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This was an eternal-level spacecraft!

Its sleek, silver-white body exuded a metallic luster, with razor-sharp edges that could slice through the void at high speeds. Even a universe-stage martial warrior would be cleaved in two upon collision with its sharp edges.

Surrounding the eternal-stage vessel were eight other formidable ships.

Although the auras of two of the spaceships were not as strong as the eternal-level spacecraft in the middle, they were not far behind and belonged to a lower tier of eternal-level spacecraft.

As for the remaining six ships, it was apparent to discerning eyes that they were all universe-level spacecraft.

Shocked!

Many martial warriors who were observing the sky were utterly amazed by the appearance of these nine spacecraft.

The grandeur of the spectacle would awe anyone who beheld it.

Hengzang Bo and the others were slightly taken aback. Three eternal-level spacecraft and six universe-level spacecraft — the display was truly impressive.

The strength of the Virtual Universe Corporation was beyond the ordinary!

Exchanging a glance, they suppressed the intense emotions surging within them and proclaimed loudly, "The Five Burial Stars welcomes the Virtual Universe Corporation!"

At that moment, not far from Hengzang Bo and the others, the space rippled slightly, and a figure stepped out, calmly asking, "Are you the eternal-stage martial warriors of the Five Burial Stars?"

"Yes!" Hengzang Bo and the others looked at the newcomer, surprised to find that he was an eternal-stage being.

"You should know why we're here. Please lead the way," the eternal-stage figure spoke directly without a preamble.

"Please follow me," Hengzang Bo and the others immediately took the lead, flying towards the Fifth Burial Star.

The nine spacecraft did not stop at the spacecraft port of the Fifth Burial Star but flew directly into it.

The five families did not attempt to stop them.

In the vast expanse of the universe, it was widely known that the Virtual Universe Corporation held a position of supremacy. They wouldn't initiate aggression against any faction, but every faction had to show them respect.

For instance, at this moment, the Fifth Burial Star wouldn't hinder the entry of the Virtual Universe Corporation's spacecraft into its territory.

As the ships departed, the onlookers in the void erupted into a frenzy.

"The Virtual Universe Corporation! They've come!"

"Why is the Virtual Universe Corporation here?"

"Three eternal level spacecraft and six universe level spacecraft. Truly fitting for the Virtual Universe Corporation, no doubt."

"How could the Fifth Burial Star attract the Virtual Universe Corporation? It doesn't seem like a bad thing!"

"It definitely isn't a bad thing, otherwise, why would the elders of the five major families welcome them so grandly?"

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A group of people speculated about the Virtual Universe Corporation's motives. They all assumed that the Virtual Universe Corporation had come for the Five Burial Stars. Many factions that had originally planned to leave the Five Burial Stars now hesitated upon hearing this news.

Factions like the Azure Sky Island, the Golden Peak City, and the Longlapa Empire were also greatly surprised. How did the Five Burial Stars manage to invite the Virtual Universe Corporation?

People from various factions were filled with suspicion as they followed suit, entering the Five Burial Stars.

Now that the major battles were over, the Five Burial Stars had long been open for all factions to come and go as they pleased.

The nine spacecraft of the Virtual Universe Corporation hovered over the core area of the five major families, and figures emerged from them one after another.

The leader among them was incredibly formidable, clad in silver-white battle armor. Even from afar, the sight of him made people feel suffocated.

"An eternal-stage ruler!"

Duke Yaheng and the other universe-stage martial warriors were shocked.

The Virtual Universe Corporation had actually sent an eternal-stage ruler in person, which was truly unimaginable.

Moreover, the presence they had just made contact with, although not an eternal-stage ruler, was still an eternal-stage being.

This meant that the Virtual Universe Corporation had dispatched not just one but multiple eternal-stage beings this time.

As the crowd observed closely, they discovered that there were three eternal-stage martial warriors present. Besides the eternal-stage ruler, there were two more eternal-stage entities.

In addition, there were thirty-six universe-stage martial warriors and hundreds of heaven-stage martial warriors, all standing behind the three eternal-stage beings, exuding an overwhelming aura.

Duke Yaheng and others underwent a complete change in expression. They were deeply shaken.

Such a formidable group of warriors was capable of rivaling any faction present.

What exactly did the Virtual Universe Corporation intend to do?

This question resurfaced in the minds of universe-stage warriors from various factions. Their curiosity got the better of them as they couldn't help but speculate.

Hengzang Bo and his companions were greatly astonished. They felt they had underestimated Wang Teng's significance in the eyes of the Virtual Universe Corporation. The sheer display of power was intimidating to them. "Where is Sir Wang Teng?" Rofort, the leading eternal-stage ruler, looked at Hengzang Bo and the others and asked.

"Councilor Wang Teng in one of our estates. Please follow me," Hengzang Bo replied immediately.

Seeing that Wang Teng had not come out to greet them, Rofort's eyes flashed with indifference, and he gave a slight smile before nodding at Hengzang Bo and the others.

Hengzang Bo and his companions immediately led the way.

The crowd moved in a grand procession towards the estate where Yizang Xinnuo resided.

This small estate had never before witnessed such a multitude of powerful individuals.

Yizang Xinnuo and the others were also deeply shaken by the sight. It was terrifying. Although these martial warriors didn't deliberately reveal their auras, just standing together made one feel overwhelmed and suffocated.

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Wang Teng finally stepped out of the gate to greet the eternal-stage ruler from the Virtual Universe Corporation.

It was a basic courtesy to receive guests at the doorstep.

For some reason, when they saw Wang Teng appear, Yizang Xinnuo and the others finally breathed a sigh of relief.

"Sir Wang Teng, it's a pleasure to meet you in person." Rofort's gaze swept over Wang Teng, a glint of admiration flashing in his eyes as he politely smiled.

"Sir Rofort, please come in." Wang Teng smiled faintly, gesturing with his hand in invitation.

"You all wait outside." Rofort nodded, then without looking back, he addressed the other warriors and followed Wang Teng into the estate.

Hengzang Bo and the others wisely stayed outside, leaving only Rofort to accompany Wang Teng into the estate.

"Phew!" Shouzang Caiyun breathed a sigh of relief and whispered, "That was terrifying! Is that what an eternal-stage ruler looks like? It's the first time I've been so close to one. I wonder how he dealt with an eternal-stage ruler in the past?"

Yizang Xinnuo nodded in agreement. The eternal-stage ruler hadn't targeted them directly, yet it was enough to instill fear and astonishment. If they were to confront him head-on, they probably wouldn't even be able to lift a finger.

Inside the estate, Wang Teng and Rofort took their respective seats.

"Sir Wang Teng, this is the contract I've brought. Please have a look," Rofort wasted no time. He opened a holographic screen and got straight to the point.

The screen displayed detailed terms and conditions, clear and concise, leaving no room for ambiguity.

These terms were flawless!

The sincerity of the Virtual Universe Corporation was evident!

"A god-stage prodigy contract!" Wang Teng's gaze lifted, and his heart trembled slightly as he saw the first few words of the contract.

"Damn!" Round Ball was also shocked, blurting out a curse.

It was so stunned that it was speechless.

From the name of this contract, it was evident that it was prepared for potential godstage prodigies.

Round Ball originally thought that the offer of an eternal-stage prodigy contract from the Virtual Universe Corporation would be the pinnacle, but they directly dropped a super bomb.

This was a god-stage prodigy contract!

As the name suggests, the Virtual Universe Corporation believed that Wang Teng had immense potential to reach the god stage!

It wasn't just about having high hopes for Wang Teng. They were practically treating him as their own son.

A god-stage prodigy contract wasn't something given out lightly because it involved massive resources. Even the Virtual Universe Corporation wouldn't casually offer it.

Typically, they would only offer such a contract to their top internal talents, and even among them, very few would qualify for a god-stage prodigy contract. There might not even be one in 100,000 years.

External talents were even rarer!

No wonder the Virtual Universe Corporation had been hesitant about whether to offer Wang Teng this contract.

Round Ball suddenly understood.

This contract was of significant importance, and it was reasonable to take some time to assess it further.

Wang Teng took a deep breath, coming back to his senses from the shock, and looked at Rofort.

Rofort showed a hint of appreciation in his eyes. Wang Teng's ability to recover from shock so quickly truly showcased his extraordinary temperament. He nodded approvingly at Wang Teng and said, "You didn't see wrongly. This is the contract we have prepared for you. Take a look."

"The Virtual Universe Corporation holds me in high regard!" Wang Teng chuckled.

"Your potential deserves this contract," Rofort said. "Take a look at the clauses inside. They will surprise you even more."

Wang Teng didn't say much and carefully read through the clauses of the contract. Hearing Rofort's words, he was curious.

Soon, Wang Teng finished reading the terms of the contract.

His face once again revealed a deep sense of shock. This time, he could not conceal it anymore.

It wasn't bad, it was too good!

This contract included all kinds of resource allocations and discounts, all at the maximum level, reaching a whopping 50% off!

50% discount!

In other words, if Wang Teng purchases various treasures through the various channels of the Virtual Universe, he only needs to pay half the cost.

For some items with lower prices, this discount may not seem significant.

But for items worth one million Chaos Coins, or even 10 million Chaos Coins, Wang Teng would only need to spend half the price to acquire them, saving him 500 thousand, or even five million Chaos Coins.

That was a huge amount!

It was worth noting that even some eternal-stage warriors don't possess that many Chaos Coins.

The discounts offered by the Virtual Universe Corporation were simply too generous.

However, these costs were not waived. They were paid for by the Virtual Universe Corporation on behalf of Wang Teng, who only needed to pay half.

That was why every god-stage prodigy contract required a large amount of resources.

This single clause alone sheds light on the matter.

Of course, there were restrictions as well.

The limit was set at 100 million Chaos Coins. If the expenditure exceeds 100 million Chaos Coins, the discount rate would decrease, from 50% to 20% off. If it reaches 1 billion Chaos Coins, it becomes a 10% discount!

Even so, the discount rate was already substantial.

Even some true gods who have signed contracts with the Virtual Universe Corporation didn't receive such benefits.

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Apart from various discounts and offers, several clauses in this contract stood out notably.

One such provision pertained to the eligibility for accessing various Uncharted.

Much like the Seven Stellar Academies, the Virtual Universe Corporation held control over various Uncharted. These Uncharted harbored numerous opportunities that could enhance a warrior's prowess, rivaling the Uncharted held by the Seven Stellar Academies.

Many external martial warriors joined the Virtual Universe Corporation to gain access to these Uncharted realms.

In essence, these Uncharteds were all under the control of major powers, placing ordinary warriors at a disadvantage. They could only opt to join these powers.

For those warriors with mediocre aptitude, their plight was even more pronounced, lacking even the qualifications to join any major faction.

Thus, the gap gradually widens.

Wang Teng, as he perused this particular clause, noted the four major tiers of Uncharted, much akin to the categorization seen within the Seven Stellar Academies.

They were the Chaotic Uncharted, the Primordial Uncharted, the Cosmic Uncharted, and the Apocalyptic Uncharted.

The contract explicitly stipulated that, upon signing this true god prodigy contract, Wang Teng would be granted one opportunity to enter the Chaotic Uncharted.

At this juncture, Wang Teng's gaze flickered ever so slightly. He hadn't forgotten the benefits he had gleaned from his previous foray into the Chaotic Uncharted.

It was safe to say that without the benefits derived from the Chaotic Uncharted, Wang Teng could not have ascended to the cosmos stage so smoothly.

His ascension to the cosmos stage was too unique and arduous. It was entirely different from that of ordinary warriors.

The benefits within the Chaotic Uncharted precisely provided him with the fertile ground for his ascension.

Hence, if he could once again enter the Chaotic Uncharted, it would be a tremendous boon for his subsequent breakthroughs into the heaven stage.

As for the Seven Stellar Academies, gaining entry to the Chaotic Uncharted again required an immense amount of points, ones he currently could not accrue.

As Wang Teng glanced over the clause regarding the Uncharted, Rofort chuckled lightly. "Once the contract is signed, you can enter the Chaotic Uncharted anytime."

Wang Teng's eyes flickered, nodding in acknowledgment without further words, continuing to peruse the document.

The next provision piqued Wang Teng's interest once more.

"We, the Virtual Universe Corporation, possess various esoteric scriptures not circulated elsewhere, including many lost techniques and scriptures from the outside world," Rofort explained proudly. "I understand you're a multi-disciplinary martial warrior.

Undoubtedly, you require a variety of techniques and scriptures. Even though the Seven Stellar Academies boast deep reserves, they cannot possibly gather all the scriptures. What we have, they don't, and vice versa."

"With the backing of two major powers, the support for you would be greater."

"In that case, I find myself increasingly intrigued," Wang Teng remarked with a smile.

Rofort smiled faintly. No one could resist the Virtual Universe Corporation's god-stage prodigy contract. He believed that even this extraordinary talent before him would be no exception.

Wang Teng scrutinized the clause. The description was clear. As the holder of the godstage prodigy contract, he possessed high privileges. As long as he had enough Virtual Universe Corporation's internal points, he even had the eligibility to exchange for divinelevel techniques and scriptures.

Undoubtedly, this god-stage prodigy contract was exceptionally good.

Wang Teng could scarcely find a flaw.

He continued reading, skimming over several less important clauses, primarily concerning the income from various promotional videos. All were entitled to the highest level of revenue sharing. For instance, the earnings from the previous League Of Talents video amounted to a whopping 90%, allowing him to rake in a considerable sum.

Now, the revenue split in this contract stood at 80%, not reaching the previous 90%, but still impressive!

It was worth noting that this revenue split involved all aspects. It wasn't just promotional videos from various competitions. The involved amounts are undoubtedly enormous. Offering an 80% share, the Virtual Universe Corporation had shown considerable sincerity. After all, they also needed to make money and couldn't give away everything to the martial warriors.

In truth, contracts that offer a 90% revenue share were virtually unheard of within the Virtual Universe Corporation.

Only a select few, with exceedingly special status among martial warriors, would enjoy such a privilege, garnering 90% or even 100% of the earnings.

For the Virtual Universe Corporation to willingly forego profits spoke volumes about their extraordinary status, utterly unimaginable to most.

After skimming through several clauses, Wang Teng stumbled upon an exceptionally crucial one.

This provision marked the final clause of the entire contract!

"This!" Wang Teng's eyes widened slightly, a hint of astonishment flickering within.

"Wang Teng, you're something else!" Round Ball paused for a moment before suddenly speaking up.

"Yeah, I'm starting to think I might be," Wang Teng nodded in agreement.

"As the holder of the god-stage prodigy contract, according to the rules of the Virtual Universe Corporation, you will have your own private armed team to ensure your safety."

"And I am the guardian assigned to you by the Virtual Universe Corporation!"

Rofort paused briefly at this point before continuing.

"We're well aware of the incident involving the Five Burial Stars. With me by your side, no eternal-stage ruler could harm you."

"In the current universe, true gods will rarely intervene, and there's also the true god contract in place, preventing them from harming those below their level, unless someone violates the terms of the contract."

Rofort glanced meaningfully at Wang Teng, seeming to imply something.

Wang Teng found himself a bit puzzled by Rofort's gaze but quickly caught on. Did this eternal-stage ruler from the Virtual Universe Corporation suspect that Wang Teng was somehow involved in the demise of the Black Skull Universe Pirates fleet?

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This misunderstanding was escalating!

However, it worked in his favor, and he saw no need to foolishly try to explain it away. Let the misconception linger a little longer.

"So, having me as your guardian is more than adequate. I am the highest-ranking guardian of the Virtual Universe Corporation. A true god wouldn't deign to serve as a guardian for anyone," Rofort concluded.

An eternal-stage ruler as my guardian! Wang Teng took a deep breath. It was hard to deny the allure of such an offer.

What were genius martial warriors most afraid of?

They feared the shameless attacks of senior martial warriors, something that many prodigies couldn't withstand.

Countless geniuses were assassinated in the universe year-round.

Like Elder Hui from the Heishan Royal Clan. If Wang Teng didn't have enough skills and strength, he wouldn't have been able to stop Elder Hui. Perishing would have been inevitable.

"I wonder what I need to give in return after signing this contract?" Wang Teng composed himself and calmly inquired.

"Please refer to the last page!" Rofort gestured casually, and the holographic screen changed, a faint smile playing on his lips.

All the previous terms vanished, leaving only a few sparse clauses.

These remaining clauses weren't about the benefits Wang Teng would receive but rather what he must contribute.

Wang Teng focused his attention, his brows furrowing and then relaxing intermittently.

"Our requirements are simple. In the future, the Virtual Universe Corporation will issue some tasks, which may require the intervention of talented martial warriors like yourself," Rofort explained. "Of course, these tasks are not mandatory. You have the autonomy to choose. However, before reaching the heaven stage, you must complete three tasks within ten years. This is a mandatory benchmark."

"As your strength advances to the universe stage or even the eternal stage, the time limit will increase accordingly. Universe-stage martial warriors only need to complete ten tasks within a century, while eternal-stage martial warriors have a thousand years to complete five tasks."

"Of course, if you wish to undertake more tasks on your own accord, the Virtual Universe Corporation won't hinder you. The more tasks you complete, the greater the rewards you'll receive."

"Before reaching the heaven stage, I have to complete three tasks within ten years. For the universe stage, it will be ten tasks within 100 years, which averages to one task every ten years. For the eternal stage, that will be five tasks within a thousand years,

averaging one task every 200 years." Wang Teng nodded. This requirement wasn't unreasonable and seemed quite fair.

With the Virtual Universe Corporation investing so much, it was only natural they would expect returns. Offering such lenient terms was already quite generous.

"In reality, by offering you the god-stage prodigy contract, it shows that the Virtual Universe Corporation regards you as one of their own, aiming to nurture you. Naturally, we wouldn't want to see you perish easily. We hope for your smooth growth into a true god. That way, the Virtual Universe Corporation gains more, and it's a win-win situation for both parties," Rofort remarked with a smile.

"Would signing this contract conflict with the Seven Stellar Academies?" Wang Teng inquired.

"Under normal circumstances, it shouldn't conflict. The academies are sanctuaries for nurturing warriors, and you aren't under their jurisdiction. Every year, we sign contracts with numerous talented warriors from the academies. Some prodigies were granted the god-stage prodigy contract ages ago. However, those prodigies usually remain loyal to their academies to avoid misunderstandings," Rofort explained.

"I don't have any doubts about the other aspects. If that's the case, I'll contact my president to inquire about his opinion," Wang Teng said.

"Very well, do you need me to step aside?" Rofort asked.

"No need, it's just a question," Wang Teng replied, then instructed Round Ball to contact the president of the Seventh Stellar Academy.

After the disciple ceremony, Wang Teng had acquired the president's contact information. Since the president himself had agreed to it, there was no harm in occasionally seeking his advice. This privilege wasn't granted without reason.

However, just before this moment, Wang Teng's eyes flickered, and his complexion suddenly turned pale, a look of extreme weakness overtaking his features. Rofort couldn't help but feel puzzled. What was this guy up to?

Suddenly, the holographic screen shimmered, and the communication with the president was quickly established.

"Wang Teng, I heard you caused quite a stir on the Five Burial Stars," the president's image appeared on the screen. He was smiling warmly.

"President, I'm in a terrible state!" Wang Teng cried out suddenly, his voice filled with despair.

Rofort: ...

President: ...

Both were among the most formidable beings in the universe, yet at this moment, they found themselves at a loss for words, bewildered by Wang Teng's behavior.

Particularly Rofort, who had just witnessed Wang Teng's cheerful demeanor moments ago, was now confronted with a completely different face - one of misery and despair.

The stark contrast was too overwhelming, leaving even this eternal-stage ruler somewhat bewildered.

Geniuses, by nature, cherished their dignity. Yet Wang Teng seemed to defy convention, showing no concern for his pride and even displaying a hint of shamelessness.

"Wait! Hold on! What's the matter? Just tell me straight, don't try to play the victim," the president said, his frustration evident.

"President, it's your fault! I'm not playing the victim. I'm truly suffering!" Wang Teng wailed, "You know about what happened on the Five Burial Stars, right? An eternal-stage ruler attacked me! I'm badly injured, and I haven't recovered yet. I'm in so much pain... sob... sob..."

The president's frustration grew as the lines on his forehead multiplied. He was almost at his wits' end.

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"Alright, I understand!" Je hastily interrupted Wang Teng's performance and said, "Cut to the chase and tell me what happened."

"Well, here's what happened..." Wang Teng proceeded to narrate the whole story. He intended to have Round Ball draft a report, but since he had the opportunity to report directly to the president, he naturally had to put on a show given the severity of his injuries.

"The Heishan Royal Clan!" The president's demeanor turned somewhat cold after hearing Wang Teng's account. "They have no shame. They wanted to lay their hands on a cosmos-stage warrior."

"Exactly, they're shameless! President, you must punish them severely and avenge your poor student," Wang Teng chimed in.

The president glanced at Wang Teng in silence, then remarked dryly, "Judging by your lively appearance, you don't seem seriously injured."

"Cough, cough," Wang Teng immediately started coughing violently, covering his mouth with his hand, then opened it to reveal bloodstains. "President, I've been enduring my injuries just to see you again."

Rofort: ...

"Alright, alright!" The president waved his hand dismissively. "I'll ensure justice is served in this matter."

"Thank you, president!" Wang Teng beamed with a smile.

The president felt extremely helpless. He had no words for Wang Teng's shamelessness, but something seemed to dawn on him. "I heard rumors that the Black Skull Universe Piratess' fleet has been destroyed, with the eternal-stage ruler on board. Is that true?"

"It's just a rumor, no one knows if he's alive or dead." Wang Teng shook his head.

"Alright, I understand." The president said with a meaningful look at Wang Teng, then nodded thoughtfully. "If there's nothing else, I'll end the call,"

"Wait, there's one more thing!" Wang Teng hastily interjected.

"Another thing? That wasn't the main thing?" The president was taken aback.

"Cough, cough, that was just a side note," Wang Teng coughed awkwardly, feeling a bit guilty.

"You little rascal..." The president couldn't help but laugh and cry at the same time. "Alright, spill the beans. What else do you have to say?"

Wang Teng promptly informed the president about the Virtual Universe Corporation's god-stage prodigy contract.

"Oh? The Virtual Universe Corporation actually offered you a god-stage prodigy contract." The president couldn't help but be surprised. It had been years since the Virtual Universe Corporation had offered such a contract. He could barely recall when was the last time it happened.

"So, the people from the Virtual Universe Corporation should be right beside you." The president concluded.

Wang Teng nodded, looking towards Rofort.

"Greetings, president of the Seventh Stellar Academy!" Rofort stepped forward beside Wang Teng and respectfully bowed toward the holographic display of the president.

Even Ruler, the eternal-stage ruler of the Virtual Universe Corporation, dared not show any negligence in front of the president.

The president nodded indifferently, showing less warmth compared to his interaction with Wang Teng.

"The Virtual Universe Corporation is very sincere about Mr. Wang Teng's contract, and we also hope to gain the approval of the academy. That's why I had him inform you. I hope you'll pardon the intrusion," Rofort explained.

"No problem!" The president waved his hand, saying, "I'm pleased and delighted that the Seventh Stellar Academy can produce another prodigy who's obtained the god-stage prodigy contract from your Virtual Universe Corporation."

"So, does that mean you agree?" Wang Teng inquired.

"Let me see the contract first." The president looked at Rofort and asked, "Any objections?"

"Of course not." Rofort smiled faintly, opening up the terms of the contract and presenting them to the president.

The president quickly scanned through the contents, his surprise evident. "It seems the Virtual Universe Corporation values you highly."

"Ah, there's no helping it. As your student, I'm just too outstanding," Wang Teng said, somewhat self-absorbed.

"I won't be able to teach a student like you," the president retorted, giving him a disdainful look. "There's no issue with this contract. If you want to sign it, go ahead."

"Alright," Wang Teng replied earnestly upon hearing the president's words.

"You handle the rest yourself," the president added curtly before closing the communication, disappearing from Wang Teng's view as if afraid Wang Teng would continue to bother him.

Wang Teng felt speechless. Was he really that annoying?

"Haha, Sir Wang Teng seems to be highly valued by your president," Rofort remarked with a hint of curiosity flashing in his eyes.

The attitude of the president of the Seventh Stellar Academy towards Wang Teng took him by surprise.

Each president of the Seven Stellar Academies was incredibly mysterious, rarely making appearances. The fact that one would personally appear for a new cosmos-stage martial warrior indicated many things.

It seemed that Wang Teng was more than just an ordinary student in the academy. At least, he had caught the attention of the president. However, it wasn't surprising. If Wang Teng could catch the eye of the upper echelons of the Virtual Universe Corporation, naturally, he could catch the eye of the president of the Stellar Academies.

Such a genius would shine brightly wherever he went. He was impossible to overshadow.

Wang Teng smiled noncommittally and said, "Since the president says there's no issue, let's go ahead and sign the contract."

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"Excellent!" Rofort was overjoyed. Though he had anticipated that Wang Teng wouldn't refuse, completing the task smoothly was the best outcome. He spoke, "The signing ceremony will take place on the World Island at our Virtual Universe headquarters. Please follow me."

Wang Teng's eyes shimmered momentarily as he nodded.

Subsequently, the two entered the virtual universe. This time, Wang Teng followed Rofort, a high-ranking member of the Virtual Universe Corporation, into the virtual world. Rofort's authority allowed them direct access to the corporation's headquarters.

It was an immensely vast island. When Wang Teng entered the virtual universe, he descended from the sky above this island, getting a glimpse of its overall appearance.

The World Island was huge, larger than any island Wang Teng had ever seen before.

He felt that even the seven continents of the Seven Stellar Academies might not match the scale of this island.

He couldn't help but admit that the Virtual Universe Corporation's reach was far beyond that of any other faction.

Of course, with Wang Teng's current realm and perspective, he couldn't determine the true strength balance between the Seven Stellar Academies and the Virtual Universe Corporation.

The World Island stretched endlessly, with towering peaks that seemed to pierce the void. Wang Teng couldn't see their summits.

On the island, there were numerous segmented areas, with many spacecraft and martial warriors bustling about in each region. From a distance, they looked even smaller than ants.

Above the island, countless stars and celestial bodies floated, including stars, white dwarfs, supergiants, black holes, and more. In front of the island, they were mere specks, insignificant and tiny.

Wang Teng felt a sense of awe. It was truly astonishing. The Virtual Universe Corporation's virtual headquarters was in such a place.

"Welcome to the World Island!" Rofort spoke with a smile. "Only the core members of the Virtual Universe Corporation have the qualification to enter this place. Once you sign the contract, you'll have the privilege to access this island."

"I wonder what the real headquarters would be like," Wang Teng mused.

"It will only be more astonishing," Rofort chuckled. "You'll have the opportunity to visit it someday, though it will take quite some time to travel through space. Our Virtual Universe Corporation's real headquarters is no less impressive than the Seven Stellar Academies."

Wang Teng's eyes gleamed with curiosity as he nodded.

"Let's go," Rofort said.

A massive spacecraft flew automatically towards them from afar, stopping in front of the two. The doors opened automatically, and Rofort stepped in first.

Wang Teng followed closely behind.

The spacecraft swiftly soared towards a towering mountain peak on World Island. Before long, it gently descended, and Wang Teng and Rofort stepped out, landing on the mountaintop. Majestic and ancient palaces appeared before Wang Teng's eyes.

"This way." Rofort led the way towards a massive palace.

"Lord Rofort!"

12 universe-stage martial warriors stood on either side of the palace, serving as guards. Upon seeing Rofort, they immediately saluted respectfully.

Rofort nodded expressionlessly and proceeded to lead Wang Teng inside.

The universe-stage martial warriors exchanged glances with each other. Their gazes landed on Wang Teng. They were extremely surprised.

They could tell that the black-haired youth was merely a cosmos-stage warrior. Yet, he walked side by side with Lord Rofort, which was unbelievable. Who exactly was he?

"Rofort!"

At this moment, a middle-aged warrior with long purple hair clad in battle armor emerged from the palace.

"Eternal-stage ruler!" Wang Teng's pupils constricted. This was another eternal-stage ruler.

Eternal-stage rulers were terrifying beings no matter where they were. The fact that another one appeared so casually in the Virtual Universe Corporation was inconceivable.

"Halen!" Rofort halted slightly upon seeing the man and nodded.

"Is this the person the Lord wants to see?" The middle-aged man with purple hair looked at Wang Teng with keen interest and inquired.

"Yes." Rofort nodded.

"Hurry, the Lord is waiting for you," the middle-aged man with purple hair said.

Rofort didn't say much and led Wang Teng into the palace.

The Lord?! Wang Teng was shocked. To be addressed as 'the Lord' by an eternal-stage ruler, it was likely that this person was a true deity!

A god-stage existence wanted to see him?

Halen watched Wang Teng's figure with a flash of brilliance in his eyes.

The 12 universe-stage martial warriors exchanged glances and immediately discussed in hushed tones.

Rofort led Wang Teng through a long corridor to the outside of a grand hall and pushed open the doors.

Boom!

The doors were incredibly heavy, and as they swung open, they emitted a

deafening roar.

A faint light shone from within the doors, falling on Wang Teng's face, causing

him to squint slightly.

"Please." Rofort gestured.

Wang Teng nodded slightly and stepped in first. The first thing that caught his eye was an immensely tall divine throne, upon which sat a figure that was both towering and indistinct.

The figure was shrouded in a dense radiance, making it difficult to see clearly. However, the eyes were exceptionally bright and profound as if they could see through everything. They fell on Wang Teng, increasing the pressure on him.

Such formidable pressure! Wang Teng felt shocked. His breath momentarily stagnated and he was unable to move his feet.

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This pressue was even greater than the pressure exerted by an eternal-stage ruler. He was indeed a god-stage existence!

"Nine Treasures Pagoda!"

In an instant, he snapped out of his shock. So what if it was a true god? He wouldn't yield. With a loud cry in his heart, he summoned the Nine Treasures Pagoda.

Boom!

A golden light burst forth from the Nine Treasures Pagoda, sweeping through Wang Teng's Inner Cosmos. His eyes gleamed with a golden light, and his body instantly relaxed, regaining freedom.

"Phew!" Wang Teng let out a sigh. He felt the pressure dissipate from his body and was now able to move freely.

"Hmm?" A slight sound of surprise emanated from the divine throne in the hall.

Finally mustering his steps, Wang Teng walked into the hall, enduring the pressure step by step until he was a few hundred meters away from the divine throne.

"Well done!" A voice tinged with approval echoed from the figure on the divine throne.

"May I ask who the senior is?" Wang Teng dared not be presumptuous in the presence of a true god and respectfully inquired.

"They call me the Purple Flame True God." The figure on the divine throne spoke slowly.

"I pay my respects to the Purple Flame True God!" Wang Teng bowed respectfully.

"Well, young man, I've heard of your name for a long time. Seeing you in person, you have not disappointed me," the Purple Flame True God said. "It wasn't in vain that I went against the consensus and granted you the god-stage prodigy contract."

So, it was this true god who granted me the god-stage prodigy contract! Wang Teng realized with a slight jolt. Only a true god would have the authority to bestow such a contract upon him. He expressed his gratitude, saying, "Thank you, Purple Flame True God."

"No need to thank me. Your talent and potential deserve such treatment." The Purple Flame True God waved his hand, and a spiritual contract flew out, "This is the contract. Leave your spiritual mark on it, and you will be considered contracted with the Virtual Universe Corporation."

"Yes!"

Wang Teng took the spiritual contract and did not rush to leave his spiritual mark. Instead, he carefully examined it.

The Purple Flame True God remained calm, showing no signs of anger or impatience due to Wang Teng's suspicion. He even admired Wang Teng's caution and prudence.

Once Wang Teng was certain, he left his spiritual mark on the contract and bowed, saying, "I'm done signing, Purple Flame True God."

"Very good. From now on, you are a talented warrior of my Purple Flame lineage. If you need anything, just inform Rofort, and he will arrange it for you." The Purple Flame True God nodded in satisfaction.

"The Purple Flame lineage?!"

Wang Teng's heart stirred slightly, but before he could inquire further, the Purple Flame True God waved his hand, disappearing from the hall with a resounding thud as the door closed.

Wang Teng: ...

From courteous arrival to a grand exit, this Purple Flame True God was quite something!

Wang Teng couldn't help but feel a bit amused and perplexed.

"Don't mind it. The Lord has always been like this. He must be in some perilous situation right now. Being able to project a clone here and personally meet you shows how much he values you." Rofort stood outside the door, smiling.

"It's just a bit unexpected," Wang Teng said.

"You'll get used to it soon," Rofort chuckled. "I suppose you've already signed the contract. Let me show you around and familiarize you with the island. I'll also take you to your residence."

"Alright!" Wang Teng, being new to the place, naturally didn't refuse.

Chapter 2411: Constellation Mansion! Your Highness! Lotier! (1)

Rofort took Wang Teng aboard the spacecraft they had arrived in and departed from the towering peak.

Seated upon the vessel, Wang Teng could vividly observe the situation on the World Island through panoramic simulation.

Martial warriors of various races, each with formidable strength, passed by in spacecraft of diverse shapes, broadening Wang Teng's horizons.

"Our Virtual Universe Corporation has gathered a vast number of talented warriors from across the universe, even more comprehensive than your Seven Stellar Academies," Rofort boasted.

"More comprehensive than the Seven Stellar Academies!" Wang Teng blinked in slight disbelief, finding it a bit hard to trust.

This boasting was becoming too much.

"Wang Teng, what he says should be true," Round Ball interjected.

"How would you know?" Wang Teng questioned skeptically.

"It's not that I know, it's common knowledge. The influence of the Virtual Universe Corporation spans every corner of the universe. In this regard, they are indeed much stronger than the Seven Stellar Academies and naturally more capable of recruiting hidden geniuses," Round Ball explained.

"Now I'm very curious about what kind of geniuses they are," Wang Teng nodded slightly, smiling. He loved to fleece various geniuses. It seemed he had just discovered another channel.

"I always feel like there's something strange about your smile," Round Ball remarked suspiciously.

"Is there?" Wang Teng's expression turned serious. Damn, expression management. He was always revealing emotions that shouldn't be shown.

Round Ball: ...

Typical pretending to be clueless.

It rolled its eyes, too lazy to bother with Wang Teng.

"The peaks just now are located in the core area of the World Island. That's where the beings above the true gods reside. Outside the core area, there are four zones expanding outward: the True God Zone, the Ruler Zone, the Eternal Zone, and the Universe Zone. In addition to these four major zones, there are various public areas, administrative offices, and ordinary employee residential areas between them," Rofort explained.

As Wang Teng listened to Rofort's narrative, juxtaposing it with the vista of World Island outside, he quickly grasped the island's layout. He was profoundly awed.

Truly, the Virtual Universe Corporation exuded the aura of "wealth and power" in every aspect.

On this island, recognized talents by the Virtual Universe Company, even the weakest warriors, were at the universe stage, with no exception, not even among the staff.

Only those who had signed contracts as prodigies were allowed into World Island until they reached the universe stage in strength.

The class divisions were starkly clear.

It was the gap brought about by talent and strength.

However, cosmos-stage martial warriors like Wang Teng were exceedingly rare on the World Island. At least until now, he hadn't encountered a single one.

"Now, we're heading to the True God Zone. Your residence lies there," Rofort announced.

Wang Teng's eyes flickered. Was he truly going to reside in the True God Zone? It wasn't much of a surprise.

The spacecraft descended swiftly. Though the True God Zone seemed close to the core area, there was a considerable distance between them.

Even with the speed of this eternal-level spacecraft, it took about half an hour to arrive, reflecting the immense size of the World Island.

Upon touchdown, Wang Teng and Rofort stepped out once more, greeted by the sight of luxurious and supremely prestigious buildings below, akin to palaces. Though not as magnificent as the ones they had seen atop the towering mountain, they were not far behind.

Moreover, the buildings were distinctly delineated, with ample space between each one, ensuring no interference.

In truth, the buildings in the True God Zone were sparse on the vast land, indicating the extreme rarity of those permitted to enter.

It was a testament to the exclusivity of the True God Zone's inhabitants.

Certainly, this was all relative. In reality, the number of those buildings had already reached tens of thousands, if not more...

Wang Teng's gaze stretched far, yet still couldn't reach the end of this True God Zone.

"The buildings in the True God Zone, apart from those currently inhabited, were left behind by past geniuses. To show respect, the Virtual Universe Corporation doesn't demolish these buildings or assign them to others. So, if new individuals arrive, the numbers will only continue to rise," Rofort explained.

"I see!" Wang Teng's eyes gleamed with a hint of realization.

No wonder there were so many buildings here. He had almost thought the Virtual Universe Corporation had recruited countless prodigies worthy of signing god-stage prodigy contracts. If that were the case, it would be terrifying.

Now he understood that it wasn't just prodigies from the same era, but geniuses from various periods.

Even so, it was tremendously daunting.

With so many buildings, each representing a genius with a god-stage prodigy contract, even if not all reached that level, the ascension of a small portion would still be formidable.

This revealed the alarming foundation of the Virtual Universe Corporation.

The two flew towards the interior of the True God Zone and arrived in no time.

"Your residence is here, newly established by our Virtual Universe Corporation," Rofort said as they landed outside a vast expanse of buildings.

Indeed, it was a vast expanse of buildings. Numerous auxiliary structures surrounded an immensely grand estate, presenting a truly spectacular sight.

Chapter 2412: Constellation Mansion! Your Highness! Lotier! (2)

"Your Highness!"

Outside the buildings, a group of people awaited. Upon seeing Wang Teng's arrival, they all knelt, bowing respectfully to him.

"What's this?" Wang Teng couldn't help but be taken aback, looking at the people before him with a hint of surprise.

They weren't strangers to him, or rather, he had just met them once in reality when they arrived on the Five Burial Stars with Rofort.

Among them were two eternal-stage beings and 36 universe-stage martial warriors.

"You've signed the contract and now have your own armed force. They are the guards provided to you by the Virtual Universe Corporation. They will obey your orders," Rofort explained. "I will be your protector."

As Wang Teng gazed at the magnificent buildings before him and then at the warriors kneeling in reverence, he couldn't help but feel proud and emotional.

Though it was merely a building and some external support, it symbolized a significant change in his status and position.

As the owner of a god-stage prodigy contract, Wang Teng's position within the Virtual Universe Corporation was already considered quite important.

"Your virtual network account has been granted the corresponding permissions. You can use it to open the gates of the estate and give it a name," Rofort smiled.

"Give it a name?" Wang Teng exclaimed in surprise.

"Yes, each estate here is special, representing every prodigy with the potential to ascend to the god stage. In the future, if you truly ascend to become a True God, this estate will also hold a special status commensurate with your prestige," Rofort explained.

"That's fancy!" Wang Teng muttered inexplicably to himself, but he couldn't deny that he found it quite pleasing.

Just look at this!

All this fuss over a building, it truly wasn't the treatment of an ordinary person.

"Round Ball, what do you think we should name it?"

After feeling proud of himself, Wang Teng found himself in a dilemma again. He stroked his chin and asked in his mind.

"How about calling it 'Constellation Mansion'?" Round Ball rolled its eyes, knowing well that this guy was terrible at naming things, and suggested casually.

"Hmm, Constellation Mansion, that sounds good. Thanks." Wang Teng's eyes lit up, nodding in agreement.

Round Ball let out a disdainful chuckle.

"...Help me open the estate," Wang Teng ignored it and said directly.

Round Ball wasn't one to mince words either and even seemed a bit eager. It immediately connected to the estate's smart system using Wang Teng's virtual network account.

And then, it gave it a name.

A stone monument stood on the right side of the estate. It was originally blank, but now adorned with two words - Constellation Mansion!

"Constellation Mansion!" Rofort's eyes gleamed, mulling over the name, and chuckled, "A very special name. Let's go in and take a look."

Wang Teng nodded and stepped into the mansion. Inside, a woman in her early thirties, dressed in butler attire with an elegant and charming demeanor, accompanied by a group of servants and maids, bowed respectfully. "Your Highness."

"Truly extravagant!" Wang Teng sighed, shaking his head. However, he thoroughly enjoyed it.

His gaze couldn't help but linger on the woman, especially on her ample curves, prompting an extra glance.

Ahem, getting back on track, she seemed to be of the Shellman Race!

Shellman didn't differ much in appearance from regular humans. If there was any distinguishing feature, it was perhaps their slightly plumper physique.

Oh, and their lips were a tad thicker.

But it wasn't the kind of unattractive thickness. Rather, it was just right, accentuating her sensuality with a plumpness that gave a soft, inviting impression.

In summary, she was an extremely charming woman.

"From today onwards, they are your servants and your possessions," Rofortfoot suddenly remarked ambiguously.

"Cough, that's not very appropriate," Wang Teng cleared his throat and replied without changing his expression.

Rofort: $\rightarrow _ \rightarrow$

"This eternal-stage ruler is also one of us!" Wang Teng pretended not to notice his expression. He suddenly thought of his other steward, Annie, whom he had purchased back in the Great Qian Empire.

Come to think of it, these housekeeper-type beauties seemed to share some... characteristics, although their demeanors were different.

It was a pity he couldn't bring Annie into World Island.

I'll let her be my butler in my small world in the future. Wang Teng touched his chin and thought to himself.

One in the Virtual Universe Corporation side, and another inside his little world. Life was truly delightful.

He didn't have to do anything. Just watching was enough.

After all, he was a decent person.

"Your Highness, I am the butler of this mansion, Lotier!" The Shellman showed no embarrassment, smiling faintly at Wang Teng. "Allow me to introduce the layout of the mansion to you."

"Alright!" Wang Teng nodded and, under Lotier's guidance, began to tour this mansion that belonged solely to him.

The mansion was incredibly vast, with various buildings, training grounds, entertainment areas, and more, all meticulously designed and arranged. Living here was simply a luxury.

The Virtual Universe Corporation was truly remarkable!

Wang Teng couldn't help but sigh with emotion.

After the tour, Wang Teng and Rofort left the World Island together and returned to reality.

"From today onwards, as your protector, I will ensure your safety from the shadows," Rofort said.

"Well... could you maintain a certain distance? I'll contact you when I need you," Wang Teng hesitated.

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"Of course!" Rofort nodded with a smile. "The Virtual Universe Corporation has regulations. Guardians won't interfere with your decisions or pry into your secrets. We will only appear when you need us."

"Moreover, with your strength, you can protect yourself against an eternal-stage ruler. If an unexpected situation arises, as long as you can buy a moment's time, it will be enough for me to rush over." "I must say, in this regard, you are more reassuring than other genius martial warriors."

Rofort's words were sincere. When he learned of Wang Teng's deeds and realized he would be his guardian, he breathed a sigh of relief. There was hardly anything he needed to do for this top martial warrior.

Wang Teng nodded, feeling relieved as well. He was truly afraid that the eternal-stage ruler would be constantly by his side, providing personal protection.

If it were a beauty, it would be fine, but unfortunately, it was an old geezer.

Of course, Wang Teng could only think about these things silently in his heart. He wouldn't dare to say them out loud.

Having an eternal-stage ruler as his guardian was a blessing he wouldn't have dared to dream of in his wildest dreams.

"Oh, by the way, earlier, I heard the Purple Flame True God mention the Purple Flame lineage. What was that about?" Wang Teng suddenly remembered something and asked curiously.

"Oh! Did the lord tell you about this?" Rofort was very surprised and pondered for a moment. "I thought at least you would have to reach the universe stage before they let you know. I didn't expect the lord to reveal it directly after you signed the contract."

Wang Teng was curious and immediately adopted an attentive listening posture.

"The Purple Flame lineage is the lineage of martial warriors to which Lord Purple Flame belongs. There are many factions within the Virtual Universe Company. Every powerful True God has various warriors attached to them, naturally forming such lineages."

Rofort paused for a moment and continued.

"With such a background, the relationships among the warriors in a lineage are very good. Everyone relies on each other, and helps each other, which can save us from many detours."

"In short, in Lord Purple Flame's lineage, you will enjoy many conveniences in the future."

"Is that so? It seems like many god-stage prodigy contract has many hidden benefits," Wang Teng nodded.

The two chatted for a while longer before Rofort bid farewell and left, taking the other martial warriors with him. When Wang Teng didn't need them, they would disappear, but when he did, they would appear promptly.

After Hengzang Bo and the other eternal-stage elders of the five major families sent Rofort and the others away, they returned to the mansion. The way they looked at Wang Teng became even more different.

"Councilor Wang Teng, have you signed a contract with the Virtual Universe Corporation?" Hengzang Bo couldn't help but ask.

"Yes." Wang Teng nodded.

"I wonder about the outcome..." Hengzang Bo and the others' eyes flashed with curiosity. After hesitating for a moment, they felt a bit embarrassed to speak up.

"I've signed the god-stage prodigy contract!" Wang Teng glanced at them. Seeing these eternal-stage beings showing a curious yet hesitant expression, he couldn't help but feel a bit amused internally. Nevertheless, he remained composed and spoke calmly.

There was nothing to hide and to keep the five major families in check and prevent any further trouble, it was necessary to use the Virtual Universe Corporation to intimidate them.

Wasn't this why he signed the contract with the Virtual Universe Corporation?

"Gasp!" Hengzang Bo and the others couldn't help but inhale sharply at Wang Teng's words.

Even they couldn't hide their shock when they heard this piece of news.

A god-stage prodigy contract!

Wang Teng sighed a god-stage prodigy contract!

Of course, they knew what this level of contract meant. Obviously, in the eyes of the Virtual Universe Corporation, Wang Teng had the potential to become a true god.

This was unbelievable!

The Virtual Universe Corporation hadn't given out a god-stage prodigy contract in years. Unexpectedly, today, such a contract was born right under their noses.

If this news were to spread, it would undoubtedly cause a huge stir.

The influence of a god-stage prodigy contract was immense. It was aimed at cultivating god-stage existences, and the resources expended would be massive. Even if the entire five major families were to be sacrificed, it might not compare to the resources invested.

For a moment, the eternal-stage ancestors looked at Wang Teng with eyes that betrayed a mix of envy and jealousy.

They were eternal-stage marquesses and were far from the god stage. They might not have the chance to ascend to that level in the future.

Yet, they couldn't help but feel that Wang Teng, this cosmos-stage warrior, seemed closer to that realm than they were.

The eternal-stage ancestors felt this way, and it was even more pronounced among the family heads.

When they heard the news, they were plunged into shock and astonishment, and they had yet to fully recover.

Hengzang Mo, Guizang Yan, and the rest of the younger generation had also heard the news and came over. They were filled with envy, jealousy, and hatred, their emotions complex to the extreme.

They had once thought to vie with Councilor Wang Teng, but they never imagined that the gap between them would be so vast. It was like comparing fireflies to the bright moon.

Their greatest wish was to reach the eternal stage, and whether they could achieve it was still unknown. Meanwhile, Wang Teng was already recognized by the Virtual Universe Corporation as having the potential to reach the god stage.

There was simply no comparison!

They all wished they could find a hole to hide in at this moment, their faces burning as if they had been slapped hard several times. They felt utterly ashamed.

Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun quickly recovered, their eyes shimmering with excitement.

Their perception and feelings toward Wang Teng had undergone countless changes, from initial repulsion and rejection to the realization of his connection to Han Zhu, then gradual acceptance, and finally, to being stunned by Wang Teng's talent and potential.

Such complex emotional fluctuations ultimately turned into an indescribable sense of excitement, making Wang Teng's image in their hearts increasingly profound and towering.

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As Wang Teng watched Hengzang Bo and the others depart, a hint of a smile crept onto his lips.

"Wang Teng, you have succeeded," Round Ball remarked.

Before arriving at Five Burial Stars, they had never expected such an outcome.

At that time, everyone was probably waiting to see Wang Teng's downfall. A cosmosstage warrior aspiring to be a councilor was simply overestimating his capabilities.

Especially those councilors at the Seventh Stellar Academy who had conflicting interests with Wang Teng. They had assigned him to Five Burial Stars, hoping he would embarrass himself here, or even... meet his demise!

Unfortunately for them, they had underestimated Wang Teng's abilities and strength.

Of course, even Wang Teng himself wouldn't have expected things to develop to this extent before coming here.

It was all a series of fortuitous circumstances.

If he hadn't obtained the Five-Element Divine Physique, the five major families wouldn't have accepted him so readily, and his strength wouldn't have been enough to withstand the casual attacks of the eternal-stage ruler.

If the Heishan Royal Clan hadn't appeared, plunging the Five Burial Stars into crisis, the five major families wouldn't have accepted Wang Teng so easily either.

And there was the mysterious demise of the Black Skull Universe Pirates fleet, followed by the arrival of the Virtual Universe Corporation, all directly or indirectly contributing to the current situation.

In fact, each of these incidents alone would have been enough to make the five major families compromise.

However, the effect might not have been as good.

Only when these incidents combined to create wave after wave of shock for the five major families could such a significant effect be achieved.

"Yes, I've succeeded," Wang Teng echoed, feeling deeply moved himself.

The timing of this god-stage prodigy contract from the Virtual Universe Corporation couldn't be more perfect. Now, Wang Teng shouldn't have to worry about any more troubles arising on Five Burial Stars.

Finally, he could leave with peace of mind.

"The elders of the five major families were quite taken aback by you," Round Ball remarked as if recalling something amusing.

"They weren't taken aback by me, but by the grand gesture of the Virtual Universe Corporation. These old foxes want to leverage the corporation's influence to restore the prestige of Five Burial Stars. The invasion by the Heishan Royal Clan has dealt a heavy blow to Five Burial Stars. The arrival of the Virtual Universe Corporation couldn't have been more timely."

Standing with his hands behind his back, Wang Teng's eyes gleamed with insight as he smiled faintly, saying, "But it's nothing to worry about. The Five Burial Stars is now under my jurisdiction. Their development will benefit me as well."

"Do you think anyone will pick the fruits of your labor?" Round Ball hesitated for a moment before asking.

"The fact that the Five Burial Stars compromised in front of me doesn't mean they will do so in front of other councilors," Wang Teng replied confidently, smiling faintly. "If they had the ability to subdue Five Burial Stars, they wouldn't have entrusted its governance to me."

"Moreover, the decisions of the Academy Arbitration Association won't change overnight. If they did, who wouldn't see the underlying issues?"

"Even the judges wouldn't dare to take such a risk."

"True," Round Ball chuckled at the response. "It seems that even if we leave Five Burial Stars temporarily, there won't be any problems."

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On the other side, after returning, Hengzang Bo and the others immediately summoned key figures like Hengzang Chuan and Yizang Bai for a meeting.

At the meeting, all the core members of five major families were present, including Hengzang Mo, Guizang Yan, Yizang Xinnuo, and the other young martial warriors.

They were invited to attend the meeting because they were quite familiar with Wang Teng and had some interactions with him. They would be needed in the future.

"Hengzang Chuan, I want you to initiate a propaganda campaign regarding this matter immediately," Hengzang Bo pondered for a moment before issuing the command.

"Yes," Hengzang Chuan understood the importance of the matter and responded promptly.

A hint of joy flickered across his face. Finally, they could turn around the declining situation of Five Burial Stars. It had been frustrating to watch many forces leave the star without being able to intervene.

They had never felt so stifled before, given their traditionally dominant approach.

"By the way, let's not leak the news about Wang Teng obtaining the god-stage prodigy contract for now. We'll focus the propaganda around the Virtual Universe Corporation," Yizang Zhao suddenly interjected, his eyes flashing with insight.

"Why is that?" Yizang Bai was momentarily puzzled, not grasping the key point.

"Currently, only we know about Wang Teng's acquisition of the god-stage prodigy contract. This is our advantage. Those people from the major factions are still on the Five Burial Stars and are trying to win over Wang Teng. We cannot let them have their way," Yizang Zhao explained.

"Exactly," Guizang Ling chuckled. "Although this news will eventually leak, the longer we can keep it hidden, the better it is for us. By the time they realize, we may have already built enough trust with Wang Teng. Even if other powers intervene later, they won't be able to shake our position in his mind."

"Hahaha, well said, Elder," Guizang Feng laughed heartily.

"If they happen to offend Wang Teng inadvertently, even better. We can watch them dig their own graves," Shouzang Tuo sneered.

"But it seems to me that this Wang Teng is already planning to leave Five Burial Stars," Yizang Zhao added.

The others were suddenly astonished, all turning their gaze toward Yizang Zhao.

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"He came to the Five Burial Stars for the Academy Arbitration Association's task. Now that the task is completed, it's natural that he won't stay any longer," Hengzang Bo

nodded thoughtfully. "For a prodigy like him, it's impossible to stay fixed in one place. The universe is vast, and that's where his platform lies."

The others nodded in realization but also felt a bit disappointed.

Especially Yizang Xinnuo and the others, who had hoped to spend some time getting to know Wang Teng better. They hadn't expected him to leave so soon, and now they felt a sense of loss.

"We can't stop him from leaving, but we can maintain contact with him," Yizang Zhao said. "Besides, we shouldn't give up on the Five-Element Divine Physique."

At this point, she couldn't help but glance at the ladies.

The muscles on the faces of Hengzang Mo and the others twitched involuntarily. Even the elders didn't stand on their side. What hope did they have?

Tragic!

"Don't be nervous. The family won't force you. I just want to ask one question. What do you think of this Wang Teng?" Yizang Zhao smiled.

Everyone turned their gaze to them, their eyes filled with ambiguity.

Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun, who usually clashed, blushed in front of the elders and several family heads.

"Elder, elder, I, I like Big Brother Wang Teng, I like him," Guizang Zhu immediately raised her hand and exclaimed loudly.

Guizang Yan: ...

Heart-wrenching, girl!

Why are they all so obvious about their intentions, especially in front of the elders?

Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun were suddenly shocked, looking at her in bewilderment. Who would have thought that this little girl would have even more courage than them?

Most importantly, she didn't back down at a critical moment.

This cheeky little brat!

She was just too audacious.

Hengzang Bo, Yizang Zhao, and the others felt amused, their faces wearing strange expressions as they looked at Guizang Zhu. Their attention had been focused on Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun, and they hadn't noticed this little girl.

But surprisingly, her innocent and romantic nature, coupled with her fondness for Wang Teng, might actually make her a suitable choice.

After all, it was just about continuing the family line, and who it was didn't really matter.

Now that the Five-Element Divine Physique appeared in the hands of an outsider, and in someone they couldn't easily control, they could only choose to compromise.

In that case, they might as well make him their family's "son-in-law"!

After all, a son-in-law was still a part of the family.

"Elder, I can try to make contact with him," Yizang Xinnuo said discreetly, unable to hold back.

"Ahem, I can try too," Shouzang Caiyun immediately added.

"Hahaha..." Hengzang Bo and the others burst into laughter, feeling extremely pleased. With their family's three female prodigies taking action, could they still not win over Wang Teng?

It was easier for a lady to chase a man.

And with all three of them pursuing him together, they couldn't believe Wang Teng wouldn't be moved.

Hengzang Mo, Guizang Yan, and the others' faces couldn't be any darker. This meeting was now impossible to continue.

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Wang Teng was unaware of the situation within the five major families. Indeed, he was preparing to leave the five major families, and preparations were already underway.

Over the next two days, accompanied by Yizang Xinnuo and others, he met many talented warriors from the Five Burial Stars, fulfilling his duties as a councilor.

These talented martial warriors naturally held great respect for Wang Teng. Many of them had witnessed him slay a universe-stage powerhouse and withstand a blow from an eternal-stage ruler. Knowing that he was overseeing the younger generation of the Five Burial Stars as a councilor only added to their admiration. After all, having such a peerless genius overseeing them was nothing to be ashamed of, and it was hard for anyone to harbor any objections.

The overseeing councilors of the other factions in the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain were universe-stage warriors. These warriors were powerful, but they only suppressed the younger generation as elders. Many warriors feared them more than they respected them, which was hardly commendable.

At the same time, Wang Teng saw the Five Burial Stars using the Virtual Universe Corporation to promote themselves. He smiled and paid it little mind.

It was inconsequential.

Moreover, the Five Burial Stars did not lie. They were simply promoting using his name, which he found rather tactful.

Furthermore, he noticed that the Five Burial Stars seemed to deliberately conceal his signing of the god-stage prodigy contract with the Virtual Universe Corporation.

This made things even more intriguing.

Initially, Yizang Xinnuo and the others were somewhat concerned, but seeing Wang Teng's indifference, they felt reassured.

On the third day, Duke Yaheng and others who had been staying on the Five Burial Stars took the opportunity to visit.

"Councilor Wang Teng, it's not easy to meet with you," Duke Yaheng said politely, accompanied by Shelly.

Shelly, the genius martial warrior from the Longlapa Empire, had a complex look in his eyes. Even Duke Yaheng was so courteous to Wang Teng, and he couldn't help but admit that he was far from comparable to him.

"I apologize for keeping you waiting. I've been in seclusion for recovery since the battle," Wang Teng personally welcomed them into the house and said.

"Oh, by the way, I've brought some healing elixirs specifically for Councilor Wang Teng," Duke Yaheng said, waving his hand. Three jade boxes appeared on the table. When opened, a rich medicinal fragrance filled the room.

Wang Teng was somewhat surprised. With a glance, he saw that the three jade boxes contained spiritual medicines that were all over a thousand years old. They were not ordinary spiritual items. He immediately said, "You shouldn't have. My injuries are already healed, and there's no need for you to spend on me."

Chapter 2416: Secondary Career Alliance Exchange Summit! Departure! (3)

"Councilor Wang Teng, there's no need to be so polite," Duke Yaheng remarked with a smile. "Even if you've already recovered, these pills are beneficial for body conditioning. Taking them more frequently can also prevent any lingering injuries. I've heard that Councilor Wang Teng is a grandmaster alchemist, so you must understand them better than we do."

"I feel embarrassed." Wang Teng replied, chuckling. "But since you have already put it this way, if I were to refuse, it would be rather impolite of me."

Shelly: ...

This person seems to have quite thick skin!

Duke Yaheng, however, laughed heartily, appearing delighted. After a few more exchanges, he inquired, "I saw representatives from the Virtual Universe Company visit a few days ago. I wonder what brought them here?"

"It's nothing much, just some collaboration," Wang Teng guessed the intentions of the Five Burial Stars but was willing to extend them a favor. Therefore, he didn't divulge the true purpose of the Virtual Universe Corporation's visit, just smiled faintly and brushed the topic aside.

Seeing his reluctance to elaborate, Duke Yaheng didn't press further. After a few more pleasantries, he took his leave.

Shortly after, Bi Chunrou of Azure Sky Island and Jin Hongcai of Golden Peak City also came to visit, presenting valuable elixirs as gifts.

Out of courtesy for the elixirs, Wang Teng treated them all with kindness. However, when they inquired about the purpose of the Virtual Universe Corporation's visit, his responses remained consistent with before.

This left them feeling helpless but unable to inquire further.

The members of the two major universe pirate groups and the Shadow Fortress had already departed. Their situations were quite peculiar, being entities that shunned the light, they naturally wouldn't openly associate themselves with Wang Teng.

"Brother Wang Teng, come visit our Golden Peak City when you have the chance," Jin Yubao, the chubby lad, warmly invited before departing.

As for the young lady from Azure Sky Island, Wang Teng couldn't help but feel her gaze was peculiar, yet he couldn't quite put his finger on it. He wondered if he was so charismatic.

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Yizang Xinnuo and others were deeply concerned that Wang Teng might disclose the god-stage prodigy contract to other forces. Therefore, after Wang Teng met with representatives from those factions, they couldn't resist coming to inquire about the situation.

"Brother Wang Teng, it seems that various forces hold you in high regard. I've never seen them treat the same person with such courtesy," Yizang Xinnuo remarked with a smile.

"It's probably because of the Virtual Universe Corporation," Wang Teng replied lightly, a faint smile playing on his lips.

He knew why Yizang Xinnuo came, but he wanted to tease her intentionally, so he mentioned the Virtual Universe Corporation on purpose.

Sure enough, at the mention of it, Yizang Xinnuo's heart skipped a beat, and she asked involuntarily, "Did you tell them the purpose of the Virtual Universe Corporation?"

"Of course, there's nothing to hide, especially since they've also sent me quite a few spiritual treasures. It wouldn't be right to keep them in the dark," Wang Teng said casually.

Yizang Xinnuo had suspected as much but she couldn't help feeling disappointed. It seemed that this news couldn't be exclusively held by their Five Burial Stars.

"Of course. This is Brother Wang Teng's personal matter, so you can choose to disclose it to whomever you wish," she replied, quickly recovering and offering a smile, pretending not to mind.

"Indeed," Wang Teng nodded, adding, "But I only told them that the Virtual Universe Corporation came for some cooperation without specifying the details."

Yizang Xinnuo saw the hint of amusement on Wang Teng's face and suddenly realized that she had been played.

This guy was too cunning!

"Hahaha..." Wang Teng couldn't help but burst into laughter, saying, "Just kidding, don't be angry. Consider it a gift from me to the five major families, a token of my sincerity."

"Brother Wang Teng, you're quite naughty, you know? You really disappointed me," Yizang Xinnuo couldn't help but roll her eyes coquettishly.

Just as they were talking, Round Ball suddenly spoke up, "Wang Teng, there's a message for you."

"Whose message?" Wang Teng paused for a moment, inquiring.

"It's from those grandmasters of the Great Qian Empire," Round Ball replied.

Wang Teng's interest piqued. He said to Yizang Xinnuo, "I need to answer a call. I'll return to my room."

"Alright," Yizang Xinnuo, although curious, didn't pry further. She just nodded obediently.

Wang Teng promptly returned to his room and said, "Connect."

Round Ball initiated the communication, and a holographic screen materialized, displaying the figures of Grandmaster Hua Yuan and others.

"Do the grandmasters have something to discuss with me?" Wang Teng asked casually.

His relationship with these grandmasters was very close, so he spoke very casually, unlike with others.

"Grandmaster Wang Teng, the biennial exchange summit of our Secondary Career Alliance is about to begin," Grandmaster Hua Yuan said.

"Exchange summit?" Wang Teng was stunned.

"Yes, it's an internal exchange event of the Secondary Career Alliance, usually attended by extraordinarily talented individuals dispatched by various territories' Secondary Career Alliances. It serves both as a platform for exchange and to showcase the strengths of each territory's Secondary Career Alliance, facilitating comparisons and evaluations," Grandmaster Hua Yuan explained.

"So, you're suggesting that I attend?" Wang Teng chuckled.

"Hehe, exactly. The exchange event mandates participation from geniuses under the age of 300. You are the most suitable candidate," Grandmaster Alfred grinned and continued, "Moreover, achieving a good ranking at the exchange event brings immense honor, an honor that no secondary occupation practitioner can refuse."

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"After all, attaining the highest honor will surely earn the respect of all secondary occupation practitioners. In the future, you will hold immense prestige within the Secondary Career Alliance."

"Why does this exchange event seem like a reputation-building activity?" Wang Teng remarked with a peculiar expression.

"Hahaha, you could say that. Essentially, it's about providing young talents with an opportunity to rise. Martial warriors have their ways, and we secondary occupation practitioners naturally have ours," Grandmaster Hua Yuan chuckled. "Moreover, achieving a good ranking at this event will earn you renown throughout the universe, making you a target for various strong individuals seeking to recruit you, even as their honored guests."

"That's not a bad deal," Wang Teng nodded.

"Not only that, if you enter the top ten, the Secondary Career Alliance will offer numerous rewards. From the tenth to the second place, it's mostly material rewards, but if you secure the first place, the alliance will grant you core member status. This status is even higher than that of a grandmaster, with many privileges," Grandmaster Hua Yuan explained.

"Oh, I didn't expect such benefits." Wang Teng was even more surprised.

"It's only natural. Many geniuses are aiming for the rewards and that core member status," Grandmaster Hua Yuan smiled.

"Do you also have core member status?" Wang Teng couldn't help but ask.

"We would love to have such status, but unfortunately, we may have to wait until we ascend to the saint level to have a chance." Grandmaster Alfred shook his head regretfully.

"I wonder what privileges core members have?" Wang Teng's eyes gleamed as he inquired further.

"Having core member status entitles you to exceptional treatment within the Secondary Career Alliance. You'll enjoy significant discounts on purchasing spiritual medicines, various materials, and even alchemical formulas, arrays, and rare saint-level formulas and arrays will be accessible to you. Additionally, there's one crucial point," Grandmaster Hua Yuan paused before continuing, "Once you attain core member

status, if any mishap befalls you, the Secondary Career Alliance will seek vengeance relentlessly until their goals are achieved."

"Relentless until their goals are achieved!" Wang Teng's heart trembled. He dare not underestimate the weight of those words.

As one of the giant organizations in the universe, the weight of this statement was incredibly heavy, not inferior to that of the Virtual Universe Corporation!

In certain situations, it might even be more terrifying than being under the protection of an eternal-stage ruler.

Of course, one couldn't say who was higher or lower in status between the two.

The statement from the Secondary Career Alliance, while impactful in the event of the killing of a core member, indeed carried significant deterrent power. However, in certain desperate situations, people were capable of anything. If a killing occurs, it occurs.

Moreover, if the act happened in certain secluded and secretive locations where evidence was lacking, the Secondary Career Alliance remains powerless.

However, the eternal-stage rulers of the Virtual Universe Corporation were different. They were the key to safeguarding prodigies from falling.

Hence, the nature of the two was distinct.

"The Secondary Career Alliance's statement might seem just a phrase, but nobody can underestimate its weight. There have been eternal-stage powerhouses who offended the Secondary Career Alliance, and just because of this phrase, those eternal-stage martial warriors ultimately perished. Even the intervention of true gods pleading on their behalf proved futile."

Grandmaster Hua Yuan sighed deeply.

"Rumors have it that at that time, three true gods intervened willingly to fulfill the Secondary Career Alliance's decree."

"Three true gods!" Wang Teng gasped, thoroughly astonished. "Is it really that terrifying?"

"Yes, it's a true event, not fabricated," Grandmaster Alfred and the others affirmed.

"It seems like I must attend this exchange event." Wang Teng took a deep breath, a glint of determination flashing in his eyes.

The opportunity to observe the geniuses of the secondary career alliance had become secondary. The real value lies in attaining core member status.

He recently received the god-stage prodigy contract from the Virtual Universe Corporation. If he obtained core member status from the Secondary Career Alliance too, that would be unprecedented.

Who would dare provoke him in the future?

Even top universe races like the Heishan Royal Clan, though unafraid of the eternalstage guardians of the Virtual Universe Corporation, would have to consider the indiscriminate warning from the Secondary Career Alliance.

Indeed, from Wang Teng's perspective, the Secondary Career Alliance's statement was an indiscriminate warning.

It was akin to saying...

I'm not saying this for the benefit of a specific individual, but for everyone to hear.

Wasn't that impressive and bold?

Even Wang Teng himself was awestruck by the Secondary Career Alliance's boldness.

The main thing was that with the core member status in the Secondary Career Alliance and the god-stage prodigy contract from the Virtual Universe Corporation, Wang Teng felt even more secure.

Grandmaster Alfred and Grandmaster Hua Yuan exchanged a glance, their faces suddenly revealing sly smiles.

It was a success!

Seeing Wang Teng's expression, they knew the deal was sealed. He couldn't possibly resist such temptation.

"Where will this exchange summit be held?" Wang Teng inquired.

"At the headquarters of the Secondary Career Alliance. You can look it up for yourself," Grandmaster Hua Yuan and the others said mysteriously.

"Alright," Wang Teng rolled his eyes. These grandmasters were all elderly folks, yet they still behaved mischievously.

"Then let's meet at the headquarters of the Secondary Career Alliance," Grandmaster Huayuan and the others suggested.

"Sure!" Wang Teng nodded in agreement.

After chatting for a few more moments, they ended the communication.

"Wang Teng, this core member status in the Secondary Career Alliance sounds pretty impressive," Round Ball remarked, "But I looked into it, and even for the first place, there are very few who can obtain core member status. It requires the approval of the majority of the Secondary Career Alliance members. Those grandmasters were just trying to entice you."

"I know. Such an important status wouldn't come easily," Wang Teng chuckled. "But with so many secondary occupation geniuses, it's bound to be a grand event. It'll be beneficial for both of us to attend."

"That's true. I've never been to such an event before," Round Ball also expressed its excitement.

Wang Teng smiled faintly and said, "Notify the elders of the Five Burial Stars that we're about to leave."

"Sure thing!" Round Ball immediately sent out the message.

Although the elders and the family heads had anticipated this, they were still somewhat surprised when they received Wang Teng's notification. They hurried over.

"Councilor Wang Teng, are you leaving so soon?" Hengzang Bo asked.

"Just received a message from the Secondary Career Alliance. I'm going to attend their exchange summit," Wang Teng explained.

"The Secondary Career Alliance Exchange Summit!" Hengzang Bo and the others couldn't help but be surprised. "That's right, as a grandmaster alchemist, with your talent, you must participate in this event. I've heard that many secondary occupation geniuses will be present."

"I'm looking forward to experiencing it," Wang Teng smiled.

"Since you have important matters to attend to, we won't keep you," Hengzang Bo and the others shook their heads and said, "We wish Councilor Wang Teng all the best at the exchange event!"

"It's hard to say, but I'll do my best," Wang Teng clasped his fists towards the members of the five major families. "Farewell, everyone. Until we meet again!"

With those words, a massive black spacecraft appeared in the sky. It was the Devil Slayer!

In the next moment, the spacecraft's hatch automatically opened. Wang Teng's gaze swept over the faces of the crowd, and with a slight smile, he entered without hesitation.

The spacecraft turned into a streak of black light, accelerating at an incredible speed, heading toward the vast universe.

A strong wind blew across the land. It did not affect the people present.

The people of the Five Burial Stars watched the spacecraft depart, feeling a mix of emotions. The arrival of Councilor Wang Teng brought significant changes to the Five Burial Stars, but they couldn't determine if it was for better or for worse.

However, they had no choice but to adapt to these changes.

If it weren't for Councilor Wang Teng's arrival, the Five Burial Stars might have faced an even more brutal fate. The strength of the Heishan Royal Clan was something they couldn't contend with. Perhaps, the current situation was the best outcome they could hope for.

The emotions of the people of the Five Burial Stars fluctuated as various thoughts crossed their minds.

"He's gone!" Yizang Xinnuo felt a little dejected, her gaze lingering on the sky where the streak of light from the spacecraft had long disappeared.

"Xinnuo, do you want to go out for a walk?" Shouzang Caiyun suddenly asked through voice transmission.

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The Devil Slayer spacecraft raced through the Dark Universe, almost melding into the inky void, where its presence was difficult to discern.

It must be said that the Devil Slayer boasted exceptional stealth capabilities, especially within the depths of the Dark Universe, where it held a significant advantage.

Within the ship, in the control room.

"Round Ball, have you finalized the route to the Secondary Career Alliance headquarters?" Wang Teng sat in the control room's seat, inquiring.

"It's been planned for a while," Round Ball appeared beside him, waving a small hand to conjure a star map before Wang Teng. It explained, "The Secondary Career Alliance

headquarters is situated between three major domains: the Tianlan Territorial Domain, the Mecha Territorial Domain, and the Solar Dragon Territorial Domain."

"Mecha Territorial Domain! Solar Dragon Territorial Domain!" Wang Teng paused for a moment.

"That's right. The Secondary Career Alliance headquarters is located precisely between these domains, completely independent and detached from any specific domain."

Round Ball nodded, expressing astonishment.

"I was surprised when I found out. I must admit that the Secondary Career Alliance's status is truly transcendent. They don't have to heed anyone's authority, just like the giants such as the Virtual Universe Corporation."

"Truly deserving of being giants," Wang Teng nodded, then asked curiously, "But it's strange, isn't there supposed to be a void torrent belt between territorial domains? How could the Secondary Career Alliance headquarters be situated in the middle of the three major territorial domains?"

"You'll understand when you see it for yourself."

Round Ball tapped the star map, causing it to zoom in on the area between the three major territorial domains. It expanded infinitely, dominating the entire star map.

It pointed to the region between the three territorial domains.

"Look here." Round pointed at the map. "The three major domains form a triangular arrangement, where three void torrent belts converge at the center, creating an exceptionally peculiar area. The Secondary Career Alliance discovered a space within it, which they designated as their headquarters. Over time, as the reputation of the Secondary Career Alliance grew, this headquarters naturally became a sacred place, sought after by many secondary practitioners."

"Not only that, many powerful individuals feel immensely honored to qualify to enter this sacred place. Inside, countless top-tier secondary practitioners exist. For these powerful individuals, whether it's crafting pills of Saint grade and above, forging weapons of Saint grade and above, setting up formations of Saint grade and above, or even treating various difficult ailments, they must seek assistance from these top practitioners."

"Obtaining a qualification to enter the Secondary Career Alliance is akin to obtaining a ticket."

"However, qualifying to enter the sacred place is extremely difficult. For those outside the Secondary Career Alliance, it's even more challenging. Many universe-stage martial warriors don't have the qualifications to enter."

"What a rare opportunity!" Wang Teng remarked.

"Indeed." Round Ball smiled. "The Secondary Career Alliance maintains its transcendent status using such methods."

"I never expected the Secondary Career Alliance's headquarters to be in such a place. I'm becoming more and more curious," Wang Teng said.

"I'm curious too, but unfortunately, I couldn't find any relevant records on the virtual network. It seems ordinary people can't access such information," Round Ball explained.

"Well, I'll find out soon enough." Wang Teng smiled faintly.

"Alright," Round Ball nodded, grinning. "By using some spatial teleportation formations, we should arrive in about eight days. That's plenty of time."

"Eight days, huh? Then I'll enter the Virtual Universe Corporation first and take a look. I haven't properly explored the benefits of being contracted with the company." Wang Teng's eyes gleamed.

"Don't rush. You still have those universe pirates from the universe pirate gangs you subdued earlier on the ship. Do you plan to take them with you?" Round Ball reminded.

"Ah, I almost forgot about them." Wang Teng slapped his forehead. "Bring them in."

Round Ball said nothing more and opened the door to the main control room. Immediately, several figures walked in, including Tracy, Payne, and others.

Wang Teng had a formidable team of martial warriors from the Virtual Universe Corporation. These universe pirates couldn't be compared to them but they were still heaven-stage martial warriors.

As the saying goes, a rat that knows how to dig holes is a good rat. These universe pirates undoubtedly played a much larger role in the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain than the warriors from the Virtual Universe Corporation. Their value couldn't be completely denied.

These universe pirates provided considerable assistance during his battle on the Five Burial Stars.

For instance, gathering intelligence.

Without the help of local informants, obtaining crucial intelligence would have consumed a significant amount of time and effort for Wang Teng.

Upon entering the main control room, Tracy and the others immediately saw Wang Teng seated in the chair. They all knelt on one knee and respectfully saluted, "My Lord!"

At this moment, these universe pirates kept their heads down, not daring to meet Wang Teng's gaze, their emotions reaching a peak of complexity.

They already knew about Wang Teng's achievements in the battle on Five Burial Stars. Tracy had even witnessed Wang Teng's terrifying power with her own eyes. They no longer harbored any thoughts of resistance.

A person who could defeat a universe-stage powerhouse, even withstand a blow from an eternal-stage being, was simply beyond their ability to resist.

If even a power like Five Burial Stars chose to compromise, what could they possibly do?

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And they also knew Wang Teng's true identity. He was not only a member of the Academy Arbitration Association but also had deep ties with the Virtual Universe Corporation.

All of this indicated that following the young genius in front of them was much stronger than being universe pirates in the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain.

So at this moment, the hearts of these universe pirates were filled with fervor. They felt they had found a true leader, and the future seemed bright.

Tracy even witnessed the politeness of the elders of the five major families towards Wang Teng. It filled her with incredulity.

Those were eternal-stage powerhouses!

She had lived for so long and had never seen such strength. But Wang Teng, as a cosmos-stage martial warrior, could make several eternal-stage beings wary. It was simply beyond her imagination.

To her, Wang Teng was like a ray of dawn suddenly appearing in the darkness, adding a different possibility to her previously visible path of cultivation.

She had to seize this possibility. Otherwise, she might regret it for the rest of her life.

"Rise."

At a time when everyone's thoughts were varied, a calm voice came from above them.

"We dare not, My Lord!" The heaven-stage martial warriors not only didn't stand up but spoke with extreme trepidation.

Only Tracy's gaze flickered as she stood up calmly, showing respect to Wang Teng while maintaining her dignity, slightly bowing her body.

Wang Teng, seeing this scene, remained unchanged in expression and spoke again, "You may all rise. In the future, do as I say, without the need to speculate about my intentions."

"I am a straightforward person. I don't need any flattery. As long as you carry out the tasks I assign, even if you don't know how to butter me up, I will still value you. But if you give me lip service and deceive me behind my back, don't blame me for being ruthless."

"Yes!" Everyone's heart skipped a beat. They didn't dare to slack off and stood up.

Wang Teng glanced around, causing the several heaven-stage martial warriors to feel a bit uneasy, unsure of what he was about to do. Then they heard him continue, "Your performance during my time on Five Burial Stars was quite satisfactory. I am pleased."

A sense of joy rose in the hearts of the group. It seemed their choice was correct. Previously, under the influence of Wang Teng's Enchantment skill, they couldn't resist his commands internally. Yet, in moments when Wang Teng didn't issue orders, they often harbored rebellious thoughts. Fortunately, out of respect for Wang Teng's power, they refrained from acting on those impulses. Otherwise, today's outcome might have been very different.

In reality, they didn't know that even if they occasionally harbored rebellious thoughts, they could never act on them.

That was the terrifying aspect of the Enchantment skill.

It could subtly influence the psyche of its targets, even without their awareness

"I'm leaving the Phantom Domain," Wang Teng spoke again.

The universe pirates, including Tracy, were surprised. Here it comes!

They thought Wang Teng was about to take them with him. However...

"But I don't intend to take you with me," Wang Teng's gaze swept over them as he spoke slowly.

This statement instantly made the universe pirates' hearts sink. Their expressions changed, and their boundless hope turned into uncontrollable disappointment.

"Is he going back on his words?" Tracy even clenched her fists, a hint of unwillingness in her eyes.

Wang Teng noticed the reactions of the group, and a faintly meaningful smile played at the corners of his mouth. "You should know that I am currently the supervisory councilor of Five Burial Stars, with an inseparable connection to the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain. So during my absence, I need you to be my eyes in the Phantom Drift Territorial Territorial Domain."

At his words, they all turned to Wang Teng, hope reigniting in their eyes.

He wanted them to be his eyes?!

Although they didn't fully understand what he meant, it seemed that Councilor Wang Teng didn't intend to abandon them.

"You are natives of the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain, and no one knows that you are associated with me. So during my absence from the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain, I need you to remain there, recruit manpower, infiltrate various factions, and provide me with useful intelligence. If anything happens, I need to know immediately," Wang Teng explained.

The group suddenly realized the purpose behind Wang Teng's instructions.

Wasn't he asking them to act as "undercover agents"?

Now that they understood, they weren't afraid anymore.

Despite not having experience as undercover agents, as universe pirates, they were adept at infiltrating various factions and gathering intelligence.

"Lord, when you refer to various factions, does it include the three major universe pirate groups?" Payne asked cautiously.

The others were startled by his question, looking at Payne as if to say...

How dare you even think about that?

The three major universe pirate gangs held an extraordinary position among the universe pirates. Sending them to infiltrate the three major groups would be akin to courting death.

Therefore, as soon as Payne asked the question, the others assumed he must be out of his mind.

He was seeking recognition at the risk of his own life.

Many silently scoffed.

"If you have the ability to do so, I would be pleased, and if successful, I won't forget your contributions," Wang Teng glanced at him. Payne was one of the first space pirates he had recruited, quite astute and smooth-tongued. Wang Teng wondered if Payne could surprise him.

"Since it's what you need, I'll do everything in my power to assist you, and share your burdens," Payne replied immediately.

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Wang Teng looked at him with interest and said, "Weren't you afraid of death? Why are you suddenly so proactive?"

Payne cleared his throat nervously and replied, "Well, my lord, I happen to know someone in the Black Skull Universe Pirates. If I try to infiltrate them, I'm quite confident of success."

"Oh! Is that so?" Wang Teng straightened up, his eyes gleaming with interest as he asked.

The others looked at Payne, their eyes widening slightly. Does this guy know someone in the Black Skull Universe Pirates? Is it true?

The Black Skull Universe Pirates Group was a formidable force, and ordinary martial warriors couldn't even dream of entering. Those who did manage to get in were incredibly powerful warriors, individuals they wouldn't normally have the chance to know, let alone be acknowledged by.

Even Tracy looked at Payne with surprise and a hint of admiration.

This guy actually had such connections?

"I dare not deceive you, my lord. He's a martial warrior I saved in my earlier years, and we've kept in touch ever since. With one of their fleets destroyed recently, I believe they're in urgent need of recruits. If I express my intention to join them at this critical moment, with his help, it shouldn't be difficult to get accepted," Payne explained, his eyes sparkling with determination.

"Hahaha..." Wang Teng burst into laughter. He stood up and patted Payne on the shoulder. "Well done! I never expected you to bring me such a surprise."

He paced back and forth, his heart filled with joy.

Although one of the fleets of the Black Skull Universe Pirates had been destroyed, Wang Teng was certain that Elder Hui hadn't perished. Moreover, the Heishan Royal Clan behind him wouldn't have suffered any losses either, something Wang Teng didn't want to see.

Ever since Elder Hui targeted him, Wang Teng had been at odds with the Heishan Royal Clan.

Even if he only sought revenge against Elder Hui, it would inevitably drag the Heishan Royal Clan into the fray. This was an unavoidable consequence.

Even if the other party was an eternal-stage ruler, even if they belonged to the Heishan Royal Clan, one of the top races in the universe, Wang Teng wasn't afraid.

If he were to gloss over this matter lightly, then all his efforts in cultivating the martial path would be in vain. He might as well go home and live a quiet life.

It might seem a bit presumptuous, but Wang Teng wasn't in a hurry to seek revenge. Revenge was a dish best served cold.

He would record this debt in his little notebook.

Of course, before that, he wouldn't mind making some preparations.

For example, the Black Skull Universe Pirates undoubtedly had intricate ties with the Heishan Royal Clan.

If Wang Teng could infiltrate them, he would gain some initiative in the future. Perhaps he could even glean valuable information about the Heishan Royal Clan from the Black Skull Universe Pirates.

"You, come here!" Wang Teng returned to his main control seat and gestured to Payne.

Payne looked puzzled but immediately approached, bowing respectfully before Wang Teng.

"Don't resist, focus and accept," Wang Teng extended a finger, touching Payne's forehead gently, and instructed calmly.

Payne was startled, about to step back, but upon hearing Wang Teng's words, he stopped abruptly, standing still as instructed, focusing his mind and calming his breath according to Wang Teng's command.

A golden light radiated from Wang Teng's finger, penetrating Payne's mind.

The process didn't last long. In just a moment, Wang Teng withdrew his finger, while Payne stood with his eyes closed, unmoving.

The others were not ignorant individuals. They immediately understood what Wang Teng was doing. Their faces showed a mixture of envy, jealousy, and resentment.

Just because Payne claimed he could enter the Black Skull Universe Pirates, Wang Teng bestowed upon him a battle technique or scripture. How could one not be envious?

Transmission of skills!

Wang Teng was transmitting some kind of battle technique or scripture to Payne.

Just because Payne claimed he could enter the Black Skull Universe Pirates, Wang Teng bestowed upon him a battle technique or scripture. How could one not be envious?

The question remained: what level of technique or scripture was it?

After a moment, Payne opened his eyes, a hint of ecstasy flashing through them. He immediately kneeled before Wang Teng, grateful, "Thank you, my lord, for bestowing upon me a heaven-stage scripture and battle technique!"

"Heaven-stage scripture and battle technique!" The others were astonished.

Not only were they surprised that Wang Teng bestowed both technique and scripture simultaneously, but also that the ones he granted were of heaven stage.

It was hard to obtain even one heaven-stage technique or scripture, yet Wang Teng casually bestowed them to this universe pirate. It was truly a display of wealth and generosity, effectively keeping them in check.

Although surprised, Tracy quickly regained her composure. Wang Teng had promised her that as long as she performed well, she would be able to get universe-stage battle techniques. Therefore, she wasn't too surprised by the universe-stage rewards.

However, Payne's luck was truly unbelievable. Knowing how much Wang Teng detested the Black Skull Universe Pirates, the fact that Payne knew someone from there was akin to scratching Wang Teng's itch. His luck couldn't have been better.

"Rise," Wang Teng said calmly. "Now, I need you to arrange a meeting with that warrior from the Black Skull Universe Pirates. Can you manage that?"

"No problem, it only takes a message. I'll have him there in no time," Payne assured promptly.

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"Excellent!" Wang Teng nodded in approval, stating, "As long as this matter is handled well, I will bestow upon you greater rewards."

"Yes, my lord, rest assured, I will not disappoint you," Payne replied respectfully.

Without further ado, he immediately contacted the warrior of the Black Skull Universe Pirates he had mentioned earlier. He did it right in front of Wang Teng without any hint of concealment.

The others present exchanged glances, swiftly quieting down, their gazes fixed on Payne. Some even harbored malicious thoughts, hoping for his failure.

Soon, Payne established communication, and a pig-human race martial warrior appeared on the screen.

The screen faced away from Wang Teng and the others so the pig-human race martial warrior couldn't see them at all.

"Payne, it's been a while since we last spoke. What brings you to contact me this time?" The pig-human race martial warrior spoke.

"Chad, fancy joining me for a drink sometime? I've just plundered a wealthy merchant recently and got quite a stash of fine liquor, hahaha..." Payne laughed heartily.

"Fine liquor!" The pig-human race warrior's eyes lit up, saying, "Sure thing, where are you now?"

"Let me check the map," Payne said.

Wang Teng promptly had Round Ball locate a nearby uninhabited planet and sent its coordinates to Payne's smart wristwatch. All of this occurred within seconds, leaving no room for suspicion.

"I've sent you the stellar coordinates. How about we meet on some random uninhabited planet here?" Payne forwarded the coordinates given by Round Ball and proposed.

"No problem." The pig-human race martial warrior on the other end checked the coordinates and nodded, smiling. "Seems like you haven't given up on the Five Burial Stars sector. I'm not far from there; I'll arrive within three hours. Wait for me."

With that, he ended the communication. The process was remarkably smooth.

"Done!" Payne grinned. "Sir..."

Wang Teng waved his hand, interrupting him. "I've heard everything. I can wait three hours. Prepare to land on an uninhabited planet. I will personally take action."

"Oh right, this person is a heaven-stage martial warrior, right?"

"Yes, he's a ninth-level heaven-stage martial warrior, and he's likely acquired numerous techniques and scriptures within the Black Skull Universe Pirates, making him much stronger than me," Payne remarked.

Wang Teng merely nodded, his expression calm.

Payne didn't elaborate further. He wasn't worried at all. This young prodigy before him could even slay a universe-stage martial warrior. Dealing with a ninth-level heaven-stage martial warrior was nothing to be concerned about.

"Alright, all of you, prepare yourselves. Tracy, stay back." Wang Teng waved his hand, dismissing the others.

The group glanced curiously at Tracy. Seeing her being singled out by Wang Teng, some couldn't help but feel envious. Even Payne, who had just received rewards from Wang Teng, was no exception.

Damn, being pretty really did count for something.

These big men couldn't help but feel a twinge of jealousy, but ultimately, they could only resign themselves to leaving, regretting not having been born as ladies.

Yet, they didn't stop to think. With their stature, even if they were born as ladies, would they truly be attractive?

Of course, Wang Teng singled out Tracy not because of her looks but because he saw potential in her.

It had to be admitted that among these universe pirates, Tracy possessed the greatest talent. Her previous intelligence-gathering work on the Five Burial Stars showcased her remarkable abilities, worthy of cultivation.

After everyone had left, Wang Teng didn't speak immediately. Instead, his gaze swept back and forth over Tracy with a hint of scrutiny.

Tracy felt a bit uncomfortable under his scrutiny. Initially, she hadn't thought much of it. But as his gaze lingered, doubts began to surface in her mind.

Could this guy have ulterior motives before she leaves?

Despite her confidence in her appearance and figure, even though the young prodigy before her had never shown any signs of lecherous intent, who could guarantee what he was thinking deep down?

"Men, huh~" Tracy couldn't help but let out a cold laugh as she pondered.

Wang Teng: ...

The woman's laughter was eerie.

"If you want me, just say it. After all, I can't resist anyway," Tracy said coldly. "It's just a body, I'll treat it like being bitten by a mosquito."

Wang Teng was speechless.

Being bitten by a mosquito.

Was she jeering at him?

No, wait, he never had such thoughts.

"Are you overthinking?" Wang Teng said with a wry smile. "The five major families wanted to offer their prodigy to me, and I didn't accept. Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun are as good-looking as you, and they are even younger. Are you too confident?"

Tracy's eye twitched. She looked at Wang Teng's somewhat playful gaze and suddenly wished to find a hole to hide in.

"Confidence is good, but don't always think in that direction," Wang Teng stood up and circled Tracy, seemingly admiring her voluptuous figure, but his words were casual.

"Can you take your eyes off when you say that?" Tracy said.

"Sorry, I can't," Wang Teng chuckled. "Beautiful women are meant to be admired. Although I have no other intentions, you can't deprive me of the pleasure of appreciating beauty."

Tracy: ...

She underestimated Wang Teng's shamelessness.

"Alright, I won't tease you anymore." Wang Teng stopped. He walked in front of Tracy and said seriously, "Get ready."

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As soon as the words fell, he reached out his finger towards Tracy's brow.

Tracy's heart stirred, feeling a wave of excitement rising within her. However, upon hearing Wang Teng's words, she immediately suppressed her excitement and focused on the finger.

Similar to the previous transmission of techniques to Payne, a golden light gathered on Wang Teng's fingertip, then descended upon her brow.

In the next moment, a majestic and profound stream of information immediately flooded into her mind, causing her whole body to tremble.

After a moment, Tracy slowly opened her eyes, revealing a hint of shock on her stunning face.

Universe-stage poison scripture!

She had been thinking that, given her recent accomplishments, Wang Teng would at most grant her a heaven-stage scripture. She never expected him to directly bestow a universe-stage scripture upon her.

It was truly unimaginable.

At this moment, her gaze towards Wang Teng became exceedingly complex.

Could this young man be so generous?

"You can cultivate this poison-element scripture yourself, but you mustn't pass it on to others," Wang Teng said indifferently.

He had too many techniques. Just picking one could greatly benefit Tracy.

Moreover, with her currently under the influence of his Enchantment technique, he had no worries about betrayal. This technique was just an investment in himself.

It all came down to the fact that while she might gain, he would never lose.

Tracy didn't know what the Enchantment technique truly implied, but nobody understood its effects better than Wang Teng.

"I understand!" Tracy's gaze flickered slightly as she glanced at Wang Teng, nodding in agreement.

"To be honest, this universe-stage scripture isn't much to me. If I wanted to, I could offer you both universe-stage scriptures of the Metal and Fire attributes. But as you are now, I can only give you a poison-element universe-stage scripture," Wang Teng said.

"Metal and Fire universe-stage scriptures!" Tracy was shocked. Her gaze turned intense as she looked at Wang Teng, suddenly revealing a hint of coquettishness. "My lord, don't you want me?"

Wang Teng: $O((\bigcirc _ \bigcirc))o$

What was going on?

How did this woman suddenly change her tune?

"My lord..." Tracy saw his expression and found it quite amusing, feeling even more emboldened. With a cat-like stride, she approached Wang Teng and settled into his embrace.

"You're making it hard for me to be serious." Wang Teng's lips curved into a slight smile, chuckling.

Round Ball: $(/\omega)$

"My lord, you're so handsome!" Tracy's hand wrapped around Wang Teng's neck while the other rested on his chest. Her voice was husky and seductive.

"How am I handsome? Do I look handsome when I'm giving you scriptures?" Wang Teng asked with a mischievous smile, not holding back at all. His hands landed on her body, moving over her voluptuous curves.

Tracy's body stiffened slightly, not expecting Wang Teng, who seemed a bit reserved just now, to suddenly become so bold. She regretted it a bit.

Oh no, seemed like it was getting out of hand!

She thought Wang Teng was innocent. After all, being able to refuse the beauties from the five major families wasn't something ordinary people could do. He was the epitome of straightness among straight men.

But now, it seemed she was too naive.

Caught in a difficult situation, she could only force a smile and say, "My lord, why don't you give me both the Metal and Fire attribute scriptures? Since I'm already yours, you will lose nothing by giving them to me."

"I'm not missing out, but why should I give them to you?" Wang Teng smiled slightly, his right hand suddenly landing on a soft spot.

Tracy stiffened all over, her reaction even more intense than before. It was her first time using seduction, and she didn't expect to get caught in her own trap.

Primarily, it was the young man before her that left her feeling extremely helpless. She couldn't defeat him in a fight, nor could she escape. Hence, she had no choice but to resort to such measures. Otherwise, with her personality, she would never have done such a thing.

"From now on, I will honor you as my master and carry out every command you give. Is that enough?" Tracy took a deep breath, the coquettishness vanishing from her face as she spoke solemnly.

"You already honor me as your master, and you can't resist," Wang Teng replied calmly.

"You..." Tracy was exasperated. This guy was infuriating. He said those words while his hands were still moving.

"If there's nothing that can move me, then just do your job well." Wang Teng's expression suddenly changed, and he gently pushed the beautiful woman out of the room.

Tracy's figure flashed and landed steadily several meters away. She looked at Wang Teng with complex eyes and said, "I will satisfy you. I want those two scriptures."

"Very good. I like your fighting spirit." Wang Teng smiled.

"Hmph!" Tracy snorted coldly, then turned and walked out of the control room, leaving Wang Teng with a cold and arrogant silhouette.

"Tsk tsk tsk!" Round Ball couldn't help but appear, looking at Wang Teng with an ambiguous expression while making clicking sounds with its tongue.

"Quite a spicy lady?" Wang Teng sniffed the lingering fragrance on his hand, smiling faintly.

"Wang Teng, you're becoming more shameless," Round Ball quipped.

"If I were truly shameless, you would have witnessed a spectacle just now," Wang Teng retorted, not amused.

"Oh, I don't want to see anything unpleasant," Round Ball said disdainfully.

"Get lost!" Wang Teng's forehead creased with a few black lines as he chuckled and scolded, "Let's find an uninhabited planet to land on. We need to wait for that Chad to show up."

"Don't worry, I've found a suitable planet already," Round Ball shook its head. "You're starting to scheme again."

"Let's start with the Black Skull Universe Pirates," Wang Teng's eyes gleamed as he spoke lightly.

Chapter 2423: Expensive Soul Illusion Silver! The Mysterious Space Realm Space! (1)

Several dozen light-years away from the Five Burial Stars, there lay a desolate planet, uninhabited and remote.

Controlling the spacecraft, Round Ball guided its descent onto this isolated celestial body. Wang Teng kept the ship and, together with his companions, lay in ambush, awaiting their target.

This planet was unsuitable for habitation, its surface shrouded in various dust storms, creating an atmosphere of desolation and harshness.

Yet, Round Ball deliberately chose this desolate planet.

According to Payne's suggestion, he and other universe pirates often rendezvoused on similar planets.

It was for their discretion. Such planets provided ample concealment.

Universe pirates always acted cautiously, often choosing such desolate planets for rendezvous and exchanges to avoid detection by others.

For Tracy, Payne, and others, this was routine, but for Wang Teng, such desolate planets were rare. However, he had ventured into even more perilous ones, so he remained undisturbed.

Moreover, for martial warriors like them, the simple environmental challenges posed by such planets were negligible.

After waiting for approximately two hours, a spacecraft broke through the sandy layers surrounding the planet and descended into its depths.

"They're here!" Round Ball announced.

Wang Teng activated his Real Eye, a golden light flashing in his eyes as he observed the situation inside the spacecraft, stating, "There are a total of 11 warriors, three heaven-stage martial warriors, and eight cosmos-stage martial warriors. Among them, one universe-stage martial warrior is at the ninth level, while the other two are at around the third level. I'll leave them to you."

With that, he looked towards Tracy, Payne, and the others.

The group was astonished. Wang Teng stood before them, but how did he accurately discern the strength of the martial warriors inside the spacecraft?

Even the most advanced detectors might not achieve such precision.

The spacecraft before them was at the heaven level. To discern the situation with such clarity, one would need at least a universe-level detector.

However, considering Wang Teng's status, possessing a universe-level detector seemed inconsequential.

"Yes!" They didn't dwell on it much. Despite knowing that the martial warriors were from the Black Skull Universe Pirates gang, they dared not disobey Wang Teng's command and promptly responded in unison.

In the distance, as the spacecraft landed, Payne floated in the air to greet them.

Before long, the pig-human race martial warrior they had seen on the screen emerged from the spacecraft, laughing heartily as he approached Payne.

"Chad, long time no see!" Payne embraced the pig-human race martial warrior, smiling warmly.

"Where's the booze? I rushed over just for your good wine," Chad exclaimed.

"Haha, it's all prepared. Follow me." Payne laughed heartily.

The two flew towards the valley below, where Wang Teng and the others were hiding. It was a secluded valley surrounded by towering mountains, making it difficult to escape once surrounded.

However, Wang Teng didn't rush to take action. Instead, he watched the two approaching from afar with a smile.

Once Payne landed in the valley, he brought out various delicacies and wines, causing the pig-human race martial warrior to salivate uncontrollably.

This pig-human race martial warrior was powerless against various delicacies and wines. Therefore, he didn't think much of it.

If it were someone else, he might have been more cautious, but Payne was his lifesaver, and they often met. They had an excellent relationship.

He never would have imagined that someone who had once saved him would now plot against him.

For martial warriors, it was essential to have a variety of tools and facilities for outdoor living. Especially for universe pirates like them, who often roamed the void and sought refuge on uninhabited planets, having such tools and facilities was crucially important, and they were well-prepared in this regard.

At this moment, Payne set up a semi-open tent in the valley, capable of shielding against external sandstorms while providing a view of the surroundings. Inside, it resembled a luxurious dining hall, exceedingly comfortable.

It could be said that with the advancement of the universe's technology to such an extent, every aspect has become extremely convenient.

"Here, this is the Jade Liquor I snatched from that wealthy merchant!" Payne poured a glass of wine for the other, and instantly, a strong aroma wafted through the tent, permeating the entire space.

"Wow!" Chad took a deep breath, his eyes gleaming with surprise as he gazed at the amber-like liquid before him. "It's Jade Liquor. Payne, you're really lucky."

"Hehe, lucky indeed! Lucky indeed!" Payne chuckled, raising his glass. "Come, let's drink together."

"I can't wait." Chad immediately raised his glass, clinking it hard against Payne's before taking a hearty gulp.

This pig-human race martial warrior had a big mouth. The wine in the glass was not enough for him in one sip, and it vanished instantly.

"More, it's not enough." Chad squinted his eyes, seeming to enjoy it immensely, urging for more.

"No need, one glass is enough." Payne smiled.

"What do you mean? Payne, when did you become so stingy? It's just a few sips of wine. Bring more quickly," Chad urged impatiently.

Just then, the sound of footsteps approached, and several figures walked into the tent.

"What he means is that giving you more to drink would be a waste," Wang Teng chuckled.

"And who are you?" Chad frowned.

"Who I am doesn't matter. What matters is, you're my prisoner now," Wang Teng stated.

"Prisoner?" Chad seemed to find something extremely amusing, bursting into laughter. "Just you, a cosmos-stage warrior? Wait... why do you look familiar to me?"

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"I look familiar, right? Take a closer look," Wang Teng approached with a smile.

"Gasp!" Chad drew in a sharp breath. "You! You! You!"

"Do you recognize me now?" Wang Teng asked.

"Wang Teng!" Chad finally regained his senses, his face filled with shock. He finally recognized Wang Teng.

As a member of the Black Skull Universe Pirates, how could he not recognize Wang Teng? They had known about Wang Teng's terrifying achievements in the battle on the Five Burial Stars long before and knew that he was someone they couldn't offend.

Hence, when he saw Wang Teng right in front of him, he almost jumped out of his chair in fright.

Wang Teng's reputation was too great. Being able to kill a universe-stage martial warrior, even as a ninth-level heaven-stage martial warrior himself, he didn't dare to act arrogantly.

But for some reason, he felt completely powerless as if all the strength had been drained from his body, rendering him unable to muster any force. This sent a sinking feeling through him.

"You poisoned me?" Chad's face changed drastically as he turned to look at Payne.

He never imagined that someone he trusted so deeply, his savior, would conspire with others to harm him.

"Cough, Chad, you're overthinking it. I didn't poison you. You're just drunk." Payne coughed nervously.

Wang Teng: ...

Didn't expect Payne to be quite the character.

Tracy and the others glanced at Payne in disbelief, never expecting him to spout such nonsense.

"Do you think I'm stupid?" Chad erupted in anger.

"Well, you're not exactly the brightest," Payne muttered under his breath.

Chad: ...

"Alright, let's end the reunion here." Wang Teng waved his hand.

The poison in the wine was precisely what Wang Teng had given to Payne. With his expertise in poison and alchemy, concocting a poison that even heaven-stage martial warriors couldn't resist was a trivial matter for him.

The key was to make the opponent ingest the poison without any suspicion.

Ordinary heaven-stage martial warriors would undoubtedly be cautious and wouldn't easily consume food given to them by others. Even if they did, they would inspect it discreetly beforehand.

So initially, Wang Teng had simply regarded it as an attempt. Success would be ideal without much effort, and if it failed, he could resort to direct action.

However, he hadn't expected the pig-human race martial warrior to be so easily fooled. He drank the poisoned wine without any suspicion, completely unaware.

This saved Wang Teng a lot of trouble.

As Wang Teng approached, Payne immediately stepped aside respectfully and invited him to sit down with utmost sycophancy.

"You got bought by him?" Chad looked at his former friend in disbelief. He never imagined that this Chad Wang Teng would have connections with universe pirates.

"What's so surprising? Do you expect me to continue being a universe pirate with no future when I can follow a promising member of the Academy Arbitration Association?" Pai En retorted.

"You!" Chad was too angry to find words, exclaiming, "I'm done being your friend."

"Come on, we'll still be good friends in the future," Payne insisted.

"Enough arguing, let's get to the point," Wang Teng interjected enthusiastically from across the table. "Your name is Chad, right? Come, look into my eyes."

"Pah! I don't need a friend like you." Chad glared at Payne with disdain.

"Enough arguing, let's get to the point," Wang Teng interjected enthusiastically from across the table. "Your name is Chad, right? Come, look into my eyes."

"What for?" Chad, still furious, didn't think twice and turned to face Wang Teng, only to meet a pair of crimson eyes.

Wang Teng directly activated both the Enchantment and Bewitch techniques to control Chad. Fortunately, his spiritual power limit was three times that of an ordinary cosmosstage martial warrior, or else controlling a ninth-level heaven-stage warrior like him would have been impossible.

He found that the spiritual cultivation of the pig-human race martial warrior in front of him was very low, only at the fourth level of the heaven stage, making it effortless to control him.

Payne, along with Tracy and the others, watched the scene unfold with muscles twitching involuntarily. They were controlled by Wang Teng in the same way, weren't they?

Witnessing it firsthand made it difficult for them to accept, and their scalps felt like they were about to explode.

Soon, the crimson light in Wang Teng's eyes disappeared.

Chad also snapped out of his trance, looking at the black-haired youth before him with astonishment.

What happened just now?

He had no memory of what had just occurred as if someone had extracted a portion of his memory.

"Don't be afraid, I won't kill you," Wang Teng said calmly.

But Chad didn't believe him for a moment. He immediately checked his body for any abnormalities but found none. Yet, for some reason, he couldn't muster any resistance against the black-haired youth before him. It was as if this young man had absolute control over him.

Disbelief spread across his face.

The black-haired youth before him was an enemy of the Black Skull Universe Pirates. How could he possibly submit to him?

"What have you done to me?" Chad's face turned pale, his voice trembling as he asked.

"Nothing much, just some small tricks to make you obedient," Wang Teng replied casually.

"Small tricks!?" Tracy and the others couldn't help but twitch their mouths.

If this was considered small tricks, then what would be considered big tricks?

"What is your purpose?" Chad knew that the other party wouldn't tell him everything. He tried to calm himself down and changed his tone, asking in a deep voice.

"My purpose is simple. I want you to help me infiltrate the Black Skull Universe Pirates," Wang Teng said, rising to his feet, his voice calm.

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"To infiltrate the Black Skull Universe Pirates!" Chad's face was filled with incredulity as if he had just heard the biggest joke of his life. He looked at Wang Teng's retreating figure and exclaimed urgently, "Aren't you afraid I'll reveal your existence?"

"No, you won't," Wang Teng tilted his head slightly, smiling faintly.

"You!" Chad's pupils contracted, his face even paler now. He seemed to understand completely that he couldn't resist physically or even psychologically against Wang Teng.

Without further acknowledgment, Wang Teng turned and left the tent.

"Payne, this person will be your companion from now on. Y'all will support each other within the Black Skull Universe Pirates, providing me with information. I don't care about the process, only the results."

A calm voice was heard.

"Yes!" Payne snapped out of his reverie, startled, and nodded repeatedly in deference.

Aside from the leader Chad, the martial warriors on the ship were also controlled by Tracy and the others. Wang Teng had planted the seeds of persuasion in them, ensuring they wouldn't leak any information.

Having completed these tasks, he didn't linger any longer. He set sail once more, leaving the planet behind and heading towards the Secondary Career Alliance.

=Payne, Tracy, and the others were left behind. They stood on the desolate land of the planet, watching as the black spacecraft disappeared from view, their gazes filled with complex emotions.

"He's finally gone." One of the universe pirates couldn't help but exhale.

The others looked at him, sensing a hint of audacity in his words.

The fact that a cosmos-stage warrior could make this group of heaven-stage martial warriors feel pressure was quite unbelievable.

"I know what you're thinking," Tracy spoke lightly, breaking the silence. "But as he said, you'd better be honest. None of us can resist."

"Don't look at me like that. Don't you feel immense pressure in front of our leader?" The universe pirate said.

The others fell silent.

The fact that a cosmos-stage warrior could make this group of heaven-stage martial warriors feel pressure was quite unbelievable.

"I know what you're thinking," Tracy spoke lightly, breaking the silence. "But as he said, you'd better be honest. None of us can resist."

"Haha... Haha, I don't think like that at all. I will definitely complete the tasks assigned by him." The universe pirate chuckled nervously.

"Better be that way," Tracy responded.

"Whatever you all think, I'm going to join the Black Skull Universe Pirates with Chad," Payne stood next to Chad, smiling.

The others looked at him with complex expressions.

They thought he was quite bold to become a spy within the Black Skull Universe Pirates.

Glancing at Chad, who still seemed bewildered, they couldn't help but feel sorry for him.

"Payne, do you know what will happen if you're discovered?" Chad's facial muscles twitched, his eyes darting around.

"Do you know what will happen if I betray my master?" Payne asked calmly.

Chad: ...

"You only see the negatives, not the positives. If I succeed, I'll completely rid myself of the identity of a universe pirate and have a bright future." Payne suddenly opened his arms, his eyes shimmering with an intense light that was hard to look at directly. "If possible, who would want to be a universe pirate again?"

The others watched his departing figure, feeling a tremor in their hearts.

"You're out of your mind!" Chad exclaimed, watching him in shock.

"Then let me be crazier," Payne laughed heartily.

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On the spacecraft, Wang Teng headed straight for the training room and spoke, "Round Ball, I'm going into the virtual universe. I leave the matters outside to you."

"Alright," Round Ball nodded and immediately connected Wang Teng to the virtual universe.

Now that Wang Teng had special access to the Virtual Universe Corporation, he appeared directly in the mansion on the World Island as soon as he entered the virtual universe.

In the Constellation Mansion, as Wang Teng's figure materialized, Lotier and the others immediately bowed respectfully. "Your Highness!"

"Carry on with your tasks, I'll go to the study," Wang Teng said.

"Yes!" Lotier and the others replied immediately.

With a flicker, Wang Teng arrived in the mansion's study. The study exuded a high-tech atmosphere, with luxurious furniture and a massive screen dominating one wall.

With a glance around, Wang Teng settled into a comfortable chair and spoke, "Round Ball, open the backend of the Virtual Universe Corporation for me."

"Seems like you need me everywhere. If it weren't for my promotion to the heaven stage, I wouldn't be able to handle this multitasking," Round Ball said unenthusiastically.

"Haha, wasn't it all my effort to help you ascend? Isn't it for moments like this?" Wang Teng chuckled. "Work hard, and next time I might help you advance to the universe stage."

"Hope so," Round Ball's eyes lit up, but he merely shrugged and opened the backend of the Virtual Universe Corporation through Wang Teng's account. "What do you want to see?"

"Let's start with the treasure vault of the Virtual Universe Corporation. I need to exchange for some items," Wang Teng pondered.

"Sure, take a look yourself," Round Ball opened an interface and said.

A holographic screen appeared before Wang Teng, displaying a myriad of items with names, clear images, and detailed descriptions, making everything clear at a glance.

Wang Teng was preparing to refine shadow puppets.

With a titan-level star core and a few powerful bodies already in hand, he lacked only a special metal.

One such metal was Soul Illusion Silver, a rare liquid metal known for its scarcity.

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General weapons rarely use this kind of metal. Only some special weapons would use it, but for the Shadow Puppetry Seal, the Soul Illusion Silver was a necessary material.

In addition, some blood from titan-level star beasts was needed, along with a star core of the same element. Wang Teng wonder if the Virtual Universe Corporation had them.

Wang Teng's gaze fell upon the light screen. He began his search.

The results revealed an abundance of celestial treasures, almost distracting him from his objective.

Fortunately, after glimpsing the required exchange points, he immediately regained focus.

Exchanges within the Virtual Universe Corporation could be done using points, which could be obtained through various means. One method was through tasks, which Wang Teng temporarily dismissed.

These tasks were scattered across different universe regions and consumed significant time. He didn't have the luxury to undertake them now.

Another method was through Chaos Coins for exchange.

One Chaos Coin for one point.

When Wang Teng saw this exchange mechanism, he was dumbfounded. The preciousness of Chaos Coins was self-evident. Yet, he needed to use them to exchange for coins in the Virtual Universe Corporation. How extravagant!

He had painstakingly extorted 600 Chaos Coins from Elder Hui, and with the additional 100 from the five major families, he only had a total of 700. This could only be exchanged for 700 points.

He realized that most of the valuable treasures required at least a thousand points, with some even costing tens of thousands. He didn't even have enough for the smallest item.

"This is harsh!" Wang Teng exclaimed in frustration.

"Think about it the other way around. If you were to complete tasks, you could directly earn points and exchange them for Chaos Coins. Wouldn't that make it simpler?" Round Ball couldn't help but interject.

"Those tasks are probably not as simple as they seem." Wang Teng shook his head.

"But what you just looked at were extremely precious treasures. Look at these ordinary ones. Some only require a dozen points or 100 points to exchange," Round Ball waved its hand and the screen changed, displaying a different interface.

The prices of the items displayed indeed changed. They were no longer exorbitant, and Wang Teng could afford them.

"These things are of little use to me," Wang Teng glanced over them roughly and said, "Forget about the rest. Help me search for the Soul Illusion Silver."

"Soul Illusion Silver!" Round Ball exclaimed, "That's an extremely rare liquid metal. Why do you want to search for it?"

"Just search for it if I ask you to. Why ask so many questions? You'll find out later," Wang Teng replied.

Round Ball shrugged, no longer pressing further, and began the search for Soul Illusion Silver. Immediately, a strange silver liquid metal appeared on the screen. Though liquid, the metal's surface bore intricate patterns that moved with its flow, resembling threads, incredibly unique.

"Yes, that's it." A hint of joy appeared on Wang Teng's face as he examined the peculiar metal.

True to his expectations, the Virtual Universe Corporation didn't disappoint him. This rare metal existed.

"You should check the price first," Round Ball suggested.

Upon hearing this, Wang Teng suddenly had a foreboding feeling. His gaze fell upon the small numbers below the Soul Illusion Silver.

"Oh my god! 3,600 points!"

In the next moment, he blurted out a curse, his mood sinking to its lowest point.

With only 700 Chaos Coins, he was still a staggering 2,900 points short of 3,600. It was evident that they didn't want him to craft the Shadow Puppet.

"Um... 3,600 points is the price for ten kilograms. How much do you need? If it's less, it might be cheaper," Round Ball suggested.

Wang Teng sighed. If he were crafting a universe-stage shadow puppet, he would only need five kilograms of the Soul Illusion Silver. However, for an eternal-stage Shadow Puppet, he precisely needed ten kilograms—no less.

In truth, Wang Teng's aspirations were lofty. He aimed to craft an eternal-stage Shadow Puppet directly, making the task notably challenging.

If he were to ascend to the universe stage, acquiring 3,600 points wouldn't be too difficult, and exchanging them for ten kilograms of Soul Illusion Silver would be within reach.

But he was just a cosmos-stage warrior. Despite his considerable strength, he still lacked in certain aspects compared to higher-level warriors.

"Well, it seems I'll have to wait a bit longer," Wang Teng said disappointedly.

"What exactly are you planning? Tell me, maybe I can offer some advice," Round Ball asked, puzzled.

Wang Teng didn't conceal anything and directly shared his intention to craft a Shadow Puppet.

"An eternal-stage shadow puppet! I didn't expect you to acquire something like that," Round Ball's eyes widened in astonishment. However, considering Wang Teng's unpredictable nature, Round Ball had grown somewhat accustomed to surprises. Yet, it also felt somewhat speechless, remarking, "You're only a cosmos-stage warrior, yet you want to craft an eternal-stage Shadow Puppet. Isn't that aiming too high?" "I initially just wanted to craft a universe-stage shadow puppet. Who would've thought I'd come across a titan-level star core within the five major families' treasury? So, I got ambitious," Wang Teng explained helplessly.

Thinking back about it, it was awkward for him to get the titan-level star core in advance.

Round Ball fell silent for a moment, realizing that Wang Teng's ambitions weren't entirely unreasonable.

It would have likely attempted the same. After all, Wang Teng already possessed the main materials needed: the eternal-stage body and the titan-level star core. He was incredibly close to crafting an eternal-stage shadow puppet.

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However, the prices of the other materials were too expensive.

"Maybe we should wait a little longer. 2,900 points aren't that easy to come by," Round Ball said, patting its round head.

"It seems we have no choice," Wang Teng replied.

"By the way, weren't you supposed to attend the exchange summit organized by the Secondary Career Alliance? It's said that if you get first place, you'll receive quite a few rewards. Perhaps the Virtual Universe Corporation might buy them, and then you can exchange them for points," Round Ball suddenly remembered something and said.

"That's not a bad idea." Wang Teng rubbed his chin, his eyes gleaming, "It seems I should strive for first place even more."

"I wonder what kind of geniuses from all over the universe will appear at this exchange summit? After all, they are talents from across the universe, and there might be someone surpassing you," Round Ball hesitated, "That's a gathering of secondary profession geniuses."

"Well, let's just wait and see," Wang Teng chuckled lightly, exuding confidence.

"You're confident," Round Ball remarked.

Wang Teng didn't say much more, leaving the study. As soon as he stepped outside, he saw Rofort drinking tea in the hall.

Wang Teng gave him this authority. As Rofort was his guardian, he had the right to enter this Constellation Mansion when Wang Teng entered the virtual universe.

"Rofort, what are you doing here?" Wang Teng descended the stairs, smiling.

Wang Teng didn't need to be overly polite because he was the owner of a god-stage prodigy contract, holding a high position in the Virtual Universe Corporation, even comparable to Rofort.

This was what Rofort told him.

"I saw you enter the virtual universe so I followed to see if you needed anything. You can ask me directly if you have any questions." Rofort smiled.

"I have something to ask you," Wang Teng's mind suddenly stirred. He walked over to the sofa and sat down, asking, "Do you happen to know how I can earn points right now?"

"Why, have you already checked out the Virtual Universe Corporation's treasury and can't resist the urge to earn points?" Rofort chuckled.

"Yes, there happens to be something I need in there, but it requires 3,600 points, which I currently lack," Wang Teng admitted somewhat sheepishly, nodding.

"3,600 points!" Rofort was surprised. What could possibly require 3,600 points? This young prodigy seemed to spend lavishly. Even he would feel a pang spending 3,600 points at once. Curious, he asked, "What are you trying to exchange for?"

"It's a special metal called the Soul Illusion Silver," Wang Teng replied.

"Soul Illusion Silver." Rofort was astounded. He had never heard of such a metal. Was his knowledge inferior to that of a cosmos-stage warrior?

At that moment, Rofort began to doubt himself.

To cover his embarrassment, he cleared his throat hastily and offered, "If you urgently need 3,600 points, I could lend you first."

"No, there's no need for that." Wang Teng was tempted but he refuse subsequently. "There will be many instances where I'll need points in the future. I can't keep borrowing from others every time."

Rofort nodded in understanding and didn't press further. After a moment of thought, he said, "There is indeed a way that suits you very well."

"What is it?" Wang Teng's eyes lit up. He had only casually asked, but unexpectedly, he got a response. It seemed he still needed the help of someone well-versed in the virtual universe.

"In our virtual universe headquarters, on World Island, there is an entrance to a Realm Space. This Realm Space is divided into different regions, classified by attributes: Metal Realm, Wood Realm, Water Realm, Fire Realm, Earth Realm, Wind Realm, Lightning Realm, Ice Realm, Poison Realm, and even the Light Realm. Within these eleven realms, there are various legacies and trials. If you pass the corresponding trials and obtain the legacies, you will receive corresponding point rewards," Rofort explained.

"Realm Space!" Wang Teng paused for a moment, asking, "Is this the same as the Seven Stellar Academies' Realm Space?"

"Ah, I almost forgot you're a student of the Seven Stellar Academies." Rofort nodded. "Yes, they are the same."

"But isn't this the virtual universe?" Wang Teng was a bit confused.

"You probably don't know what the Realm Space is," Realm Space chuckled, explaining, "The Realm Space has the same concept as the virtual universe, operating on a spiritual level. That's why in the virtual universe, you can directly enter the Realm Space."

"Entering as a spiritual entity," Wang Teng was even more astonished. He had always assumed it was the physical body entering. He hadn't expected it to be a spiritual entry. It seemed the Realm Space was even more peculiar than he had imagined.

"The Realm Space has existed for as long as I can remember. Various factions control the entrances to different Realm Spaces. All young geniuses can enter, provided they are under 30,000 years old and haven't reached the eternal stage," Rofort explained.

"There are restrictions!" Wang Teng exclaimed.

"Yes, exceeding these limits means you cannot enter. Even true gods cannot force their way in," Rofort nodded.

"Even god-stage beings can't force their way in. Who created these Realm Spaces?" Wang Teng was shaken.

"I don't know," Rofort shook his head, seeming equally contemplative.

Wang Teng nodded slightly, refraining from further questions. This touched upon some of the universe's secrets, and few people were likely to know.

"So, what do you think? Do you want to give it a try? The news of you obtaining the godstage prodigy contract has already spread within the Virtual Universe Corporation to some extent. Many geniuses are waiting to see how you perform." Rofort seemed somewhat amused, not minding the potential repercussions.

"Oh?" Wang Teng was surprised. "Won't some people be resentful?"

"Undoubtedly, there will be. The god-stage prodigy contract isn't easy to come by. From what I know, there were three geniuses with eternal-stage prodigy contracts who were initially poised to level up to the god-stage prodigy contracts, but you beat them to it. They might not take this lightly as every genius has their pride," Rofort explained.

"It's best not to provoke me," Wang Teng said calmly. "Their contracts have nothing to do with me."

"Haha, your words may not hold true," Rofort chuckled.

"Why do I feel like you're eager to see me clash with them?" Wang Teng glanced at him, feeling speechless.

"As your guardian, my interests and reputation are tied to yours. If you can surpass them and make a name for yourself in the Realm Space, naturally, I'll gain some prestige too," Rofort laughed.

"In that case, I'll give it a try. After all, I need to earn some points as well," Wang Teng stood up directly, stretching lazily, and said casually.

"Follow me," Rofort's lips curved into a slight smile as he led the way outside.

A spacecraft flew in automatically, and after boarding it, the two set off towards a high mountain in the core area.

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In the core region of the World Island, countless tall mountains shrouded in mist loomed, their peaks obscured from view below.

Each of these mountains held its own significance or served a unique purpose, and even eternal-stage dignitaries dared not tread lightly.

Rofort guided Wang Teng towards one of the mountains and activated a panoramic simulation. He pointed at the mountain ahead and explained, "This mountain is called Realm Mountain and the entrance to the Realm Space lies at its summit."

"Can anyone enter?" Wang Teng nodded, his eyes glinting as he inquired further.

"Those who can enter the World Island are qualified to enter the Realm Space." Rofort chuckled.

"It's certainly more convenient than the Stellar Academies. At least there's no need for prerequisite trials," Wang Teng remarked with a faint smile.

"Obtaining the talent contract itself is a trial," Rofort countered. "The Stellar Academies likely require specific trials, right?"

"Exactly." Wang Teng nodded. "Each place has its own set of trials. Only by passing them can one enter the Realm Space. That's why, up until now, I haven't entered the Realm Space."

"This method aligns well with the teaching philosophy of the Stellar Academies," Rofort observed with interest. "But with your current strength, passing those trials shouldn't be an issue. So, entering the Realm Space through the entrance of my Virtual Universe Corporation should pose no problem."

"Agreed," Wang Teng concurred. "Speaking of which, the points system of the Virtual Universe Corporation is remarkably similar to that of the Star Academies."

"Every faction operates a similar points system, and within their internal circulation, these points are more valuable than external currencies. However, as you may know, our Virtual Universe Corporation's points are more precious compared to those of other factions," Rofort remarked with a smile.

"I'm aware. One point can be exchanged for one Chaos Coin!" Wang Teng couldn't help feeling a bit incredulous. Even the Stellar Academies dared not play such games. The Virtual Universe Corporation truly epitomized extravagance.

"Hahaha..." Rofort burst into laughter. "That's the confidence of our Virtual Universe Corporation."

Wang Teng had a sense that Rofort had been staunchly advocating for the Virtual Universe Corporation all along, but as he admitted, the Virtual Universe Corporation was indeed impressive.

"Yes."

At this moment, the spacecraft landed above Realm Mountain, and the hatch opened. Wang Teng followed Rofort as they flew out.

Without wasting any words, the two flew through layers of mist and reached the summit without delay.

It must be said that the peak was truly towering. Even with Wang Teng and Rofort's speed, it took them a while to reach the top.

Upon setting foot on the summit, Wang Teng was somewhat surprised.

Here, there was a vast platform, and hovering above it was a massive gray-white vortex.

The vortex rotated slowly, emitting a strange aura.

Also...

Attribute bubbles!

There were attribute bubbles here!

"Surprised, aren't you?" Rofort assumed Wang Teng was amazed by the enormous entrance to the Realm Space and asked with a smile.

"It's indeed somewhat surprising," Wang Teng replied with a faint smile. He swept through the platform with his spiritual power and picked up the attribute bubbles scattered all over.

Space*80 Space*120 Time*15 Space*100 Space*150 Time*20

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Space and time attributes! Wang Teng's eyes brightened. Although he had some speculations when he saw the entrance to the Realm Space, it was only when he actually obtained these attribute bubbles that a hint of joy appeared on his face.

He couldn't afford to be too happy too soon, lest he invite trouble!

As the attribute bubbles flowed into Wang Teng's body one by one, the curve of his lips grew wider and wider.

Most of them were space attributes, occasionally mixed with a few time attributes. The harvest was quite impressive.

After tallying up, the space attribute value reached 65,400 points, and the time attribute value reached 1,050 points.

This amount of attribute values was considerable, especially for the time attribute. He had never obtained so many attribute values at once before.

Time: 2910/10000

Space Physique: 80100/500000 (fifth-rank)

Wang Teng glanced at his attributes board and was overjoyed. The increase in attribute values this time was truly significant.

As his strength grew stronger, the roles of the time and space attributes also became increasingly prominent. Being able to increase these two types of attribute values a bit more was definitely a great thing.

The attribute bubbles on the platform at the summit had already been cleared by Wang Teng. As he snapped out of his reverie, he looked around.

At this moment, many figures emerged from the mist at the foot of the mountain, appearing on the platform.

These people obviously came from different races, each with very distinct racial features and emanating powerful auras. Even in this virtual universe, they were just spiritual avatars, yet they exuded an extraordinary presence.

These individuals also noticed Wang Teng's presence and realized he was only at the cosmos stage. This truly surprised the geniuses, who cast astonished gazes at him.

At the same time, they also noticed Rofort's presence, causing another round of surprise.

An eternal-stage ruler!

Although there were many eternal-stage rulers in the Realm Space, they were rarely seen together with other warriors.

Yet, this eternal-stage ruler appeared with a cosmos-stage martial warrior. Such a combination naturally caught everyone off guard.

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"Ruler Rofort!"

At this moment, a deep voice resonated from afar.

Wang Teng raised an eyebrow and turned to look, seeing a sturdy young man striding towards them.

This individual was exceptionally tall, standing at least seven to eight meters tall, emanating a terrifying aura that was oppressive.

What was even more astonishing was the dragon tail-like tail trailing behind him, adorned with golden scales that shimmered remarkably.

He wore a peculiar golden battle armor that didn't fully encase his body, leaving his chest, arms, and face exposed.

These exposed areas were covered with golden scales, giving him an otherworldly appearance.

"This is..." Wang Teng was somewhat surprised as he looked at the newcomer.

He felt a unique aura emanating from him, somewhat similar to the aura from the Solar Dragon Race and even the Parkers Family.

"This is Adehoge, a prodigy of the Golden Dragon Race. He possessed remarkable talents. He has obtained the eternal-stage ruler contract from our Virtual Universe Corporation," Rofort introduced using voice transmission.

"The Golden Dragon Race!" Wang Teng's heart stirred.

"The Golden Dragon Race is one of the top ten pinnacle races in the universe. Oh, you might not understand what the top ten pinnacle races are. Our Virtual Universe Corporation has ranked the most powerful races in the universe, including the top ten pinnacle races and the top one hundred races. If you're interested, you can look it up," Rofort explained.

"Round Ball," Wang Teng called.

Round Ball immediately accessed the Virtual Universe Corporation's backend for information. After a short while, a solemn voice echoed:

"Wang Teng, the Golden Dragon Race is also a powerful race with a true dragon bloodline, ranking among the top ten pinnacle races in the universe. They are even stronger than the Solar Dragon Race."

"No wonder!" Wang Teng muttered to himself, understanding why he felt a similar aura to that of the Solar Dragon Race and the Parkers Family. It turned out they all shared the dragon lineage.

In the next moment, a glint of fervor sparked in his eyes.

Fat lamb... No, fat dragon!

This prodigy of the Golden Dragon Race was bound to yield valuable wool!

His True Dragon Battle Physique (pseudo) needed various dragon lineage enhancements to evolve into a genuine True Dragon Battle Physique, and the Golden Dragon Race seemed to fit the bill perfectly.

"I never expected the Golden Dragon Race to be one of the top ten pinnacle races in the universe!" Wang Teng exclaimed, genuinely surprised.

He had encountered the Heishan Royal Clan, ranked eighth among the top ten, and to be honest, he was somewhat disappointed. They didn't seem overwhelmingly powerful.

Now, encountering the Golden Dragon Race, he wondered what they would be like.

"The Heishan Royal Clan we encountered earlier ranks eighth, while the Golden Dragon Race ranks tenth," Round Ball informed.

"The Golden Dragon Race ranks lower than the Heishan Royal Clan?" Wang Teng was surprised.

Round Ball omitted one thing. If Wang Teng's talents weren't so extraordinary, how could the youth of the Heishan Royal Clan have been so thoroughly defeated?

"Yes," Round Ball seemed to anticipate Wang Teng's thoughts and explained, "Don't underestimate the Heishan Royal Clan. They're very powerful, much stronger overall than the Golden Dragon Race."

"Moreover, the Heishan Royal Clan is more mysterious than the Golden Dragon Rave. Their talents are peculiar and difficult to fathom."

Round Ball omitted one thing. If Wang Teng's talents weren't so extraordinary, how could the youth of the Heishan Royal Clan have been so thoroughly defeated?

Wang Teng already possessed talents equivalent to or even surpassing those of the top ten pinnacle races in the universe.

But these talents had one characteristic. They couldn't be replicated.

Unlike the top ten pinnacle races of the universe, whose talents could be propagated through bloodlines and eventually evolved into terrifying races in the cosmos.

Wang Teng suddenly recalled that after reaching the fifth rank, the Heishan Royal Clan's Heishan Emperor Physique also possessed the astonishing ability to seize talents. In this respect, they were indeed more formidable.

The reason why the youth of the Heishan Royal Clan gave him a sense of not being too strong, relying mostly on external forces, was mainly because the opponent hadn't seized any powerful talents. If he managed to seize a potent talent and combine it with his Heishan Emperor Physique, their strength would undergo a qualitative leap, becoming truly formidable.

"Of course, it's difficult to judge who's stronger or weaker from certain perspectives," Round Ball remarked. "This prodigy of the Golden Dragon Race possesses remarkable strength and talents as the Virtual Universe Corporation signed a contract with him."

Wang Teng nodded, observing the prodigy of the Golden Dragon Race before him. With his strength reaching the heaven stage, the sensation this prodigy gave him was even stronger than some universe-stage experts. If he were to confront this individual, the outcome would be uncertain.

"By the way, where does the Solar Dragon Race rank?" Wang Teng inquired.

"The Solar Dragon Race ranks seventeenth among the top 100 races in the universe!" Round Ball replied.

"17th? Seems quite strong as well," Wang Teng murmured.

"It's already very strong, you know," Round Ball responded with a hint of exasperation.

"Rofort, you mentioned he holds an eternal stage prodigy contract. Could he be one of the three talents I displaced?" Wang Teng suddenly realized and asked through voice transmission.

"Correct, he's one of them," Rofort replied with a slight smile, finding it quite interesting to encounter this prodigy of the Golden Dragon Race here.

"Fantastic!" Wang Teng's eyes lit up with excitement, unable to contain his emotions.

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"What did you say?" Rofort was puzzled, almost thinking he misheard. He had expected Wang Teng to feel some pressure, considering that Adehoge entered the Virtual Universe Corporation earlier and had already reached the heaven stage. However, Wang Teng seemed unexpectedly excited.

Something was wrong.

"Ahem, it's nothing. I have a habit, you see. Whenever I see a prodigy, I can't help but get excited," Wang Teng coughed awkwardly.

Round Ball rolled its eyes.

Rofort was also speechless, feeling that the situation was somewhat unexpected.

The prodigy of the Golden Dragon Race approached them. Despite his towering stature, resembling a small mountain, he respectfully bowed to Rofort upon meeting him.

He held an eternal-stage ruler prodigy contract but there was still a gap in status between him and a true eternal-stage ruler.

Only Wang Teng, possessing the god-stage prodigy contract, could be considered on par with an eternal-stage ruler in terms of status.

Rofort nodded slightly.

"Ruler Rofort, who is this?" Adehoge straightened up, his gaze falling upon Wang Teng, and inquired.

He had initially set his sights on Wang Teng and had already guessed some things.

Rofort looked at Wang Teng.

"I'm Wang Teng," he said with a faint smile.

"You're the one who obtained the god-stage prodigy contract?" Adehoge's gaze narrowed slightly as he stared at Wang Teng, asking.

"What? That cosmos-stage martial warrior is the one who obtained the god-stage prodigy contract!"

The genius warriors in the distance exclaimed in surprise.

They were caught off guard when the owner of the god-stage prodigy contract appeared in front of them.

Many suddenly realized why an eternal-stage ruler would be accompanying a cosmosstage martial warrior – clearly, he was a protector.

In an instant, the expressions of the crowd became complex, a rare mix of envy and resentment flickering across their faces.

For these talents absorbed by the Virtual Universe Corporation, they wouldn't normally envy or resent others. It was usually others who envied and resented them. But now, facing a prodigy with a god-stage prodigy contract, they couldn't help but feel envious and resentful.

"If nobody else is named Wang Teng, then I suppose it must be me," Wang Teng looked up at the Golden Dragon prodigy in front of him and nodded.

"Very well. I've been curious to meet the one who obtained the god-stage prodigy contract. Today, I finally met you," Adehoge inquired, "Do you intend to enter the Realm Space?"

"Yes," Wang Teng replied.

"Entering the Realm Space with cosmos stage strength, you won't likely obtain exceptional legacies. You're too eager," Adehoge advised with the air of someone experienced.

"It doesn't hurt to try," Wang Teng replied nonchalantly.

Adehoge glanced at Wang Teng and remained silent for a moment before saying, "Then I'll wait and see. I hope the holder of the god-stage prodigy contract won't disappoint me."

"Are you... unwilling?" Wang Teng ignored him and suddenly asked.

Swoosh!

Adehoge's previously calm expression suddenly turned serious. His gaze sharpened as he stared at Wang Teng. Was this kid provoking him?

Rofort also looked at Wang Teng with surprise. As far as he knew, Wang Teng wasn't the type to casually provoke others. Why would he deliberately provoke Adehoge? Had he misjudged him?

Interesting!

He realized that his time spent with Wang Teng was still too short, and he probably didn't truly understand Wang Teng. In that case, the journey of protecting the way ahead should be quite interesting.

He wasn't worried about Wang Teng causing trouble. On the contrary, he hoped he would stir up more trouble.

From his experience, only geniuses who cause trouble have a future.

Those who didn't cause trouble ultimately fade into obscurity.

Moreover, he believed that with his eternal-stage ruler strength, he could handle whatever trouble Wang Teng stirred up.

After all, he couldn't possibly stir up trouble with a true god existence, right?

Rofort smiled lightly, finding his thoughts rather amusing. A true god wouldn't even consider making a move against a cosmos-stage warrior like Wang Teng. It wouldn't be worth their while.

The talented warriors around them were also shaken, astonished at Wang Teng's audacity in provoking Adehoge.

They knew Wang Teng held a god-stage prodigy contract, but his strength was only at the cosmos stage and hadn't fully developed yet. It was unwise to provoke Adehoge, a heaven-stage martial warrior, now.

"It has been a long time since someone dared to speak to me like that. You should pray not to encounter me in the Realm Space," Adehoge chuckled lightly, no longer looking at Wang Teng. He seemed to dismiss his provocation, addressing Realm Space instead, "Ruler Rofort, I'll enter the Realm Space first."

"Very well," Rofort nodded.

Adehoge turned and flew towards the entrance of the Realm Space, disappearing from the sight of everyone in an instant.

"Wang Teng, you really know how to make an entrance, provoking the talent of the Golden Dragon Race as soon as you arrive," Round Ball said speechlessly.

"Didn't you notice? He wasn't friendly to me from the beginning," Wang Teng said calmly.

If someone came with hostility, he wouldn't provoke them. At most, he would find an opportunity to spar with them and gain some benefits. But Adehoge obviously wasn't

friendly, adopting a senior's attitude to guide him while also trying to assert dominance. Wang Teng wouldn't just sit back and do nothing.

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Moreover, the other party was only a heaven-stage martial warrior. Wang Teng wasn't afraid of him.

"You're right, this guy obviously wants to see you embarrass yourself," Round Ball remarked.

"I'm going into the Realm Space," Wang Teng informed Rofort.

"Go ahead, I'll wait for you outside," Rofort smiled faintly and said, "When you enter the Realm Space, just think of the area you want to go to, and you'll be directly transported there."

Wang Teng's eyes flickered as he nodded and flew towards the entrance of the Realm Space above his head.

As he approached, the peculiar sensation grew stronger, giving him a feeling of being immersed in ancient times, ancient and vast. It was a unique atmosphere, similar to his Primordial Consciousness.

Wang Teng felt curious but didn't dwell on it. He entered the Realm Space directly and silently uttered, "Lightning Realm!"

Without a doubt, Wang Teng's first stop was the Lightning Realm!

Whether it was his past hunting of Star Beasts in the Virtual Universe or the recent acquisition of Time and Space attributes, it proved that various attribute bubbles could be collected in the Virtual Universe. In Wang Teng's view, the Realm Space would be no exception.

Now, his five elements attributes were at the perfected stage!

Only the Lightning, Wind, Ice, and Light elemental attributes hadn't reached the ninthlevel cosmos stage. So, he intended to gather some benefits there.

While earning points was important, gathering benefits couldn't be neglected either. Doing both was the right path.

The next moment, Wang Teng felt as if he were in a tunnel of time and space. Everything was spinning around him, reversing, as if he had crossed through epochs. He tried to open his eyes to see clearly, but he couldn't discern anything, only a sensation of rapid movement.

When he could finally open his eyes, the world before him had changed.

It wasn't the mountain on the World Island anymore. Instead, it was a vast expanse of land, scorched with traces of fire, with dark clouds rolling in the sky, thunderbolts striking down sporadically, resembling a hellish landscape.

Especially in the distance, the terrifying lightning fell like raindrops, incredibly dense, instilling a sense of awe.

In front of him, it wasn't too bad, with only occasional lightning flashes that may not necessarily hit anyone.

Boom!

At that moment, a loud noise resounded. Wang Teng was startled, looking up to see a thunderbolt, resembling a thunderous dragon, abruptly appearing and descending straight toward him.

Before he could dodge, the thunderbolt struck him directly.

A piercing sensation spread from all over his body, entering through his pores and sending shivers down his spine.

"Gasp!" Wang Teng sucked in a breath. Even with his physical strength, he still felt the stinging pain. The power of this thunderbolt was quite formidable!

Within this Realm Space, although the spirit served as the vessel, it could still manifest various talents of warriors, so Wang Teng's physical strength remained intact.

Hence, feeling the stinging pain from a seemingly ordinary thunderbolt was quite astonishing to him.

Wang Teng dispelled any underestimation he might have had and treated the Realm Space with due seriousness.

"You're really unlucky, getting struck by lightning right after coming in," Round Ball chuckled mischievously.

"Get lost!" Wang Teng rolled his eyes irritably, then looked up at the sky, speechless. "Is this how you welcome newcomers? Can't you be a bit gentler?"

Boom!

As soon as he spoke, another thunderous roar echoed, and a thicker thunderbolt descended, once again aiming for Wang Teng.

"Oh, come on!" Wang Teng's eyes widened. This time, he was prepared and swiftly dodged to the side.

However...

What happened next caught him off guard.

The thunderbolt made a turn, directly heading towards him.

"Damn it, is it really necessary to be this ruthless?" Wang Teng cursed and dashed away. This thunderbolt was shameless. It was downright cheating.

The thunderbolt chased after him relentlessly, like a lightning dragon pursuing its prey.

Suddenly, Wang Teng remembered something and checked his Inner Cosmos. He found that the Lightning Spirit could also enter this Realm Space. Instantly, his face lit up, and he shouted, "Come out, Lightning Spirit!"

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Slip~

A burst of purple light appeared, rushing toward the thunderbolt.

The purple light met the thunderbolt head-on, opening up like a giant mouth and swallowing the entire thunderbolt.

Expanding momentarily, the purple light resembled a huge balloon, but it quickly shrank back to the size of a head and returned to rest on Wang Teng's head.

"I've told you countless times, stop landing on my head," Wang Teng scolded the creature as he plucked it down, poking at the soft body of the Lightning Spirit.

"Squeak~ Squeak~" The Lightning Spirit chirped happily in Wang Teng's hand, bouncing like a jelly.

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It had been too long since it had come out to play so it was particularly excited.

"Did you enjoy that?" Wang Teng asked with a smile, ignoring the Lightning Spirit's attempt to be cute.

"Squeak!"

"If you liked it, then keep eating. There are plenty of 'snacks' like that here," Wang Teng chuckled as he patted the Lightning Spirit's body.

"Squeak~ Squeak~" The Lightning Spirit chirped excitedly.

Round Ball was speechless. "You even fooled such a simple little creature. Do you have any shame left?"

"You don't understand. For the Lightning Spirit, thunderbolts are nutritious. I'm letting it eat more to help it advance faster," Wang Teng explained with conviction.

"Tsk." Round Ball rolled its eyes. If it hadn't known Wang Teng for so long, it might have believed him.

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"You better believe it this time. Last time in the Chaotic Uncharted, this little guy devoured quite a few golden orbs of chaos energy from Chaotic Beasts. Now it's equivalent to a cosmos-stage entity, in the stage of accumulating energy," Wang Teng explained.

Round Ball didn't respond this time because it knew Wang Teng was right. The Lightning Spirit needed to absorb a large amount of lightning energy to prepare for its next advancement.

Feeling fortunate, Wang Teng reflected on being able to bring the Lightning Spirit and other items like the divine flames into this realm. With this, he essentially got an extra spot for free.

After sorting out the Lightning Spirit, Wang Teng finally had the opportunity to observe his surroundings.

Suddenly, his gaze flickered, catching sight of several attribute bubbles floating over the distant land.

Get them!

Wang Teng unleashed his spiritual power and picked them up.

Lightning Constellation Force*500

Lightning Constellation Force*7500*300

Lightning Constellation Force*260

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"Constellation Lightning Force!" Wang Teng's eyes lit up. Just as he had guessed, this realm contained attribute bubbles corresponding to various elemental forces.

Coming here was indeed the right choice.

He didn't have many points yet, but at the very least, his elemental forces were on track to quickly reach the perfected ninth-level cosmos stage.

"But it seems a bit scarce," Wang Teng rubbed his chin. "By the way, this seems to be the place where I was struck by lightning earlier, so..."

Suddenly, he understood something. He identified a direction and immediately dashed towards it.

The Lightning Spirit morphed into lightning and followed closely behind.

Before long, Wang Teng reached the spot where several bolts of lightning had struck, and he immediately rushed over. As expected, he saw attribute bubbles floating on the ground.

"Hehe, come here, my little treasures."

Wang Teng grinned and quickly collected them, once again enhancing his constellation Lightning Force.

Next, he searched everywhere for places where lightning had struck, collecting attribute bubbles.

He was having a whale of a time.

Meanwhile, the Lightning Spirit wasn't idle either, devouring the lightning that fell from the sky to enhance its lightning power.

Round Ball thought that Wang Teng was looking for these places where lightning had struck to let the Lightning Spirit devour them, so it didn't think much of it.

"Speaking of which, why does this Lightning Realm feel similar to the Lightning Valley in the Stellar Academies?"

As Wang Teng raced forward, he muttered to himself.

While these lightning strikes were undoubtedly powerful, they were similar to those in the Lightning Valley, and they grew stronger the deeper one went.

"Isn't it said that various legacies exist in this place? Perhaps the real danger lies in those legacy sites," Round Ball speculated.

"Then let's explore around. If we don't see anyone, we can always ask for directions," Wang Teng suggested.

"It's said that entering the Realm Space involves random teleportation, separating everyone so encounters are rare. After all, the geniuses of the Virtual Universe Corporation are somewhat competitive. If they met right away, they'd surely fight, wasting time," Round Ball remarked.

"That makes sense." Wang Teng nodded in agreement.

"But I've heard that people from different factions might be transported to the same area and end up competing with each other," Round Ball added.

"So, I might encounter people from the Seven Stellar Academies?" Wang Teng exclaimed in surprise.

"Yes, not only from the Seven Stellar Academies but also from other factions," Round Ball confirmed.

"So, am I considered part of the Seven Stellar Academies now, or am I still part of the Virtual Universe?" Wang Teng chuckled wryly.

"It's up to you to decide," Round Ball laughed.

"Which other factions have access to the entrance of the Realm Space?" Wang Teng shrugged, curious.

"It's hard to say. Factions like the Virtual Universe Corporation, the Secondary Career Alliance, the Universe Bank, and the Universal Mercenaries Alliance probably have access. Also, the major pinnacle races likely control entrances to the Realm Space, but it's unclear which races specifically," Round Ball explained.

Wang Teng nodded, refraining from further questions but feeling a surge of excitement.

The more factions that had access to the Realm Space entrance, the more geniuses he would encounter here, which was a good thing for him.

Half a day passed quickly, and suddenly, Wang Teng felt a rumble from within.

"A breakthrough!"

He was surprised. In just half a day, his constellation Lightning Force had broken through from the fourth to the fifth level of the cosmos stage.

Constellation Lightning Force: 300/50000 (cosmos stage fifth level)

"Not bad! Not bad at all!" Wang Teng was pleased. In just half a day, he had broken through a level. Perhaps before reaching the headquarters of the Secondary Career Alliance, he could reach the ninth level of the cosmos stage.

"You broke through?" Round Ball observed something unusual and exclaimed incredulously.

"This Lightning Realm is a great place. I advanced without even realizing it," Wang Teng said cheerfully.

Silence.

Round Ball expressed disbelief. It hadn't seen Wang Teng practicing along the way, so how did he break through?

Who are you trying to fool?

This was unreal!

"Huh, there's someone over there!" Wang Teng ignored Round Ball and suddenly spotted a figure in the distance. He was surprised.

Round Ball followed his gaze.

A figure was sitting cross-legged on a small hill. Lightning struck continuously from the sky onto the person's body. It was evident that this individual was using lightning to cultivate.

"We finally see someone," Wang Teng exclaimed excitedly, immediately heading over.

As Wang Teng approached, the figure also observed him and rose to his feet, looking in his direction.

"Stop!"

A cold voice emanated from the figure.

It was a lightning-element martial warrior from the Three Eyes Race. He looked stern and indifferent. Upon seeing Wang Teng, just a cosmos-stage martial warrior, a hint of disdain flashed in his eyes, and he seemed to have lost his previous caution.

"Brother, could you please tell me the way?" Wang Teng stopped at a distance and asked.

"I have nothing to tell you. Leave," the lightning-element martial warrior from the Three Eyes Race said indifferently, not paying much attention to Wang Teng.

"Can't you speak properly?" Wang Teng squinted.

"If you don't leave, I'll throw you out of the Realm Space," the lightning-element martial warrior said coldly.

"Damn it! I have a quick temper." Wang Teng became angry immediately. Why couldn't he speak properly? Why must he force him to act?

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None of these geniuses could speak nicely. They always forced him to use violence.

Wang Teng couldn't be bothered with idle talk. He charged straight toward the lightningelement martial warrior in front of him.

"You're looking for death!"

The lightning-element martial warrior's gaze hardened, a hint of a cold smile playing at the corners of his mouth. The young man before him was merely a cosmos-stage warrior, yet he dared to lay hands on him, showing an excessive amount of confidence.

He had encountered such individuals numerous times before. Those who could enter the Realm Space were all geniuses, undoubtedly boasting records of battling opponents of higher ranks outside. Hence, when faced with heaven-stage martial warriors, they always believed in their own prowess.

This black-haired youth before him was probably no different.

However, what the young man didn't know was that the geniuses within the Realm Space were different from those outside. heaven-stage martial warriors like him were much more formidable than the ordinary ones. How could a cosmos-stage warrior possibly defeat him?

Boom!

The next instant, the lightning-element martial warrior from the Three Eyes Race shot out, his entire being transforming into a blur of motion. He appeared above Wang Teng's head, his fist descending with thunderous force.

A resounding boom echoed, cracks appearing in the ground around them. Thunderbolts emerged, hurtling towards Wang Teng.

The power behind this punch was terrifying, carrying the force of lightning, and its might was formidable.

Wang Teng lifted his head, a flicker of determination in his eyes. The power of the True Dragon Battle Physique (pseudo) surged within him as the divine flames transformed into dragon scales covering his body.

The Ancient God's Body awakened and a mysterious golden pattern appeared on his forehead.

Following that was the activation of the Five-Element Divine Physique. The five organs within his body radiated with a brilliant light, flooding his entire being with immense power.

Three powerful physiques erupted simultaneously within him, and the terrifying strength spread throughout his body, erupting in an instant.

Then, Wang Teng's fist met the oncoming strike head-on.

Five-element fist!

Boom!

A burst of fiery red fist imprint erupted as it collided fiercely with the three-eyed lightning-element warrior's fist.

"This aura!" The three-eyed lightning-element warrior's expression suddenly changed drastically. He felt a tremendous force surging through his fist, rendering him unable to resist.

Lightning collapsed as the three-eyed lightning-element warrior's body uncontrollably flew backward, reversing the direction from whence he came.

The three-eyed lightning-element warrior's countenance underwent a complete transformation at this moment. His pupils contracted sharply, unable to fathom how he could encounter such a monstrous opponent. One who, with cosmos-stage strength, had forcefully suppressed him.

Just then, Wang Teng's figure flickered once more, soaring into the sky, swiftly catching up to the retreating figure of his adversary.

"Wait!" The three-eyed lightning-element warrior's expression turned to horror as he hastily shouted.

Ignoring him, Wang Teng wielded the Lightning Slap in his hand, bringing it down with great force.

Boom!

The brick descended directly towards the three-eyed lightning-element warrior's visage, erupting with thunderous light.

Swoop! Boom!

As he watched the brick grow larger in his vision, within a mere second, numerous thoughts flashed through the three-eyed lightning-element warrior's mind.

Yet, he did not give up the struggle. The vertical eye on his forehead suddenly radiated a dazzling purple light, followed by a fierce bolt of purple lightning.

"Hmm?" Wang Teng was somewhat surprised, but the Lightning Slap in his hand showed no signs of hesitation, continuing its descent as the Heaven-Earth Calamity Lightning Slap converged within it.

Boom!

The Lightning Slap collided with the purple lightning, bursting forth with dazzling radiance.

In an instant, the purple lightning in the eyes of the three-eyed lightning-element warrior suddenly collapsed, dissolving into countless purple dots and an expanse of lightning arcs.

"How is this possible?" The three-eyed lightning-element warrior was utterly horrified, unable to comprehend the situation. Without a moment to spare, he could only watch helplessly as the brick continued its descent.

Bang!

A dull thud reverberated as the three-eyed lightning-element warrior felt intense pain engulfing him. His mind grew dizzy and his vision dimmed.

Simultaneously, he sensed a peculiar surge of lightning energy coursing through his body, causing excruciating agony. Involuntary convulsions wracked his frame.

"Enjoying yourself?" A voice chimed in his ear.

Silence.

The three-eyed lightning-element warrior wanted to curse, but before he could utter a word, the brick came hurtling towards him once more.

Bang, bang, bang...

Swoop! Boom!

Echoes of muffled impacts resonated through the air, accompanied by the crackling of thunder. It was a chilling symphony.

Moments later, the three-eyed lightning-element warrior lay despondently on the ground, battered and bruised. His once proud countenance marred with numerous singe marks. His body convulsed uncontrollably, presenting a pitiful and forlorn sight.

His three lifeless eyes stared blankly at the sky, seemingly questioning the world.

Why?

What had he done wrong?

Why was he being subjected to this beating?

His physical prowess and strength were formidable, yet today, he encountered a monster who had mercilessly reduced him to this sorry state.

He wanted desperately to leave the Realm Space immediately, to escape from this demon. But the thought of the exorbitant price he paid to enter here deterred him from doing so.

His heart was filled with profound frustration.

A heaven-stage martial warrior, forced into such a humiliating situation by a cosmosstage warrior, was truly pathetic.

"Now, can you answer my question?"

A face appeared before him, blocking out the sky.

Wang Teng leaned over, his voice calm and indifferent.

"I..." The three-eyed lightning-element warrior's lips quivered, emitting a hoarse sound, feeling a sudden urge to weep.

He realized that the other party had only wanted directions. If he had provided them earlier, he probably wouldn't have ended up in such a state.

"Why, is it so difficult to answer a simple question? Or do you think you can withstand a few more blows from me?" Wang Teng queried with surprise.

He couldn't believe how stubborn the three-eyed warrior was.

Should he fulfill his wish?

Wang Teng was itching to swing the Lightning Slap again. It had been a while since he had last used it on someone. Raising the brick in his hand, he seemed poised to strike once more.

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"I... I'll tell you!" The three-eyed lightning-element warrior's eyes flickered slightly, enduring the humiliation as he hastily spoke.

"I thought you could be more stubborn." Wang Teng shook his head, sighing.

The three-eyed lightning-element warrior's eye twitched. What was with this guy's disappointed expression? All he wanted now was to get rid of this demon so he asked, "What do you want to know?"

"Where is the nearest legacy site from here?" Wang Teng inquired.

"You're asking about the well-known legacy sites, right?" The three-eyed lightningelement warrior struggled to sit up from the ground, asking.

"Yes." Wang Teng nodded.

The three-eyed lightning-element warrior's eyes flashed, finally confirming in his heart that the black-haired youth before him was a newcomer to the Realm Space.

But where did this freak come from? He was already so powerful right after entering the Realm Space. The three-eyed martial warrior had never seen anything like it before. This person was likely to stir up quite a commotion within the Realm Space.

With many thoughts flashing through his mind, he said, "Within this Realm Space, there are some ordinary legacy sites, as well as some mysterious and profound ones."

"And those mysterious and profound legacy sites are usually occupied by powerful geniuses. Unless you defeat them, others can't even think about comprehending the core legacies. At most, they can only gain some peripheral insights."

Wang Teng nodded thoughtfully, "The place where you just practiced is one of the legacy sites, right?"

He had already seen several attribute bubbles floating above the hill. He immediately swept his spiritual power out to retrieve them.

Lightning Domain*200

Lightning Domain*300

Origin of Lightning*120

Furious Lightning Fist*2000

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The attribute bubbles merged into Wang Teng's mind, transforming into insights, instantly absorbed by him.

Simultaneously, a humanoid figure appeared in his mind, demonstrating a lightningbased fist skill.

As the figure executed the fist skill, the power of lightning gathered on the fist imprint, unleashing extraordinary force. With a punch, accompanied by lightning, it was capable of obliterating a planet.

"A heaven-stage lightning element battle technique!" Wang Teng's eyes lit up. He glanced at the attributes board.

Furious Lightning Fist (heaven stage): 500/3000 (well-versed)

With 2,000 points of attribute value, Wang Teng's mastery of this battle technique had directly advanced from the foundation to the well-versed stage, which was quite a significant gain.

The three-eyed lightning-element warrior was probably attempting to comprehend this legacy here, only to find out Wang Teng walking over.

A lightning-element battle technique was not bad.

Furthermore, there were some Lightning Domain attributes and Origin of Lightning attributes, which could enhance Wang Teng's comprehension of domains and origins, bringing him great joy.

This was undoubtedly a promising start.

He hadn't done much yet, and he had already stumbled upon a small legacy site and acquired a legacy battle technique, all seemingly effortlessly gained.

However, the three-eyed lightning-element warrior didn't share the same sentiment. Seeing Wang Teng's understanding of the situation, his expression changed abruptly.

"Don't worry, I won't take your legacy site. This place doesn't interest me." Wang Teng shook his head disdainfully.

Having obtained the legacy, he naturally didn't care

The three-eyed lightning-element warrior felt insulted, and a hint of relief flickered in his eyes. The young man before him held himself in high regard, looking down on this legacy site.

"Please continue," Wang Teng said.

"The nearest well-known legacy site from here is called Heavenly Lightning Mountain, where the martial insights left behind by powerful martial warriors can be found. Those with good fortune and talent can comprehend domains and origins, and even acquire powerful martial techniques and scriptures," the three-eyed lightning-element warrior took a deep breath, calming himself, and spoke.

"Heavenly Lightning Mountain!" Wang Teng's gaze flickered slightly as he glanced at him, saying, "That place should be occupied by someone, right?"

"Y-yes!" The three-eyed lightning-element warrior was suddenly startled, appearing somewhat apprehensive as he nodded hastily.

"What's his name, and how strong is he? Which faction does he belong to?" Wang Teng inquired.

"He's called Le Tun and is at the pinnacle of the heaven stage. He's considered the strongest in this region, and he belongs to the Secondary Career Alliance," the three-eyed lightning-element warrior replied.

"The Secondary Career Alliance!" Wang Teng was stunned.

Was it just a coincidence?

And the Secondary Career Alliance also harbored formidable martial geniuses?

"That's right, he is indeed a talent from the Secondary Career Alliance. The Le family is a powerful clan within the Secondary Career Alliance headquarters, but Le Tun didn't inherit the family's secondary career talent. Instead, he possesses remarkable martial talent," the three-eyed lightning-element warrior seemed quite familiar with the matter, stating, "It's not unusual, after all, not every descendant of the families within the Secondary Career Alliance possesses strong secondary career talents. Most of them still pursue the path of martial arts."

"Of course, there are also those who not only possess strong secondary profession talents but also possess formidable martial talents."

"You seem to know quite a bit," Wang Teng smiled.

"Heh... heh." The three-eyed lightning-element warrior chuckled dryly.

"Which direction is the Heavenly Lightning Mountain?" Wang Teng asked.

"Head east from here, approximately 3,000 kilometers," the three-eyed lightningelement warrior replied.

Wang Teng nodded and then asked, "And you, which faction do you belong to?"

"I'm from the Universe Bank," the three-eyed lightning-element warrior's face revealed a hint of pride as he spoke.

"Universe Bank? Aren't you very rich?" Wang Teng asked curiously.

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The three-eyed lightning-element warrior felt a bit bewildered by this man's thought process. Nonetheless, the Universe Bank was indeed associated with wealth. Reluctantly acknowledging his boast, he nodded, "Well, I guess I'm just a little wealthier than ordinary warriors."

"Is that so?" Wang Teng stroked his chin, saying, "That makes things easier. How much money are you planning to use to redeem yourself?"

"What?" The three-eyed lightning-element warrior stared blankly at Wang Teng, seeming to have trouble understanding his meaning.

"I'm asking how much money you're planning to pay me to buy yourself back," Wang Teng repeated.

This time, the three-eyed lightning-element warrior finally caught on. This bastard in front of him was trying to extort him, which was utterly outrageous.

However, when he saw the Lightning Slap in Wang Teng's hand, he had nowhere to vent his anger. He could only grit his teeth and say, "I don't have any money!"

"You said you were wealthy, didn't you? Are you lying to me?" Wang Teng's expression turned cold as he stared at the three-eyed lightning-element warrior.

"I..." The three-eyed lightning-element warrior was at a loss, wishing he could slap himself silly.

Why did he have to boast about it?

Now, he was being extorted.

He felt so bitter. He should've checked the almanac before going out. Otherwise, how could he have encountered such a jinx?

"Hurry up, don't waste my time," Wang Teng urged.

"I really don't have any money. I spent all my savings to enter the Realm Space," the three-eyed lightning-element warrior said.

"Really?" Wang Teng looked at him skeptically.

"I swear, if I'm lying, I'll be struck dead by lightning right here," the three-eyed lightningelement warrior said.

Wang Teng believed him, looking at the guy in front of him with a strange expression. To make a lightning-element warrior say such words, he had to believe him. He just didn't expect this guy to be a pauper, which annoyed him.

The three-eyed lightning-element warrior looked at Wang Teng cautiously, hoping he would just let him go.

Unfortunately...

He didn't understand Wang Teng.

"Here's the deal, you write me an IOU, and when you have the money next time, you pay me back." Wang Teng stroked his chin.

"An... an IOU!" The three-eyed lightning-element warrior's eyes widened in disbelief as he looked at Wang Teng.

"Yes, an IOU. Otherwise, I'll just kill you and kick you out of the Realm Space," Wang Teng said.

"How much money do you want?" The three-eyed lightning-element warrior's expression soured, but under Wang Teng's coercion, he had no choice but to yield.

"100 Chaos Coins!" Wang Teng boldly named his price.

"100 Chaos Coins!!!" The three-eyed lightning-element warrior looked at Wang Teng incredulously. How dare you ask for this much? Those are Chaos Coins, not Universe Coins. Does this guy think I am an eternal-stage warrior?

Seeing his reaction, Wang Teng couldn't help but scratch his nose. It seemed like he was asking for too much.

After all, he was just a heaven-stage martial warrior. Even if he came from the Universe Bank, he probably didn't have that much money.

He forgot that he was using his own standards to judge the wealth of these geniuses, which seemed a bit unscientific.

Even universe-stage martial warriors might not have as much money as him.

"Ahem, so how much do you have?" Wang Teng coughed dryly, asking.

"At most 30 billion UC," the three-eyed lightning-element martial warrior replied.

"30 billion UC? Are you calling me a beggar? You're treating me like a beggar. No, at least 100 billion," Wang Teng said.

"Fine, 100 billion UC it is," the three-eyed lightning-element warrior said bluntly.

"Oh damn, I asked for too little," Wang Teng raised the Lightning Slap in his hand, glaring at the three-eyed lightning-element warrior. "You're trying to fool me!"

"I didn't try to fool you, you're the one who said 100 billion Universe Coins," the threeeyed lightning-element warrior said innocently. Wang Teng felt frustrated. He didn't expect to eat humble pie himself, but since he had already said it, he couldn't back out. He could only reluctantly say, "Finish writing the IOU and get lost."

"How do I write an IOU here?" the three-eyed lightning-element martial warrior asked.

Wang Teng: ...

That's true!

There was no substantial thing in the Realm Space. Even if he writes an IOU, he couldn't take it out.

The three-eyed lightning-element warrior looked at the black-haired youth before him, feeling a sense of relief. This guy might be powerful, but his mind didn't seem to be the sharpest tool in the shed.

"What's with that look?" Wang Teng glared at him impatiently.

"Nothing," the three-eyed lightning-element warrior replied.

Wang Teng looked around and suddenly brightened up. "I got it."

Without further ado, he dragged the three-eyed lightning-elemental warrior towards the small hill where the latter had been practicing earlier. There were many boulders scattered around, and Wang Teng picked the largest one. With the power of the Heaven-Earth Calamity Lightning surging in his hand, he began to write on the rock.

The three-eyed lightning-element martial warrior felt the corners of his eyes twitching.

What was this?

Who writes an IOU on a stone? This guy was breaking new ground.

He was at a loss for words.

Soon enough, Wang Teng finished writing the IOU on the stone and asked, "What's your name?"

"Devin," the three-eyed lightning-element warrior replied without hesitation.

"Real name!" Wang Teng shot him a sideways glance. "Don't try to fool me. You definitely don't want to see the consequences unless you're done entering this Realm Space."

The three-eyed lightning-element warrior sighed, "Tim!"

Wang Teng sneered, carving the name onto the giant rock. "Alright, you can leave now."

"I still want to practice here," Tim said.

"Suit yourself," Wang Teng smiled, turning away. He waved his hand without looking back. "Until we meet again."

Tim's eyes flashed with reluctance as he watched Wang Teng's departing figure. Clenching his fists, he then looked at the inscription on the boulder, preparing to erase the words.

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However, much to his dismay, no matter how hard he tried, he couldn't succeed.

"Darn it, what kind of lightning power does he possess? It's unbelievable that I can't erase it," Tim exclaimed incredulously, his face contorted with disbelief. Then, with a grimace, he muttered, "Well, if I can't erase it, I'll just destroy this rock."

With those words hanging in the air, he thrust his fist toward the massive stone.

Boom!

A deafening roar echoed, yet from the stone erupted a dazzling burst of lightning, staunchly repelling his punch.

"The power of origin!" Tim's expression darkened further as he stared at the colossal stone before him, his heart filled with astonishment.

He hadn't anticipated that the dark-haired youth, to secure this IOU, would employ the power of origin. Moreover, this power of origin proved even more formidable than his own, which seemed inconceivable.

He was just a cosmos-stage martial warrior.

Once again, Tim felt shaken and powerless, wondering where such a monstrous talent emerged from.

Unless his own power of origin could surpass that of his opponent, this stone could never be destroyed.

Of course, he could resort to brute force to obliterate this place entirely.

Yet, he swiftly sensed something amiss. It seemed as though the massive stone was somehow connected to the underlying hills by a force, forming a unified whole.

If he were to destroy the stone by force, he might inadvertently obliterate the hills along with it.

After painstakingly locating this site of legacy, he hadn't yet fully comprehended its essence. If he were to destroy it just like that, it would be a substantial loss for him.

That was something he couldn't accept.

The mechanism of the Universe Bank differed from other powers. One could enter the Realm Space as long as they had the money. However, precisely because of this, the prices were not cheap.

And to enter the Realm Space, he had paid a hefty price. He absolutely could not give up now.

Tim gritted his teeth in frustration, cursing Wang Teng and his entire family... Wait, did he even know the other person's name?

He glanced back at the inscription on the massive stone and found it—Wang Teng!

"Very well, I'll remember you!" Tim sneered. "But I don't even need to intervene. If you want to contend with Le Tun for the Heavenly Lightning Mountain, I'll wait to see you driven out of the Realm Space. You might not even be able to cultivate peacefully in this area in the future."

"The Heavenly Lightning Mountain is renowned for its legacy even within the entire Heavenly Lightning Mountain. The one who occupies it is the master of Lightning Realm."

"Le Tun has been the master of Heavenly Lightning Mountain for ten years now, and during these ten years, no one has been able to displace him. Anyone who dares to challenge him is simply delusional."

"And behind Le Tun stands the Secondary Career Alliance. He represents the Secondary Career Alliance, which is an unspoken agreement. It's not something anyone can just seize."

He concealed some information from Wang Teng, not revealing everything, knowing that Wang Teng had just entered the Realm Space and was a complete novice, knowing nothing. He wanted Wang Teng to seek Le Tun so that Le Tun could take revenge for him.

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Meanwhile, Wang Teng was heading toward Heavenly Lightning Mountain.

"Wang Teng, aren't you afraid he'll destroy that stone? That guy is not trustworthy," Round Ball asked.

"I've merged the massive stone and the hill with the power of the world. If he destroys the stone, he'll destroy the entire hill, and he'll suffer even more losses," Wang Teng sneered.

"You're ruthless. This guy's unlucky to have crossed paths with you," Round Ball sympathized.

"Sigh, these geniuses are just too difficult to deal with. I was only asking for directions," Wang Teng complained helplessly.

Round Ball was speechless.

It felt like Wang Teng was merely stirring up trouble. He was a person with a dark heart.

Wang Teng ignored Round Ball and focused on the attributes board. He had just collected some attribute bubbles from the three-eyed lightning-element martial warrior earlier, but he still needed to inventory them.

The ability of his opponent to shoot lightning from his eyes intrigued him greatly. He wondered if he could collect attribute bubbles from such a technique.

Lightning Constellation Force*8000

Lightning Domain*1200

Furious Lightning Fist*100

Lightning Pupil*300

Cosmos Realm Spirit*2500

Universe Realm Enlightenment*3800

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"Hmm, not bad at all," Wang Teng's eyes shimmered slightly, and he couldn't help but emit a soft exclamation.

The attribute bubbles transformed into a peculiar energy that flowed into Wang Teng's body. After circulating once, it surged into his eyes.

Immediately, he felt a change occurring in his eyes. His pupils abruptly turned a vibrant shade of purple as if thunderstorms were brewing within.

If anyone were to witness his current transformation, they would undoubtedly be astonished.

However, Wang Teng had already closed his eyes.

At the same time, a sense of enlightenment dawned upon him, allowing him to comprehend the nature of the change in his eyes instantly.

Lightning Pupil!

It was none other than the talent of the three-eyed lightning-element martial warrior, the same technique he had witnessed earlier when lightning shot from the third eye.

This was a talent, not a battle technique.

The three-eyed lightning-element martial warrior came from a branch of the Three Eyes Race known as the Lightning Three Eyes Race.

This clan was not numerous, but its members were powerful lightning-element martial warriors, and their innate talent was the Lightning Pupil.

This innate ability was quite formidable, capable of harnessing the power of lightning and erupting from the third eye. Catching opponents off guard, it could easily inflict severe damage before they could react.

Moreover, if wielded with special lightning power, its strength would be even greater.

Such as Wang Teng's Heaven-Earth Calamity Lightning!

It could be said that this innate ability, when manifested in him, could unleash considerable power, perhaps even surpassing that of the Lightning Race itself.

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If Tim hadn't encountered Wang Teng, his Lightning Pupil might have had a chance to shine. Unfortunately, when he unleashed it, it was precisely when Wang Teng attacked him with the Heaven-Earth Calamity Lightning. The collision naturally favored the Heaven-Earth Calamity Lightning.

Lightning Pupil: 300/10000 (real stage)

He glanced at the attributes board. His Lightning Pupil had reached the real stage too. It could continue to rise.

"If it surpasses the real stage, the Lightning Pupil won't be easy to deal with," Wang Teng thought to himself.

Thinking about it, the innate abilities his eyes possessed were becoming increasingly numerous—whether it was the Real Eye, the Solar Dragon Eye, the Spatial Sight, or the newly acquired Lightning Pupil. All were formidable abilities.

What would happen if he were to merge them in the future?

Wang Teng suddenly found himself looking forward to it.

"But it's not time for fusion yet, is it?" He glanced at the attributes board again, but there was no indication of fusion. He couldn't help but feel puzzled.

Since fusion hadn't appeared, he decided not to dwell on it too much. After all, it would happen when the time was right.

"The Lightning Pupil were originally the ability of the third eye, but now they've become the ability of both my eyes. Fortunately, I didn't end up with an extra eye."

Wang Teng chuckled, patting his forehead in relief.

"What about an extra eye?" Round Ball asked curiously.

"Nothing."

As the transformation of his eyes concluded, the strange purple light in Wang Teng's eyes dissipated, returning to their original state. He then looked at the other attribute bubbles.

8,000 points of constellation lightning Force allowed his constellation lightning Force to rise again.

And there were 1,200 points in the lightning domain, advancing Wang Teng's sixth-rank lightning domain by a notch.

Lightning Domain: 3000/6000 (sixth-rank)

"It seems Tim's comprehension of the lightning domain isn't that great, with just these few attribute points," Wang Teng thought disdainfully.

Apart from that, there were also 100 points for the Furious Lightning Fist attribute.

The Furious Lightning Fist was a martial technique obtained from the legacy site, and it was evident that Tim had already comprehended it.

Unfortunately, 100 points were too few. It was quite disappointing.

However, Wang Teng didn't stop to consider that by instantly comprehending the martial technique to a well-versed level, Tim's contribution of 100 attribute points was quite generous.

If Tim knew that he spent nearly half a month contemplating on that small hill to comprehend something, only to have Wang Teng comprehend even more in an instant, he would probably faint on the spot.

Lastly, there were some cosmos-realm stats and universe-realm enlightenment attributes. Unfortunately, Wang Teng had already reached perfection in both of these attributes. They could only make his understanding more profound, but it could still be considered a significant benefit.

At this moment, Wang Teng increased his speed to the fastest, flying while picking up attribute bubbles along the way. The constellation Lightning Force began to rapidly increase once again.

Before long, he gradually encountered the figures of some martial warriors on the way, no longer seeing just half a person's shadow.

Moreover, the thunderstorms falling from the sky became more numerous and stronger, occasionally crashing down. Even Wang Teng had to concentrate to avoid being struck, as it could easily hit him if he wasn't careful.

Fortunately, the Lightning Spirit played a significant role. It was able to sense the thunderstorms in advance. Therefore, these thunderstorms were devoured by it while still in mid-air.

Many people noticed the existence of the Lightning Spirit, their eyes showing surprise.

However, no one had recognized the Lightning Spirit yet.

Moreover, Wang Teng's speed was too fast, making many people feel shocked and unsure of his exact strength, so they didn't act rashly.

Before long, Wang Teng finally saw a high mountain in the distance, completely shrouded in lightning, with dense dark clouds hanging over the mountaintop. Silver dragon-like thunderbolts fell from the sky, creating a spectacular scene.

"This is the Heavenly Lightning Mountain!" Round Ball exclaimed in astonishment.

"This place is a bit terrifying," Wang Teng murmured to himself, feeling a chill.

With his divine-level lightning talent, he could clearly sense the terrifying power of the lightning ahead.

This Heavenly Lightning Mountain was more terrifying than he had imagined.

Suddenly, Wang Teng seemed to have spotted something, his pupils slightly contracting as he hesitated, "Is there... a throne within that thunderlight?"

"Yes, it's a throne! A Lightning Throne!" Round Ball's voice also carried disbelief, echoing with awe.

"Wow, this is getting mystical," Wang Teng muttered under his breath.

"It seems like Heavenly Lightning Mountain isn't that easy to conquer after all. I have a feeling that Tim's trying to set you up," Round Ball remarked.

"Let's see how things unfold," Wang Teng rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "Let's go, we're heading over there."

With that said, he flew straight ahead, with many others flying in the direction of Heavenly Lightning Mountain as well. Could other people enter the Heavenly Lightning Mountain?

Before long, Wang Teng landed at the foot of Heavenly Lightning Mountain.

Boom!

As soon as his feet touched the ground, a bolt of lightning descended.

Wang Teng swiftly dodged it, but before he could even feel relieved, three more bolts of lightning came crashing down simultaneously. The Lightning Spirit shot up into the sky, devouring one of the lightning bolts, while Wang Teng dodged another and smashed the last one with a punch.

Witnessing him effortlessly deal with three bolts of lightning left many onlookers astounded.

Many newcomers, arriving just now, were caught off guard by the sudden increase in lightning. Some were struck directly, their bodies enveloped in smoke, looking quite miserable.

"Look! Look! Gregory is here!"

"It's been almost a year since the last challenger to Le Tun. Finally, someone's challenging Le Tun again."

"Yeah, let's see if Gregory can pull Le Tun down from his Lightning Throne this time."

"Gregory is the pride of the Mercenaries Alliance. He's very powerful and is almost unrivaled among the heaven-stage martial warriors. There's a good show to watch."

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Suddenly, murmurs and discussions echoed from all around.

"Someone's challenging Le Tun?!" Wang Teng exclaimed, immediately following the crowd's gaze towards the sky.

There, a streak of lightning descended rapidly from the heavens. Within the lightning was a young man with long, flowing purple hair, exuding a handsome and charismatic aura.

"So handsome!" Many female martial warriors suddenly screamed in excitement.

Wang Teng: ...

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Wang Teng's attention was drawn to the sudden arrival of the young man with purple hair. He was prepared to enjoy the spectacle. After all, he hadn't expected things to unfold so coincidentally—just when he wanted to probe into Le Tun's background, someone came to challenge him, presenting a rare opportunity.

But, at this moment, he suddenly heard someone saying, "So handsome!"

Suddenly, the atmosphere took a sharp turn!

What was once a serious ambiance now felt somewhat off, all because of that one voice.

He couldn't help but look to the side, where many female martial warriors had gathered, their eyes sparkling as they looked at the warrior named Gregory, appearing extremely excited.

"Is he that handsome? He's alright, I guess," Wang Teng remarked, watching the distant purple-haired youth.

"He's quite handsome, almost on par with you. It's rare to see someone who can compare to you," Round Ball teased.

"Although he's close, he's still a little inferior to me. Take a closer look," Wang Teng said.

Round Ball was speechless. This fellow was too self-absorbed.

"But according to what people around are saying, this guy is the pride of the Mercenaries Alliance. I'm curious about how strong he is. This is the first time I've seen a talent from the Mercenaries Alliance," Wang Teng said curiously with shimmering eyes.

"I heard that the martial warriors in the Mercenaries Alliance are all powerful. The talents they groomed must be outstanding," Round Ball said.

"Let's hope he doesn't disappoint. It would be even better if we could gauge Le Tun's strength through him," Wang Teng smiled.

With Gregory's arrival, the atmosphere around them suddenly ignited, drawing many people together, constantly discussing.

Especially some female martial warriors, who seemed particularly excited and thrilled, occasionally letting out a cheer or two, making Wang Teng unable to help but shake his head inwardly.

This was too much!

He was handsome too, but he didn't see so many female martial warriors cheering for him like this.

This was unequal treatment.

Meanwhile, Wang Teng also realized why so many martial warriors had gathered here. They were all here to witness Gregory challenge Le Tun. Otherwise, the Heavenly Lightning Mountain wouldn't be so lively on a regular day.

Only a few martial artists who wanted to comprehend Heavenly Lightning Mountain would come here occasionally.

As more and more martial warriors arrived, the lightning in the sky became increasingly fierce as if the more people there were, the higher the frequency of thunder strikes.

Moreover, the power of the lightning within Heavenly Lightning Mountain's range was greater than elsewhere, making people hesitant to approach lightly.

The people who got struck by the lightning didn't feel good.

It was worth noting that those who entered this Lightning Realm were lightning-element martial warriors. Even they couldn't withstand the lightning, indicating its terrifying power.

However, for Wang Teng, this was a boon.

Because the more lightning struck, the more attribute bubbles would fall.

Get them!

With a smirk, Wang Teng quietly extended his spiritual power and began to collect the surrounding attribute bubbles.

Constellation Force (Lightning)*1500

Constellation Force (Lightning)*1200

Lightning Domain*300

Origin of Lightning*50

Lightning Constellation Force*2000

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"Wow! There's a lot more constellation Lightning Force dropping than before, and there are also domains and origin attributes." Wang Teng rejoiced secretly.

He felt like he had come to the right place. Heavenly Lightning Mountain was undoubtedly a paradise for harvesting lightning attributes.

"Let more people come."

Wang Teng screamed in his heart. If he wasn't afraid of being treated as a maniac, he would have screamed.

If this continued, his constellation lightning Force would reach the perfected cosmos stage very soon. His domain and origin might advance too.

While Wang Teng was happily collecting attributes, the Lightning Spirit wasn't idle either, flying around and absorbing the lightning power falling from the sky.

This attracted many people's attention.

The existence of the Lightning Spirit was extremely unique in this Realm Space, and many people had never seen anything like it.

Even Gregory was overshadowed by it.

"What's that thing?" Many female martial warriors looked curiously at the sky, especially seeing the Lightning Spirit's cute appearance, which made their hearts melt even more.

"That's... the Lightning Spirit!" Even Gregory couldn't help but look up at the sky, furrowing his brow. After a moment, he finally recognized it and showed a hint of shock in his eyes.

"Lightning Spirit!"

"This is the Lightning Spirit!"

People around heard Gregory's voice and immediately exclaimed in surprise.

"How could there be a Lightning Spirit in the Realm Space? This is unbelievable," someone said incredulously.

"Could someone have brought it in?"

But immediately, some people figured out the key. A Lightning Spirit couldn't exist in the Realm Space due to its unique circumstances, but it could be brought in from the outside as the Lightning Spirit itself was a combination of Lightning Force and spiritual essence, and could exist in the Realm Space.

"Squeak!"

The Lightning Spirit seemed to sense the strange gazes of the crowd and felt a bit embarrassed. It promptly landed on Wang Teng's head.

It was just a child.

Wang Teng was speechless but didn't remove it this time, letting it stay on his head as it wasn't causing any trouble.

Many people were astounded. The Lightning Spirit had a master, and its master was the black-haired young man in front of them.

"Wow, this guy is quite handsome too, not inferior to Gregory." Some female martial warriors suddenly exclaimed.

Everyone: ...

Wang Teng: ...

Gregory, who was about to challenge Heavenly Lightning Mountain, was distracted by this turn of events. His eyes showed a hint of interest as he walked over to Wang Teng and asked, "Is this Lightning Spirit yours?"

"That's right." Wang Teng nodded.

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"Are you selling it?" Gregory couldn't help but ask as he looked at the Lightning Spirit on Wang Teng's head.

"No." Wang Teng shook his head calmly.

"Fair enough. The Lightning Spirit is rare and unique. I wouldn't sell it either," Gregory said, not too disappointed. It seemed he had already guessed. His earlier question was just wishful thinking.

Wang Teng was somewhat surprised. Gregory didn't display the same arrogance as other prodigies. He had thought that if he refused to sell, the other party would insist, but apparently not. It was a pity he couldn't take advantage of the situation.

"Being able to tame the Lightning Spirit, you must be no ordinary person. May I know your name?" Gregory inquired.

"I am Wang Teng," Wang Teng replied.

"So you are Wang Teng. Let's talk after I finish my challenge."

Gregory nodded and said no more, turning to walk toward the foot of the mountain, then suddenly soaring into the sky.

"It's going to begin!"

Everyone knew the battle was about to start, so they immediately turned their attention away. Not even the Lightning Spirit could distract them anymore.

"Gregory is quite interesting," Wang Teng remarked.

"Le Tun!"

Gregory's figure shot into the sky amidst the lightning, followed by a resounding shout.

"Gregory, the prodigy of the Mercenaries Alliance!" Another plain voice echoed from the Lightning Throne. The figure on the throne was shrouded in lightning, making it difficult to see clearly.

At that moment, the figure rose from the Lightning Throne, bathed in lightning, and stepped forward.

Boom!

The lightning in the sky became more restless, striking down one after another, its might overwhelming and terrifying.

"These two individuals have formidable lightning talents!" Wang Teng squinted slightly as he looked towards the sky. The fact that they could evoke such terrifying lightning power spoke volumes.

At the same time, as thunder struck down, more attribute bubbles appeared on the ground.

He picked it up.

Constellation Force (Lightning)*1600

Lightning Constellation Force*1400

Lightning Domain*100

Origin of Lightning*50

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"Fight!"

While Wang Teng was busy collecting attribute bubbles, the battle in the sky had already erupted. Gregory and Le Tun wasted no time and engaged directly.

The echoes of their clash reverberated, both wielding attacks infused with the terrifying power of lightning, colliding as if two thunderbolts met in the air.

Gregory wielded a lightning sword in his hand, judging from its power, it should be a universe-level weapon. Wang Teng was particularly surprised by Le Tun's weapon - a

huge alchemy furnace. When it smashed towards Gregory, lightning power erupted from it.

Wang Teng was bewildered.

He was familiar with alchemy furnaces, given his identity as an alchemist, he frequently used them. However, he had never imagined using an alchemy furnace as a weapon. Never, not even once.

So, what was Le Tun thinking?

Most importantly, it seemed Le Tun's alchemy furnace was quite formidable, causing Gregory to retreat continuously, almost losing his grip on his sword.

"It's similar to my Lightning Slap," Wang Teng stroked his chin.

"Here it comes! Le Tun's alchemy furnace!"

"As expected of a member of the core family of the Secondary Career Alliance. Even their weapons are made from furnaces."

"I wonder if Gregory can withstand it? Many warriors have been knocked unconscious by this alchemy furnace in the past."

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A group of people below were deeply engrossed in discussing Le Tun's style of combat, evidently quite familiar with it.

They didn't ascend into the air but instead watched the battle unfold from the ground.

Because the sky of the Lightning Realm was perilous, filled with lightning energy everywhere, and with the two prodigies battling the lightning power became even more terrifying.

If struck, many heaven-stage martial warriors would be injured, or worse, if caught in the crossfire, they might be expelled from the Realm Space altogether.

It wasn't worth risking oneself for a challenge.

However, this approach came with a drawback. Lightning obstructed their vision, making it difficult at times to see the battle in the sky.

Wang Teng activated his Real Eye, gazing at the lightning orbs formed by the two combatants, his eyes gleaming with intensity.

Indeed, these two individuals were exceptionally strong. Le Tun was at the peak of the heaven stage, while Gregory was at the seventh level of the heaven stage, and their combat prowess was extraordinary, far beyond ordinary heaven-stage martial warriors.

One couldn't help but admit that these geniuses nurtured by various universe giants had talents and strengths unmatched by ordinary warriors.

Gregory was being suppressed. His realm was already slightly weaker than Le Tun's. What confidence did he have to challenge Le Tun?

This intrigued Wang Teng.

Boom!

At that moment, Le Tun's alchemy furnace unexpectedly swelled, its mouth pointing towards the sky, gathering lightning energy within it.

Gregory's expression turned grave. He raised his sword, also gathering lightning energy, forming a formidable sword light.

His purple long hair danced in the wind, making this prodigy even more outstanding, eliciting exclamations from many female warriors.

At this moment, both seemed to have transformed into lightning gods from the heavens, making it impossible for people to look directly at them.

Many were shocked. The strength of these two individuals was too terrifying. It was no wonder Le Tun could hold onto this mountain for a decade.

Boom!

In the next moment, Gregory made the first move, his sword slashing out fiercely. A sword light, reaching hundreds of feet, burst forth directly, slashing towards the alchemy furnace.

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The tumultuous clouds overhead rolled violently, suddenly splitting open. However, the clouds were too thick, too dense. The sword light couldn't completely cut through them.

Wang Teng, witnessing this scene, grew extremely solemn. Indeed, the mysteries of this Realm Space were unfathomable.

At this moment, Le Tun remained calm, his gaze indifferent. With a wave of his hand, the massive alchemy furnace instantly shifted direction, its mouth no longer facing the sky but directly aimed at the sword light.

Boom!

A lightning pillar of light fiercely shot out, colliding head-on with the sword light, erupting into a deafening roar.

Boom!

The sky trembled as the tumultuous clouds rolled violently, influenced by the thunderous power contained within the attacks of the two combatants.

These were attacks capable of altering the heavens, yet within the Lightning Realm, they could only cause the clouds to churn violently.

Boom!

The two attacks collided, eventually exploding apart, generating terrifying waves of Force that surged in all directions.

Many martial warriors below couldn't help but retreat. The residual force from the attacks above horrified them, capable of causing them harm.

Only the Heavenly Lightning Mountain remained steadfast, unaffected by the attacks. It seemed that the assaults of the two couldn't shake the foundation of the mountain.

"So formidable!" Many people felt stunned, their jaws dropping, finally witnessing the true power of the master of the Heavenly Lightning Mountain.

As the explosion slowly dissipated, the figures of the two finally emerged in the sky, separated by thousands of miles, staring at each other from a distance.

The disparity between the two sides became glaringly apparent.

Gregory was at a disadvantage. He appeared extremely disheveled at this moment, panting heavily. His previous suave and handsome appearance had vanished, replaced by messy purple hair. He had donned battle armor, but it bore numerous marks of lightning scorching.

On the other hand, Le Tun remained calm in the distance, not even bothering to put on his battle armor. The enormous alchemy furnace had already shielded him from all the attacks.

Seeing this scene, Gregory's pupils contracted slightly. He was confident in his abilities, but he hadn't expected this outcome. The person before him was even more formidable than he had imagined.

"Your strength is commendable, but you're far from being able to seize Heavenly Lightning Mountain," Le Tun said calmly, preparing to turn and walk toward the distant Lightning Throne. For the past decade, no one had been able to displace him from his position as the ruler of the mountain.

However, the time was approaching. The inheritance of Heavenly Lightning Mountain would soon be completely his, and then he would leave this place to seek out other legacies.

"Le Tun!" Gregory spoke again, his expression extremely serious, showing no sign of giving up.

"If you wish to continue, the next time, I will directly kick you out of the Realm Space," Le Tun paused for a moment, not even turning his head as he spoke.

"It's too early to talk about winning or losing now. If I didn't have some means, I wouldn't dare to come to challenge you, the master of the Heavenly Lightning Mountain." Gregory suddenly smiled slightly, his gaze suddenly intense as he shouted, "Lightning Spirit Physique!"

Boom!

As soon as the words fell, an endless torrent of thunderous power descended from the sky, directly striking Gregory's body.

Yet, he didn't dodge or evade, allowing the lightning to fall upon him, bathing in its power and even emitting hearty laughter... as if he was enjoying it!

"This is..." Everyone looked at Gregory's transformation, shocked beyond measure.

"Lightning Spirit Physique!" Wang Teng's eyes flashed slightly, a hint of interest curling his lips. "Gregory unexpectedly possesses a special constitution."

"It's the Lightning Spirit Physique. This is a powerful lightning physique. It is capable of forcibly gathering lightning power within oneself and erupting with strength far beyond one's realm," Round Ball said, astonished. "Gregory, being able to become a prodigy of the Mercenaries Alliance, indeed has a remarkable talent."

"Excellent, the stronger the talent, the better," Wang Teng smiled.

Round Ball was speechless. This guy was always like this. Encountering genius would always give him a strange sense of excitement. Could he be a bit mentally abnormal?

In the sky, Le Tun looked towards Gregory in the distance, his gaze slightly narrowed. He could sense the ever-rising aura emanating from Gregory's body.

In just a blink of an eye, Le Tun could feel a hint of threat from the energy emanating from Gregory.

The lightning aura around Gregory grew denser and denser until it seemed to coalesce into a dazzling purple sphere, engulfing his entire body in a radiant display of lightning.

"Fight!"

A resounding shout echoed from within the purple sphere of light.

Then, like a bolt of lightning, the sphere of light transformed by Gregory thundered towards Le Tun, leaving cracks in the void wherever it passed.

The lightning seemed to contain a powerful domain and power of origin, palpable even to the onlookers from afar.

"Hmph!"

"Hmph!" Le Tun snorted coldly and pointed upward, instantly summoning the lightning energies towards the enormous alchemy furnace.

The lightning was blinding as it condensed into a larger shadow of the furnace's form.

It rapidly expanded, reaching dozens of yards in size, looming menacingly in the sky.

Upon the shadowy furnace, intricate and mysterious thunderous patterns appeared as if etched by some divine hand.

In an instant, the shadowy furnace exuded an indomitable aura, radiating an overwhelming power.

Though the explanation might seem lengthy, in reality, it all happened in a flash.

"Go!" With a cold command from Le Tun, the shadowy furnace, wrapped in its colossal image, surged forward with terrifying force.

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Boom!

In an instant, the phantom of the alchemy furnace and the lightning orb manifested by Gregory collided, erupting into a resounding boom.

All eyes widened as the spectacle unfolded, wondering who would prevail.

"The attack of this alchemy furnace is quite intriguing," murmured Wang Teng as he gazed at the sky.

"It's decent, I suppose, more suited for smashing people," said Round Ball, "But this kind of technique is a first for me."

"It's probably a special battle technique from the Secondary Career Alliance," speculated Wang Teng thoughtfully.

He was somewhat excited. These two prodigies were bound to drop plenty of highquality attribute bubbles, which would surely not disappoint him.

He had already seen several attribute bubbles dropping out, but he didn't rush to pick them up. Waiting for the end of the duel between the two would probably be more satisfying.

Boom!

At that moment, an unexpected event occurred in the sky. The alchemy furnace phantom conjured by Le Tun was unexpectedly shattered by Gregory's lightning orb, revealing the furnace within.

The furnace couldn't withstand Gregory's impact and emitted a loud "thud" as it was sent flying.

Many witnessed a deep indentation on the furnace, indicating the terrifying impact of the lightning orb.

Even the flesh of a heaven-stage martial warrior probably couldn't withstand such a collision.

Le Tun's expression finally changed slightly as he watched the swiftly approaching lightning orb, his gaze becoming solemn.

"Could it be that Le Tun is about to lose?"

Many found it inconceivable. They had thought Gregory was no match for Le Tun, who still held dominion over Heavenly Lightning Mountain and seemed unshakeable. Who would have thought Gregory would turn the tables, possessing the strength to threaten Le Tun?

Wang Teng's eyes flickered as he kept his gaze fixed on Le Tun. This man likely had some tricks up his sleeve, making it challenging for Gregory to win.

Under the scrutiny of all present, Le Tun finally made a move. A long spear appeared in his hand. He pointed diagonally towards the sky.

Boom!

The boundless power of lightning converged in an instant, gathering at the tip of the spear, and bursting forth with dazzling purple light.

In the next moment, Le Tun made his move, thrusting the long spear forward.

Boom!

In an instant, the heavens and earth shifted, dark clouds roiled. In this corner of the world, there seemed to be only that astonishing spear, radiating a vivid purple hue that overshadowed all other colors, filling the eyes of everyone present.

Then, a profound silence fell upon the land.

Wide-eyed, the crowd watched as the spear pierced through, their minds momentarily forgetting to contemplate.

Wang Teng's expression grew solemn. He hadn't expected Le Tun to be so formidable. Gregory was about to lose.

Boom!

Before this thought could fully materialize, another thunderous roar echoed through the sky as the radiance of the spear clashed with the lightning orb conjured by Gregory, resulting in an explosion.

The brilliance blanketed the entire area, obscuring the view within. The terrifying shockwaves of Force surged in all directions.

People staggered backward, retreating further and further. The battle between these two was truly terrifying, rendering ordinary individuals unable to approach.

Before long, the radiance dissipated, and the shockwaves gradually subsided.

Two figures emerged before the crowd.

Wang Teng squinted when he saw this scene.

Le Tun was seen holding the long spear, which had been thrust into Gregory's body.

Both figures stood motionless in mid-air.

This moment seemed frozen in time!

"I... I've lost!" Gregory lowered his head, a tinge of bitterness appearing at the corner of his mouth.

"I told you, you were never my match," Le Tun said calmly as he withdrew the long spear abruptly from his grasp.

Gregory's body dissolved into points of light, fading gradually from bottom to top, disappearing from view before the onlookers.

Everyone could see the flicker of resentment on his face before he vanished completely.

"What a pity!" Many shook their heads, feeling regretful for Gregory. His strength was commendable and worthy of respect, yet he ultimately succumbed to Le Tun.

Wang Teng also shook his head, feeling a sense of regret. Gregory could have potentially defeated Le Tun if he had another year or two of cultivation, making a name for himself with a single battle.

However, in the end, he was defeated!

There was nothing more to say when one's skills fell short.

"Poor Gregory!"

"Even in defeat, Gregory is still handsome and dashing."

"Exactly, much better looking than that Le Tun who always wears a grim expression."

"We should support Gregory. He's much easier on the eyes. Le Tun should step aside and let Gregory become the master of Heavenly Lightning Mountain."

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Many female warriors sighed and expressed their sympathy for Gregory while criticizing Le Tun.

Le Tun: ...

Everyone: ...

Wang Teng glanced at the group of female warriors, feeling speechless. Where did these people come from?

Truly bizarre!

Could they be Gregory's fan club?

That guy was still quite the show-off.

Wang Teng made an evil guess.

In this regard, he considered himself more mature and restrained, never indulging in such extravagance.

Le Tun paid no heed to the discussions, steadily making his way toward the Heavenly Lightning Mountain throne, where he could best contemplate. It was the most suitable place for enlightenment.

The crowd began to disperse as the challenge had concluded. There was nothing left to linger for. Such challenges were rare, and they happened to be nearby this time, fortunate to witness it.

"Wait!"

At that moment, a voice resonated abruptly in the sky.

The crowd couldn't help but halt in their tracks, gazing in astonishment toward the source of the voice, focusing on a young man with black hair.

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This person turned out to be none other than Wang Teng himself!

"Hmm?" Le Tun halted his steps, looking down at Wang Teng, his gaze meeting the young man's as he asked, "What brings you here?"

"I've come to challenge you as well!" Wang Teng said with a faint smile.

"Challenge me?" Le Tun was somewhat surprised. This black-haired youth before him was merely a cosmos-stage warrior, so why would he come to challenge him? It was quite amusing.

"What?" The surrounding crowd also thought they misheard.

A cosmos-stage martial warrior wanted to challenge Le Tun?

What kind of joke is this?

"Brother, don't joke around. You're just a cosmos-stage warrior. It's not too late to come back in ten years to challenge," someone chimed in.

"Hahaha, ten years might not be enough, it'll probably take at least a hundred years."

"By then, Le Tun would probably have left. You can only challenge the next one, or maybe the one after the next Heavenly Lightning Mountain master."

"Maybe even the one after the next one wouldn't do. It might have to be the one after the one after the next."

"The one after the one after the one after the next, you guys really underestimate this prodigy."

"Could this guy be a rookie who's entering the Realm Space for the first time? He hasn't quite grasped the situation yet."

"That's possible. Generally, rookies who have just entered the dimensional space behave like this. They're fearless novices. Every year, there are several who make fools of themselves."

"But to have the courage to come to Heavenly Lightning Mountain and make a fool of oneself, he's the first."

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The crowd buzzed with discussions, finding the situation somewhat amusing.

Initially, they were unaware of what was happening, but when they heard that Wang Teng was challenging Le Tun, they couldn't contain their amusement.

A cosmos-stage warrior challenging the master of Heavenly Lightning Mountain was truly the biggest news in recent times. The entire Realm Space would surely discuss this matter.

It would be extremely embarrassing.

After all, within this Realm Space, there were prodigies from various major forces in the universe. Once the news spread, everyone would know.

"Oh, it's that handsome guy. Although his courage is commendable, he's far behind Gregory's strength and not a match for Le Tun."

"What a waste of a handsome face. Seems like he lacks some intelligence."

"Who says that? He's just a fearless novice, still too young, and in need of guidance and help from us, the Queen of Flowers."

"Sisters, let's go help him."

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On the other side, the group of female martial warriors suddenly became interested and marched toward Wang Teng's direction in full force.

"What the heck???" Wang Teng's eyes widened, his mind filled with absurd thoughts. Were these women out of their minds?

He didn't dare to be entangled by these women. He immediately soared into the sky, arriving in front of Le Tun once again, and said, "I want to challenge you. It's not a joke."

"Little brother, stop fooling around. Come down quickly. You're no match for Le Tun." The female warriors shouted from below, not giving up.

"Only a fool would come down," Wang Teng sighed.

"Hahaha..." Round Ball couldn't help but burst into laughter. This man was too handsome for his own good, attracting attention wherever he went.

Usually, he might attract one or two admirers, but now, he had drawn a whole crowd. It was truly terrifying!

Le Tun's expression turned peculiar as he glanced at Wang Teng, disinterestedly stating, "You should go back down. You're not my match. Didn't you see the outcome of the previous battle?"

"I did," Wang Teng replied calmly, paying no mind to Le Tun's disdain, just offering a slight smile.

"Even after seeing it, you still want to challenge me?" Le Tun observed Wang Teng's indifferent expression with growing intensity in his gaze. He seemed determined to discern whether Wang Teng was merely bluffing or genuinely confident.

"Do you need to rest?" Wang Teng asked, changing the subject.

Le Tun narrowed his eyes, studying the black-haired youth before him, puzzled by where he gathered such confidence.

The notion of Wang Teng even offering him a chance to rest struck him as somewhat amusing.

"Are you sure you want to challenge me?"

Le Tun asked, his tone now serious.

"Absolutely," Wang Teng affirmed.

"Very well!" Le Tun nodded, proud in demeanor. "I never refuse any challenge, and even if you're just a cosmos-stage warrior, I won't hold back. Everyone here saw it. It was you who wanted to challenge me, not the other way around."

"Of course," Wang Teng nodded again.

"Then let's begin. I'll let you make the first move," Le Tun declared, standing firm in the void with hands behind his back, not even retrieving the alchemy furnace that had been put away earlier.

Gasp!

Gasps erupted from below as the spectators were in disbelief that Le Tun had accepted the challenge from the black-haired youth. It was simply unthinkable.

"Are you sure you don't need to rest?" Wang Teng inquired.

"I don't," Le Tun replied.

Wang Teng furrowed his brows but said nothing more, immediately activating the True Dragon Battle Physique (pseudo).

Boom!

The Emerald Glazed Flame erupted, swiftly contracting and covering his body, transforming into mystical azure flame scales.

"Hmm?" Le Tun's expression showed a hint of surprise.

The youth before him seemed genuinely formidable.

However, the unexpected turn of events was far from over.

Boom!

Another resounding roar emanated from within Wang Teng's body as the Ancient God Physique activated, manifesting as a mysterious golden pattern at his brow.

Then...

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The Five-Element Divine Physique was activated. Force infused into the five internal organs, swirling into vortexes, and strange powers instantly spread throughout his body.

A terrifying momentum erupted from Wang Teng's body.

His black hair danced wildly in the fierce wind, accentuating the myriad changes, rendering him akin to a deity or demon.

Le Tun's expression finally changed.

Boom!

Wang Teng didn't give him time to react. His body vanished from the spot, transforming into a residual shadow, charging straight ahead, the air resounding with explosive noise.

"Go!"

At this moment, Le Tun dared not be arrogant. He immediately pointed his finger, summoning the alchemy furnace and hurling it towards Wang Teng.

But Wang Teng remained unfazed, grinning widely. With a punch, he struck directly at the alchemy furnace.

Bang!

A dull sound echoed.

The furnace caved in, then uncontrollably flew thousands of meters away.

Wang Teng stomped again, his speed akin to lightning, rushing forward. In an instant, he appeared before Le Tun, fists clenched together, and hammered down fiercely from above.

Boom!

The air bore clear traces of compression as if a shockwave was crashing toward Le Tun.

Le Tun's pupils contracted, too late to make any other reaction. He lifted his hands to block, crossing them above his head in an attempt to withstand Wang Teng's strike.

However, an immense force came from the opposite direction, causing his expression to change drastically. His entire body flew uncontrollably backward, mirroring the trajectory of his alchemy furnace.

This scene left the spectators dumbfounded as if they had witnessed a supernatural event.

Silence!

A profound stillness enveloped the earth and sky!

Simple!

Brutal!

Wang Teng's series of attacks happened too quickly. In the blink of an eye, he had sent Le Tun flying without giving him a chance to react.

Yet, at this moment, Wang Teng didn't pursue, standing still in his place.

"You..." Le Tun managed to stop his momentum, his gaze filled with shock as he looked at Wang Teng.

Such terrifying power!

Even his hands couldn't help but tremble. If his strength weren't sufficient, that blow just now would have broken his hands.

Who was this person? How could he possess such strength?

"That was just a warm-up. You should rest for a while. I don't want to fight someone who's already depleted, lest others accuse me of unfairness," Wang Teng said calmly, arms crossed, showing no urgency to attack.

In the Realm Space, there was no consumption of Force, but each battle burdened the spiritual body and required rest for recovery.

Le Tun had just fought Gregory, so his spiritual body was undoubtedly weaker than before.

"Very well." Le Tun took a deep breath, casting a profound gaze at Wang Teng, then sat down cross-legged on the ground, beginning to recuperate from his previous exertions.

Chapter 2443: Lightning Le Furnace! Heavenly Lightning Spear! Everyone's Astonishment! (1)

In the sky above, Le Tun sat cross-legged, beginning to recover from his mental exhaustion. The people below finally came to their senses, involuntarily engaging in low murmurs.

"That black-haired youth... He's so powerful!"

The crowd was exceptionally shocked, their gazes converging on Wang Teng, their expressions extraordinarily complex.

A cosmos-stage martial warrior was able to push back a martial warrior at the peak of the heaven stage. This was a little unbelievable.

"Where did this guy come from? I've never heard of his name before."

"He seems to be the master of that Lightning Spirit. Being able to tame a Lightning Spirit, he's not an ordinary person."

"Just from that brief exchange, Le Tun is taking him seriously."

"Even Le Tun dares not underestimate him. The strength of this black-haired youth is extraordinary."

"Yes, look, Le Tun is resting and recovering. It seems he truly doesn't dare to underestimate this black-haired youth."

"It's truly unexpected. Many people were mocking him for being overconfident just a moment ago."

"It wasn't me. I didn't laugh. It was all of you."

"Nonsense, I didn't laugh either. I could tell at a glance that this youth is extraordinary. Do you guys have my insight?"

Silence.

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On the other side, the female martial warriors from the Queen of Flowers were astounded too. They gathered together and started whispering to one another.

"This handsome young man's strength seems... not simple at all."

"He's really powerful, simple yet forceful, full of explosiveness."

"Suddenly I feel like this guy is even more handsome than Gregory, right? He's overflowing with boyfriend material. Oh no, I think I'm falling for him."

"Come on, that's too much. You have no loyalty. What about Gregory?"

"This has nothing to do with Gregory. My heart still belongs to him. I'm just going out for some fresh air."

"Ugh, you're shameless!"

"Alright, stop quarreling. It's too early to talk about this now. Let's see if he can defeat Le Tun."

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Wang Teng heard the discussions from below, his mouth twitching slightly. He resisted the urge to pay attention to the chaotic chatter and instead focused on the attributes board.

He had picked up all the attribute bubbles dropped by Le Tun and Gregory during their battle just now. He took advantage of Le Tun's recovery time to assess his gains.

Lightning Constellation Force*8500

Lightning Burst Sword Skill*3000

Lightning Spirit Physique (fifth-rank)*1000

Lightning Sword Domain (sixth-rank)*2300

Origin of Lightning*800

Cosmos Realm Spirit*5000

Universe Realm Enlightenment*4500

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Lightning Constellation Force*11000

Lightning Le Furnace*4500

Lightning Spear Domain (eighth-rank)*3000

Origin of Lightning*1200

Cosmos Realm Spirit*6000

Universe Realm Enlightenment*5200

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Lightning Constellation Force*2000

Lightning Constellation Force*2300

Lightning Domain*1200

Origin of Lightning*300

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A large number of attribute bubbles appeared in Wang Teng's eyes, filling him with surprise.

The first wave of attribute bubbles came from Gregory, among which was the attribute of Lightning Spirit Physique.

Wang Teng had been eyeing this special physique, and now his wish was fulfilled.

Moreover, it was a fifth-rank Lightning Spirit Physique, which surprised Wang Teng greatly.

No wonder Gregory could contend with Le Tun, a heaven-stage martial warrior, even though he ultimately lost.

n an instant, the attribute bubbles merged into Wang Teng's body, transforming into a strange force that circulated throughout his body, causing a certain kind of metamorphosis and sublimation.

Lightning Spirit Physique: 1000/50000 (fifth-rank)

Wang Teng immediately felt as if his body had acquired a peculiar ability, allowing him to sense the constellation Lightning Force in the world more clearly. He even gained insights into various lightning domains and the origin of lightning. Everything became extremely insightful and transparent as if he had become one with lightning itself.

This feeling was extraordinary as if he could transform himself into a thunderbolt and blend with any form of lightning energy in the world, thereby comprehending them in their own form.

There's a saying: if you cannot understand them, then become a part of them.

This feeling was not unfamiliar to Wang Teng because many of the special physiques he had obtained possessed similar abilities, albeit with different attributes.

For instance, the Spiritual Wood Divine Physique he acquired had an unimaginable affinity with various Wood Forces, enhancing the wielder's comprehension.

Next, Wang Teng looked at another attribute bubble — Lightning Burst Sword Skill!

As the attribute bubble merged, a beam of light appeared in Wang Teng's mind, beginning to practice a sword technique.

With the sword technique in motion, the power of lightning gathered, bursting forth with unparalleled might.

This was a universe-stage lightning-element sword skill. It was quite valuable and as a lightning element sword skill, it possessed a special characteristic — extraordinary power.

Among many attributes, the power of lightning was even stronger than that of fire.

Lightning Burst Sword Skill (universe stage): 1/5000 (well-versed)

With 3,000 points in attributes, Wang Teng's mastery of this sword technique had gone from the foundation to the well-versed level, saving him a lot of training time and surpassing Gregory's years of hard work.

The opponent probably couldn't imagine that the combat technique he had painstakingly cultivated would be taken away by Wang Teng just like that.

Wang Teng smiled faintly. This sword technique was quite good and among the many lightning-based battle techniques he mastered, it was considered to be of high rank.

The next attribute bubble, however, surprised Wang Teng a bit. It was a sixth-rank Lightning Sword Domain, a lightning domain for sword techniques, and it was sixth-rank.

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Wang Teng himself possesses a sixth-rank lightning domain and also had a second-rank Golden Lightning Sword Domain.

The Golden Lightning Sword Domain was a hybrid domain composed of metal and lightning attributes. It was quite remarkable. In terms of single-round power, the Golden Lightning Sword Domain surpassed the single-attribute Lightning Sword Domain.

Now that Wang Teng has obtained the sixth-rank Lightning Sword Domain, he could elevate the Golden Lightning Sword Domain to the sixth-rank. After all, the metal domain he mastered was not low. It reached the ninth rank of the actualization phase.

With such a domain realm, he could quickly transform it into the corresponding attribute's sword domain.

Golden Lightning Sword Domain: 2300/6000 (sixth-rank)

In an instant, Wang Teng completed the transformation of the domain, merging the Lightning Sword Domain and the Golden Sword Domain into the sixth-rank Golden Lightning Sword Domain.

Wang Teng glanced over the next few relatively conventional attribute bubbles, putting them aside for the moment. Then, he looked at the attribute bubbles dropped by Le Tun, and his eyes immediately lit up.

"Lightning Le Furnace!"

Related insights immediately surfaced in his mind.

Just as Wang Teng had previously guessed, this Lightning Le Furnace was indeed a special battle technique capable of condensing a furnace to launch attacks.

Moreover, if used in conjunction with specially forged weapons, the Lightning Le Furnace's attack would be even more effective.

As a member of a core family of the Secondary Career Alliance, it was quite normal for Le Tun to possess such unique combat techniques or weapons.

However, after Wang Teng completely absorbed all the information about the battle technique, he suddenly felt a bit confused.

This battle technique was not only an offensive skill but also a special alchemy skill.

What exactly was an alchemy skill?

As the name suggests, it is indeed a special skill that assists in alchemy.

The information Wang Teng obtained also included the origin of this battle technique, which was quite legendary.

When refining grandmaster-level elixirs, there would always be a lightning calamity, which was an ultimate test for the newly formed elixir.

Therefore, one ancestor of the Le family had a sudden inspiration.

Although lightning tribulation could destroy elixirs, it had a tempering effect. However, often due to the overwhelming power of the lightning calamity, the elixir cannot withstand it, leading to its destruction.

So, why not create a technique or combat skill that could regulate the power of lightning calamity, thereby harnessing it as a force for tempering elixirs?

This idea was truly remarkable.

Most alchemists try to avoid the lightning calamity, rarely considering using its power to temper elixirs.

Even though Wang Teng himself possesses the power of calamity lightning he has never thought of using it to temper elixirs because it was too dangerous. A slight mistake could destroy the elixir he painstakingly refined, making it not worth the risk.

However, just because he hasn't thought of it doesn't mean others haven't.

The ancestor of the Le family created the Lightning Le Furnace, which could regulate the power of lightning, making it a battle technique and using it for tempering elixirs.

However, this technique requires very high talent. Most people could not cultivate it.

Moreover, it required a warrior with a high affinity for lightning attributes. Even with the assistance of a specially forged Lightning Le Furnace, it was difficult for ordinary warriors to control the power of calamity lightning, making it very easy to destroy the elixir.

However, very few alchemists had extremely high lightning affinity, and those who had lightning affinity would not necessarily have talent in alchemy.

To have talent in alchemy, one must have a strong spiritual power and preferably also have talent in wood and fire attributes.

The requirements were extremely strict.

Lightning affinity was a special attribute talent, equally difficult to manifest.

To be born with several talents simultaneously added to the challenge.

This was awkward!

As a result, this combat technique becomes somewhat of a disappointment.

Used sparingly by alchemists, it was ironically employed by some lightning-attribute warriors as a formidable combat skill.

If the ancestor of the Le family knew about this, he would probably be rolling in his grave.

"This combat technique is interesting and suits me well," Wang Teng's eyes lit up. While others may not be able to use it, he certainly could.

Not only did he have sufficient expertise in alchemy, but his lightning affinity also surpassed that of ordinary warriors.

Nobody was more suitable than him.

"I must try it next time I refine pills," Wang Teng thought to himself.

Lightning Le Furnace (universe stage): 1500/5000 (well-versed)

This battle technique was also at the universe stage. With 4,500 points, Wang Teng's mastery of this battle technique rose from the foundation to the well-versed stage.

It must be said that even within the entire Le family, it was a profound legacy combat technique that few core members could master.

Le Tun obtained this combat technique solely because of his high lightning affinity. Unfortunately, he lacked talent in alchemy, rendering him unable to use the Lightning Le Furnace to refine elixirs. Otherwise, he would undoubtedly have become the most important alchemy genius of the Le family. Now, he could only be considered a martial arts genius.

Although not inadequate, the Le family was ultimately an alchemy family. Not being able to become an alchemist was Le Tun's greatest regret.

Following the attribute bubble of the Lightning Le Furnace is another combat technique—Heavenly Lightning Spear!

In Wang Teng's mind, an image emerged. A figure stood atop a towering mountain, holding a spear. Endless thunderbolts descended, converging entirely onto the long spear.

In the next moment, the figure thrusts the spear toward the sky, and a burst of lightning illuminated the heavens and the earth.

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The spear tore through the void as if it could pierce the heavens themselves. Wherever it passed, everything was pierced through.

As the radiance faded, a massive void appeared in the sky. A pitch-black dimensional rift loomed before Wang Teng, evoking an inexplicable sense of awe.

"This spear is similar to the one unleashed by Le Tun earlier, but the power displayed by Le Tun is inferior to this terror." Wang Teng's eyes gleamed with excitement, his heart blooming with joy.

An eternal-stage battle technique!

This was an incredibly powerful eternal-stage battle technique!

And if he wasn't mistaken, this martial technique was the inheritance of the Heavenly Lightning Mountain.

In the mental image in his mind, the mountain beneath the figure's feet was the Heavenly Lightning Mountain, an exact match.

At this moment, the imagery in his mind completely merged with Wang Teng's memories, bringing forth additional information.

He not only knew that this was an eternal-stage battle technique but also that it was an ancient martial technique, originating from ancient times and far more powerful than contemporary techniques.

Heavenly Lightning Spear (ancient eternal stage): 3000/5000 (foundation)

Unfortunately, with only 3,000 attribute points, Wang Teng could barely grasp the basics, unlike the previous two techniques, which he could master to the well-versed stage.

The higher-level the technique, the more challenging it was to cultivate.

"Truly the technique left behind by some mighty individual. I wonder if the Heavenly Lightning Mountain holds any other treasures?" Wang Teng gazed towards the towering mountain ahead, pondering silently.

Moreover, the domain attribute dropped by Le Teng also pleasantly surprised Wang Teng—it was an eighth-rank Lightning Spear Domain!

Eight-rank!

In an instant, it surpassed the sixth-rank Lightning Domain that Wang Teng had mastered.

As the comprehension of this attribute bubble merged into Wang Teng's mind, he immediately gained complete mastery over the eighth-rank Lightning Spear Domain.

Lightning Spear Domain: 3000/8000 (eighth-rank)

Wang Teng originally wielded the Lightning Spear Domain but it was only at the fourth rank. Now, he had skyrocketed four ranks to reach the eighth rank, truly a pleasant surprise.

Le Tun's comprehension of domains surpassed Gregory's. He could firmly secure his position as the master of Heavenly Lightning Mountain, not just by reputation alone.

Although the Lightning Spear Domain was a hybrid domain, it also encompassed insights into the Lightning Domain. Therefore, Wang Teng's comprehension of the Lightning Domain instantly reached the eighth rank, resulting in a significant improvement.

As for the Golden Sword Domain, it would still require some time for transformation and improvement. After all, Wang Teng had only elevated the Lightning Domain to the eighth rank, while his insights into the Golden Sword Domain remained at the sixth rank.

Furthermore, Wang Teng's Origin of Lightning had also seen considerable improvement. In addition to the attributes dropped by the two prodigies and the attribute bubbles near Heavenly Lightning Mountain, the sum of which unexpectedly propelled his Origin of Lightning to the second rank.

That's right!

He achieved a breakthrough!

Wang Teng's original Origin of Lightning was at the first rank, but now it had broken through to the second rank.

Origin of Lightning: 150/20000 (second-rank)

One couldn't deny that Heavenly Lightning Mountain was indeed a mysterious place of legacy. The attribute bubbles nearby contained significantly more attributes than other places.

Wang Teng had managed to pick up quite a few origin attributes just upon arriving here.

With the addition of the previous acquisitions, he finally broke through to the second rank.

After the power of origin of the five elements reached the second rank, this was the first time Wang Teng's origin power of a special attribute had reached the second rank.

Moreover, the second-rank origin power was something that many heaven-stage prodigies might not even be able to master.

His constellation lightning Force also rose tremendously. Wang Teng glanced at his attributes board. His constellation lightning Force, which had just reached the fifth level of the cosmos realm, broke through again.

Constellation Lightning Force: 1200/60000 (cosmos stage sixth level)

Sixth-level cosmos stage!

Having recently ascended to the fifth level of the cosmos stage, and now reaching the sixth level, although it was a small breakthrough, it was a solid advancement to a new realm.

Mind you, Wang Teng had only been in the Realm Space for less than a day but he rose two levels. No one would believe it.

"Well done! With my strength once again elevated, my confidence in dealing with Le Tun is even greater." Wang Teng felt ecstatic.

Who would have thought that his strength would increase so much just before the challenge?

The remaining aspect was the improvement in Spirit and Enlightenment attributes, which didn't need much explanation.

Wang Teng's gaze flickered and landed back on Le Tun.

As time passed, an hour quickly went by, but Wang Teng remained patient, quietly waiting.

Until a certain moment, Le Tun slowly opened his eyes, looked at Wang Teng, and a sharp light flashed in his eyes. Then, he slowly rose to his feet and said, "Let's begin."

"Okay!"

Wang Teng nodded and said, "You go first this time."

You're quite confident!" Le Tun stared at Wang Teng and said so, but he did not refuse. From their previous exchange, he knew that the black-haired youth in front of him was not to be underestimated. If he still regarded the other party as just a cosmos-stage warrior, then he would be too naive.

"Be careful!"

A loud shout suddenly came from Le Tun's mouth. His gaze slightly condensed as he pointed abruptly at Wang Teng. The huge Lightning Le Furnace appeared once again, instantly expanding, harnessing the power of thunder and striking Wang Teng.

"Lightning Le Furnace, huh?" Wang Teng's lips curled up in a mysterious arc. Le Tun probably didn't know that he had already obtained this technique, but it wasn't enough. He wanted to continue reaping more attributes.

With such thoughts in mind, the Lightning Slap suddenly appeared in Wang Teng's hand.

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"Go!"

Wang Teng shouted, and without any visible action from him, the Lightning Slap in his hand flew out on its own.

Boom!

The power of lightning descended, striking the Lightning Slap and causing it to burst into a dazzling thunderous light.

"What's that..." Le Tun saw this scene and his gaze suddenly sharpened.

Amidst the lightning, the Lightning Slap expanded and turned into a huge brick. The purple patterns on it radiated a dazzling light under the influence of the lightning power, extremely conspicuous. At a glance, one could discern the extraordinary nature of the Lightning Slap.

In an instant, the Lightning Slap had already grown to the size of a small mountain. This was a characteristic of certain stretchable metals, capable of changing size. There were even traces of dark-weight luminary gold in it. With the infusion of Force, its weight would increase.

However, Wang Teng rarely used these attributes. Coincidentally, he met Le Tun's Lightning Le Furnace today so he wanted to compare these two weapons.

"Let me see if your Lightning Le Furnace is stronger or my Lightning Slap." Wang Teng smirked and pointed forward.

Boom!

The Lightning Slap shot out explosively, carrying terrifying lightning power, and collided with the Lightning Le Furnace, erupting with a deafening sound.

In addition, Wang Teng also infused it with magnetic force. Coupled with the weight of the Lightning Slap itself, it possessed terrifying power.

A stunning scene unfolded in the sky: a huge brick and a massive furnace collided, the immense brick descending like the gate of heaven, seemingly about to crush the furnace to the ground.

However, the furnace was no pushover. It unexpectedly withstood the onslaught of the brick.

Neither could overpower the other.

"This guy!" A hint of astonishment flashed across Le Tun's face. The surprises the other party brought him were too many, from the terrifying power at the beginning to this huge and peculiar brick weapon. Every aspect was unexpected.

He thought that his Lightning Le Furnace was already an exceptional weapon, but he never expected someone else's weapon to be even more bizarre.

Today, he truly encountered a formidable opponent!

"What's that?"

"It looks like... a brick?!!"

"A goddamn brick!"

"If you ask me, that's a seal!"

"That's right, a seal! It's definitely a seal! Who in their right mind uses a brick as a weapon?"

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The people below started discussing when they saw the collision in the sky. Wang Teng's Lightning Slap attracted many people's attention. Le Tun's furnace was already astonishing enough. Now, there was another brick... no, it was a square seal.

The two were truly evenly matched, meeting their match.

"Your weapon... is quite unique!" Le Tun spoke casually.

"Yours isn't bad either." Wang Teng countered.

The gazes of the two clashed in midair, and they both controlled their respective weapons, seeking opportunities to strike each other.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Wang Teng was a divine spirit master. e was extremely skilled at controlling the attacks of the Lightning Slap. He easily blocked the relentless strikes from the Lightning Le Furnace.

Le Tun's expression grew increasingly solemn. He noticed that when Wang Teng controlled the brick for attack, he seemed unusually relaxed. Even when the brick became extremely huge, it didn't affect Wang Teng's control at all.

On the other hand, Le Teng completely relied on Force to control the Lightning Le Furnace. Although he was extremely skilled, there was still a gap between him and Wang Teng.

In theory, a cosmos-stage warrior couldn't be more proficient in Force control than him.

Wait...

"You're a divine spirit master!"

A sudden flash of insight crossed Le Tun's mind. He suddenly realized something and exclaimed in shock.

"You're only realizing that now." Wang Teng smiled faintly.

"No wonder you dare to challenge me, turns out you're a divine spirit master." Le Tun squinted, looking at Wang Teng with seriousness.

A cosmos-stage divine spirit master could challenge a heaven-stage martial warrior.

"What?" Divine spirit master!"

"That black-haired youth is a divine spirit master. No wonder he dares to challenge Le Tun."

"Divine spirit master? He's so young and talented. Is he a talent from the Secondary Career Alliance?"

"No, if he's a genius of the Secondary Career Alliance, how could Le Tun not know him?"

"Well, you never know. The forces within the Secondary Career Alliance are complex, and Le Tun might not necessarily know all the geniuses."

"A cosmos-stage divine spirit master might be able to threaten Le Tun."

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The people below were astonished to hear the conversation between the two. They never expected Wang Teng to be a divine spirit master.

Even within this Realm Space where various talented individuals gathered, divine spirit masters were extremely rare.

"That young man is a divine spirit master?"

"Divine spirit masters are the coolest!"

"That's right, divine spirit masters are the coolest, he just earned some extra points."

"I'm done for, I'm completely enthralled."

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The female martial warriors from the Queen of Flowers were completely captivated by Wang Teng, and it was unclear where these eccentric female warriors had come from.

Generally, female warriors rarely showed such infatuation, but here they were, gathered in a group.

"But if you think you can win against me with spiritual abilities alone, I'm afraid it's not enough." Le Tun's expression remained calm, exuding extreme confidence.

"Then you can try," Wang Teng replied.

"Suppress him!" Seeing that he couldn't deal with Wang Teng's Lightning Slap, Le Tun stopped lingering and shouted.

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Boom!

More lightning power descended from the sky, instantly converging into the mouth of the furnace.

"Here comes the move!" Wang Teng's eyes flashed with inspiration as he recalled the move that had previously repelled Gregory. Its power was indeed impressive.

Le Tun thought he could overwhelm Wang Teng with the sheer power of his Force, seeing him as just a cosmos-stage warrior.

If Wang Teng were just an ordinary cosmos-stage warrior, he might not have been able to withstand it. But he wasn't.

Wang Teng grinned, refraining from using any other means. He simply pointed at the Lightning Slap, and a strange lightning force shot out from his hand, merging into the brick.

Boom!

A loud explosion was heard. As the strange Lightning Force merged into the Lightning Slap, the Lightning Force in the sky was instantly aroused. They plummeted down and converged towards the Lightning Slap.

In an instant, the Lightning Slap became extremely dazzling. It was enveloped by lightning and turned into a gigantic sphere of light in the sky.

Without any unnecessary words, Le Tun controlled the Lightning Le Furnace to turn its mouth towards Wang Teng.

Within the mouth of the furnace, a dazzling purple light erupted, forming a lightning pillar that surged out.

Boom!

Wang Teng's expression didn't change. He pointed forward and the Lightning Slap shot out to welcome the purple lightning.

A resounding roar echoed in the sky, as the two masses of light collided, constantly nullifying each other, grinding against each other, a scene particularly awe-inspiring.

The onlookers below couldn't help but sweat profusely for the two.

They had never imagined that a battle between a cosmos-stage warrior and Le Tun would reach such terrifying heights. At this moment, they even forgot that Wang Teng was a cosmos-stage warrior. They had already regarded him as a genius capable of standing on equal footing with Le Tun.

Le Tun's eyes also revealed an undisguised sense of shock. He truly hadn't expected that the black-haired youth in front of him could block his attack with just a brick.

What was that ball of lightning?

To be able to arouse such terrifying lightning and resist him.

Boom!

The next moment, the collision ahead finally broke the balance, resulting in an explosion, the lightning dazzling to the extreme.

Le Tun's gaze suddenly contracted, and his figure retreated abruptly.

Wang Teng somehow traversed through the lightning at some point, rushing straight towards him. By the time he reacted, the two were less than a kilometer apart.

This distance, for Wang Teng, was merely a breath away.

Boom!

Wang Teng's expression remained remarkably calm, yet his unleashed attack descended like lightning from the heavens, fiercely powerful. In his hand appeared a battle blade, seemingly out of nowhere, and he swung it mercilessly towards Le Tun.

Lightning converged, forming terrifying blade energy.

Devour Lightning Nine Blade Skill!

This was the universe-stage blade skill Wang Teng received during the League Of Talents. He had already mastered it to the well-versed stage. As the blade energy slashed down, three blade energies instantly appeared, and it was difficult to discern between real and fake.

Le Tun's gaze narrowed, unable to hold back any longer. A long spear appeared in his hand, his eyes sharp as he thrust forward.

Lightning was aroused, transforming into streams of spear energy. Faced with the three blade energies, he couldn't distinguish which one was real, which one was fake, or if all were real, so he had to choose to destroy them all.

Boom!

Countless spear energies burst forth, colliding with Wang Teng's blade energy.

In an instant, both sides' attacks dissipated into nothingness. Le Tun narrowed his eyes but suddenly lost sight of Wang Teng.

"Oh no!"

A powerful gust of wind suddenly struck him from behind, making his scalp tingle and cold sweat instantly broke out on his back.

He didn't realize when Wang Teng had moved behind him.

Not only was this guy astonishingly powerful, but his speed was also breakneck!

With no time to think, Le Tun swiftly withdrew his long spear, pivoting to sweep behind him. A burst of lightning erupted, resembling a thunderous serpent attacking from behind.

Boom!

A roar echoed once more as the lightning serpent exploded. Le Tun's long spear almost flew out of his hand, but he held onto it tightly, seizing this opportunity to retreat hastily.

"He dodged it!" Wang Teng was somewhat surprised.

"Sigh!"

Le Tun let out a sigh, his gaze fixed on Wang Teng standing in the distance, his vigilance reaching its peak. This guy was even more tricky than Gregory.

Facing Gregory, he had to resort to his spear, but he hadn't felt as perilous as he did just now as if he could justifiably defeat his opponent.

But facing the black-haired youth before him, he felt as if he were being hunted as if the other party could launch unexpected attacks at any moment, leaving him defenseless.

It had been a long time since he had encountered such a situation.

"Come again." Le Tun's eyes gleamed, surprisingly feeling a hint of excitement in his heart. This kind of opponent was interesting.

He had sat on the throne of the Heavenly Lightning Mountain for too long, and among those of the same realm, only a few could threaten him. But he was too familiar with those people, leaving him with no surprises.

The sudden appearance of the black-haired youth in front of him was the only thing that made him feel a hint of excitement.

"Alright!" Wang Teng smiled faintly. Without any unnecessary words, his figure dashed out.

Le Tun's figure also moved, turning into a streak of lightning, meeting Wang Teng, and the two collided in the sky.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The battle instantly heated up, spear energies and blade energies constantly clashing, unleashing astonishing lightning power that swept through the sky, leaving the onlookers below in awe.

Too powerful!

Both of them were unbelievably strong. Could this be the true strength of the master of the Heavenly Lightning Mountain?

Even more surprising was the black-haired youth, whose origins were unknown, yet managed to battle Le Tun to such an extent.

The crowd's curiosity about Wang Teng's identity grew stronger and stronger.

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Lightning Realm.

News of the battle at Heavenly Lightning Mountain spread at an incredible speed, prompting many warriors to rush towards Heavenly Lightning Mountain.

"What's going on?"

Many people gazed at the streaks of light passing through the sky, bewildered.

"Someone is challenging the master of the Heavenly Lightning Mountain, Le Tun!"

"Challenging Le Tun? Wasn't it Gregory? I heard he was defeated!"

"Gregory was defeated, but another stronger warrior has appeared, currently in a fierce battle with Le Tun. He seemed capable of defeating him."

"Capable of defeating Le Tun? Is that true?"

"Go, go. Let's go and take a look."

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In the Lightning Realm, the Heavenly Lightning Mountain was a famous legacy ground. Now that someone was challenging the Heavenly Lightning Mountain, he might even be able to defeat Le Tun.

This meant that Heavenly Lightning Mountain could potentially change hands!

Such big news naturally attracted the attention of many warriors in the Lightning Realm.

To many, this seemed like a reshuffle among major forces.

Le Tun belonged to the Secondary Career Alliance, and there were other forces eager to seize Heavenly Lightning Mountain, hence dispatching secretly nurtured geniuses.

Such occurrences had happened before.

The only question was: which force's genius was challenging Le Tun?

It was well known that possessing a legacy ground would benefit other warriors within the same force.

Talents who possessed the legacy ground were like the leaders of their factions. Normally, they wouldn't reject other martial warriors from the same faction from studying the legacy ground.

Moreover, besides the core battle techniques and scriptures, the legacy sites also encompass insights into domains and origins, which are universally present.

Due to the special nature of the boundary space, these insights into domains and origins could be maintained for a long time, not hindering others from comprehending them.

Therefore, a larger legacy site often attracts many talented warriors to contemplate its mysteries.

Of course, the legacy ground that Tim found was just a small legacy ground. There wouldn't be many people fighting for it.

After all, the time spent contending for such sites could be better utilized by searching for other legacy sites.

There were many similar legacies in the Realm Space.

When news of Heavenly Lightning Mountain spread, many warriors hoped that the genius from their faction was challenging Le Tun.

However, whether this was true or not could only be ascertained by witnessing the events firsthand.

This prompted many to journey to Heavenly Lightning Mountain to witness the battle. Whether they could arrive in time for the showdown depended on their luck.

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Heavenly Lightning Mountain.

Wang Teng was unaware that news of Heavenly Lightning Mountain had spread far and wide in such a short time.

At this moment, his battle with Le Tun had escalated, becoming increasingly intense. They exchanged blows, weapons clashed incessantly, and spear energies and blade energies traversed the sky, creating a spectacle.

Boom!

A thunderous roar reverberated as they clashed, both retreating thousands of meters apart, locking eyes, their breaths heavy.

"Who are you? Which faction do you come from?" Le Tun's expression had become completely solemn as he gazed at Wang Teng, speaking up.

"I..." Wang Teng suddenly paused, caught off guard by the question.

To be honest, he didn't know which faction he belonged to. Was he part of the Seven Stellar Academies? Or the Virtual Universe Corporation? Or was he part of the Secondary Career Alliance?

Hmm, that was a problem.

"Hmph, hiding your identity, I thought you were someone from a major faction." Le Tun snorted coldly, assuming that Wang Teng didn't want to reveal his identity. He ceased questioning further and immediately charged forward once again.

Wang Teng felt somewhat helpless. Could he be blamed for this?

Certainly not!

Being too outstanding was indeed quite distressing.

As he muttered to himself in his heart, Wang Teng faced Le Tun once more.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The two of them collided again. Even Wang Teng didn't dare to underestimate a lightning element martial warrior at the peak of the heaven stage.

At this moment, he not only pushed his physical strength to its limits but also utilized the power of his domain, integrating it into his blade technique, unleashing immensely powerful strikes.

Thus, an astonishing scene unfolded. With one hand throwing fiery punches and the other wielding a battle blade, he seemed like a mad warrior unleashing frenzied slashes.

Occasionally, the Lightning Slap would launch sneak attacks from the sidelines.

Now restored to its normal size, the Lightning Slap traversed through the lightning sky, seemingly inconspicuous.

Le Tun, however, had no time to control it. He was not a divine spirit master, unable to simultaneously battle and control weapon attacks.

Between the fist imprints and blade energies, the Lightning Slap occasionally struck from above, making it difficult for Le Tun to cope, his expression growing increasingly grim.

"This guy!" Le Tun gritted his teeth, feeling extremely stifled. He had never encountered such a versatile warrior, whose tactics left him feeling helpless.

Boom!

In a moment of distraction, the Lightning Slap suddenly changed direction, smashing towards the back of his head.

Le Tun immediately felt a chilling wind at the nape of his neck, his scalp tingling. Cold sweat dripped down his back as he hastily dodged.

Swoosh!

A streak of lightning darted past his cheek, narrowly avoiding a hit, but the formidable lightning force left a scorch mark on his cheek.

"Unbelievable! What a sneak attack!"

"This guy is so shameless!"

"This is too underhanded!"

"Divine spirit masters have dirty tricks up their sleeves!"

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The onlookers below couldn't help but break into a cold sweat for Le Tun. Many couldn't help but empathize with him, feeling a twinge of pain in their faces as they imagined the sensation.

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If it were them, they might not have been able to avoid that last strike.

Le Tun couldn't afford to relax for a moment. Just as he dodged the lightning formed by the Lightning Slap, he immediately saw Wang Teng charging straight towards him.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Wang Teng appeared in front of Le Tun in an instant, unleashing several fist imprints in rapid succession, pressing down.

Le Tun thrust his long spear, spear energy filling the air, colliding with the fist imprints, erupting with a deafening roar.

In the rush, Le Tun's spear energy was unexpectedly overwhelmed, instantly shattered by the force of Wang Teng's fist imprints, which engulfed him once again.

Gasp!

The crowd erupted in astonishment. Le Tun was falling behind, it was simply unbelievable.

As the fist imprints exploded, the residual force swept in all directions. A somewhat disheveled figure dashed out, unmistakably Le Tun.

His long hair was in disarray, wearing a set of lightning-element battle armor, bearing several indentations from Wang Teng's onslaught.

Le Tun glanced down, his pupils contracting slightly. His armor was of the universe level I, yet it bore marks from the encounter with the individual before him.

What immense power!

If directly struck by it, even if he weren't seriously injured, he would lose 20 to 30 percent of his strength.

Even so, the backlash still made him feel as though his internal organs were shaken, only now easing as his Force circulated.

"Where are you looking? It's not over yet."

A voice resounded once more, causing Le Tun to abruptly raise his head, his pupils slightly narrowing.

Boom!

Before he could think further, a peculiar aura erupted from within him, sweeping out in all directions.

"Hmm?" Wang Teng's figure was still charging forward when his brow suddenly furrowed. "Domain!"

The thought had just crossed his mind when the sky churned, lightning descending from all directions, transforming into a vast domain of lightning around Le Tun, shrouding him within.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Countless thunderbolts descended, instantly engulfing Wang Teng, leaving him no escape.

In an instant, Wang Teng was swallowed by the lightning, disappearing amidst the dazzling glare of lightning.

"This domain... it's so powerful!"

The onlookers below were struck with awe, their expressions changing.

"Could this be the deciding moment?" Many speculated inwardly, shaking their heads in resignation. It seemed that the black-haired youth was ultimately no match for Le Tun after all.

With Le Tun's domain unleashed, there was simply no way to resist.

Le Tun's gaze, however, remained fixed ahead, his brows furrowed. His opponent had vanished, inexplicably disappearing amidst his lightning assault.

For that brief moment, he had lost all sense of the other's presence.

"That was close! Too close!" A voice came from another direction.

Le Tun quickly turned his head.

To his surprise, Wang Teng had appeared from another direction, clutching his chest in what seemed like a moment of relief as he looked at him.

"You!" Le Tun's pupils contracted. He had no idea how Wang Teng had escaped from his lightning attack and appeared in another direction.

How did he manage to do it within his domain?

The onlookers were equally stunned, their gazes fixed on Wang Teng, none able to comprehend what had just transpired.

He had clearly been struck by the bolts of lightning, yet how could he appear in another direction? Was his speed so great as to deceive the eyes of all the martial warriors present?

This was impossible!

How could the speed of a cosmos-stage warrior reach such heights?

"You can't escape," Le Tun took a deep breath, his gaze filled with extreme confidence.

"Oh! Is that so?" Wang Teng smiled faintly.

"Hmph! Find something amusing?" Seeing Wang Teng's indifferent smile, Le Tun felt extremely displeased, unable to suppress a cold snort.

"You're too confident," Wang Teng remarked.

"Only by trying will you know if you're too confident." Le Tun's gaze sharpened, yet there seemed to be no visible action from him. Suddenly, within the domain, countless thunderbolts descended, relentlessly bombarding Wang Teng. They fell densely, suffocating anyone who witnessed the scene.

It was a terrifying sight. Within a radius of thousands of miles, Le Tun's domain shrouded everything, and endless thunderbolts rained down like droplets. Even a martial warrior at the peak of the heaven stage, if struck, would likely perish.

Boom!

A terrifying roar echoed, shaking the void. If it weren't within the domain, this space would probably not withstand the onslaught of thunderbolts and would inevitably collapse.

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Le Tun's strength was somewhat beyond his expectations. Even some ordinary firstrank universe-stage martial warriors might not possess such a formidable aura.

Moreover, this domain didn't seem like an ordinary Lightning Domain. It harbored some unimaginable characteristics.

The onlookers below were equally astonished. They also noticed that Le Tun's current strength surpassed what he had displayed against Gregory.

Didn't this indicate that the black-haired youth's strength surpassed Gregory's? Otherwise, how could he force Le Tun to reveal his full strength?

More and more onlookers arrived from all directions, crowding the surrounding sky, eagerly observing the situation within the domain.

Arriving later, they hadn't witnessed the earlier battle between the two. However, seeing Wang Teng and Le Tun fighting to such an extent now, they were deeply shocked by Wang Teng's prowess.

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Le Tun's strength was beyond doubt, or else he wouldn't have firmly held the throne of the Heavenly Lightning Mountain. Yet, the person challenging him was equally formidable, which truly astonished and surprised many.

When they saw that Wang Teng was only at the cosmos stage, they were even more bewildered.

When did a cosmos-stage martial warrior become so powerful?

"I wonder if that black-haired youth can still hold his ground?"

Many were curious, and some were quite eager to see Wang Teng defeat Le Tun, especially since Le Tun wasn't from their faction.

It was a typical case of not wanting others to fare better than oneself.

"Le Tun is the prodigy of our Secondary Career Alliance. This person isn't his match."

Some didn't want Wang Teng to win. They were all prodigious warriors of the Secondary Career Alliance.

In the realm of martial arts, talents from the Secondary Career Alliance were ultimately not as strong as those from other factions. Therefore, Le Tun's position was extremely important to them, and they couldn't afford any mistakes.

The endless lightning drew closer and closer, descending upon Wang Teng's head in a matter of moments.

A hint of a smile played at the corners of Le Tun's mouth. As the master of the Heavenly Lightning Mountain, he couldn't afford to lose.

Besides, losing to a cosmos-stage martial warrior was simply out of the question.

"In that case..." Wang Teng remained calm. He shouted in his heart, "Golden Lightning Sword Domain, activate!"

Boom!

Just as the lightning was about to strike Wang Teng, a special aura erupted from within him.

A domain surged outward, enveloping only a radius of about ten meters, but instantly shielding him from harm.

Boom, boom, boom...

The next moment, streams of purple-golden sword light burst forth from within that domain, soaring into the sky like a torrent of purple-golden sword radiance, incredibly spectacular.

All the descending lightning was obliterated, turning into countless specks of light dissipating into the air under the torrent of purple-golden sword radiance.

"How is this possible?" Le Tun's expression changed completely, utterly unprepared for this outcome. Once again, his attack had been blocked.

The onlookers below were equally wide-eyed, hardly believing what they were seeing. The black-haired youth had managed to withstand Le Tun's domain onslaught.

As the lightning dissipated, Wang Teng's domain was fully revealed to everyone. Though it only covered a radius of a dozen meters, incomparable to Le Tun's sprawling domain covering thousands of miles, no one dared to underestimate this small domain at this moment. Shocked!

惊奇!

所有人的目光都落在那座领域之上,想要一探究竟.

到底是什么领域?居然可以挡住乐屯那座雷之领域的轰击.

"This is... a hybrid domain!" Le Tun's gaze fixed firmly on Wang Teng's domain, his face displaying astonishment.

From the beginning, he had noticed that the black-haired youth before him was a multiattribute warrior, not just a single-element lightning warrior, evident from the flames he wielded.

However, he didn't expect this fellow to have the metal attribute. What's more, he was so powerful.

The domain before them was a hybrid domain combining metal and lightning attributes, reaching at least the eighth rank. It was inconceivable that a cosmos-stage warrior could comprehend a domain to such an extent.

This person's talent was monstrous.

"How is my domain?" Wang Teng stood within his domain, looking at Le Tun, and asked calmly.

"Your strength is indeed surprising, and this hybrid domain is not something an ordinary warrior can comprehend. But..." Le Tun took a deep breath, speaking solemnly, "To surpass me, it won't be so easy. Let me show you the true power of my domain."

"Let's wait and see," Wang Teng replied, his eyes flashing.

"Lightning Hell Domain!" Le Tun didn't waste any words, suddenly spreading his arms wide and letting out a loud shout. His previously indifferent expression now revealed a hint of madness and majesty.

Two somewhat contradictory qualities appeared on his face, giving people a unique sense of impact. At this moment, he truly revealed the majesty of the owner of the Heavenly Lightning Mountain.

Boom!

As his words fell, a powerful aura suddenly erupted from him. Enhanced by the domain, his aura seemed to materialize, transforming into a terrifying lightning beast behind him.

The lightning beast was somewhat blurry, making it impossible to discern its exact appearance. The only visible features were its four limbs, resembling those of a tiger or leopard, and the horns atop its head.

However, on the surface of the lightning beast's body, some mysterious purple patterns could be seen as if thunder had condensed into chains, coiling around it.

That was... the power of the origin!

At this moment, bathed in lightning, this beast exuded an imposing aura, like a divine beast emerging from the lightning.

"This is..." Wang Teng's gaze narrowed slightly as he looked at the scene, feeling a slight shock in his heart.

Indeed, this domain was not a simple lightning domain. It contained other transformations.

For Le Tun to become the master of the Heavenly Lightning Mountain, the domain he comprehended was definitely beyond the reach of ordinary warriors.

"What is that?" The crowd exclaimed in horror, gazing at the lightning beast in the sky and feeling the awe-inspiring aura pervading the heavens, suddenly feeling an impulse to worship.

Roar!

At that moment, the lightning beast behind Le Tun suddenly roared to the sky, deafening, and shaking the entire sky.

In an instant, unimaginable changes occurred in his domain. Countless thunderbolts descended, completely turning the domain into a prison.

Wang Teng immediately felt as if his domain was being repelled and squeezed, an invisible pressure assaulting him from all directions, unable to resist, unable to contend.