

### **Chapter 1051: Branch Family's Fall**

Lu Yin continued to act humble. "Patriarch Tanno, there's no need to be so courteous. I'm honored to have the privilege to rescue Darkflame Continent."

Tanno Phoenix was about to speak, but Ku Wei interrupted him, saying, "Since you are a member of the Great Eastern Alliance, the safety of the Dark Phoenix family is always on Alliance Leader Lu's mind. Isn't that right, Patriarch Tanno?"

Tanno Phoenix's face twisted. If possible, he wanted to kill this wretched bastard right now.

Behind the three men, an entire group of people from the Dark Phoenix family ground their teeth as they stared at Ku Wei's back. They were plotting to surreptitiously get rid of him.

Lu Yin glanced over at Ku Wei in appreciation. How had he never noticed that this fellow was such an amazing henchman? One sentence from Ku Wei had forced the Dark Phoenix family into a corner. If they did not agree, then it meant that they were refusing to join the Great Eastern Alliance. And given the Dark Phoenix family's current situation, they really could not afford to make such a refusal.

Lu Yin had actually been wondering how he could bring up this issue, but Ku Wei had effortlessly succeeded in a few sentences.

Tanno Phoenix inwardly sighed. "Right. Thank you, Alliance Leader Lu, for rescuing us. The Dark Phoenix family cannot express our gratitude towards you."

Lu Yin smiled. "Patriarch Tanno's words make me blush in shame. Honestly, I didn't do much."

Tanno Phoenix was rendered completely speechless.

Darkflame Continent was vast, and Tanno Phoenix personally led Lu Yin on a tour. During this time, Lu Yin sent En Ya a message, ordering her to quickly reach out to the Dark Phoenix family and confirm their entry into the alliance.

En Ya replied, "Your Highness, the Dark Phoenix family joining the Great Eastern Alliance might lead to the Phoenix family's displeasure."

Lu Yin's gaze trembled, as he had forgotten about this detail. The Dark Phoenix family had defected from the Phoenix family, so having them join the Great Eastern Alliance might truly offend the Phoenix family.

Lu Yin was a little irritated; how could he have forgotten about such a thing? Although he was not afraid of the Phoenix family, he did not want to create enemies just because of the Dark Phoenix family.

Lu Yin originally did not have a very friendly relationship with the Dark Phoenix family, and having them join the Great Eastern Alliance was just to achieve a complete, geographical unification. Their presence would not actually provide that many benefits to the Great Eastern Alliance.

While Lu Yin was thinking, Tanno Phoenix continued to share the history of Darkflame Continent with him as Ku Wei rambled on.

Tanno Phoenix's temper was growing short, and he wanted to incinerate Ku Wei, but the patriarch was forced to accompany this youth with a smile on his face.

"Patriarch Tanno, I heard that your clan is mortal enemies with the Phoenix family, correct? What happened?" Lu Yin asked.

Tanno Phoenix responded, "The entire universe has heard this story. The Phoenix family has the name of the golden Undying Bird while we have the black Undying Bird's. Because of this, the Phoenix family views us as traitors and members who have fallen from grace, which is why they want to exterminate our entire clan. They wish to purify their Phoenix family.

"Hmph. In truth, there is no such thing as members who had fallen from grace during the time of our ancient forebears—regardless of if they were gold or black, both colors were considered a part of the Undying Bird's bloodline. The division only occurred because our bloodline fell behind and was no longer able to contest the other part of the family. As a result, we were chased out of the Inniverse."

Lu Yin instantly understood. The situation was much like how the Daynight clan had both Dayking and Nightking descendants where the Dayking descendants had fallen behind and been condemned to the Sealed Cage Technique by the Nightking descendants, reducing them to nothing more than slaves. The Dark Phoenix family had been a bit more fortunate, as they had managed to flee the Inniverse.

Upon thinking back, Lu Yin had encountered many similar situations before, including the Gasfire Alliance, which was likely facing a similar ordeal.

There were too many large clans and families, and divisions and strife were unavoidable. Some branches of a group might become too powerful and would take the lead rather than follow along, and this was something perfectly normal.

"Since you guys arrived here in the Outerverse, has the Phoenix family caused any trouble for you?" Lu Yin asked.

Tanno Phoenix answered in a gleeful tone, "They've tried, but my Dark Phoenix family is not so easily provoked. Also, we have an excellent relationship with Astral-9, which has left the Phoenix family slightly apprehensive."

Lu Yin nodded. While the Astral Combat Academy might seem like a mere educational institution, it contained all sorts of hidden powerhouses, and Astral-9's Headmaster was quite terrifying.

That night, Tanno Phoenix led the Dark Phoenix family to hold a grand reception for Lu Yin. The change in their attitude was rather rapid, as quite recently, they had openly loathed Lu Yin and maintained haughty attitudes. They had even sent troops to help fight against the Great Eastern Alliance. However, after they joined the Great Eastern Alliance, all of their former arrogance instantly vanished.

During this visit, Lu Yin also spoke with Tanno Phoenix about Taylor Phoenix's death. Taylor Phoenix had not been killed by Lu Yin, but rather, he had been slandered by Sall Phoenix.

Tanno Phoenix solemnly apologized to Lu Yin for this matter.

Lu Yin accepted the apology. Although he had not personally killed Taylor Phoenix, the youth's death was still related to Lu Yin, and he had not felt the slightest bit of remorse for it. In the past, Taylor

Phoenix had taken the initiative to challenge Lu Yin, and he had also cooperated with Sall Phoenix to attack Lu Yin. The heir to the Dark Phoenix family had died soon after, as otherwise, Lu Yin definitely would have made moves to eliminate him.

For his clansmen, Tanno Phoenix managed to endure his loss.

The family was able to tolerate Lu Yin's behavior, but they could not tolerate Ku Wei's words.

When the banquet started, the young experts of the Dark Phoenix family challenged Ku Wei one after another. This thrilled him, as he quite enjoyed bullying these people. In his own words, these frogs lacked experience and were easily trampled by him.

There was a thump as another Dark Phoenix family expert was slammed against a wall, defeated.

Ku Wei laughed. He had already defeated twelve people from the Dark Phoenix family so far, and this winning streak felt very invigorating.

The people from the Dark Phoenix family all had ugly expressions. They had intended to teach Ku Wei a lesson, but instead, they had all been taught a lesson by him.

Lu Yin sipped his wine and maintained a calm expression.

Tanno Phoenix could not help himself from speaking up, "Alliance Leader Lu, where is your companion from? His strength is astounding."

Lu Yin smiled. "Patriarch, it's best not to compliment him. He's already at his limit."

"Is that so?" Tanno Phoenix's eyes flashed as he glanced down at Goldric Phoenix.

Goldric Phoenix stood up and confronted Ku Wei. "Brother, let's have a duel."

Ku Wei's brows rose as he seriously evaluated Goldric Phoenix. He knew that if someone still dared to challenge him at this time, then they had to have some hidden cards. "What's your name?"

"Goldric Phoenix."

Ku Wei frowned. This name sounded familiar.

Lu Yin stared at Goldric Phoenix. Wei Rong had once mentioned this person, describing him as the strongest expert of the Dark Phoenix family's younger generation and as someone who had far surpassed Taylor Phoenix. He was even considered powerful enough to eventually be able to challenge the Ten Arbiters.

Ever since he heard that, Lu Yin had been very curious about this person's innate gift, and it seemed that he would find out at this time.

The Dark Phoenix family roused themselves when they saw that Goldric Phoenix was about to act. They all felt that his victory was already guaranteed.

"Let's go then." Ku Wei continued acting casually, but his expression had hardened and become a bit more serious.

Goldric Phoenix had a solemn expression as he stepped forward. At the same time, streams of dark flames shot into the sky, their high temperature causing Ku Wei's expression to change. This person was definitely on a completely different level compared to all of the earlier challengers.

The dark flames formed an enormous hand that crashed down towards Ku Wei. Along its path, the void distorted, and spatial cracks spread out. This first attack had already surpassed the power level of a Hunter.

Ku Wei raised a hand as he stared closely at the hand formed from dark flames as it descended. Then, his lips curled up as he moved both of his hands and changed his posture. Each time he moved, the dark flames would shrink a little.

Soon, Goldric Phoenix's dark flames had entirely vanished.

The entire Dark Phoenix family was stunned. "He's actually using a lockbreaking technique. This kid's lockbreaking ability is quite impressive."

"He's an Intermediate Lockbreaker at the very least," someone realized.

"So he's actually a Lockbreaker."

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Goldric Phoenix was shocked, and his gaze grew sharp. An even more terrifying amount of dark flames rose out from beneath the ground to fill the sky, and they completely enveloped Ku Wei. Goldric Phoenix had fought against Lockbreakers before, and their techniques always needed time whereas his dark flames did not.

Step by step, Ku Wei retreated. The dark flames were extremely invasive in nature, and its high temperature filled the sky as the surroundings became so hot that even Lu Yin was impressed by the level of heat.

It was no wonder why Goldric Phoenix was hailed as a talent who would be able to challenge the Ten Arbiters one day. Lu Yin could see an impressive amount of rune lines on the youth, and his strength was clearly enough to be ranked among the top ten of the Top 100 Rankings.

If Ku Wei continued to only use lockbreaking methods and his own battle experience, he would definitely end up losing this fight.

"Interesting. Who knew that the Dark Phoenix family still had an expert like you." Ku Wei grew interested. However, as he spoke, his domain surged forth and enveloped the whole area. And when his domain appeared, a giant finger fell down from above. This was his forcefield, and the finger moved towards Goldric Phoenix.

The Dark Phoenix family people felt scornful. A forcefield was a powerful means of attack, and very few in the entire universe were able to comprehend a forcefield. However, such methods were useless against the Dark Phoenix family because they could use their dark flames to burn away forcefields.

The crowd had assumed that Goldric Phoenix would be able to easily burn away Ku Wei's forcefield, but Goldric Phoenix foolishly stood rooted in place and allowed the finger to simply strike him. His entire body was smacked underground.

Every member of the Dark Phoenix family was left dumbstruck. What had just happened? Why hadn't Goldric Phoenix moved out of the way?

If Goldric Phoenix had not been someone from the Dark Phoenix family, then these people would have even suspected that the entire match was nothing but a farce.

Tanno Phoenix and the other members of the older generation had solemn faces, and they all stared at Ku Wei. That finger...

Underground, Goldric Phoenix had not been too badly injured, as the finger had not released too much strength after falling upon him, which was how Ku Wei was showing mercy. Goldric Phoenix knew that he had been defeated, but what the hell had just happened?

When that finger had descended, he had only been able to see the color grey, and it had felt as if everything around him had been wilting. There had been a strange sense of peace within his heart, and he had held absolutely no desire to resist the attack, which was why he had allowed the finger to land. Just what sort of power was this?

When he saw Finger Tap again, Lu Yin was just as overwhelmed as before. This truly was the Ku family's top battle technique.

Lu Yin had only learned the utmost basics of Finger Tap, enough for him to train his finger so that it could use his Dream Finger multiple times. However, he had not been allowed to learn the true essence of Finger Tap.

Tanno Phoenix stared at Lu Yin with a serious expression. "Your Highness, is that...?"

Even if the man was less intelligent, he still would have realized that Ku Wei was not an ordinary person. Goldric Phoenix had the strength to enter the top ten of the Top 100 Rankings at the very least, but he had still been easily defeated. In fact, the win was so extreme that he had not even been able to use his innate gift.

Lu Yin indifferently answered, "His surname is Ku. Have you heard of that name before?"

Tanno Phoenix replied, "I know that name, hold on." Then, Tanno Phoenix revealed a look of disbelief. "Ku? Could it be?"

Lu Yin smiled and nodded.

Tanno Phoenix was overwhelmed. He looked at Ku Wei once again, this time with a completely different expression. The Seven Courts' Ku family from the Neoverse... It's no wonder why he's so powerful.

Goldric Phoenix emerged from the ground, and he looked over at Ku Wei, clearly shaken. "I've lost."

Ku Wei arrogantly responded, "There is honor even in defeat. Not everyone is qualified for me to display my battle technique."

Goldric Phoenix frowned. Although he had admitted defeat, he was a bit unwilling as he had not even been able to use his innate gift.

The banquet thus concluded with Ku Wei's impressive battle results. He was very happy on this day, as he had completely dominated the Dark Phoenix family. Although he did not care much about a mere Outerverse clan, achieving a complete victory was still quite refreshing.

Lu Yin inhaled the night wind of Darkflame Continent as he stood atop a mountain peak. He could not feel the high temperature at all.

"Your Highness, in the end, the Dark Phoenix family is quite cordial, haha." Ku Wei laughed.

Lu Yin glanced over. "You're quite happy with yourself? Then why don't the two of us have a spar? I'm still very curious about your Finger Tap."

Ku Wei immediately refused. "How could I fight against Your Highness? That would be disrespectful. I, Ku Wei, was raised properly."

### **Chapter 1052: Stripped**

Lu Yin looked at the base of the mountain that they were standing on and saw that Goldric Phoenix had appeared.

"Eh? What's he here for?" Ku Wei was puzzled.

Soon, Goldric Phoenix arrived at the top of the mountain, and he looked at Ku Wei. "So you're from the Neoverse's Seven Courts' Ku family. I was disrespectful earlier."

Ku Wei shook his head. "There's no need for such courtesy. What are you here for? Do you want another match?"

Goldric Phoenix nodded. "Yes, but not with you."

He then looked at Lu Yin. "Alliance Leader Lu, could I experience the disparity between myself and the Ten Arbiters?"

Ku Wei was surprised. "Do you need a spanking? Why would you challenge him?"

Goldric Phoenix shook his head. "It's not a challenge. I honestly want to see how far my strength is from the Ten Arbiters'. In future, I will definitely challenge them."

Ku Wei rolled his eyes. Challenging the Ten Arbiters was something that was easy to say, but not even he dared to attempt standing up to those ten. Even the top heirs from the Neoverse would not underestimate the Arbiters, as those ten were all monsters.

Lu Yin understood Goldric Phoenix's thoughts; in the past, he had also asked Wendy Yushan to allow him to experience the strength of an expert on the Top 100 Rankings. To someone who had set the Ten Arbiters as their goal, wanting to know the difference in their strength was quite normal.

"Have you thought this through? Learning the difference might further motivate your desire to cultivate, but it might also cause you to feel despair," Lu Yin commented.

Goldric Phoenix had a peaceful expression. “Yes.”

Lu Yin nodded. “Alright then, I’ll help you.”

Goldric Phoenix clenched his fists. “Alliance Leader Lu, forgive me.”

With that, his dark flames enveloped the sky as it wildly surged towards Lu Yin.

Ku Wei did not move from next to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin’s gaze trembled: Night Advent.

Goldric Phoenix’s expression trembled. All he saw was an expanse of darkness. Not only did the boundless spiritual force dispel his dark flames, but it also suppressed him, and he felt as if the heavens themselves were collapsing upon him.

He had never experienced such a terrifying spiritual force before, not even from his family’s elders. This spiritual force was on the level of the Ten Arbiters’.

Ku Wei gazed at Goldric Phoenix with a pitying look. He had been asking to be thrashed by requesting to fight against someone at Lu Yin’s level.

Ku Wei had already known that Goldric Phoenix would lose. After all, not just anyone could stand their ground against a spiritual force attack that was at the level of the Ten Arbiters’. Moreover, Lu Yin had used a battle technique, Night Advent, which perfectly utilized his spiritual force.

The next moment, blood trickled down the corner of Goldric Phoenix’s mouth as he suddenly looked up. The darkness brought about by Lu Yin’s Night Advent suddenly changed—a small, green radiance had appeared within it, and the green light gradually grew brighter until it finally illuminated the entire darkness.

The green radiance was actually a fire, and it lit up the darkness as the flames formed wind, sea, and eventually, a green sea that illuminated the darkness. This was Goldric Phoenix’s innate gift: Greensky Blaze. These flames’ temperature was so extreme that they could even burn spiritual force.

This innate gift could incinerate both the enemy and their spiritual force due to its high temperature.

This was Goldric Phoenix’s innate gift that had shocked the Dark Phoenix family: Greensky Blaze.

Lu Yin was surprised that his spiritual force had dissipated, and he looked at Goldric Phoenix with renewed interest. This person’s flames had actually stopped his Night Advent from filling the entire area. What a mysterious innate gift.

Goldric Phoenix was panting heavily as he stared intently at Lu Yin. Logically, his innate gift allowed him to counter his opponent’s spiritual force, but Lu Yin’s spiritual force was just too ridiculous, and he had also used a powerful battle technique: Night Advent. To Goldric Phoenix’s shock, his innate gift had not been able to fully restrict it. Fortunately, he had still managed to break free of Night Advent’s suppression.

Lu Yin was amazed. “It’s no wonder why Patriarch Tanno and the others are so certain that you’ll be able to challenge the Ten Arbiters in the future. Your innate gift is truly powerful.”

Goldric Phoenix felt like he had just been slapped. Powerful? He had indeed believed that to be the case, but that “powerful” innate gift only allowed him to remain standing after being attacked by Lu Yin. That was all that he was capable of.

Ku Wei was surprised. “That’s not a bad innate gift, and it really is quite decent. However, if the Daynight clan discovers it, you’ll become their mortal enemy.”

The Daynight clan was adept at spiritual force attacks, but Goldric Phoenix’s Greensky Blaze could burn spiritual force away. Since he countered their strongest ability, he would naturally be treated as an enemy. Even Lu Yin’s Night Advent had been burned away, which amply demonstrated that, out of the Daynight clan’s entire younger generation, only Nightking Zhenwu and Zhuo Daynight’s unrivaled battle techniques could deal with this Greensky Blaze.

“Spiritual force is just one method of attack, and although it can be powerful, it’s not the only means of attack. Otherwise, the Daynight clan would have become unrivaled long ago. Here, try this.” Lu Yin then raised a finger, reinforced it with his nine lined battle force, and then lightly tapped out. There was a bang, and a sharp gale tore through the void before striking Goldric Phoenix’s body.

His Greensky Blaze was completely overpowered, and the gale sent him flying as he spat out a mouthful of blood while still in midair. He was eventually caught by an elder from the Dark Phoenix family. This elder was an Enlighter, and the moment he grabbed a hold of Goldric Phoenix, he was also sent flying by the enormous momentum. The powerhouse only managed to regain control of himself after great difficulty, and he stared into the distance at Lu Yin in shock.

Just a casual attack possessed such terrifying power, and that attack was in no way inferior to an Enlighter’s attack.

Goldric Phoenix had already passed out, as his body was simply unable to withstand this attack.

This was the strength of someone on the same level as the Ten Arbiters, and Goldric Phoenix was far too lacking in comparison.

Ku Wei swallowed his saliva. “Your Highness is indeed formidable.”

Lu Yin looked at him. “Do you want to give it a try?”

Ku Wei’s face went pale. “There’s no need, Your Highness. I’m on your side.”

Lu Yin turned to look into the distance. It was possible that, one day, Goldric Phoenix would use his Greensky Blaze to challenge the top three of the Top 100 Rankings. However, he definitely would not be able to challenge the Ten Arbiters at this rate, as the difference in levels was just far too drastic.

Lu Yin had not fully understood their strength before. Only after participating in the battle for control of the Champions’ Stage in the Inniverse had he come to understand their power. He had only survived due to his Arcane Art, Fatal Revival, and the Arbiters’ undeniable strength was precisely the reason why they were known as the Ten Arbiters.

Since Lu Yin had defeated Lan Si and stepped onto the same level, those like Goldric Phoenix saw him as an unstoppable force.



Just one finger was enough to crush an opponent whom Lu Yin would have previously been forced to treat seriously.

Had Lu Yin been serious just now? He did not believe so, as he had neither unsealed the Fatesand in his body nor used his full physical strength. Otherwise, that single strike would have killed Goldric Phoenix, and the Enlighter from the Dark Phoenix family would not have been able to catch him either.

Lu Yin did not remain on Darkflame Continent for long, and he left with Ku Wei soon after. His next stop was Enron Planet, as he wanted to ask the Sea King's Dome's people to support Lan Si so that he could retain his seat as one of the Ten Arbiters. That way, even if Lu Yin did not become an Arbiter himself right now, he would still be able to influence them.

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In another place, on a planet that lay not too far from Shenwu Continent, the void distorted as a figure stumbled out, and their eyes darted all about. "Is this the space where Brother Lu is? I'm not an Explorer yet, but I can still travel through outer space. Is this the direction that Master was pointing?"

Before long, the figure flew off in a certain direction.

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Within a collapsible spacecraft, Lu Yin's gadget let out a notification beep. It was a message from the Hall of Honor: Lu Yin's status as an Honor Chosen is temporarily withdrawn until suspicions of his betrayal are allayed.

Lu Yin was surprised, and he immediately tried to call Yuan Shi. However, he was unable to reach him.

This was normal, as Yuan Shi was usually in places that did not receive any signals.

Helpless, Lu Yin could only change his course to Southside Weave, intending to look for Yuan Shi.

Ku Wei was puzzled. "Your Highness, weren't we headed to Planet Enron?"

Lu Yin remained silent, but his face was incredibly glum.

Ku Wei was tactful enough to stop speaking.

With his status as an Honor Chosen stripped away, it meant that Lu Yin was no longer qualified to go to the Neoverse and participate in the Astral Tower's competition. This was a harsh blow.

To take part in the Astral Tower's contest, Lu Yin either had to be an Honor Chosen, a member of one of the Neoverse's great powers, or have been titled a King or Queen during the Sixth Mainland's invasion. The only criterion that Lu Yin had fulfilled was being an Honor Chosen. Now that that had been taken away, he had lost his qualifications to participate in the Astral Tower's contest.

Lu Yin could not accept this outcome.

Before long, Lu Yin arrived at Yuan Shi's location, and he had Ku Wei wait for him nearby as he continued forward, looking for Yuan Shi.

Yuan Shi was puzzled. “Your Honor Chosen status was stripped away?”

Lu Yin replied, “For the moment. At least until all suspicions of my betrayal are removed.”

Yuan Shi nodded. “I understand. I’ll try to contact some people.”

Lu Yin could only wait, and he felt uneasy.

His status as an Honor Chosen had been given to him by Yuan Shi, but at this moment, not even Yuan Shi was not clear on what had happened. Lu Yin’s status had been revoked, which meant that someone with an even higher position had intervened. Could it be?

Lu Yin went pale. Could they have been discovered that he had stolen the blood-red bell?

However, he felt that this was not very likely. If he had actually been exposed, then the Hall of Honor would have sent down an order to eliminate him as soon as possible.

That blood-red bell represented the Interstellar Supreme Court’s Chief Justice, who was one of the absolute top figures in the entire Human Domain. Nobody dared to ask much about such a person’s matters, and not even Yuan Shi would ask the Chief Justice why Lu Yin had possessed his blood-red bell.

For the moment, as long as the Chief Justice himself did not get directly involved, there was no chance of Lu Yin being exposed.

In that case, it meant that Nightking Zhenwu was the one behind this. However, how could his influence possibly surpass Yuan Shi’s? Lu Yin did not believe that such a thing was possible.

After a long time, Yuan Shi opened his eyes and stared at Lu Yin. “Nightking Zhenwu paid a price of twenty Honor Points to back up his accusation that you are a traitor to the Fifth Mainland and that you colluded with the Sixth Mainland to steal the Champions’ Stage. He paid a great number of Honor Points to make this accusation, and not even I can change this.”

Lu Yin’s eyes grew cold. Twenty Honor Points. Nightking Zhenwu was truly willing to stake everything for this. Lu Yin had worked so hard to reach this level, and he had helped the Outerverse survive multiple crises and fought at the borders several times. He had even participated in the Tournament of the Strongest, but even with all of that, Lu Yin only had twenty Honor Points to his name.

Where had Nightking Zhenwu’s twenty Honor Points come from?

Lu Yin asked this question next.

Yuan Shi said, “When he exposed someone called Grand Marshal Shui Chuanxiao for betraying the Human Domain, he was given ten Honor Points all at once.”

Lu Yin instantly understood, realizing that Nightking Zhenwu had been the one to expose Grand Marshal Shui Chuanxiao. It was no wonder how he had accumulated twenty Honor Points.

“Seventh Bro, this Nightking Zhenwu kid is too slimy. Think about it—he was given the unique qualification to directly receive an inheritance from the Astral Tower, and once he succeeds, he’ll become one of the Cosmic Five. At that time, Honor Points won’t be of much more use to him. That’s why he’s willing to pay so many Honor Points to prove his claims. Even if he can’t confirm that you’re a

traitor, he can still make you lose your qualifications to compete for the Cosmic Five's positions. That's just too despicable," the Ghost Monkey howled.

Lu Yin frowned. "Yuan Shi, with his testimony, could the Hall of Honor-"

Before he could even finish, Yuan Shi interrupted him. "Don't worry, it won't. Everything requires proof, and besides, you're my Honor Chosen. Even if the Hall of Honor is biased, they would be biased towards you. However, this time, there are quite a few people within the Hall of Honor who are helping Nightking Zhenwu, and even I cannot immediately restore your status as my Honor Chosen."

"Then doesn't this mean that Junior won't be able to compete for the Cosmic Five?" Lu Yin asked.

Yuan Shi sighed. "Not unless you can immediately prove your innocence, or if Nightking Zhenwu withdraws his allegations."

Lu Yin exhaled. "I understand."

Yuan Shi nodded, and then seriously said, "As long as you never did it, no one can frame you for it. Also, not even the Cosmic Five are invincible."

Lu Yin respectfully responded. "Yes. Thank you, Yuan Shi."

### **Chapter 1053: Daynight Feast**

To become one of the Ten Arbiters, Nightking Zhenwu had to have sufficient boldness, deceit, temperament, and strength. He could not be simple in any one of those aspects, and this was amply demonstrated in how he had used his Honor Points, which were no longer of much use to him, to directly cut off Lu Yin's future. The Nightking had gone from being passive to active.

No, that was not accurate. From the very start, Nightking Zhenwu had made active moves against Lu Yin, as Zhuo Daynight was in his hands.

Everything that the man did was shrouded in sinisterness.

Lu Yin could not help but think of when his die's one pip: Pilfer had grabbed Ellen Gale's diary. That book had recorded her experiences of agony, hatred, despair, and indescribable stillness. It had documented her transition from hope to despair, and the diary perfectly captured who the Nightking was.

Currently, Zhuo Daynight was forced to experience the same emotions, and in just another two months, her despair would reach an even deeper level, and her emotions would sublimate into an ineffable and absolute nadir.

What did one person have to experience to do such cruelty to others?

If the Neohuman Alliance represented the universe's extreme darkness, then Nightking Zhenwu represented humanity's extreme darkness.

Nightking Zhenwu had made a move, and Lu Yin had to reply.

He called Nightking Yuanjing directly.

The Nightking bloodline had sent some people to assassinate Lu Yin, and apparently, they had not been sent by Nightking Zhenwu. This was because, despite his abilities and position, he was not able to command a powerhouse whose power level was at 400,000.

This indicated that even though the decision makers within the Nightking bloodline valued Nightking Zhenwu, they did not necessarily follow his wishes to the letter. In their eyes, the importance of the stone of inheritance did not even need to be mentioned.

Nightking Yuanjing's image appeared on the screen, and he beamed at Lu Yin. "Little Yin, is there some issue that has you looking for Grandpa Yuanjing?"

Lu Yin felt nauseated the moment he saw Nightking Yuanjing's smile. Both sides had already shed all pretenses of politeness, so there was no need for Lu Yin to continue putting on an act. He calmly asked, "Is the Nightking bloodline aware of what Nightking Zhenwu did?"

Nightking Yuanjing said, "Are you talking about how he accused you of being a traitor to the Fifth Mainland and used his Honor Points to support his testimony?"

Lu Yin nodded.

Nightking Yuanjing reluctantly answered, "That's something between you two children, and we cannot intervene. Youths are often too impulsive."

Lu Yin smiled and then retrieved the Daynight clan's stone of inheritance from his cosmic ring. "Does the Nightking bloodline need this?"

Nightking Yuanjing's eyes grew heated when he saw the stone of inheritance, and he stared at Lu Yin. "Since it's in your possession, will you return it?"

Lu Yin casually tossed it up and down. "As long as Nightking Zhenwu withdraws his allegations, I can return the stone of inheritance."

Nightking Yuanjing's face showed his contempt. "Zhenwu has his own thoughts, and we cannot force things. Still, I can try and help you ask."

Lu Yin gestured for him to proceed.

Nightking Yuanjing disconnected.

"Seventh Bro, that old fogey is still playing hard to get. Who does he think he's bluffing?" The Ghost Monkey was enraged.

Lu Yin remained calm and quietly waited.

After a while, Nightking Yuanjing's image reappeared on the screen, and he looked at Lu Yin, clearly upset. "Little Yin, isn't your disagreement with Zhenwu too great?"

Lu Yin commented, "Whatever his conditions are, just give them to me."

Nightking Yuanjing sighed. "Zhenwu wants you to apologize to my Daynight clan in front of the entire universe and then destroy all of the battle techniques that you obtained in the stone of inheritance."

Lu Yin's expression grew cold. "Destroy? How?"

Nightking Yuanjing explained, "Completely overdraw your spiritual force so that you'll never be able to recover."

Lu Yin's lips curled up, and a smile gradually appeared on his face.

Nightking Yuanjing smiled back. "I know that these conditions are too extreme, but my Daynight clan's battle techniques have never been released to any outsiders. So naturally, you must remove everything that you've learned."

Lu Yin stared into Nightking Yuanjing's eyes, and then calmly stated, "I, Lu Yin, unified the Outerverse, and even if I can't become one of the Cosmic Five, my status within the Hall of Honor won't be any lower than theirs. Tell Nightking Zhenwu that I have ways to make sure that this stone of inheritance will never reach the Daynight clan."

Nightking Yuanjing's expression changed, and his voice grew sharp. "Little Yin, you are threatening my Daynight clan!"

Lu Yin grew arrogant. "That's right. And I'm not just threatening it. As long as I, Lu Yin, hold the position of the Outerverse's Allied Forces' Commander, the Daynight clan will not be able to enter the Outerverse, and none of the Outerverse's resources will be sent to the Daynight Flowzone. To the Daynight clan, the Outerverse will essentially cease to exist."

Nightking Yuanjing trembled from his surging bloodlust, and he stared into Lu Yin's eyes for a while before speaking with a softer tone. "How about this—you can personally visit the Daynight clan to return the stone of inheritance, and I'll find a way for Zhenwu to withdraw his accusations. Alright?"

Lu Yin's expression softened, but he did not agree.

Nightking Yuanjing frowned. "You may keep the battle techniques that you've learned, but you definitely cannot teach them to any others. This you must swear before my Daynight clan."

Lu Yin muttered to himself for a moment. "I have to personally go to the Daynight clan to return the stone of inheritance?"

Nightking Yuanjing nodded. "This is our bottom line. We must let the entire universe know that whoever takes our items must return it in person. Of course, we know that Little Yin's current status is quite different, so you don't need to publicly apologize, and we can even host the Daynight Feast to receive you."

Lu Yin gave Nightking Yuanjing a serious look before slowly nodding. "Alright, I'll go."

Nightking Yuanjing smiled. "This is the right way. My Daynight clan stands aloof from most affairs, and we do not have great animosity with Little Yin. Thus, there's no need to make things too strict. I'll find a way to handle things with Zhenwu, and I will have him withdraw his accusations. However, that will have to be after the Daynight Feast."

"Understood. I'll have to trouble Senior Yuanjing," Lu Yin said.

Nightking Yuanjing smiled and nodded before abruptly ending the call.

“Seventh Bro, do you really believe that old fogey’s words?” the monkey asked.

Lu Yin replied, “Of course not. He wants to lure me over to the Daynight clan so that Nightking Zhenwu can kill me properly.”

“And you’re still going?” The monkey’s voice rose, as he was scared of dying.

Lu Yin had no choice, as he could not refuse to go. It wasn’t just because Nightking Zhenwu’s accusations had caused Lu Yin to lose his qualifications to join the events at the Astral Tower, but more importantly, because of Zhuo Daynight.

Recently, in all of his dreams, he would see Zhuo Daynight trapped all alone while facing Nightking Zhenwu. Lu Yin would never be able to forget that desolate figure and her despair.

How could Lu Yin allow that woman to endure everything by herself? Also, he had been wanting to visit the Daynight clan for some time. Otherwise, how would he be able to have his battle with Nightking Zhenwu and kill the man?

Both youths had similar thoughts, and they only had to finalize their arrangements.

Lu Yin took Ku Wei with him as they headed for Planet Enron.

Ku Wei was truly curious about what had happened, and what could have made Lu Yin reveal such a scary look.

Ku Wei grew a bit exasperated after discovering that he could not pull out any answers.

“Ku Wei, what do you think of the Daynight clan?” Lu Yin asked suddenly.

Ku Wei thought about it. “What else can I think? It’s a rampantly arrogant and powerful clan from the Innerverses that doesn’t have any real ability. The Daynight clan is constantly trying to enter the Neoverse, but they can’t force their way in.”

“Why not?” Lu Yin was puzzled, as he did not believe that all of the Neoverse’s powers surpassed the Daynight clan in strength.

“The Daynight clan acts tyrannically and unreasonably, so how could such people be allowed into the Neoverse?” Ku Wei asked scornfully.

Lu Yin asked, “What about the Daynight clan’s strength?”

Ku Wei’s mouth twitched. “Attitude is one thing, and it has to be acknowledged that they do indeed have the necessary strength. It wouldn’t be easy for even one of the families from my Seven Courts to eliminate the Daynight clan, and it would actually be very difficult to do so. Although the clan has never birthed a Progenitor and they have no secret techniques to pass down, they simply have too many battle techniques. Additionally, they always have clan members being born with absurd innate gifts.”

He then paused for a moment. “According to rumors, the Daynight clan’s ancient origins are not simple, but that’s nothing more than rumors, and I don’t have any details.”

“The clan’s ancient origins?” Lu Yin was puzzled.

Ku Wei nodded. “When I was younger, I heard some elders mention that the Daynight clan is supposedly the branch of some super powerful clan. No, the branch of some ancient super powerful sect. No, hold on, let me think. Why can’t I remember now?”

Lu Yin responded, “Forget the ancient times—does the current Daynight clan have any powerhouses with a power level of more than 1,000,000?”

Ku Wei shook his head. “I’m not sure. You should ask Yuan Shi about that, as he should know.”

Lu Yin continued, “Have you heard of the Third Nightking before?”

Ku Wei grew horrified. “The Third Nightking? He was a ruthless person beyond measure! He slaughtered his way into the Astral Beast Domain all by himself, and he was the one who established the clan’s tyrannical temperament. He was an absolutely ferocious person. Why is Your Highness suddenly bringing him up?”

Lu Yin frowned. The Third Nightking was still alive, and in the past, Lu Yin had used this information to whet the Daynight clan’s appetite, allowing him to gain quite a bit from those interactions. In fact, it had even allowed him to avoid the schemes of Nightqueen Yanqing and Nightking Zhenwu. Lu Yin had assumed that this was a good thing, but now that he had become mortal enemies with the Daynight clan, the Third Nightking was nothing more than an obstacle.

Even though the Third Nightking was unable to escape the Profound Void Realm, who could possibly predict the future? The Sixth Mainland had invaded the Astral Beast Domain, which might have had some huge effects on the Profound Void Realm.

Lu Yin’s thoughts ran wild, and before long, the two arrived at Planet Enron.

When the two youths arrived, everyone from Sea King’s Dome noticed their presence.

Elder Tong welcomed the two young men.

As one of the four elders from the Sea King’s Dome and the Sea King’s Dome’s military advisor, for Elder Tong to personally welcome Lu Yin was a huge honor.

After a few pleasantries, Lu Yin got straight to the point. “Elder Tong, Junior came to you this time for nothing other than to ask the Sea King’s Dome to support Lan Si and thereby allow him to retain his authority among the Ten Arbiters.”

Lan Si had lost to Lu Yin, and although that was not enough for him to lose his position as one of the Ten Arbiters, due to the calamity that had struck Grayweed Continent, Lan Si had lost his backing as well. Even as one of the Ten Arbiters, Lan Si would not enjoy the same influence and power as before unless another powerful organization decided to support him.

For Lan Si, the Sea King’s Dome was the most suitable candidate. Even if no one knew where the Sea King was at the moment, with an Envoy realm powerhouse like Elder He around and the Sea King’s Dome’s influence within the Starfall Sea, they still were comparable to the former Grayweed Continent.

Elder Tong felt that this request was rather strange. “Why is Alliance Leader Lu making moves on behalf of Lan Si? Could there have been other conditions placed on your battle?”

Lu Yin nodded. “We agreed that if he won, my status as an Honor Chosen would be given to him. However, if I won, the Lan family would provide me with its unconditional support.”

Elder Tong instantly understood. “Ah, it’s no wonder why the Lan family has moved to Frostwave Weave. Speaking of which, I have to congratulate Alliance Leader Lu for defeating Lan Si. From now on, you will be considered as someone at the peak of the universe’s younger generation.”

Lu Yin responded humbly, “I don’t dare to consider myself at the peak. Elder Tong is exaggerating the situation. Regarding the matter Junior brought up, might Elder Tong agree to it?”

Elder Tong answered helplessly, “I’m sorry Alliance Leader Lu, but we have no ability to worry about other affairs at this moment, as we are trying to find a way to track down the Sea King.”

After arriving at Planet Enron and seeing Elder Tong, Lu Yin had become certain that the Sea King was not dead. Otherwise, the people from the Sea King’s Dome would be showing far different expressions.

Lu Yin did not see Hai Dashao, Hai Feng, Hai Qiqi, or Elder He’s rune lines on Planet Enron. Thus, they must have all moved out to try to find a way to track down the Sea King.

#### **Chapter 1054: General Antagonism**

“Is Elder Tong certain that Senior Sea King isn’t dead?” Lu Yin asked.

Elder Tong nodded and grew far more animated. “We’ve been able to sense his presence after the battle in the astral cemetery, but we are unclear on his actual location.”

“Can people still borrow the Sea King’s strength?” Lu Yin asked.

Elder Tong shook his head.

Lu Yin thought about it and then asked, “Has Elder considered that Senior Sea King might no longer be on the Fifth Mainland?”

Elder Tong’s hand trembled, but his expression did not change very much. They had definitely already considered this possibility, and it seemed to be quite likely.

When they had been attempting to escape from the Innerverse, the Sea King and Dojo Master Lan and Tian Yanzi had remained behind to fight against Madam Hong. Even if they had not been killed in that battle, it was possible for them to have been captured and taken back to the Sixth Mainland when the invaders retreated.

If they had been taken to the Sixth Mainland, then it was likely that they would never be able to return.

Elder Tong fell silent.

Lu Yin’s eyes flashed. “Elder, don’t despair. Even if Senior Sea King was taken to the Sixth Mainland, it doesn’t mean that all hope of him returning is lost. The Sixth Mainland was able to invade our Fifth Mainland, so naturally, we can also invade the Sixth Mainland.



“Back when I took Qiqi away from the Sea King’s Dome, Elder Ren said that, hopefully, the current situation will reverse one day, and that day might not be too far off.”

Elder Tong’s eyes brightened until they were exceptionally fervent. “That’s true. That day will eventually come. We simply need to wait for the flow to reverse, not just to search for the Sea King, but even more so for our Fifth Mainland.”

“Before that time, Junior will continue doing his best to search for the Sea King’s traces,” Lu Yin said.

Elder Tong gave Lu Yin a serious look. “Search? How will you search?”

If he did not answer this question properly, then everything that Lu Yin had just said would be treated as him trying to dupe the elder and deceive the Sea King’s Dome’s people into supporting Lan Si. This would leave a very poor impression on everyone from the Sea King’s Dome.

Currently, Lu Yin was able to meet with these people from the Sea King’s Dome at any time due to his status as the Sea King’s son-in-law, which had not been taken away yet. In short, many from the Sea King’s Dome still regarded Lu Yin as one of their own.

If Lu Yin attempted to trick the Sea King’s Dome into supporting Lan Si, then his relationship with the Sea King’s Dome would rapidly deteriorate.

Fortunately, Lu Yin was not attempting any sort of deceit.

“Has Elder heard of the Daosource Sect?” Lu Yin answered confidently.

Elder Tong’s eyes lit up. “The ancient Daosource Sect? What is Alliance Leader Lu saying by bringing that up?”

Lu Yin replied, “Since Elder has heard of the Daosource Sect, then you must have heard of the futons. Junior has a futon, and I can meet with people from the Sixth Mainland at any time.”

Elder Tong was surprised. “You have a futon? From where? Out of our entire Fifth Mainland, only the Ten Arbiters have those.”

Lu Yin smiled and pulled out his futon.

Elder Tong was overwhelmed, as he knew that the futon was genuine the moment it appeared. The bizarre aura surrounding it could not be faked.

“Junior can enter the Daosource Sect’s ruins to look for people from Flying Horse Manor, and I can ask them about the Sea King’s whereabouts. After all, Senior Sea King was most likely taken away by the people from the Flying Horse Manor,” Lu Yin said.

Elder Tong grew emotional, and he bowed low to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin hurriedly propped the old man back up. “Elder, please don’t act this this. Junior really cannot accept it.”

Elder Tong ignored Lu Yin’s attempt to lift him up, and the old man continued to bow fully while saying, “Alliance Leader Lu, you don’t understand how important the Sea King is to me. Although he’s our master and we his servants, our relationship is even closer than the bond between blood brothers. For

the Sea King, we are willing to do anything, and we will never be able to repay Alliance Leader Lu's kindness for the rest of our lives."

Lu Yin's heart moved, as this was true brotherhood. For some reason, at that moment, a gentle child's voice rang out within his brain. "Why don't we become sworn siblings? From now on, we are the Seven Elites, and we will all share the same fate."

"Third Bro, you're the smallest, so from now on, you're Seventh Bro. Come, talk to your elders!" "

"Big Sis, Second Bro, Third Bro, Fourth Sis, Fifth Bro, Sixth Sis, hello."

"Good, Little Seven. Whoever bullies you from now, we'll all help you get revenge."

"You'll be called Little Seven from now."

"Little Seven, hurry and go! Relax, we won't die. We'll meet again one day, so hurry up and leave!"

Lu Yin suddenly clutched at his heart as he took several steps back. His face became deathly white, his eyes filled with tears, and his entire body trembled uncontrollably. An agony beyond words dug into his heart. The pain he felt was not from an injury, but heartbreak. It was a penetrating ache that left him having difficulties breathing.

Elder Tong promptly stepped forward and pressed hand to Lu Yin's shoulder. The old man was puzzled. "Alliance Leader Lu, what happened?"

Lu Yin panted heavily as tears dripped from his eyes. Why? Why was he experiencing such emotional pain? Why was he crying?

Elder Tong stared at Lu Yin, bewildered. The elder then activated his star energy to check and make sure that Lu Yin had not sustained any injuries.

Lu Yin took a deep breath and waved a hand. "It's alright. Maybe I'm just too tired."

Elder Tong did not understand what had happened, but he did not probe any further.

Lu Yin hesitated for a moment as he cleared the thoughts from his head. He then looked at Elder Tong. "Elder, Junior will find a way to dig out Senior Sea King's whereabouts from the disciples of Flying Horse Manor."

Elder Tong nodded. "Thank you, Alliance Leader Lu. Also, regarding the matter with Lan Si, our Sea King's Dome will do its best to support him, as he also represents the Starfall Sea."

Lu Yin nodded. "Thank you, Elder."

After resolving the matter regarding Lan Si, Lu Yin decided to leave Planet Enron. During this entire time, Ku Wei had been waiting in the collapsible spacecraft.

The Sea King's Dome's people did not have a favorable impression of those from the Neoverse, and Ku Wei was even from the Court of Seven Names, which was even less in his favor. It was better for him to not even show himself.

Lu Yin was just about to board the spacecraft and leave when Elder Tong called out to him. The man asked with a serene expression, "Alliance Leader Lu, was your Honor Chosen status temporarily revoked by the Hall of Honor?"

"How does Elder know about this?" Lu Yin was puzzled.

Elder Tong explained, "My Sea King's Dome has a relationship with one of the Judicial Commissioner's: the Virtue of Righteousness. He knows that you are my Sea King's Dome's appointed son-in-law, and he made it a special point to tell me."

Lu Yin nodded. "That's right. Nightking Zhenwu paid twenty of his Honor Points as assurance that his words are true. Now, the Hall of Honor has to investigate me, so for the time being, they revoked my status as an Honor Chosen."

"So you can't participate in the contest for the Astral Tower anymore?" Elder Tong's expression grew ugly.

Lu Yin nodded.

Elder Tong snorted. "Nightking Zhenwu! That brat sure is ruthless and decisive."

The old man then looked at Lu Yin. "With Yuan Shi's support, Alliance Leader Lu will not hold a disadvantage in the Hall of Honor, but I'll also request the Judicial Commissioner, Virtue of Righteousness, to help out. After all, there's another Judicial Commissioner who supports the Daynight clan: Calm of Despair."

Calm of Despair—Lu Yin engraved this name into his memory.

With the current struggle between Nightking Zhenwu and Lu Yin, a few signs of chaos began to emerge within the universe.

Nightking Zhenwu represented the Daynight clan, which held a tremendous amount of influence in the Inniverse.

Although Lu Yin had no foundation in the Inniverse, he was from the Astral Combat Academy. Despite its different branches always competing against each other, regarding Lu Yin, all of them were unanimous in their decision to protect him.

Many of the Astral Combat Academy's graduates were from great clans and families, but a considerable portion of them were also people without any background, like Lu Yin. These people sympathized with Lu Yin's position, and they provided him with all sorts of help without any prior arrangements.

It could even be said that the Daynight clan had been too ruthless in their actions against Lu Yin, which had disgusted many people. And on top of that, there were still the clan's various enemies that opposed them.

There were many scenes that arose of conflicts between people supporting both parties, and these conflicts would possibly grow over time.

These conflicts were only between ordinary cultivators, and moves were also being made on higher levels.

Within the Hall of Honor, there had been many rounds of discussions over who was right and who was wrong between the two youths.

Within the Interstellar Supreme Court, a debate between the Calm of Despair and Virtue of Righteousness had begun. One of them said that Lu Yin was definitely a traitor who had to be captured and put on trial. His argument was that it would be better to make a mistake and kill him without cause than let him go. The other said that Lu Yin had made great contributions to the Fifth Mainland and was also an Honor Chosen. Thus, they could not lightly believe the accusations levied against him.

The two Judicial Commissioners continued to argue, and their disagreement naturally spurred on those below them.

This was merely what was happening within the Interstellar Supreme Court, and the whole Hall of Honor had a total of nine overseers. All nine had a decisive say in a great number of the Hall of Honor's issues and activities. Even if their status could not compare to that of someone like the Interstellar Supreme Court's Chief Justice, the Lockbreaker Society's Chairman, and others, these people actually had an even greater authority in specific areas and matters.

Whether Lu Yin was a traitor to the Fifth Mainland or not had also triggered a massive debate amongst these nine overseers.

One of the nine overseers was from the Daynight clan, and they had the same attitude towards Lu Yin as the Calm of Despair; they would rather have Lu Yin executed wrongly than allow him to live. However, some of the nine overseers had received Yuan Shi's favor in the past, and every one of them fully supported Lu Yin.

Although Yuan Shi was far away from the Hall of Honor's headquarters, his influence was still great. Despite him not being able to wipe away the accusations that Nightking Zhenwu had made by sacrificing so many Honor Points, Yuan Shi was still able to ensure that Lu Yin would not be treated as a traitor without valid proof.

Back in the Outerverse, Lu Yin and Ku Wei had returned to Zenyu Star. Lu Yin's gadget beeped, and when he glanced at it, his expression slightly changed. Someone within the Lockbreaker Society had proposed expelling him from the society. They had supported their proposal not with claims that Lu Yin was a traitor to the Fifth Mainland, but rather by questioning the legality of his primeval surname.

Primeval surnames were a topic that Lu Yin could not really avoid.

In the past, Wei Rong had used Lu Yin's primeval surname as a weapon against him off of the battlefield. If Lu Yin had not possessed the blood-red bell that had convinced the Hall of Honor to make a move, then the war between Lu Yin and Wei Rong might still be ongoing.

The entire universe was hostile against those with illegal primeval surnames.

When Wei Rong revealed Lu Yin's illegal status, it had been suppressed by the Outerverse's Hall of Honor. However, this time, the person who had voiced their suspicions was someone from the upper levels of the Lockbreaker Society, and Lu Yin could not influence the Lockbreaker Society.

Tutor Wusheng had been the one to inform Lu Yin of this development, intending for Lu Yin to find a way to prove the legality of his primeval surname. Earth was not Lu Yin's place of birth, and it could no longer protect him from this matter.

Someone had also mentioned that Lu Yin was the true mastermind behind what had befallen the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society and that the fall of Sourcepeak Planet was related to him. Some had even suggested that Lu Yin might be a member of the Neohuman Alliance.

Lu Yin felt a headache when he saw the messages from Tutor Wusheng. He had not expected his greatest obstacle right now to suddenly be the Lockbreaker Society.

There was no way that Lu Yin could withdraw from the organization, and even if he did, he could not let the reason be because his surname was illegal. If he did, then the Lockbreaker Society would not be the only one to start making trouble for him, as the Hall of Honor would be even more adamant. There were many other organizations throughout the universe who viewed anyone with a primeval surname with a considerable amount of hatred.

Lu Yin called Wang Wen, who said, "I had assumed this long ago, but dealing with the Daynight clan will not be as simple as dealing with Wei Rong or the great powers of the Outerverse. These people will utilize all sorts of resources to strike at you, and ruining your reputation is merely their first step."

"Is there any way to resolve this?" Lu Yin asked.

Wang Wen shook his head. "I don't have the means, but based on what you've told me, the people behind you should have their own methods to deal with this."

Lu Yin felt puzzled. "Who?"

Wang Wen's lips curled up. "Who else is behind you? Leon's Armada."

### **Chapter 1055: Efficiency**

Lu Yin frowned. "They don't have the ability to influence the Hall of Honor or the Lockbreaker Society."

"The current problem is not about whether or not you can influence either of those two organizations, but rather to find a way to prove the legality of your primeval surname. You're from Leon's Armada, so have them find a way to take care of this."

"That's going to be very difficult. In the past, we went to Earth precisely because we needed a place with legal primeval surnames."

"Back then, a bunch of you left Leon's Armada. Otherwise, there would have been no need to go to Earth. Chesspiece Bro, don't underestimate those pirates. Their methods are different from regular people's."

After Lu Yin ended his call with Wang Wen, he immediately reached out to Uncle Reuben's group. They had spoken with each other once before, and they were no longer overly concerned with people eavesdropping on their calls. Since Leon's Armada had already revealed its support for Lu Yin whenever he encountered trouble in the past, anybody who was sensible enough would have noticed that there was a close relationship between Lu Yin and Leon's Armada. Thus, there was no longer any reason to hide anything.

Lu Yin repeated the issue to Uncle Reuben, who instantly hung up after saying just two words to Lu Yin. "Hold on."

About two hours later, Lu Yin received a message from Tutor Wusheng stating that the issue with Lu Yin's primeval surname had been resolved.

Lu Yin's eyes went wide; how were they this efficient?

Lu Yin asked Tutor Wusheng how the matter had been resolved, and the man simply responded that he did not know either. He had merely received a notification from the Hall of Honor concerning the legality of Lu Yin's primeval surname.

Lu Yin was left speechless, as this was simply too fast, especially since this had gone all the way to the Hall of Honor.

Was Leon's Armada that influential?

"Uncle Reuben, you guys can even move the Hall of Honor?" Lu Yin asked in disbelief.

Uncle Reuben's hoarse voice sounded from the other end of the call, "Nope."

"Then how did you prove the legality of my surname?" Lu Yin was curious.

Uncle Reuben replied, "If it's real, then it's real, and nobody needs to falsify anything. Your surname was legal to begin with, so nobody can frame you."

Lu Yin was left speechless. Other people had never framed him, as he truly did have an illegal surname. Thus, why did it sound so wrong for such words to come from a pirate's mouth?

However, Lu Yin had to admit that it was quite refreshing.

"Uncle, Nightking Zhenwu has accused me of being a traitor to the Fifth Mainland, and he's gotten the Hall of Honor to revoke my status as an Honor Chosen to prevent me from participating in the contest at the Astral Tower. Do you have any methods to take care of this?" Lu Yin asked expectantly.

Uncle Reuben answered extremely straightforwardly, "We would have done that a long time ago if we could."

"Don't you guys have some connection with the upper echelon of the Hall of Honor?" Lu Yin felt puzzled.

Uncle Reuben helplessly responded, "Our path is not as broad as yours. You can beg Yuan Shi to act, but we can't reach that high."

"Then just how did you resolve the legal status of my surname?" Lu Yin could not understand this bit.

"I've already told you—real means real." Uncle Reuben then hung up.

Lu Yin fell silent as he stared at his gadget. Everything had been resolved just like that?

Ku Wei watched from the side, and Lu Yin did not scold him.

Ku Wei had grasped the general gist of the situation, and when he realized that Lu Yin was being attacked by public opinion, he grew eager. "Your Highness, should I contact my family to help you?"

Lu Yin jumped in fright. "Don't joke around!"

If the Ku family helped Lu Yin, then they would actually be more of a hindrance than a help. It was likely that a considerable portion of people in the Hall of Honor would instantly throw their support behind Nightking Zhenwu in that case.

Ku Wei had hit a snag right away, so he pursed his lips and stopped talking.

Now that the issue with Lu Yin's primeval surname had been resolved, the most important thing for him to deal with was the matter concerning the collapse of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society.

Wei Rong had been the one to orchestrate everything, as he had dreamed of pioneering a new era where he dealt with the colossal organizations of the Innerverse and even the Neoverse.

In truth, Lu Yin somewhat respected Wei Rong's boldness and ability, but he also disapproved of the methods that Wei Rong had employed.

Although Wei Rong was intelligent and very cunning, he was also greatly restricted by his vision.

He had believed that causing the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society to collapse would allow the other organizations in the Outerverse to develop in a manner where they dealt with the other colossal organizations like the Mavis Bank or Aurora Enterprises. However, he simply did not understand how monstrous these powers were. On top of that, Wei Rong had disregarded the Hall of Honor.

However, Lu Yin had similarly overlooked the Hall of Honor before the Innerverse and Outerverse's separation.

No matter if one considered the Mavis Bank, Aurora Enterprises, Shamrock Enterprises, or other such organizations, all of them had old monsters with power levels in the several hundred thousands. The Outerverse Lockbreaker Society was no different as they had President Geoffrey. However, he had coincidentally been in the Innerverse during the separation. Otherwise, no matter how much Wei Rong schemed, he would have only faced his own downfall if he had plotted against the society.

The collapse of Sourcepeak Planet had been an unexpected event, and not only had Wei Rong contributed to the event, but the Neohuman Alliance had also intervened. And, of course, so too had Lu Yin.

With the Lockbreaker Society's headquarters pursuing this matter and blaming things on Lu Yin, it would be rather difficult for him to come away clean.

Actually, if he simply handed Wei Rong over, the entire matter concerning Sourcepeak Planet would be evaded. However, if he did that, who would be willing to follow Lu Yin in the future?

He had originally wanted to have Saul deal with this matter and bear the majority of the burden. However, now that the Daynight clan members were making moves in the upper levels of the Lockbreaker Society, the situation had become much more complicated.

The planets streaked by as the spacecraft continued on towards Zenyu Star.

Lu Yin quietly muttered to himself, deep in thought. Tutor Wusheng was in the Lockbreaker Society, protecting him, and Lu Yin's role in the events had been rather small. He had also specifically led the

Outerverse Lockbreaker Society to Frostwave Weave, which should logically be considered a contribution to the society. However, that depended on how the society's upper levels interpreted things.

However, how could Lu Yin handle the part concerning Wei Rong? The Lockbreaker Society would definitely be able to dig out the details of the matter.

Lu Yin had not guessed wrongly. Ever since communications had been restored between the Innaverse and Outerverse, the Lockbreaker Society had started investigating the matter of Sourcepeak Planet. But surprisingly, they had not been as serious about the matter as Lu Yin expected them to be.

Only Felynn, Saul, and Lu Yin were aware of the truth behind the events of Sourcepeak Planet, as well as the leaders of the powers that had ambushed the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society. None of these people were fools, and no one would speak to outsiders about anything. Felynn was even less of an idiot, and her preference had been to go into hiding from start to finish. In the end, the only person who might possibly reveal the truth was Saul.

However, Saul had not reported things to the Lockbreaker Society's headquarters, as he was also not entirely clean. Thus, he was also trying to find ways to shed responsibility.

If the details of the events at Sourcepeak Planet were leaked, then although Lu Yin, Wei Rong, and Felynn might all suffer, Saul would be the first to be punished.

Saul was an old fox who had muddled along for many years, and he was considered to be quite sharp within the Lockbreaker Society. The moment communications had been restored, Saul had taken the initiative to make a report. In his retelling of the events, he had pushed all of the responsibility onto the Neohuman Alliance. Whether it was the collapse of Sourcepeak Planet, President Geoffrey's room being destroyed, or even True Insight being stolen, everything was blamed on the Neohuman Alliance.

It had to be said that Saul was quite cunning because the Neohuman Alliance had indeed revealed its experts during the events on Sourcepeak Planet. President Geoffrey's secret room had also been broken into by a corpse king, which was something that many people had witnessed.

As for the cultivators who had attacked Sourcepeak Planet, Saul had labeled them as lackeys who had been employed by the Neohuman Alliance. After the Great Eastern Alliance was established, all of those people had been picked up by the Allied Forces, and some had even died, which gave Saul a few more scapegoats.

Lies mixed in with half-truths tended to be easily believed, especially since Saul had also pulled the Hall of Honor into his report by saying that the Hall of Honor had forcibly conscripted people, which allowed the box to be stolen by the Neohuman Alliance's corpse king.

Currently, the Lockbreaker Society was not only focused on the destruction of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's original headquarters, but also on the stolen box.

When Lu Yin returned to Frostwave Weave, he received a message from Saul.



He had to marvel at the man after reading it, as Saul was a true genius. Even if the Lockbreaker Society's headquarters did not believe Saul's report, there was still nothing that they could use as a threat against Lu Yin at the moment. It was no wonder why Saul had been able to live for so long under Geoffrey. Despite his obvious ambition, he had still been used by Geoffrey, as Saul's capabilities were simply too convenient.

"Your Highness, aren't we returning to Zenyu Star?" Ku Wei asked.

Lu Yin replied, "You can head back first. I want to take a trip to Planet Hydrotink."

Ku Wei's eyes lit up. "The Lockbreaker Society? Your Highness wants to take an evaluation?"

Lu Yin nodded. It was time for him to discover just how far his lockbreaking ability had progressed.

With Gu Yue's journal, the Daosource Sect's Platform of Inception, and the most recent activation of Fatal Revival, Lu Yin hoped that he would be able to push himself to even greater heights and improve his standing within the Lockbreaker Society.

Something like status would only improve after being accumulated, and with a powerful enough status, Lu Yin could even intimidate the Daynight clan.

"Allow me to accompany Your Highness," Ku Wei requested, as he also wanted to see how much Lu Yin's lockbreaking ability had improved. There was a glint of some indescribable expectation hidden within the depths of his eyes.

"Seventh Bro, this guy's expression is quite strange. Could he have taken a liking to you?" the Ghost Monkey considered.

Lu Yin also noticed Ku Wei's expression and looked at the man strangely. "I'm just going to unlock some sourceboxes. What are you getting so excited for?"

Ku Wei pursed his lips. "Within Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, there are some places that require a Lockbreaker to enter, as any other methods would simply be too difficult. The greater Your Highness' lockbreaking abilities are, the greater our chances of getting something good from the Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum are."

Lu Yin was moved, and he pulled out a drop of gemspring water. "Drip this into your eyes."

Ku Wei blinked, completely confused. "What do you mean?"

"There's no other meaning. Drip this into your eyes," Lu Yin said.

Ku Wei's brows rose. "Your Highness, what is this?"

"Gemspring water."

"Isn't that a lockbreaking tool that Lockbreakers use? Why would you give this to me?"

"We'll take the evaluation together. You're also a Lockbreaker, and you're also a Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker."

Ku Wei felt that something was off, and he put on a dry smile. "Forget it. I'd be better off not taking the evaluation. Your Highness, you should go ahead by yourself."

Lu Yin grew serious as he looked at Ku Wei. "Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum is no joke, and I won't take a burden along with me. If you don't become a five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker at the very least, then you can forget about going together."

Ku Wei's expression soured. "Your Highness, actually, just being an Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker is good enough. There's no need to achieve five stars. In any case, I can't do that for now, and it's not good to force such things."

Lu Yin calmly responded, "Then let's not go. I don't want to force you."

Ku Wei could only helplessly reply, "Alright, I'll take the evaluation."

"Drip the gemspring water into your eyes," Lu Yin indifferently ordered.

"Why now? Shouldn't I do that during the evaluation?" Ku Wei started to grow uneasy.

"We're about to arrive," Lu Yin pressed.

Ku Wei felt that something was wrong, and he very carefully studied the gemspring water, but it was indeed just gemspring water.

"Just do as I ask. Why are you so resistant?" Lu Yin was getting unhappy.

Ku Wei swallowed his saliva. He could feel that something was off, but he could not pinpoint anything.

After considering it, Ku Wei nervously dripped the gemspring water into his eyes. At that moment, his vision changed as his pupils shrank. He was suddenly looking at the heavens of the universe. What appeared before his eyes was not the universe that he had seen before, but rather a deeper layer: the essence of the universe itself.

### **Chapter 1056: Grade-Skipping Evaluation**

Ku Wei could not describe what he was currently experiencing. When he waved a hand, he could see the star energy sweeping through his vision. It was very familiar star energy, but it felt as if he were viewing it through hundreds of millions of microscopes.

Ku Wei raised a hand and started casually fiddling with his star energy, and he instantly discovered that his flow of star energy was smoother than before. Then, he looked off into the depths of outer space and saw that everything was littered with star energy. It existed everywhere that he could see.

Lu Yin stared at Ku Wei the entire time, quite curious. The drop of gemspring water that he had given to Ku Wei had been upgraded fourteen times, and the truth was that Lu Yin was using Ku Wei as an experiment since he did not dare to use the drops himself. It seemed that the effects were pretty good.

"How does it feel?" Lu Yin asked.

Ku Wei was overwhelmed. "Your Highness, is this really gemspring water? This is way too mysterious."

Lu Yin's eyes grew brighter. "How does this compare to other lockbreaking tools?"

“This isn’t on the same level at all! Let me put it this way—I can see this area magnified countless times over, and I can clearly see the ambient star energy.” Each word Ku Wei spoke was emotional.

Lu Yin was satisfied.

“Even if a commoner used this water, they would still be able to clearly see star energy and begin cultivating. Any ordinary cultivator would be able to lockbreak with this, which is just too bizarre. It’s possible that not even the Cosmic Sect might have such a mysterious lockbreaking tool, and I feel like my control of star energy has entered the Divine Gaze realm,” Ku Wei excitedly shared as he looked at Lu Yin. “Your Highness, where did you get this gemspring water from?”

All Lockbreakers valued the level of their star energy control, and it was measured by the following realms: Intricacy, Cloudwalk, Skywise, Divine Gaze, Worldliness, and Creation. At best, Ku Wei had reached the Skywise realm so far, and possibly not even that. However, with just one drop of upgraded gemspring water, he had instantly entered the Divine Gaze realm.

“It was given to me by others,” Lu Yin said, feeling a slight bit of heartache. Such a good thing had been used up by Ku Wei. This gemspring water had been upgraded fourteen times, and it was a treasure that had taken 560,000 star essence to make.

Although he had used it for an experiment, this was still a good result. He had found that the water was a precious treasure that could increase his control of star energy to the Divine Gaze realm.

Lu Yin felt like he wanted to backpedal and take back this gift, and he even considered seeking reimbursement from Ku Wei.

Ku Wei was still immersed in his excitement from experiencing the gemspring water, and he did not notice Lu Yin’s regretful reaction.

When Lu Yin arrived on Planet Hydrotink, those like Saul and Felynn were naturally the ones to welcome him.

Yi Feng was also present. He had been Wei Rong’s hidden trump in fracturing the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, as Yi Feng had once been a part of the Wei family. When Wei Rong joined Lu Yin, the Lockbreakers that he had taken away had also joined Lu Yin, all of them moving to Planet Hydrotink.

Nobody wanted to bring up the matter from the past.

The reason behind Lu Yin’s visit this time was to take an examination to raise his Lockbreaker grade.

He had never advanced past the one star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker level, so Saul and the others assumed that Lu Yin intended to take the two star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker evaluation. However, to all of their surprise, Lu Yin actually wanted to take the five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker exam. Also, if they had correctly read his intentions, he also hoped to challenge the Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker level.

Lu Yin’s ambition scared Saul and the others.

“Alliance Leader Lu, since ancient times, almost nobody has ever managed to jump straight from the one star to the five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker. This difference is not merely that of numbers.

That's going straight to the cusp of the Boundless Advanced level." Saul felt like he had been placed in a difficult position.

Lu Yin replied, "Just because it's never happened doesn't mean that it's not possible. I want to try."

Saul, Felynn, Yi Feng, and the others all exchanged glances. In the end, they had no choice but to acquiesce.

Additionally, all lockbreaking evaluations were video recorded so that the results could not be falsified. Even if Saul and the others wanted to help Lu Yin, it would be useless, so there was nobody who was worried that he would cheat.

"Your Highness, what about me? Shall I start first?" Ku Wei was eager to begin lockbreaking with his dazzling vision.

Lu Yin felt sickened. "Go first."

He had initially wanted to upgrade some more gemspring water, as he had only upgraded one drop, which had been used by Ku Wei.

"Young man, please show us your lockbreaking grade," Saul courteously requested.

Ku Wei showed proof of being a five star Discerning Elementary Lockbreaker.

It was quite decent to be a five star Discerning Elementary Lockbreaker at his age, and Saul's opinion of Ku Wei immediately rose.

"Felynn, arrange the one star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker examination for this young man," Saul instructed.

Felynn acknowledged the instructions, but Ku Wei spoke up. "One star? That's no good. I want to take the three star exam."

Saul and the others were stunned, but then their expressions grew ugly as they stared at Ku Wei. "Little brother, don't speak without thinking. A lockbreaking examination is not a simple task."

Ku Wei shook his head. "It's fine. Bring it on."

Saul was irritated. First, Lu Yin wanted to immediately take the five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker examination. This was already enough to make Saul disgruntled, but he did not dare to reveal his dissatisfaction to Lu Yin. But now this other kid also wanted to skip grades. What did these two treat the lockbreaking evaluations as?

Saul was not the only one with these emotions, as all the other nearby Lockbreakers were irritated as well. To them, taking a lockbreaking evaluation was a solemn and sacred affair. Many people went into seclusion to cultivate, burn incense, or even pray before taking an evaluation. They would do all sorts of things to improve their chances of success, but these two actually wanted to skip ahead in the evaluations.

"It doesn't matter. Let him do it," Lu Yin commented. He then had Yi Feng show him to a secure private room, where he started to roll his die in order to upgrade more of the gemspring water.

Felynn had a poor opinion of Ku Wei, and she deliberately chose a sourcebox that possessed a lethal danger zone for his test.

Ku Wei was very excited, as his current sight was completely different from anything he had seen before.

In the other room, Lu Yin had successfully managed to roll three pips: Enhance and fully upgraded five drops of gemspring water, which had cost him two million star essence. It was a lot of money, but it was completely worth it.

Lu Yin immediately dropped some of the gemspring water into his eyes, and when he opened them, he was shocked, as what he saw was indeed completely different. This was clearly the Divine Gaze realm.

He remembered the first time he had ever used the Giant Emperor's third eye to view the universe. That experience had majorly shocked him. However, as time passed and as his cultivation improved, the effects of the Giant Emperor's third eye had gradually diminished. Unfortunately, it could not be upgraded either.

However, he had once again encountered a situation where he could rely on items to help his lockbreaking abilities.

Lockbreaking evaluations forbade the usage of items, but there were some things that could not be stopped even if the evaluators wished to, such as gemspring water. Nobody could tell if it was being used.

Of course, relying on something temporary like gemspring water to improve one's lockbreaking ability was not simple. The higher one's Lockbreaker level, the more dangerous the sourceboxes that they would need to unlock, and few people would treat their lives so casually.

Lu Yin concluded that, as long as he could regularly use gemspring water, there would be no issues in relying on it for this lockbreaking evaluation.

Under Saul's personal guidance, Lu Yin was escorted to a secure lockbreaking room, which was actually the largest lockbreaking room on Planet Hydrotink. It had been transported from Sourcepeak Planet completely intact, and they had even brought the ground beneath it to the new planet.

This room was specifically used to evaluate five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers.

Technically, the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society did not have the qualifications to test five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers. However, as long as they sent a request, under special circumstances, such examinations could still be arranged. For example, at this moment, since Lu Yin could not cross over the Astral River and travel to the Innaverse for his evaluation, he could only do it in this place.

Even though this was called a secure lockbreaking room, it was actually an underground space that had been sealed off. All of its surrounding walls had been covered with spiritual threads to prevent the sourcebox's formless danger zone from leaking out.

Lu Yin stepped into the secure room and saw... a bit of dirt?

Although Lu Yin had mentally prepared himself before entering, and although Saul had also dropped some hints beforehand, when Lu Yin saw the sourcebox that he needed to unlock, he was still stunned. It was actually a piece of soil.

This was actually a five star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox, and it was something that was only inferior to a Boundless Advanced sourcebox.

Lu Yin composed himself. Even though this sourcebox looked like a piece of dirt, he could see countless rune lines from it, and Lu Yin grew serious. This piece of dirt was actually pressuring him, and the sourcebox's danger zone was strong enough to even threaten Enlighteners.

This was just the sourcebox's danger zone, and the complexity of its condensed energies surpassed those of any sourcebox Lu Yin had ever unlocked.

If he had encountered this sourcebox before he read Gu Yue's journal and visited the Platform of Inception, then even if Lu Yin was able to navigate past the sourcebox's danger zone, it still would have been incredibly difficult for him to successfully unlock it. However, at this moment, he was able to discern the pattern of the sourcebox's energies in a single glance. Lu Yin already knew where to begin lockbreaking, and it was as if he had precisely planned things out in advance

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At this same time, in the Inverse, a girl with dark-green hair stepped out of a secure room, welcomed by echoing cheers and countless eyes filled with adoration. She was Mo Yu, a two star. Actually, that was no longer correct. She was now a three star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, and she was one of the Lockbreaker Society's Distinguished Five, someone who held the same status as Casanova.

News of Mo Yu successfully passing the evaluation to become a three star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker shocked the Lockbreaker Society. For someone of her age, it was incredibly difficult for anyone to become a three star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, and she was a rare genius throughout history.

The older Lockbreakers were reeling in shock.

"It's no wonder why she's one of my society's Distinguished Five. It's no easy feat to pass the evaluation that smoothly."

"Right, we have many talents in the society, haha."

"True. When will Casanova take the evaluation?"

"Not sure."

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Mo Yu looked out at the cheers that welcomed her, but she did not feel any sort of elation, as she would never be able to forget what she had witnessed in the Cosmic Sea.

She had also been at the battle of the Whitecliff Region, and she had personally watched from above the Cosmic Sea as one of the Daosource Three Skies, Bu Kong, had used a sourcebox array to instantly

defeat some of the Ten Arbiters and Neoverse's experts. She was unable to contend with any one of those experts, but they had all been beaten off of the Champions' Stage by one attack.

At that moment, the power of a sourcebox array had left her incomparably shocked. Being able to comprehend a sourcebox array was the hallmark of a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker.

Despite also being a member of the younger generation, Bu Kong had already become a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker while Mo Yu was still taking the evaluation to become a three star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker. The difference between them was just too extreme.

It was not just Bu Kong either; the All Rounder Fairy, Qiu Shi, was similarly capable of using a sourcebox array, and her sourcebox array had thrown the Champions' Stage into space, where it could not be taken away by the Sixth Mainland. In the end, it had ultimately been seized by Nightking Zhenwu.

Those two people were both Boundless Advanced Lockbreakers, so what was there for her to be proud of?

Mo Yu closed her eyes and fell silent. Eventually, she opened her eyes. "Tutor, please begin the four star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker exam."

As she uttered those words, the people of the Lockbreaker Society were all astonished.

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In the Outerverse, on Planet Hydrotink, Lu Yin took one step after another as he steadily approached the sourcebox that looked like a clump of dirt. The closer he got to it, the more pressure he felt. This sourcebox that looked like a pile of dirt was actually emanating a gravity field. At the same time, tiny particles of soil permeated the air, each one of them possessing an indescribable level of gravity. It was as if each particle was a miniscule planet, smashing at Lu Yin.

The closer he approached the sourcebox, the stronger the gravity that he was forced to endure. Nobody could clearly see what was happening, and only people like Saul were aware of the amount of pressure that Lu Yin was currently enduring.

Even a normal Enlighter might not be able to approach this sourcebox. Although it looked unassuming, and its danger zone was nothing too grand, the gravity field around it was not something that could be imagined.

It was just gravity, but Lu Yin felt as though he was struggling against entire continents, planets, and even the universe itself.

The piece of dirt had seemed to take root in the floor.

### **Chapter 1057: Root of Intelligence**

Lu Yin stared intently at the minute dust floating in the air, and he occasionally avoided a particle. He did not want to withstand the increased gravity any longer than he had to even if his body could endure it. To that end, he put on his universal armor. The sourcebox's danger zone was still bearable, but he was here to test his lockbreaking ability, and he needed to show the people in the Lockbreaker Society's headquarters his worth.

The dust in the air was infinitesimally small, and the sourcebox's formless danger zone was quite dense. Still, Lu Yin evaded everything as he continued moving closer to the sourcebox with his clear vision.

To outsiders, it looked as though he was drunk since he was stumbling about as he approached the sourcebox.

However, Saul and the others were overwhelmed. Lu Yin had actually managed to come into contact with the sourcebox very quickly and begun lockbreaking. With his current speed, it was no wonder why he had wanted to take the evaluation to become an advanced Lockbreaker.

Avoiding a sourcebox's danger zone was merely the first hurdle, and the greatest challenge was still lockbreaking the actual sourcebox. If the sourcebox's solidified energies that were its surface were not resolved, one would never be able to unlock it.

The moment Lu Yin touched the sourcebox that looked like a clod of dirt, he was immersed within an ocean of its condensed energies. However, he was lucky in that he could clearly see the veins running through the sourcebox's energies.

One day, two days, and finally, three days passed. The sourcebox that looked like dirt suddenly quivered, and a hint of a crack appeared on its surface.

Saul and the others felt their hearts tremble, as this suggested that Lu Yin truly had the ability to unlock this sourcebox and that it was merely a matter of time.

While Lu Yin was unlocking the dirt-looking sourcebox, Ku Wei was also working hard. He had a strong talent for lockbreaking, as there was no other way he could have become a Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker at his age. His achievements were second to only the Distinguished Five of the Lockbreaker Society, and he was currently challenging a three star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox, though he had never attempted such an energizing session before.

The gemspring water allowed Ku Wei's star energy control to jump straight to the Divine Gaze realm, and he vowed to work hard and eventually achieve the same level himself in the future, as this was simply too refreshing.

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After some days passed, back in the Innerverses, Mo Yu emerged, moving with difficulty while her face was a shocking shade of white. She had failed. The four star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker exam was truly difficult, and she had not been able to succeed with her current abilities.

Perhaps in another two years and when she was in her optimum state, she might be able to succeed. However, for the moment, it was beyond her.

Although Mo Yu had failed, her appearance was still welcomed by endless cheers. As one of the Distinguished Five of the Society, she would remain an idol that countless people worshipped. She held an extremely high status in the universe, and she was also an expert on the Top 100 Rankings.

When she saw the crowd cheering, although Mo Yu still felt stifled by the shadows of Qiu Shi and Bu Kong, her mood improved slightly. At the very least, she still held some hopes of catching up to those two even if that hope was flickering.



At that moment, someone cried out in shock as they stared at their gadget, and soon, more and more people let out similar shouts.

Mo Yu felt that this was strange, and when she checked the Lockbreaker Society's channel on her gadget, her pupils instantly shrank.

There was only one notification posted at the moment: Congratulations to Lockbreaker Brother Wei for successfully passing the three star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker examination and officially becoming a three star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker.'

Mo Yu was stunned, as this notification had been broadcast to every member of the Lockbreaker Society throughout the entire universe.

Such notifications would only be released for individuals who had exceptional accomplishments or unbelievable talent.

Before, a similar announcement had been posted when Mo Yu had passed the three star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker exam. If this Brother Wei was being given similar treatment, then he must be someone from the same generation who was also extremely talented.

Mo Yu was absolutely stunned. Just where had this person come from?

"Look, it's no wonder it's a universal announcement! Before this, he was just a five star Discerning Elementary Lockbreaker. In just one shot, he jumped up to the three star Perceptive Intermediate level! That's too insane."

"Brother Wei? Why does this name sound so despicable?"

"For sure. He sounds like he needs a spanking."

"A three star Perceptive Intermediate? Isn't that on the same level as the Distinguished Five?"

"No, the Distinguished Five climbed up step by step while this person directly skipped multiple ranks. He might actually be even better than them."

"Where's he from? Check his location. Eh? The Outerverse? Frostwave Weave?"

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Mo Yu looked at Brother Wei's location on the Lockbreaker network and thought to herself, The Outerverse's Frostwave Weave? Isn't that where Lu Yin's based out of?

Mo Yu had a strong impression of Lu Yin. Even though they had never spoken before, he had been incredibly active in various parts of the universe, and he had even competed against Casanova in lockbreaking before. During the battle in the Cosmic Sea, although Lu Yin had not joined the battle involving the most powerful members of the younger generation atop the Champions' Stage, he had still managed to influence that battle. In fact, he had ultimately attracted the attention of Zhi Yi, which had drawn out Liu Tianmu of the Ten Arbiters.

Afterwards, the Sixth Mainland had retreated, and Nightking Zhenwu had announced that he had personally killed Lu Yin while also declaring that Lu Yin was a traitor to the Fifth Mainland. The veracity

of that accusation was unknown to Mo Yu. However, she did know that Lu Yin had managed to survive an attack from Nightking Zhenwu and also somehow unified the Outerverse.

The younger generation was yet to be convinced about whether or not Lu Yin was a traitor or not, but they were all already certain that he was an absolute monster.

Brother Wei. Could that be Lu Yin?

No, Lu Yin's alias on the Lockbreaker network was Seventh Bro.

Brother Wei, Seventh Bro. Mo Yu was left speechless. If both of these people were in Frostwave Weave, she refused to believe that they did not know each other, even if they claimed so themselves.

The Outerverse had already given birth to Lu Yin, and now there was this Brother Wei. Were there really so many geniuses in the Outerverse?

Before the crowd could calm down from the shock of the announcement concerning Brother Wei, another notification appeared that astounded everyone. Congratulations to Seventh Bro for successfully passing the five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker examination and officially becoming a five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker.

Everyone was utterly dumbfounded.

Seventh Bro. Although this name did not appear that frequently, everyone knew that this was Lu Yin's alias, as he was simply too well known. Within a certain region of the universe, Lu Yin was seen as a rising star ever since he had first stepped onto the path of cultivation, and everyone could see his astounding progress. Furthermore, his momentum had never slowed down, not even when the Outerverse had been isolated from the Innerverse. Once the two places reconnected, Lu Yin had still stood out, even in the Innerverse.

Jumping from the one star level to the five star level as a Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker was simply too exaggerated.

Everyone fell completely silent.

Mo Yu was also astonished. Regardless of if she was one of the society's Distinguished Five, of how impressive her talent may be, or of the fact that she was targeting Boundless Advanced Lockbreakers like Qiu Shi or Bu Kong, at this moment, Lu Yin's achievement had shocked her the most.

This person was just too much of a freak. One step—he was a single step away from becoming a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker! Could he actually take that step?

At this point in time, it was not just Mo Yu who was stunned. Casanova was also staring at the announcement, flabbergasted.

Casanova thought back to when he had first met Lu Yin. Since then, just how many years had passed? This person had actually surpassed him already, and he had done so in a very exaggerated fashion.

Becoming a five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker level at such a young age meant that Lu Yin might possibly become an advanced Lockbreaker while still being a member of the younger generation.

Casanova's status within the society was rather high, so he had a rough idea of what such an accomplishment would mean.

Such a feat would record Lu Yin's name down in history, and it also hinted that another glorious page would be added to the Lockbreaker Society's list of deeds, increasing the glory of the Lockbreaker Society.

Once Lu Yin successfully passed the five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker exam, his status in the Lockbreaker Society underwent a groundbreaking change. The upper echelon of Lockbreakers who had originally simply been observing had not particularly cared about Lu Yin before, but now, they were all talking about him.

Everyone of them hoped that a talented Lockbreaker would emerge from either the Innaverse or the Outerverse who would be able to challenge the genius Lockbreakers from the Neoverse. Although the Distinguished Five's talent was extraordinary, with them all becoming Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers at young ages, they were still a bit lacking when compared to the genius Lockbreakers of the Neoverse. However, Lu Yin might be able to match up to them and possibly even surpass them.

After all, it had to be acknowledged that Lu Yin had not been a Lockbreaker for more than a few years.

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In the Outerverse, on Frostwave Weave's Planet Hydrotink, Ku Wei had originally been gleefully checking out the Lockbreaker's network. However, when Lu Yin's announcement appeared, Ku Wei felt like he had been utterly beaten.

His expression grew bitter, and he looked over at Lu Yin with a depressed expression as Lu Yin emerged from the secure lockbreaking room. "Your Highness, couldn't you just have waited a little bit longer? Even just a minute longer?"

Lu Yin's face was pale, and he was both exhausted and very excited, as he had successfully completed his exam. From this moment on, he was officially a five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, and he was only a single step away from breaking through to the Boundless Advanced level.

Although it appeared to be just a single step, Lu Yin was aware that it would be extremely difficult for him to become a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker anytime soon. It definitely was not impossible, but it would take him time. Lockbreaking was not just a matter of a few days, and it could sometimes even take a few months or years.

The further one progressed in cultivation, the longer they would need to continue progressing, and lockbreaking was the same in that sense. It was very common for some Lockbreakers to spend several years lockbreaking, and some might even spend several decades.

Lu Yin's time was limited, and for the moment, becoming a five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker was sufficient since he had even greater aspirations.

"Your Highness, what did you get from your lockbreaking session?" Ku Wei moved closer as he asked curiously.

Ku Wei was not the only one, as everyone present was curious. It was just that Saul, Felynn, and the others did not make a single sound.

Lu Yin raised a hand, revealing a grey, lumpy object in his hand that looked like a tree root.

Ku Wei blinked. "What's that?"

Lu Yin himself was very curious, and he had already asked the Ghost Monkey, but the monkey was not sure either. Lu Yin looked at Saul. "Does the president know what this is?"

Saul studied it carefully, but then he shook his head and answered in bewilderment, "I don't know."

Felynn, Yi Feng, and the others did not recognize it either.

Ku Wei pursed his lips. "Your Highness, you shouldn't take out some random, moldy tree root to try and deceive us. Is this supposed to have come from a five star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox? Don't mess with us."

Lu Yin replied, "This is it."

"I know!" the Ghost Monkey suddenly cried out, startling Lu Yin. He reflexively put the thing away in his cosmic ring. Based on the monkey's reaction, there seemed to be something wrong, and this object definitely was not simple.

"Seventh Bro, this is a Root of Intelligence!" the Ghost Monkey declared in a serious manner, though the monkey also sounded almost absurdly surprised by his tone.

Lu Yin was puzzled. "Root of Intelligence? What's that?"

The monkey explained, "Exactly what it sounds like: Root of Intelligence, a tree root that was left behind by Progenitor Hui."

Lu Yin was dumbfounded. How could he wrap his mind around such a thing? It sounded so logical, but not at the same time.

"Are you sure?" Lu Yin felt that the monkey was playing with him.

The Ghost Monkey sighed. "I saw this object be mentioned in a powerhouse's journal. A long time ago, Progenitor Hui planted a tree. After many ages of being raised by Progenitor Hui's secret technique, it gained a mysterious strength, much like the strength of the predecessors. This tree preserved the might of Progenitor Hui's secret technique, and anyone who touches it can receive enlightenment, and they might find themselves instantly comprehending something that was previously impossible. If you use this tree root to brew a pot of tea, then you can use it as an antidote, a cultivation supplement, or many other options. In any case, it's very mysterious.

"That powerhouse once personally saw a Root of Intelligence come out from a lockbreaking session, and it triggered a contest that involved countless experts of that era. Nobody knows what happened to it in the end, but the powerhouse only learned of the root's miraculous uses after listening to others. This has to be a Root of Intelligence, as it fits the description in that powerhouse's journal perfectly."

Lu Yin was incredulous. "Isn't it just a moldy old tree root? You can find something like this wherever you look, so just how are you supposed to tell the difference?"

"This moldy tree root came from a five star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox. What could it be if not a Root of Intelligence? It's a pity that it's moldy. If it was a perfect root, then you would have made a fortune, Seventh Bro. After brewing it into tea, you could have comprehended any battle techniques you wished," Ghost Monkey said longingly.

For this name, "Hui" actually means "intelligence." So, this is the intelligent/smart Progenitor.

### **Chapter 1058: Return**

Lu Yin only half-believed the Ghost Monkey's words as he had no time to carefully study the root at the moment.

After putting the root away, Lu Yin looked at Saul. "President Saul, do you remember how, during the Outerverse Lockbreaker Competition, the page of True Insight was stolen by the Neohuman Alliance?"

Saul's expression changed slightly, as he did not understand why Lu Yin would bring up such a matter. Did he intend to settle those old scores at an opportune moment? Saul had also been a victim at that time. "Of course. Why is Alliance Leader Lu bringing it up?"

Lu Yin lifted a hand, and a box appeared in it. When he slowly opened the box, a golden glow illuminated the area, lighting up everyone's faces.

Everyone was shocked, and Saul grew emotional. "This- is this that page of True Insight?"

Felynn and the others were all blown away.

Lu Yin nodded. "Some time ago, I coincidentally ran into one of the Neohuman Alliance's corpse kings. After I killed it, I obtained this. Thus, I want to return it to its rightful owner."

Saul's hand trembled from his excitement; not only did this page of True Insight represent his hope of comprehending a sourcebox array, but it was also a means of reducing his punishment.

Felynn and the others could not understand this development. Given Lu Yin's personality, how could Lu Yin simply return True Insight? He had just become a five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, which was just one step away from becoming an Advanced Lockbreaker. If Lu Yin managed to comprehend True Insight, understand how to arrange a sourcebox array, and step into the advanced level, then his status would be completely different from an ordinary Advanced Lockbreaker's. Additionally, his battle prowess would also qualitatively increase.

How could he possibly be willing to hand this page over to the society?

In truth, Lu Yin was conducting a transaction. He was using this page of True Insight in exchange for the Lockbreaker Society's headquarters not further investigating the events that had befallen the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society. Or, if they did pursue it, Lu Yin hoped for them to be more lenient towards him.

They would discover Wei Rong's involvement in the attack sooner or later, and Lu Yin wanted to protect Wei Rong as much as possible. After all, Wei Rong's assistance made life much more convenient for Lu Yin.

Wei Rong was very intelligent, but unfortunately, he had run into Lu Yin. Otherwise, Wei Rong's plan on Sourcepeak Planet would have gone perfectly, and he would have remained independent. This was why Lu Yin wanted to find a way to protect Wei Rong. Besides, Lu Yin still had five pages of True Insight, and comprehending even a single page of True Insight was already very good. Thus, it was absolutely worth it for him to trade one page for the Lockbreaker Society's goodwill.

Nightking Zhenwu had sacrificed twenty Honor Points that had lost their value to him in order to force Lu Yin into dire straits. On the other side, Lu Yin was willing to give up a rather useless page of True Insight to purchase the Lockbreaker Society's goodwill. The two were actually quite similar in this regard.

Nobody had expected Lu Yin to return any part of True Insight.

When the Lockbreaker Society's headquarters learned about this matter, everyone reacted in the same manner as Saul: complete confusion.

Regardless of the motivation behind Lu Yin returning True Insight, he had undeniably made a tremendous contribution to the Lockbreaker Society.

The Lockbreakers who had initially supported the Daynight clan suddenly fell silent, and only the Daynight clan's Lockbreakers still felt unsatisfied. However, even they knew that it would no longer be possible to target Lu Yin through the Lockbreaker Society.

The kid was too smart, and he knew how to handle matters well.

The Daynight clan had passed down their inheritance since ancient times, and it had too strong of an influence in the universe.

Any random sentence from Nightking Zhenwu could force Lu Yin to put forth his full efforts in response, but fortunately, Lu Yin had not wasted his last few years by muddling along. After chancing upon extraordinary opportunities and surviving desperate straits, he could now endure Nightking Zhenwu's attacks.

This incident with the Lockbreaker Society had helped Lu Yin realize that he had to get rid of Nightking Zhenwu and remove all of the Nightking bloodline's influence. Otherwise, he would definitely run into more trouble in the future.

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News of Lu Yin becoming a five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker quickly spread out, and it was no less astounding than when he had defeated Lan Si.

Lockbreakers were already regarded as superior to begin with, and a five star Perceptive Intermediate was an unattainable goal to the vast majority of Lockbreakers. At such a young age, Lu Yin had already accomplished such a thing, and everyone was quite clear that before long, he would become an Advanced Lockbreaker, at which time his status would rise even further.

Many people had essentially become numb to Lu Yin's absurd achievements, which had started at the Astral Combat Tournament and the Tournament of the Strongest, and had later continued on when he became a Ten Arbiters candidate and an unrivaled Limiteer. More recently, he had gained fame for his accomplishments in the Cosmic Sea and his eventual victory over the Ten Arbiters' Divine Fist. Step by step, one by one, his achievements had left people numb in shock, so when many of them heard that Lu Yin had become a five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, they were still able to remain rather calm.

Ling Que was one such person.

When he heard that Lu Yin had become a five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, Ling Que clutched at his ears. "Freak."

Ling Gong's expression grew cold. "In the past, the difference between you and him was not too great, but now, he's outpaced you by an entire weave."

Ling Que licked his lips. "It looks like he might soon leave you behind too."

Ling Gong's eyes widened. "Despicable! You're asking for a beating!"

She charged over.

Ling Que was shocked. "No! I'm not fighting you."

"Retaliate! This is an order."

Soon after, Ling Gong left Ling Que behind with some bruises on his face. He cried, but no tears came out. "Why do I end up aggravating everyone I talk to? This won't do. I need to put my cheerleading squad back together. Otherwise, there won't be any excitement when I fight."

Then, a wretched smile appeared on his face.

After leaving Ling Que, Ling Gong looked down at her gadget, and her expression chilled. The Daynight clan had announced that they would be holding a Daynight Feast, and they had used Nightking Zhenwu's name to invite all of the Inverse and Outerverse's younger generation's elites. The guest list included the Ten Arbiters, everyone from the Top 100 Rankings, well known Lockbreakers, and even Lu Yin.

Ling Gong's eyes narrowed. Since they were convening the Daynight Feast at this time, did it indicate that Nightking Zhenwu wanted to cement his position as leader of the Ten Arbiters? If he wanted that position so badly, then she would let him have it. Hopefully, he would be able to handle the pressure coming from the Neoverse.

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Wen Sansi similarly received an invitation to the Daynight Feast, as Nightking Zhenwu had specially invited him.

"Arbiter Wen, are we headed to Nightking Planet?" Mira asked. She was standing beside the Arbiter, her figure as alluring as always.

Wen Sansi responded, "Nightking Zhenwu can't wait any longer, and he wants to verify his status as the leader of the Ten Arbiters as quickly as possible. This is interesting. We'll go and take a look, but there's no need to hurry. We'll show up last."

"Last?" Mira was puzzled.

Wen Sansi looked at a name on the display of his gadget: Lu Yin. This person might possibly turn out to be the true protagonist of this Daynight Feast.

Many other people had similar thoughts as Wen Sansi.

Everyone was aware of Lu Yin's relationship with the Daynight clan, and yet he had been invited to the Daynight Feast. Furthermore, he had even been sent a personal invitation from Nightking Zhenwu, which held an entirely different meaning. Nobody knew what Lu Yin's appearance would bring to this Daynight Feast.

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Xia Tian calmly looked at his gadget; things were getting interesting.

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Tai Yuanjun gritted his teeth and stared at Nightking Zhenwu's name. That scoundrel had to be quite happy at this moment since Starsibyl was following him. He had to be at the peak of his life.

Once more, he resolved himself to work hard for the contest at the Astral Tower and become one of the Cosmic Five. Only then could he win Starsibyl back.

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In the Outerverse, Lan Si looked at his gadget with a calm expression.

As one of the Ten Arbiters, he was also on the guest list for this Daynight Feast. The Grayweed Continent had been destroyed, but the Sea King's Dome's experts were still present, and the Sea King's Dome represented the Starfall Sea.

With the Sea King's Dome's support, Lan Si's status would not change.

"Since you were invited, are you going to go?" Lan Si asked, talking to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's voice came through from the other end of the call. "Yes, of course. This Daynight Feast is going to be amazing."

Lan Si muttered, "Don't underestimate Nightking Zhenwu. He has hidden his strength far too deeply, and nobody knows his full power. The Daynight clan is not any different, and they have some deeply hidden strength they can pull out."

"I know," Lu Yin answered.

Lan Si laughed in response. "I'd nearly forgotten—you've already traded blows with him."



Lu Yin smiled. "I nearly died, but that incident also allowed me to become better prepared, and I won't be defeated the next time we meet."

"I hope that's true," Lan Si said. He then ended the call.

Lu Yin lowered his gadget. The Daynight Feast was fast approaching.

What would happen at this event? He did not believe what Nightking Yuanjing had said about how this Daynight Feast was being held to preserve Lu Yin's dignity.

This Daynight Feast was definitely being hosted by Nightking Zhenwu, and he had specifically invited Lu Yin along with many other proud talents from the Inniverse and Outerverse who were all qualified to enter the Astral Tower. On that day, there would be many celebrities gathered there, so just what was the Nightking trying to do?

Even Wen Sansi, who was known for his intelligence, could not see through Nightking Zhenwu's true motives.

No matter what Nightking Zhenwu was trying to achieve, Lu Yin continued advancing his own plans, step by step.

On the same day, Lu Yin received some news from the Gasfire Alliance's Paige. The backup Astral River Ark had appeared, and it was located across the Astral River, directly opposite the Bard Weave.

Before, the Astral River Ark had been connected to Darkmist Weave. Since the ferry location had changed, it was clear that it had been done with the intention to catch the Outerverse off guard.

Paige's message was simple, and he also mentioned that the people traveling aboard the Astral River Ark for this trip were almost all cultivators from Blazing Mist Flowzone. In fact, a large number of them were from the Blaze Realm and the Ross Empire, both of which held a grudge against Lu Yin.

They were trying to enter the Outerverse from a hidden location, so their goal did not even need to be mentioned.

Unfortunately, Paige was unsure as to how strong the experts aboard the Astral River Ark were.

Without any hesitation, Lu Yin contacted Elder Tie, Black Mask, and some other experts, requesting them to help him greet the cultivators who would soon arrive on the Astral River Ark. In addition to them, Lu Yin also intended to find a few other powerhouses to rope in.

Although Blazing Mist Flowzone was one of the Inniverse's eight great flowzones with many experts, it was impossible to send all of them to the Astral River Ark. Clearly, only a small portion of experts had been sent out for this mission, but since they were making a move, it showed that the flowzone must be confident in being able to suppress the Outerverse.

At this moment, although Lu Yin's biggest enemy was the Daynight clan, Blazing Mist Flowzone was still an age-old enemy. The conflict between them and Lu Yin had started far in the past, and it had long since become an unresolvable grudge.

To the various great powers of Blazing Mist Flowzone, their desire to eliminate Lu Yin had grown even stronger than before. Regardless of if it was because of their conflicts in the past or the fact that Lu Yin

had united the entire Outerverse, Lu Yin's existence had infringed upon Blazing Mist Flowzone's interests.

One of the most important details was that no one seemed to know who was in charge and making decisions aboard the Astral River Ark.

Although the Blaze Realm, the Ross Empire, and even the sylvan dragon clan were all peak powers of Blazing Mist Flowzone, which was the closest flowzone to the Outerverse, it was still the weakest flowzone of the eight great flowzones. But there were many other parties that had a vested interest in this situation. In the past, the Outerverse had provided a considerable amount of resources to the Innerverse, but after the unification, those resources definitely would not come any longer.

The Astral River Ark was about to start moving once again, and it represented Blazing Mist Flowzone's determination to gain control of the Outerverse. Even if such a thing was impossible, they still were determined to destroy Lu Yin's control at the very least. If the person controlling the Outerverse was hostile towards them, then that situation would be one of the absolute worst ones for Blazing Mist Flowzone's interests.

As the energy of the Astral River roiled, strange, unknown creatures moved about within the river. Inside the ark, devices that detected power levels occasionally released alarms before falling silent soon after.

The backup ark was smaller than the original one, and at this moment, there were countless cultivators aboard the ark, all of them with solemn attitudes. These people were mostly from Blazing Mist Flowzone; besides the ones from the Blaze Realm and the Ross Empire, there were also a dozen sylvan dragons. The rest of the gathered cultivators were independent ones who had been hired by Blazing Mist Flowzone's powers.

Blazing Mist Flowzone had not reported this operation to the Hall of Honor. Logically, the backup Astral River Ark should belong to the Hall of Honor, and any usage of it had to be reported. However, this time, the occupants' objective was to suppress Lu Yin. Ideally, they would pressure the Great Eastern Alliance into disbanding, which would definitely be in Blazing Mist Flowzone's best interests.

### **Chapter 1059: Looking Forward For A Long Time**

Within the ark, multiple Enlighteners stood on a deck as they stared out at the Astral River. "Although the Innerverse and Outerverse were only separated for a few short years, it feels as though a much longer time has passed."

"That's true. After the Innerverse and Outerverse were isolated from each other, the Sixth Mainland invaded us while the Outerverse was unified. It all feels like a dream."

"Who would have thought that some puny Cruiser would be able to unite the Outerverse? What a joke! The Outerverse has been too weak for too many years. Even its full strength brought to bear won't be on par with one of the Innerverse's small flowzones."

"Do not underestimate Lu Yin! He was even able to defeat the Ten Arbiters' Divine Fist, and he has the strength of an Enlightener. Many of you, or even me, might not be his match."

The surrounding people all fell silent; a mere youth had surpassed their strength, which left many of them feeling truly dejected.

One of the gathered powerhouses sneered. "Who cares if he's surpassed you or me? Among the experts headed towards the Outerverse, a few of them have power levels that've surpassed 300,000, and there's even a long-lived senior joining us. According to the rumors, they've even received Yuan Shi's guidance before."

"Yuan Shi? That senior from the Hall of Honor?" someone cried out.

"That's right."

"But I heard that Senior Yuan Shi especially favors Lu Yin, and his support is the whole reason why Lu Yin was able to become the Outerverse's Allied Forces' Commander."

Everyone fell silent upon hearing these words.

At that moment, a stern warning came out from the depths of the ark. "No loose tongues. How can you people speak of Senior Yuan Shi?"

The few Enlighters were startled, and they quickly bowed and withdrew.

After the various Enlighters left, an elder appeared on the deck. His face was weathered, proof that he had lived through many great changes. His skin was a deep-red color, which gave him a rather odd look. He was a powerhouse from the Blaze Realm, and he possessed a power level of more than 400,000. He was one of the Blaze Realm's hidden powers.

"Originally, I had thought that after the Sixth Mainland withdrew, we would be able to cultivate in peace for a while. However, who would have thought that we would be sent on a trip to the Outerverse?" The elder sighed and looked towards the Outerverse. "It's just some child, but they've sent me. I suppose that it'll be your honor that I'm moving against you. Since we can't kill you, I'll just cripple you."

They drew closer to the Outerverse as the ark neared the edge of the Astral River.

The elder's gaze trembled, as there was a person standing in a distant point in space.

The Astral River Ark was enormous, and it slowly entered the Outerverse.

Millions of cultivators aboard the ark grew excited, as they were carrying the pride of the Innaverse with them.

The people of the Innaverse held an intrinsic arrogance towards the denizens of the Outerverse. In their mind, it was common knowledge that anyone from the Innaverse could utterly demolish the Outerverse.

The ark rumbled as millions of cultivators boarded numerous spacecraft to head into space. There was also a considerable number of cultivators who flew out with only their physical bodies. These people were Explorers, Cruisers, and Hunters. Additionally, there were around ten people in the lead who were Enlighters.

This amazing amount of strength was enough to sweep through the entire Outerverse, or at least it was according to Blazing Mist Flowzone's understanding.

Lu Yin stood alone in space and watched as the Astral River Ark emerged from the Astral River and released countless vessels that streamed out into outer space along with the space-exploring powerhouses. And of particular note, there were those Enlighters. He took a deep breath, and shouted, "Welcome to the Outerverse! I'm the Great Eastern Alliance's leader, Lu Yin. I've been looking forward to meeting you for a long time."

The entire region fell deathly silent as Lu Yin's voice entered the ears of all the millions of cultivators in front of him.

All of them stared at Lu Yin, dumbfounded. They knew that their primary objective coming to the Outerverse was to deal with this person, and they had even traveled here in secret. However, he had been waiting for them and had even warmly greeted them when they arrived.

The ten or so Enlighters all exchanged glances with each other, feeling a bit lost.

One of them, who had a power level of more than 300,000, tore through the void, appeared near Lu Yin, and stared at Lu Yin. "Junior, are you Lu Yin?"

Lu Yin sized the man up and down before his eyes narrowed. "Are you from the Sylvan Dragon Tribe?"

The elder barked, "I asked you a question! Answer!"

The man's voice reverberated through space as he attempted to suppress Lu Yin.

Lu Yin did not move, and Elder Tie stepped out next to the youth with clenched fists. "Old man, who are you trying to intimidate? You're just some lowly sprite dragon."

The elder bellowed, "Ridiculous! How dare you mock my Sylvan Dragon Tribe?"

He then prepared to attack.

Elder Tie was not even the slightest bit afraid, as his power level also exceeded 300,000 and his background the Starfall Sea. There was no way that he was weaker than a sylvan dragon.

Also, in the depths of their hearts, the Innerverse cultivators did not highly regard the Sylvan Dragon Tribe, as they had betrayed the Astral Beast Domain and escaped to the Human Domain; they were traitors. In the minds of many, sylvan dragons were to be used as steeds.

Elder Tie was an elder from Mt. Stacks Dojo, so how could he allow a sylvan dragon to act so arrogantly before him?

"Wait," a voice commanded. Both the sylvan dragon elder and Elder Tie hesitated as another elder appeared in space next to them. This man had a serene expression, and he wore an armored shirt that displayed the Ross Empire's emblem. He focused a serious stare upon Lu Yin as he asked, "Alliance Leader Lu, do you really want to become enemies with us?"

Lu Yin gestured for Elder Tie to stop and then replied, “Guests visit when they are welcomed, and when people arrive unannounced, they come as enemies. Senior, you people clearly belong to the latter group.”

The elder frowned. “We have gathered millions of powerful cultivators from Blazing Mist Flowzone, and on top of that, we have more than ten Enlighters in our group. Alliance Leader Lu, can you even stop us?”

Lu Yin clapped his hands, and suddenly, one figure after another appeared from the void behind him: Gong Ling, Ke Yun, and more than ten of the Outerverse’s Enlighters were present along with an Enlightener from Mt. Stacks Dojo. The more than a dozen powerhouses formed a line behind Lu Yin, and in addition to them, both Topmist and Black Mask were still hiding in the void, though they released their own threatening aura.

The elder in front of Lu Yin was shocked. Blazing Mist Flowzone had known beforehand that Lu Yin had united the Outerverse, but due to their haste, they had never considered that he would be capable of commanding such a force. There were more than ten Enlighters gathered here in a show of force.

An Enlightener might occasionally be referred to as an almighty, and all such powerhouses were treated with the same status as lords in the Innerverse. Becoming an Enlightener was a qualitative transformation along the path of cultivation.

There were many Enlighters in the Innerverse, but only the experts from Blazing Mist Flowzone were participating in this campaign, and it was somewhat inadequate to expect the Enlighters of a single flowzone to sweep through the entire Outerverse. Furthermore, they had not been able to track down all of the Enlightener realm experts from Blazing Mist Flowzone.

Lu Yin clapped again. This time, countless vessels appeared off in the distance.

These battleships all belonged to the Great Eastern Alliance. When Lu Yin had united half of the Outerverse, he had also formed the Allied Forces. Back then, he had already started stationing troops along the Astral River to eventually prevent the Innerverse from acting against the Outerverse, and that action had come to fruition on this day.

The number of spacecraft were significantly greater than those sent by the Innerverse, and if one calculated the number of troops, then they would find that the Outerverse outnumbered the Innerverse’s forces by tens of millions.

This massive scale of the fleet showed Lu Yin’s power, and it also represented the Outerverse’s stance.

Lu Yin had specifically released news that the Innerverse had been invaded by the Sixth Mainland, and he had fanned the various Outerverse weaves’ fears of the Innerverse’s great powers plundering the Outerverse’s resources to the point of terror. Due to how the Outerverse had essentially been the Innerverse’s subordinate for so many eons, such an event did not seem unrealistic.

Lu Yin had used his position as the Outerverse’s Allied Forces’ Commander to mobilize the troops, forcing the Outerverse’s weaves to follow his orders and obey them to the letter. If Lu Yin was ultimately defeated, then they could simply push the blame over to the Hall of Honor, and it would be completely unrelated to them.

It could be said that the countless years of the Inniverse's tyranny was partly to blame for why Lu Yin had been able to successfully gather the Outerverse's strength to contest the threat that was Blazing Mist Flowzone.

The region fell silent once again.

Even the ill-tempered sylvan dragon did not make a single sound. It was clear that Lu Yin could not be intimidated and that he had started making preparations long ago. The people from Blazing Mist Flowzone also recognized that they were not guaranteed victory in a head-on battle. After all, they were currently in the Outerverse, and if they started a war here, then they would have to answer to the Hall of Honor for their actions.

They had originally planned to sneak into the Outerverse.

"Alliance Leader Lu, what do you want?" the Ross Empire elder asked.

Lu Yin looked back towards the Astral River Ark. "You may withdraw. Go and get the person who has the authority to speak with me."

The elder frowned. "I can decide everything."

Lu Yin laughed. "Is that so? But I want to speak with the senior whose power level is over 400,000."

The elder's expression suddenly changed. "How did you know?"

Naturally, there was no way that Lu Yin would tell the man; it was all because of the rune lines.

There was a rather enormous cluster of rune lines that was still aboard the Astral River Ark. With Lu Yin's ample experience of observing his opponents' rune lines for so many years, he was able to tell that the person who had remained behind had a power level that surpassed 400,000 at a glance. However, if he compared this person to Northgate Taisui, then this person seemed to be someone who had only just become an expert with a power level of 400,000.

That Ross Empire elder looked back towards the Astral River Ark, seemingly waiting for something.

In the next moment, space distorted as a scorching heat swept out and extended past Lu Yin, turning the originally dark sky a visible red.

Lu Yin's eyes went wide, and he grew furious; this powerhouse whose power level was over 400,000 actually dared to attack the troops arranged behind Lu Yin. Not only could that intense heat destroy the various spacecraft, but it was also capable of melting space-exploring powerhouses.

Lu Yin immediately donned his universal armor, equipped the giant mechanical right arm, and unleashed a punch.

The massive arm released a tremendous amount of power, and space itself caved in as though it had collapsed. The terrifying power astonished the elder from the Ross Empire as well as the sylvan dragon. The next moment, they felt an overpowering sense of danger; this strike could not be blocked, and it definitely exceeded a power level of 400,000.

This was the first time that Lu Yin had ever used his full strength in tandem with the giant arm. Even during his battle with Yu Mu, Lu Yin had not revealed his full strength.

When the punch was unleashed, the power level of the attack approached 500,000, which was the strongest attack that Lu Yin had ever produced.

Space was rent apart, and the red-skinned elder emerged out with an ugly expression on his face as he raised a hand. "Fire Spirit."

As he spoke, an infinite inferno spread out through space, and even the heat from the nearby stars was pulled out. These endless flames gathered together to form a giant flaming figure that towered in outer space, and it unleashed a punch that clashed with Lu Yin's mechanical arm attack.

The void completely collapsed as countless spatial cracks radiated out in all directions. Intense star energy fluctuations also rippled out, accompanied by an extreme heat.

Both sides' troops continuously fell back, and even the various Enlighteners were forced to retreat, not a single one of them daring to approach.

After some time, the area returned to its original state.

Lu Yin's expression had not changed, and he calmly observed the person across from him.

On the other side, the red-skinned elder had a gloomy face and eyes filled with bloodlust. "Junior, are you Lu Yin?"

Lu Yin sneered. "Obviously."

"You're quite brave, seeing as how you dare to make Blazing Mist Flowzone your enemy," the elder coldly remarked.

Lu Yin stared at that man. "Old man, you're even braver. You dared to attack the Outerverse's Allied Forces' Commander. Do you realize that by doing this, you're betraying the Fifth Mainland?"

The elder's pupils shrank. "Junior, what crap is this?"

Betraying the Fifth Mainland was something that nobody wanted to be accused of, as it was considered to be one of the worst possible crimes. Even if the accused was a cultivator with a power level of more than 400,000, an Envoy, or even a powerhouse with a power level exceeding 800,000, no one could survive after being convicted of such a crime.

### **Chapter 1060: Daynight Flowzone**

Lu Yin looked up. "I, Lu Yin, am the Outerverse Allied Forces' Commander, and behind me stands the Outerverse Allied Forces. If you attack them, then you'd be betraying the Fifth Mainland. Old man, have you considered how best to explain yourself to the Hall of Honor?"

The elder grew furious. "Junior, how dare you try to frame me! You're asking for it!"

The fiery giant suddenly swatted down.

Lu Yin fiercely charged out to block the fire giant, but the elder merely sneered. This kid's defensive armor was indeed capable of blocking his Fire Spirit's attack, but its attacks did not rely solely on its flames. Rather, it focused more on its raw force. Even if the kid could block the flames, he would not be able to endure the strength of the attack.

The Outerverse Allied Forces were nervous as they watched Lu Yin dash into the inferno.

The Innerverses cultivators were also nervous, and only the people from the Blaze Realm grew excited at this sight. That giant was the Blaze Realm's hidden trump card: Monster Chi's Fire Spirit. Nobody had ever survived this attack in the past; in their minds, Lu Yin was already doomed.

At this moment, Lu Yin was actually very excited. He was not fighting against the Fire Spirit, but rather traveling through the gaps of the spirit's rune lines. After that, he took out—the Skyblaze Stone.

That was right. In Lu Yin's eyes, not only was this Fire Spirit not an enemy, but it was also a precious fire source.

Although the Fire Spirit's heat fell short of the final layer of dark flames that had protected the Dark Phoenix family, it was not lacking in comparison to the first fourteen layers'. In fact, the fire spirit actually possessed an even higher temperature than the darkflames, which coincidentally meant that it was perfectly suited to be absorbed by the Skyblaze Stone.

Monster Chi frowned and raised a hand, causing the flames within the Fire Spirit's form to surge and converge as lines of flame shot at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin relied on his ability to observe rune lines to continuously evade the jets of flames despite being able to endure the attacks even if they did occasionally land. The strength contained within the Skyblaze Stone exploded as it rapidly devoured the nearby flames.

Monster Chi was not able to sense the changes at first, but before long, his expression changed. His Fire Spirit was growing unstable. How was that possible? He quickly tried to dissipate the flames so that he could reform the Fire Spirit.

Lu Yin immediately took out the small mirror, disrupting the surrounding star energy. Monster Chi was a powerhouse whose power level was greater than 400,000, and in normal circumstances, he could not be disturbed. However, the small mirror had been upgraded thirteen times, and it could disrupt the star energy of someone whose power level exceeded 400,000. Monster Chi could only consider himself unlucky, and he was not able to stop his star energy from being absorbed by the one-way mirror, and since his star energy was being absorbed and disrupted, he could no longer affect the Fire Spirit.

Monster Chi could only blankly watch on as his Fire Spirit grew smaller and smaller before ultimately vanishing as it was absorbed into the Skyblaze Stone.

Lu Yin stored the Skyblaze Stone away, and he happily told Monster Chi, "Thanks!"

Monster Chi felt lost. He had cultivated for ages, but he had never encountered such a scene before. What had just happened? How had his flames been devoured?

"Junior, what did you just do?" Monster Chi sharply questioned.



Lu Yin shrugged. "Nothing much. Hey old man, you're from the Blaze Realm, and that place is known to have a pinnacle battle technique called the Karmic Flame Sword. Do you know it?"

Lu Yin held high expectations as he asked his question, as he hoped to also absorb the Karmic Flames, which he was certain would greatly replenish the Skyblaze Stone's heat. The might of the Karmic Flame Sword was almost entirely due to the Karmic Flames, and people like Arikar only possessed a slight trace of the flames. If this old fart had access to those flames, then he would have much more than a trace of the flames, and their power would be on an entirely different level. They might even approach a power level of 500,000.

Monster Chi warily observed Lu Yin, and the old man felt as though he was unable to continue fighting. Through this one demonstration, his fire-based battle techniques had been rendered completely ineffective against Lu Yin. It was actually worse than that, as Monster Chi's flames were being swallowed. His other attacks would be just as ineffective as the Flame Spirit; was this kid destined to be the Blaze Realm's nemesis?

"Old man, do you or do you not know the Karmic Flame Sword?" Lu Yin asked impatiently.

Monster Chi gritted his teeth. "Junior, what have you done?"

Lu Yin frowned. "Do you dare to use the Karmic Flame Sword or not?"

Monster Chi grew furious. "First, tell me what you just did!"

Lu Yin was left speechless.

The countless cultivators on both sides were at a loss for words, and they could not understand what was happening in front of them.

"They say that the older one gets, the wiler they become. Old man, you're the definition of deceit," Lu Yin said.

Monster Chi sneered. He had cast aside his own reputation in doing so, yet he still was not able to make any sense of what Lu Yin had just done. Thus, the old man simply stopped fighting. He felt like continuing the battle would only benefit his opponent, and Monster Chi felt very sullen about this development.

"Junior, it seems that you have some sort of innate restraint towards fire-based battle techniques. If that's the case, then I will admit defeat this time. However, the next time, it won't be just my Blaze Realm's people looking for you," Monster Chi said.

Lu Yin's expression grew sharp. "Old man, you want to run?"

Monster Chi seethed, replying through clenched teeth. "There's no need to push things, I'm long past the age of getting worked up by an opponent's words. You are a junior, and I recognize your strength. However, since you have united the Outerverse, you have offended the entire Inniverse. Even if my Blazing Mist Flowzone doesn't move against you, someone will appear to take care of you sooner or later."

Lu Yin blinked, and a trace of respect for this Monster Chi burgeoned within him. Despite being a powerhouse from the older generation, he had readily admitted defeat, which was not easy at all. This old man was not concerned about losing face.

Monster Chi indeed did not care about saving face, and he quickly turned to leave. This entire trip had been a waste of his time.

The millions of cultivators from Blazing Mist Flowzone all fell silent, as just retreating like this was absolutely humiliating. However, they really had no other choice, as their opponent's strength was no weaker than their own.

The dozen Innaverse Enlighters were even more reluctant, but what choice did they have? If Monster Chi had not blocked that punch, then they would have all been finished. It was clear that Monster Chi did not want to continue fighting, so they would only be asking for a beating if they stayed behind.

"We'll allow you guys to escape this time, but it won't be long before we return!" The sylvan dragon elder raged.

Lu Yin exhaled. "There's no need for us to wait too long, as you guys can't leave right now."

He then raised his head. "Please, Senior."

The universe suddenly became incredibly oppressive as an indescribable pressure descended that left everyone petrified.

Monster Chi's eyes narrowed. This feeling...?

The next moment, a figure appeared in space right in front of Monster Chi and the others. The newly arrived man looked down at all of them. He was the Sea King's Dome's Elder He.

Lu Yin had asked Elder He to be the powerhouse keeping things under control during this encounter, as Lu Yin had not been confident in what sort of powerhouse Blazing Mist Flowzone would send on this mission. The only way for Lu Yin to feel reassured was if there was an Envoy keeping watch.

Elder He was an Envoy, and his arrival meant the end of everything.

Monster Chi's face went from red to white as he stared at Elder He, overwhelmed. "Senior, why are you making things difficult for those of us from Blazing Mist Flowzone?"

The sylvan dragons, the people from the Ross Empire, the other Enlighters, and all the millions of cultivators from Blazing Mist Flowzone were stupefied at this moment. Who among them could have known that Lu Yin would even be able to make an Envoy move? If they had known, then they definitely would have brought an Envoy of their own.

Elder He did not say a single word.

Lu Yin commented, "Everyone here is a cultivator from the Fifth Mainland, so as long as you promise not to resist or cause any problems, this Senior will not do anything to you."

Monster Chi stared at Lu Yin. "Junior, what do you want?"

Lu Yin's lips curled up. "I'll ask everyone to move to Darkmist Weave, and as for this Astral River Ark, Junior will kindly accept it."

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Half a month later, Lu Yin and Lan Si appeared in the Inverseverse, at Daynight Flowzone's border.

Lu Yin was rather moved as he looked at Daynight Flowzone.

Ever since he had first started cultivating, his fate seemed inextricably tied with the Daynight clan, and it had all started with Nightking Qingyu during Earth's apocalypse. At this moment, Lu Yin had finally arrived at Daynight Flowzone.

Coincidentally, today marked almost twelve years since he had first started cultivating.

"Have you been to Daynight Flowzone before?" Lu Yin asked.

Next to him, Lan Si nodded. "Yes. This one and First Flowzone. That place has the Inverseverse's strongest power, the Sword Sect, but this flowzone has more than just the Daynight clan as the Phoenix family is also located here. This flowzone has given birth to two of the Ten Arbiters."

If Lan Si had not mentioned anything, then Lu Yin would have nearly forgotten about the Phoenix family. This family had always remained quite low-profile, and aside from the universally shocking incident where they had chased the Dark Phoenix family away, they had not done much else. However, they had also given rise to one of the Ten Arbiters, which meant that they certainly were not a simple power.

"Daynight Flowzone, as you can tell from the name, is headed by the Daynight clan, the Phoenix family's territory is considered independent of the Daynight clan. In short, it's basically a small flowzone within Daynight Flowzone."

Lu Yin was curious. "What about the Phoenix family allows them to do that?"

Lan Si shook his head. "I'm not sure. According to the rumors, the people of the Phoenix family don't die very easily, or maybe they still have some ancient powerhouse. After all, they are the family of the Undying Bird."

"For their family name to be the title of an entire flowzone, the Daynight clan is indeed terrifying." Lu Yin sighed.

Lan Si mentioned, "I've heard that, in ancient times, this place was not called Daynight Flowzone, but instead something like the Immortal Frost Flowzone. The name was changed later on."

Lu Yin did not really care about the details from ancient times, as he was busy making his way to Daynight Flowzone's main planet: Nightking Planet.

The Daynight Feast was about to begin.

Last time, he had also been invited to the Daynight Feast, but that had been a long time ago. Back then, he had just encountered an expert with a power level of more than 400,000: Northgate Taisui. That was also when he had first seen an enormous creature from the ancient era, the giant centipede.

Unfortunately, Lu Yin had never arrived at the Daynight Feast. But this time, it was being held primarily for him.

The Daynight Feast was taking place less than four months before the Ten Arbiters and others would enter the Neoverse for the contest at the Astral Tower.

Nightking Zhenwu wanted to deal with Lu Yin before he headed out for the Neoverse, which was something that Lu Yin was well aware of. He similarly wanted to eliminate Nightking Zhenwu before the start of the competition and then do his best to qualify to head into the Neoverse for the contest at the Astral Tower.

That was the inheritance of the Mountains and Seas, and it represented the opportunity to obtain a Progenitor's inheritance.

Lu Yin and Lan Si separated from each other upon arriving in Daynight Flowzone.

The location of Nightking Planet was kept well hidden, but when Lu Yin arrived in Daynight Flowzone, he had informed Nightking Yuanjing, and Nightking Yuanjing had already shared the planet's coordinates with Lu Yin.

Lu Yin checked his location and then directly made his way towards Nightking Planet.

He was not afraid that Nightking Yuanjing would scheme against him, as the ancient stone of inheritance was still in Lu Yin's possession, and that was something that the Daynight clan could not discard. Additionally, he was still the Outerverse Allied Forces' Commander. Even if Nightking Zhenwu had accused him of being a traitor to the Fifth Mainland and was under investigation by the Hall of Honor, that status had not been revoked. This was also why Monster Chi had been repeatedly reminded to not kill Lu Yin before the old man had gone to the Outerverse. The Daynight clan similarly did not dare kill Lu Yin.

Daynight Flowzone was vast, and Lu Yin curiously glanced around. This region had been settled for countless years, and long before the Daynight clan had been born, this place had already existed. Too many events had occurred in this place's history.

There were times when Lu Yin pondered over just how vast the universe really was. Could there be something beyond the six mainlands? Could there be an even more powerful civilization out there? A stronger human race that would lead to their utter destruction?

In front of Lu Yin, there was a dilapidated-looking spacecraft shakily flying along. It was not very large, and sparks occasionally burst out from it. It was obvious that it would not last for much longer.

Behind the spacecraft, there was another vessel quickly approaching it, and this second one had the Daynight clan's emblem prominently displayed at the front.