

Chapter 931: Disappearance

Lu Yin did not rule out the possibility of other Arbiters also having some connection with the Cosmic Sea. However, right now, Jin He was the most likely candidate.

In the past, Zi Xianxian had once said that one of the Ten Arbiters could not be attacked and that they also detested those with primeval surnames. That person should also be Jin He.

Since this person both hated primeval surnames and came from the Cosmic Sea's Four Pirate Crews, he was very likely to be the culprit.

Lu Yin set down the scroll and let out a heavy breath. He had finally found the one he had been searching for after all these years.

He now knew about all of the Ten Arbiters, at least on a superficial level. And he would learn more information once he reached a certain height. Even if Lu Yin had not obtained access to Amethyst Exchange's information, he would still eventually learn this. When Yuan Shi had appeared before the group of people from the Starfall Sea who had escaped to the Outerverse, the old man had not spoken a single word to Lan Si. In fact, he had not even bothered with the Arbiter. This showed just how lofty Yuan Shi's status was. The Ten Arbiters held great sway over the younger generation and perhaps even over Enlighters, but they were seen as nothing more than juniors to those at the higher levels.

Lu Yin himself was no different. Even if he unified the entire Outerverse, he would still only be a junior. If the Sixth Mainland had not tried to invade their border, he would have never caught Yuan Shi's eye.

Jin He—Lu Yin would remember this name.

From a distance, Zi Xianxian watched as Lu Yin's expressions went through various changes, especially when he looked at the last scroll. Her heart sank; even family members like her could not access some of the information in this place, as Amethyst Exchange was afraid of creating trouble for themselves. She guessed that Lu Yin had likely found the answer that he had been searching for.

This answer may lead to something in the future, and this moment would be remembered as the trigger.

Information was a type of weapon, and whoever controlled it seized the advantage. However, in a similar sense, information could also bring about disaster.

She did not know how the answer that Lu Yin had found would affect Amethyst Exchange in the future, but she could only hope that it would not become some great calamity. However, she had no confidence in that wishful belief, as this was related to the Ten Arbiters, and behind them stood too many enormous forces.

Lu Yin looked around the library again, casually flipping through a few more reports. It had to be acknowledged that Amethyst Exchange's information was very comprehensive, and they had some information that could be of great help to Lu Yin. However, there was simply too much to comb through in such a short period of time.

"You can head back first. I'll take a look around by myself," Lu Yin told Zi Xianxian.

Zi Xianxian nodded. "You may look through the records, but nothing can leave this place."

"Got it," Lu Yin replied casually.

Zi Xianxian gave him a serious look before turning to leave.

Lu Yin looked up and watched her leave with a crafty glint in his eyes. He did not believe that the Zi family would actually hand over all of its information. There were definitely more secrets that they were keeping from him, but he had no choice to ignore it as he could not keep pressing them too hard.

Fortunately, he had found what he wanted regarding the Ten Arbiters. Otherwise, he might have been forced to employ more extreme methods.

In Frostwave Weave, on Earth, snow drifted through the sky. The temperature on Changbai Mountain was very low, but it was not uncomfortable to cultivators.

This was the location of Blue Camp, and even though Earth's average cultivation level had soared with the help of the Great Yu Empire, Blue Camp had always remained there. Nobody dared to touch it.

Earth was special, and although it had not raised that many powerful cultivators, it was Lu Yin's home planet. Thus, the tourists and anyone visiting the planet would not be too brazen, and they would all take the initiative to first approach Zhou Shan.

Zhou Shan was also special, as he was Lu Yin's comrade as well as one of Lu Yin's few friends.

One day, Zhou Shan led his daughter, Xixi, to visit Changbai Mountain. As they walked, snowflakes fell on her head, though Xixi just revolved star energy through her body to melt the snowflakes.

Although she was quite young, she had already begun cultivating. Most children on Earth were the same, and they had all stepped onto the path of cultivation at a young age.

"Papa, there's someone there! It's Uncle Zhang!" Zhou Xixi cried out as she pointed at the peak of the mountain

Zhou Shan smiled. "Let's go and see him."

The snow covered the ground in thick layers, and two sets of footprints broke the vast whiteness, one large and one small. However, they were quickly covered over by the endless falling snow.

Some time had passed since Zhang Dingtian had returned to Earth, and he had already met with Zhou Shan, visited the capital to look for Wu Shang, and met with many old acquaintances.

It had been difficult for Zhou Shan to find the time to visit Changbai Mountain to meet with Zhang Dingtian and Bai Xue.

Bai Xue was very grateful to Zhang Dingtian. If not for him, she would have still been suffering from being blackmailed.

“During Earth’s apocalypse, there were the Seven Sages of China. Although we faced a different crisis at every turn, it was still quite amazing. Now that things have changed, there’s only a few of us left from the seven.” Wu Shang had also come, and he sighed as he took a swig of wine.

Zhang Dingtian had a complex expression. “Earth’s apocalypse was the start of our connection with the wider universe, and Earth is still too small.”

“If not for Lu Yin, who knows what Earth would even look like right now. It’s possible that we would have all been sent to the border warfront to become cannon fodder,” Zhou Shan said.

“Papa, why hasn’t Uncle Lu come back?” Zhou Xixi tugged at Zhou Shan’s clothes.

Zhou Shan rubbed her head. “Uncle Lu doesn’t have time, but I’ll invite him next time.”

Bai Xue waved Zhou Xixi over and lovingly hugged the adorable little girl.

Zhou Xixi quite liked this beautiful aunt.

“Zhou Shan, does Xixi have a formcast model?” Bai Xue asked.

Zhou Shan nodded.

Bai Xue rubbed Zhou Xixi’s head and then took her on a tour of Changbai Mountain.

The next day, the group dispersed, as Zhou Shan had many things that he needed to attend to, as did Wu Shang. Meanwhile, Zhang Dingtian decided to visit Jupiter.

In fact, Lu Yin had specifically told Zhang Dingtian to investigate Jupiter.

“Jupiter? What’s to see there?” Bai Xue asked when she heard of Zhang Dingtian’s plans. Earth’s technology had drastically improved, and they had explored many of the nearby planets, including Jupiter. But from their investigations, there had been nothing special on that planet aside from its terrible weather.

Zhang Dingtian replied, “I don’t know, but Lu Yin can’t enter it.”

Bai Xue was surprised by this reply. “I’ll go with you.”

Zhang Dingtian nodded, and he stepped into outer space.

Bai Xue followed close behind him.

Jupiter looked very pretty from a distance, but the planet’s atmosphere was deadly. Each of its seemingly beautiful lines were made up of a gas that could instantly kill commoners.

When he had visited Jupiter, Lu Yin had not been able to enter no matter what he attempted. Thus, this time, it was Zhang Dingtian and Bai Xue’s turn to make an attempt. However, the two were pulled into the planet without any effort from themselves.

Zhang Dingtian and Bai Xue had not expected to be pulled into Jupiter like this. In fact, they were so unprepared that they did not even have the ability to resist. Both of them vanished just like that.

If Lu Yin learned of this, he would be very frustrated. He had tried all sorts of methods to access the planet, but these two had entered it so simply.

Lu Yin received news of this incident a few days later, and he watched a video of the scene on his gadget. He pursed his lips; what was with this difference in treatment?

This video had been taken by one of the Great Yu Empire's spacecraft that had been monitoring Jupiter, and it showed the precise moment when Zhang Dingtian and Bai Xue had been pulled into Jupiter.

No matter what, the two of them had managed to enter the planet. However, Lu Yin had heard that once someone entered, they would never be allowed to leave.

Lu Yin immediately ordered another five vessels to monitor Jupiter so that all angles of the planet would be constantly watched. They were also all ordered to immediately report to him if anyone emerged from the planet.

When he checked the date, Lu Yin saw that it had been a month since he had left the Daosource Sect's ruins, which meant that it was time to return once again.

The Zi family's intelligence database was as vast as an ocean, and he could not possibly peruse their entire bank.

Lu Yin left the library, and he did not even inform his hosts of his departure.

Although he had saved the Zi family, he was well aware that they did not welcome him. But he did not mind either, as he simply wanted to use them.

Speaking of which, the Zi family was one of the Outerverse's four great conglomerates. Just how much money were his shares worth? Lu Yin held rather high expectations.

Right, there was also Aegis.

Lu Yin left Skylush Planet and looked through the star chart of the surrounding area. He was planning to find a remote place and then enter the Daosource Sect's ruins there. His spacecraft flew through space for a period of time as Lu Yin scanned the horizon. Suddenly, his gaze trembled as a boundless amount of rune lines appeared in the distance.

Lu Yin frowned, and he stared closely at the desolate planet that had appeared in the distance.

There was something strange with the rune lines that he was seeing, as there should not be anyone on that desolate planet. However, there were countless rune lines on it at the moment. They revealed the presence of not just one, but three people, and all of them were at the level of an Enlighter.

Lu Yin's gaze grew sharp, and he exited his spacecraft before donning his universal armor. After that, his figure vanished.

There was a massive maelstrom blocking the way, but Lu Yin easily passed through it to land on the surface of the planet. He was greeted by a dusky glow that extended in all directions, but the ground was white. The only sound that greeted him was the lonely wind breeze.

The three massive clusters of rune lines were gathered together, but Lu Yin used his cloakstone to conceal his aura as he approached them. Before long, he saw three humans sitting at the base of a dusky mountain. There was one older person and two middle-aged people.

The trio did not speak, and they seemed to be resting.

Lu Yin waited for half a day, but the three people did not even open their eyes.

Once a cultivator entered a state of cultivation, it would be normal for them to not move for a few days, months, years, or even centuries and millennia. However, Lu Yin did not want to waste that much time here.

Still, the presence of these three Enlighters was just too odd. Aside from the border's defensive line, where else could three Enlighters be seen together? Even the Neo-Vestige Sect only had three Enlighters.

Also, the location of this planet was coincidentally right along Lu Yin's return route to Frostwave Weave. Most likely, when he had come to Skylush Planet, these three people had not been here since he would have noticed them then.

After thinking about it, Lu Yin came up with a theory. He then decided to test it out by using his gadget to send a message to Zi Xianxian, letting her know that he had left the Zi family's homeworld.

Less than two minutes later, the gadgets of the three people beeped, and they all opened their eyes in unison. "He's out. Get ready."

"He's killed Enlighters before, so the three of us need to attack him at once. Otherwise, there will be no end to our trouble."

"Rumor has it that he has too many external items, so the three of us cannot act too brazenly. We must control him from the dark. Brother Ye, it'll be up to you."

Of the trio, the elder spoke in an awe-inspiring tone. "Rest assured, he will have no opportunity to use his items. As soon as I see him, he won't be able to move."

Lu Yin let out a breath. Sure enough, these three people had been lying in wait for him. Someone from the Zi family had betrayed him, and he did not even know if it had been Zi Xianxian. Even if it wasn't her, the traitor had to be someone within the upper echelons of the Zi family who had immediately learned of Lu Yin's situation through Zi Xianxian.

He picked up a stone and fiercely threw it down.

The trio below him were startled by the noise, and they whirled around to see a stone turn to dust just a meter away from them. "Who's there?"

Lu Yin stepped forward. "Are you three seniors waiting for me?"

The trio was stunned. "H- how did you get here?"

Lu Yin's gaze swept over them. "Three Enlighters were sent out to ambush an Explorer. I'm quite flattered."

The trio exchanged glances, and the old person suddenly stared at Lu Yin. A formless chain appeared from the void and moved to bind Lu Yin's limbs, even locking the air in place as it firmly bound Lu Yin. "Go!"

Fierce attacks rained down upon the youth, and the desolate planet instantly began to crack before exploding from the pressure.

Even Explorers were capable of destroying planets, so it went without saying that Enlighters were able to do the same.

Even the space surrounding the shattered planet began to tremble.

Lu Yin was being struck like a dummy target that had no ability to retaliate. The old man's innate gift was very strange, and such an innate gift could force a normal cultivator into desperate straits. However, Lu Yin was no average person. He had already put on his universal armor and was simply too lazy to evade these attacks. In truth, when the elder had used his innate gift, Lu Yin had been observing the rune lines in the surroundings, and it would have been trivial for him to avoid the attack.

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It was widely known that Lu Yin's defenses were extremely powerful. Thus, the three Enlighters bombarded him with attacks from three different directions. They continued their attacks for ten whole minutes as they tried to break through his universal armor.

However, they were quickly stumped, as the universal armor did not show any sign of damage whatsoever. Although Lu Yin was being struck like a punching bag, he was completely unharmed.

In the distance, many of the surrounding planets were badly affected by the aftershocks of their relentless barrage, and they gradually began to crack apart.

Once the attacks finally died off, Lu Yin stood tall in the sky above the three Enlighters and looked down on them. "Are you done trying? Then it's my turn now."

With that, he threw out an Ultra Flash Tearbomb, and its blinding light filled the sky, stunning all three Enlighters simultaneously.

Lu Yin activated his bracer as he charged at an Enlighter. This bracer had been badly damaged when he had been attacked by a corpse king, so it could only be used a few more times before it completely fell apart.

The Enlighter that Lu Yin rushed at had a great deal of combat experience, and he was not an easy target to attack even though he had been blinded by the Ultra Flash Tearbomb. However, Lu Yin had also accumulated much combat experience against Enlighters, and his attack landed on the male Enlighter. The man raised both arms to block the attack, but he quickly discovered that his strength had strangely disappeared for an instant. Before the man could even think of anything else, Lu Yin's attack struck. It

completely shattered the Enlighter's arms and even pierced the man's chest, blasting the Enlighter away.

When the man's chest was pierced, a tremendous force entered his body as waves of energy crushed his internal organs. The Enlighter spat out a mouthful of blood as he died.

Before the war in Endless Weave, Lu Yin had used this bracer's ability of doubling his physical power to fight against Sall Phoenix. These three Enlighters' power levels had reached 200,000 at best, and they fell far short of Sall Phoenix. Their low power levels combined with the fact that Lu Yin could erase some of their rune lines meant that it was impossible for any of them to withstand such a punch.

When the other two saw their comrade's death, chills ran down their spines as they immediately turned around to make their escape.

They knew full well how powerful that Enlighter assassin had been.

Lu Yin had no intention of letting the two of them off scot-free, but unfortunately, his speed only allowed him to chase after one of them. With that in mind, he set his sight on the older man who had a powerful innate gift. Letting this man go might cause trouble for Lu Yin in the future.

Since the elderly man was an Enlighter, he was far faster than Lu Yin. However, Lu Yin quickly struck out with the Daynight Punch, unleashing a spiritual force attack. Lu Yin's spiritual force was comparable to that of the Ten Arbiters, and even though this attack was not enough to knock the old Enlighter unconscious, it still was enough to stop him in his tracks for a moment. That moment was enough for Lu Yin to catch up and punch the Enlighter.

The elderly man glared at Lu Yin, and the Enlighter's innate gift forcefully froze Lu Yin's surroundings. Lu Yin felt like he had been tied to a wall, and he was completely unable to move.

The elderly man ran away once again.

Lu Yin's pupils transformed into complex runes, and the elderly man suddenly felt his legs go weak as his speed fell. His mind and his body were out of sync, and he almost collapsed as he was slightly delayed once again. Lu Yin broke free of the Enlighter's innate gift, and the youth raised his right fist to strike out again.

The old man turned around again, attempting to use his innate gift once more. However, Lu Yin's eyes went wide as he saw a number of rune lines clearly start spreading out. At a critical moment, he shot through a crack and managed to dodge the elderly man's innate gift.

The elderly man was dumbfounded. "Impossible!"

"Nothing is impossible!" Lu Yin cried out as he casually swung a fist whose force had been amplified to twice that of Lu Yin's physical strength. Lu Yin was not worried, as any opponents whose power levels were beneath 300,000 only needed to be punched once to be eliminated.

However, Lu Yin did not go all out with this punch. The old man's shoulders were crushed, and he violently spat out a glob of blood as his body was sent flying towards a distant planet.

Lu Yin took one step and chased after the man.

The other Enlighter had long since fled in terror.

Once Lu Yin put on his universal armor, he was invincible, at least in the eyes of these Enlighters.

The old man's body struck the surface of the planet, and he smashed straight through the ground until he reached the core, where he was surrounded by magma. However, the force of Lu Yin's punch still had not dispersed, and the Enlighter shot through the planet's core and emerged from the other side. He once again opened his mouth to spit out some more blood as his vision grew blurry.

The path to becoming an Enlighter was littered with countless life and death battles. This time around, the old man was relying purely on his instincts to flee far away. All he wanted to do at this moment was get as far away from Lu Yin as possible. Although Lu Yin was just an Explorer, his impenetrable defence and strange methods made him an invincible opponent.

Lu Yin tore through the void and appeared directly behind the old Enlighter. He raised a hand that turned into a claw as an ancient beast howl descended, as if it was crossing the river of time. The hand turned into a huge Skybeast Claw. "Get down!"

The old man's expression turned sinister, and the Skybeast Claw froze in place. Visible waves of star energy instantly reduced the Skybeast Claw to dust as they spread out in all directions.

In most situations, an Enlighter's star energy would be able to suppress an Explorer's. However, Lu Yin's star energy reserves were simply beyond the imagination of an ordinary cultivator. The old man's star energy did not suppress Lu Yin in the slightest, and simply he threw his fists forward once again and unleashed the Daynight Punch. Lu Yin's spiritual force swept out. This force was not something that Enlighters could treat lightly, and the attack would slow the old man down for at least a second.

This was the exact same situation as before, and this second time would determine the victor of this chase.

Following Lu Yin's mighty punch, the old man's pupils contracted as he felt his scalp go numb. Just this punch alone was enough to destroy him. "No..."

Lu Yin suddenly halted the punch, but just the strong gust released by the punch was enough to distort the old Enlighter's face. The void cracked open just one centimeter away from the old man. Lu Yin could clearly see the despair and fear in his opponent's eyes.

Time seemed to stand still at this moment for Lu Yin and the old man.

Lu Yin slowly lowered his fists and calmly asked the old man, "What is your name?"

The old man was panting as he looked at Lu Yin in terror. "Ye- Ye Gui."

"Ye Gui? Is that your name?" Lu Yin asked.

Ye Gui nodded his head and coughed. Blood dripped down from the corner of his mouth as he wiped it away and stared at Lu Yin in disbelief. How could an Explorer possess such frightening strength? Even though the three Enlighters had only broken through relatively recently, it was still unthinkable that an Explorer could defeat them so easily. They were, after all, Enlighters.

“Where are you from? You’re a smart man, so you should know that it would be best to tell me what I want to know,” Lu Yin said coldly.

Ye Gui hesitated.

Lu Yin’s eyes turned cold. “I’m losing my patience.”

Ye Gui trembled at these words. He had lived a long life, but he became more scared of death the older he became. He did not want to die. “I am from Barr Weave. I was hired by the Central Coalition to assassinate you. The other two Enlighters were given the same mission.”

Lu Yin had already guessed as much. In the entire Outerverse, the people who wanted him dead the most were those powers from the central region. They stood at the absolute pinnacle of the central weaves’ military, and they also had the ability to hire three Enlighter realm assassins to kill Lu Yin.

While there were not that many Enlighters in the Outerverse, averaging less than one per weave, there were still seventy two weaves, which meant that the Outerverse had around thirty four Enlighters in total. Most of these Enlighters were currently stationed at Southside Weave’s border, but some had returned to the Outerverse. Thus, it was not very hard to find three Enlighters who were willing to kill Lu Yin.

“Who told you when I would be out?” Lu Yin asked.

Ye Gui showed a look of agony. “The eldest young master of the Zi family, Zi Fang.”

Lu Yin’s eyes went wide. “Would he be so stupid as to contact you himself?”

“We would only communicate with him, as we did not trust anyone else,” Ye Gui answered.

Lu Yin took Ye Gui’s personal gadget. He quickly found Zi Fang’s contact information and called him.

“Didn’t I tell you not to contact me?” Zi Fang’s voice rang out in an angry tone.

Lu Yin looked at the man with cold eyes. “Give me a reason not to kill you.”

On the other end of the call, after hearing Lu Yin’s voice, Zi Fang went utterly still. “Lu... Alliance Leader Lu, are you alright?”

“You have one chance. If you do not treasure this chance, then you will never get another,” Lu Yin responded coldly.

Zi Fang was trembling in fear. In just an instant, he imagined all of the possible horrible endings he would face. With Lu Yin’s current power and influence, killing Zi Fang would not even require Lu Yin to act himself. Even the Zi family’s extensive intelligence network might not be able to find a clue about his eventual killer, or even do anything about Zi Fang’s death. He was fully aware that Lu Yin had the ability to casually eliminate a person like him.

“Alliance Leader Lu, please let me explain.”

“Remember, you only have one chance. Think before you speak.”

Cold sweat dripped down from Zi Fang's forehead as his face went pale. All he could think about at this moment was how he could convince Lu Yin to spare his life. What could he offer Lu Yin in exchange for his life? All of a sudden, Zi Fang had an idea. "Alliance Leader Lu, I will tell you a secret concerning my Zi family. Please spare me after that."

"Speak," Lu Yin said, growing curious.

Zi Fang swallowed some saliva before continuing. "The Zi family actually has more than just one Enlighter, and Mr. Tradeo is not our only one. When the Zi family stood at the pinnacle of the Outerverse in the past, we defeated all those other powerhouses and became the largest intelligence network in the Outerverse due to the efforts of one man. His surname is Li. I do not know the specifics, but there is one thing that I am absolutely certain of: this Li person is far stronger than Mr. Tradeo. If he is not an Envoy, then he is very close to it. He is the true hidden power of the Zi family."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "That's nothing surprising. As one of the great four conglomerates, I would be quite suspicious if your organization was supported by Mr. Tradeo alone. This secret is not enough to buy your life."

Zi Fang's face drained of all color. "Alliance Leader Lu, I can offer you all of the information that we have gathered over the years. All that I ask is that you forget what happened today."

Lu Yin was not moved. "How much can you actually have? Besides, even if I kill you, all that you have will become mine anyways."

Zi Fang was growing desperate, and his mind was racing to come up with some way out.

"It seems that you have no way to save yourself. In that case, your days are numbered," Lu Yin said in a threatening voice.

Zi Fang was terrified. Countless thoughts flitted through his mind. He thought of how the high-ranking military officers of the central weave had been slaughtered, and of Aegis' top ten assassins. He also thought about all the Enlighters that Lu Yin had killed, Lu Yin's extensive influence throughout the Outerverse, and his background.

Zi Fang gritted his teeth and said, "Alliance Leader Lu, I can take you to a secret place that belongs to the Zi family. Even my father does not think that I am aware of this place, but the truth is that I visited it a long time ago. The greatest secret of our Zi family is hidden there, and that secret is related to the Neoverse."

Lu Yin grew interested. "Tell me more."

Zi Fang hesitated, as he really did not want to tell Lu Yin this.

Lu Yin sneered. "No worries then, you can just take this secret to your grave."

"Gods' Origin." Zi Fang reluctantly spouted out these words.

Lu Yin was confused. "What is 'Gods' Origin?'"

"Gods' Origin?" the Ghost Monkey shouted in disbelief.

Lu Yin's eyes sparkled as he covered his gadget and asked the monkey, "Do you know about that place?"

The monkey responded, "I may have come across it before, but I don't remember any concrete details about it."

Just at that moment, Zi Fang, who was still on the call with Lu Yin, spoke up. "Gods' Origin is the most powerful corporation in the Neoverse. Its status alone makes it comparable to the Mavis Bank, Aurora Enterprises, and the Cosmic Sect. It is a true powerhouse. Even the Hall of Honor does not dare to cross Gods' Origin. Throughout the passage of time, Gods' Origin has been hailed as one of the absolute top powers."

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Zi Fang paused a moment before continuing his explanation. "My Zi family is actually from Gods' Origin, and Elder Li was sent by Gods' Origin as a protector for my Zi family. Only the patriarch of the Zi family knows about this secret. Xianxian, Zi Rong, and I were all kept in the dark about this. We would only be told this once we took over the family.

"Although the Outerverse doesn't have very many experts, it's still a difficult task to establish a top family and have it become the largest intelligence network there. My Zi family has prospered and developed too smoothly to have done it on their own, and many people have their own suspicions regarding us. Some have even speculated that we are from the Innerverse. They believe that, like the Nalan family, we are backed by a power from the Innerverse. But in truth, the one supporting our Zi family is actually Gods' Origin."

"So what exactly are the various powers of the Neoverse?" Lu Yin asked. He was extremely curious about the answer to this question. At the moment, he was aware of the Hall of Honor, the Mavis family, Aurora Enterprises, the Cosmic Sect, and the Three Dark Hands. Now, Lu Yin had also learned of Gods' Origin. None of these powers were easy to deal with, and any one of them could topple both the Innerverse and Outerverse.

Zi Fang replied in a bitter tone, saying, "I don't know much about the Neoverse either. Although my father knows about the history of our Zi family, that's all he knows. There's not much more."

"How do I know if what you're telling me is true or false?" Lu Yin was still suspicious.

Zi Fang replied, "Alliance Leader Lu can come to Skylush Planet, and I can take you to see the place that I was talking about. With Alliance Leader Lu's ability, my father will not discover anything."

Lu Yin was puzzled. "Even if what you say is true, why does this Gods' Origin support your Zi family?"

"I really don't know exactly why. However, I'm certain that Father has been searching for something all these years, though he has not told us anything about it. There's a portion of the Zi family's intelligence network that's handled by him alone, which should be related to investigating what Gods' Origin wants," Zi Fang explained. As time passed, he shared more and more information with Lu Yin, basically telling him everything. Regardless, the moment Zi Fang mentioned Gods' Origin to Lu Yin, he had basically betrayed his Zi family. Thus, he might as well say everything.

Lu Yin's expression grew solemn. The Outerverse already had the Hall of Honor, the Neohuman Alliance, the Seven Courts, the Mavis Bank, Aurora Enterprises, and other such colossal organizations lurking within it. Now, it seemed that Gods' Origin also had their fingers in the Outerverse.

These colossal organizations deserved to be powers that had stood at the top of the greater universe for countless years, and they would not ignore the Outerverse just because it was weak. If one did not know about these powers, then it merely meant that they were not qualified to know.

If Lu Yin had not managed to gain some useful information from Zi Fang, he might not have learned about this secret for another few years or even a few decades. Once the Innerverse and Outerverse reconnected, the Zi family had a chance of completely transforming with Gods' Origin's support. This possibility was not something that was reserved solely for the Zi family, as the Nalan family, the Mavis Bank, and other organizations with hidden backing might soar as well.

Currently, these colossal organizations were like kites whose strings had been cut. But once the Outerverse reconnected to the Innerverse, that string would be fully restored. At that time, these forces' attitude towards Lu Yin would completely change.

Lu Yin heaved a sigh of relief, as he had luckily stumbled upon the Zi family's secret. Otherwise, if he ended up offending Gods' Origin, his situation would not be much better than if he had crossed the Daynight clan, and it might even be worse. Making such powerful enemies without a good reason was not Lu Yin's style.

Zi Fang was so terrified of death that he had revealed such a secret. Thus, there was no need for Lu Yin to continue questioning him. "I can pretend that today's events never occurred. You're on your own now."

Lu Yin was just about to disconnect when he suddenly hesitated and continued speaking. "If you find out what your Zi family is looking for on Gods' Origin's behalf and tell me, then I can guarantee that you'll become the Zi patriarch."

After that, Lu Yin hung up.

Zi Fang continued to stare at his gadget, dumbfounded. The terror that had previously filled his eyes started to turn into excitement after processing Lu Yin's final words. However, that excitement quickly disappeared. Zi Rong was already dead, and Zi Xianxian was of no threat to Zi Fang's position. He would become the Zi family patriarch sooner or later, and he did not need Lu Yin to guarantee him anything.

It was good that he had successfully resolved the situation, as he had been truly terrified that Lu Yin would kill him. With the Outerverse isolated from the Innerverse, a single word from Lu Yin would be enough to determine the fates of many people.

Lu Yin stored his gadget away. He was becoming privy to more and more of the Outerverse's secrets, and he was even starting to learn some secrets the Neoverse. The universe was all interconnected, and the Outerverse was not completely cut off from the rest of the universe.

Lu Yin had planned to slip his own people into the Zi family, though in that plan, no one would have been able to replace the Zi family members themselves. However, Lu Yin had suddenly gained a grasp over Zi Fang.

Did Zi Fang really believe that the matters of this day had been completely resolved? If Lu Yin was any less capable, then he would have been doomed. Thus, how could Lu Yin allow things to end so easily?

Lu Yin informed En Ya of the matter with Zi Fang, as they could use this information in the future.

After settling things about Zi Fang, Lu Yin looked over at Ye Gui. "How do you think I should deal with you?"

Ye Gui was terrified. "Alliance Leader Lu, please give me a way out."

Lu Yin nodded. "Sure. My Zenyu Star is missing an Enlighter to oversee it. Are you willing to help out?"

Ye Gui was delighted. "Thank you, Alliance Leader Lu."

He would agree to anything as long as he was not killed. Protecting Zenyu Star was a cushy job, and taking on the job also meant that Ye Gui would have someone supporting him. Of course, he was fully aware that, with Lu Yin's circumstances, if anyone tried to attack Zenyu Star, it would be someone who Ye Gui would not be able to stop. However, he had no choice in this matter.

Lu Yin was very satisfied, as Zenyu Star would have a certain degree of protection now that a powerhouse would be standing guard over it. As long as this Enlighter was given some life-saving items, he would even be able to stall experts whose power levels had reached 300,000.

Lu Yin then took Ye Gui along, and the two headed back to Frostwave Weave.

Some days later, in the secret room within King Zishan's palace, Lu Yin pulled out his futon. He held a Ultra Flash Tearbomb in one hand and on the other, wore his bracer that was about to shatter at any moment. After that, he sat down on the futon.

Last time, Lu Yin had completely absorbed all of the cauldron energy from the first cauldron, causing it to shatter. Lu Yin knew that this would definitely attract the attention of the Sixth Mainland's cultivators. When he returned to that space once again, he saw that quite a few cultivators from the Sixth Mainland were present. They all seemed anxious as they looked around for something. Upon seeing their behavior, Lu Yin knew that a true expert had shown up.

Lu Yin glanced around and eventually found someone familiar: Shi Zhongjian. This person had joined the fight for the jade talisman, and he had used his stone sword to attack Lu Yin multiple times during that fight. Even now, Lu Yin still remembered the power of those sword slashes.

A Realmling had arrived, so Lu Yin would not be able to peacefully absorb the cauldron energy during this visit. Without any other choice, he reluctantly left the region with the Nine Cauldrons. After thinking for a moment, Lu Yin decided to head to the Platform of Inception, as that place could help him improve his Lockbreaking abilities.

Lu Yin was not very familiar with the Daosource Sect's ruins, and along the way, he knocked around a dozen cultivators unconscious after asking them in order to ask for the location of the Platform of Inception. Only the last person that he had asked knew anything, and he spent half a day leading Lu Yin through the Daosource Sect's ruins before they arrived at the Platform of Inception.

Lu Yin courteously thanked the man, knocked him unconscious, and then tossed him to the side.

As he stared at the white fog billowing about, he saw that there were a few people outside the fog trying to enter, but they all came back out very quickly.

Lu Yin lifted his foot and stepped into the white mist. He was met with the same sight that he had encountered before. The mist constantly shifted and transformed as it launched bizarre attacks that grew stronger the further he proceeded. Along the way, he met some people who were frozen in place and clearly unable to proceed any further. Without fail, they all looked at Lu Yin with pleading eyes.

Lu Yin did not bother with them, and he simply slowly made his way onwards.

As he walked forward, Lu Yin relied on the difference in strength between himself and the fog's attacks to roughly determine his position. Eventually, he reached the same approximate point that he had arrived after the teleportation incident. This was still some distance to the Platform of Inception.

He had met Xin Nü when he had come here last time, and with her assistance, he had managed to reach the center. This time, he was relying on the bracer to force his way through, already having come to terms with the fact that it was about to be scrapped.

Lu Yin raised a foot, and the white mist twined about beneath his foot and formed a python that then released more snakes. Lu Yin punched out, causing the python to dissipate back into white fog once again. He then continued walking forwards.

Before long, the fog transformed into another figure that attacked Lu Yin. This figure was quite detailed, and it actually circulated star energy to use battle techniques. Surprisingly, it could rival Autumnfrost Qing or Hong Ying, but it was still dispersed back into fog after a single punch from Lu Yin.

After that, the white fog formed a trident that stabbed out, aiming at Lu Yin's chin. The trident was small, and it was only about as large as one's palm. However, its strength was quite formidable. If not for Lu Yin's speed, his head would have been pierced through.

Lu Yin broke out in a cold sweat as he shattered the trident. He then unleashed punches in all directions like a madman. He was determined to not allow the white fog to approach him that closely again.

Nearby Lu Yin, there were two figures who were also cautiously making their way towards the Platform of Inception, and they looked very strange. One was very fat, and he seemed to be about 300 kilograms while the other one was very skinny, about 50 kilograms. The latter was so skinny that his waist was about the same thickness as the fat man's arm.

This strange duo supported each other, and their expressions were quite serious as they steadily continued moving forwards.

"Be careful around here. Don't disturb the fog."

"Got it. We have to be careful. Since we made it this far, if something attacked us, it would be on the level of a Realmling."

"So what if it's on the level of a Realmling? The Greenmen Duo isn't afraid of anything!"

"Unafraid is one thing, but it would still be very annoying to deal with."

“Right, did you get fatter recently? I can’t even support you anymore.”

“You’re the one who got skinnier.”

“Really? Thanks for the compliment!”

“No worries! Thanks for noticing that I got fatter.”

“That should be the way! Who asked you to be my Fat Bro?”

“Skinny Bro, we’re brothers forever.”

“Brothers.”

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The fat and skinny pair talked back and forth as they cautiously moved forward. They were quite slow, as they were afraid of stirring up the fog.

Suddenly, the fog surged frenziedly, and the two young men were startled. What was going on? At that moment, a fist smashed out from the fog. It struck the fatty’s stomach and sent him flying away even as he held onto Skinny. The two young men were flung far away.

Lu Yin stepped out from the fog and looked at his fist with a strange face; had he just struck something? It had felt rather soft. Eh, forget it. I have to keep going.

Lu Yin relied on his fists and continued smashing his way through the fog. This method proved to be rather effective; as long as he did not allow the fog to approach him, a great number of attacks were eliminated. Also, since he was flinging his fists in every direction, he eliminated some hidden attacks as well.

He drew closer and closer to the Platform of Inception, and Lu Yin became excited as he continued moving forward.

Suddenly, a chill ran down his spine, and Lu Yin whipped around. The white fog behind him had converged into a giant that was dozens of meters tall, and it stomped down at Lu Yin with a foot.

Lu Yin cursed, and he hurriedly tried to dodge the foot. Although the giant’s descending foot did not seem to influence the surrounding environment much, Lu Yin knew that he would be doomed the moment he was stepped on. This attack was no joke; in the fog, all of the fog giant’s attacks had surpassed Autumnfrost Qing’s level, and it would not be any worse than a Realmling’s attack.

The attack covered a massive area, nearly the entire region in front of the Platform of Inception. Lu Yin felt that he had to overcome this giant if he wanted to enter the Platform of Inception.

Unfortunately, the giant was extraordinarily quick, and the everpresent fog was also affecting Lu Yin’s combat capabilities, as it could transform into shapes that could attack him at any moment. This frustrated Lu Yin, and he clenched a fist tightly. Since he was stuck in this situation, he would end it with one punch.

Even a powerhouse whose power level approached 300,000 like Sall Phoenix had been beaten back by one of Lu Yin’s punches, let alone this fog giant. At most, its power level should approach 300,000, and it

definitely would not surpass 300,000. Otherwise, even the Realmings would have a tough time passing through this fog.

Right when Lu Yin decided to strike out with a full powered punch, a figure appeared behind the fog giant and stretched out a palm, instantly dispersing the giant. It was Xin Nü.

Lu Yin was astonished, and then delighted. "Xin Nü?"

Xin Nü's sudden appearance was beyond his expectations.

This name is actually 4 characters that have meanings that depend on context: Green OR Youth (young) | Transformed | twin/duo | male.

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Xin Nü landed, grabbed Lu Yin, and then directly charged out of the white fog region to arrive at the Platform of Inception.

"So you came here again?" Xin Nü asked.

Lu Yin replied, "This place is greatly beneficial for me. Right, what about you? Have you broken through and become a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker yet?" However, he regretted asking his question the moment he finished. If she had experienced a breakthrough, then she would not have come back to this place.

Xin Nü did not answer, and instead, she looked around. "Hopefully, I'll be luckier this time. You won't be able to stay here for long."

Lu Yin also hoped that that would be the case. "Right, how long are you able to stay here for?"

Xin Nü thought about it. "About ten days."

Lu Yin nodded and then did not ask any further questions.

After that, the two youths waited for the grey fog to appear.

They did not say much to each other, and most of their conversations consisted of Lu Yin asking questions and Xin Nü answering. No one else arrived during this time.

Xin Nu was in a pretty good mood, or at least, that was Lu Yin's impression.

She was perfectly willing to wait with Lu Yin, and she seemed to be very gentle.

Some days later, a strand of grey fog finally appeared. When it did, Xin Nü casually waved a hand and sent it towards Lu Yin.

Lu Yin hurriedly spoke up, "It would be best for you to have it. That way, you can quickly break through and become a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker."

Xin Nü shook her head. "No need."

She then pushed the grey fog into Lu Yin's body.

Lu Yin closed his eyes, and his senses were transported to another place.

Two days passed before Lu Yin opened his eyes again, and when he did, his eyes were brighter. His comprehension towards Lockbreaking techniques had slightly improved again. The grey fog allowed him to vicariously experience the Lockbreaking sessions of experts from ancient times, which was the same as taking leaps forward on the path of Lockbreaking. This allowed Lu Yin's Lockbreaking ability to continuously increase.

When he turned around, Lu Yin saw that Xin Nü's eyes were closed. She had absorbed some of the grey fog as well.

Before long, she opened her eyes and exchanged glances with Lu Yin. "Before reaching the Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker level, Lockbreaking isn't of much help in practical combat. Although Lockbreakers can dissolve the star energy of battle techniques and battle arts as well as use their fine star energy control to form exquisite attacks, which can raise one's battle prowess to a Realmbreaker's, those advantages are not very obvious at the Realmlevel level.

"However, there's a big difference once one steps into the Boundless realm. This is mainly because past that threshold is the stage where one can arrange arrays, which can turn the rotten into the mysterious. Although arrays can't compare to secret techniques, they are more varied, and they can even take advantage of cosmic phenomenon to destroy everything. This is the real reason why Lockbreakers are so respected and feared—a Boundless Lockbreaker is a true Lockbreaker. Not even the Sixth Mainland has that many Lockbreakers who are capable of creating arrays. If you ever have the good fortune to experience an ancient Lockbreaker arranging one, then remember it well."

Lu Yin replied, "Array? I seem to have heard of those. Right, have you heard of True Insight?"

Xin Nü was flabbergasted. "You've heard of that? It's supposed to be the ultimate treasure for all Lockbreakers, and it seems to have been hidden in the Daosource Sect where only a few are able to see it."

Lu Yin's heart was moved. It seemed that the Sixth Mainland also had a version of True Insight, though he wondered if it was the same as the one that the Fifth Mainland possessed.

The two did not speak much, and they continued to carefully observe the fog, determined to strengthen their understanding of Lockbreaking.

A few days later, Xin Nü vanished. Her time had expired.

After she left, Lu Yin took a deep breath, and his eyes opened wide. He then began reciting the Stonewall Scriptures.

No matter what, he felt that he should recite the Stonewall Scriptures whenever he visited a place in the Daosource Sect's ruins, as there was always a chance of triggering a mysterious effect.

As he recited the scriptures, the white fog surrounding the Platform of Inception started to surge intensely, and the people still within it were struck by a calamity. The previously mild attacks that they had been facing suddenly became ferocious.

Some were even more unlucky. They had already stopped moving, but they still ended up being attacked by the white fog.

Next, a strand of grey fog flew into Lu Yin's body. Then two, three, four, and many more strands of grey fog appeared before merging into Lu Yin's body. After reciting the Stonewall Scriptures just once, Lu Yin managed to absorb seven strands of grey fog, and he was instantly immersed in a scene with multiple ancient Lockbreaking experts.

Half a month later, Lu Yin's eyes opened. He saw that he was no longer atop the Platform of Inception, but was rather back in the secret room in King Zishan's palace. He had left the Daosource Sect's ruins.

His body trembled, and he nearly collapsed onto the floor. He had merged into several scenes at once, and he had witnessed several ancient Lockbreaker Lords unlocking sourceboxes. His understanding of lockbreaking had drastically improved, but it had also been very taxing on his mental stamina.

Still, it was completely worth it, as he now had a clearer view of the path of Lockbreaking.

He took out the writings from Gu Yue, where the ancient powerhouse had recorded his Lockbreaking experience. Lu Yin had looked at it before, but he had not been able to understand much back then. This time, however, he expected to understand much more. To his surprise, he discovered that Gu Yue's Lockbreaking techniques even surpassed some of the methods of the Daosource Sect's ancient Lockbreaking Lords.

It was no wonder why the man had been hailed as an unrivalled genius.

Lu Yin had spent about a month in the Daosource Sect's ruins, and he subsequently spent another half month studying Gu Yue's Lockbreaking memoirs.

He remained in seclusion for a month and a half before he emerged from King Zishan's palace.

At this time, Zenyu Star was in a commotion, as the new secret routes in different parts of the Great Eastern Alliance were about to be auctioned off. Naturally, this auction had drawn in many powers.

The new routes connecting the interior of the Great Eastern Alliance were not only desired by the internal powers of the alliance itself, but there were also many outside forces that coveted these routes. Naturally, the powers from the central and western regions of the Outerverse were among them.

Lu Yin did not stop anyone from participating, as the auction was fair. Additionally, the various parties could only compete with their wealth, all to the benefit of Lu Yin.

What he really wanted to do at this time was verify his Lockbreaking improvements. After thinking about it, Lu Yin stepped out of Zenyu Star, intending to head over to Planet Hydrotink. He needed a sourcebox.

He currently had a sourcebox in his possession, which was a three star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox that he had received from Butcher. That man had taken this sourcebox out in an attempt to save his life at the border, but Lu Yin did not want to unlock this one.

The Lockbreakers on Planet Hydrotink had been in Frostwave Weave for quite some time by this point. During their stay, they had received many resources and were able to live their lives without any worries. Aside from helping to instruct cultivators on their star energy control, the Lockbreakers did not have many responsibilities. Thus, it was time for them to pay rent now.

The Outerverse Lockbreaker Society had shifted their headquarters over to Planet Hydrotink, which had drawn over quite a few people from the various regions of the Outerverse. Although the number of people registering to take the Lockbreaking evaluation were certainly fewer than back on Sourcepeak Planet, the numbers were not much lower. These people had greatly contributed to the Great Yu Empire's finances, on top of the sourceboxes that were occasionally unlocked.

The Lockbreakers on Planet Hydrotink contributed greatly to the Great Yu Empire, but in Lu Yin's eyes, their various contributions still were not enough. Felynn had never taken the initiative to offer Lu Yin any sourceboxes, which left him a little unsatisfied.

The Lockbreaker Society was quite wealthy despite everything that it had gone through. Even after being robbed, it had managed to preserve many of its resources, which included the society's sourceboxes.

Lu Yin did not notify anyone when he headed over to Planet Hydrotink, as he wanted to check on its recent developments.

In the past, Planet Hydrotink had a small native population, and out of fear that the natives would not get along with the Lockbreakers, the Great Yu Empire had separated the natives from the Lockbreakers.

However, over time, the natives had come to accept the Lockbreakers. Although the Lockbreakers were quite arrogant, their greatest attribute was their generosity. Lockbreakers did not lack for money, and their arrival meant that Planet Hydrotink had become one of the most flourishing planets in Frostwave Weave that was right behind Zenyu Star. This was mostly due to the Lockbreaker Society evaluating people's lockbreaking talent, allowing the natives to amass a fortune.

The scene of Lockbreakers bullying the native population that Lu Yin had been afraid of had never materialized.

It was not that the Lockbreakers did not want to push people around, but rather that there was no need to do such things. In the eyes of the Lockbreakers, commoners were simply no different than ants, and nobody cared enough to make life difficult for ants.

Roaming about Planet Hydrotink felt like taking a tour to Lu Yin. Before much time passed, he headed towards the society's headquarters.

As he neared the headquarters, Lu Yin's gaze trembled. He saw an enormous number of rune lines gathered nearby, and it was an amount that belonged to an Enlighter realm powerhouse. Did Planet Hydrotink have an Enlighter? These rune lines couldn't belong to Cai Jianqiang, as his rune lines converged in a fierce fashion while the rune lines that Lu Yin was currently looking at seemed more like dispersing clouds. They were somewhat familiar to Lu Yin, and his face twitched when he suddenly remembered Saul, the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's Vice President.

Within the Lockbreaker Society headquarters, at Felynn's residence, Saul was lounging in a garden and sipping tea while Felynn stood behind him in a respectful manner.

"Lu Yin's been in seclusion for a month and a half? It would seem that he has obtained some great harvest once again. He really is an incredibly talented genius." Saul sighed.

Felynn respectfully answered, "Even if he has improved, he still cannot compare to you, as you have already broken through to the Enlighter realm."

There was a bang as the teacup shattered in Saul's hand. He turned to look at Felynn with a cold expression. "If not for you, I could have used True Insight to become an Enlighter. Once I learned the method to arrange a sourcebox array, then forget this little Lu Yin—I wouldn't have even been afraid of an old powerhouse with a power level greater than 300,000! My ability would have even caught the attention of the Hall of Honor, and I would have received their protection. But now, I'm left with nothing."

Felynn hurriedly knelt on the ground and begged for mercy with a trembling voice. "Vice President, please forgive me! Everything was orchestrated by Wei Rong, and he was the one who coerced me to take such actions, as well as Lu Yin. If not for those two, how would I have dared to oppose you?"

Saul sneered at her. He was no fool; Felynn had been one of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's executives, so how could Wei Rong have been enough to threaten her? Of course, Saul did not say anything, as there was no need to do so.

"In truth, Geoffrey's secret room possessed two boxes. Lu Yin delivered one of them to you, so he should have kept the other," Saul mumbled.

Felynn did not dare speak up, and she continued kneeling on the ground.

"Alright, get up. Humans are all self-centered. You wanted to seize control of the President's seat, which is no different than me conspiring to get a hold of True Insight. It's just that we both employed different means. However, you must help me with one thing." Saul's voice turned cold as he slowly stated, "Find that traitor, Deng Pu. I'm going to hack him to pieces!"

Felynn immediately agreed.

Felynn and Saul had indeed both used different methods during their contest. Saul had never trusted the woman, but he also was not truly offended by her actions.

However, Deng Pu was different, as Deng Pu was Saul's own disciple, and Deng Pu had always been very obedient in the past. Saul had given his all to nurture Deng Pu, and he had believed that his disciple was capable of being groomed to the Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker level in the future. If possible, Saul would have shared that page of True Insight with him, but he had never dreamed that he would actually suffer such a betrayal at the hands of his own disciple.

If Deng Pu had not turned his back on Saul, then Saul would have already obtained True Insight. Thus, his hatred for Deng Pu burned deeper than what he felt for anyone else.

Felynn carefully spoke up, saying, "Vice President, Lu Yin now wields authority over a third of the Outerverse. If I send out people to look for Deng Pu, won't that catch Lu Yin's attention?"

Saul's eyes narrowed. Just the mention of Lu Yin gave him a headache. This youth was an extremely ruthless character, and even though Saul had become an Enlighter, he was still extremely wary of Lu Yin. "Send out scouts in secret. Also, spend some money to hire various intelligence organizations. Don't let Lu Yin notice anything."

Felynn acknowledged her orders, and her eyes flickered. Saul's words meant that he was cautious of Lu Yin. Thus, she was hesitating about whether or not to report Saul's presence to Lu Yin.

"Don't let Cai Jianqiang come near here. Although he doesn't have the ability to notice my presence, let's just avoid any risk," Saul said.

Felynn murmured her acknowledgement once more.

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Before much more time passed, Felynn left the garden while looking rather upset. She could ignore things if it was just Lu Yin. However, now, even a stray dog like Saul had come, and she could not overrule anyone. Thus, she was feeling quite sullen.

What was the point of all her earlier scheming? Recently, even Wei Rong had joined Lu Yin's side, which left Felynn feeling completely lost. She no longer had any sort of back up plan.

Coincidentally, Wei Xin'er walked past her at this moment. She glanced at Felynn, but she did not pay any attention to the older woman.

Felynn was already upset, and when she saw that not even Wei Xin'er bothered with her anymore, Felynn grew even more enraged. "Xin'er, come here!"

Wei Xin'er remained where she was standing and looked over at Felynn. "What's the matter?"

Felynn was so angry that she even laughed. "Your master called you over. Don't you understand the human language?"

Wei Xin'er's voice dropped low. "Master, please consider your words. You're the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's Interim President, not some vixen."

"How bold. How dare you insult your master!" Felynn flew into a rage.

Wei Xin'er merely sneered as she walked away.

Ever since Felynn had refused Wei Xin'er even after she had begged Felynn to help the Wei family, the girl had seen through her master. Now, she would no longer give the older woman even the barest minimum of respect. Moreover, Wei Xin'er's older brother, Wei Rong, had received a position in the Great Yu Empire, and he was so high up that he was second only to Lu Yin. Thus, she was completely unafraid of Felynn.

Felynn was so angry that her entire body started to tremble, but she could only helplessly watch on as Wei Xin'er walked away.

Felynn hated Wei Rong, but she was also very wary of him. She still felt afraid when she thought about Wei Rong's methods; not everyone was qualified for Lu Yin to attempt to recruit them and treat them as a distinguished guest. In the past, Wei Rong had planned out the destruction of Sourcepeak Planet and even intended to dismantle the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society. This was someone who Felynn did not dare to offend.

She suddenly felt a wave of powerlessness overcome her as she watched Wei Xin'er disappear. Felynn was the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's Interim President, but was there any meaning to her title? What exactly was it that she had won?

Felynn felt lost, as even her own disciples did not show her any respect.

A beep sounded from her gadget, startling her. She looked down, and her expression changed instantly. She quickly answered the call. "Alliance Leader Lu, this is Felynn."

Lu Yin was already at the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's headquarters, and he had seen everything that had just occurred. However, he had not revealed himself yet. "President Felynn, could you send a few sourceboxes to a protected lockbreaking room? I'll arrive on Planet Hydrotink soon."

Felynn was surprised to hear that Lu Yin was about to arrive; could Saul have been discovered? She immediately acknowledged Lu Yin's request. "Yes, Alliance Leader Lu. Don't worry."

She then quickly ended the call and went to look for Saul.

Saul had never expected that Lu Yin would come to Planet Hydrotink, and he immediately withdrew his aura as he hid inside Felynn's personal hidden room.

Half a day later, Lu Yin showed up on Planet Hydrotink's space station and acted as though he had no knowledge of what had happened on the planet. Felynn personally greeted him respectfully. "Alliance Leader Lu, welcome to Planet Hydrotink."

Lu Yin nodded. "President Felynn, have you been living here well?"

Felynn did not know what Lu Yin meant by those words, but she had to answer. "I'm sorry that Alliance Leader Lu has been troubled enough to worry about me."

"Please share any troubles you are facing," Lu Yin said casually.

Felynn's heart skipped a beat, and she quietly replied, "The secure lockbreaking room has been prepared. Since there are three sourceboxes with danger zones, they have been separated into three connected rooms. Alliance Leader Lu, please follow me this way."

Lu Yin followed Felynn, and they headed towards the headquarters' secured lockbreaking rooms.

Every Lockbreaker had their own customized, secure lockbreaking room. Even though Planet Hydrotink had not been the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's headquarters for long, these core facilities had been the first to be built, and all of the rooms' construction materials included spiritual thread.

It had to be said that the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society had a deep foundation. Even with the amount of influence that Lu Yin currently wielded, it would not be easy for him to gather enough spiritual thread to build so many lockbreaking rooms. The Outerverse Lockbreaker Society definitely had its own reserves.

"I won't disturb Alliance Leader Lu any further. Please pass on any additional instructions should you need anything," Felynn said respectfully. Her prestige as the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's Interim President was completely absent when she was with Lu Yin, not only because of Lu Yin's power, but also because Saul was on Planet Hydrotink. She truly had no qualifications to maintain any sort of presence.

The grand interim president of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society could not even control her own disciples. Felynn's status had descended into total confusion.

Lu Yin clearly understood what was going through Felynn's mind. This woman was terribly ambitious, but her ambition did not match her sufficient ability or her mindset. This woman was no longer suitable to be the interim president.

He slowly stepped into the first room and found that there was a sharp edge in the air. At times, phantom images streaked across the room that were shaped like swords, tearing through the void. This was the manifestation of the sourcebox's formless danger zone, and the strength of these attacks matched up to a Cruiser's.

The sourcebox itself looked like a sword hilt, and it was not very large. It was embedded directly within the spiritual thread case, and it randomly released showers of sparks that shot out into the surrounding void. Additionally, every once in a while, one seemed to hear the faint cry of the soul of a sword.

Lu Yin was puzzled. This sourcebox clearly contained something, and it was also a three star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox. However, Felynn had brought it out for Lu Yin to unlock, which surprised him.

Did the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society not have that many sourceboxes in storage?

He approached the sourcebox as the sword-shaped images flickered around him. They occasionally tore at Lu Yin's clothes, but he easily blocked everything with his star energy.

Each sourcebox was unique. Unlocking a Discerning Elementary sourcebox was primarily reliant on one's comprehension of star energy, and a lockbreaking tool could dramatically increase one's unlocking speed several times over, or even dozens of times over. Once one became a Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, many people continued on in the same fashion, such as Lu Yin. He relied on his Cosmic Art, altered eyes, and sometimes his Lockbreaking tool. However, the truth was that, in ancient times, the Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker examination had not been as simple as the modern test.

To be recognized as a Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, one had to correctly identify the rules of the sourcebox before them, which was also related to the direction in which the surface energy had developed.

Lu Yin had only learned about this after studying Gu Yue's personal memoirs. Typically, the Lockbreakers who were capable of making such observations were all Boundless Advanced Lockbreakers, and very few Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers were able to accomplish this feat.

At least, Lu Yin had never heard of such a thing in either the Outerverse or the Innerverse.

He carefully observed the sword hilt-shaped sourcebox, and he relied on the experiences that he had experienced by way of the grey fog in the Daosource Sect's ruins. Those experiences were of ancient Lockbreaker Lords, and with the theories that Lu Yin had read in Gu Yue's personal writings, Lu Yin was gradually able to see a network of veins surrounding the sourcebox. This sourcebox's sealing layer had started from the bottom and then continued upwards, its energy gradually solidifying in the process. The energy of the object sealed inside had gradually permeated through the sealing energy, which created the formless danger zone.

Right now, Lu Yin was even capable of distinguishing between the harmony between the danger zone and the solidified energy, and he could determine the greatest degree of destruction that this sourcebox was capable of.

Lu Yin reached out with a hand and pressed it against the hilt-shaped sourcebox as he attempted to unlock it.

Since he was able to see the veins of energy formed by the sourcebox, unlocking it naturally became easier. As he thought about it, the Giant Emperor's third eye appeared in his hand. Although this process was not very stressful, it was still a good thing for him to speed up his progress.

Just as Lu Yin was about to finish unlocking the sourcebox, Zenyu Star sealed itself off from its surroundings; the Lu's Grand Auction had formally begun another round of auctioning off premium goods.

This time, the most coveted goods in the auction were the secret routes that ran throughout the Great Eastern Alliance.

Any of these routes would speed up delivery times within the Great Eastern Alliance, and that would directly affect general transportation efficiency as well as the military's movements and supply routes. Any new route would allow the affected regions to greatly improve their development.

The universe was too expansive, and it was not words that formed the greatest barrier between civilizations, but rather distance. If the distance could be reduced, the exchange between civilizations would accelerate.

If the Great Eastern Alliance's current military was rated at a score of five, then with these new routes, its score would increase to at least seven. This reflected the usefulness of such routes.

Endless Borders was the one to explore new routes, which everyone was aware of. If not for the fact that they had numerous expedition crews, Endless Borders might not have been able to keep the various routes that they had gathered.

Even so, they still had to release a new route every now and then in order to placate the powers of the Outerverse.

At present, there were many routes that connected the Outerverse, but only a portion of them had been released by Endless Borders.

But at this time, Lu Yin had announced that he was auctioning several previously unknown routes. Although these routes were all unrelated to military travel, they would still be very beneficial to the transportation industry, even if they just increased the interactions between civilizations. However, nobody else was aware of these routes' limitations.

The news of these new routes being auctioned off had stirred up quite a commotion for nearly two months now, and they had lured countless people to Zenyu Star. At this moment, these routes were finally about to be auctioned off.

The Lu's Grand Auction had originally been a place that was difficult to get into, and that difficulty had only increased.

Outside Zenyu Star, a spacecraft from the Mavis Bank flew to and fro as it transported star essence to its branch.

Countless luxurious vessels were docked at Zenyu Star's space station, and if Zenyu Star exploded at this moment, the deaths of those present would affect half of the top powers of the entire Outerverse.

The Thirteen Imperial Squadrons maintained strict security, and even Ye Gui moved out to oversee the space station and prevent anything unexpected from happening.

The truth was that they were all being overly worried. The Outerverse had recently become nearly transparent, and there were no threats present anymore. Lu Yin had realized this long ago, as he had asked Aegis to monitor things. When they were combined with the intelligence networks of Thousand Eyes and Amethyst Exchange, there was nobody who could possibly infiltrate the Great Yu Empire. Assassins would no longer be able to sneak onto Zenyu Star again.

On Planet Hydrotink, Lu Yin's expression remained relaxed, and he calmly looked at his work. Beneath his hands, visible cracks had appeared within the hilt-shaped sourcebox's energy barrier, and the entire sourcebox was gradually dissipating.

He was currently lockbreaking at more than twice his previous speed. After he had found the veins of the sourcebox, his lockbreaking speed had more than doubled. This was the ability that a Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker should possess.

Lu Yin was even able to use the lockbreaking process to influence the scope of the sourcebox's formless danger zone. This was a concept that he would not have even been able to understand in the past.

With a thump, he finished unlocking the sourcebox, and the solidified energy that formed the sourcebox completely vanished. In front of him was a broken sword that fell into the spiritual thread case.

Lu Yin slowly picked up the broken weapon and used a bit of his strength to test it. The blade of the sword had not been damaged in any way, and only the hilt had broken apart.

He did not know what material this sword blade had been forged from. It was very tough, but there was no sharpness to the sword edge at all. It was nothing more than an incredibly tough piece of metal, but it was not dangerous at all.

Lu Yin stored the sword blade away, planning on using it when he rolled his die's two pips: Blackhole Disassembly in the future. At that time, he would simply disassemble this sword, which should allow him to obtain some good materials.

Once the first sourcebox was unlocked, Lu Yin opened the door that led to the next secure room, which was where the second sourcebox had been stored for him. He was intending to unlock all three sourceboxes on this day, which would improve his Lockbreaking level.

At present, Lu Yin was still a one star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, but according to the society's standards, his true Lockbreaking level should be at the five star Perceptive Intermediate level.

Gu Yue's personal memoirs and the experience that Lu Yin had gained in the Daosource Sect's ruins had allowed his Lockbreaking ability to far surpass his previous state, and even his insights had transformed.

However, if Lu Yin was transported back to ancient times, then his Lockbreaking ability would likely only be evaluated at the two star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker level; at best, he would be given three stars.

As time marched onwards, the generations had actually stepped backwards.

The second sourcebox also had a danger zone, and Lu Yin's expression grew slightly serious. The air in front of him sporadically transformed into slabs of stone, as if the air itself had been petrified. This was the strength of the predecessors.

This sourcebox's danger zone and strength of the predecessors looked to be similar to the last one, but the two's difference in strength was completely different.

One's danger zone was formed through the process of the solidifying energy that was the sourcebox. The object sealed inside would mix with the surface energy and create a unique effect as the energy solidified.

In contrast, the strength of the predecessors was something that had been intentionally left behind by a powerhouse.

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Lu Yin could see through the strength of the predecessors, and he was able to easily avoid it. However, he did not do so. He deliberately continued walking towards the sourcebox, step by step.

Suddenly, the surface of his finger turned to stone, followed by his entire body. Eventually, he became a complete stoneman and remained there, frozen in place.

In the distance, within Felynn's secure room that was beneath her garden, Saul suddenly stood up. He looked ecstatic; Lu Yin had just been petrified.

That sourcebox had long since been in the possession of the Outerverse's Lockbreaker Society, and Saul himself had once considered unlocking it. However, he had not since he was apprehensive of the strength of the predecessors that the sourcebox contained. That strength approached the level of an Enlighter, and even if Saul had personally made an attempt, he might have been petrified.

This time, when Lu Yin had asked Felynn to prepare some sourceboxes for him to unlock, Saul had instructed Felynn to use three sourceboxes that all had danger zones in an attempt to test the youth. Now, Lu Yin was fully petrified.

Saul looked on, excited. Lu Yin had been a thorn in Saul's heart that he had wanted to pull out for a long time. However, he quickly calmed down, and his eyes flickered. It was impossible to determine what was going through Saul's mind at this moment.

In another place, Felynn had also sensed that Lu Yin had been petrified, but she was at a loss as to how to handle the matter.

One day quickly passed by, and Lu Yin was still petrified, completely motionless.

Saul did not take this opportunity to act, and after a bit of thought, the secure room fell silent, and Saul was no longer as excited as before. It seemed as if he had thought of something.

Another two days passed, but things still remained the same.

By now, Lu's Grand Auction on Zenyu Star had ended. Bei Qing was so excited that he felt like he was about to fly. This auction broke the highest sales record, as it had netted 450,000 star essence in total. The various powers had brought out all of their hidden star essence reserves, which had elevated Lu's Grand Auction to an entirely new stage, as it had brushed against the highest auction records in the history of the Outerverse. From this day onwards, Lu's Grand Auction would be able to enter the history books of the Outerverse.

And his name, Bei Qing, would also be recorded down in history alongside it.

From the start, the Outerverse did not use star essence, but his auction had sold all of their items off at exorbitant prices. It was enough to bring honor to his ancestors.

Bei Qing had now found an activity that could occupy the rest of his life. His most looked forward to times were when Lu Yin delivered the next batch of premium goods to be auctioned to him, as there were surprises every time.

On Planet Hydrotink, Lu Yin had been completely petrified for five whole days, but there still was no movement from either Saul or Felynn.

Finally, on the sixth day, the stone covering Lu Yin began to crack, and he stepped out with a strange expression.

What was Saul thinking? Even in this situation, the man had not taken the opportunity to do something to Lu Yin. Why?

In front of Lu Yin, the sourcebox was still releasing the strength of the predecessors that petrified everything that approached the sourcebox. Although the strength of these attacks could even cause Enlighters to be nervous, Lu Yin was able to easily avoid them. As he worked on unlocking the sourcebox, the attacks gradually dissipated until they finally vanished. All that remained was a bloodied handprint that had been left on a stone.

He picked up the stone and carefully studied the bloodied handprint, but the stone shattered with a bang just moments after.

Lu Yin felt that it was a pity, as the sourcebox had been unlocked too late. If it had been opened some tens of thousands of years earlier, then the stone might not have shattered. In fact, the bloody handprint might have even been extractable and preserved for other uses.

He clapped his hands, and the crumbs of stone scattered from his palm. Lu Yin then stepped forward towards the third secret room.

The danger zone of the third sourcebox was not too severe, and there weren't any bizarre phenomena that accompanied it either. Lu Yin spent half a day to completely unlock it, but the sourcebox was completely empty. Lu Yin did not feel any disappointment, as the vast majority of sourceboxes had become unstable due to the passage of time, and it was very normal for them to be empty.

Lu Yin had successfully unlocked three Perceptive Intermediate sourceboxes, and one had actually even been at the four star level. This was enough to upgrade Lu Yin's Lockbreaking level to three star Perceptive Intermediate. This was enough to satisfy Lu Yin at the moment. If Lu Yin wanted to reach the five star level, then he would need to unlock five star Perceptive Intermediate sourceboxes, but that would have to be left for his next visit. It did not seem very prudent to clean out the Lockbreaker Society in one go, and he would simply treat his visit this time as practice.

When he stepped out of the secure room, Felynn was already waiting for him outside.

"Take me to meet Saul," Lu Yin said.

Felynn was surprised by Lu Yin's order, and her face turned pale. She had never imagined that Lu Yin was already aware of Saul's presence.

"Let's go," Lu Yin urged.

Felynn quickly agreed, and she led the way. Soon, the two arrived in her garden.

Lu Yin looked in the direction of the underground area and then slowly sat on a stone bench.

In front of him, Saul tore through the void as he emerged. He calmly looked at Lu Yin. "Alliance Leader Lu, I've disturbed you."

Lu Yin gestured for the older man to sit.

Saul did not stand on ceremony, and he sat down.

"Actually, there's no grudge between us. On Sourcepeak Planet, I was not the one who targeted you. I was simply in the right place at the right time," Lu Yin commented.

Saul nodded. "I know. Felynn was the one who wanted to replace me, and Deng Pu was the one who betrayed me. Finally, it was Wei Rong and the Shadowsword Sect who plotted to destroy Sourcepeak Planet. Alliance Leader Lu just behaved as a guest ought to."

Lu Yin smiled, as he had taken away quite a few items that belonged to the Lockbreaker Society, and he had even stolen the pages of True Insight that had been President Geoffrey's secret room. However, Lu Yin had also saved the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society. "I did what a guest should have done, but Mr. Saul, you're different. Mr. Jun attempted to kill me, and he was sent by you, correct?"

Saul nodded, not bothering to deny anything. "President Geoffrey's secret room held another box, which should be in your possession."

"Mr. Saul was also the one who targeted me halfway through the competition," Lu Yin softly added on.

"Making use of the society's great changes and threatening the Lockbreaker Society into migrating to Frostwave Weave was also Alliance Leader Lu's doing." Saul did not back down one bit.

The two exchanged glances and then both chuckled.

Both of them had done various things, but they also both believed that the actions they had taken were necessary.

Saul sighed. "From start to end, I was led by the nose. I assumed that everything was under my control, but I had already lost control of the deciding moment long ago. I was behind every step of the way, and that led to my downfall and my current outcast position."

Lu Yin smiled. "From my view, Mr. Saul did not do anything wrong. You simply wanted to become the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society President and obtain True Insight to improve your own strength. There is nothing wrong with these desires, and if you need to bear any blame, then it should only be because you failed."

"Yes, I failed." The light in Saul's eyes dimmed. Even though he had broken through and become an Enlighter, it could not make up for his previous defeat. He had already lost the hearts of many Lockbreakers, and he no longer qualified to become the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society President, as he was even less qualified than Felynn.

In the past, Saul had said that as long as his status was not stripped from him by the Innaverse Lockbreaker Society, that he would remain as the vice president. However, that had just been him consoling himself. Since he had lost the support of so many Lockbreakers, how could he remain as the vice president?

"The Outerverse Lockbreaker Society faced internal strife while also encountering external pressure. Thus, Vice President Saul was the one who was unlucky. In my view, life has always been unfair to Mr. Saul. When everything happened on Sourcepeak Planet, Mr. Saul was the one who commanded people to protect the Hall of Insight, and there were simply too many variables that influenced the final outcome of that battle. Not everything should be blamed on Mr. Saul," Lu Yin consoled.

Saul's eyes flashed, and he looked at Lu Yin. "What is Alliance Leader Lu saying?"

Felynn was listening to the conversation from nearby, and she also turned to look at Lu Yin. Her expression was rather panicked.

Lu Yin smiled. "I want to invite Mr. Saul to return and resume leading the society."

Saul grew excited, but he quickly calmed down. "Can Alliance Leader Lu do that?"

Lu Yin looked at Felynn. "President Felynn, we will have to trouble you."

Felynn's expression was complex, and she was momentarily left at a loss, as she simply did not know how to react. She had plotted for so long, all in order to gain her current position as the interim president. However, a single sentence from Lu Yin had removed her from her seat on this day. She should have been enraged beyond all reasoning, but for some reason, she heaved a sigh of relief. This was the reason behind her complex emotions, and it was also why she did not know how to reply.

Saul looked at Felynn in an imposing manner. "Felynn, can this be done?"

Felynn was stumped. She looked at Saul and then at Lu Yin. She slowly lowered her head. "Yes."

Lu Yin beamed at Saul. "See? It's that simple!"

Even in his dreams, Saul wanted to return to the Society. In the past, he had been banished, and this person had been a part of the group that had banished him. But now, it was this same person allowing Saul to return.

This was what was known as having the wind and rain at one's beck and call. This youth was completely different compared to when he had been on Sourcepeak Planet.

At that time, Saul had been able to completely disregard Lu Yin, and he had even sent assassins after the youth. But now, Saul had to calmly listen to this person.

"Alliance Leader Lu, I want to know why," Saul stated.

Lu Yin thought about it. "The Lockbreaker Society's greatest value lies in its Lockbreakers, but the society's highest echelons are the people who can keep those Lockbreakers safe. In the past, I offended too many people, but I was not killed because I'm also a Lockbreaker. I hope that the other Lockbreakers can also rely on this protection. Felynn clearly cannot achieve such a thing, and only Mr. Saul is capable of doing so."

Saul frowned, as he did not believe Lu Yin's motivations were that pure.

"Of course, Planet Hydrotink is a part of my Great Yu Empire, and so, I hope to have someone who can rise to the occasion and not allow others to come and go as they please," Lu Yin said very pointedly.

Felynn immediately remembered the time when, during the border invasion, that box had been stolen. This was the punishment for that. Not only had the box been stolen, but she had also shirked her responsibility, which brought about Lu Yin's displeasure.

If Lu Yin had not been at the border warfront, then he would have been held responsible for that matter.

This had revealed Felynn's incompetence to Lu Yin.

In the past, Lu Yin needed an incompetent person to oversee the Lockbreaker Society for him, but now that his power and influence had soared, Felynn was unable to keep pace with his requirements. Coincidentally, Saul could. Thus, Felynn had been let go.

The universe was cruel. Those who could not keep up with the times could only be abandoned, and nobody could escape this trend, not even Lu Yin himself.

Of course, Felynn was only being stripped of her position as the interim president, and her status within the society would not change. She would still be an executive, second only to Saul.

Saul's return to the Society proceeded smoothly, as most of the Lockbreakers could be persuaded by Felynn. However, there was one person who Lu Yin had to personally speak to: Cai Jianqiang.

Although Cai Jianqiang did not hold a high position within the Society, he was a special existence since he was Planet Hydrotink's guardian, and he was also the only person who could threaten Saul. Additionally, Cai Jianqiang was on Planet Hydrotink at this time.

Ever since the wedding celebration at the Zi family, Lu Yin had not spoken to Cai Jianqiang.

Zi Rong had been one of Cai Jianqiang's few friends, along with Lu Yin himself. The trio had fought and drank together, and they had all gotten along with each other quite well. But in the end, tragedy had still struck.

Cai Jianqiang did not blame Lu Yin, as Zi Rong had brought everything upon himself. Cai Jianqiang was merely depressed about the situation; who would have thought that one of his few friends would prove to be such a despicable person. Not only had Zi Rong collaborated with the Neohuman Alliance, but he had also used despicable means to threaten a girl into marrying him. It was embarrassing to even mention him as a friend.

"Are you still thinking about the matter with Zi Rong?" Lu Yin asked.

Across from him, Cai Jianqiang shook his head. "I still have a feeling that he wouldn't do such a thing."

Lu Yin sighed. "The first time we met, I received that blade of his, which allowed me to see his determination towards cultivation. I also don't believe that he's such a person, but the facts have shown otherwise. Thus, we must try to move on."

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Cai Jianqiang raised his head and looked up to the sky. "The Neohuman Alliance is a very dark organization, and they are humanity's mortal enemy. Why would he work with such an organization and even cultivate the Corpse King's Transformation? And also—" He paused for a moment and looked at Lu Yin. "I am very sorry about the matter with Zi and Bai Xue."

Lu Yin laughed in spite of himself. "You weren't the one who created that whole mess, so what are you apologizing for?"

"I didn't believe you back then," Cai Jianqiang answered regretfully.

He was being quite candid; between Lu Yin and Zi Rong, Cai Jianqiang had chosen to believe Zi Rong. In the end, when Lu Yin was proven to be correct, Cai Jianqiang had felt bad about the matter and had felt apologetic towards Lu Yin.

Lu Yin liked being friends with this type of person.

"Do you have any alcohol? Let's have a drink," Lu Yin suggested.

Cai Jianqiang waved a hand, and a dozen unopened earthen pots of alcohol appeared on the table. This was the same alcohol that the three of them had drunk before. "After this drink, we can go back to being the forthright brothers we once were!" Cai Jianqiang loudly proclaimed.

Lu Yin raised a pot. "Alright."

The two men finished off their pots in one go, and they started to feel good about themselves.

Even though there wasn't much alcohol, the two men still spent the entire night drinking. In the morning, both of them felt slightly woozy since they had not dispelled the alcohol from their bodies yet. The slight high that the alcohol gave them was a very good feeling.

Cai Jianqiang leaned against the table for support as he struggled to balance himself. "Let's forget about the past. I know why you came to find me. He can come back if that's what you want. The Outerverse Lockbreaker Society is not as prestigious as it was before, and you can't be expected to always lean towards supporting the Lockbreakers."

Lu Yin nodded his head. "Thank you."

While his visit to Hydrotink Planet had been hidden from the ordinary people, he could not hide his presence from Cai Jianqiang.

Lu Yin had no intention of keeping his meeting with Saul a secret, and as such, it was not surprising that Cai Jianqiang had already learned of it.

It was only with Cai Jianqiang's agreement that Saul would be able to return to the Society.

Lu Yin's goals had changed, and he no longer wanted to completely control the Society. It was just a matter of time before the Outerverse returned to normal, and when that happened, all of Lu Yin's deeds would come to light. Given the far-reaching influence of the Lockbreaker Society, the situation would turn ugly for Lu Yin if he went too far.

He did not need more enemies; he needed more friends.

With Saul's return to the Society, the vice president would be forced to take responsibility for what had happened in the past. However, this would not affect Lu Yin's control of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society.

Saul knew this as well, but there was no other option available to him. If he did not agree to this plan, then he would be hunted down by the Lockbreaker Society once the Outerverse reconnected to the Innaverse. Once targeted by the Society, even an Envoy would find it difficult to survive, much less an Enlighter.

"Since Saul is back, there is no reason for me to remain on Planet Hydrotink any longer," Cai Jianqiang said.

Lu Yin's heart skipped a beat. "Brother Cai, since you have nowhere else to go in the Outerverse, then why don't you help me out?"

Cai Jianqiang was puzzled. "Help you out? In what way?"

Lu Yin laughed and sincerely explained, "As you know, I was the target of an assassination attempt a few days ago. Zenyu Star constantly is met with crises, and with the Great Yu Empire's ever-expanding influence while the Great Eastern Alliance fights off more and more enemies, I'm having a tough time."

Cai Jianqiang still did not understand. "So how would you like me to help?"

Lu Yin responded in a hopeful tone. "I want you to join the Thirteen Imperial Squadrons and become the Captain of the Thirteenth Squadron. I want you to help me protect the Great Yu Empire."

Before Cai Jianqiang could even respond, Lu Yin patted the man on the shoulder. "Brother Cai, please help me. Up to now, I still haven't managed to find a captain for all thirteen squadrons, so I have to

personally attend to many of the matters involved. I just need you to help me out as a friend. There's not even a reason for you to take any orders."

Cai Jianqiang opened his mouth to speak, but Lu Yin grabbed up an earthen pot and passed it over. "Then that settles it! Thank you, Brother Cai. Cheers for being such a good friend."

Before Cai Jianqiang could even say a single word, Lu Yin had forcefully dragged him away.

The truth was that Cai Jianqiang had never had any intention of refusing Lu Yin's invitation. It was true that Cai Jianqiang had nowhere else to go, and Planet Hydrotink was no longer a suitable place for him to stay. He did not see eye to eye with Saul, and he even despised gloomy people like Saul.

Lu Yin became very excited, as he had never expected the situation to develop like this after he allowed Saul to return to the Society. This possibility had only occurred to Lu Yin when Cai Jianqiang had mentioned that he wanted to leave Planet Hydrotink.

This was an unexpected, yet pleasant, outcome. Cai Jianqiang was a peak Hunter, and he was not far from breaking through and becoming an Enlighter. It was not that the man did not want to break through, but rather that he was steadily building his foundations. Once he finished preparing, after he broke through to the Enlighter realm,, he would not be any ordinary Enlighter.

The addition of such a person meant that the Great Yu Empire had effectively gained an Enlighter.

The Great Yu Empire already had powerhouses like Aden and Smoker who were Realmbreakers capable of fighting against Enlighters. In addition to them, there was also Cool Sis and Yanyan, who were not far behind.

The Thirteen Imperial Squadrons were slowly growing stronger. Right now, even if Enlighters appeared to gang up on the squadrons in an ambush, the Enlighters' victory would not be assured.

As time went on, the strength of the Great Yu Empire had increased considerably. A decade ago, no one would have thought that one day, the most powerful member of the Thirteen Squadrons of that time, Hua Qingshan, would not even be included within the squadrons' top five experts.

Cai Jianqiang leaving Planet Hydrotink was also a good thing for Saul.

The person who was the most affected by this development was Felynn, but no one cared about her thoughts. Lu Yin had given her a chance, but she had not cherished it. Thus, the fault was hers alone.

Seemingly afraid that Cai Jianqiang would change his mind, Lu Yin hastily led the Hunter back to Zenyu Star and then began impatiently making arrangements for Cai Jianqiang to accept his role as the Thirteenth Squadron Captain.

The dark expanse of the universe was always mysterious, and no one could know what would happen.

At a place that lay between Zenyu Star and Planet Hydrotink, a large and very ordinary looking spacecraft stopped. Flames burst out from it, and explosions could occasionally be heard within it.

Inside the vessel, there were many people in ordinary clothes who were screaming.

In one corner of the spacecraft, a dozen Sentinel realm cultivators pushed their way through the crowd. A big, burly man wearing universal armor followed behind them, he leaped into outer space with one leap. Following him, all of the Sentinels put on sets of universal armor and also jumped off of the vessel, headed for a distant planet.

There was only a finite number of universal armors aboard the vessel. If the spacecraft encountered an accident, then only those who had universal armors would be able to survive while the rest of the occupants would simply die with the ship.

“Boss, will those people tell anyone else about what happened here?” someone asked through their personal gadget as they flew through outer space.

Their leader, who was the burly man, replied, “No. The rescue team won’t get here fast enough. By the time anyone shows up, those people will already be nothing but ashes.”

Right as the man spoke those words, another explosion erupted at the rear of the vessel. If the fleeing cultivators turned to look around, then they would only see the desperation in the eyes of the people still on the ship.

However, the leader was not bothered by any of this. The people dying there were nothing but worthless independent cultivators. He had hired the independent cultivators to take part in a local skirmish, but the loss of their lives was not a big loss to the man, as they were just an inconsequential amount of money in his eyes. “Ah, what a pity. I ended up wasting my time on these people. Now, we’ll have to hire more people when we get back.”

“Yes, Boss.”

The universe was limitless, and the size of an empire would often be so vast that its overall territory was simply inconceivable to its ordinary citizens. Most people would never be able to travel through the entire empire even over the span of their entire lives, not to mention an empire like the Great Yu Empire that spanned an entire weave.

The entirety of Frostwave Weave was under the control of the Great Yu Empire, and there were so many people within their territory that their numbers could not even be counted. The independent cultivators within the empire’s territory alone were innumerable, and there were many people who took advantage of this oversight.

Businessmen would often hire independent cultivators without registering those people with the empire, which made it impossible to even know about such people’s deaths. A spacecraft could transport tens of thousands of independent cultivators, but even those numbers were insignificant from the perspective of the Great Yu Empire’s entire population, and no one would even notice when such people disappeared.

Such situations were quite common throughout the universe, not just within the Great Yu Empire. Nearly every place had similar occurrences.

The universe was far crueler than what regular people saw.

There were no wars within the Great Yu Empire, but many small-scale skirmishes took place unnoticed. The battles between nations composed of various planets did not become widespread news unless an entire filament was affected.

Many businessmen were exploiting this neglected corner by using independent cultivators to fight their wars for them, allowing them to get rich in the process.

There were tens of thousands of independent cultivators on that spacecraft who were able to do nothing except wait for death. Every year, millions of independent cultivators would die in such a fashion. These people were seen as nobodies, and their deaths did not even draw the slightest bit of attention. The empire could not be bothered to deal with details as minor as independent cultivators who had been hired for local wars.

To some people, independent cultivators like these were even seen as murderers.

Explosions continued to ring out through the spacecraft, and the independent cultivators had already lost all hope.

Just when they thought that they were doomed to become specks of ash floating through the universe, the flames from the explosions were suddenly all extinguished. It looked as though a massive hand had grabbed the entire vessel, and all of the vehicle's functions halted at that moment. It was as though the spacecraft had entered a state of suspended animation.

Aboard the spacecraft, many of the desperate souls were left bewildered, as they could not understand what had just happened. When they were certain that the vessel would not explode, everyone wept tears of joy due to the ecstasy of still being alive.

Behind the spacecraft, Lu Yin and Cai Jianqiang sat within Lu Yin's collapsible spacecraft as they watched the events unfold on the larger ship.

"It's very odd that a large vessel like this one would not prepare enough universal armors," Lu Yin commented.

Cai Jianqiang shot a glance at the youth. "They were abandoned."

"Abandoned? What do you mean?" Lu Yin asked, astonished.

Cai Jianqiang was over a hundred years old, and he was far more experienced than Lu Yin. "These people are independent cultivators who were most likely hired to take part in some local war. Something happened to the spacecraft transporting them, so their employers and the bodyguards jumped ship while these independent cultivators were left to die."

Lu Yin's eyes went wide, and he was clearly confused. "They were left to die? Doesn't anyone care about them?"

Cai Jianqiang laughed in spite of himself. "Who would care? These aren't respectable people themselves, and their livelihood isn't allowed in the empire. If they're lucky, then a rescue team might pass by and rescue them, and if they're unlucky, then they'll just die here."

Lu Yin furrowed his brows as he stared at the spacecraft in front of him. He had thought that this had just been another vessel suffering from some unforeseen technical issue. He had never expected the situation to actually be hiding something like this. Since these people had chosen to join a war, then they should have been prepared to die!

However, this also allowed Lu Yin to realize that local skirmishes were a cruel part of reality.

Numerous considerations ran through his mind in a split second. He unconsciously unleashed his domain, and it enveloped the spacecraft, allowing him to hear many of the conversations taking place.

“Father, the spacecraft didn’t blow up! We’re still alive, and we’ll be able to see mother!”

“The heavens were kind enough to let us live. I hope that a rescue team gets here soon, though we’ll still most likely undergo a round of questioning even if we are rescued.”

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“Elder brother, when will the rescue team get here?”

“I’m hoping that they don’t turn up at all. I’d rather leave our lives to fate, as a rescue team would just capture us and then send us to prison if they show up.”

“I just want to make a living. I don’t want to get locked up.”

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“Bro, just hang in there. The rescue team will treat you as soon as they get here.”

“Cough. Don’t try to cheer me up. Even if the rescue team shows up, I don’t have any money for treatment. Our boss took off, and no one else will foot our medical bills.”

“The empire will treat us, but then they’ll also start questioning us, and that won’t be easy to escape from.”

“Just forget it.”

“If we manage to make it out alive this time, we have to expose those black-hearted businessmen! We’ll go to the Royal Regent and tell him exactly what those businessmen really do.”

“That’ll just backfire on us. We’ve fought in more than just one regional war, and there’s no way we would be able to avoid being questioned. Besides, most of those businessmen have good relationships with the media. There’s no one who can help us.”

“We’ll take this all the way to the top if we have to! We know where King Zishan’s palace is, and I don’t believe that those businessmen would dare to do anything to us at the Royal Regent’s door.”

Chapter 938: Court Meeting

Lu Yin quietly listened to the multiple conversations taking place on the larger spacecraft from within his collapsible spacecraft. He overheard many conversations, and some of them were even related to him. Most of the people aboard the vessel were angry at the businessmen while others hoped that Lu Yin would thoroughly investigate this matter.

He then looked up. Lu Yin realized that he knew almost nothing about the internal wars that were constantly taking place within the Great Yu Empire. No matter how large his empire grew, there would always be chaos within it.

He only knew what the top administrators of the empire told him, and they did not truly care about these small skirmishes. In fact, some of the officials might even be personally involved in some of these conflicts.

Cai Jianqiang didn't disturb Lu Yin. Instead, the older man simply closed his eyes and silently started training.

Two days passed. Finally, a rescue team arrived at the ruined spacecraft.

Although the independent cultivators had eventually been rescued, they still were forced to go on trial as it was illegal to participate in regional conflicts. When they were inevitably found guilty, they would definitely be stuck with heavy punishments.

Lu Yin didn't show himself and simply left in his collapsible spacecraft. There was a dark expression on his face.

At the same time, he used his gadget to announce to the top officials on Zenyu Star that a morning meeting would take place the next day and that everyone who had been contacted was required to attend the meeting.

This announcement shocked the Great Yu Empire.

Ever since Lu Yin had become the Royal Regent, there had been almost no morning meetings. Lu Yin behaved very differently from Undying Yushan; Undying Yushan had held morning meetings almost every day whereas Lu Yin rarely ever held one.

The various officials of the Great Yu Empire had become accustomed to not participating in the morning meetings. Thus, the sudden announcement caught many of them completely off guard.

Those who were doing anything illegal immediately halted all of their activities.

Some suddenly felt that the money they were holding had become extremely heavy.

Others, who had been contemplating various schemes, suddenly felt very excited.

All in all, Lu Yin's decision to hold a meeting affected many people, which subsequently affected the entire Great Eastern Alliance.

Meanwhile, Lu Yin was still en route to Zenyu Star.

During this time, countless people on Zenyu Star were busily trying to discover why Lu Yin had suddenly decided to call a morning meeting.

Quite a number of people had gathered outside of King Zishan's palace and even the princess's home. In addition, many people tried to meet with Wendy Yushan to obtain more information, and even Wei Rong, En Ya, and Huan Sha were trying to find out more information.

The leaders of the other weaves even held meetings of their own to discuss Lu Yin's unexpected announcement.

Lu Yin had never expected that this decision of his to hold a meeting would end up having such wide-spread effects.

Soon after, Lu Yin appeared outside the imperial palace on Zenyu Star. It had been quite some time since he had last visited this place.

This palace was not as simple as it appeared to be. There was a sourcebox array within the palace that had been hidden there by an elder from the Yu family.

Lu Yin didn't know how powerful that sourcebox array was, but he was absolutely certain that it could deal with powerhouses whose power levels were in the several hundred thousands at least, and possibly even Envoys.

All thirteen captains of the Imperial Squadrons who were still on Zenyu Star were present inside the main hall of the palace with the exception of Smoker. Cai Jianqiang also joined the meeting as the newly appointed captain of the Thirteenth Squadron.

In the great hall, there were ministers from the Imperial Cabinet, the Lu Ministry of Staff, and the Lu Ministry of Defense. Wei Rong was also present, and everyone silently stood there, waiting for Lu Yin's arrival.

Lu Yin soon arrived within the main hall.

"Greetings, Royal Regent," everyone respectfully greeted.

Lu Yin's gaze swept over all of them. "You may rise.

"I know that all of you want to know why I suddenly called this meeting. It's very simple: I came across a burning spacecraft two days ago..." Lu Yin slowly shared the incident that he had come across with everyone.

The expressions of some of the ministers in the hall grew thoughtful while others looked panicked.

"Your Highness, there are countless planets within the empire, and there are too many independent cultivators for us to keep all of them under control," a minister respectfully tried to explain.

Lu Yin calmly answered, "The Great Yu Empire has recently united Frostwave Weave, and I understand that it's impossible for everything to be perfect. However, there are certain things that we must prioritize. The independent cultivators within the Great Yu Empire must be controlled. If any of the independent cultivators were to deliberately take destructive actions, we would suffer incredible losses. With that in mind, how long would it take for us to get all the independent cultivators under control?"

The minister hesitantly replied, "At least twenty years."

Lu Yin frowned. "Twenty years is way too long. Many governments in other parts of the universe have their own methods to deal with this problem. Although the empire has expanded rapidly in recent times, there are many other places that have been in a similar situation. How has this not been noticed until now?"

The minister was shocked, and he immediately knelt down. "Please forgive me, Your Highness."

Lu Yin waved a hand. "You can stand up, and I don't blame you. It's been a very short time since the empire united Frostwave Weave, so it's normal that there would be some things that aren't perfect. Still, we have to solve this quickly. Tell me how many resources you'll need, and I'll get them to you. However, you must solve this problem as quickly as possible."

"Yes, Your Highness." The minister let out a breath of relief and wiped away the sweat from his brow.

"Also," Lu Yin's expression suddenly turned cold as he continued, saying, "Find out who abandoned those independent cultivators. What boss would be so cruel as to leave ten thousand independent cultivators to die? I'm sure that there have been many similar events that have occurred throughout the empire, so look into it. Everyone who's done something like this will be put on trial for murder."

"Yes, Your Highness," the ministers all answered.

Lu Yin was satisfied with their responses. "This is the first item on the agenda for today. The second thing is that we need to stop the regional wars. I don't care if they're just some local wars over a single planet or interplanetary wars. As long as it takes place anywhere within the Great Yu Empire, it needs to be monitored by the empire. Whenever a war breaks out, the people who suffer are the citizens of the empire.

"I remember that one of the empire's funds was set up to prevent interplanetary wars. Aren't we using that?"

Lu Yin's eyes became icy. "Or did somebody use it for something else?"

This question shocked Gavin. "Your Highness, the empire has expanded too quickly while the budget for that particular fund is still being determined by old calculations. It is difficult to find the money to make up for what is needed. I hope that Your Highness can allow me some more time."

"How long do you need?" Lu Yin asked.

Gavin considered the question. "I can guarantee that I'll be able to raise the necessary funds within a year."

"Fine. You have a year," Lu Yin said.

"Yes, Your Highness." Gavin was relieved.

"Alright, moving on to the third item: I want to ensure fairness regarding the allocation of resources within the empire," Lu Yin continued.

Lu Yin ended up being the person who spoke the most during this meeting. He said a lot, and most of it was related to cultivation. Although the strategies that he proposed were not complicated political plans, they would still be very effective as cultivation was the foundation of the universe.

Had Lu Yin gained all this power just for himself? He had deeply considered much over the previous two days. What did the regular citizens of the Great Yu Empire want? Many people just wanted to stay alive. Thus, if the independent cultivators were not controlled, then who would protect the regular citizens?

Most regional wars broke out due to conflicts concerning profit, but only a small minority stood to gain anything from those wars. Meanwhile, the commoners were always the ones to suffer.

The empire's control over its territory was not sufficient, and Lu Yin had to set up proper paths for people to progress so that the independent cultivators could focus their efforts on cultivation.

In the beginning, Lu Yin had no choice but to rely on the leaders of powerful political factions in order to run the empire smoothly. This was why he had given such people many government positions. But now, he now needed to recruit more independent cultivators in order to avoid certain factions monopolizing power.

People wished for fairness in their lives, but that was something that was almost impossible to achieve. Therefore, Lu Yin hoped to at least be able to create a relatively fair environment.

Once they had a goal, cultivators would have no need to participate in small-scale skirmishes that were against the empire's laws.

He had only realized the problems that a ruler faced after becoming a ruler himself.

However, he could not implement everything simultaneously. Thus, he decided to take things slowly.

Lu Yin rubbed his temples within King Zishan's palace.

Zhao Ran served him a cup of the thick tea. It still had a scary appearance of that thick, green liquid.

Lu Yin took a sip; the taste of the tea was not bad despite its lack of visual appeal.

Zhao Ran was very happy that her tea was a success. There were times when Lu Yin even envied her, as she had no worries. Even if she did, she would very quickly forget them.

"Your Highness, someone is asking to meet with you," Kayze said.

Lu Yin gave a tired answer, "Let her in."

Ah Ya entered. "Greetings, Royal Regent."

Lu Yin motioned for the girl to sit.

Ah Ya had an uneasy expression as she sat down. She had heard about the government meeting, and she had a feeling that the Great Yu Empire was about to experience some massive changes. Some people were about to be completely out of luck.

"I have a question for you." Lu Yin looked at Ah Ya and calmly asked, "Is the news affected by money?"

Ah Ya was stunned. She shot up to her feet. "Your Highness, this-"

Lu Yin waved again. "Sit down. I'm just curious."

Ah Ya became nervous, and she slowly replied, "No, no. It's not affected by money."

Lu Yin laughed. "Really? Then why haven't you guys ever reported any of the regional wars? Don't tell me that the empire is so peaceful that there are never any internal wars. In fact, your hometown should be at war at this very moment, and an interplanetary war at that."

Ah Ya did not answer.

Lu Yin continued, saying, "I understand that the media has to earn money too. Money is very powerful."

Ah Ya gritted her teeth. "I'm sorry, Your Highness."

"You don't have to apologize. Not only are you controlled by money, but also by power. What if I provided you with both money and power? Would you dare to accept it?" Lu Yin focused on Ah Ya as he said these words.

Ah Ya was shocked, but she had no idea what Lu Yin wanted.

Actually, Lu Yin was not entirely sure what he was doing either. The existence of those constant, small skirmishes had angered him, as he felt like he had been lied to. However, he was also unable to blame anyone for this. It was impossible for every minor matter to be reported to him.

Even the intelligence organizations had not seen the need to report these minor incidents to Lu Yin. Thus, he could only rely on the media.

Once exposed by the media, certain matters could be easily controlled.

Ah Ya accepted Lu Yin's proposal. And with her acceptance, the media company that she worked for would be financially supported by the Great Yu Empire, and Lu Yin even made her a member of the Second Imperial Squadron, which gave her a direct line to Smoker. "With this position, even the ministers of the Imperial Cabinet won't dare to make any trouble for you. The Second Imperial Squadron will also send someone to protect you, so you can freely do whatever you want."

Ah Ya answered respectfully, "Don't worry, Your Highness. I understand."

"It's good that you understand. However, you also need to know that you can't abuse this authority to make things difficult for other people. Then, I would have to have other people make things very difficult for you," Lu Yin warned.

Ah Ya instantly agreed.

Lu Yin fell deep into thought as he watched Ah Ya leave. He did not know if he had made the right choice, as there was a possibility that his decisions would lead to more chaos. However, this was also the only way he could fix this problem.

It felt like there was a thin membrane separating the Great Yu Empire's top and bottom layers, and it was blocking Lu Yin from accessing the bottom layer. This barrier was the source of the chaos, and Lu Yin had to pierce through this membrane if he wanted to truly unite the entire Great Yu Empire.

Chapter 939: Strange Rumors And Ruins

Gaining control of all of the Great Yu Empire's independent cultivators was a difficult task, and such widespread management was not Lu Yin's forte. He sent a message to Wang Wen, intending to just

leave these matters to him in the future. Lu Yin's decisions over the past few days had felt more like venting.

Wang Wen smiled when he saw Lu Yin's message. Although Lu Yin's methods were crude, Wang Wen could still see Lu Yin's determination to treat the common folk kindly, and the only way to do so was to gain control of the independent cultivators. It was good enough that the Royal Regent had such determination.

The public had always believed that Lu Yin was a ruthless person who enjoyed warfare. Despite their prejudice, Lu Yin still treated them kindly and carefully protected the borders. He was a magnanimous person, which was why Wang Wen admired him and was willing to rely on him.

Even Lu Yin did not know why he had become so angry over this incident, but Wang Wen was aware of the motivation behind the anger. The actions of these corrupt businessmen and independent cultivators had led to even more casualties than the interweave wars. In short, these people had violated Lu Yin's principles.

Wang Wen looked up at the sky. He had stopped caring about predicting the future once he started following Lu Yin. Now, it would be up to fate to decide how history would record their achievements.

Nobody had ever managed to unite the Outerverse before, but Wang Wen saw a glimmer of hope in Lu Yin. Wang Wen was feeling hopeful towards what the future would hold.

Oh right, I almost forgot. Wang Wen immediately sent a message to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's eyes nearly popped out of his head when he read Wang Wen's message. How is this even possible?

He immediately called Elder Lohar.

Lu Yin's first call failed to connect to the elder, but he remained persistent.

After half an hour, Elder Lohar picked up. He greeted Lu Yin with a weary voice. "Alliance Leader Lu, what can I help you with?"

Lu Yin stifled his laughter and cleared his throat. "Elder, I heard that something strange showed up in Ironblood Weave."

Elder Lohar sounded annoyed when he answered. "Wang Wen must have been the one who told you about this."

Lu Yin answered, "So is there really something strange? I heard that even you suffered from it—is this true?"

Elder Lohar sighed. "It's true; I was stepped on."

Lu Yin was shocked. "What stepped on you?"

Elder Lohar hesitated. "Alliance Leader Lu, I can tell you, but you can't tell anyone else."

Lu Yin replied, "Of course."

Elder Lohar coughed and hesitated before answering, "A rabbit."

Lu Yin was stunned. "What?"

"I was stepped on by a rabbit covered in lightning. I couldn't even touch it," Elder Lohar spoke angrily. He thought that Lu Yin would laugh after hearing about this matter, but instead, the youth's expression grew serious. A rabbit, a rabbit... It must be that rabbit!

After Lu Yin successfully completed a lockbreaking session on the Savage Ape Planet, a nine headed savage ape had emerged and nearly killed everyone present. But then, a rabbit suddenly appeared out of nowhere and stomped on the ape. That rabbit stomp had stunned the nine headed savage ape, which had been on par with an Enlighter, and Lu Yin had also managed to use his die to copy the rabbit's innate gift. He later used that lightning to kill a Hunter realm powerhouse who had ambushed him.

That rabbit had left a strong impression on Lu Yin.

That rabbit was definitely extremely powerful since it had stunned that nine headed savage ape with a single kick. Lu Yin did not expect the rabbit to reappear after so many years, and it had even stomped on Elder Lohar. That rabbit would truly step on anything.

"Alliance Leader Lu, you don't seem very surprised by this," Elder Lohar said.

Lu Yin answered, "I've seen that rabbit before."

He then told the elder about the incident on Savage Ape Planet.

Elder Lohar said, "I didn't even have any time to react after being stepped on by that rabbit, so it's very normal for it to have stunned a nine headed savage ape. I'm telling you this to remind you to be careful—a third of the Outerverse is under your control, and that rabbit might reappear."

Lu Yin nodded. "Elder, do you think that this rabbit is from the Astral Beast Domain?"

Elder Lohar replied, "I don't think so. It seems to have appeared from thin air."

Lu Yin agreed with Elder Lohar. If the rabbit was from the Astral Beast Domain, then it wouldn't have done something so random.

"Actually, the rabbit's most powerful skill is its lightning, which has transformed and contains an indescribable strength. Let's move on from this topic and not talk about that rabbit anymore—is there anything else that I can help you with, Alliance Leader Lu?" Elder Lohar asked.

Lu Yin chatted with Elder Lohar for a while and then hung up.

Lu Yin wanted to see that rabbit again, and it would be even better if he could copy its innate gift again with his die. Since even Elder Lohar was shocked by the strength of that rabbit's lightning, it had to be very powerful. In fact, it should be enough to deal with powerhouses whose power levels were higher than 300,000.

Lu Yin no longer gave the incident with the rabbit any further thought. It had just been a surprising bit of news.

At the same time, Wei Rong was busy getting in contact with Zi Xianxian.

Wei Rong, En Ya, and Wang Wen had become Lu Yin's advisors for his expansion plans. Thus, he told the three of them whenever there was someone who could be made use of. That way, his advisors would have the same resources as him.

At this time, Wei Rong's goal was to gain Zi Fang's help.

Lu Yin had promised to help Zi Fang become the Zi family patriarch. However, since Zi Fang was the only heir at the moment, there was no question about him eventually inheriting the position of patriarch. Thus, he had not cared about Lu Yin's promise.

Nevertheless, Lu Yin still needed to access the classified information that was in Amethyst Exchange's possession. Thus, he had given this task to Wei Rong, as he was the best at plotting and scheming.

Wei Rong did not disappoint Lu Yin, and the first thing that he did was contact Zi Xianxian.

Wei Rong had never spoken with Zi Xianxian before, so Zi Xianxian did not know who was calling her.

"Who is it?" Zi Xianxian had been sunbathing in her courtyard as she answered the call.

"I'm Wei Rong."

Zi Xianxian frowned. "Wei Rong? Why did you call me?"

"I wanted to ask, what does Miss Xianxian think about becoming the head of the Zi family?" Wei Rong asked.

Zi Xianxian's eyes flashed. "What do you mean?"

"Nothing much. It's just that the Alliance Leader feels that he's quite close to Miss Xianxian. Thus, if Miss Xianxian took control of the Zi family in the future, it would be much better for him. As such, he sent me to check in with you," Wei Rong explained.

Zi Xianxian answered, "Tell Alliance Leader Lu that he doesn't need to worry about the Zi family's affairs. He's already a shareholder of Amethyst Exchange, and he can access all of Amethyst Exchange's records. There's no need for him to do these underhanded things." She then immediately hung up.

Although Lu Yin had helped resolve the Zi family's crisis, Zi Xianxian was still very unhappy with Lu Yin as the Zi family had been forced to pay a price to resolve the issue. She did not want to interact with Lu Yin anymore than she had to at this time.

Wei Rong also hung up, perfectly satisfied. He had expected as much from Zi Xianxian, and this was fine since he had no real plans to groom Zi Xianxian.

In a residence on Skylush Planet, Zi Fang glanced at his gadget and received a huge surprise. He had always been wary of Zi Xianxian, and someone had just sent him a report, informing him that Lu Yin of the Great Eastern Alliance had revealed the intention to help Zi Xianxian inherit the position of the Zi family matriarch. This information stunned Zi Fang.

The Zi family was not what it had been in the past. Since their crisis had been resolved by Lu Yin, the contest to become the head of the Zi family would definitely involve Lu Yin as well.

It would still be alright if Lu Yin did not interfere, but if he did, then Zi Fang's chances of success would definitely drop precipitously. Zi Xianxian had given Lu Yin a small number of shares of Amethyst Exchange's Zenyu Star branch, and she had even given him some information before. Thus, Zi Fang was not surprised that Lu Yin would support Zi Xianxian.

Zi Fang started to panic. He could not lose his position as the first heir of the Zi family.

Suddenly, he remembered what Lu Yin had said. As long as Zi Fang found out what Amethyst Exchange was looking for in the Outerverse, Lu Yin would guarantee that Zi Fang the position of the Zi family's patriarch.

Zi Fang had not cared about that promise before, but now, he would have to find a way to accomplish the task that Lu Yin had given him. If Lu Yin truly supported Zi Xianxian instead of Zi Fang, then the elder brother would be in trouble. Even though the successorship was an internal matter of the Zi family, Zi Fang knew that Lu Yin would still be able to interfere.

Zi Fang was a very stubborn person. He could fight with Zi Xianxian over the position of the Zi family head, and he had even casually cut his ties with Zi Rong. These actions proved that Zi Fang was a stubborn man, and a stubborn person could do anything.

To win over Lu Yin's support, Zi Fang decided that he would sneak into Zi Tianchuan's secret room once more. That was where the Zi family's most sensitive information was kept, and only the Zi family patriarch had the right to access that room.

Zi Tianchuan protected that hidden room very well, and Mr. Tradeo would never be far from it either.

Fortunately, the Zi family had been afflicted by too many incidents recently, and the protection surrounding the secret room had become more lax as well. If not for that, Zi Fang would have no chances of sneaking in.

When he entered, Zi Fang excitedly read the secret information on the scrolls in the secret room. He did not dare take any pictures, and he left as soon as possible.

Once he arrived in his own quarters, Zi Fang anxiously contacted Lu Yin.

"Alliance Leader Lu, will you still honor your former promise?" Zi Fang asked nervously.

Lu Yin calmly replied, "What promise?"

Zi Fang quickly reminded Lu Yin. "You said that, as long as I provided you with information about the Zi family's secret mission, you would support me in becoming the patriarch."

Lu Yin smiled. "Of course. Did you find it?"

"Yes. The Zi family is supported by Gods' Origin, which is from the Neoverse, to search for certain information here in the Outerverse. However, the mission of searching for that information is actually just a cover, as Gods' Origin's true goal is for the Zi family to find the locations of the Rune Technology's ruins," Zi Fang said.

Lu Yin leaped to his feet. "Rune Technology?"

“Yes, it was an ancient civilization, though I’m not sure about the details since it was not recorded in any history books. However, the civilization existed for a very short period of time, making it very rare to find any ruins of Rune Technology in the universe. Gods' Origin tasked the Zi family to search for these ruins many years ago, but we’ve only found four ruins so far,” Zi Fang continued.

“Where are those four ruins?” Lu Yin asked anxiously.

Zi Fang replied, “Are you interested, Alliance Leader Lu? In that case, it’s unfortunate as all four of those ruins were all directly moved to the Neoverse directly by Gods' Origin. They are no longer in the Outerverse.”

Lu Yin was disappointed, as he was quite dedicated to his pursuit of Rune Technology as well.

The Rune Civilization had been a short-lived civilization developed by the Rune Progenitor. Although they only lasted for a brief period of time, they had been extremely powerful, to the point where no one had dared to record them in history.

Progenitor Chen had been extremely powerful, and his strength had even scared the Sixth Mainland. One of the cornerstones of his strength was his personally developed Nine Clones Technique, which had made him invincible throughout the universe. That technique allowed him to create nine clones of himself, which was equivalent to nine Progenitor powerhouses. Thus, he had been someone who the Sixth Mainland did not dare to record in their history.

As for the Rune Progenitor, most people in the Sixth Mainland had never even heard of that Progenitor, and the powerhouse had become an existence that was essentially a legend.

The Rune Progenitor had developed a civilization that was hard to understand, but if one could understand the slightest bit about them, they would essentially gain a secret technique. This was the scariest detail of the Rune Civilization.

Lu Yin had managed to reach the Clarity realm of Truesight while in the Innerverse, and he hoped to comprehend even more of the technique.

It was impossible for Lu Yin to be the only person who had ever obtained an inheritance related to Rune Technology. Since Gods' Origin was also looking for Rune Technology ruins, it meant that they had likely obtained an inheritance of the Rune Civilization as well, and some of their members might have also learned Truesight.

Chapter 940: Removal And Creation

There was one other important detail: Lu Yin had reached the Opened Eyes stage of Truesight from the Sky Platform in the Astral Combat Academy. He had also heard rumors saying that some of the Ten Arbiters had also climbed to the peak of the Sky Platform in the past. Given all of the Ten Arbiters' high talent, whoever had climbed the Sky Platform had also likely reached the Clarity realm, or perhaps an even higher one.

There had to be others who were also looking for Rune Technology ruins.

If there were Rune Technology ruins in the Innerverse, then Lu Yin might not be able to defeat the other people searching for them. However, if anything was in the Outerverse, then it would definitely belong to him.

“The Zi family has only found four ruins after all these years?” Lu Yin asked.

Zi Fang fell silent.

Lu Yin grew excited. “Tell me the truth. Not only can I help you become the Zi family patriarch, but I can also help the Zi family return to being one of the four great conglomerates of the Outerverse once more. In fact, The Zi family will become the only intelligence network in the entire Outerverse.”

Zi Fang’s eyes lit up. He hesitated for a moment, but then he gritted his teeth. “Actually, the Zi family found a fifth ruin about a hundred years ago. However, we didn’t share this information with Gods’ Origin as my father wanted to use the location of these ruins as a bargaining chip to have Gods’ Origin take us into the Innerverse. The Zi family is fed up with staying in the Outerverse.”

Lu Yin shook his head. Zi Tianchuan was too ambitious. All Rune Technology ruins were extremely important, and there had to be someone else helping Gods’ Origin search for ruins in the Innerverse. Moreover, they might have found even more ruins in the Innerverse. Thus, it was impossible for Gods’ Origin to agree to Zi Tianchuan’s demands.

“Your father must not have negotiated with Gods’ Origin yet, right?” Lu Yin asked.

Zi Fang was curious. “How did you know that, Alliance Leader Lu?”

“If you had negotiated with them, the Zi family would have disappeared a hundred years ago,” Lu Yin spoke confidently.

Zi Fang sighed. “The location of the fifth ruin is my Zi family’s greatest secret. Alliance Leader Lu, I can tell you the precise location, but I hope that you can promise to not do anything detrimental to me provided that I don’t betray you. Also, you must ensure that I will become my family’s patriarch. These are my conditions for helping you.”

Lu Yin instantly agreed. To him, the Zi family’s greatest value was in providing information for him. He did not care if Zi Fang or Zi Xianxian was in charge of the family, as long as they continued to provide him with information.

Although it appeared that Lu Yin was closer to Zi Xianxian, that had been before Zi Rong’s death. Now, Zi Xianxian had no more good feelings towards him.

The location of the ruins ended up being very close to Armament Weave, and it actually lay between two weaves. That region had an unstable cosmological phenomenon surrounding it at all times. Thus, most spacecraft typically avoided the area, making it a desolate location.

Lu Yin immediately headed out the moment he received the exact coordinates. There weren’t any pressing issues for him to deal with in the Great Yu Empire or the Great Eastern Alliance. Additionally, everything that Lu Yin wanted to do was impossible for him at the moment, such as the situation regarding Undying Yushan.

He had also received the profits from the last Lu's Grand Auction, which netted him almost 450,000 star essence. Before Endless Weave's invasion, such an amount would have been an astronomical sum to Lu Yin since he had been relatively poor during that time. Even though he had more than two million star essence now, it was still a large sum.

This was just what he had received after everything was tallied up. The auction house itself had also earned a large sum, and they also belonged to Lu Yin.

The auction house's profits had initially been earmarked for the auction house's operational costs, but Lu Yin ordered Bei Qing to use that money to start a charity foundation under his name: the Lu Charity. Lu Yin also personally donated tens of thousands of star essence to the foundation.

Suddenly, the Lu Charity became an enormous charity even on the scale of the entire Outerverse.

How much was tens of thousands of star essence? It could be converted to an almost infinite amount of universal currency that could then be used to improve an astronomical number of people's lives.

Ninety nine percent of the money in the universe was held in the hands of a select few people while the hoi polloi shared the remaining one percent. Thus, an insignificant percentage of Lu Yin's wealth could change countless people's lives.

It was just a small gesture, and cultivation was still Lu Yin's ultimate goal.

Lu Yin had learned from his ambush last time, when he had headed out alone to investigate that mysterious source of heat. Thus, he preemptively put on his universal armor and even made sure that he could take out his walnut at any time. With his current equipment, he felt certain that, even if Zi Fang was working together with the Neohuman Alliance, he would still be able to escape unscathed.

Lu Yin was quite paranoid about this trip even though the incident with Zi Rong had caused the Hall of Honor to conduct a thorough investigation into the Zi family. They would have definitely found out if Zi Fang was working with the Neohuman Alliance or not.

Lu Yin only became certain that the ruins were real when he saw the unstable cosmic phenomenon, as it was actually a swirling mass of runes. Additionally, it was very similar to the cosmic phenomenon currently covering the Innerverse. However, in this case, it simply covered a small region of space.

Lu Yin did not know what effect this cosmic phenomenon had, so to be prudent, he removed his universal armor and suppressed his power level to under 10,000 before slowly entering the region with the cosmic phenomenon.

He entered fine, so he slowly raised his power level while nervously keeping an eye on the cosmic phenomenon. The phenomenon remained the same and continued swirling above him in an unstable manner.

Lu Yin sighed in relief. This was his first time interacting with a Rune Technology ruin, and he didn't know what function those runes served. However, he would be happy as long as they did not erase his existence.

Rune Technology was truly amazing. Even though Lu Yin had the walnut, he was not confident in his ability to successfully escape from a remnant power of the Rune Civilization. When facing this unknown power, he was extremely nervous.

The Rune Technology ruins was actually a destroyed city floating through space. There was no land under it and nothing supporting it. It was just a small, abandoned city floating through the universe.

Lu Yin slowly walked into the city. His sight was greeted by rows of abandoned buildings. As he walked, he made sure to not step on anything. Every time he took a step, a group of runes would appear under his feet and hold him up. The entire city was supported by runes.

Meanwhile, black flames occasionally flitted through the sky, making it look like the city had been burned by black flames.

The layout of the city was very simple. The houses were built out of an unknown material, but it was likely very sturdy since it was able to survive in space without any assistance. However, due to the great deal of time that had passed, the houses crumbled the moment Lu Yin touched any of them.

Lu Yin obviously wasn't the only person to have visited this place, as he could clearly see that a few houses had been recently destroyed by other people.

It wasn't hard to enter the city, but it was difficult to find. One could reach this place as long as they passed through the cosmic phenomenon, though most people would not dare to do such a thing. The cosmic phenomenon looked quite scary from the outside, and the rune lines that Lu Yin had seen were nearly comparable to a peak Hunter's.

Any spacecraft that approached the cosmic phenomenon would detect a power level ranging between 190,000 to 200,000, which was a very high power level for the Outerverse. Thus, it made sense why nobody dared to approach such a thing.

Although the city was not very large compared to the cities that Lu Yin had seen before, it was about the size of a normal country on Earth.

Lu Yin saw a knife in the corner of the abandoned city that had lain there for countless years. Its surface was pockmarked, but there was not a single hint of rust to be found.

When he picked it up, his eyes flashed. This was not a normal knife, as it had been formed from rune lines, which was why it had not rusted despite the passage of countless ages. However, the runes that formed the knife had slowly disappeared over the years, which had led to its pockmarked appearance. Perhaps after tens of thousands more years, the knife would simply cease to exist, not even leaving a trace behind.

Lu Yin furrowed his brows. He was able to reduce his enemy's rune lines, but this knife indicated that it was also possible to gather runes and form any object that he desired. This was no longer something that belonged to the realm of battle. This was—creation.

Could runes truly create? Was it possible to create an entire person? A living creature? Or even a civilization?

Lu Yin could not comprehend such concepts, as it far exceeded his understanding.

Theoretically, according to the civilization created by the Rune Progenitor, everything in the universe was formed by runes. Therefore, it was possible to remove certain runes or even cause certain things to cease existing. Similarly, it was also possible to use runes to create certain items. This was the power of Rune Technology.

This idea still made sense for Rune Technology. However, everyone knew that something could not be created from nothing. Otherwise, the universe would have descended into chaos long ago. No human was able to create on their own, not even Progenitor realm powerhouses. Thus, Lu Yin also did not think that anyone had the power to create something from nothing.

However, what he was currently looking at was definitely real. The knife had truly been formed from rune lines, and he could clearly see that the knife consisted of runes. This meant that the other artifacts in the Rune Technology ruins might also be made of runes.

How did Rune Technology actually work?

Clarity was only the foundation of Rune Technology.

Lu Yin wanted to know how Rune Technology experts had fought against each other in the past; could they have truly created items out of nothing?

“Monkey, what do you know about Rune Technology?” Lu Yin asked.

The monkey replied, “Not much. However, according to the memoirs of a powerhouse, Rune Technology belonged to a civilization that should have never existed. This civilization was too astounding. Normally civilizations either focus on cultivation, technology, or remain primitive. But despite that limitation, the Rune Civilization was able to achieve everything, and it was slightly similar to human civilizations where cultivation coexisted alongside technology. However, they had one major difference, which was that the Rune Civilization focused more on creation than on research, but I don’t really know the details.

“The most common saying that people know about Rune Technology is ‘a sky covered by another sky.’”

A sky covered by another sky; Lu Yin didn’t understand what this saying meant. The sky of the Inniverse had been covered by the Rune Progenitor. Was that what that phrase was referring to? However, how could that be related to creation?

Lu Yin held the knife as he continued to wander deeper into the city. His domain spread out as he ventured inwards, but he was not able to find anything else that resembled the knife.

Half a day later, Lu Yin leapt up and flew towards a corner of the city. He had discovered a strange building with his domain, and the building’s style was quite different from the others.

Eventually, Lu Yin landed in front of a strange looking building. There were many construction styles throughout the universe, and Lu Yin was unsure of what style this building fit into. However, the most prominent feature of this building was the pair of eyes carved onto the door of the building; the pupils were made of runes.

This was a very familiar sight. When one achieved the Clarity realm of Truesight, their pupils would transform into runes.

Lu Yin lifted his hand and pressed it against the door. He then exerted some strength and pushed the door, but it still did not budge. He continued pushing harder and harder, but it refused to move. Lu Yin's domain had been blocked from entering the building, so he could not investigate further unless he opened this door.