

Chapter 901: Lu Yin's Attitude

Lu Yin paused when the expert blocked his path. But just when the peak Hunter from Mt. Stacks Dojo thought that the youth would actually back away, Lu Yin lifted his foot once again and continued moving forward.

The expert became furious, as he did not put some puny Explorer in his eyes regardless of how impressive their status might be in the Outerverse. In the Hunter's eyes, this Explorer was still just an ant. Thus, when he decided to act, the Hunter held back. Since there were many people watching this outside, the Hunter would not allow anything to adversely impact his young master's image.

While thinking of this, the peak Hunter from Mt. Stacks Dojo moved one step to the right and bumped into Lu Yin's shoulder. He wanted to force this person back in the most unassuming manner possible; he had to both avoid giving others the impression that he was bullying a junior and also show this person that he had to be obedient.

As their shoulders met, a shockwave swept out in all directions. The peak Hunter had automatically assumed that the youth would evade, and he had not even considered the possibility that this Explorer might unhesitatingly collide with a Hunter's shoulder without even looking. It was as if Lu Yin did not even place this Hunter within his eyes. More importantly, this youth was actually trying to force his way past the Hunter, which irritated the expert. So, he increased the force in his shoulder.

There was another bang as a second shockwave swept out. The peak Hunter was stunned, as this person was not being forced back. The powerhouse then immediately used the Overlaying Stacks Path. As someone who had trained at Mt. Stacks Dojo, he naturally had learned the Overlaying Stacks Path.

He instantly used Ten Stacks, as he wanted to make this puny Explorer take at least ten steps in punishment.

However, in the next moment, the Hunter's expression changed, as this youth had responded with Ten Stacks as well. The Hunter snorted, as this person clearly did not know what was good for him. The powerhouse then jumped directly to Fifty Stacks without considering anything else. However, to his shock, he was matched yet again as Fifty Stacks pushed back against him.

This peak Hunter was astonished; how could a puny Explorer actually use Fifty Stacks? That was impossible! So how was this person doing it? How could this youth's physical body endure such a monumental force?

Lu Yin looked up, and his pupils transformed into runes as the peak Hunter's strength mysteriously weakened. Without giving the older man any more time to think, an overflowing pressure surged from Lu Yin as he quickly used Seventy Stacks to push the peak Hunter back a dozen steps. The man left a deep footprint in the ground with each step he took.

Although it took many words to describe their exchange, it actually took place instantly. In fact, it looked as if their shoulders had only touched before that Hunter expert was forced back.

Countless people were astonished. Although the crowd knew that Lu Yin's strength was extraordinary, he was still just an Explorer. But despite his low realm, they had just witnessed him overwhelm a peak

Hunter with his own power. Didn't people say that Lu Yin had to rely on external items and tools to kill Hunters and Enlighteners?

Countless people throughout the Outerverse felt their scalps go numb, as they had just watched an Explorer forcefully push past a peak Hunter, which was unbelievable. This show of force truly demonstrated the strength of Lu Yin's talent as well as his immeasurable future.

At this moment, no one was more stunned than the peak Hunter himself. He had actually been pushed back! His pupils shrank, as he could not understand how an Explorer had repelled him. Also, he had realized that this person had actually used Seventy Stacks to push him back despite merely being an Explorer. It was only then that the Hunter suddenly remembered that, right before they fled from the dojo, an Explorer had visited Mt. Stacks Dojo, climbed to the tenth level of the gravitational training grounds, and beaten the young master's records. This Hunter had been on the ninth landmass himself during that, but could this youth have been this person?

Lu Yin looked towards the inner regions of East San Dios where Wendy Yushan was also looking out at him.

Lu Yin began walking towards her.

That peak Hunter still wanted to stop Lu Yin, but Lan Si appeared and waved his hand, causing the expert to back down. The Arbiter then exchanged glances with Lu Yin.

Lu Yin similarly looked at the older youth.

"This show of strength was not wise," Lu Yin commented.

Lan Si clasped his hands behind his back. "This isn't about a show of strength; I'm simply exercising my authority. This is the authority of the Ten Arbiters, and this place is under the Ten Arbiters Council's territory. You are trespassing."

Lu Yin's eyes grew sharp. "Dojo Master Lan's body hasn't even turned cold yet, but instead of grieving, you've actually come here instead to make a fool of yourself."

Behind Lan Si, Tie San roared, "Outrageous! How dare you talk to an Arbiter like that!"

Lan Si did not mind Lu Yin's words, as he had already come to see Lu Yin as someone who was on the same level as the Arbiters. "After my birth, my father told us that if we chose to live as commoners, then he would be able to guarantee that we would lead a life without worries that was full of happiness. However, if we chose to cultivate, we might die at any moment. This choice also applied to him. The universe is cruel and the only law is the survival of the fittest. Do you think that you can survive?"

Lu Yin was amused by Lan Si's response. "At least I'm sure that you can't determine my survival."

Liu Shaoge walked out and stood about ten meters behind Wendy Yushan as he watched the situation unfold with great interest.

Barley and the others also came out, and they warily watched the confrontation. Ever since this Arbiter had arrived in the Outerverse, they had already known that this moment would arrive. However, they had not expected it to arrive so quickly, much less that it would take form in such a direct confrontation.

“You’re quite confident,” Lan Si commented.

Lu Yin stared at the other youth. “I heard that you want to reorganize the councilors and reestablish the council's authority to supervise and judge the Outerverse’s younger generation. And will that include the Great Eastern Alliance?”

Lan Si’s lips curled upwards. “Not only the Great Eastern Alliance, but also you.”

Wendy Yushan’s expression changed, as this sentence was essentially a declaration of war. Lan Si wanted Lu Yin to submit.

Outside East San Dios, countless people were so nervous that they could hardly breathe as they watched on in trepidation.

Lu Yin alone represented the entire Great Eastern Alliance that had risen to influence the entire Outerverse. In addition, he was also supported directly by the Hall of Honor.

On the other side, there was one of the Ten Arbiters, who similarly represented the powers behind him. He was someone who stood at the peak of the younger generation, and he was similarly backed by the Hall of Honor.

The conflict between these two not only involved the Outerverse Youth Council, but it also extended much further to cover the entire Outerverse’s situation.

When Lan Si had arrived in the Outerverse after fleeing from the Innerverse, Yuan Shi had not paid any attention to the youth. This was because Yuan Shi had the power to do so. The Sea King’s Dome had Elder He who could similarly ignore the Arbiter, but it would be different if Elder Da or the others were present. The Ten Arbiters’ influence had not yet reached the level where they could rival an Envoy’s, but they certainly surpassed the importance of an average Enlightener.

In Millions City, Qiong Xi'er and Wei Rong were both watching the livestream. Even Wei Rong was feeling a bit nervous at this moment, as nobody knew which direction the situation would develop in.

The Great Yu Empire, the Vastdearth Sect, the Neo-Vestige Sect, and even Ironblood Weave and distant Southside Weave had people who were watching this take place.

Lu Yin smiled. “You really don’t understand the current situation, and you certainly don’t understand me.”

“Try explaining it then.” Lan Si remained calm.

Lu Yin’s eyes went wide as he raised his head and sharply said, “In the current Outerverse, if I, Lu Yin, want San Dios to have influence, then it will have influence. And if I don’t wish it, then it will not. This is unrelated to the Ten Arbiters.”

Countless people felt their hearts race, as this was basically another declaration of war.

Tie San and the others became furious, but not one of them dared to intervene. They could tell that their young master held this person in very high esteem despite him only being an Explorer.

Eh? Hold on. An Explorer? Tie San suddenly recognized this person's identity, as there was only one person who could possibly earn the young master's respect as an Explorer. Not many freaks of that caliber could be found throughout the entire universe, and it was already shocking that one had appeared. Thus, this Lu Yin absolutely had to be the same person.

"Hahaha." Lan Si laughed to his heart's content. "This is a rather unfamiliar feeling. Ever since the ten of us were appointed as the Ten Arbiters, no one else in the same generation has ever been able to challenge us. Lu Yin, you are the first! Hahaha, how refreshing."

Lu Yin shook his head. "You guys were able to eliminate the others, so I can naturally eliminate you as well."

"Well spoken. You want to replace me as one of the Ten Arbiters?" Lan Si barked.

Lu Yin tightly clenched both of his fists. "Not replace—banish."

He said this in a very provocative tone. Lan Si had wanted to subdue Lu Yin in front of everyone and then supervise and judge Lu Yin along with the rest of the Outerverse's youths. If the Outerverse was not still isolated from the Innerverse, then Lu Yin would have had no choice but to tuck his tail between his legs and survive. However, not only were the Innerverse and Outerverse still separated, but Lu Yin had also established the Great Eastern Alliance and even become an Honor Chosen of the Hall of Honor. Lan Si still dared speak to Lu Yin in such a condescending manner, which was the same as insulting him.

Lan Si was getting excited. "Alright, I'll give you a chance. If you can beat me, then you will become one of the Ten Arbiters. However—" Lan Si suddenly grew deadly serious. "If you lose, then not only will you have to answer to the council's supervision, but you must also forfeit a certain status."

Lu Yin frowned. "Status?"

"Honor Chosen," Lan Si slowly answered.

Lu Yin's expression suddenly changed, and he solemnly stared at Lan Si. Lu Yin finally understood. This person had never placed the Outerverse Youth Council as his goal. This organization wielded great authority over the younger generation and was able to influence the conflicts of the Outerverse's various organizations to some level. However, this authority would not be of much value to Lan Si unless he wanted to unify the Outerverse, though as someone from the Innerverse, it was impossible for Lan Si to even desire to unify the Outerverse.

The reason why Lan Si had reorganized the council and had chosen new councilors was all in anticipation of Lu Yin's arrival. Lan Si wanted to take advantage of this situation to force Lu Yin to surrender his position as an Honor Chosen of the Hall of Honor. In fact, this position was Lan Si's true objective from the very beginning.

Every person in the upper echelons of the Hall of Honor could only designate a single Honor Chosen. Not even the Ten Arbiters were guaranteed to become one. After all, they were not from the Neoverse. This was why Lan Si had plotted against Lu Yin.

An Honor Chosen was not just a position of status and power, but also an opportunity to compete in the Astral Tower for the chance to obtain an inheritance from the Sierrasea. It was a chance to compete for a Progenitor's inheritance.

It was no wonder why Lan Si had been focused on East San Dios. His actions had been completely illogical, but at this moment, everything became crystal clear.

Lan Si's eyes were fervent, as his objective was indeed the Honor Chosen position. Before the Outerverse had been isolated from the Innerverse, he had tried all sorts of methods and contacted many people in the upper levels of the Hall of Honor in order to become one of the Honor Chosen, as his final goal was to compete for an inheritance in the Sierrasea. The Hall of Honor's Honor Chosen were not the only ones who were qualified to compete, as the Cosmic Sect, Mavis family, and other apex powers were also qualified to send contestants to compete for the Sierrasea's inheritance. Lan Si had put in a lot of effort, but all of his attempts had failed.

Lan Si had never imagined that there would actually be a powerhouse like Yuan Shi in the Outerverse. After fleeing from the Innerverse, he had discovered this opportunity the moment he laid eyes on Yuan Shi. Yuan Shi normally stayed in the Outerverse all year round, usually in cryostasis. Not only was this elder qualified to select a Chosen, but he had also likely not done so either. Lan Si had thus immediately requested to meet with some high ranking members of the Hall of Honor.

Unfortunately, he had soon discovered that Yuan Shi had already designated his Honor Chosen and that he had given the position to Lu Yin. Lan Si had been one step too late.

Lan Si had considered his options for quite a long time, and he had even specifically looked into everything concerning Lu Yin and what he had done over the last four years. After that, Lan Si had decided to reestablish the Outerverse Youth Council in order to use this organization as a bargaining chip to negotiate with Lu Yin. Otherwise, there would be no meaning for Lan Si to become enemies with Lu Yin just because of the Outerverse Youth Council.

However, the Innerverse was currently cut off from the Outerverse, so even if Lan Si successfully managed to obtain the position of Honor Chosen, he still might not necessarily be able to visit the Neoverse and compete for the Sierrasea's inheritance. Still, as long as there was even a trace of hope, he would not give up.

Only by becoming the Sierrasea's heir and becoming one of the Cosmic Five would he then have a chance of becoming one of the pinnacle experts in this universe. Then, he might even have a chance to become—a Progenitor.

This was the dream of countless cultivators, and even Lan Si was no exception.

Others were not clear on what being an Honor Chosen actually meant, and the members of the media had not even heard of the term before. There were only a select few in the universe who understood what Lan Si had even said.

When these people learned that Lan Si's objective was to become an Honor Chosen, quite a few quickly understood the point of all his actions up to this moment.

"So this is your objective," Lu Yin said slowly. Sure enough, the Ten Arbiters did not only rely on their backgrounds and brute strength to move forwards. Their schemes had a certain unique quality to them as well.

Chapter 902: Bet

Lan Si looked at Lu Yin intently. "So? Do you dare? If you beat me, you'll become an Arbiter."

Lu Yin sneered. "Do you think that I would agree to your challenge so rashly? However, if you agree to let me use my items, then I can agree."

Lan Si shook his head and laughed. "Just forget about it if you want to use your items. Between the Ten Arbiters, foreign objects have never been used in any of our contests, as this is actually a rule: you'll have to compete with your own abilities. Of course, I know that this battle is unfair to you, and so, you can choose the time. I can wait for you to choose when you want to challenge me, and the bargaining chips will remain as a position as one of the Ten Arbiters and the Honor Chosen. Do you dare, or do you not?"

Lu Yin's eyes locked onto Lan Si. "I'm already an Honor Chosen whereas your position as one of the Ten Arbiters is not very valuable to me. That's because, as soon as I am able to, I can challenge any one of you Arbiters at any time and win the position of an Arbiter. Don't forget that I'm already a member of the Council of Astral Academy, so I am already one of the higher members of the Ten Arbiters Council. Actually, my position is second only to the Ten Arbiters."

Lan Si nodded. "So what do you want?"

Lu Yin seriously replied, "I'll choose a time, and we can have a fair battle then. If I win, you have to support me unconditionally from that point onwards, and that will include your Lan family."

Lan Si's eyes grew sharp, as this condition was too presumptuous.

"An Honor Chosen—you should be very clear about what that position represents: the possibility of stepping onto the level of a legend. Without that status, even if you make it to the Neoverse, you still won't be able to reach the Astral Tower. Consider this carefully," Lu Yin tempted the Arbiter.

Lan Si was amused at Lu Yin's behavior. "Alright, I agree. Choose a date."

Lu Yin's eyes opened wide. "Let's have our battle before the Innerverse and Outerverse are reconnected."

Lan Si raised his hand and stuck out his palm.

Lu Yin similarly raised a hand and grasped his palm.

The wind generated by the two clasping hands sent shockwaves through the void, which warped as the shockwave gradually dissipated. This handshake signified their agreement.

Countless people from various media outlets recorded and took pictures of this scene. Ever since the initial rise of the Ten Arbiters, this was the first time a challenge had ever been issued. Before this, there had never been anything even close to a challenge, and most people had not even known what any of the Arbiters looked like.

Lan Si had gambled quite a bit for this chance to win the position of an Honor Chosen.

After obtaining Lu Yin's agreement, Lan Si left East San Dios, as he actually did not care about the Outerverse Youth Council.

Lu Yin stared at Lan Si's back as the Arbiter left and considered things. The Arbiter seemed to be very confident that the Inniverse would be able to defend against the Sixth Mainland.

After Lan Si left, the various reporters also left. Lan Si had achieved his objective, and there would be no more breaking news to be had at this place. As for Lu Yin, none of the media members were willing to push him for too much information.

"Are you confident?" Wendy Yushan asked as she moved next to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's opponent was Lan Si, the Ten Arbiters' Divine Fist. He was a genius with a powerful innate gift and was an expert on the same level as White Knight. Although Wendy had never exchanged blows with Lan Si before, she knew that she would be easily defeated even if she used her secret technique. Similarly, despite Lu Yin being extremely powerful and improving at a blinding speed, he was still quite far from being able to challenge one of the Ten Arbiters.

Lu Yin smiled. "Relax. There's a great deal of time left before the fight. I've already reached this level after less than ten years of cultivation. With just a few more years, my strength will definitely increase much further."

Wendy Yushan frowned. "The Ten Arbiters' fame has been earned through many battles, and nobody knows the depths of their true strength. Be careful—you might have a secret technique, but he may have one as well."

Lu Yin nodded. In the Starfall Sea, there were only two youths who had been able to exchange blows with Imprinters. One had been the Grand Martial Realm's Realmling, Bai Ling, and the other had been the Divine Fist, Lan Si. Lu Yin had been the final exception, and so there were a total of three youths with such accomplishments including Lu Yin.

It was precisely because he had challenged Imprinters that Lu Yin better understood their terror, as star energy was essentially useless against such powerhouses. Whether it was their battle experience, reactions, understanding of star energy, or even their control of time and space, an Imprinter was simply too terrifying in all aspects. Lu Yin had been forced to rely on his Truesight to barely hold on, which was a true Progenitor's inheritance. It could only be imagined what level of strength was required to battle against an Imprinter on equal footing.

Lan Si was capable of doing so, and it was definitely not only due to the Overlaying Stacks Path.

Unfortunately, Lu Yin had not been able to observe the Arbiter during the intense battle on Grayweed Continent. Otherwise, he would be better informed of the Arbiter's strength.

Of course, Lu Yin was not afraid of Lan Si either. With the Yu Secret Art, Truesight, Ninesuns Cauldron Transformation, and his spiritual force that could rival what the Ten Arbiters themselves possessed, Lu Yin was absolutely confident in facing Lan Si with just a few more years' time.

Lu Yin could not avoid this fight. If he tried to dodge it, then he would lose all credibility, and that would disrupt his future plans. And that wasn't even mentioning how he would also lose the various benefits that he had built up over the years while also gaining a new enemy in the form of Mt. Stacks Dojo, which would be troubling.

He then turned around to see Liu Shaoge's beaming smile. This person was a wily fox, and it felt as though he was becoming more and more like Silver. Nobody knew what this person was thinking, and Lu Yin was very wary of him.

Next, Lu Yin strongly reminded Barley once again to not let Liu Shaoge leave East San Dios by himself before leading Wendy Yushan back to the Great Yu Empire.

Liu Shaoge did not talk to Lu Yin throughout this entire process, and he appeared to just be watching the show.

Lu Yin had been away from Zenyu Star for more than half a year, and he had rather missed the capital planet. Perhaps it was because the fighting in the Inniverse had been too bitter, or perhaps it was due to the narrow escape. However, something had made him miss those peaceful days on Zenyu Star.

He immediately returned to King Zishan's palace, where Bei Qing had been waiting for Lu Yin for quite some time.

Lu's Grand Auction had not conducted any auctions with premium goods for more than half a year now, and many people were getting impatient.

As such, Lu Yin passed the cosmic ring that he had gotten from Gui Bing to Bei Qing, as there were quite a few good items within it. This person had been an Imprinter's disciple, and he had possessed some quite valuable items. Still, Lu Yin had not fancied any of them, and they just so happened to be suitable for being auctioned. Of course, Lu Yin also passed over three pills that he had upgraded earlier to Bei Qing. The rune lines on these pills nearly matched those of an Enlightener, and they possessed an extremely efficacious healing effect. He had spent 20,000 star essence to upgrade each pill, and now that he was auctioning them, he naturally set the starting bid at 30,000. He did not actually care if anyone bought these pills.

Bei Qing left in high spirits, and he also delivered the profits from the last auction to Lu Yin.

Lu's Grand Auction had become widely regarded as the top auction house in the entire Outerverse, especially since it only accepted payments in the form of star essence, which greatly set it apart from any other auction house. Every time an auction was held there, there was a full house, which delighted Bei Qing every time while also lining Lu Yin's pockets.

The Mavis Bank had the toughest time because of the auction, and the Mavis Bank branch on Zenyu Star was forced to frequently transfer star essence over from other branches, which left the manager very unhappy. They had already spoken with Bei Qing several times, hoping to convince Lu's Grand Auction to accept star energy crystals. However, all of their requests had been rejected by Bei Qing, as he did not dare to make such a decision on his own.

Lu Yin checked his own finances and saw that he had 3,289,000 star essence, which was simply too wealthy. If he used it all on the die's six pips: Possession, he had no idea who he would end up Possessing. It might even take him outside of the Upper Three Gates, and he was rather looking forward to seeing what would happen.

After Bei Qing left, Zhao Ran happily entered the room and poured a flavored tea for Lu Yin. “Your Highness, this is the flavored tea that you drank before, but I’ve improved it. Would you like to try it?” She then looked at Lu Yin with clear expectations.

Lu Yin looked with curiosity at Zhao Ran who was holding onto a red invitation card. He could not help but ask, “Whose invitation letter is that? Is your friend getting married?”

Zhao Ran looked down at the letter. “Oh! I nearly forgot. There was a girl that wanted this delivered to Your Highness.” She then hurriedly took the invitation card and passed it over to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin accepted the card and opened it. His expression slightly changed as soon as he saw the contents. This invitation letter was from Amethyst Exchange, as Zi Rong and Zi Xue were about to be married.

His eye twitched, as Zi Xue was actually going to get married to Zi Rong. He did not know what emotions he was feeling, but Zi Xue was definitely Bai Xue. Lu Yin and Bai Xue did not have any sort of intimate relationship, but Bai Xue was clearly not alright. Thus, this marriage made him feel uncomfortable, and he also felt a bit nervous.

Eh? Lu Yin’s gaze trembled, as he saw that there was a second layer to the letter, and he quickly tore it open. There was another piece of paper, and written on it were the words, “Save Bai Xue.”

Lu Yin’s eyes narrowed, and he looked at Zhao Ran. “Who delivered this invitation?”

Zhao Ran scratched her head and thought about it, but she could not remember.

Lu Yin immediately called Kayze inside.

Kayze respectfully answered, “It was the Goddess, Luo Shen.”

Lu Yin was surprised by this answer, as he had never expected her to be the one to deliver the letter. This meant that the secret letter had been placed by Luo Shen, and that she was also aware that Zi Xue was Bai Xue. Did that mean that Luo Shen was asking Lu Yin to save Bai Xue? He guessed that there might also be another possibility, which was that perhaps Bai Xue was using Luo Shen to ask Lu Yin for help.

Lu Yin remained silent, but he left King Zishan's palace and headed towards Amethyst Exchange to speak with Zi Xianxian.

She was still in the same office, sitting leisurely on a pink sofa and browsing the network with her door open when Lu Yin arrived.

Zi Xianxian glanced over at him. “You’re back?”

Lu Yin’s brows rose. “You knew that I left?”

“Of course. Don’t underestimate Amethyst Exchange’s intelligence.” Zi Xianxian was pleased with herself.

Lu Yin was amused, but he did not contest her comment. “Your second brother is about to marry Zi Xue, correct?”

Zi Xianxian grunted. "If not for you, I would have already left. It works well that you're here now, so let's call Cai Jianqiang and get moving."

"I recall that their relationship seemed very casual at the border defense. Why are they getting married so quickly?" Lu Yin was puzzled.

Zi Xianxian rolled her eyes and stared at Lu Yin. She just stood there, staring at him without speaking.

Lu Yin started to get uncomfortable. "Why are you looking at me like that?"

Zi Xianxian snorted. "What do you mean by that? Are you hoping that my Second Brother won't marry Zi Xue? I've already told you this: Zi Xue is not that whatever-Bai Xue you knew."

Lu Yin replied, "I know. I'm just curious."

However, Zi Xianxian clearly did not believe him. "I'm debating over whether or not I should talk with my family about uninviting you."

Lu Yin arched a brow. "That's not really up to you."

Zi Xianxian rolled her eyes, as she truly could not make such a decision about this wedding. Given Lu Yin's current status in the Outerverse, if Amethyst Exchange did not invite him, then it would be no different than looking down upon the entire Great Eastern Alliance, and the repercussions of doing so would be too severe. Such an insult would lead to a conflict at least as severe as what Aegis had had with the Great Eastern Alliance in the past. Aegis had clashed with the alliance over conflicting interests whereas uninviting Lu Yin to this wedding would simply be slapping the entire Great Eastern Alliance's face.

"I'm warning you, don't make a scene when you get there. My brother and Sister Zi Xue are really in love, so don't even dream of trying to break them up," Zi Xianxian warned sternly.

Lu Yin shook his head. "I have no interest in Zi Xue. Rest assured, there is someone else who I like."

"There's no law dictating that you can only marry one person," Zi Xianxian mumbled. She then seemed to think of something before suddenly looking at Lu Yin with a bit of interest. "I heard that you confronted the Divine Fist and even made a bet with him?"

Lu Yin casually sat down near the girl. "Sell me all the information that you have regarding Lan Si. I can pay you well for it."

Zi Xianxian shook her head. "I can't make that kind of decision."

"Who can?" Lu Yin asked.

"Nobody, because that information will forever remain rotting in our belly. Releasing such information would only bring disaster upon us. But I can remind you of one thing, and of course, in exchange, you have to promise not to make a scene at my brother's wedding ceremony," Zi Xianxian said.

Lu Yin nodded. "I promise."

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Zi Xianxian frowned, as Lu Yin's quick agreement made his words seem fake. Still, she could only trust him. "According to popular speculation, the Divine Fist, Lan Si, seems to have always been testing out some sort of battle technique or art. However, nobody knows any real details."

"You might as well not have told me anything at all," Lu Yin replied in an unhappy tone.

Zi Xianxian glared at him. "Don't look down upon this information. This means that Lan Si hasn't successfully cultivated that battle technique, which means there's still room for you to grow stronger. However, that also means that, with enough time, he may become stronger even faster than you. A single piece of information can be used to analyze many things."

Lu Yin muttered, as her response was well said.

"Let me ask you this: did Lan Si go into seclusions that lasted for about a month on a rather frequent basis?" Lu Yin asked.

Zi Xianxian shook her head. "I can't mention anything else. Anyways, not a single one of the Ten Arbiters is simple by any means. You scheduled a battle with him, but I'm not very optimistic of your chances. If you were allowed to use items, then I'd bet on you. The Divine Fist has the Starfall Sea's Grayweed Continent as his backing, but even he can't compare to you when it comes to external items."

Lu Yin did not stay at Amethyst Exchange for long, and he quickly returned to King Zishan's palace for a day before meeting up with Zi Xianxian and Cai Jianqiang and heading out towards Amethyst Exchange's headquarters: Skylush Planet.

Skylush Planet was a commercial planet, but it was also a commercial fortress. It was actually a mobile planet, and it was essentially just an incomparably huge shopping mall. The various Amethyst Exchanges in the Outerverse were all created in the form of Skylush Planet, though shrunk countless times over.

Any brand items from anywhere in the entire Outerverse that could be named could be found on Skylush Planet. At this place, there were only goods that one could not afford, but there was nothing that could not be found.

At this time, Skylush Planet was located in the central region of the Outerverse, and with the speed of a radiant-grade Aurora, the three people were able to arrive after two days of travel. With access to some of the military expressways between Frostwave Weave and Armament Weave, they managed to arrive at Skylush Planet on the noon of the third day.

Even from a distance, Skylush Planet was brightly lit, and it looked like a city that never slept. Even though Lu Yin's group was still some distance away, the commercial flavor of the planet was still apparent to them at first glance.

Lu Yin sat in the spacecraft while staring off into the distance. He could see that Skylush Planet was filled with runes and that there were also Enlighters on this planet. They were likely experts who had been hired by Amethyst Exchange, similar to Mr. Tradeo, who had fought at the Technocracy border defense.

Lu Yin believed that Amethyst Exchange was supported by more than just Mr. Tradeo, but he could not discover any other experts through the currently visible rune lines.

However, there was quite a considerable number of Hunters roaming around.

There were still a few days left before the grand ceremony started. The Amethyst Exchange had sent out invitations half a year ago, which was right after the war at the border had concluded. Most of the guests had arrived by now, including some members of the Dark Phoenix family, Millions City, Shamrock Enterprises, the Nalan family, Endless Borders, and Aegis.

The resplendent shopping center towered high in the sky as it illuminated this entire region of the universe. Battleships constantly patrolled the area to prevent any mishaps from occurring.

In the Outerverse, an entire weave might not necessarily have even a single Enlightener, but Amethyst Exchange was a colossal entity.

Zi Xianxian had already informed the planet of Lu Yin's imminent arrival, and the Chairman of Amethyst Exchange personally welcomed him in. This man's name was Zi Tianchuan, and he was also Zi Rong and Zi Xianxian's father.

Lu Yin had long since heard of Zi Tianchuan, as this person had demonstrated an incomparable gift for business from a young age. After the man became a merchant, he had gained great power and still held complete authority over every aspect of Amethyst Exchange. This man was a powerful person.

It was just a pity that his cultivation was rather weak and that he was still nothing more than a Cruiser.

With Zi Tianchuan's status, even if he was just a regular person, no one would dare to look down upon him.

"Welcome, Alliance Leader Lu. We are honored by your presence. I am Zi Tianchuan, and I am here to specially welcome you." Zi Tianchuan stepped forward to welcome Lu Yin the moment the youth stepped out of the space station in a very cordial manner.

Lu Yin hurried to courteously reply, "Chairman Zi is too polite. I'm friends with Zhao Rann, so I should call you Uncle Zi."

Zi Tianchuan smiled. "That won't do. My son is getting married, and we troubled Alliance Leader Lu to come here personally." He then looked over at Cai Jianqiang. "If I'm correct, this should be the Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, Cai Jianqiang. Welcome to Skylush Planet."

Cai Jianqiang smiled. He always liked it when he was referred to as a Lockbreaker by others. "Chairman Zi is too polite."

"Haha. Having you two guests arrive has brought light to my humble abode. Please." Zi Tianchuan looked very happy.

Lu Yin and Cai Jianqiang followed the chairman away from the space station, where there were already some floating vehicles waiting for them. Although they were able to easily tear through the void and go anywhere they wished, such behavior was considered exceptionally rude when in someone else's territory.

"Father, did you not see me?" Zi Xianxian was very upset, and she complained loudly.

Zi Tianchuan glared at his daughter. "You still have no manners. We'll speak again once we return. For now, receive our distinguished guests."

“What distinguished guests? We’re already so familiar with each other,” Zi Xianxian grumbled.

Zi Tianchuan glanced at her, but then he smiled and led Lu Yin and Cai Jianqiang over to a vehicle.

The Zi family naturally had its own procedures, and they welcomed their guests in a very specific manner. Lu Yin and Cai Jianqiang were personally escorted by Zi Tianchuan on a tour of Skylush Planet. As an important leader of Amethyst Exchange, the chairman showed the two men a great deal of face by personally escorting them on a tour.

However, such treatment was not too strange for someone of Lu Yin’s status. The Great Eastern Alliance took up a fifth of the weaves in the entire Outerverse. Furthermore, he was also an Honor Chosen from the Hall of Honor. Although this position had not been officially announced to the universe, the Zi family was naturally able to verify such things on their own, and so, their deferential attitude towards Lu Yin was very reasonable.

Even if Qiong Shanhai or Gong Ling visited Skylush Planet, they might not actually be received more respectfully than Lu Yin.

The following day, Zi Tianchuan had Zi Xianxian entertain Lu Yin while the chairman himself went to greet the other guests.

“Where’s your Second Brother? Why haven’t we seen him yet?” Lu Yin asked.

Zi Xianxian replied, “He’s supposed to be busy, but he’s probably just annoying Sister Zi Xue. That’s just how he is—he can’t leave Sister Zi Xue alone for a single moment of his entire life.”

Lu Yin grunted in acknowledgement. “Right, why did Luo Shen send me the invitation?”

“Luo Shen was coincidentally looking for me on Zenyu Star. Maybe it was to thank you personally for saving her, but she went to your home. Unfortunately for her, you weren’t around,” Zi Xianxian casually replied.

“Is she here on Skylush Planet?” Lu Yin asked.

Zi Xianxian nodded, and she was right about to answer when she suddenly frowned and looked at Lu Yin suspiciously. “Do you still have a thing for Luo Shen?”

Lu Yin was left speechless. “Don’t go around making wild guesses.”

Zi Xianxian was very pleased with herself. “There’s nothing too strange about it. Luo Shen is very beautiful, she is practically a goddess to countless people, and she even has a kind heart. It’s perfectly normal for you to like her. Why? When do you plan to propose a marriage to her to our family?”

Lu Yin pursed his lips and did not bother responding to the girl.

Over the next few days, many people arrived on Skylush Planet one after another and offered their congratulations. Some of them required Zi Tianchuan to personally welcome them while Zi Xianxian or her elder brother, Zi Fang, sufficed for others.

Zi Xianxian kept Lu Yin company for two whole days before leaving to settle her own affairs.

Cai Jianqiang also went his own way.

Lu Yin roamed about Skylush Planet by himself when he saw someone familiar: Starfox. However, the two did not exchange greetings.

He also saw Qiong Xi'er. This time, the woman was dressed in a rather neutral manner, but she was still teasing her family's maids as though no one else was around. She simply ignored the curious stares that she attracted from the bystanders even as Zhu San stared at the maid in envy.

Lu Yin also saw the heirs of quite a few great powers from the various weaves, and they similarly recognized Lu Yin. Upon seeing him, some were apprehensive, some were envious, and others looked at him with adoration. Of course, there were a few who had hostile reactions.

Regardless of their attitude, these people did not dare to overstep the boundaries when facing Lu Yin. Even those who were from the weaves in the western region could no longer look down upon the Great Eastern Alliance, and they were particularly wary of Lu Yin. His background was too powerful, and he could even disregard the Hall of Honor's ban on warfare, which made many people afraid of him.

Boom boom boom!

In the sky, countless fireworks blossomed and lit up the night sky as they formed all sorts of pictures and messages of congratulations.

Rays of light shot out as well, casting several shadows behind everyone that stretched far out into the distance.

Beneath Lu Yin, there was a shadow that seemed exceptionally long, and it had also been following him for a while.

Lu Yin casually walked along the street, but then he stopped and slowly turned around to see an indifferent-looking youth.

Lu Yin had noticed this person long ago, and he had actually unintentionally bumped into the youth while roaming the streets. However, this person had started following Lu Yin while staring at him.

This person was very powerful. Although his rune lines indicated that he was just a Cruiser, Lu Yin felt a different level of strength from him, and he even felt a sense of danger. When considering people who were close to Lu Yin's age, aside from those who were at the same level as the Ten Arbiters and the Realmings, only those in the top five or top three of the Top 100 Rankings could give Lu Yin such a feeling.

"What do you want? You've been following me for a while," Lu Yin asked softly. Although this person was likely very strong, Lu Yin was unafraid of everyone in the Outerverse aside from Yuan Shi.

The youth coldly answered, "I'm Goldric Phoenix."

Lu Yin's expression changed, as he was not unfamiliar with this name. This person had been ranked twenty third in terms of military contributions while fighting in Endless Weave, and he had achieved such a high ranking despite only being a Cruiser. This was because he had killed an Enlighter. Although this youth had also relied on items to achieve this feat, it was still very impressive for him to have killed an Enlighter. Wei Rong had specially mentioned this person before, and he had said that he was the

most extraordinary genius in the history of the Dark Phoenix family. It was to the extent where they had pinned all their hopes upon him being able to challenge the Ten Arbiters in the future.

Lu Yin instantly remembered all this after hearing his name, but he had not expected to meet Goldric Phoenix here and now.

"I've been looking forward to meeting you, Mr. Goldric Phoenix," Lu Yin cautiously replied.

Goldric Phoenix looked at Lu Yin in a serene manner. "Many have said that you were able to climb to your current level because of your items, and I used to believe it. But not now. You're more powerful than me, and by a lot."

Lu Yin's gaze turned sharper. "You're not weak either. It's no wonder why you're hailed as the top-rated genius in the entire history of the Dark Phoenix family."

Goldric Phoenix showed his curiosity. "You made a wager with the Divine Fist. Are you confident?"

"Why do you ask?" Lu Yin was puzzled.

Goldric Phoenix frankly answered, "Through you, I want to measure the strength of the Ten Arbiters in order to challenge them myself in the future."

Lu Yin gave the young man a strange look, as he was very different from the other members of the Dark Phoenix family that Lu Yin had met before. How could he put it? This person was more sincere.

Perhaps it was due to their innate gift, but the Dark Phoenix family members all had a natural tendency towards the radical side whereas this person was extremely calm.

Wei Rong had mentioned that nobody had even known about this person before he had turned thirty. At that point in time, he had awakened his innate gift and then quickly risen to fame. It seemed that his personality was connected to his life experiences.

"Are you possibly asking to spar with me?" Lu Yin asked.

Goldric Phoenix seriously observed Lu Yin for a moment as he thought it over, but in the end, he shook his head. "There's no need. I will naturally be able to see the difference during your battle with the Divine Fist. There's no benefit to fighting you myself."

And with that, he turned to leave.

After taking just a few steps, he stopped and turned to look back at Lu Yin. "Actually, I don't like the Dark Phoenix family either."

After that, he truly left.

Lu Yin had a thoughtful expression; what had that last sentence meant? Could it be that this person wanted to cooperate with him!?

Chapter 904: What Is Beauty?

After roaming about Skylush Planet for a while, Lu Yin eventually followed along the bank of a wide river that led to the Zi family's ancestral home.

The Zi family's ancestral home was not actually very large, though there were many cultivators patrolling the grounds that had barriers erected everywhere.

Zi Rong and Zi Xue were also residing in this place, along with some other relatives of the Zi family. Outsiders were not allowed in at this time, as the residence was actually quite small and was unable to fit that many people.

Lu Yin was blocked when he arrived. He had wanted to see Zi Xue, but he was refused entry.

But due to Lu Yin's special status, he was received politely, and the guard notified the upper brass of his arrival.

It did not take long for Zi Xianxian to arrive at the entrance. She stood there and looked at Lu Yin warily. "I knew that you were going to create a scene. Lu Yin, what do you want? Let me tell you that our Zi family is not easy to push around. Don't kidnap the bride!"

Lu Yin rolled his eyes. "I have nothing to do with Zi Xue. What kidnapping the bride? I just want to meet with her and talk."

"I'm sorry, but Sister Zi Xue can't meet with you right now. She's about to be married to my second brother, so do you really think that it's appropriate for her to meet you at this time?" Zi Xianxian was blunt in her refusal. She was certain that Lu Yin would cause trouble.

Lu Yin glanced past her towards the residence, silent.

Zi Xianxian became even more apprehensive. "Mr. Tradeo is here, so don't even think of kidnapping anyone."

Lu Yin was left speechless by Zi Xianxian's stubbornness. "Alright, I'll leave."

He then immediately turned to leave.

Zi Xianxian stared at Lu Yin's back doubtfully; had he really left that easily? Although she felt puzzled, Zi Xianxian could only hope that Lu Yin would not stir up any trouble. There was no one who dared to capture or detain Lu Yin, as not even Zi Tianchuan would attempt such a thing.

Zi Xianxian somewhat wanted to order someone to keep an eye on Lu Yin, but she then thought better of it. This person's strength had reached the level where not just anyone could monitor him, and not even Mr. Tradeo could guarantee doing so without being discovered.

Lu Yin had not actually given up, as he had simply not found a way to proceed. He really could not just barge in. He did not know exactly what Bai Xue's situation was, but Luo Shen was currently in the Zi family's home, and he could not meet her for the moment.

It seemed that Lu Yin would only be able to wait until the wedding day itself. The truth was that Lu Yin had never had much of a connection with Bai Xue. He was mostly taking action due to a sense of familiarity since they had both come from Earth. He would naturally help if Bai Xue was in danger, but right now, he did not even know what danger there was. And additionally, it was not wise to become enemies with the Zi family just because of a few words from Luo Shen.

In the Outerverse, Lu Yin's reputation was quite decent from the commoners' point of view, as they all consumed the media's propaganda to form their opinions. However, he was viewed extremely poorly by the various powerful organizations. Countless leaders saw him as an invader, and if he casually created more enemies, then not only would he suffer some public backlash, but the more important detail was that the Zi family also had access to too much intelligence, and they would be a rather troublesome opponent.

Another two days passed peacefully.

On this day, the Zi family's ancestral home was opened to a select few people, and Lu Yin was naturally one of them. However, he still was not able to meet Zi Xue or even Luo Shen. Those two women were staying in the inner courtyard that only females were allowed to enter.

Lu Yin did not even consider trying to enter the inner courtyard, as Zi Xianxian watched him like a hawk the moment he entered the residence. It was as if she was on guard against a legendary thief.

Zi Tianchuan's attitude towards Lu Yin also seemed to have undergone some changes. It was possible that he might have heard something that made him more vigilant towards the youth.

Lu Yin also noticed Zi Fang, who was currently first in line to take over the Zi family. He seemed to be a normal person who had enjoyed a decent upbringing, but he also gave off a treacherous vibe.

This person did not have a good impression of Lu Yin. When the Great Eastern Alliance had first been targeted by Aegis, Zi Xianxian had given Lu Yin a few key pieces of intelligence, and in return, she had been berated by her brother. Later, Zi Fang had sent out some people to capture Deng Pu, but Lu Yin similarly had dispatched his subordinates to do the same, which had eventually ruined Zi Fang's plans. Although indirectly, they could still be considered as enemies.

However, Lu Yin did not care about the other man. If this person truly dared to become enemies with him, then Lu Yin could simply have the Zi family change their successor. Zi Xianxian was actually a pretty decent choice even though that brat was always on guard against him.

While everyone was calmly drinking tea within the courtyard, they heard a commotion from nearby.

"Scram! I don't want to see you! Get further away from me! How annoying." Qiong Xi'er appeared, looking extremely short-tempered. But what emerged next made Lu Yin blink, completely taken aback. Right behind her was Zhu San, but he was dressed in female clothing. The juxtaposition initially seemed quite extreme, but the youth's gestures and movement indeed contained its own feminine charm.

Lu Yin quickly covered his face, afraid of being recognized by the two new arrivals.

Originally, Lu Yin had been the one who had convinced Zhu San to try crossdressing in order to get closer to Qiong Xi'er. As a result, that advice had started a rather strange practice in Millions City: wherever Qiong Xi'er went, crossdressers would follow. Naturally, they were all men who wanted to marry Qiong Xi'er and become the son-in-law of Millions City's reigning family.

Qiong Xi'er had initially been intrigued, but now, she only wanted to vomit at the sight. Zhu San had remained persistent, and he would be resilient until his death.

“Xi’er, don’t resist. I know that you like me. Come, let’s live happy lives. Right, Xi’er, what do you think of this foundation’s color?” Zhu San’s tone sounded quite strange as he tried to imitate a girl’s voice while shouting. He had completely lost all restraint.

Many were stumped and looked at the two youths with strange expressions.

Some people from the Zi family wanted to stop the two, but then they realized that the two had not actually done anything wrong, and in addition, the two also held significant statuses. Thus, it would be difficult and shameful for the Zi family’s personnel to interfere in such personal matters.

Qiong Xi'er had just about reached the point of collapse when, who knew if it was a coincidence or not, her eyes landed on Lu Yin and lit up. She hurriedly ran over to pat Lu Yin’s shoulder. “Brother Lu, so you were here as well! I’ve been looking for you for several days.”

Lu Yin smiled drily, and then quickly glanced around the area. “That- I still have something I need to take care of. You guys have a good time.”

He just wanted to escape from this awkward situation.

Qiong Xi'er hurriedly stopped Lu Yin. “Brother Lu, what’s the matter? You can tell me, and then we can solve it together. I’ll help you.”

At this moment, Zhu San had arrived as well and he stood behind Lu Yin, glaring at him with blazing eyes. “Don’t bully a friend’s wife, bro. You have to understand that unchanging rule.”

Lu Yin was rather speechless at this point. He looked at Zhu San, who was covered in heavy makeup and garbed in female clothing. Would people really do anything for love?

“Well, I’ll head out first.” Lu Yin did not want to ponder on this any longer.

However, Qiong Xi'er firmly grabbed Lu Yin’s clothing. She intended to handle the current situation together with Lu Yin. She whispered to him, “You’re the one who got this bastard to start dressing like a woman, so we’ll have to be disgusted together.”

“Who gave you such a strange personality?” Lu Yin blurted out.

Qiong Xi'er snorted. “That’s got nothing to do with why you disgust me.”

“Didn’t you enjoy it back then?”

“That was just for show.”

“More like indulging.”

“We’ll be nauseated together forever.”

“You can’t stop me.” Lu Yin stretched his hand out and flicked his middle finger against the back of Qiong Xi'er’s hand. The sudden pain caused Qiong Xi'er to reflexively let go, and Lu Yin quickly slipped away.

Qiong Xi'er grew angry and snorted. She was a stunning woman, but she only had eyes for other girls.

Zhu San watched as Lu Yin ran away and nodded in satisfaction. He quickly turned to continue flirting with Qiong Xi Er once again.

Before long, Lu Yin returned and sat down across from Qiong Xi'er with a calm expression.

Qiong Xi'er and Zhu San were both puzzled.

"Why did you come back?" Qiong Xi'er asked.

Zhu San kept a wary eye on Lu Yin.

Lu Yin replied, "It's nothing important. I just heard something, so I wanted to share it."

Qiong Xi'er and Zhu San both looked at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin continued, asking, "Do you know what the epitome of feminine beauty looks like?"

The two both shook their heads, though Qiong Xi'er's eyes gleamed, and she looked very interested.

Lu Yin pointed at the sky. "They're like clouds, visible yet fleeting. Free from adornments and pure like a hibiscus growing from the clear waters of River Luo."

Qiong Xi'er's breath quickened. "Who did you see? Is she as pretty as Starsibyl?"

To many, no one was more beautiful than Starsibyl. Her beauty was just too famous.

Lu Yin nodded. "I saw the girl who's about to wed Zi Rong. Her name is Zi Xue, and she's simply too beautiful. In my opinion, she looks even better than Starsibyl."

Qiong Xi'er did not believe him. "Impossible. How could a girl be that pretty?"

Lu Yin sighed. "Unfortunately, such a beauty is about to be wedded off to that crude Zi Rong. Then, there will be no one to show her tenderness."

Qiong Xi'er's eyes flitted about, and she quickly stood up and left.

"Where are you going?" Lu Yin was puzzled.

"To get a look at that cutie!" Qiong Xi'er said excitedly. She sounded quite eager, as she liked beautiful women.

Zhu San was stumped, and he turned to look at Lu Yin with a blank expression.

Lu Yin said, "Aren't you going to chase after her?"

"No, that courtyard doesn't allow any males to enter," Zhu San said.

Lu Yin was amused. "Careful, as your dear Xi'er might be stolen away. I've heard that Zi Xue is fine with either gender."

Zhu San's eyes flushed red when he heard that. Qiong Xi'er was the same, and she was also very pretty. If she met another person who was just as beautiful as she was, then how could Zhu San compete? He would have a love rival, but they would be a girl.

Zhu San could not sit still, and he hurriedly chased after Qiong Xi'er.

Lu Yin watched the two people and his eyes flickered mischievously. Make a scene. The noisier, the better.

Sure enough, before much time passed, a commotion indeed broke out at the entrance to the inner courtyard. Zhu San had tried to sneak in, but his male sex had been quickly discovered, upon which he had begun screaming loudly. It sounded like he was making a confession, and he was even shouting about how Zi Xue was happy with either gender, which caused many people to look at the youth strangely.

The Zi family could not do much to Zhu San, as the Zhu family was not to be trifled with.

When Zi Tianchuan learned of this matter, he became so angry that his face turned green.

At the gate of the courtyard, Zi Rong, Zi Xianxian, and Zi Fang all showed up. Zi Rong looked rather sullen, and he grabbed Zhu San to toss him out.

Meanwhile, Zhu San hollered, "Xi'er, don't go with that girl! You won't be happy!"

Inside the courtyard, Qiong Xi'er covered her face while looking rather helpless. She had not managed to see Zi Xue. Instead, Luo Shen was standing in front of Qiong Xi'er with a rather nervous expression. Luo Shen had heard about what had happened earlier, and this girl in front of her did not seem to be quite right in the head.

Qiong Xi'er sighed and looked at Luo Shen. Suddenly, her eyes lit up. So there was another beautiful girl here, the Goddess, Luo Shen. She had heard of this name before. "Little one, I've heard that you dance quite well. I can also dance a bit, so shall we dance together?"

Luo Shen retreated several steps and hurriedly shook her head. "No, there's no need."

At the courtyard's gate, Zi Rong had his men surround Zhu San. "Throw him off of Skylush Planet."

"Second Bro, don't be rash. He's the Zhu family's heir. We can't be disrespectful," Zi Fang said.

Zi Xianxian frowned. "I think that this person must have drunk too much wine. Take him somewhere to sober up."

Zhu San was captured and prevented from speaking any longer. His face was also flushed bright red.

"Wait a moment." Zi Rong suddenly seemed to think of something. He leaned closer to Zhu San and softly asked, "Who told you that Zi Xue is that kind of a person?"

Zhu San was released, and he instantly blurted out, "Brother Lu told me."

"Which Brother Lu?" Zi Fang was puzzled.

Zi Xianxian and Zi Rong exchanged glances, as they already knew who it was. Zi Rong's expression changed, and he rushed into the inner courtyard.

At that moment, in a certain room within the inner court, Lu Yin was meeting with Zi Xue.

"Do you really have nothing to say to me? If you say the word, I can save you." Lu Yin stared at Zi Xue.

She remained indifferent. "Alliance Leader Lu, my wedding is almost here. You're not behaving very appropriately."

Lu Yin's gaze sharpened. "I've already tried my best to treat you as I should, and I only went this far because we're both from Earth. However, since you have nothing more to say, I'll give up."

Zi Xue looked away and remained silent.

Chapter 905: Accomplishment And Transcending

At this moment, Zi Rong fiercely slammed the door open and stared angrily at Lu Yin. "Alliance Leader Lu, you've overstepped boundaries."

Lu Yin turned around and looked at Zi Rong. "I'm sorry. We're from the same hometown, so I truly only came here to visit."

A long blade appeared in Zi Rong's hands and he pointed it straight at Lu Yin. "You're insulting my reputation and also my Zi family's."

Behind him, Zi Xianxian and Zi Fang also arrived, and the void warped a bit as Mr. Tradeo also showed himself. Every single one of them was glaring at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's behavior was no different than cuckolding Zi Rong, and this matter had enraged the entire Zi family.

Zi Tianchuan also appeared, and he looked at Lu Yin with cold eyes. "Alliance Leader Lu, although you control the Great Eastern Alliance and have the support of the Hall of Honor, you still cannot humiliate my Zi family like this! Our Zi family has not done anything to offend you."

Lu Yin calmly answered, "This is my fault. Brother Zi Rong can release his full rage upon me, and I won't retaliate."

Zi Rong's eyes went wide as he tightly clenched the hilt of his sword.

Zi Tianchuan set a hand on Zi Rong's shoulder and stared at Lu Yin. He then said in an unkind tone, "Alliance Leader Lu, please leave our ancestral home. You are not welcome here. On the day of the wedding, you may attend—Alliance Leader Lu may be present, but you'll have to forgive my Zi family for no longer treating you well."

Lu Yin nodded before his figure flashed as he vanished by tearing through the void.

Zi Rong hurriedly ran from where he was standing over to Zi Xue and asked how she was doing with concern.

Zi Tianchuan softly warned everyone, "No one is to speak of this matter."

He pointedly stared at Zi Fang. "Especially you."

Zi Fang hurriedly acknowledged the orders.

Zi Xianxian had an unbearably bitter expression. "I'm going to go find him and ask him about this."

“Stay where you are. What’s your status and what’s his status? How are you qualified to question him?” Zi Tianchuan barked. He was in a rotten mood.

“Don’t cause any trouble,” he ordered as he left.

Mr. Tradeo remained standing in place, muttering to himself. It seemed as though he had thought of something or perhaps not. Everything about him seemed rather empty.

He was an Enlighter, and although he was not very powerful within his realm, he was the most respected person in the Zi family because he had once studied at the Starsibyl Sect.

Although this man could not divine matters like Starsibyl, he had still learned some basic knowledge that allowed him to observe the situation and get a feeling for how things would turn out. He was only able to sense things within a limited scope; for example, he had a bad premonition at this moment.

“Mr. Tradeo, what’s the matter?” Zi Rong had been busy consoling Zi Xue, but he now turned to look at Mr. Tradeo with a strange expression, as the Enlighter was the only one who had stayed behind in the room.

Mr. Tradeo was taken aback. “Oh, nothing’s the matter.”

He then left.

Mr. Tradeo had a feeling that this wedding would not proceed smoothly, but he did not mention this matter to anyone. When he had first seen Lu Yin, Mr. Tradeo had received a very strange feeling. All he knew was that he could not offend this person, absolutely not.

Who wrote history? Time had not been created by man, and nobody could know whether time was a part of the environment or some strange cosmic phenomenon. However, some people were able to use certain methods to transcend the river of time and glimpse or feel certain things in the future. These methods were called—divination. It was mysterious and incomprehensible, but it indeed existed.

The passage of history was made up by time. The path of this timeline was fixed, and it would proceed along this path for 100, 1,000, 10,000, or even 100,000 years. If the timeline was viewed as a solid line, then certain individuals were able to walk along this solid line and look into the future.

Perhaps, deep in the universe, there was an existence that could touch time. And those who knew of such existences were those who could perform divination.

However, seeing more was not necessarily always a good thing. Mr. Tradeo was frightened by his premonitions, and he was now unwilling to offend Lu Yin no matter what.

At the same time, Lu Yin was feeling quite depressed. He had repeatedly risked offending the Zi family in order to speak with Bai Xue, as he had hoped to be able to save her. Unfortunately, despite everything, the woman refused to speak. Not only had Lu Yin accomplished nothing, but he had also offended the Zi family in the process.

If not for the fact that they were both from Earth, Lu Yin really felt no desire to ever try helping this woman again.

Now that the wedding was imminent, Lu Yin could barely bring himself to even care anymore. Everyone had their own path, and just as he had said, he had already done what he could.

At that moment, his gadget beeped with a notification, and Lu Yin looked down. The message caused his expression to change slightly, and he checked his surroundings before suddenly vanishing.

Soon after, Lu Yin appeared atop a wooden bridge spanning a thin river. Joining him on the bridge was Luo Shen, whose white clothes were fluttering in the breeze. Her golden hair hung to her waist, showing off her supple and beautiful body. Even though she had a noble aura that seemed to seep from her bones, she also had a peaceful and accepting expression. She looked like the girl next door, but her golden hair also seemed to belong to a lofty empress. The conflicting auras made those who saw her have a very strange feeling.

“Were you looking for me?” Lu Yin asked.

Luo Shen turned to look at Lu Yin, and obvious delight flashed through the depths of her eyes. “Ah, Brother Lu, please save Sister Bai Xue.”

Lu Yin shook his head. “I’ve already done my best. If she doesn’t say anything, then how am I supposed to save her?”

Luo Shen’s restless fingers fiddled with her hair, and she looked as though she was hesitating about whether to say something.

Lu Yin walked over next to the young woman and looked down at the flowing river water. It was so clear that he could see the riverbed as well as the fish swimming through the water. The entire scene was very peaceful.

There was also an older person off in the distance, fishing.

This was Skylush Planet, and those who could stay here had either been born to privilege or had moved here later on in life after gaining privilege.

Although Skylush Planet was not as safe as Millions City, it was still one of the safest places in the Outerverse. The people who lived here were all very content and did not lack wealth.

Anything on this planet could be sold at extravagant prices.

Compared to any other place in the universe, everything on the Skylush Planet could be considered a local specialty, even if it was just a fish.

Coincidentally, a fish leaped up into the air and spat a stream of water at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin smiled, reached out to grab it, and gave it to the fisherman.

The old man expressed his thanks.

“Brother Lu, I don’t know why Sister Bai Xue isn’t telling you anything. I know that she’s facing a problem, but perhaps it’s because she doesn’t even really know what the problem is,” Luo Shen said in a soft tone but firm gaze. It looked as though she had finally decided to speak up.

Lu Yin grew curious. “Explain.”

"Zi Rong likes Sister Bai Xue, and that much is true. However, there's one more detail: he wants to absorb Sister Bai Xue's innate gift."

Lu Yin furrowed his brow. "Absorb her innate gift? What do you mean?"

An innate gift was something that belonged to an individual. Aside from the Lingling Clan, Lu Yin had never heard of anyone else being able to absorb someone else's innate gift. Even his die's Gift Copy could only borrow someone else's innate gift.

Luo Shen's face went pale. "Actually he doesn't really want to absorb her innate gift. Sister Bai Xue's innate gift is the gift of blue glacier even though it looks like the gift of frost. Her blue glacier has a mythical characteristic: it can contain other people's person's spiritual force. Through an unknown method, Brother Zi Rong has managed to place quite a few people's spiritual force into Sister Bai Xue's innate gift. Although this seems to be helping her, the truth is that he actually wants to use her innate gift to accomplish his own goals."

Lu Yin was astonished. "How do you know all this?"

Luo Shen softly answered, "Brother Zi Rong sometimes seems to act strangely out of character, and I accidentally overheard it."

"Does Bai Xue know about this herself?"

"I don't know. Perhaps, but perhaps not. Brother Zi Rong hasn't told her this, and so far, he's only helped her improve her power and use her innate gift of blue glacier to absorb spiritual force."

Lu Yin watched the river flow by. He seemed to be thinking about something.

"Brother Lu, Sister Bai Xue has treated me very well. Actually, the name 'Luo Shen' that I use was given to me by her. She has also protected me many different times, and I don't want her to be tormented by Brother Zi Rong," Luo Shen pleaded.

Lu Yin replied, "Even if Zi Rong absorbs her innate gift, that does not mean torture. Didn't you say that Zi Rong likes her?"

She hurriedly shook her head. "Once her innate gift is absorbed, Sister Bai Xue will no longer be able to cultivate for the rest of her life. That's what Brother Zi Rong mutters to himself when he's out of sorts. He's also in agony over this, but he keeps saying that he has to do this to transcend. I don't want Sister Bai Xue to become a commoner for the rest of her life. I don't want her to experience the fate of growing old as a commoner and dying. She is very pretty right now, so of course Brother Zi Rong likes her. However, once she becomes a commoner, she'll rapidly age in just a few decades, and why would he continue to treat her nicely at that time? To a woman, looks are everything. Brother Lu, please save her."

Lu Yin frowned. "Why hasn't Bai Xue told me anything herself?"

"I don't know! I really don't," Luo Shen answered in anguish.

Lu Yin let out a deep breath. This was very troublesome, as he did not know if Luo Shen was speaking the truth. Lu Yin had interacted with Zi Rong on several occasions, and they had even gotten quite close when Cai Jianqiang, Zi Rong, and Lu Yin had all drunk together in the Great Yu Empire. Zi Rong's forthcoming personality had left a deep impression on Lu Yin, and the powerful Hunter did not seem like someone who suffered from mental instability nor like someone who would sacrifice a loved one to improve his own strength.

If Zi Rong was truly that kind of person, then Cai Jianqiang would have long since realized it, as the two had known each other for many years.

In fact, Lu Yin's impression of Zi Rong was pretty decent. Humans could deceive others, change their appearances, and hide their inner thoughts. However, the strength that they displayed could not be faked. Lu Yin had only experienced a single attack in the form of Zi Rong's Battalion Slash, but it had carried an impressive perseverance within it. It had been precisely this perseverance that had slightly changed Lu Yin's attitude. He actually respected Zi Rong, and Lu Yin hoped that the man was not the type of person Luo Shen was claiming him to be.

"Brother Lu, you don't believe me?" Luo Shen asked nervously. She pursed her lips.

Lu Yin did not hide his doubts. "What you're telling me is simply too incredible, that he can absorb her innate gift? Only the Inverse's Lingling Clan can do such a thing. Zi Rong shouldn't be able to."

Luo Shen gritted her teeth and seemed to struggle with something. She then passed Lu Yin a very small piece of surveillance equipment. "I'll prove it."

And with that, she headed back towards the Zi family's ancestral home.

Lu Yin remained standing in the same place as he silently watched her go.

Not long after, the elderly fisherman left, though he thanked Lu Yin once more before leaving.

Everything felt tranquil at the riverside. There were times where fishing seemed to be a very good hobby.

Lu Yin recalled the Astral River as well as fishing in the Astral River. That was also a pretty decent hobby, but one could easily be dragged in.

Zi Xianxian streaked past him in the sky, her face twisted in anger. It seemed as though she was searching for something.

Lu Yin laughed, as this brat was definitely looking for him.

Not long after, Qiong Xi'er also streaked by with the shameless Zhu San still following close behind her.

A few powerhouses flew across the sky, and some of them were headed towards the Zi family's ancestral home, which had become very busy.

Lu Yin was the only relaxed person around. He sat beside the river, and nobody found him.

He activated his gadget and contacted one person: Zhang Dingtian.

Bai Xue's big wedding was about to occur, and all Earthlings could be considered as from Bai Xue's hometown. Thus, naturally, Lu Yin had to share this news with Zhang Dingtian.

In the Zi family's ancestral home, Zi Rong's anger still had not dissipated, but he was worried that Lu Yin would return. Thus, he simply stood guard outside his fiancée's room, waiting for the wedding to occur.

Luo Shen went to find Zi Rong. "Brother Zi Rong, I want to talk to you."

Zi Rong was taken aback. "Talk to me? About what?"

Luo Shen hesitated and then looked at the room. "Let's go somewhere else."

Zi Rong was amused at this suggestion. "There's nothing to hide, as there is nothing shameful between us. Speak."

"It's about Sister Zi Xue's innate gift of blue glacier," Luo Shen said softly.

Zi Rong's eyes went wide, and his expression turned ferocious like never before. He stared at her. "What do you know?"

Luo Shen replied, "Does Brother Zi Rong still think that this is a suitable place to talk?"

Zi Rong's eyes flashed before he grabbed Luo Shen and moved to another location.

Chapter 906: Eliminating The Threat

In another place, Lu Yin looked in the direction of the Zi family's ancestral home and started slowly walking there.

Zi Rong and Luo Shen suddenly appeared outside the residence.

Luo Shen was almost unable to catch her balance.

Zi Rong's expression was downcast as he stared at her. "So, what exactly do you know?"

Luo Shen's face was pale, and she was clearly frightened. "You- you want to absorb Sister Bai Xue's innate gift."

"Her name is Zi Xue!" Zi Rong barked. His expression had become rather malevolent, and it was completely different from his normal demeanor.

Luo Shen was frightened by this change, and she took several steps back until she bumped into a wall. With nowhere to go, she looked at Zi Rong in terror.

Zi Rong exhaled deeply. His eyes were filled with killing intent. "How do you know?"

Luo Shen trembled, and she lowered her head, not daring to say a thing.

"Tell me!" Zi Rong ordered.

Luo Shen's eyes flushed red. "It- it was one of the times when you were out of sorts. You said it yourself."

Zi Rong's pupils shrank, and he seemed to be unable to accept his own mental instability. He moved forward several steps and stared closely at Luo Shen. "Who did you tell?"

Luo Shen shook her head. "Nobody."

Zi Rong's expression grew sharp as he stared at her. "Really? You didn't say anything to anyone?"

Luo Shen hurriedly shook her head.

"Why are you telling me this now?" Zi Rong was puzzled.

She looked at him with a pleading expression. "Please, release Sister Bai- no, Zi Xue! She has always treated me well, and she even saved my life. I don't want her to die because of you."

Zi Rong's voice sounded sad. "I like Zi Xue. I won't hurt her."

"To a woman, losing her looks is something that's even more terrifying than death. When you absorb Sister Zi Xue's innate gift, she won't be able to cultivate anymore and will become nothing more than a commoner. Then, she'll grow old in just a couple of years. Will you still be able to love her the same then?" Luo Shen shouted.

"I can!" Zi Rong shouted back. He pressed a hand against the wall, and a deep killing intent emerged from the depths of his eyes. Luo Shen had discovered his greatest secret, which meant that this woman could not be allowed to live any longer. As for the Amethyst Goddess, the Zi family would be able to nurture many more.

Luo Shen also sensed the danger to her life, and she looked at Zi Rong in despair. "Please, treat her better."

Zi Rong's eyes had gone berserk, and his expression showed he was struggling with an internal dilemma that had actually frozen his entire being. Luo Shen had exposed his greatest secret, and this made him turn into someone else entirely.

Finally, his rationality won out, and Zi Rong slowly moved again. "Rest assured, I won't harm Zi Xue. However, you can no longer live."

Luo Shen closed her eyes, and at that moment, she only thought of Lu Yin.

As Zi Rong swatted at her forehead, the void in the entire area solidified, and a domain swept across before transforming into a towering tree with spread out branches that shot forward to wrap themselves around Zi Rong.

Zi Rong's expression changed drastically, and he pulled out his longsword to attack. A sword light sliced through the domain and separated the sky, drawing a great deal of attention.

Lu Yin took this opportunity to appear next to Luo Shen. He pulled her into his embrace and retreated a thousand meters.

Zi Rong's eyes went wide. "Lu Yin, it's you again!"

Lu Yin's face showed that he was upset. "Bai Xue is my friend. I don't know what methods you've used to control her, but I'm taking her away with me today, and you can't stop me!"

Zi Rong roared and slashed out with his sword. Just this one attack was enough to make Enlighters wary. It was his Battalion Slash. In the past, Lu Yin had once received this attack head on, though it had been very difficult for him to do so without using his secret technique. At this moment, as the attack descended upon Lu Yin, his right arm remained wrapped around Luo Shen while he raised his left to unleash Seventy Stacks, which burst forth to meet the sword light. The Overlaying Stacks Path collided against the heavy slash, and Lu Yin's counter attack shattered the attack with a bang.

The overwhelming force of the explosion rippled through the sky and into the void, which slowly cracked open.

Countless people on Skylush Planet were terrified by the tremors.

As the aftershocks spread out, it soon swept over the Zi family's ancestral home.

Many of the Zi family's cultivators charged out and surrounded the two men. Among them were Mr. Tradeo, who appeared instantly, Cai Jianqiang, and Starfox. They were all guests who had been staying inside, and they had noticed the exchange take place almost as soon as the battle broke out.

Zi Rong's pupils shrank, as he had not expected his Battalion Slash to be dealt with so easily. How long had it been since that time when he had exchanged blows with Lu Yin in the Great Yu Empire? It had only been two years! Lu Yin's rate of improvement was far too fast, and Zi Rong was no longer even close to a match for the youth.

Lu Yin flicked his hand. He had even experienced the terror of going against an Imprinter whose power level had been suppressed to under 200,000, and there was no need to mention Zi Rong. At this point in time, Lu Yin's personal strength had reached a level where he could go up against an average Enlighter, especially since Truesight allowed him to weaken anyone's strength.

"What are you two doing?" Cai Jianqiang shouted.

Zi Rong lifted his head. "Lu Yin wants to snatch away Zi Xue, who's a member of the Zi family. He must be killed! There's no other choice!"

The people around were shocked, as the Zi family was about to declare war against the Great Eastern Alliance.

Starfox was rendered speechless, as Lu Yin really was able to stir up trouble wherever he went.

Cai Jianqiang frowned and looked over at Lu Yin.

No matter what was going through anyone else's mind, Zi Rong gave out some orders, and many cultivators from the Zi family attacked Lu Yin as one, even including three Hunters.

Lu Yin surveyed his surroundings as his gaze trembled. He then stomped on the ground with his right foot as his eight lined battle force erupted. He then punched the air with an attack imbued with the Overlaying Stacks Path, causing visible ripples to appear in the sky. Even the three Hunters were forced back let alone the weaker cultivators.

The ground was shredded apart in multiple layers, and the endless ripples spread out, caused by powerful fluctuations that extended through the void as the space in the nearby area split open. Lu Yin

looked like a god of war at this moment. He simply waved a hand, and although Zi Rong tried to use his sword to block it, he was still blown back.

Cai Jianqiang felt helpless, and he blocked the attack in front of Zi Rong as he turned to look at Lu Yin. "Brother Lu, no matter what you believe, Zi Rong's marriage is not being forced. Doing this is too much."

Lu Yin did not bother explaining, and he simply grabbed a hold of Luo Shen as he vanished with a flash.

Zi Rong's expression changed. "Not good. Go! Rescue Zi Xue!"

Mr. Tradeo hesitated, but then he chased after Lu Yin.

Cai Jianqiang frowned. He could not understand what sort of madness had possessed Lu Yin. When the three of them had drunk together in the past, the atmosphere between them had been pretty good. Why had the situation devolved to this point?

There was a beautiful azure planet that lay in Frostwave Weave. It was known as Earth.

There was a mountain on Earth known as Changbai Mountain.

During the time of Earth's apocalypse, countless zombies had roamed the land, kickstarting the planet's era of cultivation. The Seven Sages had emerged from China, and Bai Xue had been known as the Sage of Aqua, one of the Three Highsages. She had overseen Changbai Mountain, and the Blue Camp had been made up of her subordinates.

After Bai Xue left, Changbai Mountain had not abolished their former system, and the Blue Camp continued to exist. Aside from Zhao Yu, who had been selected to cultivate at Zenyu Star's Yu Academy, the other woman remained waiting on the mountain for Bai Xue, as she had saved them in the past.

Zhang Dingtian stood high in the sky and looked down at the familiar scene. He had not visited Changbai Mountain in a long time.

He surveyed the surroundings, and his expression grew sharp when he looked at a cave on the side of Changbai Mountain. It was very close to the Blue Camp, but it was usually empty. Nobody would have expected a Cruiser-level expert to be staying there.

Based on Earth's standards, a Cruiser was an absolute powerhouse. In the past, the Great Yu Empire's Thirteen Imperial Squadron Captains had mostly been composed of Cruisers.

This person was from the Zi family, and they had been ordered by Zi Rong to keep an eye on the Blue Camp. The moment Bai Xue exposed anything about Zi Rong, this Cruiser would move to eliminate the Blue Camp.

The Great Yu Empire had some experts stationed on Earth, but none of them were worthy of this Cruiser's attention. It would take him less than a moment to turn the Blue Camp to dust, and this was precisely why Bai Xue did not dare to say anything. She was constantly being monitored. There were

countless people in the Blue Camp who worshipped her, and those who had been closest to her were also being constantly monitored. Even her relatives were in the Blue Camp.

Zi Rong's conditions had not been overboard, as he solely wanted to absorb the spiritual force carried within Bai Xue's innate gift of blue glacier, which would cause her to become a commoner once again. Bai Xue was willing to give up her cultivation in exchange for these people to be left in peace.

She had not been able to say a single word to Lu Yin, as annihilating the Blue Camp would truly take the Zi family but a moment.

But since Bai Xue was unable to speak, Lu Yin did so in her stead. The moment Zhang Dingtian appeared above Changbai Mountain, the Zi family cultivator felt that something was off, but at that same moment, Zhang Dingtian's blade sliced down, and the Zi family cultivator realized that he had been exposed.

On Skylush Planet, Lu Yin quickly appeared inside of Bai Xue's room, and he grabbed a hold of her despite her astonished expression. The next moment, the ceiling collapsed, and Zi Rong appeared, looking like a furious lion. He pointed his sword at Lu Yin in a menacing manner. "Release my fiancée."

The crowd surrounding them all watched the commotion take place.

Cai Jianqiang also shouted out, "Brother Lu, don't go too far!"

Zi Tianchuan suddenly appeared. "Lu Yin, don't think that you can act as you wish in the Outerverse! My Zi family will not be pushed around."

Zi Xianxian, Zi Fang, and the others quickly appeared as well.

The Zi family had invited many guests from all across the entire Outerverse to this wedding, and each one of them had an impressive background. Thus, the events of this day would quickly spread across the Outerverse. As a result, Zi Tianchuan's irritation towards Lu Yin had already turned into hatred, and Zi Rong's emotions were even more unrestrained.

Zi Xianxian facepalmed. What should have happened had still happened. She knew that things would not turn out well this time.

"Lu Yin, release me," Bai Xue said softly, but also urgently.

Lu Yin set Luo Shen down in a distant place, and nobody caused her any trouble.

"I already know the whole deal. I don't believe that you don't know the repercussions of what will happen if Zi Rong absorbs the spiritual force from your innate gift of blue glacier. Why did you agree?" Lu Yin asked.

Bai Xue's eyes flickered. "I don't know what you're talking about."

Lu Yin's lips curled upwards. "I'm someone who protects my own. You're from Earth, and so am I. Even if this relationship is set aside, you're someone from the Great Yu Empire, and therefore, you are under me. There's nobody who can bully you."

“Lu Yin, I’m not this Bai Xue you mention. I’m called Zi Xue,” Bai Xue rebuffed quietly.

There were Zi family cultivators all around them, and there were even more people coming. Lu Yin could not escape, but he also did not even consider such a thing. In the entire Outerverse, only Yuan Shi could present any sort of threat to Lu Yin. No, there was actually still Mister Mu. Perhaps even Yuan Shi might actually not be able to do anything at all to Lu Yin, which meant that he could do as he pleased.

“Lu Yin, release Zi Xue!” Zi Tianchuan was enraged.

Veins were now bulging from Zi Rong’s hands due to how tightly he was gripping the hilt of his sword.

“Seventh Bro, this is the second time you’ve kidnapped a bride!” the Ghost Monkey commented.

Lu Yin looked at Zi Rong. “What did you use to control her so that she won’t even dare to speak the truth?”

Zi Rong’s eyes looked sinister. “I don’t know what you’re talking about. Zi Xue and I truly love each other, and our wedding is in just two days! Release my fiancée, or else I’ll report this matter to the Hall of Honor. My Zi family will not let you off, and don’t think that you can just brush away the truth of this matter!”

“Lu Yin, my Zi family has held power in the Outerverse for many years, and we will not be pushed around. Release Xue’er!” Zi Tianchuan barked.

At this same time, Lu Yin’s gadget beeped, and he looked at it. He then smiled. He showed the screen, and it showed Changbai Mountain on Earth.

Everyone saw the mountain.

Zi Rong’s expression changed tremendously.

There was a person lying atop Changbai Mountain, and his entire body was covered with blood due to the deep chest wound that had nearly severed him in two.

“The threat is gone,” Lu Yin spoke quietly as he looked at Bai Xue.

Bai Xue blankly stared at the screen, as next to the bloodstained figure was another, familiar person: Zhang Dingtian.

Chapter 907: Zi Rong’s Death

“He’s also from Earth, and he volunteered to help you,” Lu Yin explained.

Bai Xue’s eyes turned red, and tears trickled down her cheeks.

Zi Rong’s heart sank, and he instantly moved to attack Lu Yin.

Lu Yin’s expression turned cold. He waved his left hand, and a terrifying shockwave forced Zi Rong to retreat.

“Everyone, she will now tell you who she actually is,” Lu Yin shouted.

Zi Rong grew desperate. “Xue’er, come here! Don’t listen to him.”

Everyone looked at Bai Xue. By now, it was easy to tell that something was wrong. Lu Yin was not some idiot, and he would not do such things without a valid reason.

Bai Xue opened her eyes, and her expression changed. She looked furious. "Zi Rong, you saved my life, but you also used the lives of the people from my hometown to force me to change my name, cultivate as you wished, and to marry you! Today, I, Bai Xue, want to tell you that I have already paid off my debt to you and that I will have nothing to do with you from now on!"

Zi Rong was stunned.

Everyone was shocked, and they all looked at Zi Rong in disgust. They had never expected him to do something so despicable.

Zi Tianchuan was astonished as well, as he truly had not known about what had been going on beneath the surface.

Zi Xianxian also turned to look at her brother in disbelief, as she couldn't believe that her elder brother would be someone who would do such things.

The Zi family had always maintained a good reputation, as they were the largest retailer in the Outerverse who also dealt in intelligence. However, they were also known to be very principled and upstanding, as they did not reveal secret intelligence to the public. Thus, most major forces in the Outerverse remained on good terms with them.

Moreover, Zi Rong was the most respected of the chairman's three children. He was friendly, talented, and had also been a representative of West San Dios. He was a Hunter, but he was capable of threatening Enlighteners, and although he didn't participate in Amethyst Exchange's business, many people still considered him as an emerging talent from the Zi family.

However, nobody expected that he would actually do something so despicable.

"That's ridiculous! My elder brother would never do such a thing!" Zi Xianxian was enraged, and she glared fiercely at Lu Yin. "Did you force Sister Zi Xue to say such a thing? Lu Yin, you're trying to ruin our Zi family, right?"

Zi Tianchuan glared at Lu Yin, completely furious.

A lot of other people were also suspicious of Lu Yin, as he had never hidden his ambitions, and it would not be strange for him to covet the Zi family.

Lu Yin laughed. "How could I possibly take control of the Zi family by becoming enemies with them? I'm not that stupid."

Zi Tianchuan looked at Bai Xue. "Xue'er, you know how well I've treated you. Don't be tricked by Lu Yin! The Zi family has always treated you well."

Bai Xue responded to Zi Tianchuan in an apologetic tone. "I'm sorry, godfather, and I don't want to hurt the Zi family. You saved my life, and although I have paid off my debt to Zi Rong, I am still in debt to the Zi family."

“How are you going to repay them? You will still belong to the Zi family even if you’re dead!” Zi Rong bellowed. “Cultivators from my Zi family, attack them.”

Lu Yin put on his universal armor and gathered his star energy over his right palm while turning to face the cultivators from the Zi family. “One sun.”

The sun exploded, but Mr. Tradeo shielded Zi Tianchuan and the others from its force.

Meanwhile, Zi Rong swung his sword at Lu Yin, but Lu Yin casually waved his hand and used the Yu Secret Art to redirect the attack. Zi Rong wasn’t able to overpower the Yu Secret Art, and as such, Lu Yin kicked the Hunter down to the ground.

Nobody could tell who had been telling the truth as Zi Rong and Lu Yin battled. Thus, they all chose to watch the battle while remaining on the fence; it was possible that Lu Yin had tricked Bai Xue in order to take control of the Zi family, but it was also possible that Zi Rong had truly done everything that he had been accused of.

Cai Jianqiang didn’t interfere in the battle either. He could not believe that Zi Rong would be such a despicable person, but he also believed that Lu Yin would not casually create this sort of trouble for the Zi family out of nowhere. Even if Lu Yin wanted to deal with the Zi family, he definitely would have chosen a better time, such as the actual day of the wedding. If he had done so, then his actions would have absolutely infuriated the Zi family. Overall, this did not match Lu Yin’s modus operandi.

Moreover, Cai Jianqiang had a feeling in his heart that he did not want to become enemies with Lu Yin as he continuously felt like he owed Lu Yin for something.

“Don’t bother protecting me. Go deal with Lu Yin!” Zi Tianchuan ordered Mr. Tradeo.

Mr. Tradeo gritted his teeth and leaped towards Lu Yin.

Lu Yin put on his wrist guard and punched at Mr. Tradeo. A strength that was twice his physical power burst forth, and a terrifying force swept through the area.

Even Zax Phoenix had been defeated by this punch from Lu Yin in the past, which meant that there was no way Mr. Tradeo could hope to withstand such a massive attack in any way. As a result, he was blown away by the attack.

The shockwave travelled through the sky and even destroyed several spacecraft.

Skylush Planet itself trembled.

Lu Yin’s punch stunned everyone, and nobody dared to attack him again.

Zi Tianchuan clenched his fists and fell deep into thought.

Zi Rong walked forward, but he seemed weird. It was as though he was repressing something.

His eyes locked onto Lu Yin’s, and the moment he looked at Bai Xue in Lu Yin’s arms, an indescribable rage overcame the Hunter. He roared savagely, and his eyes suddenly turned dead. His irises had gone grey, and he underwent a corpse king Transformation.

An intense chill swept over Skylush Planet, and everyone felt their scalp go cold. Something terrifying had suddenly appeared.

Zi Tianchuan and all the other people from the Zi family stared at Zi Rong in disbelief. He had just undergone a corpse king Transformation! Although most people in the Outerverse didn't know what a corpse king Transformation even was, there were quite a few high ranking people among the Zi family's guests who instantly realized what was happening.

"That's a battle technique from the Neohuman Alliance—it's a corpse king Transformation! The second young master of the Zi family is a part of the Neohuman Alliance!"

"It's a corpse king! He's an enemy of the human race."

"The Zi family is done for."

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Countless screams rang out, and most of the crowd was stunned.

Lu Yin was similarly shocked, as he hadn't expected Zi Rong to actually undergo a corpse king Transformation. This was a battle technique that was exclusive to corpse kings, but Zi Rong was a human being, so just how was he able to use this battle technique?

"Elder brother," Zi Xianxian covered her mouth as her face turned pale.

Zi Fang, who had initially been happily watching the show, nearly collapsed upon seeing this. Anyone who was related to the Neohuman Alliance would implicate their entire family, as the Neohuman Alliance was humanity's public enemy. The Zi family had suddenly been plunged deep into trouble, and the Hall of Honor would not let a single one of them off.

Cai Jianqiang was shocked; how had Zi Rong become like this?

Zi Rong had gone completely crazy; at this moment, the only thing that he cared about was Bai Xue. Right now, nobody could stop him from getting to her. He had patiently waited for this day for many years, ever since he had realized that spiritual force could be incorporated into Bai Xue's innate gift. He had then done his best to find as many sources of spiritual force for Bai Xue to absorb and forced her to cultivate. His goal this entire time had been to absorb the spiritual force so that he could overcome the Neohuman Alliance's control. That was why he absolutely had to take Bai Xue back.

Zi Rong shot towards Bai Xue with a bang. His entire body had been changed, as the corpse king Transformation was able to increase his physical strength tenfold, which meant that, at this moment, he was even stronger than Mr. Tradeo.

Lu Yin fled while carrying Bai Xue as Cai Jianqiang moved in front to attack Zi Rong.

Ripples from their clash soared into the sky as both men stepped back.

"Zi Rong, wake up!" Cai Jianqiang roared. He didn't have many friends, but Zi Rong was one of them. He couldn't bear to fight against Zi Rong, and intense sorrow surged through his heart.

Zi Rong screamed, "Go... away! Bai Xue... is... mine!"

He could no longer even speak clearly after undergoing the corpse king Transformation. He shot forward once again and attacked in a crazed manner.

Cai Jianqiang sighed and blocked Zi Rong's path. He remained in place no matter how fiercely Zi Rong attacked.

Lu Yin's brows rose. Cai Jianqiang had improved tremendously in just a short period of time.

The Zi family stood rooted in place out of confusion, and none of them knew what to do.

Zi Tianchuan stared at the battle in the sky and gritted his teeth. "Zi Rong has joined the Neohuman Alliance and betrayed the Zi family as well as all of humanity. He has sinned, and I order everyone from the Zi family to capture him! Kill him if he resists!"

Zi Xianxian was shocked, and she grabbed at Zi Tianchuan's arm. "Father, no! There has to be some kind of misunderstanding!"

Zi Tianchuan was also reluctant to give such an order, but this was the only way to protect his family. He pushed Zi Xianxian away. "Capture him."

The cultivators from the Zi family all moved to attack Zi Rong.

Zi Rong bellowed and slaughtered a large number of cultivators from the Zi family. Mr. Tradeo reluctantly moved to cooperate with Cai Jianqiang, and they finally managed to overpower Zi Rong. However, the corpse king just stood up again.

His physical strength had increased tenfold, and with the perseverance that he had honed from training his Battalion Slash, he would not admit defeat unless he was dead.

Right when Cai Jianqiang and Mr. Tradeo were about to attack again, Zi Rong suddenly spat out a mouthful of blood as his whole body started convulsing. His face twisted, and his heart suddenly shattered as he let out a wail. His eyes then returned to normal, and his body slowly fell to the ground.

The entire region fell silent.

Lu Yin stared at Zi Rong in understanding. The man was truly dead, as his rune lines had disappeared. He had been very strong, but his heart had not been able to withstand the transformation. It truly wasn't possible for human beings to undergo a corpse king Transformation.

Bai Xue felt aggrieved, as Zi Rong had truly cared for her, and he had even saved her in the past. Such a connection between the two of them could not be easily forgotten.

Zi Xianxian mourned. "Brother."

Zi Fang closed his eyes. Despite the brothers' icy relationship, Zi Rong had still been Zi Fang's brother, and he was sad to see his brother die.

Zi Tianchuan trembled with his clenched fists. He looked up in the sky at Lu Yin, and his expression turned frigid.

Lu Yin met Zi Tianchuan's gaze and frowned. He had become enemies with the Zi family on this day. Although he had been able to anticipate that Aegis would become his enemy, he had actually become the master of Aegis. In the end, he had become enemies with the Zi family instead. Life was truly full of surprises, and he didn't know what to expect from the future.

The wedding plans ended with Zi Rong's death, and the Hall of Honor launched a full investigation. The entire Zi family faced the penalty of death if this matter was not handled properly, and they risked being exterminated completely, just like Darkstar Gorge.

Lu Yin was chased away by Zi Tianchuan, and Zi Xianxian looked at him as though he was her mortal enemy.

Lu Yin didn't regret any of his actions. He had to save Bai Xue, and all this was in line with his principles.

Everyone else was politely seen off by the members of the Zi family, and Skylush Planet was locked down.

Chapter 908: Lu Yin's Threat

Luo Shen was also chased away by the Zi family. Since she had risen to fame because of the Zi family, this meant that many powerful people would want to take control of her. In other words, she would no longer be able to be a celebrity.

Lu Yin thought that her fate was quite pitiful, so he brought her back to the Great Yu Empire and offered to let her become a celebrity who was supported by the Great Eastern Alliance.

Although the Great Eastern Alliance wasn't as influential as the Zi family, nobody would dare to mess with the Great Eastern Alliance. In fact, they were actually even more powerful than the Zi family.

And thus, both Bai Xue and Luo Shen followed Lu Yin back to the Great Yu Empire.

Cai Jianqiang left Skylush Planet as well. He had realized that Lu Yin had been telling the truth the moment Zi Rong had undergone the corpse king Transformation. Thus, he felt apologetic since he had initially been suspicious of Lu Yin.

Cai Jianqiang was an honest man, so he went to apologize to Lu Yin, which left Lu Yin feeling quite embarrassed.

As for the Zi family, their future looked bleak. Even if they were able to escape being wiped out due to their connection with Zi Rong, tough times were ahead.

Lu Yin also considered whether or not he should take this opportunity to deal with the Zi family. They had become his enemies, and as such, they might cause trouble for him in the future.

"Thank you. I'm sorry for causing trouble for you," Bai Xue thanked Lu Yin aboard the spacecraft.

Lu Yin smiled at her. "No worries. I've already stirred up so much trouble that this isn't even worth mentioning. You should thank Zhang Dingtian instead, as the Zi family would still be blackmailing you if not for him."

Bai Xue nodded. "I know."

Lu Yin was curious about what Bai Xue had experienced ever since they had parted ways. "Who took you away from the Great Yu Empire?"

Bai Xue shook her head. "I don't know."

Her answer was the exact same as Zhang Dingtian's, and it seemed as though nobody from the Hidden Earth Society had told either of them anything at all. This was strange; this mysterious society had helped the two people increase their power and taken them away from the Great Yu Empire, but they had not told the two cultivators anything about Earth itself. Wasn't the Hidden Earth Society worried that the two people would have no gratitude towards the Hidden Earth Society in the future?

"You mentioned earlier that you killed Liu Shaoge?" Bai Xue asked quietly.

Lu Yin smiled. "Do you still care about him?"

Bai Xue's eyes turned ice cold. "He betrayed the Earth and us. I'll kill him myself if you haven't already!"

"What's your relationship with him?" Lu Yin asked.

Bai Xue fell silent.

Lu Yin didn't press her any further. He intended to head back to the Great Yu Empire, but Bai Xue planned to return to Earth.

Luo Shen entered the room with some drinks. "Sister Bai Xue, Brother Lu."

When they turned around, Lu Yin was stunned. Luo Shen was wearing a thin, pale pink dress, and her long blonde hair was freely falling around her face. Her appearance was like a picturesque portrait, and just the sight of her took Lu Yin's breath away.

Luo Shen suppressed her nervousness when she saw how enraptured Lu Yin was, and she became slightly smug. "Brother Lu, here's your drink."

Bai Xue looked between Lu Yin and Luo Shen before simply leaving with her drink.

An intoxicating scent had drifted into Lu Yin's nose, and the girl in front of him seemed to become even more enchanting.

Luo Shen had always been a beauty, and since she was no longer able to work as a celebrity in the Outerverse, there were many people who greedily wanted to get their hands on her. Despite that, she had placed her entire heart in Lu Yin's grasp.

The women who surrounded Lu Yin were all gorgeous, but not one of them had ever attempted to seduce him as blatantly as Luo Shen was currently doing.

Luo Shen was giving her all to this attempt. She genuinely liked Lu Yin, and ever since he had saved her during the attack on Zenyu Star, she had decided that she wanted to be with him.

Lu Yin cleared his throat. "I'll arrange for someone to protect you as soon as we arrive at Zenyu Star. You'll become an ambassador of the Great Eastern Alliance."

Luo Shen agreed. She felt very happy standing next to Lu Yin while he stared at the sky. In her contentment, she did not want to leave as she wanted to relish every moment she had with him.

The spacecraft soon docked at one of Zenyu Star's space stations. Lu Yin had already asked Huan Sha to arrange for some people to welcome Luo Shen while Bai Xue continued on towards Earth in another spacecraft.

Lu Yin himself returned to King Zishan's palace and used his gadget to call Zhu San.

Lu Yin would have completely forgotten about this person if he hadn't run into Zhu San on his trip to Skylush Planet. Although Zhu San might seem rather useless, it was nothing more than an act.

Zhu San was shocked to see that Lu Yin was calling him. "What's wrong, brother? Do you have any good news to share? I'll definitely give you a big red envelope at my wedding to Xi'er."

"The Neoverse. The Court of Seven Names' Ce family," Lu Yin said without any hesitation.

Zhu San's face blanched, and his eyes narrowed. "What- what are you talking about?"

Lu Yin smiled. "You don't have to hide anything anymore. I already know that the Zhu family is a part of the Seven Courts' Ce family."

"Brother, are you ok? What is this Ce family? I've never even heard of them before. Whatever, I don't have time for this." Zhu San was about to end the call in his panic.

But then, Lu Yin said, "Fine then. I'll just go and have a chat with Qiong Shanhai since you don't want to talk to me."

After a moment of hesitation, Zhu San's tone changed, and he seriously said, "What do you know?"

Lu Yin grinned. "Guess."

Zhu San's expression turned grim. "What do you want?"

"I'm just curious. Are you actually interested in Qiong Xi'er, or are you just trying to gain control of Millions City?" Lu Yin asked.

Zhu San answered without any hesitation, "I genuinely like her."

"I don't believe you."

"I have no reason to lie. You're right, my family has always hoped to gain control of Millions City, but this matter has nothing to do with the Ce family. Millions City is useless to them, and my family wasn't placed in Millions City by the Ce family either. We accidentally discovered our Ce family bloodline, and we are nothing more than remnants of the Ce family who were left behind," Zhu San explained.

Lu Yin replied, "Got it. Then let's see whether or not Qiong Shanhai will believe you."

"What do you want? If you want to gain control of Millions City with our help, then I can tell you that that's impossible since our ancestor is dead. Although we have a good understanding of Millions City, you should have access to around the same level of information as us. I can tell you whatever you want,

and we can also help you with money. However, there's no way you'll be able to use us to achieve your goals," Zhu San said firmly.

"You'll tell me everything?" Lu Yin arched his brow.

Zhu San sighed. "As long as I know the answer."

"Fine. I want to know if Wei Rong is in Millions City," Lu Yin directly stated. Zhu San could become an important chess piece to Lu Yin, and he hoped to gain leverage on this person in the future and perhaps even gain control of Millions City. However, currently, to Lu Yin, Wei Rong was even more important than the Zhu family, as the Zhu family would not be very useful until the Inverseverse reconnected with the Outerverse.

Actually, they could still be of value to him as their bloodline could allow him to look at that chessboard again, which might allow him to comprehend the Ce Secret Art. However, that would also require Mister Mu's help.

"Wei Rong? I don't know where he is."

"Then go and find out."

Zhu San became angry. "Lu Yin, the Zhu family does not work for you!"

"Then I'll ask Qiong Shanhai to help out," Lu Yin responded immediately.

Zhu San was speechless. "You won't gain any benefits from exposing my Zhu family."

"But I won't lose anything either. No, you're wrong—there is a benefit. I'll be able to get into Qiong Shanhai's good books," Lu Yin said.

Zhu San felt a great deal of pressure. He was aware that Lu Yin was not an easy person to deal with, as Lu Yin was both intelligent and shameless. Thus, Zhu San had always pretended to be lazy and dumb in front of Lu Yin in order to deceive him.

To that end, Zhu San had even told Zi Rong that Lu Yin was the one who had mentioned that Zi Xue was interested in both men and women. He had wanted Lu Yin to become an enemy of the Zi family while he comfortably watched the drama unfold from the background.

However, at this moment, Zhu San finally realized how shrewd Lu Yin could be. Lu Yin had long since known that Zhu San was someone from the Ce family, and he had completely scammed him.

It was even possible that Lu Yin might have been planning this for a long time.

Zhu San was frustrated, but he was also scared. "Fine, I'll find this out for you. However, you have to stop threatening my Zhu family after that!"

Lu Yin smirked. "We'll talk about that in the future, but don't worry. I won't stop you from moving."

Zhu San rolled his eyes and hung up. Move? That was impossible. Zhu San was certain that he would not be able to escape from Lu Yin no matter where he fled. Additionally, he swore that he would never invite Lu Yin to his wedding with Qiong Xi'er.

Although the Qiong family was the family that controlled Millions City, the Zhu family also enjoyed a significant influence within Millions City. They had even learned about the underground control room, let alone having eyes in the city master's own home.

Zhu San soon called Lu Yin back and told him that Wei Rong was hiding in the city master's estate.

Lu Yin had already guessed as much, as the remnants of the Wei family had been hiding in Millions City for a long time. They had not made contact with anyone else, all in order to trick people into believing that Wei Rong had already left Millions City whereas, in reality, he was actually hiding close by.

"Brother Zhu, help me with one more thing," Lu Yin said in an apologetic voice.

Zhu San retorted, "Lu Yin, I've already told you that you can't boss us around!"

"Are your ears ok? I'm asking for your help," Lu Yin replied.

"Is there even a difference?" Zhu San roared angrily.

After a pause, Zhu San gritted his teeth. "What do you want?"

"Recently someone leaked out some information concerning East San Dios, and I want you to let slip that Wei Rong was the one who did that. He did it in order to manipulate the Arbiter into dealing with me. In other words, he tried to use Arbiter Lan Si," Lu Yin stated.

Zhu San frowned. "How would this even be useful to you? Lan Si isn't stupid, he'll definitely know that you're just trying to stir up trouble between him and Wei Rong."

"I didn't ask you to tell Lan Si. There's a person by the name of Tie San who is very impulsive and who completely idolizes Lan Si. What do you think he'll do if he finds out that someone in the Outerverse dared to use Lan Si?" Lu Yin asked with a smile.

Zhu San took a deep breath. Although Lan Si wouldn't be deceived, this Tie San might actually believe such rumors. Nobody could slander the Ten Arbiters, and most people in the Outerverse didn't even know what the Divine Fist's true name was. Since the people from the Innerverse instinctively looked down upon the people from the Outerverse, as soon as Lan Si's supporters heard that someone from the Outerverse had the guts to try to trick them, they would definitely move out to deal with Wei Rong as such a thing was a grave insult to them.

"I want you to exaggerate Wei Rong's intelligence and make him sound like an absolute genius. I also want you to broadcast the results of the battle at East San Dios. You can even say that Wei Rong successfully took advantage of the Divine Fist to get revenge on me," Lu Yin continued explaining. Although Lan Si's true goal was to become an Honor Chosen, the main point of this rumor was to say that an Arbiter had been used as a tool by someone from the Outerverse. This would become a matter of pride.

Chapter 909: Enormous Power

After hearing Lu Yin's response, Zhu San sighed. "I know. Lu Yin, this is the last thing that I will ever help you with, so don't contact me again."

"We'll see. You're still my brother, and you also still owe me a red envelope."

Zhu San hung up in frustration.

When Zhu Jie heard of the news, he frowned. "Lu Yin definitely won't let us off. He will continue to use us to deal with the Qiong family in the future."

"Father, are you sure that Lu Yin wants to deal with the Qiong family?" Zhu San asked.

Zhu Jie firmly answered, "Definitely. He's too ambitious, and he won't stop until he controls the entire Outerverse. It won't be easy to deal with him, and unless the Hall of Honor stops him, nobody will ever be able to truly rein him in."

"Then what should we do?" Zhu San asked worriedly.

Zhu Jie massaged his temples. "Nobody like him has ever appeared in the Outerverse before. He's talented, covets power, and above all, is very meticulous. How did someone like him even appear in the Outerverse?"

"Father, should we follow his requests?" Zhu San asked.

Zhu Jie nodded. "Yes, go ahead with what he asked you to do. Although he's ambitious and ruthless, he also treats his followers very well. He became enemies with the Zi family just to save Bai Xue, and he even fought against the elders of the Neo-Vestige Sect for Peach. He has principles, and he protects his followers. He will accomplish great things in the future."

Zhu San's eyes went wide. "Are you saying that we should follow him?"

Zhu Jie looked at Zhu San with a serious expression. "Our family's status in Millions City is rapidly waning because our power decreased substantially after our ancestor died while the Outerverse remains cut off from the Innerverse. At this rate, we face only two possible outcomes: we will either be forced to leave Millions City or be destroyed by the Qiong family. I don't want either of those outcomes to happen, especially since we need to contact the Ce family as soon as the Outerverse reconnects with the Innerverse. Thus, we cannot leave Millions City before then.

"Lu Yin is extremely protective of his followers, and once we are under his wing, the Qiong family won't dare to do anything to us."

Zhu San felt torn. "But he wants to deal with the Qiong family and take control of Millions City, which is also our goal."

"We won't be able to achieve that goal anymore, so we can only give up on that objective. At least we'll be able to use him to intimidate the Qiong family and allow us to stay here until we can contact the Ce family," Zhu Jie explained firmly.

Zhu San nodded. They would have to follow Lu Yin if they wanted to survive. However, he did not know that Felynn, Starfox, and many other people had also been forced to follow Lu Yin, though none of them had realized that this was becoming a trend.

Ten days later, some people from Mt. Stacks Dojo arrived in Millions City. They blockaded the entrance to the city master's estate and demanded that Wei Rong come out.

Qiong Shanhai walked out of the property and activated Millions City's shield. The ground trembled as if a beast was about to awaken.

Elder Tie's expression instantly changed. He had heard that Millions City was a mobile fortress that had even been able to intimidate Envoys during Endless Weave's border defense. It was a major power in the Outerverse, and he had been very impressed by the stories of Millions City's power.

"I'm City Master Qiong Shanhai of Millions City. Is there anything that I can help you with?" Qiong Shanhai asked. He looked over at Elder Tie, who was far stronger than him.

The arrival of Lan Si and the others in the Outerverse had been a huge surprise to many, but most people were actually unaware of who these newcomers were. This was in line with the Hall of Honor's plans as these people had all come from the Innaverse.

Their arrival had raised many questions among the general public, and many people from all parts of the Outerverse had started roaming about the Astral River, trying to find a way back to the Innaverse.

Nobody from Mt. Stacks Dojo or the Sea King's Dome had mentioned anything regarding the war in the Innaverse since they didn't want anyone in the Outerverse to learn that the Innaverse had been invaded. This was also the reason why Yuan Shi had sent the cultivators from Grayweed Continent away, as he wanted to prevent the Outerverse from descending into chaos. Although some people were already aware of the war in the Innaverse due to the previous border invasion, most were still in the dark.

"I'm an elder from Grayweed Continent's Mt. Stacks Dojo. You may call me Elder Tie."

Qiong Shanhai politely asked, "Is there anything that Millions City can do for you, Elder Tie?"

Elder Tie coldly responded, "I heard that there's a young fellow from the Outerverse by the name of Wei Rong. It seems that he is known for being highly intelligent, but he made a mistake when he took advantage of the incident at East Dios to instigate a fight between my young master and the Great Eastern Alliance's Lu Yin. Please hand him over to us, city master."

Qiong Shanhai's expression grew dark. "Could there be some kind of misunderstanding here?"

Tie San walked out from behind and rudely interrupted, saying, "There's no misunderstanding. That Wei Rong guy is claiming to be the smartest person in the Outerverse. He's too arrogant! Please hand him over to us, city master."

Qiong Shanhai frowned. "I'm sorry, but Wei Rong isn't in Millions City."

Elder Tie shook his head. "City Master Qiong, I respect you as the master of Millions City, but you should show me some respect as well. You shouldn't create enemies to support that young man."

Qiong Shanhai's determination began wavering.

Qiong Xi'er walked out and looked at Elder Tie. "I'm sorry, but Wei Rong truly isn't in Millions City."

Tie San roared, "Someone confirmed that he's in the city master's estate."

"Truly? I live in the city master's residence, but even I am not aware of Wei Rong being here, so who could possibly know such a thing? May we ask that person ourselves?" Qiong Xi'er retorted sharply.

Elder Tie glared at Qiong Xi'er in anger.

Qiong Shanhai snorted, and the ground shook even more intensely. "This is Millions City. Please keep that in mind."

Elder Tie clenched his fists and smirked. "Fine, since City Master Qiong is unwilling to hand this person over, then we will simply wait here. Pass down my orders—surround Millions City! Nobody is allowed to leave the city without my permission."

Qiong Shanhai was infuriated. "Elder Tie, don't think that you can bully us so easily. If not for that Envoy from your Mt. Stacks Dojo, you wouldn't be able to defeat Millions City."

Elder Tie left with a smug expression on his face.

There were hundreds of Mt. Stacks Dojo disciples who had accompanied Elder Tie here, and their numbers included a dozen Hunters with the rest of them being either Explorers or Cruisers. On top of that, Elder Tie was a powerhouse whose power level was greater than 300,000. Thus, Millions City was unable to do anything to them unless they wanted to wage war with Mt. Stacks Dojo.

Qiong Shanhai did not dare to declare war against such a group, as he was unaware of how many experts Mt. Stacks Dojo possessed. Divine Fist Lan Si was one of the Ten Arbiters, and he was extremely influential, which was another reason why Qiong Shanhai did not know how to handle this problem.

"Xi'er, we should hand Wei Rong over if there's no other option," Qiong Shanhai reluctantly messaged.

Qiong Xi'er firmly responded, "No. If we actually hand him over, then nobody will believe us in the future. Also, you have to remember that Lu Yin is constantly keeping an eye on us as well."

Qiong Shanhai's eyes glinted. Lu Yin was the actual problem at this time. No matter how arrogant the people from Mt. Stacks Dojo behaved, they would not be able to do anything to Millions City even with the help of their Envoy. However, Lu Yin was different, as he had the support of the Hall of Honor and was capable of executing many strange plans. The moment he discovered that Wei Rong was hiding in Millions City and being protected by the Qiong family, he would instantly gain a real reason to deal with them.

The person whom Qiong Shanhai was most wary of in the entire Outerverse was Lu Yin.

Lu Yin had already expected that Mt. Stacks Dojo would become enemies with Millions City. That had been his intention when he ordered Zhu San to spread the rumors concerning Wei Rong hiding in the city. Lu Yin wanted to pressure Wei Rong and let him know that there was nowhere for him to go.

As for the feud between Mt. Stacks Dojo and Millions City, Lu Yin was certain that the Qiong family would not hand over Wei Rong. What's more, the people from Mt. Stacks Dojo were from the

Inniverse and naturally looked down upon the Outerverse cultivators. Thus, it would be very normal for the two sides to become enemies.

Lu Yin's current issue was that he had to find a way to bring Wei Rong to his side while also leaving a way for him to deal with Millions City in the future. Lu Yin was not concerned about Mt. Stacks Dojo, as Lan Si would not allow his forces to become enemies with the Great Eastern Alliance. Lan Si only wanted the position of Honor Chosen, so he would not create any trouble for Lu Yin before achieving that goal.

The feud between Mt. Stacks Dojo and Millions City would not last for very long, and the Hall of Honor might even interfere if it continued for too long.

Lu Yin looked up at the three mainland rings. Was this the right thing to do? His initial motivation to unite the Outerverse was so that it would be more powerful when the Sixth Mainland invaded.

The Sixth Mainland was ultimately their greatest enemy.

Their battle had already raged on for four years now, but there was still no end in sight. Lu Yin did not know what would happen to the Inniverse and the Outerverse in the future.

On the other side, Wei Rong felt very uncomfortable at this moment, as he was aware that he had been duped. He could already tell that everything had been orchestrated by Lu Yin.

Wei Rong didn't care about the people from Mt. Stacks Dojo, but Lu Yin had completely crushed any hope Wei Rong had held about joining Lan Si's side.

In fact, this miscalculation stemmed from how Wei Rong had forgotten that while he had always been the one playing dirty during his skirmishes with Lu Yin, Lu Yin was also capable of employing such schemes.

Wei Rong had truly been outwitted this time around.

Even if Wei Rong tried to tell the people from Mt. Stacks Dojo that Lu Yin was just using them, they still would not change their behavior as Wei Rong actually had instigated the conflict between Lan Si and Lu Yin.

In reality, he had only asked Qiong Xi'er to spread some rumors and then relied on the media to make the whole thing blow up. However, he now had to bear the consequences of those actions.

The only thing that he could do at this time was wait.

Wei Rong was aware that Lu Yin would not let him off that easily and that there had to be something else coming.

Without any other moves, Wei Rong could only try to think of a solution, as he did not want to lose in this manner.

A few days later, another piece of news was released that shocked the entire Outerverse and drew everyone's attention to the Great Yu Empire.

The five weaves bordering Armament Weave had formally announced that they were joining the Great Eastern Alliance.

This announcement stunned the Outerverse, and soon, everyone heard of it.

Before this moment, the Great Eastern Alliance had only consisted of ten weaves, including Armament Weave, which had made it a major power in the east. With the addition of five more weaves, the alliance's power had almost doubled, which terrified many people.

After Armament Weave's fall, the Outerverse's central weaves had immediately realized that they were in trouble, as the Great Eastern Alliance had gained a stepping stone that would allow them to invade the central region. Despite that, no one had expected the Great Eastern Alliance to have secretly gained control of five other weaves.

The Great Eastern Alliance's express military route now spread through the five new weaves, and this caused a significant public reaction comparable to when the Great Eastern Alliance had first been established.

However, a second piece of news was announced a few days later that rendered everyone speechless yet again.

Chapter 910: Four Cycles

In the Outerverse's eastern region, Morrow Weave and Eastly Weave also announced that they would join the Great Eastern Alliance, and right behind them were two other weaves. At this time, out of all of the eastern weaves, only Mordo Weave and Ironblood Weaves had not joined the Great Eastern Alliance.

Ironblood Weave was no problem, and Lu Yin quickly called Wang Wen.

Shortly after that call, Ironblood Weave also announced that it had also joined the Great Eastern Alliance.

The Great Eastern Alliance had now formally incorporated twenty weaves into its organization, and its strength had quickly risen by a considerable amount. At this time, it had spread across both the eastern and central regions of the Outerverse, forming a mammoth organization that seemed to be eyeing the west.

Twenty weaves meant that the Great Eastern Alliance had actually unified a full third of the Outerverse, which demonstrated the sheer level of Lu Yin's influence; he had surpassed everyone else in the Outerverse. A single sentence from him could determine the fates of countless people, and his hand was now reaching to the west.

Since there was an alliance, there was naturally an allied military as well.

En Ya followed the already created system of the Great Eastern Alliance's Allied Forces for recruiting the troops, which actually doubled the Allied Forces' strength. In particular, the Rapid Response Team had improved greatly, and they now had six Hunters and more than 200 Cruisers and Explorers. The elite troops merely lacked an absolute expert in comparison to the group from Mt. Stacks Dojo.

The weaves in the central region were growing fearful, and they set aside all sorts of previous conflicts between them as they began to unite in order to withstand the Great Eastern Alliance's pressure.

Under these circumstances, Lu Yin suddenly announced that he would go into seclusion.

There was nothing suitable for him to do given the present situation, so it would not be bad for him to pause for a bit.

Five of the Outerverse's central weaves had already joined the alliance, and En Ya's contributions in this sudden expansion had been quite significant. Of course, Aegis and Thousand Eyes' intelligence had also played a pivotal role. To have such progress take place within half a year, their accomplishments nearly rivaled the speed at which the Great Eastern Alliance had originally expanded in the beginning.

En Ya was growing more seasoned in her methods, but there were still many problems to handle since the alliance's power had increased dramatically within a very small amount of time. It would take time to sort everything out.

The secret room in King Zishan's palace had been changed once again. In the past, before Lu Yin had visited the Innaverse with Hai Qiqi, he had instructed Elder Yuan to recruit some architects and remodel the secret room with the best materials available. That way, any aftershocks from his cultivation would not be felt outside of the room.

At this time, the secret room was constructed from some of the best materials available in the Great Eastern Alliance. Although it could not compare to the secret cultivation rooms of the Innaverse's strong powers, it was still much better than what Lu Yin had had been before.

Lu Yin sat down cross-legged and retrieved the high-temperature stone that he had gotten during their escape from Grayweed Continent. It had been left behind when that fiery dragon dissipated, and Lu Yin had managed to grab it with his Yu Secret Art.

On his way back to the Outerverse from the Starfall Sea, Lu Yin had discovered just how extraordinary this stone's temperature was. Since it had come from the Skyblaze Dojo, he would simply call it the Skyblaze Stone!

According to Lu Yin's best guesses, this stone had been the main source of strength for that fiery dragon. As he held it in his hands, the stone's extreme temperature formed a line that extended towards his arm. Even with Lu Yin's absurd physique, he still could not quite endure the intense heat. In addition, this temperature was just the natural heat released by the stone before it was stimulated with star energy.

Lu Yin tested the temperature, and his hand trembled. The line of heat extending towards his arm burned whatever it touched.

He endured the intense pain and he applied some strong ointment to his skin while he stared at the Skyblaze stone with untold excitement in his eyes. This thing was pretty good.

Lu Yin waved a hand, causing a pile of star essence to appear within the secret room. He then tried to hold the Skyblaze Stone in his hand while also grabbing the star essence. The next moment, the extreme temperature caused the star essence to melt even quicker than the furnace in the Daosource Sect's ruins. Simultaneously, a torrid line formed by the high temperature wrapped around Lu Yin's body, forcing him to endure the heat and pain as the star essence evaporated. Then, a red halo appeared above the surface of his body as the evaporated star essence visibly merged into this halo before being pulled into his body.

This environment was almost identical to what Lu Yin had experienced within the Daosource Sect's ruins' furnace and the inside of Millions City's cannon. After finally achieving the same circumstances, Lu Yin became ecstatic, as the rate at which he absorbed star energy had risen exponentially. This stone allowed him to create a unique cultivation environment that was identical to what the furnace and cannon had formed. In this environment, Lu Yin was no longer absorbing star energy, but rather devouring it.

However, this was still not enough, and Lu Yin quickly activated the Cosmic Art, causing ninety nine stars to revolve around him. He then took out another batch of star essence, and as more star essence evaporated, the red halo continued to grow larger. At the same time, as Lu Yin used the Cosmic Art, the pile of star essence on the ground quickly diminished.

Lu Yin took out another batch without any hesitation, followed by another batch, and another...

There were countless cultivation methods throughout the universe, and someone else had definitely come up with a similar method to the one that Lu Yin was currently employing to absorb star energy. Lu Yin knew that his own rate of cultivation was very fast, but he still did not ignore the successes of others.

A dozen days passed in this manner, during which he had consumed quite a considerable amount of star essence. Additionally, the temperature of the Skyblaze Stone had also dropped by a bit, which subsequently lowered the rate at which the star essence evaporated.

Lu Yin continued to cultivate.

Soon, another month passed. During this time, Lu Yin had absorbed the star energy of 160,000 star essence, which was the amount of star energy that he needed to complete his fourth cultivation cycle. In other words, he had taken advantage of the Skyblaze Stone to accelerate his cultivation, allowing him to complete his fourth cycle as an Explorer in just one month. Once he successfully completed another cycle, he would officially become a Cruiser.

The most mediocre and average cultivators took around 800 star essence to complete their fourth cycle, but Lu Yin had needed to consume 160,000, which was an incomparably exaggerated number. Even if he used the ninety nine stars of the Cosmic Art to increase his rate of cultivation normally, it still would have taken him 200 years to complete this cycle. However, with this extreme method, he had shortened this process to just one month.

This was the effect of the Skyblaze Stone. It had baked his body at a high temperature while also vaporizing star essence.

Lu Yin did not know what other cultivators' maximum star energy absorption rate was, but he felt that they most likely could not match his exaggerated speed!

Additionally, Lu Yin felt that his physical body was a little different from others, as it was constantly strengthening itself while his spiritual force was also continuously improving. It was very puzzling.

It was possible that this was somehow related to his lost memories.

Lu Yin shook his head and stopped thinking about this puzzle as he put the Skyblaze Stone away. The stone's temperature was no longer very hot, and now, the average Hunter would likely be able to

endure it, which was not enough for Lu Yin to cultivate with. He had constantly drained the heat from this stone over the period of a month, and now, he was wondering if the heat could be restored.

Lu Yin suddenly thought of a question. If this stone was the source of strength for that fiery dragon, then wasn't this equivalent to consuming a fiery dragon after cultivating for one month? That was too extravagant!

After tidying up, Lu Yin stepped out of the secret room, feeling invigorated. He moved to a nearby courtyard, where he heard Zhao Ran humming a random tune. She sounded very relaxed.

"Your Highness, you're out! You should try a freshly brewed aromatic tea." Zhao Ran looked at Lu Yin with eyes filled with expectations as she blinked at him.

Lu Yin nodded. "Alright, hand me a glass."

Zhao Ran was very happy, and she served him a thick, green, aromatic tea.

Lu Yin blankly stared at his glass. "This is tea?"

"That's right. Try it, Your Highness!" Zhao Ran looked at him happily.

Lu Yin did not want to disappoint her, and although this tea looked somewhat horrifying, he still took a sip. His eyes instantly lit up. It was actually very delicious, and he could not resist draining the glass in one go. He then stared at Zhao Ran, flabbergasted. "That was actually pretty good. I'll have another."

Zhao Ran cheered, "Great! As long as Your Highness likes it."

She delightedly ran off to pour another glass.

Lu Yin had not drunk such a good cup of tea before. In fact, this could not even be considered tea, and Zhao Ran might have misunderstood what the word "tea" meant. This was probably best classified as another type of beverage, but it was even better than what Lu Yin had sampled at Brightstar Corp. or Amethyst Exchange.

"Zhao Ran, make more of this kind of aromatic tea in the future," Lu Yin said.

Zhao Ran immediately murmured her assent, feeling very proud of herself.

After Lu Yin rested for half a day, En Ya learned that he had emerged from seclusion, and she immediately requested an audience with him.

"Your Highness, now that our Great Eastern Alliance spans twenty weaves, the Allied Expressway is also being built. Our Allied Forces were already insufficient before, and I feel that we need to expand our military forces. Aside from the original Allied Forces and the Rapid Response Team, we should also found several divisions in preparation for battle..." En Ya said a great deal.

Lu Yin silently listened to her. In truth, he did not understand these matters very well, as most of these administrative tasks were designated to En Ya, Huan Sha, the Lu Ministry of Staff, the Lu Ministry of Defense, the Imperial Cabinet, and other bureaucratic entities. Throughout the recent years, across all

levels, all of the Great Yu Empire's officials had shown their abilities, and all the incompetent ones had been replaced. Ruling the empire was becoming ever more effortless for Lu Yin.

Unfortunately, despite En Ya having the military capabilities, her vision and courage was too small to attempt many of the things that she wished to accomplish. Thus, she could only ask Lu Yin for his instructions despite him not fully understanding these matters.

In this situation, Lu Yin thought of Wang Wen, as he was a genius who was a true military strategist. Based on a single battle, he had been able to predict the Astral Beast Domain's reinforcement's strength and speed; the young man's intelligence was absolutely terrifying.

"Your Highness, at this time, out of all the eastern weaves, only Mordo and Canopy Weaves have not joined our alliance yet. The rest have all joined us," En Ya reported.

Lu Yin grunted in acknowledgement and then called Gong Ling right in front of En Ya.

The call quickly connected, but it was the sect leader's son, Gong Chou, who answered the call. "Hello, Alliance Leader Lu."

"Where's Sect Leader Gong?" Lu Yin asked.

Gong Chou replied, "He is currently in seclusion, but Alliance Leader Lu can pass anything that he needs to me, and I will naturally pass the message on as soon as he emerges."

Lu Yin's lips curled upwards. "So he's in seclusion again. When will he emerge?"

Gong Chou apologized, "I'm really not sure. Alliance Leader Lu can leave a message, and I will definitely pass it on the moment he emerges."

"There's no need. I'll personally head over to the Neo-Vestige Sect to meet with Sect Leader Gong." Lu Yin's tone changed, becoming slightly cold.

Gong Chou was shocked at this sudden change. "What urgent matter has come up for Alliance Leader Lu to visit?"

"It's nothing much, but I must talk to Sect Leader Gong," Lu Yin replied. His tone left no room for argument, and his attitude was completely different from when he had first met Gong Chou. Back then, the Neo-Vestige Sect had still had the Arrow Mountain Elder, three Enlighters, and other powerful hidden trump cards. It had been one of the Outerverse's three great powers that could not be provoked.

But now, even if Arrow Mountain Elder was still alive, Lu Yin would not care, and there was even less to mention now that the old man was dead.

Lu Yin had no intentions of doing anything to the Neo-Vestige Sect, but Gong Ling himself had promised Lu Yin that as long as the Great Eastern Alliance was able to expand to include twenty weaves, the Neo-Vestige Sect would join as well. The sect was now trying to delay that matter, which was not very upright.

Gong Chou heard the trace of fury in Lu Yin's voice, and he helplessly said, "Since Alliance Leader Lu has urgent business, then I can only request for Sect Leader to emerge early. Please wait a moment."

Not long after, Gong Ling's voice was heard from the gadget. "I heard that Alliance Leader Lu is looking for me. Is there an urgent matter?"

Lu Yin was amused, as the old man was still putting on an act. "Sect Leader Gong, do you remember what you promised me in the past?"

Gong Ling was confused. "I'll have to ask Alliance Leader Lu to please clarify."

"Once my Great Eastern Alliance gathered twenty weaves, your Neo-Vestige Sect will join us. Sect Leader Gong couldn't have forgotten about that, could you?" Lu Yin bluntly asked.

Gong Ling fell silent and then answered, "Alliance Leader Lu is making things difficult for me. The Neo-Vestige Sect has been passed on from one generation to the next since ancient times, and our ancestors taught us not to participate in disputes between other powers. Alliance Leader Lu, this--"

"Sect Leader Gong, when you agreed at that time, you were quite straightforward about things." Lu Yin was unhappy with this response.

Gong Ling did not reply.

Lu Yin frowned. "It seems that Sect Leader Gong does not wish to keep his promise."

Gong Ling reluctantly responded, "It's not that. In the past, I did indeed make such an agreement with Alliance Leader Lu. Alright, my Neo-Vestige Sect will bring Mordo and Canopy Weaves along with it. From today on, we'll be a part of the Great Eastern Alliance, and I'll announce this news immediately."