Mechanic 1071

1071 The World of Secondary Dimensions

The space of the secondary dimensions was a bizarre world composed of various planes, and its rules were different compared to the main universe. Most of them were not suitable for the survival of creatures from the main universe. Some were formed naturally, while some were created from the fantasies of high-ranking mages.

If the main universe could be described as the branches and roots of a tree, then the secondary dimensions would be the leaves and fruits, and there would be a nutrient connection with each other—energy.

Researchers in the universe had created a world view model for the secondary dimensional space, which looked similar to a picture of countless bubbles stacked. Each bubble represented a secondary dimension, and the space wall of each bubble was much weaker compared to the main universe; one could jump and shuttle around frequently.

The advanced civilizations had always been keen to explore the secondary dimensions. Not only could they obtain certain resources, they could also develop new technology through studying the phenomena of the different secondary dimensions. The three Universal Civilizations had achieved a lot of results in this area, and to a certain extent, the strength of each civilization's technology came from this area.

Thus, the three Universal Civilizations had a large number of outposts and research stations in the secondary dimension space, and they stationed different troops to protect scholars and workers. In most cases, they were dealing with the attacks of the secondary dimension creatures.

The outpost A0000 was the largest barracks of the dynasty in the secondary dimension. It was set up within a secondary dimension that was suitable for survival of creatures. The dynasty had completed the exploration of that entire secondary dimension and transformed it, hoarding all the troops here. The dynasty's army was stationed in their base camp of the secondary dimension, which also served as the gateway for the dynasty to enter the secondary dimensions.

As soon as Clotti stepped into this place, a magnificent scene greeted him.

He saw a patch of endless reddish-brown land, stretching out of his line of sight. The dynasty's base also sat there, seemingly endless, like a forest of steel.

There were no stars in the sky, only gradual color tones just like the bloody glow of the setting set. There were light rays that resembled the wind at one moment and clouds at another, flowing in the sky and scattering the fog-like scene. The sky at this place seemed to contain some kind of invisible light source, forming a Tyndall effect as it emitted a misty and dreamy path of light.

Clotti was familiar with this dreamy scene, but he had not seen it for so many years, so he could not help but stop and admire it.

At this moment, a thunderous laugh shook the air.

"Hahaha, Clotti, you finally got a holiday?"

Just as the voice fell, a bolt of turquoise lightning shot out from within the base. It stopped in front of Clotti in the blink of an eye, revealing a burly figure wearing the uniform of a Senior Dynasty General.

Seeing this man, the typically stoic Clotti could not help but smile.

"Guzar, it's been a long time."

"Haha, I didn't expect you to look for me the moment you got a vacation. You're indeed my good brother!" The burly figure laughed again.

The latter was a hybrid from the dynasty human race and the Silver race, but from his appearance, there was not much of the gracefulness that the Silver race was well known for. He had a rough and masculine appearance, with a wild beard and braids. If Han Xiao was there, he might have mistaken this guy for Zhang Fei [1. Zhang Fei is one of the major characters in the historical novel Romance of the Three Kingdoms, a general and the sworn brother of Liu Bei.].

'Peals of Thunder' Guzar was a Beyond Grade A from the direct line under the dynasty, and his Esper Ability involved the manipulation of plasma currents. He had served as the guardian of the secondary dimension for many years.

The qualifications of the two were similar, with the time difference between their enlistment only around five years. They had known each other since they were young and weak, and they had maintained a good relationship.

Clotti shook his head. "I didn't come here for a holiday. I have a mission."

"No wonder you temporarily resigned from your post." Guzar nodded and curiously asked, "Is this a direct order from the Ruler? What does she want you to do?"

"Pursue and kill a Beyond Grade A. The target is hiding in the secondary dimensions, named Traveler. He is suspected of participating in the war within the Flickering World not too long ago. Do you know about that matter?"

"Haha, I'm of course aware of this. There's no entertainment here, so I can only watch the news all the time. I heard that Black Star repelled twelve Beyond Grade As in total, including Kasuyi and Sierron. This is really amazing and makes me want to spar with him a bit. Unfortunately, I cannot even meet him personally."

Guzar's tone was laced with regret. Guarding the secondary dimension, he had no chance to leave his post.

"There'll be a chance in the future," Clotti reassured him.

Guzar did not linger in the topic, smiling as he said, "I think that this Black Star is a good kid. When you officially retire, he'll probably be the one to replace you in threatening the rest of the universe."

"It's a pity that he's not of direct lineage to the dynasty." Clotti did not agree with him or say otherwise, only changing the topic. "The secondary dimension is your territory. I will need your help in pursuing Traveler."

"No problem." A cold arc of lightning shot through Guzar's pupils. "These last few years, the rats hiding in here have been rapidly increasing. It's time to teach them a lesson."

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Somewhere within the secondary dimension, Traveler was wrapped in magic, flying forward like a comet.

Suddenly, he paused, and a hesitant look crossed his face.

"Strange, why do I feel so restless?"

As a mage, he would never ignore his intuition, so Traveler stopped and took out a crystal ball, activating his divination spell.

Holding the crystal ball with both hands, a little bit of light floated from his palm to merge with the ball. Soon, the crystal ball rippled, showing a mirror image, similar to looking at a calm lake.

Clotti's face flashed briefly before dissipating.

"Dark Lord? What relationship does he have with me?"

Traveler's expression changed.

His role during the attack on Hila was just to pretend to go to Black Star for a spar. He did not participate directly in the battle.

In his opinion, even if the Black Star Army was suspicious of him, as long as he took refuge within the secondary dimensions, the other party would not waste energy to look for him to fight, but he did not expect the dynasty to sacrifice so much and send a huge killer weapon over to him. It felt like killing a chicken with a sledgehammer... In front of the Dark Lord, he could only admit that he was no better than a chicken.

"If I meet against the Dark Lord, I definitely won't be his match."

Traveler felt depressed. Even if he managed to master his Evil Convergence skill, he did not feel that it would be enough for him to stand against the Dark Lord. The latter was someone who had reached the pinnacle of dark energy and dark matter. Even 'Golden Ring' Oulou, who had reached a similar level to the Dark Lord, still ultimately lost to him in the secondary dimensions. Traveler did not think that he could surpass Oulou at his current level.

After thinking about it, Traveler's eyes lit up.

"I showed off the Evil Convergence, so the Dark Lord will definitely use this as a clue to pursue me. If I don't appear, they will definitely do something with the Evil Convergence dimension... It seems like I can only seek helpers to ambush the Dark Lord."

The time he had spent in the secondary dimensions was not for nothing. Not only did he develop good relations with a bunch of strong biological creatures, he had also gotten to know a bunch of Beyond Grade As who lived within the secondary dimensions...

Some of them were not even recorded within the list of known Beyond Grade As in the universe!

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In a hidden secondary dimension, a portal suddenly appeared, and several small battleships flew out. Their outer armor showed no insignias, and the model of the battleships was top of the line, even equipped with navigation for secondary dimensions. Due to their additional components, the overall appearance looked heavy and bloated.

In the command room of the flagship, many of the operators bustled about in their positions. Everyone wore a full mechanical suit set, covering their appearance.

Standing in front at the porthole were two figures, wearing masked hoods and robes. Both had special equipment to hide their appearances, and only their height difference could be seen. One was short and stocky while the other tall and slender.

They were the leaders of this trip and belonged to the same organization. They were on a special mission.

One of the operators, who looked like the overall commander, reported to the both of them. "Your Excellency Law, Your Excellency Fay, we've already arrived at our destination. Please instruct us on our next step."

The duo were known as 'Law' and 'Fay'. Those were not their real names but codenames in their organization.

The short and stocky person was named Law. He nodded as he spoke in a deep baritone. "According to the plan, the divination shows that Black Star will enter the secondary dimensions with the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy in the near future. Activate the detection radars for all biological creatures to the maximum range and set the target life strength to the pinnacle Beyond Grade A level."

The cold and clear voice of Fay rang out as she said, "The secondary dimension is our home field, and our mission is to seize the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy. Black Star has powerful combat abilities, and we need to avoid any sort of frontal conflict. The leader has allowed us to have many technological weapons that can be used to temporarily trap Black Star."

She paused for a while before adding, "If conventional methods cannot reveal him, the leader will allow us to use the Esper Ability of Destiny's Child once."

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In Black Star Palace, Han Xiao called Ames over to the live combat training room.

"Busy guy, you finally have time for me?" Ames raised a brow, her tone joking.

"Official duties, I cannot escape from them." Han Xiao joked back before taking out a compressed orb and lobbing it over. He explained, "This is a special mechanical suit designed for survival in the secondary dimension. I built it myself. Try it out."

Buzz!

With a spark of Mechanical Force, the compressed orb transformed into a jet-black mechanical suit, covering Ames' body in a snug manner.

She moved around a bit, searching for any lag or discomfort, before clicking her tongue as she commented, "Very fitting. It seems like you know my body measurements very well. Good observation skills."

That's because I touched it before... Han Xiao coughed to hide his embarrassment.

Anyway, the nano-optimization feature exists, so no matter what sort of body shape you had, the suit would adjust to fit you. Why the fuss?

Even though he was vomiting in his heart, he did not show it in his movements, taking out the improved version of the Mysterious Energy Host.

Seeing the mechanical suits, the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy excitedly called out, "Black Star, are you ready to set off?"

It could not wait to gather with its old friend once again.

Han Xiao nodded before turning to Ames to explain, "The Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy is able to shuttle through the secondary dimensions. With it leading the way, we can save ourselves a lot of energy."

In the five major classes, only the mages and mechanics could stably enter and exit the world of secondary dimensions. Both of them, however, had different methods of entry.

As for the Espers, theirs was a random factor. In contrast, the dimensional shuttle capability of the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy was more convenient, and their search for the Holy Light Particle would also require its help.

This was not Ames' first time going to the secondary dimension. However, the ordinary procedures were troublesome, so with the help offered by Black Star and the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy, things were a lot simpler. She curiously asked, "Then, where will our first stop be?"

"The dynasty has quite a few outposts in the secondary dimension, but I don't wish to disturb them. Since you also have the Void bloodline, let's go to the Void Dimension first."

Han Xiao grasped the arm of the Mysterious Energy Host, gesturing for Ames to do the same.

"Alright." Ames did not have any objections, but she did not hold onto the Mysterious Energy Host, instead choosing to latch herself on Han Xiao's shoulder.

An ordinary person would have to make thorough preparations in order to go to the secondary dimension, but both of them were Beyond Grade As, so they did not require any sort of precautions.

The next moment, the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy activated its ability, and a surge of crimson energy rushed out, enveloping their bodies.

Swoosh!

A bright light flashed, and the three of them disappeared without a trace.

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Their vision blurred, and the scenery in front of their eyes suddenly changed. They were no longer inside Black Star Palace but within the familiar Void Dimension.

"This is really fast." Ames was shocked.

"This is its innate ability. For it, returning to the secondary dimension is akin to going home, just like a fish in water," Han Xiao replied.

The Mysterious Energy Host had strong combat abilities, and at the same time, it also possessed plenty of convenient abilities and effects. It really was like a handyman.

Ames took a deep breath of void energy, feeling the excitement in her cells. She chuckled. "What are our travel plans?"

"Let's finish what we came here to do. We'll have plenty of time to explore afterward."

As Han Xiao spoke, he turned to look at the Mysterious Energy Host and asked it, "Do you know which secondary dimension the Holy Light Particle resides in?"

"I'm not sure what it's called in the main universe, but I can identify its energy fluctuations and track it down," the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy explained.

Hearing this, Han Xiao nodded. He had previously inquired about the dynasty's exploration records of secondary dimensions based on the description given by the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy, but they could not find anything similar. This probably meant that the place where the Holy Light Particle could be found had not been discovered yet.

Upon thinking about it, this would make sense. If the advanced civilizations managed to locate its lair, then the Holy Light Particle would not be able to laze around. Thus, at this moment, they could only depend on the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy to guide them.

"Let's go quickly. I can't wait to teach it a lesson."

The Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy was eager and proactively urged the others. It could not control the host by itself and had to have Han Xiao's approval.

Hearing this, Han Xiao could not help but laugh. He estimated that the Holy Light Particle would probably be upset at this 'friend'.

Brat, you brought all these enemies over to my area?

As he shook his head, Han Xiao was about to speak, but his expression suddenly changed.

Boom!

At this moment, an anomaly occurred as the void energy in their surroundings began to tremble.

Ames felt the same sensation, and she narrowed her eyes as she gazed off into the distance. Her tone was solemn. "Seems like something's coming!"

1072 Milestone: Void Conqueror

The Void Dimension was a chaotic and misty world, with gray and blue the predominant colors. Its space was filled with thick and viscous void energy.

Suddenly, the two of them seemed as though they had been put into a blender; the surrounding void energy formed a large vortex, with Han Xiao and Ames at its center.

Han Xiao raised his wariness, getting into a battle-ready state. The next moment, a mental fluctuation burst out, sweeping past the both of them, and a solemn, archaic voice spoke in their minds.

"What sort of alien creatures are you, to dare barge into my territory?"

Just as the voice rang out, a powerful aura burst out in their perceptions. Rays of light flickered all around as countless figures appeared out of thin air, seemingly endless. They surrounded the duo.

These creatures had strange appearances, but they all carried the characteristics of a void species and wore specially-made armor.

Sweeping a glance, Han Xiao felt a sense of familiarity.

He was no stranger to these strange-looking creatures.

There were Void Prowlers and Chaos Observers as the Reconnaissance Troops, riding Void Hunters, Void Star Pursuers, and Void Walkers. Lined up in ranks were the Void Disciples, the Void Executioners, and the Magomado Blades. The ranged troops consisting of Void Witch Spirits and Chaos Arcane Bodies were placed at the back. These were all the race options he had encountered with each promotion.

In the center of this army was the behemoth troop. There were ten huge Margola Void Beasts, covered in armor and carrying countless void creatures. There were even three Void Dragon hatchlings, of which the three strongest void creatures rode on them.

Their leader was a Void Duke, about a few hundred meters in height, his body covered in a tangible blue-violet energy. He was covered from head to toe in huge black armor and held onto the reins of the void dragon with one hand, a mysterious black longsword in the other. Void Dukes could change their forms at will, and this Void Duke was currently assuming a humanoid form.

This was a Void Army Regiment!

"It seems like we accidentally ended up in the territory of a Void Duke."

Seeing the group, Ames furrowed her brows.

She was an old visitor to the secondary dimensions, so it was not the first time she had encountered such a scene.

The Void Dimension was a naturally formed secondary dimension, and it spanned across an extremely vast area. The difference in dimensional attributes compared to the main universe had resulted in the spawning of the countless void species. In addition to naturally growing, the void species could strengthen themselves by swallowing each other, thus forming a complete chain of weak and strong. In this situation, the higher void creatures eventually segregated their territories, forming armies to fight against each other.

The Void Duke was one of the top void creatures, boasting their own powerful army. Their goal was to swallow other Void Lords or Void Dukes. Not only did they thrive on war, but using the unique features available to them, they had developed a special technology applied to the Void Dimension.

The Void creatures not only fought against each other, they were also hostile toward foreign life forms. One reason was because foreigners usually tended to kill them for materials, and secondly, the Void Corruptors could use their blood to convert the foreigners to become a new source for their troops. Thus, when encountering visitors from different dimensions, they would not be lenient.

"They treat us as prey."

As countless malevolent gazes landed on them, Han Xiao narrowed his eyes before releasing his Beyond Grade A aura. His momentum swept the area around him like a gale.

Boom!

The tyrannical aura caused the void army to stagnate.

The Void Duke's longsword slashed outward, sending a spiritual message filled with shock.

"Beyond Grade A creature of the main universe?"

The prestige of Beyond Grade As resounded even within the secondary dimensions.

Han Xiao revealed his identity. "I'm an ally of the Crimson Dynasty, the leader of the Black Star Army. I go by Black Star."

"Black Star? Never heard of you."

Because information exchanges between the main universe and the secondary dimensions were limited, most of the void creatures were not concerned about the news from the main universe. However, the big names like the Crimson Dynasty were still known to the Void Dukes, as the reputation of the three Universal Civilizations had also spread throughout the secondary dimensions. The higher beings of the Void Dimension had considerable wisdom and knew to not provoke the three Universal Civilizations.

"Outsider, I'm the Void Duke Kirkmond. Leave my territory immediately." He pointed with his longsword, indicating their expulsion.

The Beyond Grade A life forms from the main universe were not so easy to provoke. Although the Void Dimension had successfully killed some invading Beyond Grade As before, they were all done by the strongest Void Dukes. The casualties on both sides were equally heavy, which resulted in those Void Dukes being swallowed by others instead. Kirkmond was merely a Void Duke in the middle ranks and did not want to get himself into a conflict with a Beyond Grade A for nothing.

Seeing this, Ames did not wish to blow up the matter any further and patted Han Xiao. "Let's go. There's no need to entangle with them."

Sweeping his gaze across the vigilant Void Army, Han Xiao suddenly had an idea and switched to his Void Form. The aura around his body changed completely.

Seeing this, Kirkmond jumped up in shock.

"You're also part of the Void?"

"That's right. I'm not a creature from another dimension but one of your kind."

After Han Xiao entered the Beyond Grade A realm, he had transformed into an exclusive race, but the void bloodline he originally had did not disappear, merely merging into the exclusive race.

According to his degree of evolution, Han Xiao's Void creature ranking was high. He had reached the level of the Void Archangel, which was similar to the rank of Void Duke.

Kirkmond's attitude took a 180-degree change, filling up with envy and greed while hiding behind a fawning attitude.

When encountering a Beyond Grade A of another species, even if they killed the other party, there were no benefits to them. However, if the other party was a Beyond Grade A void creature, then he could swallow their bloodline and obtain an evolutionary boost.

However, the difficulty in killing the latter was also greatly increased. The void dimension was the home of the void creatures, and the higher one's void dimension life level, the higher their degree of control over the Void Energy. Han Xiao was akin to a fish in water there and would not be affected by the suppression of void energy.

The power system of the Void Dimension differed from the main universe. The void life forms possessed various racial talents, and through continuous evolution, they would activate their innate abilities to exert a great combat strength. This sort of strength could not be replicated by others, so it could not be classified as one of the major Super systems and only classified as a special life form.

However, the void creatures could also take the initiative to master the super system of the main universe, and their representatives were relatively well known.

"Do you know Kasuyi?" Kirkmond could not help but ask.

"We're quite familiar with each other." Han Xiao nodded.

Hearing this, Kirkmond felt proud.

Kasuyi was a celebrity within the Void Dimension, publicly recognized as one of the strongest void creatures to exist. He had raked up vast achievements while still within the void dimension, conquering a large number of Void Lords and Void Dukes and ruling a vast territory in the center of the Void Dimension. No one could contend with him then, and while he was generally more active in the main universe, his reputation within the Void Dimension still remained unmatched.

And right now, Kirkmond had encountered a new Beyond Grade A void creature who was even familiar with Kasuyi, piquing his interest. After all, Kirkmond himself did not possess the qualifications to even come into contact with Kasuyi.

"Black Star, come over to my place to be my guest." Kirkmond directly issued an invitation. There were few formalities within the Void Dimension, so they did not beat around the bush.

"Alright, I'll go and have a look." Han Xiao had similar intentions. Since he had managed to meet this Void Duke, it would be good to exchange some intelligence. Furthermore, since he planned to travel and explore this time, he was not afraid of having his time delayed.

The Void Dimension had many good things, such as the Void Maharaja that Austin had once given him, allowing his bloodline to be purified further. While Han Xiao had already reached the pinnacle Beyond Grade A realm, there might be something that could help him strengthen his void talents. There was no harm in trying his luck.

Speaking of luck, Han Xiao could not help but think about the luck halo [Caretaker of the Stars] that Ames had.

While he did not bring Feidin this time, Ames' had pretty good luck as well, which could be able to carry him forward.

"This is a guider. Follow me."

Kirkmond shook his fingers, sending out a cloud of void energy that contained the information on the coordinates over to Han Xiao.

The next moment, the surrounding void army all flickered and disappeared. In the Void Dimension, none of the inhabitants flew normally. They had all mastered the craft of Void Travel.

Seeing this, Ames shook her head in resignation. "You actually exposed your identity to the Void creature. The last time Hila and I came to the secondary dimension to train, neither of us dared to do so, or else we would not have made it back."

"Those with skills have bigger balls," Han Xiao joked.

While the secondary dimension still posed some risks to ordinary Beyond Grade As, it was not much to a pinnacle Beyond Grade A.

The duo then followed the guider and shuttled through the void, soon arriving at Kirkmond's base camp.

This was a magnificent city that was suspended in space. The entire body of the city was made out of translucent crystals, and its radiant internal energy core could be seen, surrounded by a rich layer of gray-blue void energy.

Within the Void Dimension, natural materials were scarce, so crystals were generally obtained through special techniques of refining the omnipresent Void Energy. To build a city like this, the expenses were naturally gargantuan.

This huge city had many barracks, so rather than calling it a city, it would be more accurate to call it an army camp. Han Xiao and Ames went to the main hall in the center of the city, and Kirkmond greeted the both of them.

He had shrunk his body to match Han Xiao's size. After they sat down, he impatiently asked, "Black Star, where were you born?"

He thought that Han Xiao had grown up as a native of the Void Dimension. However, Han Xiao did not hide it and explained that he was someone who had acquired a void bloodline and had always been active in the main universe.

The two of them chatted with each other, exchanging information. Han Xiao talked about the situation in the main universe, while Kirkmond talked about what the Void Dimension was like.

In his previous life, the players had a limited understanding of the secondary dimensions since they only came into contact with it in the later versions. Furthermore, many of the secondary dimension life forms did not have a habit of recording their history, so Han Xiao also lacked information about the void dimension in the current era.

After some exchanges, Han Xiao developed a general understanding of the current power balance of the void dimension. It was not ruled by a single entity but by many strong powerhouses.

The Kasuyi family dominated and occupied the entire central area but had no intention of unifying the void dimension, nor did they possess the ability. Powerful Void Dukes constantly sprang up like bamboo shoots after a downpour, fighting each other in separate areas. In addition, there were a large number of chaotic areas such as the wilderness, where chaos reigned, constantly breeding new void creatures that would freely hunt each other in the area.

After chatting for a while, Kirkmond finally came to the topic of Han Xiao's reason for going there.

"I actually have no goal. I just intend to roam a bit around the secondary dimensions. My first trip was to the Void Dimension, and I coincidentally met you." Han Xiao spread open his hands.

Hearing this, Kirkmond thought for a while before saying, "Since you have nothing to do, you can help me out."

There was no such thing as politeness or etiquette in the Void Dimension. While it was the first time they had met, Kirkmond did not bother standing on ceremony with them.

"What do you need?" Han Xiao was curious.

"I've always wanted to kill Bagdora. He's also a Void Duke, his territory similar to mine. We've already had more than a hundred battles against each other. If you're able to help, I can eradicate him, swallowing his core and taking over his army troops."

Han Xiao raised his brows. "Then, what can you repay me with?"

"I can give you half of the cores of the Void life forms left on the battlefield. In addition, if you need any specialties of the Void Dimension, I can find them for you." Kirkmond waved his hand, giving his bottom line without any attention for negotiation skills. "Furthermore, you can obtain my friendship. When you need help in the main universe, you can open a Void Path, and I will bring my army to help you fight."

Hearing that, Han Xiao was excited.

When he previously evolved into the [Void Pathfinder], he had obtained the racial talent of [Void Path], which could temporarily open a door to the Void Dimension.

He had never utilized this ability before because the summoned void life forms would not differentiate between friend or foe. However, if he could form an agreement with Kirkmond, then he would be able to use this ability to summon a void regiment to fight for him.

The same was true for Kasuyi. He could use his natural ability to call out the Void army under his command. This was where he had obtained his moniker [Void Overlord], but he seldom used this ability since his true body was too strong and did not require reinforcements.

While Han Xiao was not a summoner, this talent could also achieve the effect of a summoning.

At this moment, a notification popped up on Han Xiao's interface.

You have triggered the mission: Void Duke's War Employment!

Mission Introduction: Void Duke Kirkmond has taken a fancy to your combat abilities, and hopes to hire you to fight for him and eradicate his enemies.

Mission Requirements: Defeat Void Duke Bagdora's Army

Reward: 12 billion experience, +3,000 Kirkmond Favorability, 1 Character Summon Card

Additional Reward: Triggers the Milestone Mission: Void Conqueror

Void Conqueror: Milestone competition conditions: Destroy eight Void Dukes and their organizations (void life forms at the same life form level are accepted). At the same time, achieve a Favorability rating of Respect (3,000 Favorability) in at least four Void Dukes' factions. Reward will be given after Milestone is completed.

Milestone Completion Reward: If you possess Void abilities, their base effects will have a slight increase, and you will obtain 500 – 2,000 Free Attribute Points. You will also obtain +1 Legendary Point, +20 Favorability on all void life forms, and +1 God's Trait Transformation Point. This will only be given if the [God's Trait Transformation] talent is activated.

Han Xiao's eyes sparkled.

The rewards were pretty good this time. He could even obtain a God's Trait Transformation point. After creating both Universal Treasures, he had thought that he would have to wait till he underwent another Promotion to obtain more points.

Looking at the introduction, it seemed like only those Beyond Grade As who had reached the level of God's Trait Transformation would then trigger this extra point reward. If other people accepted this mission, they would not see the last message.

Han Xiao was overjoyed.

Not only did he manage to obtain a mission, he could even get a large number of Void specialties promised by Kirkmond. This sort of business could be done. To Han Xiao, it was just going back to his old mercenary days.

"Deal, I'll help you." Han Xiao smiled. "However, now's not a good time. I still have things to do, so let's put this off until I return."

He had already decided to accept the employment, but his priority was still to obtain the Holy Light Particle. This was non-negotiable; thus, he would only come over to help Kirkmond after he was done obtaining the Holy Light Particle.

"No problem!" Kirkmond was overjoyed, immediately agreeing.

Since he had fought the other party for so many years, waiting a while longer was not a problem.

Ames was not interested in their conversation. After growing bored of listening to them, she took out the revive token to fiddle in her hand. She had also obtained this from Hila.

At this moment, Kirkmond glanced over subconsciously and suddenly froze, his gaze fixed on the revive token.

"Huh?" Ames' brows rose, and she clenched her fingers over the token. "What are you looking at?"

"Er, could you pass the thing in your hand to me for a look? I felt a very familiar aura from it." Kirkmond was not polite at all, his tone carrying a little suspicion.

Han Xiao realized something, quickly taking his own token out and asking, "I have something similar. Does it have the aura you're familiar with?"

"Yes, but it's very weak. Could you pass it over to let me scrutinize it?" Kirkmond nodded.

Han Xiao thought about it before flicking the token over.

Kirkmond's palm transformed into energy to envelop the revive token. After carefully looking at it, he replied with an uncertain tone, "I seem to have felt a similar energy fluctuation within one of the secondary dimension layers..."

Han Xiao's expression changed immediately.

This revive token contained the effect of [Death Rejection—Awakening]. Based on his inference, this was a new ability developed by Hila. Using delicate power control, she had combined Aurora's life energy with her own Power of the Dead to form an entirely new type of energy.

Hila had also mentioned that when she was attempting to form a remote connection with Aurora, she experienced some difficulty in that a secondary dimension layer kept absorbing most of the energy transmitted between both of them. Hila initially planned to do a field trip to the area, but she did not have the time to come this trip.

So, is it a coincidence that I came across the target Hila was looking for?

Han Xiao could not help but look at Ames.

Compared to Feidin, I think touching you might be better now...

Chapter 1073 Encounter

To come across a clue right after they entered the secondary dimension, this could only be attributed to luck. Most likely, it was Ames' [Caretaker of the Stars] Luck Glow that shone down on them. Could it be that the Goddess of Luck had changed her sexual orientation?

Speaking of which, since the act of rubbing Feidin for luck was called 'Touching the Willy', what then should he term the act of rubbing Ames?

Should he just go with 'Coiling Dragon[1]'?

Since his luck was good enough to run into the clues that Hila was searching for, Han Xiao had no reason to let it go. He pressed on. "Do you remember which secondary dimension that was?"

Kirkmond thought for a while before he nodded. "I have a faint impression. That secondary dimension seems to be pretty well known as well and was famous for a period of time. It was once blocked off by a certain type of power but occasionally emitted strong vitality that could actually stimulate the potential of various life forms. Later, the blockade lifted by itself, but when the curious secondary dimension life forms went over, they discovered that nothing was within it, and the entire space even lacked the energy to maintain itself. It slowly declined and shrank, and in recent years, it's been close to collapse. It may disappear at any time."

Hearing that, Han Xiao was excited.

Most secondary dimensions did not exist forever but would collapse and disappear over time, just like leaves withering and fruits rotting. The secondary dimension world was disorderly and chaotic, which would constantly give rise to new secondary dimensions. Most of them were like bubbles, small and short lived, and only a few could exist stably for a long period of time.

Advanced civilizations and mages could also create artificial secondary dimensions. However, the form of such artificial secondary dimensions was different from the naturally occurring hyper-stable plane of the void dimension.

As for the blockage of such secondary dimensions, there were several possibilities. The most likely would be that the secondary dimension was a creation of some powerful life form. In which case, it would make sense to seal it from the outside world to prevent intruders.

"If this secondary dimension was the subsidiary space of a Beyond Grade A, then the reason for its decline should be the death of the Beyond Grade A creator, causing the space to lose its energy supply, gradually shrinking and collapsing," Han Xiao guessed.

"I'm not clear on that." Kirkmond threw the revive token back to Han Xiao. "I call it the Land of Dead Silence. If you wish to go, I can send you the coordinates."

"If you could. I have some interest in that place." Han Xiao smiled.

Kirkmond casually squeezed at the void energy, burning the information of the Land of Dead Silence within before throwing it to Han Xiao. He added, "The space wall of that secondary dimension is riddled with holes, and countless space storms surge within. Be careful, the space might collapse and disappear at any time, and if you are swept away by that turbulent space, you might end up lost in the endless layers of the secondary dimensions."

Han Xiao received the energy clump and read through the information before standing up. "Noted. We'll make a move now."

This was an unexpected harvest of the trip. He had planned to take a gander after he was done with his business to help Hila search for what she wanted.

"Then, I'll wait for you to return so we can start the war." Kirkmond nodded back.

Having reached an agreement for the war employment, Han Xiao did not delay and once again summoned the Mysterious Energy Host.

"Let's go. Lead the way. We'll find your old friend."

The Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy got the instruction and performed another dimensional shuttle, taking Han Xiao and Ames with him.

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Meanwhile, Law and Fay were slowly patrolling a vast white space within one of the secondary dimension layers.

On the bridge of the flagship, a star map of the secondary dimension was suspended in the air, but its appearance was very different from the detailed 3D map the main universe had. It looked like a model of countless bubbles piled up together, and at first glance, it looked like a bunch of grapes. Every bubble represented a secondary dimension that was recorded.

Because new secondary dimensions were constantly being born, the terrain of the secondary dimension changed every moment. This map was only used as a reference, and the anchor point coordinates of the different layers were used as guiding markers.

Law and Fay stood next to the secondary dimension world model, silently observing. At this moment, a red dot suddenly lit up inside one of the bubbles, and a circle of red ripples appeared within the model.

"Cross-probing radar has discovered a target, marked as pinnacle Beyond Grade A level!"

"Our target is separated by thirteen secondary dimensions... The route simulation is complete. Expected to encounter our target after eight jumps."

"Your Excellencies, awaiting your command."

Hearing the reports from the subordinates, Law hummed in agreement before commanding, "Lock the anchor point, start the dimensional jump!"

Once the command was issued, these warships immediately activated the secondary dimension engine, turning into streams of light as they accelerated wildly. The shuttle device loaded on the battleships began to operate, oscillating at the space walls with a special frequency.

The moment the battleships' speed reached its peak, a space wall shaped like a honeycomb appeared in front of it. A crack was quickly created, and the other end was a scene of the next dimension.

The spaceships flew straight in, and everyone heard a crisp 'pop' sound, as though the shock outside caused the air within the spaceships to react.

Their vision blurred, and the next moment, they had arrived in another secondary dimension. In just a few seconds, the crack within the space wall closed and disappeared without a trace.

This was the conventional way of shuttling between secondary dimensions. The scenes of the secondary dimensions changed rapidly outside the porthole as the fleet jumped many times in succession before finally coming to a halt.

Such rapid shuttling brought a heavy load to the spacecraft, and at this time, the spaceships were all shrouded in violent space energy, distorting their very environment as though the engines were overheated.

On the star map, the fleet showed that they were finally on the same secondary dimension as the red dot, and the target was rapidly drawing closer.

Seeing this, Law quickly came to the front porthole, looking in the direction of the red dot. "Prepare to engage. Ready the Dimensional Exile Bullet."

As both of them stared out of the window, finally, a figure appeared and flew closer.

Just as he was about to initiate the attack, Law took a close look at the person and immediately changed his command.

"Wait, don't fire! This person doesn't look like Black Star. His aura is different from the one in our records."

Clotti was wearing a mechanical suit, covering his facial features, but he did not hide the energy fluctuations coming from his body.

The Energy Attribute of an Esper and a Mechanic were worlds apart, so at close range, Law discovered the significant difference in energy fluctuations.

Sensing the group in front of him, Clotti slowed down before coming to a stop in front of the fleet. He opened the wide area communication channel as he coldly spoke.

"Who are you guys? Why are you stopping me?"

"We're just a secondary dimension exploration team. We're not blocking you but rather happened to come across you." Law sent a reply back.

Observing the space energy distortion caused by the rapid jumps around the fleet, Clotti knew immediately that this group was lying, but he did not expose them. "Which organization does your exploration team belong to?"

"We're from a small civil organization and have come over to collect some specialties here. Seeing that you're shuttling through the secondary dimension alone, you must be a famous pinnacle Beyond Grade A. I wonder if we can have the honor of knowing your name," Law humbly said.

"I'm just an ordinary Beyond Grade A," Clotti blandly replied.

Law cursed in his heart.

F*ck you!

To think that a pinnacle Beyond Grade A like you is trying to pretend to be weak!

Law and Fay felt a headache coming. Both of them were Beyond Grade As, and if not for the fact that the detection radar was able to tell them their opponent's combat power, they would not be so humble.

This cross-plane life form detection radar was a device dedicated to the secondary dimensions, but its accuracy was quite lacking. The search conditions were already harsh enough, but both of them did not expect themselves to have such bad luck to run into another pinnacle Beyond Grade A.

The two of them were still unaware of Clotti's identity and did not wish to cause any problems.

"Your Excellency Beyond Grade A, if we accidentally offended you. We express our apologies. If there's nothing else, we'll take our leave first."

He did not even wait for Clotti to reply, immediately steering the fleet to turn around and move away.

Looking back, the duo discovered that Clotti did not chase them but rather stayed there and watched them leave.

"It seems like he's not planning to attack us." Law sighed.

"Most likely, he's not interested in us." Fay was secretly relieved.

"Let's get out of here." Law turned back to instruct the crew, "Mark this target, and don't bump into him again on accident. Reset the cross-plane detector, and search for another pinnacle Beyond Grade A signal."

The two of them were not interested in Clotti's identity at all. In the secondary dimensions, there were many crouching tigers and hidden dragons. The two of them were not there to cause trouble. Everything was done for their mission.

Clotti watched the fleet fly away without chasing them.

The secondary dimensions hid a lot of organizations that operated in secret, avoiding the rule of the three Universal Civilizations. They were a group of rats in the eyes of the three Universal Civilizations.

In Clotti's eyes, it was likely that this group was one of these hidden organizations. They had pursued the wrong target and ended up bumping into him instead.

The goal of his trip was Traveler, and since these guys knew how to back off, he could not be bothered to pick on them.

Glancing one last time at the direction the fleet departed, Clotti chose another direction away from them to travel, continuously shuttling.

Before long, Clotti stepped into his destination, the secondary dimension of Evil Convergence.

Looking around, the area seemed to be filled with a corrosive purplish-green energy. It moved lazily in waves, like the folds on a stomach wall. Bubbles of purple green gas occasionally popped out like flooding stomach juices, and it gave off the impression of being in the stomach of some weird creature.

From one of the inner walls of the Evil Convergence dimension then popped out a male's upper body, covered with purplish green mucus. This person was Traveler.

His skin was pale, and he exuded an evil and crazed temperament, as though he had entered a manic mode that prevented him from being rational.

The lower half of Traveler's body, which was still engulfed, continuously emitted energy rings that could be seen with the naked eye. The rings travelled through the purplish-green inner walls and were absorbed by the Evil Convergence dimension.

Clotti frowned. With his insight, it was not difficult to see that Traveler was spreading the essence of his own genes. He was technically having sex with this secondary dimension that almost seemed alive.

"Dark Lord Clotti, what a rare guest... I'm not sure why you're looking for me. Are you here to join the party? I certainly don't mind." Traveler laughed hoarsely.

Clotti remained stoic, indifferently replying, "You took part in the campaign to encircle and suppress the allies of the dynasty, committing a crime. I'm here today as your arbiter."

"So, you're here to kill me?" The corners of Traveler's mouth hooked upward in an eerie smile.

At this moment, from the inner walls of the Evil Convergence dimension emerged countless figures, forming an endless army.

The majority of them were dangerous characters from various dimensions. Among them, there were three figures exuding the aura of a Beyond Grade A, obviously helpers called forth by Traveler.

After divining that he would come across a formidable enemy, Traveler had used his contacts in the secondary dimension to set up an ambush.

"This is the Dark Lord of the main universe?" At this moment, one of the assisting Beyond Grade As stepped out with his arms folded and casually spoke. "Doesn't seem to be much, if he's that careless."

The other Beyond Grade A looked toward Traveler and solemnly said, "Remember our agreement. This time, we'll only help you drive out your enemy and not kill the Dark Lord. Otherwise, the Crimson Dynasty will pursue us."

Hearing this, Clotti realized that the three Beyond Grade As were powerhouses he had never seen before, and everything became clear at once.

It was impossible for the three Universal Civilizations to monitor the birth of every single Beyond Grade A; there would definitely be some who were unwilling to be recorded. As long as they kept concealing their identity and strength, not creating organizations or making a name for themselves, the three Universal Civilizations would not be able to discover their existence.

Quite a few of them also hid within the secondary dimension, never appearing in the main universe.

Some were neutrals that were worried about being persecuted, and there were also secret combatants belonging to other advanced civilizations, such as the Super Star Cluster Alliance. After the Tragedy of the Pinnacles, the Super Star Cluster Civilizations did not dare show their Beyond Grade As on the

surface. Thus, their allies would all be sent into the secondary dimension to hide, preventing their existence from being discovered by the three Universal Civilizations.

At this moment, Traveler opened his arms wide, looking at Clotti as he laughed crazily.

"Hahaha, Dark Lord, you have immense combat strength in the main universe, but this is my home field. Can you even kill me?"

Clotti's expression remained calm, but his eyes glowed with a dark light.

He lightly lifted his arms, and dark energy gathered. He slowly said, "Since that's the case, I'll have to smash you apart with your home field."

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Following the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy, Han Xiao and Ames shuttled through various secondary dimensions one by one, seeing all kinds of bizarre sights. After a long time, they finally stopped moving.

"We're here. This is the nest of the Holy Light Particle," the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy excitedly said.

Han Xiao wandered around and saw that this was a dazzling world, with boundless land, mountains, forests, and rivers. But all of it was made out of materialized light, shiny and colorful.

The towering mountain peaks looked like blocks of shining giant gems, and the river was flowing with something resembling liquid light. Everything in this world was pure and flawless, just like a fairy tale.

"It's rather pretty. This is the first time I've come across such a secondary dimension." Ames could not help but rub her eyes in helplessness. "But it's a little piercing to the eyes."

"It is indeed." Han Xiao smirked before asking, "How do we find it?"

The Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy laughed. "Haha, it's either sleeping or doesn't want to be seen. Leave it to me. It's very sensitive to my energy. So long as it senses me, it will become mad, so I can release my aura and arouse its natural reaction to take the initiative to come over.

Hearing this, Han Xiao could not help but glance at the Mysterious Energy Host in a weird manner.

What's with this tone? It sounds like you've trained it like a pet...

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The air was filled with light energy. In a Mage's words, the density of light element was extremely high in this place.

Han Xiao and Ames landed on a shallow land beside a river, the soil was made of colorful sand and felt just like a normal beach.

Ames squatted down, picked up a sand particle, and curiously observed this irregular-shaped solid subject. She then used a tiny bit of force on it. This sand particle cracked open and turned into fog-like light dust, slowly rising up.

Looking up, the sky was covered by a large sea of clouds, all formed by gaseous light particles. It was dreamy. There were light particles ascending from all places occasionally, and once a certain density was reached, this sea of clouds would turn into rain and pour the light dust onto the ground, forming new terrains. This process had constantly been repeating itself.

"It's beautiful," Ames complimented.

Han Xiao came to the river and lifted up a pond of liquid light particles. Looking at the gold-like liquid flowing through his fingers, he could not help but say, "This place is heavily light polluted."

"... Did you have to break the atmosphere like that?" Ames said with resignation.

"Come on, I'm just telling the truth."

Han Xiao's lips curled up. He summoned a few industrial mining devices and said casually, "This place is very unique and has high research value. I'm going to bring some materials back for experiments."

As he was speaking, he recorded the coordinates of this secondary dimension in the database so that he could come again. After some pondering, he decided to call this secondary dimension 'Nation of Light'.

After Han Xiao was done with all that, he then deployed some space stabilization anchors to prevent the Holy Light Particle from escaping. He patted the Mysterious Energy Host and said, "Okay, it's time to force the Holy Light Particle out."

The Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy had been looking forward to this for a long time. As soon as he received the order, he instantly released waves of red energy into the ground without hesitation, forming an enormous expanding spider net.

When Han Xiao silently counted to 221, Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy finally reacted and said with an evil tone, "I've found it. It's sleeping as expected. Watch me wake it up!"

As soon as the sentence ended, Han Xiao and Ames felt the ground under them tremble.

The next moment, the entire space started trembling, mountains and all.

Boom!

Before the two of them could start to observe the surroundings, an enormous light fountain gushed out from under the ground, turning into a holy-looking mass of gold light. At its core was a blindingly bright sphere, as if there was another sun in the sky.

At this time, a red stream of Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy was inside this white gold sphere of light. Like cold water poured into boiling oil, it triggered extremely violent reactions.

With the appearance of this mass of light, a furious and irritated energy impact expanded instantly.

"Mosanil! You attacked me again in my sleep! I'm definitely going to kill you today!"

"Narusus, doesn't my energy taste good? Did you miss it?" The Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy chuckled.

Hearing this, Han Xiao's mouth twitched.

From this exchange, it sounded like this was not the first time...

Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy turned to look at Han Xiao and said with a smile, "This is the Holy Light Particle you guys talked about. It's in a bad mood after waking up. I'll leave the rest to you."

Primal Esper Ability Entities were all ancient and had their own names. 'Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy' and 'Holy Light Particle' were just the names the outside world assigned to them.

The Holy Light Particle hastily approached and finally realized the others. Seeing the Mysterious Energy Host, its rage vanished, switching right to joy.

"Hmm? You've been made into a puppet again? Hahaha, karma! You deserved it!"

"Don't be too happy. You're next." Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy smiled coldly.

The Holy Light Particle looked at Han Xiao and Ames. He then said with a displeased tone, "Humph, you're low as always, helping the enemies obtain my body, hoping to drag me down... The two of you kids from the main universe, I don't care how he tricked you, but I'm not interested in playing with you. Get the hell back to the main universe and stop bothering me."

Han Xiao did not mind. He took out a tin shaped device, tilted his head, and said, "Are you going to come in yourself, or do you want me to help you?"

Hearing this, the Holy Light Particle instantly became much brighter, giving off a tsunami-like energy shockwave as if it was giving its all. The entire space trembled slightly. With an over the top confident tone, he said, "I'm no weakling like Mosanil Are you prepared to face the consequences of trying to catch me?"

Thirty seconds later...

"Stop stop stop, it hurts. I admit my defeat."

The Holy Light Particle had shrunk countless times and was contained in the tin like a pool of gold liquid. The containment device was buzzing with an electromagnetic field.

Han Xiao shook the device and made the Holy Light Particle stagger a few times.

"That's it?" Ames was speechless.

She had thought that the Holy Light Particle was very strong and was already prepared to fight. To her absolute surprise, after one slap from Han Xiao, the Holy Light Particle was already done for. It was way too weak.

Han Xiao, of course, was not surprised. In the face of a peak Beyond Grade A, Primal Esper Ability Entities would not be able to do much. He only found the fact that the Holy Light Particle was so confident strange.

Seeing his old friend get beaten up, the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy was now the one gloating. He moved beside the containment device and chuckled. "Welcome, with you as my company, I won't be lonely anymore."

"Mosanil! I'll murder you sooner or later!" The Holy Light Particle was in despair.

Han Xiao tapped on the glass of the containment device and interrupted them. "You'll have plenty of time to communicate in the future. Answer my question first. What abilities do you have?"

The Holy Light Particle said with rage, "I'm telling you, I won't give in as easily as Mosanil. Even if you torture me, I won't..."

Thirty seconds later...

The Holy Light Particle obediently lay at the bottom of the containment device, shivering while explaining his abilities.

"My most basic abilities are physique enhancement, superspeed flight, and dimension crossing. I can also give others the power of holy light. I have the ability to attack as well. My host can use me to punish evil. There are two criteria for judging what or who's evil. One is the belief of my host, and the other is the target's own conscience and understanding of their crimes. The more severe the crime, the stronger the power of the punishment will be... Also, I can purify filth, helping the target to get rid of related negative states, as well as heal to a certain extent..."

The Holy Light Particle poured everything out.

As Han Xiao nodded and listened, he also complained about the Holy Light Particle in his mind. From just his name, he thought this guy would be pure and virtuous, only to realize he changed his attitude instantly after he got beaten up. He was just as shameless as Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy. Was it because they had lived too long?

In terms of punishing evil and purifying filth, the abilities of the Holy Light Particle did indeed match its 'holy' style. However, the criteria were quite emotionally dependent. Its strength would only be maximized when its host was a person of justice with strong beliefs.

Compared to all that, what Han Xiao cared more about was its ability to gift others the power of holy light. After some questioning, he was pleasantly surprised.

Holy light itself was considered a type of multi-dimensional energy. It was not rare and could be used by both high-level Mechanics and Mages. It had mind energy characteristics. However, although holy light was not rare, it was not something ordinary people could use.

The Holy Light Particle, however, could gift any intelligent species 'Holy Light Seed'. As long as the target trained hard, fertilized the seed with beliefs and determination to make it blossom, the target would have control of holy light energy, which could be further enhanced. This meant that the Holy Light Particle could provide an extra class with growth potential, allowing ordinary people to have power from nothing, and Supers could obtain this ability.

However, since the requirement was that one had to obtain 'Holy Light Seed' and the gifted energy could be retrieved by Holy Light Particle, it had limited uses and was not included in the five Super classes. It was more like a subclass.

From the Holy Light Particle, Han Xiao came to know that back when the Holy Light Particle had a host, it used a method to enhance its host's strength—it retrieved the matured Holy Light Seed from others. This was equivalent to taking the fruits of hard work from others and making all of their hard work its own.

After hearing its experience, the way Han Xiao looked at the Holy Light Particle became much friendlier.

Not bad, didn't expect you to be in the leek industry too.

Han Xiao believed in 'seeing is believing', so he told the unwilling Holy Light Particle to use this ability on him. A stream of warm gold energy flowed into his body, and a notification popped up on the interface.

You have received ability [Holy Light Seed].

[Holy Light Seed]: Passive ability. This is the base of the power of holy light. It has to be nurtured by belief. After maturing, you can awaken subclass [Holy Light Emissary]. Belief Value required 0/5000. (Belief Value can be increased through meditating, mind training, punishing criminals, and so on.)

I see... This ability has a very high strategic value. If the energy given out isn't retrieved, I can turn many ordinary people who don't have the talent to become Supers into holy light warriors. This way, the fundamental combat capability of the army will increase tremendously.

This was a surprise. Maybe he could even sell this to the players. It seemed to have quite a high potential.

However, Evans did not display this ability in his previous life, so it probably had some limits.

After some questioning, Han Xiao got the answer.

As expected, every Holy Light Seed was a tiny bit of core essence granted by the Holy Light Particle, and its core energy recovered at a very slow speed. If he used too much, he would be heavily damaged together with its host.

"I seem to have a way to make its energy recover quickly..." Han Xiao pondered.

He had some ideas, but this was not the time to test them, so he kept the containment device.

Han Xiao also told the Holy Light Particle to take back the Holy Light Seed in him. He only asked for it to test it; he did not need this subclass himself.

According to his original thoughts, he wanted to also make a host for the Holy Light Particle. However, the way he looked at it now, that might not be the best choice.

Han Xiao looked at the interface. [The Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy's Arch Enemy] was already shown as complete.

He received 2.4 billion EXP and two Character Summon Cards. As expected, they were from the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy and Holy Light Particle. The abilities were not too rare; they were the ability to suck the energy out of a planet's core and Holy Flame Judgement. Although the two of them were already in his hands, these two Character Summon Cards were better than nothing.

What Han Xiao was more concerned about was the newly activated milestone mission [Primal Esper Ability Collector].

[Primal Esper Ability Collector (Unactivated)]: Activation requirement—Have at least 4 Primal Esper Ability Entities. Current progress 2/4.

Effects: When you fight Espers, all your attributes will increase slightly. 12% – 20% damage reduction from Espers.

Reward: [The Third Sanctum] Ability Fragment * 1

Han Xiao was stunned.

The Third Sanctum? What on earth is this? I seem to remember that I also have the Ability Fragment of the First Sanctum? Could these be connected?

This question had been troubling him for quite some time, but he had not found any clues.

He suppressed the curiosity in his heart and looked at the effects of the milestone. It was targeted at Espers and was quite useful.

The mission requirement is to have four Primal Esper Ability Entities, which means I will need two more. That is quite difficult, mainly because they're hard to find. I'll just try my best...

As he had expected, dealing with the Holy Light Particle was a piece of cake. Once business was done, Han Xiao went sightseeing with Ames in the Nation of Light for a while, and when he had collected enough sample material, the two of them left this secondary dimension and headed for the next stop—Land of Dead Silence.

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As lights flickered, the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy brought Han Xiao and Ames to the Land of Dead Silence following the coordinates from Kirkmond.

After seeing the environment there, Han Xiao could not help but exclaim, "Wow, this place really does look quite scary."

This secondary dimension had only dark colors, the spatial wall had countless holes. Violent chaotic space streams continuously invaded and raged. The sky was filled with infinite space storms flickering in dark blue and purple. Below them was a black desolate desert. Many places were devoured by chaotic space streams and turned into the void. This land was torn into separated broken islands.

Having felt something, Han Xiao took out the revive token he had been wearing and realized it was heating up—it reacted to this place as expected.

"This means that the Land of Dead Silence really is connected to Hila..."

Han Xiao released his senses and searched the entire secondary dimension, only to find nothing special.

Just as Kirkmond said, this secondary dimension was close to dying. There was nothing there.

This time, Ames shook her head and said, "Looks like Hila will have to come here personally to notice something."

Han Xiao nodded in agreement. Hila's ability probably had some resonance with the Land of Dead Silence and might be able to activate some unique event. Although he was stronger, he clearly did not meet the requirements.

"At least we investigated the place for her, so it'll be easier for her to come next time." Han Xiao recorded the coordinates of this dimension in the database.

Just as the two of them were about to leave, a powerful life energy source suddenly appeared out of nowhere and entered the range of their senses.

The two of them looked over and saw a silhouette covered in wounds falling out of a chaotic space stream, coincidentally into the space wall hole of the Land of Dead Silence.

Ames blinked and wondered, "Hmm? This person looks somewhat familiar..."

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At the same time...

"Your Excellencies, the radar has locked onto the target!"

Inside the spaceship command room, Law and Fay quickly looked at the map.

"This isn't the same person we met earlier, right?"

"No, he's in another secondary dimension. This is the second peak Beyond Grade A signal detected."

After making sure they were not mistaken, Law instantly ordered, "Okay, lock onto the new target and advance at full speed!"

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In Evil Convergence...

God only knew what violent treatment the space wall received. Like a balloon, it expanded and cracked from within, causing this secondary dimension to lose all its defenses. The green evil energy everywhere that was full of life earlier looked like it had lost all energy as it was blown away by the chaotic space stream together with all the bodies here, disappearing without a trace.

This special secondary dimension that gave birth to lives had now turned into a wreckage with only silence and death. It was quickly dying.

Clotti shattered the head of the last Beyond Grade A, turned up to look at the space storm raging around him, and frowned. He was not satisfied with his performance.

"It's been too long since I've fought. I've really gotten rusty and accidentally used too much strength. He managed to escape with the chaotic space stream."

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"Hahaha, I've escaped!"

A green ball of light floated in the space storm. It was Traveler, who was protecting himself with a magic shield.

At this point of time, he was no longer in the state of madness affected by Evil Convergence. Although his skin was still pale, he did not give off an evil vibe anymore. His mental state had also returned to normal, only filled with fear and frustration.

In order to ambush Clotti, Traveler had gathered the friends he had made in the secondary dimension in the past. He had thought that with a total of four Beyond Grade As, with the help of the fact that they were in the Evil Convergence secondary dimension, they would be able to force Dark Lord away at the very least.

However, reality slapped him right on his cheeks.

Clotti was way too strong. He had a Super High Risk Esper Ability to begin with, and it had evolved to a very high level. His area damage was explosive. Through simulating the phenomenon of a mini big bang with his dark energy, he thrashed the entire Evil Convergence secondary dimension and broke the space wall from within.

If he was just powerful by himself, the four of them would still have had the chance to escape. However, what gave Traveler the most despair was the fact that Clotti had not just one but many Universal Treasures!

As a peak Beyond Grade A directly under the dynasty's command and the personal guard of the Ruler, Clotti was not short on Universal Treasures. To make his mission easier, the dynasty had given him many Universal Treasures to use.

Before executing the mission, Clotti had taken five Universal Treasures from the dynasty's stash, increasing his strength by a large extent. When he went all out, he easily killed three Beyond Grade As who had yet to surpass the 52,000 Energy Rank.

Traveler was the only one who had escaped with the help of the chaotic space stream when his wife, the Evil Convergence secondary dimension, was being murdered.

Without Evil Convergence, his strength had plummeted back to the level of ordinary Beyond Grade As. His hard work over all these years had gone right down the drain. His heart was hurting so much it felt like someone was suffocating it.

However, one good thing was that the enemy could no longer track him using Evil Convergence. As long as he hid well, he would be safe.

"As long as I'm alive, it means I still have a chance."

Traveler's heart was filled with the relief of surviving a disaster.

Furthermore, there was still hope of rising again...

Traveler lowered his head and opened his palm. An irregular shaped greenish-purple fragment lay quietly in his hands like a piece of glass.

This was the core fragment of Evil Convergence. As long as he planted it in another secondary dimension with a special method, there would be a chance for it to regrow into a new Evil Convergence. Only, it would take a very long time.

"All I have to do is avoid the Crimson Dynasty's pursuit. When they give up, I'll have more than enough time to recover. Looks like I'll have to hide in the secondary dimensions for decades or maybe even a century... Fortunately, I still have a long life span."

Traveler breathed a sigh of relief, cleared the shadow of failure, and motivated himself.

Surviving a disaster meant that fortune was ahead!

At this time, inside the space storm, three cracks in the space wall suddenly appeared. It was unknown which secondary dimensions they led to.

Inside space storms, space wall cracks were the only exits, or one would be forever lost inside chaotic space streams.

"What a surprise to see exits so soon. Looks like my luck is about to change for the better." Traveler's eyes sparkled. Without hesitation, he directly chose one of the cracks and flew right in.

The next moment, the world in front of him changed into a secondary dimension filled with countless holes. Inside it were countless shattered black islands. It was dead silent.

Traveler passed through the space wall and fell into this secondary dimension. Before he could be glad about escaping death, he immediately saw a man and a woman inside the secondary dimension looking up at him. They were not wearing helmets.

When he saw their appearances, Traveler's smile turned stiff on his face, and sweat ran down his forehead.

Black Star and Dragon Emperor!

What the hell? Why are the two of them here?

I just escaped from one, now I've run into two more?

Traveler's eyes almost popped out. Before he could think of anything else, he immediately stopped his falling body and quickly returned the way he had come from, toward the chaotic space stream above.

"Don't run!" Ames reacted instantly. She reached out and pulled. A powerful force field grabbed onto Traveler's body and pulled him to her.

Traveler was heavily injured to begin with. Furthermore, losing Evil Convergence had damaged him even more. He was in an extremely horrible state at this point and could not escape Ames' force field at all.

"I can't fall here!" Traveler ignored all consequences and used secret techniques to stimulate his exhausted mind and body. He forcefully started to generate magic energy and cast spells.

A teleportation gate started appearing beside him.

However, before he finished casting the spell, a sudden movement restricting force field interrupted his channeling.

Below him, Ames' eyes that were usually lazy turned sharp and stared at Traveler. A force field overflowed from her brows.

Buzz!

Force Field: Gaze of the Dragon!

Traveler's body was instantly fixed in midair!

Before he could respond, in the blink of an eye, Ames appeared before him using Void Travel. She raised her hand and softly pressed on his forehead.

The next second, a raging force field gushed out from Ames' palm into Traveler's body.

Force Field—Stress Tear Down!

The force field inside Traveler's body pulled him in all directions, forming countless forces that reacted with each other.

Snap!

Countless sounds of bones cracking and muscles being torn apart sounded in Traveler's body. An immense sense of agony erupted and flooded every single one of his nerves, so much so that he could not even control the contorted expression on his face.

Hong!

Flowers of blood exploded from every part of his body. He let out silent screams with his mouth opened wide as he bathed in blood.

His heavy injuries immediately got even worse.

This time, with coldness in her eyes, Ames raised one leg. A highly condensed force field formed an extremely sharp cutting force on her calf as she slashed down.

Force Field—Dragon Axe!

Swoosh!

Ames's long leg slashed down from Traveler's shoulder. Like a hot knife cutting through butter, Traveler's entire arm was cut away!

She did not give Traveler any chance to respond. Following the momentum, she stepped on Traveler's neck and dashed down, falling onto a shattered black island below, pressing the barely alive Traveler under her foot.

Only this time did Han Xiao slowly fly over and look at the fearsome expression on Ames' face with surprise.

"How come you're so violent all of a sudden? It's not like you."

Without turning around, Ames stared at the Traveler below her foot and coldly said, "When Hila was being attacked, he came to attack Black Star Palace. I did not know what was going on; only afterward did I roughly guess that he wanted to lure your Lord's Avatar out to divert your energy. However, you planned ahead and told me to stay in Black Star Palace, which prevented it from happening."

Facing Traveler, Ames did not hold back at all. Not only because Traveler was on the side of those enemies who tried to kill Hila but also because these people had forced Han Xiao to pay the price of burning his potential. From the way she looked at it, Han Xiao did not talk about it because he did not want Hila to feel bad. Ames understood Han Xiao's intentions, but she never forgot it.

In her eyes, this trip to the secondary dimension was mainly to stroll with Han Xiao, but part of it was also to look for Traveler and make him pay.

Once they met, Ames immediately went all out without hesitation.

Han Xiao tutted, looked at the heavily injured Traveler on the ground, and chuckled. "Yoho, what a lucky day it is today. I was just thinking about looking for you, but you came right to me."

Veins were exposed on Traveler's frustration- and hatred-filled face.

After finally getting out of Dark Lord's nightmare, he came right to Black Star's barrel.

He had escaped a tiger's den and entered a wolf's nest!

After such extreme fluctuations in his mood, Traveler was completely exhausted and did not even have the energy to complain about how unfair fate was to him.

Being so unlucky, he had nothing to say and could only let out a long sigh in his mind.

This means the world wants me dead!

Han Xiao looked at the wounds caused by Dark Lord on Traveler's body and asked curiously, "Who did you meet? How did you end up so heavily injured?"

Traveler kept silent and looked like he was not afraid of death. When he was not affected by Evil Convergence, he was quite sane. Since he knew he would not have the slightest chance of surviving, he was not planning to beg for mercy.

"Yo, you've got quite the backbone." Han Xiao chuckled. "However, I wonder how the Star Arc Civilization will react to your death. You don't have to deny it. Since I can accurately name the civilization you work for, I'd have enough proof for it.

The moment Han Xiao said that, the expression on Traveler's face changed drastically into disbelief as he looked at Han Xiao.

When he moved in the outside world, he had always disguised himself as a neutral Beyond Grade A who accepted hires from different civilizations, all to cover the fact that he belonged to a Super Star Cluster civilization. His true identity had always been a secret. The Star Arc Civilization was indeed the Super Star Cluster civilization he secretly worked for, and the outside world had no idea.

This way, no matter what he did, nothing would be connected to his civilization. This was also the reason he could mess around without having to worry.

However, the identity he had always been hiding was suddenly exposed by Han Xiao. He immediately lost his cool and panicked.

Subconsciously, he wanted to deny it, but having heard Han Xiao's certain tone and seeing his expression, it was clear that this was not a trick. He did indeed have hard proof.

"H-how did you..."

"How did I know?"

Han Xiao finished his sentence, smirked, and said, "Sorokin told me."

Initially, he was just throwing the blame on someone else out of habit. However, Traveler's reaction surprised him.

"I knew it!" Traveler clenched his teeth. "He noticed something. The upper echelons shouldn't have worked with him!"

Hmm? Sorokin really is involved in this too? Han Xiao was the one who was slightly shocked this time.

He had thought that it was the Super Star Cluster civilization that wanted to escalate the conflict between the three Universal Civilizations. He did not expect Sorokin to be related to Traveler coming to attack Black Star Palace.

Looks like I've accidentally discovered some interesting information...

On the surface, Han Xiao's expression remained the same as he smiled and said, "Since I know your identity, you'd better tell me everything from the beginning. Otherwise, you know the consequences. The Star Arc Civilization will be blamed for all of this. I, however, might be able to help you with that."

If Traveler was all alone, he would be able to face death without any worries. However, according to the information Han Xiao had from his previous life, Traveler was absolutely loyal to the Star Arc Civilization. Now that what he cared about most was exposed, Han Xiao had control of his weakness.

Furthermore, Traveler hated Sorokin deeply for telling this to Black Star and was worried he might tell even more people. Hence, he told the truth about the agreement he had with Sorokin.

This was not just compromising. He was also trying to use this to direct Black Star's hate toward Sorokin. He was hoping this would indirectly lead to Han Xiao killing Sorokin.

Traveler explained everything truthfully from the start. Only then did Han Xiao see the full picture of this incident. He caressed his chin and said with a deep voice, "Sorokin... so you're the one who convinced the Super Star Cluster Alliance. Plus, you're on the opposite side of the united Beyond Grade A battlefront..."

Connecting the information Traveler gave with the limited information he had from his previous life, Han Xiao roughly understood Sorokin's true intentions.

All that about maintaining balance of the universe and Beyond Grade As knowing when to be satisfied, he was just hiding his own ambition.

There were two paths to higher power. One was to become stronger and step into the higher territory; the other was to reduce the number of competitors. Sorokin took the latter approach. From the way Han Xiao looked at it, this guy would love for the universe to have fewer than ten Beyond Grade As. He basically wanted to have all the power alone.

The fewer high-level combatants, the less resistance he would face, which led to him wanting to reduce the numbers of Beyond Grade As. Hence, he used factions' differences to trigger conflicts between Beyond Grade As.

Han Xiao had always been wary of Sorokin. Only, he never really knew his goals for sure. Now that he finally knew about Sorokin's goal, this meant that this powerful foe who was hiding in the dark plotting conspiracies was exposed, and he would be able to make more comprehensive preparations against him. Having thought of that, he was in a much better mood.

Putting all those thoughts behind him, Han Xiao pointed at Traveler's wounds and asked, "What about your wounds? Who's chasing you?"

Traveler glared at Han Xiao with sorrow and rage. He clenched his teeth and said, "Dark Lord from your Crimson Dynasty!"

"Hmm? He's here too?" Han Xiao was surprised. As he recalled that Dark Lord had just quit from being the captain of the Ruler's personal guards, it occurred to him.

It seemed the Dynasty Ruler was not happy about the temporary cooperation between the federation and the church. Plus, there were the issues surrounding the Flickering World and the Evolutionary Totems. She wanted to set an example for high-level combatants. Hence, she sent Dark Lord after the enemy to send a warning to those organizations with ulterior motives... Speaking of which, to peak Beyond Grade As at Dark Lord's level, the position of personal guard captain was more of a chain than a benefit.

Hearing how Clotti easily shattered Traveler's ambush, Han Xiao could not help but praise him.

Han Xiao thought for a while and activated the King mechanical suit's communication system. He found the Crimson Dynasty's A000 Outpost Station and called in.

Unlike the main universe, the secondary dimension was not covered by the quantum network, so many areas had no signal. However, Han Xiao took a super long-range quantum base station with him everywhere he went, so this was not a problem. Clotti also wore the dynasty's specially-made mechanical suit that was equipped with a fixed directional communication device that allowed him to contact the dynasty's outpost station any time. This also prevented him from going missing. Hence, Han Xiao decided to call the dynasty's outpost station and ask them to direct the call to Clotti.

Since Traveler was Dark Lord's mission target, Han Xiao felt that he had to notify Clotti about it, or he would think Traveler had escaped and would continue to waste energy in the secondary dimensions searching for him.

After a while, the communication finally went through. Clotti's remote projection appeared in front of him. He was frowning.

"Black Star, what are you calling for?"

They were both pillars of the dynasty, but due to the differences in their positions and identities, the communication between them had been very limited. The relationship was also not close, limited to just work colleagues.

"Traveler is here with me. I've captured him..."

Han Xiao briefly explained the situation.

After Han Xiao finished, Clotti replied with very few words. "I'll go there to confirm."

"Okay." Han Xiao paused and sent the coordinates to Dark Lord.

Clotti nodded and slowly said, "By the way, when Traveler escaped, he took a core fragment of Evil Convergence. Search carefully. It should still be in his hands."

Then, his remote projection disappeared as he hung up the call, showing no intention of chatting.

"How unfriendly," Han Xiao murmured. He then turned to look at Traveler, extended his hand, and said, "Core fragment, take it out."

Traveler clenched his teeth, reluctantly took out Evil Convergence's core fragment, and handed it over to Han Xiao like giving his wife away.

Han Xiao placed it in his hand.

This was the key for Traveler to summon Evil Convergence, like the lamp core of the Shadow Lantern. With the core fragment as the medium, one could use the special energy of the respective secondary dimension.

However, now the Evil Convergence was no more, this core fragment could only be used as the tinder. However, knowing the crazed state Traveler was in when he used it, he had no plans to become the new husband of Evil Convergence.

Han Xiao kept this loot and thought about how to deal with Traveler.

According to him, the best was, of course, to seal him in Spacetime Amber. However, Dark Lord's mission was to kill him, and it did not seem like Ames would be satisfied with that result either.

Buzz!

As he was thinking, the senses of all three of them felt the appearance of a new signal.

The three of them looked over simultaneously and saw that the space wall in the distance had cracked open, and a small fleet came out of it.

Before the three of them had time to think, this fleet briefly adjusted its direction and turned right toward the three of them. It was clear that they were not there on friendly terms.

Inside the main ship command room, Law stared at the confused Han Xiao on the screen and yelled, "We're correct this time. That's Black Star! All fleets, lock onto the target. Prepare to fire!"

1076 An Organization That Should Not Have Appeared in This Era

"Did these people just happen to pass by, or are they here for us? Who are they even?"

Han Xiao looked at this quickly approaching fleet. There were no organizations' symbols on their spaceships, so their identity was unknown. Han Xiao was confused.

Seeing that the enemies did not plan to stop, Han Xiao was prepared to fight.

However, as he was just about to attack, a crack opened at the space wall not far away again—Clotti had arrived.

The next moment, this fleet stopped moving.

"What's going on with this fleet?"

Han Xiao looked at this fleet wondering. This time, Clotti flew over, so he turned to him and greeted him.

"Your Excellency Dark Lord."

"Hmm, Black Star." Clotti nodded slightly. He then turned to look at the barely alive Traveler under Ames' foot and asked, "How did you meet him?"

"Just a coincidence..."

Han Xiao briefly explained what had happened.

After Clotti heard the story, even his eyes slightly twitched on his usually expressionless face as he softly said, "Well, that's really unfortunate."

After he thrashed the Evil Convergence, he had lost track of Traveler. He was just thinking about how he was going to continue chasing after Traveler, but to his surprise, Traveler was so unlucky he met Black Star right after.

He was not curious about why Han Xiao was there. Clotti was not concerned about other Beyond Grade As' private matters.

"I heard your mission is to kill him?" Han Xiao asked.

Clotti nodded. "Traveler is just one target. The Ruler's order is to kill if capturing isn't possible. If captured, he will be publicly executed, which will be broadcast live to the entire universe... Oh, and also interrogate who hired him."

"You have other hunting targets too?"

Clotti glanced at him and said, "Just some neutral Beyond Grade As who like to be mercenaries."

"Are they related to the attack on Hila?" Han Xiao was curious.

"Whatever the dynasty says." Clotti's tone was completely carefree.

Han Xiao was speechless. Those neutral Beyond Grade As who were marked as targets were most probably innocent in this matter, but unluckily for them, they became the dynasty's tools to set an example.

Dark Lord was indeed loyal to the dynasty; he showed no care for it at all. The difficult environment these neutral Beyond Grade As lived in could be seen clearly from this matter.

Han Xiao then thought of the Super Star Cluster civilizations and understood. The targets the dynasty had chosen were probably those who were hired by the Super Star Cluster Alliance. Using the attack on Hila as an excuse, the dynasty clearly decided to intimidate the others and cut away the Super Star Cluster Alliance's feathers.

At the same time, they might hope to imitate the Tragedy Of The Pinnacles to reduce the number of Beyond Grade As using the incident as an excuse.

Han Xiao shook his head, changed the topic, and said, "I interrogated him earlier and got the identity of who's behind this."

"Who?"

The communication between the two of them was not private; Traveler heard it too. His expression changed instantly as he stared at Han Xiao nervously, afraid he would spit out the Star Arc Civilization.

However, he saw Han Xiao give him a look.

Traveler instantly understood and hastily interrupted him.

"Sorokin! He hired me to attack Black Star Palace to divert Black Star's attention and provide indirect assistance to the federation and the church!"

"Him? Isn't he just a pure businessman?" Clotti frowned and was a little surprised. He glanced at Han Xiao and said, "Do you think that's believable?"

"I think it's quite believable. Traveler is just a neutral mercenary; he wouldn't attack me out of nowhere."

Han Xiao smiled.

The Star Arc Civilization was indeed related, but Han Xiao had signaled Traveler to hide his identity and blame everything on Sorokin. This way, the dynasty's hatred would not be diverted and would all go to Sorokin.

Anyway, Sorokin was actually involved, so there would definitely be proof.

Although the Great Mechanic Han was a soon-to-be shareholder of the Limitless Financial Group, he would not help Sorokin just for the sake of dividends. Furthermore, he only just knew that he was secretly plotting against him.

Hence, he wanted to borrow the Crimson Dynasty's power to cause some trouble for Sorokin, at least make the upper echelons be cautious about that guy.

"... I'll tell the Ruler. However, I'll still have to take Traveler back for further interrogation," Clotti said.

Han Xiao nodded, turned, and patted Ames' thigh, signaling her to raise her leg. Then, he took out the Spacetime Amber and sealed Traveler up.

While doing this, Han Xiao pointed at the fleet not far away that was trying to stay unnoticed.

"By the way, I've been meaning to ask, are they your troops?"

Hearing this, Clotti was stunned for a moment. "I thought they were your men."

He noticed that this fleet was the fleet he had just met earlier as soon as he arrived. Seeing that Han Xiao was together with this fleet, he had thought they were on the same side and that he misunderstood earlier, so he did not pay much attention.

However, from Han Xiao's perspective, he only gave the coordinates to Dark Lord, and this fleet arrived right before Dark Lord. Hence, he thought this fleet belonged to him.

Both of them had thought this fleet belonged to the other person. Only then did they realize it was a third party.

Having realized that, Clotti opened the public channel and yelled, "Who are you? Why are you following me?"

From the way he looked at it, having met them twice, the only explanation was that they were following him.

At this time, inside the command room of the fleet, Law and Fay were both going mad.

Initially, they had locked onto Black Star and were just about to attack. However, to their absolute surprise, the first peak Beyond Grade A they marked on their radar moved at the last second and arrived in this secondary dimension.

This sudden situation messed up their plan. The two of them hastily told the fleet to stop and did not dare fire.

Seeing that Black Star was on the same side as the other peak Beyond Grade A, the two of them realized how tough the situation was. If they attacked, things would become much more difficult, and there would be a lot of uncertainties.

They only wanted to attack when Han Xiao was alone, so they wanted to make an excuse and retreat to find another opportunity.

Hearing Clotti's question, Law had no choice but to use the excuse he gave when they first met.

"Your Excellency Beyond Grade A, we didn't expect to meet you again. We only came here to explore because we detected special energy here, but we never thought it would be you again. We'll leave now."

Then, Law was just about to tell the fleet to turn around and leave, but this time, Clotti stopped them and said with a cold tone, "Never mind one time, but this is the second time, and you're still using the same excuse. Do you think I'll believe you?"

Clotti did not believe in coincidences. He had already suspected their identity earlier, but back then, his focus had been on the mission, and he did not want to get involved in meaningless trouble. Now, however, Traveler was already dealt with, so he did not plan to let this mysterious fleet go again.

"It really is a coincidence. We're just a civilian exploration team..." Law had no choice but to continue faking it.

"Then it'll be easy. Stop your ships and let us search them. If there really isn't a problem, I'll let you leave," Clotti said with a deep voice.

Hearing this, Law and Fay exchanged looks and communicated with each other telepathically.

"What should we do now? They won't let us go easily. Are we really going to let them into our ships?"

"You know that's impossible."

"Then it looks like we have no choice..."

The two of them were both in an extremely bad mood. They completely did not want to attack in this kind of situation.

However, they had already exposed themselves, and there was no way they could let them board their ships.

Law clenched his teeth and slammed the table.

"Fire!"

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After Clotti proposed to board and investigate, this mysterious fleet suddenly stopped responding.

After waiting for a few seconds, seeing that they were still silent, Clotti said with an even more serious tone, "This is your last warning. If you do not reply within ten seconds, I will crush you!"

Han Xiao was watching Clotti communicate with this mysterious fleet. He thought that they had come for Dark Lord, so he just watched on.

Hearing Clotti's warning, Han Xiao thought about it and said, "No need to attack. I can hack into those spaceships and control them, search through their database, and find out who they are."

Clotti pondered for two seconds, nodded, and said, "Alright, then I'll trouble you too..."

Before his sentence finished, a sudden change occurred!

The few battleships suddenly fired without any warnings. Cone-shaped solid bullets shot out and headed to the few of them, dragging long paths of flame behind.

"Solid bullets?"

Although the regular weapons at his level had already become dark energy and psionic energy blasters, Han Xiao did not underestimate solid bullets. This was because since they had the ability to travel

between secondary dimensions, the gunpowder inside those solid bullets would definitely not be ordinary.

Seeing this, Ames raised her hand and locked all the bullets in midair with her force field.

Seeing that the opponents had attacked, Han Xiao immediately activated Virtual Intrusion and attacked the database of these spaceships without hesitation.

However, the instant Han Xiao's data needle penetrated the spaceships' artificial intelligence, an invisible force flowed into his brain through the quantum network connection.

Boom!

A powerful shock exploded in his mind, his memory palace suddenly collapsed. Countless sheets of paper representing memories turned into tornados and spun violently.

From Han Xiao's perspective, countless memory fragments flashed past his mind, and he could not maintain his usual thoughts.

At the same time, a notification popped up on the interface.

You have been hacked by [Memory Formatting Virus—Quantum Network Type].

Your class is detected to be [Virtual Mechanic].

[Memory Formatting Virus—Quantum Network Type] has 200% damage on you.

"This is..."

Shocked, Han Xiao felt like the world was spinning.

This virus had entered his quantum soul. It was no ordinary debuff. It had messed up his mind on the virtual level, as if an ill-mannered kid had come into his house and flipped around all of his neatly arranged stuff. Han Xiao had no choice but to focus on resisting it.

Seeing his situation, Clotti's eyes became serious. Dark energy gathered as he launched an attack.

However, the next moment, the tons of [Dimensional Exile Bullet] that were fixed in midair by Ames exploded, releasing expanding chaotic space streams, and devoured Clotti's attack, transferring it to God knew where.

Not only that, but those chaotic space streams were also tearing the space wall of this Land of Dead Silence, creating more holes.

Seeing this, Ames immediately targeted her force field at those spaceships.

However, the next moment, Fay acted from within the main ship. A fog-like protective shield expanded with her in the center and guarded the fleet, blocking Ames' force field, clashing with Ames' strength. Ames was unable to instantly destroy the spaceships.

The next moment, a special disc-shaped device extended from the head of the main ship that was prepared since long ago. It looked like some kind of radar to enhance a certain waveform. It suddenly shook and released a ring of shockwave.

Buzz!

This shockwave passed through Clotti, Han Xiao, and Ames. The three of them suddenly became stiff. The energy they could manipulate any way they wanted usually suddenly started to riot, making controlling their own body much more difficult. It was as if every single cell in their body was fighting against their mind.

You have been affected by [High Level Life Form Energy Disorder Shockwave—Beyond Grade A Frequency Type].

Your total level is detected to be Lv.320.

[High Level Life Form Energy Disorder Shockwave—Beyond Grade A Frequency Type] has a 320% effect on you.

"It worked. We don't have much time!"

Law raised his arm, and his sleeves slid down, exposing an arm guard style metal device on his wrist. This was a special device made to capture Primal Esper Ability Entities. He then pointed it at the Mysterious Energy Host.

Ka-cha!

As if it had suddenly gained a ton of energy, Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy suddenly expanded and destroyed the Mysterious Energy Host from within, instantly escaping.

However, before it could move, an invisible force grabbed onto its body, and it flew uncontrollably toward the fleet.

On the other side, the spaceships were also doing something. The second wave of Dimensional Exile Bullets was shot toward the three of them. Clotti barely used his Esper Ability to form a shield around his body.

However, the chaotic space stream devoured Clotti entirely together with his shield, and he disappeared.

At this crucial moment, Han Xiao barely suppressed the virus in his mind, tried his best, and grabbed Ames' arm. He activated Void Travel and got out of the range of the Dimensional Exile Bullets.

The next moment, he raised his hand and released a restraining force field, grabbing onto Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy's body.

Hu!

Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy was like a piece of cloth being pulled from two opposite directions.

Law's tone became hasty. "Black Star is recovering. We can't linger any longer, or we'll certainly die. Take as much as possible!"

Then, his hand sign changed as he activated another function of the device on his wrist, slashing off a small part of the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy's body.

Like being absorbed by a black hole, this portion of energy flowed into Law's arm guard.

"Quickly, go!"

After this, the fleet shot one Dimensional Exile Bullet that exploded as soon as it left the barrel. The chaotic space stream devoured the fleet, and it disappeared without a trace.

Only after close to a minute did Ames slowly start to regain control of her body. She took a deep breath and said with a shocked tone, "What were those attacks?"

"They are all special technology invented through Primal Esper Ability Entities..."

Without exterior interference, Han Xiao had already cleared out most of the virus and rearranged his memory palace. He was looking grave.

From the very start, all this fleet used was technology, yet the three of them were forced into an extremely passive state. Han Xiao had a very heavy impression of this special technology, as it had appeared in his previous life.

Be it the Memory Formatting Virus, Dimensional Exile Bullet, or the High Level Life Form Energy Disorder Shockwave, they were all invented through studying different Primal Esper Ability Entities. They had many different uses.

Among them, the Dimensional Exile Bullet had no effects in the main universe, since the space structure of the main universe was completely different from the secondary dimensions. However, in the secondary dimensions, this was powerful technology that could be used in many ways, including splitting up the battlefield, escaping, and damaging secondary dimensions.

The Memory Formatting Virus was a technological product that affected one's mind. It came from Primal Esper Ability Entities and was improved to be used through the quantum network. It was specially targeted at Virtual Intrusions and took effect when Han Xiao was taken by surprise.

The High Level Life Form Energy Disorder Shockwave mainly targeted strong individuals. The higher the target's Energy Rank, the more effective it would be. It was basically using an enemy's own energy against them. However, Beyond Grade As had very high adaptability, so the effect of the High Level Life Form Energy Disorder Shockwave would decrease every time it was used on the same target, as the cells in their bodies had adapted to its effects.

The enemies were focused on studying Primal Esper Ability Entities, so their containment ability was more advanced. Through stimulating Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy, the Mysterious Energy Host was broken, and they were able to snatch part of the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy's energy.

No matter how strong Supers were, they were still life forms. Since they were life forms, there were ways to deal with them. No one could be considered invincible. Although the technology of the three Universal Civilizations differed, they all had targeted technology for high-level life forms. For example, the Ten Thousand Deity Scepter was one of them. Even the peak Beyond Grade A Milizaus could not take many hits from it. As advanced civilizations developed further, there would only be more technology of that level.

In a direct battle, be it Han Xiao or Dark Lord, they would be able to easily shatter this fleet. However, the enemy were prepared for this while Han Xiao and Dark Lord were not. Through all kinds of targeted attacks and technology, they had taken them by surprise.

Even Clotti fell for it and was exiled into the chaotic space streams. It was unknown when he would return.

However, being able to restrain the movements of the three of them at once was the most they could do. They did not have enough means of attack to hurt the three of them.

"These people's target isn't Clotti. They're here for me."

Han Xiao contained the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy again. He had a tight frown on his face.

Ames caught what Han Xiao meant in between the lines and asked curiously, "You know who they are?"

"I do indeed."

Han Xiao narrowed his eyes.

"This is a group of people who shouldn't have appeared in this era..."

1077 Holy Accord and Primordial Ones

"Not in this era?" Ames said with a weird expression. "Why do you say that?"

Han Xiao paused and did not answer this question. He changed the topic and said softly, "This is a secret organization focused on studying and inventing Esper Ability technology. They're also a mysterious arms dealer. Their products occasionally appear on the black market, and now they've set their eyes on the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy..."

Han Xiao could not give a lot of information to Ames, so he only briefly explained it while being shocked inside.

In his previous life, the first time this organization appeared publicly was during the World Tree Civilization War. As members of the explored universe, they joined the war and fought against the World Tree Civilization's invasion, using their technology in the war.

However, it was only Version 4.0 Flickering World now, many versions before the World Tree storyline. These people should not have appeared in this era, hence his shock.

The name of this organization was 'Holy Accord'. It was extremely mysterious even in the very late versions in his previous life. Most of the people who knew about this organization were the offspring of Beyond Grade As.

Other than this Esper Ability technology, there were also many renowned Beyond Grade As in the history who were already confirmed dead who joined the World Tree war together with the Holy Accord. It was as if they had revived and come back to the universe. There were even extremely famous Primordial Ones among them.

This organization, which had a new type of technology, and those high-level combatants became powerful reinforcements to the losing side back then, causing a lot of damage to the World Tree Civilization.

The revival of these Beyond Grade As was a humongous boost to everyone's morale. However, the reason for their revival was still an enigma to the players. The advanced civilizations locked the information down, so the players had no way of finding out anything about it. Therefore, even Han Xiao did not know the truth behind it.

However, although the Holy Accord organization's first appearance was during the World Tree war, it was not the same for the Primordial Ones. During as early as the Calamity of the Supers version, there was already a batch of Primordial Ones who had awakened and become the triggers of the Calamity of the Supers.

Back then, the explanation these Primordial Ones gave to the outside world was that they faked their death during the exploration era and had been sleeping in advanced life-sustaining cabins ever since in order to avoid the bloody exploration era warfare and not die for nothing. They hoped to awaken in the future and conquer the universe in the new era.

However, something seemed to have gone wrong. The place they were sleeping in was also devoured by the flames of war. Their life-sustaining cabins floated in the universe and landed on a desolate island. At the same time, the life-sustaining cabins malfunctioned, causing them to not be able to awaken at their intended time. Hence, they had no choice but to spend countless years in that sleeping state. Although the specially made life-sustaining cabins could slow down the degradation of their body and soul, they were still slowly heading toward their demise.

Coincidentally, when they were close to their end, a research team happened to dig them out and reactivated their life-sustaining cabins. Only then did they awaken from their long sleep. After that, they spent a very long time recovering back to their peak performance.

At that time, the only thing the outside world was sure of was the revival of these Primordial Ones. As for the flaws this explanation had such as how could Beyond Grade As be restrained by these tiny life-sustaining cabins, since there were no ways to prove if that was true, the public had no choice but to believe them.

In conclusion, in the later versions in Han Xiao's previous life, there were two batches of different Primordial Ones who awakened at different timings. Once during the Calamity of the Supers, once during the World Tree war.

The first batch of Primordial Ones who awakened in the Calamity of the Supers version did not seem to be related to the Holy Accord organization. However, whether they really had nothing to do with the Holy Accord organization or not, the players in his previous life had no way of knowing. Hence, Han Xiao did not know the connection between them.

If these two events were related, the first batch of Primordial Ones who awakened during the Calamity of the Supers probably lied. They might not have returned from life-sustaining cabins.

"The Holy Accord organization..."

Han Xiao pondered over their intentions.

It was clear that this organization had existed for a while but had never interfered with the outside world. Now, they had suddenly attacked him. This meant that the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy was extremely important to the Holy Accord organization, so much so that it was worth attacking someone who stood at the peak of the universe. According to the characteristics of the Holy Accord organization, could they be planning to invent some dark new technology with the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy?

If that was the case, the Holy Accord organization might have done something similar in his previous life... Han Xiao's eyes sparkled.

Assuming this was true, the Holy Accord organization might have worked with EsGod in his previous life by splitting up other Primal Esper Ability Entities in exchange for the resources in EsGod's hands, including the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy.

This meant that some of those Super High Risk Esper Abilities EsGod possessed in the later versions might have been provided by the Holy Accord organization...

It would not have mattered if Han Xiao did not know, but since he knew that the Holy Accord already existed at this time, he could not help but become deeply interested in them.

"The Holy Accord organization fled right after attacking, thinking they would not expose their identity. They couldn't have guessed that I knew their identity all along."

Han Xiao raised his brows and was in a much better mood.

Compared to this huge discovery, suffering a small loss was nothing.

"The dynasty's Clotti was taken away by the chaotic space stream. Will he be okay?" Ames asked curiously.

"Don't worry, he's just lost. With his strength and the Universal Treasures in his hands, he will be able to escape very soon."

Han Xiao did not worry about Dark Lord. No matter where Clotti ended up, he would be at the top of the food chain in that secondary dimension.

However, since the chaotic space streams could not be tracked, he had no way of fishing Clotti out. This was also the reason the Holy Accord organization used the Dimensional Exile Bullet to send themselves into the chaotic space streams.

Since the Virtual Intrusion had been interrupted by the virus, Han Xiao could not leave any markings in their spaceships. However, he would be more alert next time and clear the virus before it infected him. This kind of trap would not be very useful then.

Han Xiao looked at the containment device of the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy. This guy was extremely mad and kept bashing the inside wall of the container while screaming in agony.

"Ahhh! It hurts so much!"

Seeing this, Han Xiao pitied him.

In his previous life, it was also torn apart by others. He had thought that since EsGod had been dealt with, the same thing would not happen to the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy again. Surprisingly, it happened all the same, as if he was fated to be torn apart.

Furthermore, he might have been treated even worse. After all, in his previous life, EsGod simply used his abilities and never tortured him or anything. The Holy Accord organization, however, would definitely study him, which meant that the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy would feel all kinds of pain from that part of his body that was taken away.

Han Xiao pitied him even more and asked, "By the way, how did it feel earlier? Were you unable to control your body?"

"That's right. I don't know what method they used. They stimulated my core and caused me to lose control of my body before using an irresistible force to drag me over."

Han Xiao then asked, "Can you feel the location of that part of your body?"

"Of cou..." Before the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy finished, as if he was suddenly shocked, his entire body shrunk as he yelled, "Ah! My senses are blocked!"

Han Xiao raised his brows but was not surprised.

After all, they were professionals in studying the Primal Esper Ability Entities. There was no way they would leave such an obvious clue to let others chase after them.

"Hahaha!" The Holy Light Particle was rolling on the ground laughing. "Karma! The day has finally come!"

Filled with sorrow and hatred, the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy said, "Black Star! Black Star! You have to help me get my body back!"

Han Xiao's mouth contorted slightly.

Why does it feel like I took away Evans' screen time?

At this time, as usual, a notification popped up on the interface.

You have triggered the mission [The Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy's Request for Help]!

Mission Introduction: A mysterious organization has taken away part of the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy's core energy from you. The Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy hopes you can help him take it back.

Mission Requirements: Retrieve the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy's missing core energy.

Reward: 15 billion EXP, 1 Random Reward, +60 Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy Favorability, +1 Holy Light Particle Favorability, [Primal Esper Ability Entity Affinity] talent.

[Primal Esper Ability Entity Affinity]: It's easier for Primal Esper Ability Entities to accept you.

Remark: This mission might cause unknown consequences. Please accept with caution.

"A mission as expected..." Han Xiao started pondering.

The rewards of this mission were nothing extraordinary, but dealing with the Holy Accord organization seemed to be an opportunity to complete [Primal Esper Ability Collector].

If he had to find Primal Esper Ability Entities without owners, it would take God knew how long to find four. Now, however, he had met the Holy Accord organization, which professionally studied Esper Ability technology, so they definitely had some inventory. If he could snatch it, this milestone would be completed easily.

Han Xiao made his decision and responded.

"Alright then, I give you my word. However, they won't be so easy to find."

"It's fine as long as you're willing to help me." The Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy was overjoyed.

Black Star was not his master and only saw him as a tool, so he had no right to ask for his help. Even without a part of his body, he would still be useful. Therefore, he had actually been quite afraid Han Xiao would not agree to help him.

Han Xiao comforted the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy for a while. Then, he took out a spare Mysterious Energy Host and stuffed it in, not giving it much time to recover from its psychological wounds.

This time, Ames looked around at the raging chaotic space streams around, frowned, and said, "The chaotic space streams these people released caused heavy damage to the Land of Dead Silence. If left alone, this secondary dimension might shatter before Hila comes in the future."

Han Xiao looked around as well. The already broken space wall of the Land of Dead Silence had even more holes in it.

This secondary dimension was related to Hila, so the two of them could not leave it to shatter. Han Xiao summoned lots of space-related devices to stabilize the dimension.

The thickness of the space wall depended on the core energy of the secondary dimension. Only with enough energy would the space wall regenerate itself and continue to expand. The only thing Han Xiao could do now was guide the chaotic space streams that the Dimensional Exile Bullets created out and reduce the pollution.

This was a tough progress. The two of them spent quite some in the Land of Dead Silence before Han Xiao finally got rid of the chaotic space streams inside.

At this time, the two of them suddenly realized that the revive tokens they were wearing became hotter at an extremely quick pace.

At the same time, a golden light suddenly appeared on a shattered black island far away.

Han Xiao looked over and was slightly shocked.

An orange-gold silhouette suddenly appeared from the black desert. It looked like a spirit and had the appearance of a human female. Its clothes were exquisite. It looked charming, pretty, and rather young, but the look in its eyes gave a vibe that it was very old. It was looking at Han Xiao and Ames.

Seeing this, the two of them were both slightly surprised.

They had already scanned this entire secondary dimension when they arrived, and they were certain they did not sense any life form. Now, however, a strange silhouette had appeared out of thin air. It was clear it had avoided their detection.

Han Xiao was still on alert after the attack of the Holy Accord organization earlier. He was prepared to fight.

At this time, the revive token on the two of them shockingly started to float. This silhouetted pointed at the two revive tokens and sent a telepathic message.

"Tell me, what is the relationship between the two of you and the creator of these two coins?"

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Inside the chaotic space streams, the Holy Accord organization's fleet was floating.

Inside the command room, Law held the containment device up and observed the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy fragment. Unsatisfied, he sighed.

"Sigh, Black Star's regenerative ability is too strong. These products given to us by the organization have very limited effects on him. Without enough time, this tiny bit of Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy is all we could get."

"Be glad. At least the minimum requirements are met and the synthetic materials are all gathered. If we were too greedy and did not retreat instantly, our spaceship might have been taken by Black Star," Fay said softly.

Although they had achieved the minimum goal of this mission, the two of them knew how close they were to being obliterated. They felt tremendous fear toward Han Xiao.

"This attack was a success, but it has made him cautious too. The next time we meet him, we won't be able to achieve what we did today. Furthermore, he'll most likely report the technology we displayed to the dynasty, which will bring some risks to the organization." Law was worried.

Fay, however, was more optimistic. "Luckily, the mission was completed. It doesn't matter if Black Star is cautious now. We won't have to deal with him in the future again. There won't be a next time."

"You're right."

After chatting for a while, Law put the containment device away. Suddenly, he thought of something and said, "By the way, I seem to recall that the information about the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy shows that it's the Holy Light Particle's arch-enemy and that their energies conflict with each other. Maybe we can invent a special sensor through this characteristic it has to find the Holy Light Particle."

"Hmm, you're right. The Holy Light Particle has been missing for many years. God knows where it's hiding. There are no clues about it at all. It's also an important synthetic material, so the organization will probably heed your suggestion and target the Holy Light Particle next."

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Inside the Land of Dead Silence, the two of them looked at the orange-gold spirit that suddenly appeared.

Han Xiao held onto the revive token, felt its vibration, and asked curiously, "What are you?"

"I'm the consciousness entity of the Underworld. Simply put, I'm the butler of this secondary dimension. You can call me by my name, Onicelu."

Dimensional consciousness entity... I thought that even if a near shattered secondary dimension had a consciousness entity, it would have already perished... Han Xiao was surprised.

A dimensional consciousness could only be born in extremely few secondary dimensions. Having one was equivalent to the secondary dimension turning from a lifeless dimension to a type of life form. For example, the Evil Convergence.

Dimensional consciousness entities were at an even higher level. It meant that the secondary dimension had ignited the sparks of intelligence. In comparison, the Evil Convergence was merely a beast.

Dimensional consciousness entities could control all the energy in the secondary dimension. In the eyes of some, they were basically like gods. Some religions even made sculptures in the image of dimensional consciousness entities and worshipped them as gods, which was one of the mainstream religions in the main universe.

No wonder they could not sense its existence. Despite this secondary dimension being close to perishing, it was still its territory. The dimensional consciousness entity was this dimension itself. If it was not willing to appear, no one would be able to sense it.

"Then, what is the Underworld?" Han Xiao had a rough guess.

As expected, this dimensional consciousness entity that called itself Onicelu looked down at the black island below it and calmly said, "As you can see, this secondary dimension that's heading toward its end is the Underworld."

Han Xiao understood.

The Land of Dead Silence was what that Void Duke Kirkmond called it. It seemed that the Underworld was the formal name of this secondary dimension.

He raised the revive token in his hands and said, "You should have noticed us long ago since you responded to the energy inside this coin. Why have you only appeared now?"

"I just wanted to be certain of your intentions." Onicelu's telepathic message was very gentle.

As soon as Han Xiao and Ames entered the Underworld, Onicelu had noticed them. She had been silently observing them. When the two of them helped her fix the environment earlier, only then did she confirm that they had no hostile intentions, so she decided to appear.

Onicelu also had to judge whether these two guys were friends or foes with the creator of these two revive tokens. This was extremely important to her.

Han Xiao wanted to continue asking questions but was interrupted by Onicelu. "I know you have a lot of questions, but I've answered enough of your questions. Before you tell me your relationship with the creator of these two coins, I won't answer any more questions."

Hearing this, Han Xiao stayed silent and started calculating the pros and cons.

The Hila sisters being related to this secondary dimension was strange. To begin with, now that this dimension had a consciousness entity, it was an even more sensitive matter.

This was because, according to Hila, this dimension was the obstruction between her link with Aurora and had always been silently absorbing the energy they were transferring. Therefore, this consciousness entity's goal was unknown, and he did not know if he should tell the truth.

However, since there was a dimensional consciousness entity, she would certainly know all the background stories, which meant that Hila would not have to investigate it herself. The only problem was, they had to be sure that she was not lying.

As Han Xiao was pondering, Ames, who was initially just listening, suddenly spoke.

"She's my student."

Onicelu turned to look at her and said, "Can you prove it?"

Ames looked at Han Xiao and gave him an eye signal.

"Oh well, since you've already told her, I don't have to think about it anymore..." Han Xiao shook his head with resignation and displayed part of Hila's information with virtual technology.

"It really is the Power of the Dead..." Onicelu looked like she was relieved. She smiled and said, "She should have an older or younger blood-related sister who has the Vital Energy Esper Ability."

"... That's right." Han Xiao's eyes sparkled, and he nodded.

Onicelu gave the two of them a deep look, placed her palms against each other, and said with a suddenly very serious tone, "I have a request. I hope you guys can bring them here as early as possible... The Underworld needs new inheritors!"

Inheritors?

Han Xiao and Ames exchanged looks of confusion.

"What does that mean? Tell me everything you know, and I'll relay it to them, but if you don't, I'll have no choice but to suspect what your goals are and stop them from coming here," Han Xiao said with a deep voice.

The term inheritors sounded good, but the Great Mechanic Han was wary this might be a trap, and he would end up putting Hila in danger, so he had to know everything.

"Since I've decided to show up, I never planned to keep secrets from you guys."

Through telepathy, Onicelu shared some of her memories like a grandma telling the story of when she was young.

"It all started as early as the exploration era. In the long war, the first batch of Beyond Grade As was born. History calls them the Primordial Ones. Among the Primordial Ones, there were a pair of sisters whose Esper Abilities synergized with each other perfectly, but they were not related by blood. They were the 'Controller of Death' Nerkese and the 'Mother of All Things' Eros. Using their abilities, they created this Underworld dimension...

"In the beginning, the Underworld dimension was nothing but a prison used to lock up the dead souls Nerkese had collected, as well as the followers of Eros. However, as the abilities of its two creators kept growing, the Underworld dimension obtained a new function—it became a world to the dead life forms where their consciousness could live forever.

"Since you're a Mechanic, in your terms, you can understand it as turning the memories and minds of those whose body died into data and uploading it into the virtual world, achieving a form of eternal life. The Underworld dimension is like the server. It stores the souls of countless life forms. Many powerful individuals in the exploration era chose to sleep in the Underworld. Because of that, Nerkese and Eros created me to manage the Underworld, as the grave keeper.

"The two extremely talented founders didn't stop there. Nerkese's ability made souls not disappear in the Underworld, and Eros used her ability to create temporary body containers, which allowed those souls to regain life. Then, using the special energy formed by fusing their energy together, they could make the targets have the strength they had when they were alive, till the vital energy acting as their fuel finished. Furthermore, even if their body container died again, their souls could still return to the Underworld. Using this ability, the two of them created an extremely powerful army. To them, the Underworld dimension was also an enormous army camp!"

Hearing Onicelu's explanation, Han Xiao's mouth twitched.

Damn, so this is basically Edo Tensei?

What kind of luck is this?

Aurora had once mentioned that the Hila sisters' abilities were rather similar to two of the Primordial Ones, so Han Xiao had done some research. He knew that the Mother of All Things was not as weak as Aurora. She had a ton of followers and had some kind of summoning ability. This was the first time Han Xiao had heard about the details of their abilities.

Basically, the souls of countless strong individuals were stored in the Underworld. Through some kind of revival energy fused from vital energy and death energy, they could carry out 'Edo Tensei' and turn

them into an enormous army. According to what the dimensional consciousness entity said, it seemed like the Hila sisters could become the inheritors of the Underworld.

Did this not mean that the two of them could take the inheritance of two Primordial Ones? Fortune falling from the sky?

Spending a lot of time with Feidin indeed led to good things.

While he was being pleasantly surprised, Onicelu's tone became sorrowful.

"Sadly, after the two founders died, the Underworld death energy had lost its energy supply and started to gradually wither. All the souls fell asleep, including me."

"How did they die?"

Han Xiao was curious. The cause of death of the two of them was not recorded. It only said they disappeared.

A ton of conspiracy theories appeared in his mind, but Onicelu's response gave him a big surprise.

"They committed suicide."

Han Xiao was stunned. "What... Why?"

Onicelu sighed. "They kept developing their abilities, and one day, they had a sudden realization. They had been calling themselves the controllers of life and death all this time, but they had never experienced true death and new life. In their eyes, this was the only path that could develop their Esper Abilities to a higher territory. Hence, they decided to walk into demise to search for the true meaning of life and death...

"Before their death, they told me not to grieve, that destruction is only the beginning of new life and that this is where they belonged. On that day, I watched them leave their bodies behind and end their own lives with my own eyes."

Han Xiao was puzzled.

Excuse me, what is there to search for when you're already dead?

Could it be that these two were extremists and never thought of this at all?

Maybe, only those with this kind of mindset could be the first batch of great individuals to break the limit of Beyond Grade As. Maybe this was what it meant to be the Primordial Ones.

As if she understood what Han Xiao's expression meant, Onicelu shook her head and said softly, "I know what you're wondering. Before their consciousness completely perished, there was a short moment where they were alive, dead, and in between. At that moment, I received the last message they had left me. They said they'd found the true meaning of life and death."

"And what's that?" Han Xiao was intrigued again.

"Heritage." Onicelu's tone was soft and gentle. "They said that heritage is the true definition of eternity, forming full circles in the enormous system of life forms."

Han Xiao was a little bit speechless. Doesn't everyone know that? You guys killed yourselves just to figure that out? You probably died for nothing!

However, although he really wanted to say that, he knew that knowing something was one thing and experiencing it was another completely different thing.

On many occasions, the key to a higher territory was that kind of sudden flash of insight. This was especially true the stronger the person was.

"Their deaths did not go to waste," Onicelu said. "They'll pass down this deepest understanding to the next generation."

Han Xiao was shocked. With disbelief, he said, "Are Hila and Aurora really the reincarnations of those two Primordial Ones?"

Ames looked surprised hearing this too.

However, Onicelu shook her head.

"Reincarnations? Not at all. They died completely. Their souls perished, and their bodies were also dissolved by me to supply energy to the dimension. Other than this Underworld, they left nothing. They put all of their experience in their Esper Abilities. The Esper Abilities are what's inherited."

"I still don't understand..." Ames was lost.

"After they died, they left the seeds of the Vital Energy Esper Ability and the Death Energy Esper Ability," Onicelu explained patiently. "These are neither physical nor energy-formed objects but of a higher dimensional data form. I don't know why that happened, but I know that if I had kept those seeds, no one in the entire universe would have awoken those two Esper Abilities ever.

"Therefore, to complete the dying wish of the two founders and to save myself, I sent these seeds back to the main universe. I knew that one day in the future, they would blossom on two new lives..."

Onicelu paused, smiled, and said, "Do you guys really think it's a coincidence that there is only one pair of blood-related sisters with Vital Energy Esper Ability and Death Energy Esper Ability in the entire universe?"

Having heard of such a secret, the Great Mechanic Han felt like his fragile heart was shocked.

This meant that Hila and Aurora had no direct connections with those two Primordial Ones at all; they were only chosen by the data-form Esper Ability seeds and became the Vital Energy Esper Ability and Death Energy Esper Ability owners of this generation.

The two Primordial Ones fused their understanding into the data-form Esper Ability seeds so that those who were chosen by them would slowly receive the information and experience within. This was basically indirectly increasing the talents of their inheritors.

No wonder it was so easy for Hila to acquire new abilities and talents!

"Data form..." Han Xiao could not help but have even more speculations.

He still remembers that during one of his Racial Evolutions, there was a [Multi-Dimensional Shadow] option that seemed to be related to data forms.

Before he could think further, Onicelu spoke again softly. "That's all I know. After the two founders died, the Underworld started to gradually wither and could no longer keep itself sealed from the outside world. Its size started to shrink, its space wall started to break, and souls fell asleep one after another. I had no choice but to store them all in the dimension core to prevent them from perishing. However, I've become weaker and weaker. I fell asleep as well. When the Underworld shatters completely, these souls will disappear.

"The energy source of the Underworld is the energy of the Vital Energy Esper Ability and the Death Energy Esper Ability. Not long ago, I finally obtained some of it when I subconsciously absorbed the energy from the sisters of this generation, which barely woke me from my long sleep. Only then did I stop absorbing their energy."

Han Xiao thought about it. "Not long ago... it should be when Hila and Aurora were studying their life link. No wonder the energy they transferred was absorbed. That makes sense. This means that the Underworld dimension is actually the medium of the life link between them..."

This time, Onicelu shook her head and said calmly, "The bodies of the two Primordial Ones helped me to last a very long time, but that depleted long ago. The Underworld needs stable, long-term energy suppliers. Please bring them here as soon as possible. I don't know how much longer I can last."

As soon as she said that, Han Xiao received a notification in the interface.

You have triggered the mission [Inheritors of The Underworld].

Mission Introduction: The Underworld is the heritage of the previous owners of the Vital Energy Esper Ability and the Death Energy Esper Ability. The dimensional consciousness entity Onicelu has realized that she is getting weaker every day. She hopes that Hila and Aurora can become the new inheritors.

Mission Requirements: Help Hila and Aurora inherit the Underworld dimension.

Reward: 50 Million EXP, +20 Onicelu Favorability, 1 Character Summon Card.

Bonus Mission Requirement: Help the Underworld return to its peak state.

Bonus Reward: +40 Onicelu Favorability, [Mark of The Underworld].

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"A mission..."

Han Xiao glanced at the interface and had a rough idea.

According to the basic rewards, he knew that helping Hila to take over the Underworld dimension would probably not be difficult. The only tough part was the bonus requirement—god only knew how much energy it would take for the Underworld to reach its original state, but even draining Hila dry would probably not be enough.

However, since it was an inheritance from the predecessors, there was no reason to reject it.

[Mark of the Underworld] was quite tempting for Han Xiao. Its effect granted him the right to control the secondary dimension to a certain extent, similar to the Mark of Evil Convergence, which Traveler had. At the same time, it would also increase his strength to some extent.

Furthermore, he could also dray the soul of the enemies he killed into the Underworld. This was equivalent to basically getting part of Hila's power as a part-time soul collector.

Along with the Favorability reward from this mission, it seemed that this mission was saying that he did Onicelu a great favor, so she was willing to let him use her body.

When he thought of it this way, it seemed quite exciting...

Han Xiao searched his memories. In his previous life, Hila did not display any ability related to the Underworld dimension, so the Underworld had probably perished before she discovered it.

After all, the main reason Hila discovered the Underworld came from when she tried creating a life link with Aurora. Without the energy the Underworld absorbed when they transferred energy to each other, Onicelu would not have awakened.

In his previous life, however, Aurora was long gone, and Hila was alone. Without Aurora, she most likely never discovered the Underworld dimension and missed out on the inheritance.

At the same time, even if Hila did obtain the Underworld dimension, without Aurora, they would not be able to summon or Edo Tensei anyone...

In conclusion, the Germinal Organization leader was truly a great man.

All kinds of thoughts flashed past Han Xiao's mind. In the end, he nodded at Onicelu and said, "Alright, I'll bring them here very soon to meet you."

"I'm counting on you." Onicelu smiled.

Then, she disappeared and hid away. She had already said everything she needed to, and with very limited energy that she had no way of recovering, she did not want to waste any of it.

Han Xiao and Ames were the only ones left. He turned around to look at her and saw that she was pondering. It was clear that she was shocked and had yet to recover.

This was not without its reasons. Initially, the two of them only wanted to come and take a look at the place for Hila. Never did they expect to run into this chain of incidents. First, they met Traveler and beat him into a pulp, then were attacked back an unknown fleet. Clotti went missing, the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy became disabled, and in the end, they met the Underworld's dimensional consciousness entity and discovered this shocking secret. There was too much information to process.

It was said that every lucky guy seemed to run into trouble most easily. Why did he never notice that Ames was talented in this area?

However, overall, Han Xiao was more pleasantly surprised than shocked. He had captured the Holy Light Particle, triggered a few new missions, and obtained some secret information. The rewards of this trip were quite rich.

Although part of the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy had been snatched away, it could still use its powers. When he put it this way, it did not seem like he had lost anything at all.

As for the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy's agony, Han Xiao was actually not really concerned. As a great man once said, everyone had different reasons to feel sorrowful or joyous, not to mention the difference between people and Esper Ability entities.

Dealing with the Holy Accord would take a lot of planning. The main mission now was to help Hila inherit the Underworld.

Having thought of that, Han Xiao patted Ames' shoulders and said, "Stop daydreaming. It's time to leave."

Ames regained focus and chuckled with joy.

"I never thought Hila and Aurora would meet something like this. I'm proud of my students."

"Yes yes, your students are amazing." Han Xiao interrupted her. "Having met something like this, we'll have to cut our schedule short. I'll have the Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy take you back to Black Star Palace to bring Hila here, what do you say?"

"Of course, it's a great idea." Ames smiled.

Han Xiao nodded and ordered the Mysterious Energy Host to grab Ames. In the blink of an eye, they disappeared. The Primal Chaos Mysterious Energy's ability to cross between secondary dimensions was much more convenient compared to mechanical devices. It would not take long for them to return.

He was the only one there. After some thinking, he took out his communicator and called the dynasty's secondary dimension frontline station. This time, he contacted the dynasty's person in charge who was stationed there.

After some time, the communication went through, and Guzar's face appeared before his eyes.

The moment Han Xiao saw this face, he was stunned for a second.

Zhang Fei?

Yoho, I was mistaken. That sure startled me. This is way too similar to Zhang Fei's face...

This time, Guzar's loud voice sounded with an impatient tone.

"Black Star, we suddenly lost the location of Dark Lord. Where did he go?"

"We were attacked by a mysterious fleet. He was exiled into the chaotic space streams..." Han Xiao explained the process briefly with emphasis on the technology of the Holy Accord.

"These weaklings actually troubled him? Clotti is really getting rusty," Guzar murmured with dissatisfaction.

"It happens, it happens..." Han Xiao dry coughed trying to change to the topic.

Guzar caressed his beard and mumbled, "However, their technology is indeed unique. If taken by surprise, I might end up the same way too... Hey, Black Star, do you know their identity?"

"Nope. However, if you guys want to investigate them, I suggest you start with the records of the birth of the Primal Esper Ability Entities. This organization undoubtedly has more than one Primal Esper Ability. Other than that, there's nothing else I know."

Han Xiao had very limited knowledge about the Holy Accord organization in this era. Therefore, simply mentioning its name might not only be not very effective but also bring him more trouble.

"Understood, I'll relay your information up. They dare to attack the dynasty's man. We will certainly dig them out and teach them a lesson," Guzar said with a deep voice.

Han Xiao nodded.

Getting the dynasty to chase after the Holy Accord would at least cause them some trouble.

With the power of advanced civilizations, they might really be able to notice something.

Guzar complained for a while to vent his anger before he finally calmed down. He sized Han Xiao up and could not help but give him a passionate invitation.

"Black Star, I have always wanted to meet you. Come to my place if you have the time. We'll have to know more about each other."

"There'll be chances in the future."

Han Xiao agreed with a smile while being quite contented in his heart.

The fact that a powerful Beyond Grade A actively came to him meant that his networking skills were finally reaching their peak.

The Great Mechanic Han knew who Guzar was; he was a direct Beyond Grade A of the dynasty who was stationed in the secondary dimension. Before this, he had never come into contact with him, but in his memories, this guy seemed quite strong. Sadly, he died too early in his previous life, before the World Tree version.

Speaking of which, the secondary dimensions were one of the battlefronts during the World Tree war, and the battles there were just as bloody as in the main universe. The research labs and the outposts of the three Universal Civilizations were almost all destroyed. Compared to the stable spacetime of the main universe, the strange and unpredictable secondary dimensions seemed more dangerous to many.

They then chatted for a while longer. The conversation was quite pleasant, and they both gave each other a good impression.

When Han Xiao hung up the call, the space beside him rippled again. The Mysterious Energy Host had brought Ames and Hila back.

He turned and said, "Yo, you've come. Why didn't you bring your sister?"

"There's no need to bring Aurora to such a dangerous place. If her ability is needed, I'll just tell her to transfer it to me remotely," Hila explained. She then looked around at the Underworld dimension with curiosity and doubt. "You guys really didn't trick me together, right? Is this secondary dimension the inheritance of the Primordial Ones?"

"Let her explain it to you herself."

Han Xiao snapped his fingers.

Onicelu appeared again. She first gave Han Xiao a smile that seemed to mean she was very satisfied with how efficient he was before pulling Hila aside to speak to her.

Seeing this, Han Xiao told Hila, "Alright, go chat with her. Ames and I shall leave for now. I'll leave a mechanical army here. Notify me if anything changes. Anyway, you have the King mechanical suit. Tell me if you're in danger and I'll just teleport you back."

Hila turned to look at him but hesitated for a moment before nodding. "Alright, go have fun."

Han Xiao smiled at him. He told the Mysterious Energy Host to take the two of them away.

He was not worried about Hila's safety. After all, she was a Beyond Grade A. Plus, his army was with her. She had more than enough strength to protect herself in the secondary dimensions.

Looking at the direction the two of them disappeared in, complicated emotions appeared in Hila's eyes.

There was joy and disappointment.

Of course, she was surprised to come across the opportunity of becoming stronger through the inheritance of the Primordial Ones.

However, when she thought of the fact that the promise Black Star had made to travel with her alone in the secondary dimensions might be disposed because of it. She was somewhat disappointed.

Although she never spoke of it, she actually really wanted to go out with Black Star...

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The Void Dimension.

With a flash of red light, the two of them appeared in Kirkmond's territory in an instant.

As the official business regarding the Holy Light Particle and the Underworld dimension was complete, Han Xiao planned to complete the milestone mission, [Void Conqueror]. Therefore, remembering his promise to Kirkmond, he rushed back.

However, when the two of them looked around, they were stunned.

The void crystal floating city that was originally filled with void creatures was now empty. The void army that was stationed there had vanished.

"That's strange. Where did they go? Field training?" Ames looked around.

"Let's ask a void creature about it."

Han Xiao led Ames to Kirkmond's palace. As expected, there were indeed some void creatures with no combat capability who were left behind. They had seen their boss invite these two guests here, so they approached them.

"Where did Kirkmond go?" Han Xiao asked directly.

"Master has taken the army out to war."

"Didn't I tell him to wait until we returned? He couldn't even wait for such a short time?" Han Xiao wondered.

The void henchman said with resignation, "Kirkmond did not start the war. We were invaded by another Void Duke. Kirkmond was forced to take the fight."

"Give me the coordinates of the battlefield then." Han Xiao narrowed his eyes and said softly, "It seems like we've come right on time."

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At the same time, in a certain area of the Void Dimension, two enormous void armies were fighting.

In the middle of the battlefield, the two Void Dukes of the two sides were dueling.

One rode a young Void Dragon, holding an enormous void crystal shield and a black longsword. The other rode a Void Worm and held a greenish-copper short spear in all of its twenty or so arms.

Every clash of their weapons sent out a blue-purple void energy shockwave. A huge area around them was empty—no one dared interfere with the duel between two Void Dukes.

The one who used a sword was Kirkmond, who had a slightly lower hand in the fight. His control of void energy was not as good as the opponent, and his energy was not as strong. He was defending himself more than attacking.

The enemy he was facing was indeed his archenemy, as well as Han Xiao's mission target, Void Duke Bagdora.

Since they were both void creatures and had high resistance to void energy, long-range attacks had very limited effects. Therefore, when fighting against one of their own, most void creatures preferred closerange battles.

Clank!

More than ten short spears slashed down simultaneously. Kirkmond hastily raised his shield to block them. The clash sent out several rings of shockwaves as they competed in power.

"Can you feel my improved strength? You're no longer a match for me!" Bagdora laughed.

"You killed another Void Duke?" Kirkmond was both shocked and enraged.

At their level, every slight increase in strength was very important. Their strength would only suddenly grow when they devoured someone at the same level as them or higher.

In all these years, none of them was clearly stronger than the other. Now, however, Bagdora was clearly stronger. The only explanation was that he had devoured the core of another Void Duke.

"Hehe, a newborn Void Duke just happened to pass by my territory. I turned him into my energy. This is fate, and fate dictates that I'll defeat you!"

Damn it! Kirkmond was jealous. Why don't I ever get this lucky?

Bagdora's short spears left afterimages behind. He seemed to be growing impatient. Kirkmond was already a very nutritious meal in his eyes, and he could not wait to eat him up.

"If I eat you, I'll be able to become one of the strongest Dukes. There's no use resisting. Become my food!"

Kirkmond could not hold much longer. His army was also showing signs of losing.

He knew that his defeat was certain is this went on, so he yelled furiously,

"Don't go over your head! I still have reinforcements!"

"So what? You think you can scare me away?"

Bagdora laughed out loud as he cut away a small part of Kirkmond's body without mercy.

"I'll eat your so-called reinforcements too. I'll take it as your gift to me!"

At this time, Han Xiao just so happened to arrive at the edge of the battlefield through hyperdrive. Hearing this, he turned to look at this Void Duke, and his brows twitched a little.

He released a public telepathic message that instantly covered the entire battlefield.

"You wanna try it?"

1080 Are You Here to Steal My Harvest?

Along with Han Xiao, the Beyond Grade A energy he had appeared too. He became an energy source that had an extremely dangerous presence, which instantly attracted the attention of all the void creatures around.

"Ha! My help is here!"

Strength appeared in Kirkmond's body all of a sudden. While Bagdora was still shocked, he slashed his sword down Bagdora's arms, instantly cutting away many of his energy-made arms.

Bagdora hastily retreated away from Kirkmond, regenerated his arms then looked at Han Xiao with a grave expression. The confidence he had earlier was nowhere to be found.

Beyond Grade As of the main universe were not easy to mess with. This was common knowledge in the secondary dimensions. He did not expect Kirkmond to have a connection with a stranger Beyond Grade A

"Who are you? I'm warning you. Don't interfere with the matters of the Void Dimension. I'm master Kasuyi's subordinate!"

Bagdora immediately brought up a big name. Among the names he knew from the main universe, Kasuyi's name was the most impactful.

"He's not! He's just trying to scare you!" Kirkmond exposed his lie without mercy.

"Humph, don't trust him. Kirkmond is a liar! He's definitely just using you!"

"You're the liar!" Kirkmond was enraged.

"No, you!"

Even in this situation, the two of them did not stop arguing.

Han Xiao, however, had no plan to join the argument. Electric sparks appeared in his eyes as countless machines swarmed out. Then, an enormous net formed by Mechanical Force grabbed all the machines and pulled them toward him, quickly assembling.

This huge move caused all the void creatures on the battlefield to stop fighting and look over.

A Mechanical Deity formed very quickly. Since the opponent was just a Void Duke, he did not summon a lot of machines. Therefore, this Mechanical Deity was not too large, only about ten thousand meters tall.

The most conspicuous part of it was the enormous metal cape on its back. It was not soft like cloth but was completely mechanical. It looked extremely delicate and complex.

It was the Emperor's Cape, which Han Xiao had sent into battle for the first time.

"Mechanical Deity?" Bagdora was knowledgeable enough to know what this was. His panic was clearly expressed from his fluctuating mind frequency.

If he had a face, his fear would have clearly shown on it.

Without saying anything, Bagdora immediately turned around attempting to escape. He disappeared in an instant and entered Void Hyperdrive.

However, Kirkmond was prepared for this. Being a Void Duke as well, he had all kinds of ways to prevent Bagdora from escaping. He swung his long sword sideways and slapped the space before him. Dense Void Energy exploded, sending out shockwave-like ripples. The space of this Void Dimension was easily sealed.

The next moment, Bagdora appeared again as he was forced out from hyperdrive by Kirkmond.

"You..."

Bagdora was frustrated. However, before he could try anything else again, Han Xiao controlled his Mechanical Deity and charged toward him. He was not planning to just watch on the side.

Seeing this, Bagdora did not even try to escape anymore. He quickly sent out long-ranged attacks with Void Energy at the Mechanical Deity, hoping to stop Han Xiao from getting closer.

Without slowing down, the Mechanical Deity grabbed a corner of the Emperor's Cape and pulled it to its front.

Buzz!

An energy shield appeared on the surface of the cape. It was extremely thick and strong. Countless Void Energy attacks landed on it, only to create tiny little ripples, unable to slow down the Mechanical Deity at all.

At the same time, the Emperor's Cape also increased the mobility and speed of the Machinery Deity by a large extent. At the edges of the cape, the space could be seen bent, which drastically increased the Machinery Deity's speed.

"Don't come any closer!"

Shocked, Bagdora wanted to back away, but Kirkmond stopped him from doing so. Unable to flee, he could only watch as the Mechanical Deity moved closer.

"Take this!" Han Xiao raised the Mechanical Deity's arm and punched forward.

Highly condensed psionic energy fused with all kinds of electromagnetic and shockwave force fields formed a light blue energy shield shrouding the Mechanical Deity's fist. It was extremely destructive.

Boom!

Bagdora's defense did not have much effect. His enormous energy formed body was flattened and pressed onto the Mechanical Deity's fist. His greenish-copper short spears were all shattered into atoms, and his Void Worm died right on the spot, not leaving even ashes behind.

Some time ago, Han Xiao had obtained [Machinery Control Master] through the few Beyond Grade A captives, which drastically increased the strength of armor-type equipment when used by him. Furthermore, his melee-range combat capability was also enhanced tremendously.

The power of this punch was way too much for a Void Duke like Bagdora. He was heavily injured instantly.

Void creatures had their own level system and were not included in the combat capability measurement standard of the main universe, so there was no clear comparison. However, at Han Xiao's level, he could easily estimate it.

With the advantage of fighting in its own territory, the Void Dukes could fight back and forth with ordinary Beyond Grade As for dozens of rounds, but that was all. Only the strongest Dukes and Void Lords, Void Ancients, could compete with real Beyond Grade As. As for peak Beyond Grade As, their power exceeded the upper strength limit of void creatures.

Basically, Bagdora was about as strong as his Apostle Weapons, which were between Lv260 and Lv280, basically almost Beyond Grade As. They would easily crush Calamity Grades but would be thrashed by Beyond Grade As.

With such a large difference in strength, the only reason Bagdora was not completely obliterated was thanks to the special physique of Void Dukes; his various resistances were extremely high.

Bagdora's flattened body stayed still for an instant on the Mechanical Deity's fist before shooting out the next moment like a rocket, creating an empty path on the battlefield.

The Mechanical Deity remained on the same spot. It extended two fingers and aimed at Bagdora, who was flying further and further away. Its fingertips turned sharp and became a barrel, blinding light appeared from within.

"Evil Perish Cannon!" Han Xiao gave it a ridiculous name for fun.

Xiu!

An energy beam shot out from the fingertips of the Mechanical Deity and caught up to Bagdora instantly, penetrating his body.

Bagdora's body suddenly became stiff. He started to evaporate from within like snow on a hot day, gradually melting.

Very soon, only a gray sphere was left floating. This was what was left of Bagdora—the core essence of a Void Duke

"This guy is finally dead!" Kirkmond was overjoyed. Through hyperdrive, he jumped over and grabbed Bagdora's core. Feeling the lingering frustration emotion in it, he could not hold back his laughter.

As their master died, Bagdora's army fell into disarray. Most of the void creatures tried to flee in different directions and were chased; the rest stayed and surrendered. The situation became one-sided.

Seeing this, Han Xiao deactivated the Mechanical Deity and tutted like he wanted more.

This Void Duke was too weak. I didn't even enjoy it enough...

This time, Kirkmond held onto Bagdora's core and returned to Han Xiao. His tone was filled with joy.

"Haha, I knew I was right to trust you. To think you killed Bagdora so easily. You must be someone very well known in the main universe!"

"Not really, not really." Han Xiao gave a humble response.

"According to our agreement, half of the core is yours. We're friends from now on. If you need help in battle, just call me. This is my energy mark; you can contact me if anything happens."

Han Xiao received energy from Kirkmond, which turned into a mark on his arm. He already had a ton of enchantment tattoos on his body and looked like a gangster, so having one more was no big deal.

Han Xiao looked at the interface.

The mission was shown to be completed, and the reward was given. He obtained 12 billion EXP and one Kirkmond's Character Summon Card, and Kirkmond's faction's Favorability reached [Respect]. The Character Summon Card's ability was Void Lock, which was a quite useful controlling ability and could be used five times.

Compared to the low difficulty, this was quite a rich reward. However, only Beyond Grade As like Han Xiao would be able to deal with this mission so easily, so it made sense.

The milestone mission for [Void Conqueror] started too. His progress was at one eighth for the Void Duke forces he destroyed and a twenty-five percent for the void faction favorability he had achieved. He should be able to activate this milestone very soon.

This time, Han Xiao smiled and said, "Any interest in expanding your territory?"

"Oh? Do you plan to continue helping me?" Kirkmond paused, not pleased but surprised, and started hesitating.

The way he looked at it, what Black Star meant was that he wanted to make him his subordinate like Kirkmond. The reason that Kirkmond did not join Kasuyi was that he did not want to work for others, and now he was troubled.

Han Xiao understood what he was thinking from his hesitation. He thought about it and said, "Don't worry, I have no plan to learn from Kasuyi. Since you're willing to fight for me, making your forces stronger is basically indirectly helping myself."

The Void Dimension was Kasuyi's territory. If he came here to grow his forces, he would undoubtedly offend this void movie lord. Therefore, Han Xiao planned to help some Void Dukes in the form of hiring them as mercenaries.

As long as they agreed to be his spare tires... ahem, helpers, he would help them to take over the forces of other Void Dukes. This way, he could both complete his milestone mission and obtain more troops at the same time.

"That sounds good." Kirkmond was relieved.

Having seen Han Xiao's strength earlier, he knew that he was no match. If Han Xiao decided to force him, he would not be able to resist at all, so he felt that Black Star had no need to lie to him.

After communicating a little longer, Kirkmond went to the side to enjoy the essence of Bagdora. Ames, who only watched beside Han Xiao, suddenly shook her head and said, "You don't ever forget about increasing your forces, do you?"

"I'm used to it. After all, I'm a good faction leader..."

Then, Han Xiao gave Ames a look with unspeakable meanings.

"... What kind of look is that?" Ames's brows raised slightly.

"I'm appreciating your beauty."

"Humph, cheeky."

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Over the next few days, Han Xiao took Ames to travel in the Void Dimension back, looking for new partners to work with and merging the forces of Void Dukes one after another. With his peak Beyond Grade A strength, the progress of the [Void Conqueror] milestone was very quick.

Such frequent movements also attracted more attention from the boss of the Void Dimension. When the news spread to Kasuyi's territory, the Void Dukes under his command reported it to him.

Somewhere in the Flickering World, Kasuyi frowned and narrowed his eyes. Looking at the kneeled void messenger in front of him, he felt alarmed.

"Black Star went to the Void Dimension and is now helping the Void Dukes there to take over the forces of their enemies?"

Could it be that Black Star had set his eyes on the forces of the Void Dimension and wanted to take over void creatures to form an organization like him?

From the way he looked at it, since Black Star had the blood of void creatures and was at the peak Beyond Grade A level, when his God's Trait Transformation reached a certain extent, it was very likely Black Star might develop new abilities related to the void.

Kasuyi was actually not interested in what Han Xiao was doing in the Void Dimension. As the Void Dimension was large enough and had more than enough energy, having one more person to share it with was completely harmless and would not affect him at all. Han Xiao would not be considered as a competitor.

However, he had a big problem with others putting their fingers on his void army. The Void Dimension was his headquarters, and all the void creatures were his own in his eyes. Black Star's actions made Kasuyi a little unhappy.

Never mind if you came to my farm to dig away some soil, but taking away my harvest is crossing the line.

The entire universe knows that the Void Dimension is my home. How can you just come to my home and cause trouble like this, Black Star? Have you ignored my existence?

Kasuyi thought about it and slowly said, "Go back and relay my decision to those Void Dukes. Tell them to get into contact with Black Star and obtain information about what his goal is. Also do the same with the other Void Dukes he helped."

The messenger received the order, shook his body, and returned to the Void Dimension, disappearing without a trace.

With Kasuyi's position, calling Han Xiao directly was the most convenient. However, that would mean that there was no room for any excuse or discussion. Hence, he hoped to take a gentler approach and ask about Han Xiao's goal through a middleman.

The so-called Beyond Grade A Association was about to be formed, and he did not want to mess with Black Star, who was leading it.

"Speaking of which, Manison seems very active recently and has been digging up his old connections. Looks like he really wants to be the one in charge..."

Kasuyi looked interested.

Kasuyi had no plan to do the same. He had never cared too much about the Beyond Grade A Association to begin with. He only saw that Beyond Grade As being in groups would become a trend in the future, so he wanted to obtain a senior position. As for the position of the president, he would not take it even if it

was given to him for free. Sitting in that position meant being at the front of all issues. Anyone in that position would be heavily monitored by the advanced civilizations.

Some of the peak Beyond Grade As had the same thoughts as him; very few tried to become the president. Including Manison and Black Star, there were only four of them.

"Hmm, the association can only have one president, who also cannot be a direct member of the three Universal Civilizations, or it would go against its goal... I wonder what plans Black Star has. Although he's not as senior, as the star of the Flickering World and the key initiator of this project, his chances don't seem low..."