Friends are exceptionally precious, and those who I recognize as my friends will never change in my life."

Wei Rong's expression grew solemn, and he took a serious look at Lu Yin and sighed with sorrow. "Today can be considered as me learning something more about Brother Lu. Although your ambition is great, you still have a bottom line when it comes to accomplishing your goals. What a pity. You've also disappointed me, as you care about these things too much, so you will fear those losses. However, those losses are what give rise to greatness and great opportunities. Brother Lu, in the future, I will walk ahead of you."

"Is Peach dead or not?" Lu Yin asked sternly.

Wei Rong sighed. "Very unfortunately, she is dead."

Lu Yin's heart sank as he stared straight into Wei Rong's eyes. "This is your only chance to end this war, so think carefully before you give your final answer."

Wei Rong replied, "If Brother Lu doesn't believe me, then I have no choice. Brother Lu had best beware of the Neo-Vestige Sect's revenge. Farewell."

He then ended the call.

Lu Yin stood inside his vessel and looked out at outer space. The battlefield in the distance had halted. He rather regretted sending Peach out onto the battlefield, and he should have pulled Peach back the moment the Wei family had started evacuating from their ancestral planet. Sall Phoenix had suddenly withdrawn at that moment, and he must have pulled back to deal with Peach.

This move by Wei Rong had been brilliant, and it had successfully delayed the war, as Lu Yin needed to first deal with the Neo-Vestige Sect.

Beep beep beep beep!

Lu Yin looked down at his gadget and activated it, causing Gong Ling's image to appear.

"Alliance Leader Lu, did you forget what I told you before?" Gong Ling's tone was icy-cold, and his eyes radiated bloodlust.

Lu Yin's tone was depressed. "I'm sorry, Sect Leader Gong Ling. I didn't take care of Peach well enough."

"There's no need for any more words with how the matters stand. Anyone who participated in this war must remain at the battlefield to be investigated carefully. As for you, Alliance Leader Lu, my Neo-Vestige Sect will naturally pay you a visit to see what happened. Even with the Hall of Honor supporting you, my Neo-Vestige Sect will not let this matter rest. I will invite the Arrow Mountain Elder out to make a personal visit." Gong Ling quickly disconnected from the call.

Lu Yin took a deep breath and smiled bitterly. Everything had fallen short of success due to a lack of effort!

They were not too far from the Wei family's ancestral planet, but something like this had still happened.

The Neo-Vestige Sect would not help him any longer, and without their help, it was not realistic to expect to take down the Wei family in a short amount of time. Sall Phoenix alone was enough to delay the advancement of the Allied Forces.

"Your Highness, please give a command. Even without Neo-Vestige Sect's help, we can still fight our way to the Wei family's ancestral planet," Liuying Zishan said in a determined voice after arriving at Lu Yin's spacecraft.

Lu Yin shook his head, as Wei Rong's final defense included not only the reinforcements from the Dark Phoenix family, but also the Lockbreakers who had not made a move yet. The further in the Allied Forces pushed, the more reckless the defenders would become, and Lu Yin would also have to deal with the pressure from the Neo-Vestige Sect from here on out. There was going to be chaos from both in front and behind. If he was not careful, he could lose the entire game due to one wrong move. At this moment, he needed to ponder how to deal with the situation with the Neo-Vestige Sect.

"Control the battlefield and make sure that no one leaves by themselves," Lu Yin said. That arrow was of the greatest importance to the Neo-Vestige Sect. If they could find the arrow and hand it to the Neo-Vestige Sect, that great power might not end up taking any action.

Lu Yin's expression looked bleak, as this was a war. He had lost a friend, and Peach's bell-like, reverberating laughter had been lost forever, and he felt extremely distressed.

Regret? He only felt a little. If he could do it over again, he would have still chosen to wage this war. But just as Wei Rong had said, the more one feared losing something, the more they would end up losing. Lu Yin was indeed afraid of losing his friends, relatives, and loved ones. But regardless of his fear, he could endure any loss; fear was one thing, and he still had to take action.

"Seventh Bro, restrain your grief," the Ghost Monkey's voice was also melancholic. He rather liked Peach, as she was not a scheming individual and was more like a pure child, which made her rather likeable.

Lu Yin took out the miniature arrow that Peach had given him and reflected on their times together.

As he looked at it, the miniature arrow suddenly shuddered.

Lu Yin thought that he had seen wrong, but then, the tiny arrow trembled once again. It rose into the air and shot off into the void, tearing through the distance.

Lu Yin immediately followed it, and he just barely managed to keep up with the tiny arrow as it sped away, almost losing it.

The tiny arrow's speed grew faster and faster, and it seemed to be heading in a southeastern direction.

Lu Yin held the tiny arrow tightly and allowed it to take him further away from the battlefield. There was a torrent in his heart, and he suddenly realized that this tiny arrow might actually be one of the three divine arrows, the one that Peach had inherited. Otherwise, he could not explain its mighty force. In his eyes, this tiny arrow's rune lines greatly surpassed those of an Enlighter, and they were still increasing.

"Seventh Bro, what the hell is this?" the monkey screamed.

Lu Yin was stunned when he realized that Peach had actually given that precious arrow to him, but why had she done so?

Chapter 817: Lu Yin Vs. Master Bei

There was no time for Lu Yin to even think. The arrow's speed grew faster and faster as it tore through the void, and its speed even overtook that of a radiant-grade Aurora. Before long, a spacecraft appeared up ahead that was heading to the east.

There was no emblem on the spacecraft, and its origins were unknown.

The tiny arrow broke free of Lu Yin's grasp and shot into the spacecraft, and it did not reappear.

Lu Yin entered the vessel at the same time as the arrow, sneakily infiltrating the spacecraft. He quickly noticed a delighted Peach holding the tiny arrow, and she had been locked up inside a dimly lit cage.

Peach was pleasantly surprised by the appearance of the arrow, and she looked around as if searching for something.

When Lu Yin stepped forward, he smiled at her.

"Your Highness, you've come!" Peach was ecstatic.

Lu Yin was thrilled to discover that Peach was still alive. He enjoyed the pleasant surprise of regaining a friend after losing them, and he roughly ruffled Peach's hair.

Peach was sullen at such treatment. "Your Highness, that hurts."

"What's the matter? Tell me about what happened," Lu Yin said.

Peach passed the tiny arrow to Lu Yin. "First, put this away."

Lu Yin retrieved it. "This must be one of the three arrows."

Peach nodded.

"And you're just going to hand it over to me just like that?" Lu Yin was puzzled.

Peach replied in a matter-of-fact manner, "Didn't it come in handy?"

Lu Yin pinched her chin. "Little brat, you're pretty smart. You knew that some people were scheming to steal that arrow, and so you intentionally left it with me. If anything happened to you, you must have known that you would be able to summon this arrow and that it would bring me to free you. Good."

Peach looked embarrassed and positively adorable as she looked at Lu Yin. "Your Highness is so smart—you were able to figure it out right away."

Lu Yin grudgingly replied, "I never thought that I, who always plotted against others, would be so predictable to you."

Peach tried to butter up Lu Yin by moving behind him and massaging his shoulders. "Your Highness, aren't I allowed to be afraid? Those people with Master Bei won't give up, and the sect leader often

goes into seclusion. So just what am I supposed to do if something happens to me? Your Highness is fearless, so I'll be safe as long as Your Highness comes to save me."

"There's no need to butter me up. Tell me, what happened on the battlefield?" Lu Yin pressed.

Peach stuck out her tongue. "Gong Ke and the others were drawn away by others, and I was captured by a Shadowsword Sect expert. When I woke up, I found myself on this spacecraft. The guard happened to go do something else, which gave me the time I needed to use my technique to call the arrow and guide Your Highness to me. Fortunately, you weren't too far away, or else my technique might not have actually worked."

Lu Yin asked, "Were Gong Ke and the others lured away by enemies?"

Peach shook her head and solemnly answered, "One of the Neo-Vestige Sect disciples. A Hunter who came with the reinforcements."

Lu Yin's tone turned chilly. "It looks like someone is colluding with Neo-Vestige Sect. They wanted to send you back as a gift while also causing me to be hated by the Neo-Vestige Sect. A good plan, since if we faced off against both Neo-Vestige Sect and the Dark Phoenix family at the same time, we would undoubtedly be defeated."

"Your Highness, are you talking about Wei Rong?" Peach asked.

"Who else?" Lu Yin commented. "But, the Neo-Vestige Sect expert who he colluded with will need to be looked into."

"Does it? He has to be working with Master Bei." Peach rolled her eyes.

"We're certain it's him, but we still need evidence," Lu Yin replied.

At this point, his expression changed. "Someone's coming. Keep acting like you were before, and I'll hide for now."

Peach nodded, as it was meaningless for her to be saved at this time. They would have to wait until the very last moment to see who she would be given to. As she thought about it, Peach laid down and went to sleep.

From outside her cell, someone glanced in to check on her, but they did not notice anything amiss, so they continued to calmly keep watch.

On the battlefield in Armament Weave, Liuying Zishan and the others were notified by Lu Yin and ordered to not restart the battle.

The spacecraft that was transporting Peach had no emblem on its hull, but its journey proceeded unhindered, and it effortlessly entered Mordo Weave. However, it did not head towards Neo-Vestige Sect. Rather, it headed in another direction.

Along the way, Lu Yin had no other opportunities to speak further with Peach. He had wanted to contact Neo-Vestige Sect's Sect Leader Gong Ling, but he stopped himself. Could it really be that the only one coveting Peach's arrow was Master Bei? Was Gong Ling truly that impartial? Lu Yin did not know, but

before he could completely ascertain that Gong Ling was harmless, he did not want to risk inadvertently alerting their foe.

Before long, the ship landed on a desolate planet, and Peach was immediately dumped out. The spacecraft did not even stop moving, and it quickly flew back up towards outer space to leave.

Lu Yin quickly took action and caused the spacecraft to suffer a malfunction.

This planet was uninhabited, and if Lu Yin allowed the spacecraft to leave, it would be too easy to notice him, so he had to make sure that the vessel stayed behind.

The spacecraft was just about to leave the atmosphere when it wobbled back down towards the surface, where the maintenance crew began repairing it.

Suddenly, an enormous pressure fell upon the planet and instantly crushed the spacecraft into fragments. Not a single soul survived.

Lu Yin was also blasted underground by the enormous force.

High above, a figure appeared. It was actually Master Bei.

Master Bei had originally wanted to wait for the spacecraft to leave before showing up, but it had malfunctioned. He could not wait any longer, and he had decided that he might as well act and destroy all of the evidence. He did not want anyone to witness what he was about to do.

He stepped towards Peach, who was near where he had appeared. A drop of water landed on Peach's face, and she lazily woke up and rubbed her eyes, only to see Master Bei standing nearby.

"It's you?" Peach's brows slanted as she looked at him in anger.

Master Bei clasped his hands behind his back as he looked down at Peach. "Little Peach, we meet again."

Peach bellowed, "Why are you here?"

Then, she looked at her surroundings. "Where is this place?"

Master Bei's expression remained calm. "There's no need to be concerned about where this place is. Regardless, nobody can save you. Hand over that arrow, and I can let you have a peaceful death. Otherwise..."

"Dream on! The sect leader won't let you off, and neither will the Great Eastern Alliance!" Peach defiantly refused.

Master Bei sneered. "The Great Eastern Alliance? They're nothing more than a bunch of wild dogs! As for the sect leader, I will take over his position sooner or later. There's no need for you to continue wallowing in your delusions. Nobody will know that you died here, and this is quite far from Armament Weave, so no one will discover your corpse even after you die."

Peach's face went pale, and she fearfully said, "I was at the battlefield just now, so why am I here?"

Master Bei was growing impatient. "I'm not in the mood to explain everything to you! Hand over that arrow for a painless death, or you will regret ever living!"

Cough cough!

From beneath Master Bei, Lu Yin coughed twice.

Master Bei was surprised. "Who's that?"

Lu Yin blew open the surface of the ground and shook his head as a layer of ash drifted down. "Master Bei, there's no need for such heavy-handed methods—you nearly destroyed this planet. I was knocked underground by you."

Master Bei stared at Lu Yin in disbelief. "Why are you here?"

Peach's expression changed, and her originally terrified expression suddenly became one of ridicule as she glanced at Master Bei with disdain. She then ran towards Lu Yin to help him brush off the dust.

"Alright, there's no need for that. It'll just get dirty again soon," Lu Yin said.

Master Bei's eyes narrowed. "Junior, what are you doing here?"

Lu Yin replied, "First tell me this: how did you end up colluding with Wei Rong?"

Master Bei was so furious that he smiled, and his star energy swept out in all directions, even extending past the planet and into outer space.

Peach was puzzled. "Your Highness, did he go nuts?"

Lu Yin seriously answered, "He's checking to see if there are any others. Peach, you head up into outer space."

Peach started to get worried. "Your Highness, he's not an average Enlighter."

"Relax, at best, he's at Sall Phoenix's strength, and I'm not afraid of him either," Lu Yin replied.

Peach murmured an acknowledgement and flew away from the planet.

"Don't even think of escaping." Master Bei immediately took action, and the star energy that he had already released formed a large hand that grabbed at Peach. Lu Yin donned his universal armor and blocked the hand reaching towards Peach as he unleashed his own star energy from within his body.

When it came to star energy, Lu Yin was confident that his reserves surpassed that of Hunters. Even if he did not have more than Master Bei, he was confident that he would not have much less.

Master Bei never dreamed that Lu Yin would have such vast reserves of star energy, and he quickly realized that he could not suppress the youth despite the gap of three realms between them. This should be impossible, and the Enlighter turned his palm, causing the star energy to transform into an arrow that shot forward.

Lu Yin had already experienced this attack in the past. Back when he had first arrived at the Neo-Vestige Sect, Master Bei had tried to wipe out Lu Yin's entire party with one arrow.

Master Bei's arrow was gigantic.

Lu Yin's face turned grave, and eight lined battle force covered his body as he equipped his bracer. He punched out, and the giant arrow deviated from its original course. Lu Yin seized this opportunity to throw Peach towards outer space.

Master Bei suddenly appeared behind Lu Yin, and he tapped out with a finger, which instantly took the form of an arrow that sliced through the air towards the back of Lu Yin's head.

Lu Yin waved a hand and used the Yu Secret Art to shift Master Bei's finger attack, which pierced through nothing instead. A gale punctured the planet, and the entire globe suddenly trembled.

Lu Yin swatted a hand towards Master Bei. "Thirty Stacks, Hundredfold Shockwave Palm."

There was a thump, but Master Bei did not move at all. "Junior, you underestimate me! All Neo-Vestige Sect disciples forge bows and arrows, so how could our physical bodies be weak?"

He then placed a single palm against Lu Yin's chest, and an oppressive pressure descended upon the youth that caused Lu Yin's palm to fly away.

Lu Yin was not injured by the counterattack, but a trace of the palm strike's force seeped through the cracks in his universal armor and struck Lu Yin's body. However, the power was too scattered. It could at most match up to the power of a peak Hunter, which was unable to breach his body's defenses.

Master Bei's eyes went wide, and he suddenly retrieved a longbow from his cosmic ring, followed by an arrow. This was an actual arrow, and not one that had been formed from star energy. With Master Bei's status and strength, his physical arrows were definitely some of the strongest around.

When the arrow was placed in the bow, Lu Yin felt his scalp go numb. An incomparably sharp aura tore through the area, which the surrounding space was unable to endure. The arrowhead was aimed at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's universal armor had received an energy cannon's direct blast that had a power level of 400,000, but cracks had still eventually appeared on it. Still, that had been an energy cannon whereas this was a battle technique. If this arrow struck Lu Yin and pierced through a crack, its power was guaranteed to severely injure him.

This arrow was equivalent to Sall Phoenix's attack after burning five plumes.

When the arrowhead was revealed, even the void shuddered.

Lu Yin directly pulled out an Ultra Flash Tearbomb and detonated it.

The dazzling radiance burst forth like a star and illuminated the whole galaxy. Every Ultra Flash Tearbomb in Lu Yin's possession had been upgraded twenty two times, which was enough to even rob peak Hunters of their sight and cause them to tear up. Even Enlighters would be affected and be blinded for a moment.

Lu Yin did not take the opportunity to escape. Instead, he threw out one of Elder Wu's poisons right after the flash bomb.

Although Elder Wu had only been an ordinary Enlighter from the Outerverse, his poisons were extremely frightening. Poisons were unrelated to power level, and when used well, they could even kill powerhouses that surpassed their creator.

The flash bomb had caused Master Bei to lose his sight for less than two seconds, but when he regained his sight, he found that Lu Yin was still standing in the same place. He had assumed that this youth would have taken the opportunity to flee.

With a whoosh, the arrow was released, and it instantly vanished. Lu Yin's scalp turned numb, and as a sense of extreme danger shrouded him, he heard a melodious sound. He instinctively activated the Yu Secret Art, and the void in front of him burst open as the arrowhead emerged. At the same exact moment that it struck Lu Yin's body, the Yu Secret Art activated. However, it could only be shifted away by a small distance, and it still struck the left side of his abdomen. Coincidentally, it struck one of the armor's cracks, and the sharp tip passed through the crack to stab into Lu Yin's body.

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At this moment, Lu Yin felt as though his organs had been rearranged, and he spat out a mouthful of blood even as he hurried to swallow a special healing medication.

Not even with his eight lined battle force reinforcing his already tough physical body was enough to withstand the force of the small arrowhead that had connected with his body.

His entire body was blasted into outer space by the heavy impact of the arrow.

Master Bei sneered, as his arrow had been made from materials that were unstoppable, and it was in no way inferior to the Arrow of Toughness that Lu Yin had found on Arrow Mountain before. This arrow, combined with Master Bei's aura of the arrow, would be difficult to defend against even for an expert with a power level of 300,000.

But Lu Yin was actually not pierced through by the arrow, and the universal armor's defense had still managed to exceed the Enlighter's expectations.

Master Bei raised a foot and prepared to chase after Lu Yin, but his expression suddenly changed as black-brown spots appeared all over his body. An intense pain erupted within his body that felt as though he was being bitten by countless ants. He looked up and sternly shouted, "Junior, you poisoned me!"

Lu Yin had been brutally blasted into outer space, and he spat out another mouthful of blood. He looked down and saw that the arrow head was still embedded in the crack of his armor. He was panting heavily, as he had been too unlucky; that arrow had coincidentally landed right in one of his armor's cracks, and it had caused worse injuries than what Lu Yin had expected.

Fortunately, he had upgraded his universal armor back in Millions City. Otherwise, even if it had been intact, it would not have been able to withstand Master Bei's arrow.

Neo-Vestige Sect and the Dark Phoenix family were equally famous and while Master Bei's rune lines were not as numerous as Sall Phoenix's, this single arrow meant that the Neo-Vestige Sect Enlighter's threat level to Lu Yin had completely surpassed Sall Phoenix's.

This was because of the loosed arrow's destructive power. In the first place, their arrows were what gave Neo-Vestige Sect the strength to dominate the battlefield.

"Your Highness, what happened to you?" Peach rushed over to Lu Yin with a pale face.

Lu Yin shook his head. "Nothing. Get further away."

On the planet's surface, Master Bei flourished his star energy in a manner that caused the void to shatter. He stepped forward as the planet beneath him continued to break apart. It was clear that this world would not be able to last for much longer.

Master Bei glared vehemently at Lu Yin. "Junior, you poisoned me!. How despicable."

Lu Yin sneered. "An almighty Enlighter is fighting against an Explorer like me. Just who's the despicable one here?"

The brown-black spots grew more numerous as they spread across Master Bei's body, and it started to ache even more. He gritted his teeth and growled, "Junior, when I catch you, I'll make you wish you were dead!"

He then took out another arrow and aimed it at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. Why was there another arrow? How did Neo-Vestige Sect have so many of these powerful arrows?

"Your Highness, use that one." Peach made two gestures.

Lu Yin understood that she wanted him to use the miniature arrow she had given him. "How?"

Peach was about to teach Lu Yin the technique to control the miniature tiny arrow, but a loud voice suddenly called out from the distance. Another arrow appeared, but this one was made out of star energy, and it tore through the void, aimed straight at Master Bei.

Master Bei's heart sank. Why did the sect leader come?

Lu Yin finally relaxed. When Master Bei had destroyed the spacecraft that dumped Peach on the desolate planet, Lu Yin had already sent a message to Sect Leader Gong Ling. This planet was in Mordo Weave, and although it was a certain distance from Neo-Vestige Sect, Gong Ling had arrived just in time with an Enlighter's speed.

Gong Ling's appearance had resolved the crisis that Lu Yin and Peach were facing, but it also infuriated Master Bei, as there was nothing more that he could do. He had been given a golden opportunity by the heavens, but he had still failed.

"Sorry, Master Bei, to disappoint you again," Lu Yin mocked the angry Enlighter.

Master Bei glared fiercely at Lu Yin. "Junior, I will not let you off."

Lu Yin squinted. "I won't let you off, either."

Gong Ling appeared between the two men, and he first glanced at Peach to see that she was alright before he released a pent up breath. Then, he glared at Master Bei in fury. "Give me an explanation."

"Explanation?" Master Bei looked puzzled, but then he seemed to have an epiphany. "Could Senior be mistaken? The battlefield is dangerous, and so I had to use some unorthodox methods to bring Little Peach back. Senior, please don't take things the wrong way."

"You're lying! You were obviously trying to kill me to steal the inherited arrow!" Peach indignantly denounced the Enlighter.

Master Bei smiled bitterly and shook his head. "Little Peach, you are indeed mistaken. Someone else must have told you that. The person who covets our Neo-Vestige Sect's arrow is not me, but rather the person standing next to you."

Gong Ling looked at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin had not thought that an almighty Enlighter like Master Bei, whose strength even slightly surpassed Sall Phoenix's, could be so shameless. This man's skin was indeed exceptionally thick.

Peach was so angry that she started grinding her teeth.

Master Bei had a calm expression. He was Neo-Vestige Sect's Training Elder, and he held a very high status. On top of all that, he was also one of the people who had inherited one of the three arrows. As long as there was no concrete proof, the sect leader would not do much to him.

Lu Yin looked at Master Bei and smiled. He then activated his gadget, and it replayed the conversation between Master Bei and Peach:

'Hand over that arrow, and I can let you have a peaceful death. Otherwise...'

'As for the sect leader, I will take over his position sooner or later. There's no need for you to continue wallowing in your delusions. Nobody will know that you died here, and this is quite far from Armament Weave, so no one will discover your corpse even after you die...'

Master Bei's expression changed drastically, and he shot a death glare at Lu Yin, looking as if he wanted to swallow this person alive.

Gong Ling's expression became gloomy, and he looked at Master Bei. "Junior, you aren't satisfied with your position as Training Elder?"

Master Bei shouted, "Senior, this is fake! They faked this!"

"Are you saying that they knew that you would capture Little Peach and bring her to this area and were even able to create a fake video in advance? Even to the point where they captured the details of the planet's surroundings?" Gong Ling retorted.

Master Bei's eyes danced about, and he clenched both of his fists, as he was unable to defend himself.

Peach was pleased at this development. "See, he had such grand schemes. This sort of person is too sinister. Kill him! He needs to be slaughtered!"

Gong Ling looked at Master Bei, and a cold glint flashed across his eyes. He took a deep breath, and said, "Return to Neo-Vestige Sect and then go into seclusion to reflect for 100 years. Do not take a single step out."

Master Bei begrudgingly responded, "Yes, Senior."

His eyes flitted past Gong Ling towards Lu Yin. At this point, even Peach was insignificant in his eyes. There was only this person, this youth whom he had disregarded at the start. Not only had Lu Yin blocked Master Bei's attack, but he had even poisoned the proud Enlighter, which had wracked Master Bei's body with an unending pain. Finally, Lu Yin's schemes had even caused Master Bei to be sent into seclusion for 100 years. He would remember this enmity.

Lu Yin watched as Master Bei departed, and he noticed that the man had a calm and seemingly tranquil expression. He was not at all like his previous self that had been filled with bloodlust and overflowing with anger. But the more calm the Enlighter behaved, the more scary he actually was.

Gong Ling sighed and looked at Peach before apologetically saying, "I never thought that something like this would happen. Relax, Little Peach, as I will make sure to look after him carefully. I will ensure that he cannot scheme against you anymore."

Peach grunted an acknowledgement, as her eyes went wide while she looked at Gong Ling. At the same time, she pulled Lu Yin over with a small hand and muttered to him, "Get compensation."

These words were like a call to wake up from a dream for Lu Yin. Right, he had nearly forgotten: compensation.

The Ghost Monkey's voice rang out in Lu Yin's head. "Seventh Bro, this young girl has been with you for too long, and she's becoming more like you! She's even helping you to get compensation from her own people now. How interesting."

Gong Ling also heard Peach's words, and he smiled bitterly. "For this matter, my Neo-Vestige Sect will indeed have to fork out compensation. The losses suffered by the Great Eastern Alliance will be returned by my Neo-Vestige Sect. For this incident, how about 100,000 star essence?"

Lu Yin shook his head and said in a respectful tone, "If the losses were only my personal losses, I would have done everything for free. After all, the sect leader did arrive in time to protect us. However, Master Bei did take Peach away, which had a massive effect on my Great Eastern Alliance's war with Armament Weave. This isn't something that will be easy to deal with."

His appetite had grown larger. After visiting Millions City, 100,000 star essence were no longer enough to impress him, even if it had been a sky-high sum to him before.

Gong Ling laughed. "What would Alliance Leader Lu like?"

Lu Yin solemnly answered, "Where losses were suffered, compensation should be given. Junior would be so bold as to request Neo-Vestige Sect to join the war efforts and help the Great Eastern Alliance break through Armament Weave's defenses."

Gong Ling frowned, as their Neo-Vestige Sect had always remained neutral towards outside conflicts. When they had invaded Canopy Weave before, it had merely been because Canopy Weave had the minerals that they had needed. If they participated in this war at this time, it would defy the ancestral teachings of the Neo-Vestige Sect that had been passed down since ancient times. This request put Gong Ling in a bind.

Peach moved over next to Gong Ling and sullenly said, "That baddy Master Bei hurt us. See? His Highness even spat out blood, and it was all done to save me."

There was still a trace of blood next to Lu Yin's lips, as Master Bei's last arrow had indeed not been easy for Lu Yin to deal with.

Gong Ling softly said to Peach, "Our Neo-Vestige Sect cannot participate in a conflict between other powers. It is not because we have no wish to get involved, but rather because of the pressure from the Innerverses's various forces. If our Neo-Vestige Sect acts, then who in the Outerverse can resist us? But if we do take action, then it won't just be these Outerverse organizations dealing with us, but even the Innerverses. And it's even possible that the Hall of Honor will get involved. Do you understand?"

Peach blinked. "But the Dark Phoenix family has already joined in."

Gong Ling felt stifled, as the three great powers of the Outerverse had all received similar warnings in the past to not casually invade the other weaves. When the Neo-Vestige Sect had invaded Canopy Weave, it had created a great deal of dissatisfaction among the Innerverses powers. Since they felt that way towards the Neo-Vestige Sect, they also held the same position towards the Dark Phoenix family and Millions City. Now that the Dark Phoenix family had joined the war, there really weren't any excuses that Gong Ling could use to back out.

And that wasn't even mentioning how Peach was looking at the old man as though she had been extremely wronged. This brat had suffered too much, and she could not change her childish form that she had used for many years. The sight alone made his heart ache.

Gong Ling sighed. "Alright, I promise that my Neo-Vestige Sect will join the Great Eastern Alliance's war efforts to invade Armament Weave, but only against Armament Weave."

Lu Yin was delighted, and he immediately bowed. "Thank you, Senior."

Gong Ling glared fiercely at Lu Yin. "Take good care of Little Peach. If anything else happens to her, you're the only one that will be questioned."

Then, he turned to leave.

Peach made a victory gesture towards Lu Yin, who had quickly become high-spirited, and he turned to look towards Armament Weave. Since Neo-Vestige Sect's going to formally participate in the war, let's see what else Wei Rong can come up with.

Within a spacecraft floating through space, Wei Rong stared off into the distance, but his expression was not calm at all.

Yi Feng appeared near the youth. "What are you worrying about?"

Wei Rong quietly answered, "Lu Yin vanished."

“He should have gone to the Neo-Vestige Sect to offer his humble apologies.”

Wei Rong smiled, but he disregarded the Lockbreaker’s opinion. “Neo-Vestige Sect indeed has a deep and hidden strength, and it even has the strength to extinguish the Great Eastern Alliance. However, the Hall of Honor is the one backing Lu Yin, and if there truly is a falling out, then he may not necessarily be afraid of Neo-Vestige Sect.”

“Then what about the Wei family? That little girl died on the battlefield, and she died at our subordinates’ hands at that,” Yi Feng asked.

Wei Rong had not told anyone about the details concerning Peach’s abduction, and he did not reply to Yi Feng’s question.

Lu Yin was not an impulsive person. If he had suddenly vanished in a manner that left even those like Liuying Zishan unaware of his movements, then there was only one possibility: he had discovered something.

Wei Rong felt very confident in his own arrangements, and he was certain that nobody could have realized that Peach had been sent into Mordo Weave. Even if Lu Yin felt that something was amiss, he would not be able to find the girl or her abductors.

But for some unknown reason, Wei Rong could not calm down.

Soon after, his gadget beeped with an urgent notification, and the screen opened to show Wei Baichuan’s image. The Wei patriarch’s face was pale, and there was a hint of desperation to be seen. “Little Rong, it’s not good. 100,000 disciples from the Neo-Vestige Sect have moved out to formally join the war, and they are on their way to help the Great Eastern Alliance.”

Chapter 819: Western Weaves’ Invasion Plan

Upon hearing Wei Baichuan’s words, Wei Rong’s mind was jolted, he felt as if a hammer had hit his entire body, and his face went completely pale. “I understand.”

“Little Rong, we have decided to truly evacuate our ancestral planet and head for Millions City,” Wei Baichuan said. The previous evacuation had just been Wei Rong putting on a show to lull Lu Yin into a false sense of security. But this time, the Wei family was truly afraid.

Wei Rong’s gaze trembled. “There’s no need. I’ve already made preparations.”

Wei Baichuan was surprised. “You have preparations?”

Wei Rong closed the screen and then closed his eyes.

Yi Feng was amazed. “You really made preparations?”

Wei Rong opened his eyes. “Destroy everything indiscriminately.”

Yi Feng seriously said, “No matter what you do, consider the Wei family. This family has lasted for countless years, and their lineage has nearly been cut off several times. Don’t force the entire Wei family to accompany you to the grave just for your own sake.”

Wei Rong activated his gadget. He did not actually know who he was contacting, but he only said, "Begin."

He never thought that he would actually use this option. He was cautious, and no matter who his opponent was, he would always leave more than one option available. However, this time, he had used all of the Wei family's options, and even his hidden contact in Neo-Vestige Sect had been completely exposed, but none of that had been enough to resolve this crisis. Thus, he could only make one final gamble.

He had once thought that his ultimate opponent might be Wang Wen or Qiong Xi'er, or even possibly one of those arrogant scions from the Innerverse. He had never imagined that Lu Yin would force him to this point or that even all of his hidden trumps would end up being revealed by him.

In outer space, Lu Yin took Peach to a nearby spacecraft before heading back towards Armament Weave. It was just an ordinary spacecraft, and it would take them at least a month to return. Lu Yin quickly decided that, as soon as they left Mordo Weave, he would look for a place to buy a radiant-grade Aurora.

Unfortunately, the collapsible spacecraft belonged to Hai Qiqi, and she had once again gone to the Astral River to explore.

Actually, deep in his heart, Lu Yin hoped that the Innerverse wouldn't reconnect to the Outerverse anytime soon, as the lies that he had told made him nervous.

In the Outerverse, the people most likely to find a route back into the Innerverse were Endless Borders.

Lu Yin was still thinking about how he could find some time to meet with Endless Borders and improve their relationship. If he could join their board as he had with Aegis, it would be wonderful.

"The sect leader is very efficient, and with 100,000 disciples joining the war, we're guaranteed victory." Peach was quite happy.

Lu Yin breathed a sigh of relief. With the Neo-Vestige Sect reinforcing the Allied Forces, it was over. Even if the Dark Phoenix family was closer, and even if they moved into Armament Weave, so what? On the battlefield, the Neo-Vestige Sect's power was not something that the Dark Phoenix family could compare to.

The Outerverse powers remained silent. Since the Neo-Vestige Sect had entered the fray, the Wei family was doomed.

Quite a few powers from the central weaves withdrew their forces from the battlefield.

Even the Umbral Butterfly Tribe moved out of Armament Weave, and all of Angie's various methods were useless, as the Umbral Butterfly Tribe was not willing to be buried alongside the Wei family.

The Dark Phoenix family also retreated.

This war was over, as nobody could stop the Great Eastern Alliance's advance anymore.

Hill Auna was very busy at this time, as many of the central weave's powers that had aided Armament Weave were hurriedly contacting the Great Yu Empire's minister and making their best attempts to mend their relationships. The Wei family was already doomed, and no one wanted the Great Eastern Alliance to aim its spear their way because of this war.

In the span of a single night, the Wei family seemed to have been abandoned by the entire universe.

In Millions City, Qiong Xi'er held Nana as she pondered the recent events.

Nana felt embarrassed, and her face was flushed red. "Young Master, is the Wei family finished?"

Qiong Xi'er stared intently at the large star chart in front of her, as if she was waiting for something.

Her gadget rang, and a notice appeared. When Qiong Xi'er looked at it, she suddenly relaxed.

Nana was puzzled at the change. "Young Master, what's going on?"

Qiong Xi'er forcefully caressed Nana's face. "Wei Rong, that bugger, has not admitted defeat yet. It won't be easy for Lu Yin to achieve victory."

Nana was still lost. "Why?"

Qiong Xi'er's lips curled upwards. "Because the people of the Wei family have not actually evacuated their ancestral planet."

Qiong Xi'er was not hoping for the Wei family to be defeated. She did not like Wei Rong, but she was more afraid of Lu Yin winning the war and conquering Armament Weave.

Wei Rong wished for the whole universe to descend into chaos, as he believed that he had the ability and skill to navigate the rough waves and accomplish groundbreaking achievements. But from Qiong Xi'er's perspective, Wei Rong was just throwing a tantrum as the Wei family did not have the strength to conquer the Outerverse, and he could not accomplish such a thing with just brains alone.

Lu Yin, on the other hand, was different. This person was truly dangerous, and he even had the Hall of Honor's support. He had an amazing talent for cultivation and ruled with an iron fist. It seemed as though everything he had ever done had been in preparation to unite the Outerverse. As soon as he obtained a foothold in Armament Weave, he would possess a springboard that he could use to conquer the central weaves, and following that, Millions City would be in danger.

Qiong Xi'er had never trusted in the nonsense about the three unprovokable powers. The Neohuman Alliance had nearly seized control of Millions City already, and compared to the Neohuman Alliance, Lu Yin would not be any easier to deal with. In fact, he might actually prove to actually be more difficult.

Fortunately, Wei Rong had been reliable so far, and hopefully, he would be able to halt Lu Yin's advance.

The 100,000 disciples of the Neo-Vestige Sect took a radiant-grade Aurora, which was much faster than the vessel carrying Lu Yin. They would enter Armament Weave after just a day's worth of travel.

And at this point, an incident quickly put an end to the outcome that everyone had predicted.

On the Great Yu Empire's Zenyu Star, plans were leaked from the Lu Office of Defense that revealed plans for invading the western weaves, and the one to propose the plan was En Ya.

There were extremely thorough procedures in this invasion plan, and it had even been arranged in order. The first step was to force the western weaves into chaos, and the targets were Shamrock Enterprises and Aurora Enterprises. By disrupting these financial behemoths' markets, the Great Eastern Alliance would shake up the western weaves' current situation. In addition, it would destroy Shamrock Enterprises' pharmaceutical monopoly and make it difficult for Aurora Enterprises to procure the materials needed to produce radiant-grade Auroras and other high-end spaceships.

This plan contained thousands of words, and the drafter's firm determination to invade the western weaves clearly shone through.

When the plan was leaked, it shocked the universe, and it did not even take an hour to spread from the eastern weaves to the western weaves.

Countless people saw the leaked proposal online, and the ambitions of the Great Yu Empire were revealed.

The name "En Ya" also spread throughout the Outerverse, and it was naturally accompanied by her background. Everyone learned that she had formerly been stationed at Erudite Flowzone's border warfront and that she had been Grand Marshal Shui Chuanxiao's personal aide. The structure of the Great Eastern Alliance had also been drafted by her.

Lu Yin also saw the leaked plan that had been spread throughout the network. Xiao Ya informed him that their news outlet had also received a copy, but they had not dared to report on it. Still, many other news outlets had revealed everything, and the plan quickly became widely known.

Lu Yin wanted to stop it, but there was nothing that he could do about it. Unless he had control over the entire Outerverse and the network, there would be no way for him to stop this from spreading.

This plan actually didn't even exist. Although Lu Yin did indeed have the intention of completely uniting the Outerverse some day, he had never drawn up a formal plan and neither had En Ya. This leaked plan had reportedly come from the Lu Office of Defense, but more importantly, it recorded their plans to target Shamrock Enterprises and Aurora Enterprises, which happened to be identical to what had happened to those two companies earlier.

Someone was using those previous events to frame Lu Yin.

Lu Yin immediately thought of Wei Rong.

But before he could even call Wei Rong, his gadget beeped lightly, informing him of an incoming call from an unknown number.

Lu Yin accepted, and a voice spoke up. "Alliance Leader Lu, this is Yu Mu, Chairman of Shamrock Enterprises' Outerverse Division."

Lu Yin was surprised, as he had heard of Yu Mu as well. This man stood above even Hoffman and Shen Fu, and he held the greatest authority in Shamrock Enterprises within the entire Outerverse.

He had never thought that Shamrock Enterprises would contact him so quickly.

“Chairman Yu, it’s an honor to speak with you,” Lu Yin courteously greeted the man.

Yu Mu lowered his voice and suppressed his rage. “My Shamrock Enterprises has always stood above conflicts, and it seems that this has caused Alliance Leader Lu to underestimate us. I’ve heard that you want to invade the western weaves, and that your first step is to deal with my Shamrock Enterprises.”

Lu Yin hurriedly replied, “Chairman Yu is mistaken—that leaked plan is fake.”

“I will ascertain the truth myself. I will personally take a trip to Zenyu Star, and I will arrive in no more than five days, and Alliance Leader Lu, I hope that you will be on Zenyu Star yourself. Otherwise, don’t blame me for acting nasty. I know that you have the Hall of Honor’s support, but I can explicitly tell you that even the Hall of Honor needs to be wary of some people,” Yu Mu spoke loudly.

Lu Yin frowned. “Chairman Yu is thinking too much of himself. When I was a Limiteer, I wasn’t even afraid of Enlighters.”

“Ask Elder Lohar and see if he can take me,” Yu Mu said rudely before cutting the call short.

After the call was cut off, Lu Yin’s gadget instantly beeped with another notification as Madam Nalan was trying to contact him. Lu Yin accepted her call as well.

She asked in a disgruntled voice, “Your Highness, what should I say to you?”

“The plan is fake,” Lu Yin said.

She replied, “I know. It wouldn’t have been exposed if it was real, but you must still be careful. Shamrock Enterprises and Aurora Enterprises are colossal titans on different levels from the four great conglomerates.”

“How much do you know?” Lu Yin asked.

She replied, “It would be best if you asked the Hall of Honor that question, as I’m not too sure myself.”

Following that, many other people tried to get a hold of Lu Yin to try to understand what was going on, among them people like Meng Tianlong and Mu Nichang.

Lu Yin was pestered beyond his limits, and he did not answer the calls. Instead, he tried to call Elder Lohar. However, he was unable to get in contact with the elder.

Elder Lohar did not remain in Ironblood Weave all the time, and there were many places in the universe that were disconnected from the network.

After thinking about it, Lu Yin decided to try calling Wei Rong, as only he could set up such a scheme.

At that moment, Lu Yin received additional news from Xiao Ya: another plan had been discovered, and this one was known as the Western Weaves Integration Plan, and the author was reported to be Wei Rong. This plan had been found on the Wei family’s ancestral planet.

When Lu Yin received this piece of news, he lowered his hand and decided to not call Wei Rong. At this point, not only had he cleared all of his doubts regarding Wei Rong, but Lu Yin was also absolutely certain that Wei Rong was the one behind the creation and leaking of these two plans.

Since both drafted plans had been falsified, it was not hard for the people targeted by the plans to confirm that they were fake given their capabilities. The ones who stood to profit the most from these fake plans were naturally the ones who had set them up. If Lu Yin was the one being framed, then Wei Rong would be the one to benefit as he would be able to use Shamrock Enterprises to deal with Lu Yin. However, once the truth was revealed, the Wei family would certainly face a calamity.

Now that Wei Rong had intentionally exposed this plan that also implicated him, it was no different from telling everyone that he was also being framed. Even though Shamrock Enterprises and Aurora Enterprises might not believe him, it would still lower the suspicions surrounding Wei Rong. With his level of caution, as long as Yu Mu and the others did not suppress Wei Rong through absolute strength, it would not be too realistic to expect them to discover the truth.

This was in line with Wei Rong's methods, so there was no point in Lu Yin contacting his opponent at this time.

Lu Yin felt a deep chill; just how many escape routes had this person prepared? Lu Yin really had to make sure that he took care of Wei Rong this time around. When this war concluded, Lu Yin would ask Smoker to come out. Wei Rong was simply too dangerous and could not be left to roam free any longer.

"Your Highness, where should we go now?" Peach asked.

In a low voice, Lu Yin answered, "Return to Zenyu Star."

It would take too long for a normal spacecraft to travel to Zenyu Star, so after another day of traveling, Lu Yin arrived at a bustling planet. After great difficulties, he managed to purchase a luxurious spacecraft that was five times as fast as his former vessel. Although it still could not compare to a radiant-grade Aurora, he still had four days to arrive before Yu Mu's deadline, which was enough for him to make it to Zenyu Star.

Chapter 820: Dominance

Yu Mu's words reverberated in Lu Yin's head. This person was the Outerverse Chairman of Shamrock Enterprises, and he could apparently even disregard Elder Lohar, which indicated that his power level might very well approach 400,000.

This was Lu Yin's first time experiencing the foundation of a financial titan firsthand.

In the Outerverse, there were extremely few experts whose power levels exceeded 300,000, and the ones that Lu Yin were aware of could be counted on a single hand. Although he did not know what Yu Mu's precise power level was, could it be possible that it was over 400,000? That shouldn't be the case.

Publicly, Shamrock Enterprises had been nothing more than a pharmaceutical company that strove to make a profit, but Lu Yin would never forget his former classmate, Darkvoid, who was one of Shamrock Enterprises' seeds. Darkvoid's innate gift allowed him to rupture the void, and when the students had been competing for the seat of Astral-10's top student, Darkvoid had only been inferior to Lu Yin, Xia Luo, and Silver. In fact, he had actually been a bit stronger than Lulu Mavis and Michelle. This was enough to show how powerful Shamrock Enterprises' selected seeds were.

How many seeds did they have with similarly overpowered innate gifts? Nobody knew. Darkvoid had just been a Limiteer back then, but what about their seeds that were in the Explorer realm? Cruiser realm? Hunter realm? There were definitely seeds in those realms.

This truly showed the foundation of a colossal organization.

After traveling for four days, Lu Yin finally arrived at Zenyu Star.

At this time, the most explosive news in the Outerverse was still the two plans that had been leaked, both containing schemes to take over the western weaves, which, of course, infuriated the various great powers in that region. There was a vaguely discernible attitude that the different forces even wanted to declare war against Lu Yin and Wei Rong, as these forces felt like they were being looked down upon.

When Lu Yin returned to Zenyu Star, Huan Sha hurried over to see him and hastened to report the outcome of the investigations.

Just as Lu Yin had assumed, it was not difficult to get to the bottom of the matter, as the so-called "invasion plan" had only been created a month ago. At that time, En Ya had been accompanying Lu Yin in Armament Weave, so neither of them could have created the plan.

Lu Yin ordered for all the evidence to be gathered together and organized before being sent to King Zishan's palace. Meanwhile, he went to await Yu Mu's arrival.

When the Enlighter did arrive, he brought En Ya along with him.

An immense pressure descended upon Zenyu Star, which was Yu Mu announcing his arrival. He appeared with En Ya in his hands.

En Ya's face was pale, and her lips were dry. She had a haggard appearance, and she clearly had not had an easy time traveling to Zenyu Star from Armament Weave. Yu Mu had not treated her kindly, and she had been more like a captive prisoner.

Lu Yin was furious. "Release her!"

Yu Mu tossed En Ya over to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin hurried to catch her, and angrily looked up, wanting to curse. However, he was feebly stopped by En Ya. "Your Highness, I'm fine. Don't be impulsive."

Lu Yin gritted his teeth as veins appeared on his forehead. When he thought of the conversation that he had had with Elder Lohar two days prior, he suppressed his anger and said to Yu Mu, "Chairman Yu, all of the evidence is here. You can review it."

Elder Lohar had contacted Lu Yin two days ago, and he had told Lu Yin a bit more about Yu Mu. This person's power level was 370,000, which surpassed even Elder Lohar's. This chairman was an existence who could not be provoked in the Outerverse.

Shamrock Enterprises' Outerverse operations were a colossal organization, and besides their immense influence, terrifying wealth, and background, the greatest deterrence that they had was this person's existence. If Geoffrey was in the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, then nobody would be able to do

anything to them. Similarly, with their regional chairman in the Outerverse, Shamrock Enterprises was untouchable by the same logic.

Yu Mu's expression remained calm, and he blatantly ignored Lu Yin's suppressed rage. He did not care about this youth at all. Even before the Outerverse had been cut off from the Innerverse, the company's general headquarters had told him to try to win over this person, which he had done so. He had even told Shen Fu to send gifts over when the Great Eastern Alliance was first established, but all that was just the behavior of a true merchant. In the depths of his heart, Yu Mu did not care about Lu Yin at all.

His star energy swept out, and he quickly browsed through all the gathered evidence. Yu Mu then softly said, "Alliance Leader Lu, it appears that somebody wants to use my Shamrock Enterprises to deal with you. Do you know who that could be?"

Lu Yin's expression turned frigid. "No."

Yu Mu laughed. "There's no need to take offense, Alliance Leader Lu. That woman of yours was the second-in-command of the traitor, Grand Marshal Shui Chuanxiao, and she cannot be believed. That is why I had to make a personal trip."

He then very casually threw out a cosmic ring. "I am a merchant, and I value equal trade. This can be considered as compensation, Alliance Leader Lu. Take care."

And with that, the powerhouse vanished.

He had arrived so violently that Zenyu Star itself had shuddered as though it could not endure the pressure. But when Yu Mu left, his departure was as calm as a spring day breeze. This was a true powerhouse.

From the time that the Outerverse had been cut off from the Innerverse, Lu Yin had rarely experienced such situations. This episode had felt similar to when he had faced various powerful families and factions back in the Innerverse, and he had been forced to be extremely cautious at every turn. This Yu Mu had left a very deep impression.

Kayze carefully walked over and looked at the cosmic ring on the ground for a moment before picking it up.

Lu Yin barked, "Bring it here."

Kayze carefully handed over it.

Lu Yin took it, but he did not check what was inside it. Instead, he immediately stored it away. He wanted to return this cosmic ring to Yu Mu in its original state, no matter what it contained. Even if there were ten million essences within it, he would not accept a single one.

"Your Highness, please do me a favor," En Ya softly said in a very weak voice.

Lu Yin replied, "Don't worry. I will help you get revenge."

En Ya shook her head, and then she said in an agonized tone, "I don't mind how Yu Mu has treated me, but Your Highness, please seek justice for the Grand Marshal for that person's insults."

Lu Yin's face grew solemn. "Alright, I promise."

"Thank you, Your Highness," En Ya said gratefully before immediately fainting.

Lu Yin hurriedly had someone treat the unconscious woman. En Ya had not been too badly injured, and she had been reduced to her current state because powerhouses such as Yu Mu could shuttle through the universe at speeds that were far too much for her body to endure. Even though her body had been protected, her mind would still not be able to handle it.

The evidence had been easily gathered, and Yu Mu had been able to understand it in one glance, as there were simply far too many gaps.

If the situation on Zenyu Star had ended with such a quick resolution, then the Wei family would have had a similar situation, as the evidence was easily understood with just one look. Implementing such a plot could not buy much time, so why had Wei Rong still proceeded with it? Lu Yin just could not understand.

This whole ordeal would only buy Armament Weave about ten day's respite from battle while Yu Mu investigated the two plans. After that, the war would immediately continue, and the Wei family would still have to face the oncoming calamity. Was there any meaning to Wei Rong working so hard to gain these few days?

That night, Lu Yin's gadget beeped, as Wei Rong was calling him.

The screen came alive, and Wei Rong's image appeared on it. He showed a slight smile that made him look as though he was rejoicing in Lu Yin's misfortune. "Brother Lu, how's the taste?"

"Yu Mu has already left for Armament Weave, so I trust that you have already prepared your evidence," Lu Yin calmly stated.

Wei Rong smiled. "Naturally. Somebody was obviously trying to frame us, so it wasn't too difficult to investigate."

Lu Yin said, "Yu Mu isn't stupid, and even if you implicated yourself, he will still suspect you. Are you truly confident that you can completely remove all doubts?"

Wei Rong shrugged. "It wasn't done by me, so Chairman Yu won't mistreat an innocent person."

Lu Yin felt that something was strange. "Even if Yu Mu intervenes and temporarily stops the war, it will only buy you another ten days of time at most. What can you do during this period of time?"

Wei Rong's lips curled upwards. "Let's not talk about this for now. I want to ask Brother Lu something: how did it feel today?"

Lu Yin knew that his opponent was asking about Yu Mu's attitude, and Lu Yin calmly replied, "What are you trying to get at?"

"Nothing much. It's just that someone before also suffered the feeling that Brother Lu experienced today, and I'm about to face the same thing as well. Thus, I'm just asking out of curiosity." Wei Rong smiled.

Lu Yin frowned. "Are you referring to Starfox?"

Wei Rong nodded and sighed. "That's right. When the Mavis Bank was robbed, Aegis was also treated unjustly, and one of their important bases was even destroyed. However, they didn't even receive an apology. A colossal organization indeed."

Lu Yin's finger twitched, as Wei Rong's words had moved him. Yu Mu's charitable attitude had enraged him far more than the Dark Phoenix family's despicable attitude, and it was the arrogance of a mammoth organization that towered above all others. Even now, Lu Yin had yet to hear a single "sorry." Instead, all he had received was a cosmic ring that had been tossed onto the ground and left behind.

Wei Rong beamed at Lu Yin. "Brother Lu, don't mind them, as that's just how they are. Unless the times change, these monsters will continue to sit at the top of the Outerverse. They are the ones who judge what is important while we are nothing more than clowns in their eyes."

Lu Yin stared intently at Wei Rong. "No matter what you say, it won't change the outcome of this war."

Wei Rong smiled. "I'm just casually mentioning some random things, and I hope that Brother Lu will remember my words. As for this war, it's about to end soon."

He then waved goodbye to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed; the war was about to end soon? Wei Rong would not mention such a thing without reason, and he was definitely feeling confident.

Where was that confidence coming from? Whether or not the battle ended depended on Lu Yin's initiative, so why was Wei Rong so confident?

Lu Yin could not help himself from contacting Wang Wen. The war had already proceeded to this point, and he did not want to give up at the finish line.

Wang Wen could not give Lu Yin any concrete answers, as he did not know anything either.

Plotting against others was easy, but knowing that others were plotting against you was very, very difficult. And this was especially so if the person behind the schemes was someone smart like Wei Rong.

The only thing that Lu Yin could think of was that Wei Rong had borrowed the strength of other powers, which would force Lu Yin to stop the war. In the Outerverse, only the colossal organizations or Millions City were capable of such a thing.

Lu Yin suddenly thought of Millions City. Was Wei Rong capable enough to make them move? That city was actually a mobile fortress, and its energy barrier could defend against attacks with power levels over 400,000, and it had even stronger barriers as well. If Millions City moved against the Great Eastern Alliance, then the war would indeed end.

"Check and find out if there have been any abnormal movements from Millions City recently," Lu Yin ordered Thousand Eyes.

“None. They’ve been focusing all of their efforts on rebuilding, and I’ve been staring at Millions City this whole time,” Thousand Eyes replied immediately.

Lu Yin tapped his fingers on the table and pondered over all the possibilities.

But no matter what Lu Yin considered, he could have never guessed that Wei Rong would release an even more shocking secret than those two invasion plans.

After Yu Mu left Armament Weave and verified that the two plans were fake, the Outerverse media outlets changed their reporting. Soon, everything surrounding the issue began to settle down.

The western weaves were satisfied with this outcome, as this felt right. They were not pushovers, so how could there be someone who was bold enough to desire conquering their territory? How bold!

Due to Shamrock Enterprises’ intervention, the war was halted for ten days. When Yu Mu left Armament Weave, Liuying Zishan immediately contacted Lu Yin, asking if the troops should resume the war.

Lu Yin directly gave his command: fight.

100,000 Neo-Vestige Sect disciples had already moved into place and arrived at the war’s frontlines. This opportunity would be gone if the troops stopped fighting.

Lu Yin sent his orders, and the Neo-Vestige Sect’s disciples’ arrows flew towards the defensive line protecting Armament Weave. Spacecraft, astral warhorses, and cultivators were all pierced through in an instant, and their defenses collapsed.

Armament Weave could not resist the assault of Neo-Vestige Sect’s disciples.

It wasn’t just the Wei family’s abilities that the Neo-Vestige Sect’s disciples surpassed; even if they were still supported by the Dark Phoenix family, the Umbral Butterfly Tribe, the Shadowsword Sect, and the various other powers, they still would not have been able to hold. Thus, it was even more impossible to continue defending after Armament Weave had been abandoned.

The Neo-Vestige Sect rarely participated in conflicts, so this battle shocked the universe.

In Frostwave Weave, Little Ya arranged for media reports to sing Lu Yin’s praises, and she looked at a group of her subordinates with dissatisfaction. “This matter is too small, and the contributions of His Highness cannot be so little. If there’s nothing there, then give it to me, and I’ll weave it into a story. The objective of our existence is to make the image of His Highness become even more glorious and noble, especially during a period of war. Do you understand?”

“Yes, editor,” the crowd acknowledged, but they all felt rather vexed. Create? They didn’t dare do such a thing, as they were talking about the Great Eastern Alliance Leader! What if their story wasn’t woven together well enough?