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Chapter 1181: Arbitration World

Lu Yin's heart fell when he heard Mu En's question. This was not good. When the Xun family elder had told Elder Lohar about the Neohuman Alliance's presence on Shenwu Continent, Elder Lohar had intended to destroy the continent. However, he had been stopped by Lu Yin. To gain the necessary authority, Lu Yin had revealed that he was able to visit the Daosource Sect. If Mu En reached out to Elder Lohar, then not only would the fact that Lu Yin was able to visit the Daosource Sect be revealed, but the matter regarding the blood-red bell might also come to light.

Lu Yin was not overly concerned if his ability to visit the Daosource sect was revealed, as it was not terribly important in the grander scheme of things. However, the matter regarding that little red bell could not be revealed.

All of this flashed through Lu Yin's mind in an instant, and he quickly replied, "Junior reported the matter to Yuan Shi, who personally went to sweep through Shenwu Continent."

Mu En nodded, not having any doubts regarding the truth of this statement. Lu Yin's relationship with Yuan Shi was widely known within the Hall of Honor, and this was not an issue that Lu Yin could afford to lie about. Besides, Lu Yin's knowledge of the vitality-draining poison supported his statements, as he could have simply kept his mouth shut.

This was exactly why Mu En did not grow suspicious of Lu Yin's answer, and instead, he continued on speaking. "The poison that was used here was not No. 91, but No. 70 at the least. Or possibly an even stronger version of the poison," Mu En said quietly.

Lu Yin knew that the Regression poison's number indicated their efficacy, but he had still not expected the poison that had been used on this world to have been so potent. This poison had killed off an entire world.

He then remembered the assassin in the Outerverse, Poison Master. It had been said that he had once killed 100 billion people, but they had been almost all regular humans. This hidden world had held many powerful experts, and there had definitely been Envoys among their numbers.

Wait a moment, there were more than 3,000 hidden worlds across the Honor Zone. It was impossible for each of them to have an Envoy.

Even after searching through the entire hidden world, no one from the Neohuman Alliance could be found. So. Mu En took Lu Yin and the other two youths back out of the hidden world before incinerating the entire dimension.

"What a pity. If not for the Regression poison, that world could have been sold at a very decent price," Mu En casually commented.

Lu Yin was puzzled. "Sold?"

Shu Jing opened his mouth to offer an explanation. "Selling off hidden worlds is a business exclusive to the Neoverse. As long as one has reached the Envoy realm, then with the proper materials, they can

make a hidden world like this one and then sell it off. Most of the hidden worlds throughout the Honor Zone are ones that were made and sold in this manner, and some were even custom-made".

Lu Yin was rendered speechless; was such a thing actually possible? Even worlds could be made? This was something that he had never considered before. It was no wonder why there were 3,000 hidden worlds roaming about the Honor Zone.

Learning that hidden worlds could be made in such a manner calmed Lu Yin down, because he had been under the impression that each hidden world had their own Envoy level powerhouse. The thought of more than 3,000 Envoys roaming about was simply terrifying.

The world hidden within the drop of water was completely incinerated by Mu En, and finally, an ancient stone fell out of the void that the elder picked up and tucked away.

Lu Yin assumed that the stone was likely one of the materials needed to make a hidden world. If that was the case, then just having this material meant that one would be able to ask an Envoy for help and make a hidden world!

The universe was so vast that all sorts of strange situations and environments existed.

Not even rumors of such possibilities had entered the Outerverse or the Innerverse's ear. Or, if they had, those rumors had never reached Lu Yin's ears. This was because such a thing was completely out of reach for the people in those places, and the necessary material to create hidden worlds would never even make it to the Innerverse or Outerverse.

The destruction of an entire world left everyone in a gloomy mood. The Neohuman Alliance was pervasive and coldblooded, and they employed the absolute worst methods to achieve their goals.

Lu Yin suddenly remembered that Silver had mentioned something about Whiteless God and Aeterna, the list of every person in the Human Domain who was cooperating with the Neohuman Alliance. Lu Yin had initially wanted to mention this list of people to Mu En, but he had eventually decided against it. For one, revealing such a thing to Mu En would be useless. After all, he was only a Judicial Commissioner, and he did not possess the power or authority to investigate such a thing. Additionally, it was impossible to know if Mu En might be part of Aeterna himself.

Sometimes, the less likely it seemed for a person to be a traitor, the more likely it was that they actually were one.

Lu Yin's experience throughout the years had tempered him to always remain calm and steady, so he would not rashly speak up. He knew the proverb regarding loose lips.

The matter regarding Aeterna had only been casually mentioned by Silver, and it was entirely possible that most of the Neohuman Alliance's members had no knowledge of such a list existing. It would be easy for them to act like Silver had never said anything, but if the Neohuman Alliance discovered that Lu Yin was revealing all of these secrets, he would be in great trouble and might face a disaster in the nearby future.

Before long, far off in the distance, at the limits of Lu Yin's vision, a light appeared. Soon after he saw the light, the scenery around them changed. Everything started to feel warmer, safer, and even... holier.

"This is the Hall of Honor. Don't randomly use your Truesight here," Mu En warned Lu Yin.

Lu Yin was startled, as he had just been thinking of observing how many rune lines there were in the Hall of Honor, but Mu En's warning was like a bucket of cold water.

He had not even been able to observe the runes in the Sea King's Dome, as the attempt had caused his eyes to bleed. And the Sea King's Dome was definitely lightyears away from matching up to the Hall of Honor. If Lu Yin behaved rashly and used Truesight here, he would definitely end up suffering for it.

"Thank you for the reminder." Lu Yin was grateful.

Mu En's voice revealed his emotions. "The universe has endured countless years, and from when mankind first appeared to the present, there have been countless powerhouses who have created untold numbers of civilizations and techniques. But throughout all the eons, Truesight can still be considered to stand at the absolute top. The Rune Progenitor was someone who truly stood at the pinnacle of humanity. You have been able to cultivate Truesight, so if you ever receive the opportunity, try to visit Gods' Origin. They have many relics from the Rune Civilization."

"I'll keep that in mind," Lu Yin replied. He then looked up, and his pupils shrank. The cniu truly moved too quickly, because in just the blink of an eye, they had finished approaching the Hall of Honor. Lu Yin was suddenly able to see the seat of the master of the entire Human Domain.

So, this was the Hall of Honor?

Lu Yin glanced around in shock. There were lofty mountains whose peaks he could not see. There were white clouds, wide rivers, giant beasts, bright stars, and even enormous galaxies rotating about the mountains. There was an indescribable brilliance no matter where he looked. The sea that he saw seemed to cover the stars, and there were what looked like worlds lying within the rivers. He noticed one hidden world after another no matter where he looked, alongside numerous bizarre life forms.

Humans were not the only beings here, as there were also various other creatures. They ran the gamut from beautiful, flowery elves to ancient, majestic, and solemn giant apes. There were also divine pythons that were too long to see all at once, and so much more.

There were million-foot-tall trees that shot straight into the starry sky and delicate air currents decorating them. He noticed that there was also a humanoid race that looked like palm-sized humans living on the trees. The tiny people were staring up at them with curiosity.

With the speed that the cniu traveled at, they were suddenly in the middle of an ocean, or more accurately, they were within a flower that was blooming in the middle of the ocean.

This flower was a world itself, and it held other hidden worlds as well.

There were many people in the sky, and they were riding a variety of creatures, but they were soon swept far behind them.

Next, they saw tens of millions of people, all kneeling in the direction of the high mountains, and they were surrounded by countless experts from the Hall of Honor. High above them, there were ripples separating them from the rest of the sky, and it gave the impression of the Hall of Honor being removed from the rest of the universe.

Lu Yin could not see the end of the Hall of Honor as it was simply too big. The Hall of Honor consisted of one percent of the Honor Zone, and although that sounded like a tiny amount, when one considered the sheer size of the Honor Zone, it meant that the Hall of Honor actually took up a massive area.

"There are more than 3,000 hidden worlds in the Honor Zone, and my Hall of Honor possesses more than a hundred of them. All of the hidden worlds hope to gain the attention of my Hall of Honor and receive our blessing," Mu En commented.

Lu Yin looked in all four directions in awe. He could not describe the emotions rocking his heart at this moment, but he knew that he was less than an ant in the face of the Hall of Honor.

Eh? There? Lu Yin looked at one point far off in the distance in amazement. It was what appeared to be a normal mountain whose peak had been cut off at a corner, and although it looked like a natural rock formation, such a thing was impossible within the Hall of Honor. It was more likely a scar leftover from an attack.

Mu En followed Lu Yin's gaze and softly said, "Let's go. I'll take you to the Arbitration World."

Lei Nü and Shu Jing bade Mu En and Lu Yin farewell before taking their leave, though they glanced back at Lu Yin.

As the master of the Human Domain, the Hall of Honor radiated a bright, warm feeling. They gave the impression of being tolerant and graceful, as though they were the ones that offered the greatest amount of help possible to all who came. However, beneath this radiance, the Hall of Honor was a steel rod. They were ruthless, and they possessed the most powerful team of enforcers in the entire Human Domain. These enforcers were known as the Interstellar Supreme Court.

A defining feature of the Neoverse was the presence of hidden worlds, and while some of these hidden worlds contained unknown civilizations, the Interstellar Supreme Court was also headquartered within a hidden world, and not just any at that.

Mu En led Lu Yin across half of the Hall of Honor before entering and descending to the very bottom of a massive tree. That was where the Arbitration World was located.

There was light at the top and darkness at the bottom. It was as though the Arbitration World provided nutrients to the Hall of Honor and was forever hidden down below it.

The moment Lu Yin entered the Arbitration World, his entire body felt cold. He looked around and saw a dark starry sky, but it was as though he could not see anything at all. Lu Yin knew that he was being watched from the moment he had entered. He also knew that if he showed any signs of suspicion at all, he would not be able to survive for even a second.

The vast space that surrounded them was filled with stars, and there were people atop each star. Lu Yin assumed that they were people from the Supreme Court. They looked decisive, cold-blooded, and ruthless, and their mere existence ensured the Hall of Honor's unquestionable authority over the rest of the Human Domain.

Lu Yin understood that he was facing the sword of the Human Domain and that he was looking at the sharpest blade of the Hall of Honor's enforcer.

Without saying anything, Mu En led Lu Yin forward and had him move to a massive star in the center of the space.

The moment Lu Yin reached the star, his body lurched, and beads of sweat rained down from his forehead. He felt countless eyes staring at him from all directions. The gazes of the experts on this star focused on him with ruthless eyes, and hints of killing and teasing intent came at him from everywhere, all at once.

Lu Yin was almost left breathless. This was similar to the unbearable pressure that he had suffered when he first visited the Great Yu Empire's court. However, at that time, he had just been a Sentinel and had been facing powerhouses who had been stronger than Cruisers, whose mere pressure had left him unable to breath. At the moment, Lu Yin was feeling the same pressure again, but this time, the killing intent was stronger.

These people were like predators.

"What are you looking at?" A stern shout caused the stars to tremble, and even the Arbitration World itself.

Lu Yin snapped out of his daze and realized that there was someone in front of him. Lu Yin could not see the man's face, as his back was facing Lu Yin. The man raised his right hand. "Look at him like that again, and I'll exterminate you!"

Mu En moved over to Lu Yin's side before stepping forward to stand next to the man's side. He respectfully spoke to the man, saying, "Mister Wudi,1 my apologies. These people are accustomed to acting in such a way, so please set your anger aside."

Lu Yin stared at the person in front of him; had this man just managed to suppress the entire Arbitration World with just one sentence? That was too terrifying! Mr. Invincible? Could this person possibly be...?

The man snorted coldly, and his eyes swept past Mu En to look back at Lu Yin. The man's eyes suddenly softened, and he revealed a smile. "Don't be afraid. Who would dare bully you? Your Senior Brother will handle this for you."

Lu Yin's eyes lit up, and he immediately bowed. "Nominal disciple Lu Yin greets Senior Brother."

This man was none other than the most senior disciple of Eversky Island, Highsage Wudi. He was a terrifying powerhouse with a power level that exceeded a million, and a single word from him was enough to suppress the entire Arbitration World.

Chapter 1182: Judgment

Not many people in the entire Neoverse could match up to Highsage Wudi, and within the Arbitration World, only the Chief Justice of the Interstellar Supreme Court could possibly keep Highsage Wudi under control.

Lu Yin had previously heard about Highsage Wudi from Highsage Shenwei, but Lu Yin only had a vague impression of his senior disciple. Still, from what Lu Yin had observed, Highsage Wudi was comparable to Yuan Shi at the very least.

Highsage Wudi laughed and nodded as he patted Lu Yin on the shoulder. "Let's go! I'll take you to see the Chief Justice. I'm positive that you aren't being controlled by the Neohuman Alliance, but we'll still need the Chief Justice to make the decision."

Lu Yin nodded and followed Highsage Wudi.

He felt less worried with Highsage Wudi's presence.

Since one of the Hall of Honor's nine overseers was from the Daynight clan, Lu Yin knew that he had an enemy within the Hall of Honor. However, the overseers only handled administrative duties, and they did not actually control the Hall of Honor.

The nine overseers definitely would not be able to affect the Chief Justice's decision.

For a long time, Lu Yin had been in awe of the Interstellar Supreme Court's Chief Justice, especially after Lu Yin had Pilfered the blood-red bell. For many nights, Lu Yin had been plagued by nightmares of the Chief Justice chasing after him, and that dream still terrified Lu Yin.

He grew incredibly nervous the moment he thought about meeting the Chief Justice.

He hoped that nobody was aware that he had stolen that blood-red bell.

Lu Yin was surprised to learn that he needed to stand on a set of scales; he had never seen anyone stand on scales while being judged.

There were two sides of the scale; one represented life and the other death. After the Chief Justice's decision was made, the scales would tilt to the corresponding side. Not everybody had the right to be judged with these scales.

There were many stars scattered throughout the Interstellar Supreme Court, but there were only a few scales, and thus, only certain people were qualified to be judged with these scales. Generally, most people would only receive an instant judgment and would never even approach this area.

Lu Yin was still young, and he should not have qualified to be judged by the Chief Justice himself, but Lu Yin was Yuan Shi's Chosen, and Eversky Island was also behind him. However, the most important detail was that Lu Yin was the master of the entire Outerverse.

Just the fact that he had subdued the Outerverse was enough to get the Chief Justice involved.

The Outerverse was a massive portion of the Human Domain, and thus, the ruler of the Outerverse could only be judged by the Chief Justice himself.

Those in attendance to witness the proceedings included Highsage Wudi, Mu En, and two other Judicial Commissioners: the Calm of Despair and the Shadow of Death.

Lu Yin looked at the Calm of Despair curiously. He was a solemn middle aged man with a slightly haggard look. This Judicial Commissioner supported the Daynight clan, and Lu Yin had heard that this Judicial Commissioner brought despair to everybody, and everyone who mentioned him feared him.

As for the Shadow of Death, Lu Yin had encountered this commissioner during the battle against the Sixth Mainland in the Cosmic Sea. At that time, the Shadow of Death had appeared with a blood-red bell. There were rumors that he was the most senior of the three Judicial Commissioners and that he was even on par with the Chief Justice himself.

Lu Yin's gaze drew the attention of the Calm of Despair. He turned to smile at Lu Yin and even nodded in a friendly manner.

Lu Yin bowed in return, but he only grew more wary of the man.

"The court convenes." The Chief Justice's voice rang out, but Lu Yin could not see the Chief Justice anywhere.

The three Judicial Commissioners were all accustomed to this, as the Chief Justice did not normally show himself.

Highsage Wudi was equally unfazed, as he had witnessed these trials before.

But Lu Yin was extremely nervous. Although he knew that he was not being controlled by death energy, it was still true that he had cultivated with death energy. Thus, he had no idea how the Chief Justice would rule. However, Lu Yin had no choice in the matter. He had to go through this trial simply because his strength was lacking.

At this time, the person whom Lu Yin wished would appear the most was Mr. Mu. Master, ah, Master. You've been gone for so long! It's time for you to show up and support your disciple.

The scales remained still, and the three Judicial Commissioners all grew solemn. Highsage Wudi looked up at the point in front of the scales, which was the Chief Justice's spot. The space might look empty, but Highsage Wudi knew that the Chief Justice was staring at Lu Yin.

To be honest, Highsage Wudi was not very confident about Lu Yin's situation. Highsage Wudi was quite familiar with the Neohuman Alliance's methods, so how could Lu Yin have managed to escape so easily after being captured by Shaman God? It was also possible that Lu Yin himself was unaware that he was being controlled.

Eversky Island felt apologetic towards Lu Yin, and had they known that the Neohuman Alliance would strike during the most recent Astral Tower, they would have told Lu Yin the truth. In that case, at least he might have had a chance to touch the golden platform and escape with the others and avoid being captured.

This trial was a mental struggle, and Lu Yin stopped breathing while his fate was being decided.

After a while, the Chief Justice's voice rang out. "Judgment!"

The three Judicial Commissioners and Highsage Wudi all stared intently at Lu Yin, only to see his body move due to an unseen force that shifted him towards one end of the scales: life.

Lu Yin was completely unable to control his body, so he was thoroughly relieved to discover that he had been moved to the side representing his survival.

Highsage Wudi also sighed with relief, overjoyed at the outcome.

Mu En smiled and nodded.

The Shadow of Death remained expressionless, much like a shadow, but the Calm of Despair behaved differently.

Desperate, Mu Tianlun's eyes flickered over to the Chief Justice's position.

"He is not being controlled, but he has cultivated with death energy. I hope that you will be able to maintain your heart and not be controlled by the death energy. This power is neither good nor evil, but it can easily influence people and guide them towards death. This power is that of darkness," the Chief Justice spoke in a low voice after delivering his verdict.

Lu Yin's heart lurched. Sure enough, the Chief Justice had noticed that Lu Yin had cultivated with death energy. Everything about Lu Yin had been laid bare before the Chief Justice, but fortunately, the Chief Justice was open-minded. Lu Yin did not hesitate in the slightest to bow to the Chief Justice. "Thank you, Chief Justice, for the reminder."

Highsage Wudi looked over at Lu Yin in surprise; this kid had cultivated with death energy? Highsage Wudi had not been able to sense it at all. Wasn't the ability to cultivate with death energy unique to the Specter Clan? How could a normal person cultivate it?

Mu En stared at Lu Yin with the same confusion.

Mu Tianlun opened his mouth. "Chief Justice, using death energy is a cultivation method that belongs to the Specter Clan. Anyone who cultivates death energy, even if they are not initially controlled, will be suppressed by a Specter clan member that has a stronger cultivation or purer energy."

Lu Yin's eyes grew cold as he turned to stare at Mu Tianlun.

Mu Tianlun continued to show a gentle smile, and he even turned around to look at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin clenched his fists. This was someone who used his words to kill without ever seeing blood.

"Mu Tianlun, the Chief Justice has already delivered his verdict. Are you challenging the Chief Justice's decision?" Highsage Wudi shouted sternly as he stared at Mu Tianlun.

Mu Tianlun laughed. "I would not dare to be so bold. Highsage Wudi understands death energy, and you should understand if what I'm saying is true or not. Death energy is easily suppressed, and it is easy to control other practitioners as long as one's mastery of it is greater. Even if he is not controlled at the moment, that does not mean that he will never be controlled."

Highsage Wudi wanted to retort, but he was unable to do so as Mu Yianlun's words were impossible to refute. The difference between those with greater and lesser mastery was too distinct, and once a

person was suppressed, the death energy in their body would be easily manipulated. At that time, even if they did not lose their mind, all was still lost.

Highsage Wudi helplessly looked back at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin was thinking about how he could explain his immunity to being suppressed by the death energy when the Chief Justice spoke up. "The death energy that this child cultivates cannot be suppressed, and he will not be controlled by them."

Mu Tianlun was shocked, as he had not expected that reply from the Chief Justice.

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"Almighty Chief Justice, even if the death energy within this child cannot be controlled by them, it can most likely still be influenced. Furthermore, this child stands at the absolute peak of the entire Human Domain and is also one of the Hall of Honor's Honor Chosen. If word that he cultivates with death energy leaks out, it will discredit the Hall of Honor." Mu Tianlun continued to plead his case.

"There are endless paths to cultivating. Progenitor Chen once went against the Daosource Sect's orders and merged the ancient giants' bloodline into one of his clones. That violated the Daosource Sect's infallible doctrine, but they forgave him in the end. There is no reason for me to not do the same," the Chief Justice said.

Mu Tianlun frowned and shot a troubled glance towards the empty location that belonged to the Chief Justice. Mu En and the Shadow of Death also focused on the same location. The Chief Justice had never been one to give much of an explanation for his judgments, but in this case, he was clearly defending Lu Yin, which was unnecessary.

It was clear to everyone that the Chief Justice was speaking up for Lu Yin. This was especially shocking since, given the Chief Justice's personality, it did not matter to him at all that Lu Yin was backed by Yuan Shi and Eversky Island. It would not even matter if he were backed by one of the Arch-Elders; the Chief Justice should still remain unbiased and not defend a defendant in a manner like this. The Chief Justice always needed to keep in mind that he was one of the true supreme members of the Hall of Honor.

Even Highsage Wudi was able to notice that the Chief Justice was defending Lu Yin. Surprised, Highsage Wudi looked at Lu Yin in a questioning manner; could this child have some sort of personal relationship with the Chief Justice?

In stark contrast to everyone else, Lu Yin did not feel that this matter warranted much notice. He was not familiar with the Chief Justice, and thus, he merely thought that the Chief Justice was being fair and speaking the truth. Lu Yin let out a small laugh. "Thank you, Chief Justice, for upholding justice."

Mu Tianlun was still feeling indignant, and he looked over at Lu Yin. "Boy, you don't know enough about death energy! It is not that all of us are trying to pick on you, but rather, with your position, the fact that you've cultivated death energy would have too large of an impact on society. The ramifications could be catastrophic! What do you think of all this?"

Lu Yin blinked and said, "I think that everything's just fine."

Mu En smirked and stifled his impulse to laugh.

Highsage Wudi's lips started to curl up as well.

Mu Tianlu was not familiar with Lu Yin, but Lu Yin was fearless, as evidenced by how he had nearly overturned the entire Daynight Flowzone. Naturally, such a person would not be overly concerned about a threat from a Judicial Commissioner.

"How did you manage to suppress death energy and cultivate it? If it's not stable, then you cannot continue using it and will need to remove it." Mu Tianlun refused to relent.

Highsage Wudi loudly exclaimed, "Mu Tianlun, are you trying to force him into revealing his cultivation techniques? That's quite interesting. Since that's the case, then why don't you share all the techniques that you've cultivated with us as well? Including your secret techniques and everything else about you, both minor and important? List them off one by one, as if you're being punished for punching someone or peeping on girls. Don't leave anything out!"

Mu Tianlian glared fiercely at Lu Yin and completely ignored Highsage Wudi's provocation.

Lu Yin's eyes locked with Mu Tianlun's. Then, Lu Yin slowly uttered four words, one by one. "Not. To. Be. Disclosed."

Mu Tianlun arched a brow, and his expression stiffened.

Mu En stood. "The Chief Justice has already declared his decision, and Lu Yin has been proven that he is free of any outside control. Thus, his freedom shall be restored."

After speaking, he turned to Lu Yin and said, "You've been through a lot, child."

Lu Yin bowed. "Thank you, Judicial Commissioner Mu En, for your concern."

After that, he turned and bowed to the empty location that belonged to the Chief Justice. "Thank you, Chief Justice, for your ruling."

Mu En smiled and nodded.

The Shadow of Death instantly disappeared.

Mu Tianlun stood, his face sullen. Just as he was about to leave, Highsage Wudi grabbed his shoulder. Mu Tianlun turned around to stare at Highsage Wudi, and Highsage Wudi trained his eyes on the Judicial Commissioner as he strengthened his grip. Mu Tianlun's expression grew annoyed. "Mister Wudi, what are you trying to do?"

In a low voice, Highsage Wudi replied, "Nothing. I just wanted to remind you that we of Eversky Island are not easy targets." After saying that, he squeezed his right hand, instantly crushing Mu Tianlun's shoulder. The Judicial Commissioner did not make a sound throughout the entire process.

Highsage Wudi then released his grip and scoffed in a condescending manner.

Mu Tianlun picked up his feet and continued on his way, leaving.

Mu En sighed.

Lu Yin was a bit thrown off by the exchange, but he quickly recovered and spoke to Highsage Wudi and Mu En. "Since Little Yin here is free again, my position as an Honor Chosen should be restored, right?"

Mu En nodded. "Rest easy. The Chief Justice informed us earlier, and I will submit an application to the nine overseers."

Highsage Wudi still felt confused by what had happened, and he quietly asked, "What connections does Little Yin have with the Chief Justice?"

Mu En thought that the trial was strange as well. "I don't know. Do you?"

"How would I know?" retorted Highsage Wudi.

Both men turned to stare at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin was confused as well. He was still processing what had happened when he had talked back to the Calm of Despair. Lu Yin had to admit that being so bold felt quite invigorating. That man had helped the Daynight clan in the past, and Lu Yin had finally been able to retaliate a bit.

"Oh right, now that Lu Yin is back, the Hall of Honor can relieve Bu Laoweng of his duties of overseeing the Great Eastern Alliance, right?" Highsage Wudi asked.

Lu Yin was surprised to hear this; some Bu Laoweng had been tasked with overseeing the Great Eastern Alliance? That was news to him.

Mu En showed a bit of frustration. "I'm sorry Mr. Wudi, but that was a decision made by the nine overseers, and it has nothing to do with us from the Interstellar Supreme Court. We have no right to interfere either."

"Don't try to pull that garbage on me. The nine overseers are nothing but figure heads. It's not like I don't know that," Highsage Wudi refuted.

Mu En laughed bitterly. "Even so, a Judicial Commissioner like me has no power over the nine overseers. Isn't that so?"

Highsage Wudi pondered the matter and felt that this was accurate. "I'll go and look for the Chief Justice myself then."

Mu En did not say a word and simply had someone deliver Lu Yin's cosmic ring and gadget to him.

Lu Yin quietly put his cosmic ring away. He should be feeling happy at this moment, but after learning that this Bu Laoweng had been given control of the Great Eastern Alliance, Lu Yin had fallen into a foul mood.

He had only been captured by the Neohuman Alliance for a short while, but the people from the Hall of Honor had already laid their eyes on his Great Eastern Alliance.

With the authority of the Hall of Honor, Bu Laoweng, whomever he might be, had likely already successfully taken over the reigns of the Great Eastern Alliance.

Mu En left, and Highsage Wudi led Lu Yin along as they left the Arbitration World.

"Senior, who is Bu Laoweng?" Lu Yin asked.

Highsage Wudi answered, "I know that you have many questions, but let's leave for now. I'll slowly fill you in."

Lu Yin nodded and followed behind Highsage Wudi.

There were many trees planted throughout the Hall of Honor, and they were all tall. From their boughs fell down flows of air like waterfalls, one stream after another.

Lu Yin and Highsage Wudi moved to the top of a tree, and from there, they saw the peak of a close by mountain. From this location, they had a beautiful view of an impressive portion of the Hall of Honor, and down below them was the setting sun. All of these elements together coalesced into a striking picture accented by the sea's reflection. The view was breathtaking.

None of the other beautiful sceneries that Lu Yin had seen in the universe could compare to this view of the Hall of Honor. This place truly had appeared to be something out of a dream.

Highsage Wudi told Lu Yin about many of the things that had happened recently, including how the Mountains and Seas Zone had exploded, formed a blackhole that swept through the universe, and formed a barrier. He also mentioned how the Sixth Mainland had been brought in and how the Outerverse would be given over to the Sixth Mainland. The older man thoroughly explained many things.

Mu En either had limited knowledge of these events, or had been unwilling to say more, but Highsage Wudi had no such hesitations.

The people of Eversky Island would not lie to their own people.

Lu Yin was shaken, as he could never have imagined that so many things would have happened during his time in captivity. It was no wonder why the Sixth Mainland had been allowed to participate in ZENITH.

The creatures being held back by the blackhole's horizontal barrier and the grudge with the Sixth Mainland had all been a part of Progenitor Hui's plan. Lu Yin could not imagine just how impressive one's intellect had to be for them to plot out schemes that would determine the fates of countless others.

However, this was nothing more than a passing thought in his mind. Lu Yin did not dwell on the thought because it was something that was simply too far removed from him. What concerned him the most were the developments regarding the Outerverse.

"Has it been set in stone that the Outerverse will be given over to the Sixth Mainland?" Lu Yin asked yet again, unwilling to believe it.

Highsage Wudi helplessly responded, "If we didn't give it to them, their three Progenitors wouldn't have agreed to help us fight against the greater enemies, and a calamity would have struck our Fifth Mainland instead. If that happened, then forget about the Outerverse—the entire Human Domain, along with the Technocracy and Astral Beast Domain, would be doomed."

"Just what sort of beings are we defending ourselves from? What could have rendered even Progenitors powerless?" Lu Yin questioned.

Highsage Wudi grew serious. "I can't tell you about that for now, but when you reach the level of an Envoy, you'll earn the right to also know."

Lu Yin felt dejected. An Envoy? That was too far away. He had only just become a Hunter.

"More importantly, right now, you should be preparing for ZENITH. I know that you've improved drastically, but don't underestimate your opponents. Even during the battle for the Astral Tower, there were some people who didn't reveal their full strength. We were analyzing everyone's abilities at that time, and the other forces most likely were doing the same," Highsage Wudi commented.

Lu Yin's expression grew cold, and he earnestly answered, "I understand, Senior."

Highsage Wudi sighed. "Though I was one of the Honor Chosens of the past, I, your senior, failed to make it. You must not fail."

"If I do enter the top ten of ZENITH, what exactly is it that I will win?" Lu Yin could not help but ask.

Highsage Wudi did not answer immediately and instead smiled. "An out of this world opportunity that will allow you to enter an infinitely larger world."

Lu Yin did not understand, but Highsage Wudi did not offer any further explanations. "Wait here. I'm going to go ask for your position as an Honor Chosen to be restored. Who knows how long they'll drag things out if we don't give them a little push."

"Senior, I would like to contact some people in the Outerverse," Lu Yin said. With his gadget, there was no way for him to contact anyone in the Outerverse while he was in Neoverse.

Highsage Wudi replied, "Come with me. I'll take you somewhere." Then, he led the way.

The space within the Hall of Honor was the most stable that Lu Yin had ever encountered before. It felt as though only Envoys could possibly tear through the void here, and it was clearly beyond his capabilities. Although Highsage Wudi was strong enough to do so, he held himself back out of respect for the Hall of Honor.

Many years had passed, but the Hall of Honor had always been the master of the Human Domain. Even though they could be tyrannical and often chose to sacrifice others for the greater good, their existence still allowed the vast majority of humanity to enjoy normal lives. Even Eversky Island had to show respect for what the Hall of Honor had accomplished.

Lu Yin followed Highsage Wudi, and they passed by one towering tree after another that shot up towards outer space. Before long, they arrived at the foot of the main mountain within the Hall of Honor. "This mountain contains the Hall of Honor as well as its origins. There is only one mountain within the Hall of Honor, and it is known as Mt. Microcosms."

Standing at the base of the mountain, Lu Yin tipped his head up as far as possible, but he still could not see the peak. He actually actually had been unable to see the peak of this mountain even when atop the large tree earlier.

"That's enough gawking. You can't see anything with just your eyes. However, I'll tell you one thing even if I wanted to topple this mountain, I wouldn't be able to do so," said Highsage Wudi.

Lu Yin was appalled. Highsage Wudi was an expert whose power level exceeded one million. Such power was enough to place him at the very peak of the entire Human Domain, and it meant that he was comparable to even to Yuan Shi. If he was placed within the Sixth Mainland, then he would be a Cosmic Imprinter. But despite his apex strength, was he actually saying Yin that he could not destroy a mountain?

"Mt. Microcosms contains multiple hidden worlds, and one of them is known as the CyNet Great World. Have you heard of CyNet?" Highsage Wudi questioned.

Lu Yin thought that the name sounded a bit familiar, so he considered it for a bit. His eyes then suddenly flashed. "Is that the company that runs the universal network?"

Highsage Wudi nodded. "That's right. Cyberstars Network links the entire universe. They're headquartered here in Mt. Microcosms, as they are overseen and protected by the Hall of Honor."

CyNet had started in the Innerverse, and although they had long planned to connect the Innerverse's network to the rest of the universe, they had failed. Until recently, they had only managed to connect their network to Ironblood Weave and a few other weaves.

Chapter 1184: A Familiar Stranger

Grand Marshal Shui Chuanxiao had deliberately setup Endless Weave to suffer a defeat in order to create an opportunity for the proposal for a universal network to be resubmitted. CyNet had eventually won the bid for the project, becoming the largest network company in the entire universe in one fell swoop.

The reason behind their success was not just the high price that they had paid, as over the many years, they had also set up networks for various powers throughout the universe. Thus, they were able to instantly merge all of the various networks together. It could even be said that they had predicted this turn of events long ago and that they had merely been biding their time.

When Lu Yin asked En Ya about this matter, she had said that many people from CyNet had reached out to Grand Marshal Shui Chuanxiao, and the two parties had come to an agreement. As a result, Shui Chuanxiao had deliberately lost in Endless Weave.

Lu Yin had always been curious about CyNet. This company had seen a possibility and then found the right person. This was not merely a matter of vision, as what could have possibly convinced them that Shui Chuanxiao had the abilities to help them? What was the source of their belief that, one day, the entire universe would be connected by a single network? These questions had triggered Lu Yin's curiosity.

"By the way, how many Honor points do you have?" Highsage Wudi suddenly asked.

Lu Yin replied, "Twenty."

Highsage Wudi nodded. "That's enough. Average people aren't even allowed to enter the CyNet Great World, but twenty Honor points will get you in."

After saying that, the man set a hand on Lu Yin's shoulder as their two figures flickered. Lu Yin did not move, but when he looked around, they were in an enclosed space, and there was a human figure close by them.

Highsage Wudi said, "Head on in—just walk straight through there. I'm going to go and pressure the nine overseers a bit."

Lu Yin nodded and walked towards the figure. Before long, the space in front of Lu Yin rippled, and he kicked off before disappearing.

Lu Yin had initially assumed that the CyNet World would be a technologically advanced realm. After all, it was the headquarters of the universe's premier network company—it made sense for it to be full of cutting edge technology. But upon entering, Lu Yin found that his assumptions were completely wrong, as he was greeted by a beautiful scenery reminiscent of a verdant paradise.

Right after he entered this world, a vertical curtain of light swept past him, which then turned green. Lu Yin passed through the light curtain without any problems and moved on.

He was surrounded by beautiful mountains and surging rivers. The only building in sight was a tower off in the distance that rose high into the clouds.

The Arbitration World had only contained a starry sky, but the CyNet World had both a ground and a sky. Lu Yin instantly felt the difference, as it was a difference between worlds. According to his estimation, the CyNet World was only about as large as a single star in the Arbitration World.

He did not immediately unleash his domain to better observe his surroundings and instead simply flew towards the tower.

As Lu Yin made his way forward, other people occasionally passed him by, and although they looked at him with clear curiosity in their eyes, no one asked him any questions.

Instead of a large world, CyNet World seemed to be more like a confined space. Neither the Arbitration Great World nor the CyNet Great World had very many people in them. Thus, it did not seem accurate to call either one a world.

Suddenly, a white figure appeared off in the distance that flew past Lu Yin, shooting towards the south.

Lu Yin had not seen that many people in the CyNet Great World, but he had still seen around ten. He had not been overly concerned at first, but after seeing the white figure, his attention snapped onto that person. There was an extremely suspicious gnawing at his heart, as that person felt very familiar.

The white figure was a veiled woman, and even though Lu Yin was unable to see her face, he felt that her eyes were familiar. For this reason alone, he was unable to stop staring at her.

With his cultivation level, Lu Yin was very confident in his exceptional memory, so he was certain that he had seen those eyes somewhere else before. They looked familiar yet unfamiliar at the same time.

Lu Yin trusted his intuition, and he felt that he must have seen the woman before.

With this thought, he chased after the woman, but not by flying, as that would be too conspicuous. Instead, he followed after the woman on the ground

She was quite strong, and she was even a Cruiser. However, she could not compare to Lu Yin and was completely unable to sense him.

The woman in white flew through the sky for more than half an hour before she eventually landed in some nearby mountains, where she instantly disappeared.

Lu Yin passed over the mountain peak with a single leap. He looked down as he passed over, and the sight caused his pupils to shrink as his expression became quite interesting.

This mountain peak was a caldera, and in the center of the depression, there was a hot spring. As Lu Yin passed by overhead, there were two women within the hot spring, and despite the thick steam, Lu Yin could still see a great deal of white skin and black hair. The tantalizing scene filled Lu Yin's mind for a moment, but then he saw the woman's face. Bai Xue?

Lu Yin froze. Is that ...?

Within the hot spring, one of the women's expressions became terrifying, and her face snapped over to look at the peak of the mountain. "Impudent!" she shouted before slapping a hand into the water of the hot spring and sending a flurry of droplets shooting through the sky at Lu Yin. The water froze in midair, taking on the form of an ice-white sword that stabbed at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin was surprised by the sheer viciousness of this sword technique, and he raised a hand and flicked a finger in response, his overwhelming power shattering the ice sword.

Despite its keen edge, the sharp ice sword was not able to get close to Lu Yin.

"Sorry! It's just a misunderstanding!" Lu Yin hurriedly tried to explain himself as he turned around.

The two women who had been in the water emerged and dressed themselves while standing above the water. One seized a long sword formed from ice condensed out of the air. The sword was then swung towards Lu Yin. As the attack approached him, the void froze over as ice flowers bloomed and spread out. Lu Yin was surprised yet again. This sword?

Bang!

The woman's sword was stopped by his domain, and despite her exceptional sword skills, she was unable to push through Lu Yin's domain. However, Lu Yin had never expected his domain to actually start freezing.

The woman's ice possessed such an unfathomable strength that it was actually able to freeze his domain.

Lu Yin's expression changed, and he unleashed the power of his domain, shattering the ice.

The woman wielding the sword stared at Lu Yin with cold eyes, but then, surprise suddenly spread across her face. "It's you?"

Lu Yin also stared back at the woman. As he looked at her, she did indeed have a familiar look. Although he had initially thought that she was Bai Xue, her appearance was merely extremely similar, not identical. Bai Xue was cold, but she also possessed a soft beauty. This woman was even colder than Bai Xue, though her appearance was also more stunning. Suddenly, Lu Yin thought of someone. "Are you Bai Qian?"

The woman put away her sword, her expression still cold. "Why are you here?"

"Are you really Bai Qian? Bai Xue's sister?" Lu Yin was surprised.

While staring at Bai Qian, the other woman spoke up, asking, "Is this someone you know?"

Bai Qian indifferently replied, "I've seen him before, but I don't know him."

Lu Yin was surprised, as she really was Bai Qian. This woman was a legend, as she had been the first Earthling to reach Neptune, and she had also discovered Nightking Qingyu and had then taken him back to Earth. If not for her, Earth might never have suffered through its apocalypse, let alone everything that had followed after.

It could be said that this woman had changed the lives of countless people.

Lu Yin still remembered when Bai Xue had told him that while her sister, Bai Qian, had a face that could cause a rainbow to lose its color, she was also a woman who had a strong heart and possessed a burning ambition to rule.

This woman should have left Earth towards the end of its apocalypse after receiving an invitation from Starsybil. At that time, she had already become an Explorer, and she had surpassed all of her peers from Earth.

Lu Yin had actually forgotten about this woman, and he had merely assumed that she had most likely died among the stars. He had never expected to run into her at all, let alone in this place. The was the CyNet Great World located within the Neoverse's Hall of Honor. How had this woman actually managed to reach this stage?

"Why are you here?" Lu Yin asked once again. His curiosity was too strong, and he wanted to find out what this woman had been through.

Bai Qian stared at Lu Yin with cold eyes. "This is not a reason for you to peep."

Lu Yin felt embarrassed. "It was an accident, an accident!"

"You have a domain, so how was this an accident?" The woman next to Bai Qian looked at Lu Yin with an inquisitive expression. Her voice was questioning, but her eyes were not as harsh as Bai Qian's. Instead, this woman looked toward Lu Yin with an intense curiosity and some ineffable intention.

Lu Yin explained, "A domain can't be used indiscriminately, as that would be rude."

"But it's not rude to peep?" The woman smirked.

Lu Yin pursed his lips.

"Why did you come here?" Bai Qian asked coldly, still staring at Lu Yin.

"I was captured by the Neohuman Alliance. After I escaped, I was judged by the Chief Justice, and I was judged to be a free man. After that, I wanted to come here to CyNet to call the Outerverse," Lu Yin explained.

Bai Qian became calm and no longer asked any questions.

"Lu Yin—I know you," the woman beside Bai Qian spoke up.

Lu Yin looked at the woman, curious. "And you are ...?"

The woman smiled. "Zi Jing. You'll need to remember this name."

"Why?" Lu Yin was stunned.

The woman's brows rose. "You need to know who you've seen. If I'm unable to get married in the future, I'll have to come looking for you."

Lu Yin let out a dry laugh. This was not his first time being in such a situation, as he had once fallen into Ming Yan's bathtub, and he had also seen Wendy Yushan once when using his domain. That experience had caused Wendy to warn Lu Yin not to use his domain to look for others, particularly so that he would avoid another such situation. However, he had not expected to repeat such an experience due to heeding her warning, and he did not know if his luck was good or bad.

This thought made him recall what he had very clearly seen back then. It had been a very beautiful sight...

No—the more he thought about it, the more he would be unable to resist the thought. Lu Yin quickly changed the subject and looked over at Bai Qian. "Why are you here? There's been no news from you for so many years that Bai Xue even thought you were dead."

Bai Qian's expression twisted as complicated emotions appeared for a moment, but her icy demeanor quickly returned. "Is she okay?"

Lu Yin shook his head. "She hasn't been doing well. First, she was manipulated by some people, and then she disappeared. No one even knows where she is now."

"Where did she go missing?" Bai Qian felt puzzled.

Lu Yin looked at Zi Jing and stayed silent.

Zi Jing smiled. "This seems to be some sort of secret. You two talk."

Then, as if suddenly remembering something, she looked back at Lu Yin. "I can read fortunes."

Lu Yin was confused. "What do you mean?" His first thought was of the Starsybil Sect.

Zi Jing laughed. "I predict that you'll need to ask me for something soon."

Lu Yin was taken aback, but Zi Jing just smiled at him and left.

Lu Yin's eyes flashed and looked over at Bai Qian. "What's her relationship with CyNet Network?"

Bai Qian indifferently replied, "The boss."

"The boss? Her?" Lu Yin exclaimed.

Bai Qian frowned. "Where did Bai Xue go missing?"

Lu Yin casually answered, "Jupiter."

He was still looking in the direction where Zi Jing left, as she had gone towards the high tower.

That woman was the boss of CyNet? At such a young age? How could she have built up such a mammoth company that it actually needed to be overseen by the Hall of Honor itself?

Perhaps she was not actually that young and just had a youthful appearance. There were many such people throughout the universe.

Bai Qian stared at Lu Yin. "Jupiter? She went to Jupiter?"

Lu Yin nodded. "She and Zhang Dingtian were both sucked into Jupiter. I wanted to bring them out, but I couldn't get in."

Bai Qian fell deep into thought.

Lu Yin temporarily put his doubts regarding Zi Jing's position aside, and he looked straight at Bai Qian. "Where the hell have you been all these years? From what I was told, you left with Starsybil's invitation, right?"

Bai Qian lightly replied, "I went to the Astral Combat Academy."

Lu Yin was surprised by this. "The Astral Combat Academy? Which one?"

"Astral-1," Bai Qian indifferently replied.

Lu Yin had to ask, "Then why did I never see you?"

"I had poor grades, was weak, and blended into the crowd," Bai Qian said indifferently. She then returned to the ground. "I want to keep enjoying the hot springs. Do you plan to keep watching?"

Chapter 1185: CyNet's Boss

Lu Yin felt helpless. There were so many questions that he wanted to ask Bai Qian, the most pressing one of which was how she had become a Cruiser.

It had to be said that Lu Yin had many advantages in cultivating—there was his innate gift of the die with its Timestop Space, the death energy that he had used to become a Hunter, and several other means of speeding up his cultivation. But after around twelve years of cultivating, he had only reached the Hunter realm. But what about Bai Qian? She had the most mediocre background imaginable, but she had managed to become a Cruiser at an exceptional speed, and her power level was no weaker than Ku Wei's.

Ku Wei was a member of the Seven Courts, but what did Bai Qian have that let her match up to that?

This woman clearly had her own secrets.

Lu Yin wanted to ask, but people were entitled to their own secrets, and Bai Qian was not volunteering up any information. Thus, there was no way for him to force her to reveal anything. Still, meeting up with someone from Earth was something that made him quite happy.

"Come back to Earth sometime and take a look. Maybe you can get Bai Xue and the others out of Jupiter," Lu Yin said. As soon as he finished speaking, he turned and made his way towards the tall tower.

Down below, already within the hot water, Bai Qian stared up at Lu Yin's back as he moved away. Now alone, she fell deep into contemplation.

If Lu Yin had been surprised by Bai Qian's strength, then she had been absolutely shocked by Lu Yin's.

Her family was privy to her situation, and she believed that, with her talent and opportunities, it was perfectly normal for her to already be a Cruiser even though others would be shocked by her cultivation speed. In truth, she actually felt that her cultivation speed was a bit slow.

However, what about Lu Yin? How had he managed to improve so quickly?

Furthermore, during the brief time that they had exchanged blows, Lu Yin had pressured Bai Qian more than any other peer she had encountered before.

From the time that Lu Yin had participated in the Astral Combat Tournament, to when he had fought against the Sixth Mainland in the Cosmic Sea, all the way to now, Lu Yin had constantly improved at a truly unbelievable pace. As a result, his talent and opportunities had propelled him above everyone else.

Bai Qian's thoughts turned complicated as she sank deeper into the hot spring. As for Bai Xue and Zhang Dingtian, since they had entered Jupiter, they had already embarked on a different path. They would eventually return one day, or they might be waiting after having walked their own path.

Earth would eventually be discovered; this was inevitable. Lu Yin was simply too high-profile, and the higher he rose, the quicker a calamity might visit Earth. Thus, Bai Qian had to raise her strength as quickly as possible.

CyNet's headquarters was a tower that rose high into the sky. Off in the distance, the tower did not appear overly large, but as Lu Yin drew closer, he was gradually able to appreciate its full size.

It was no exaggeration to say that the tower would not be crowded even if billions or even tens of billions of people lived in it. Naturally, it could also accommodate an untold number of technological products.

This was one of the only places in the Neoverse where he could contact the Outerverse.

Lu Yin had been out of contact with the Outerverse for some time, and the Hall of Honor's decision regarding the Outerverse meant that Lu Yin Lu was eager to regain control as soon as possible.

He encountered no obstacle when entering the tower, which left him wondering why the place was so lax in terms of security.

The first level was so vast that it was impossible to take it all in with just a glance. The structure was clearly a tower, but once one drew closer, it almost looked like a vertical landmass.

This was the CyNet that Lu Yin was familiar with. Wherever he looked, he saw bits and pieces of cutting edge technology. People moved about a curtain of light, appearing and disappearing in the blink of an eye, each focused on their own business.

Suddenly, a mechanical voice sounded in Lu Yin's ears. "Mr. Lu, please head to the top."

Lu Yin was a bit puzzled by this request, but then a beam of light descended from high above. As it wrapped around him, his body began to float up on its own.

This beam of light was not very restrictive, and he could easily break free of it, but there was no need for him to do so.

He rose up faster and faster, higher and higher. It was similar to flying through outer space, and Lu Yin was able to see mountains and landscapes pass him by.

Before long, he reached the top floor of the tower. It was not an office, but rather a garden.

As Lu Yin entered the garden, he heard a familiar voice singing off in the distance. His heart moved, and he looked over. Sure enough, it was Zi Jing.

Zi Jing looked up and smiled when she saw Lu Yin. "See? I told you I can predict the future."

Lu Yin's smile slipped away, and he entered the garden.

It was filled with all sorts of exotic flowers and plants that he was not able to recognize, but it was absolutely beautiful. Zi Jing freely and casually moved about as she tended to the plants, watering flowers from time to time.

"You're CyNet's boss?" Lu Yin asked.

Zi Jing nodded and looked over at Lu Yin. "What? Do I not seem like it?"

"Very much so," Lu Yin replied. But then, he felt that he was being a bit rude, so he added on, "You're too young and too pretty."

"Oh, Lu Yin, do you frequently sweet-talk girls like this? You're quite smooth." Zi Jing laughed.

Lu Yin gave a slight smile. "Can you tell me how to contact the Outerverse?"

"I said that I can tell fortunes, and I said that you would need to ask me for something." Zi Jing smiled happily.

Lu Yin was well aware of the old saying that one could not offend a woman. Naturally, he knew that he could reach out to Mu En and ask Zi Jing to connect him to the Outerverse, but doing so would definitely offend her as she was not a part of the Hall of Honor—CyNet was merely under their authority. On top of that, she controlled a network that spanned the entire universe, and he would surely need to reach out to her some time again in the future. Thus, it would not be worth it to offend her over such a minor detail.

"Alright, what do you want?" Lu Yin asked helplessly.

Zi Jing set down the watering can, grabbed a hat from nowhere, and put it on. She then gestured for Lu Yin to take a seat.

There was a wooden table set close by, so Lu Yin sat down there.

She poured him a cup of tea. "Try this. It's a floral tea brewed from these flowers."

Lu Yin arched a brow. Floral tea? Isn't this what Zhao Ran likes to make?

After taking a sip, Lu Yin was struck by the taste. How strange—it was quite familiar and similar to the teas that Zhao Ran normally prepared for him.

Zi Jing watched Lu Yin. "How's the taste?"

Lu Yin nodded and praised, "It's very good, and it's also very beautiful."

Although the tea tasted similar to what Zhao Ran had made, the appearances of the two drinks could not have been any more different. Anything that Zhao Ran made looked like a deadly poison, and it took great courage for anyone to merely taste it whereas the tea in front of Lu Yin was quite pleasant to look at.

Zi Jing smiled as she replied, "Thank you."

Lu Yin asked, "I wonder, can Boss Zi Jing let me contact the Outerverse?"

Zi Jing laughed again. "I never stopped you!"

Lu Yin was caught off guard, but sure enough, she had done nothing to stop him.

"So, can I call the Outerverse now?" Lu Yin asked.

Zi Jing smiled. "Now I'll have to go ahead and stop you."

Lu Yin was speechless. "What's your request? Tell me."

Zi Jing lowered her teacup. "Can Mr. Lu truly accept others' requests so easily?"

"That depends on who the other party is," Lu Yin countered.

Zi Jing laughed. "The Hall of Honor gave one of the nine overseers authority over the Great Eastern Alliance, and that overseer then sent his grandson into the Outerverse as his representative. Is Mr. Lu worried that this Tian Shao will gain control of the Great Eastern Alliance?"

Lu Yin remained silent.

Zi Jing continued probing. "Does Mr. Lu lack confidence in the Great Eastern Alliance that he created?"

Lu Yin looked at the woman before him. "What are you trying to say?"

Zi Jing continued, saying, "On the premise that the Outerverse is about to be handed over to the Sixth Mainland, Tian Shao has called for a convention of the entire Great Eastern Alliance with the intention of electing an Alliance Leader. Was Mr. Lu aware of this?"

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "I am now."

Chapter 1186: The Great Eastern Alliance Convention

Zi Jing explained, saying, "Then Mr. Lu will have to seize the time when the alliance convention is being held, ideally appearing just a bit before the voting commences. When Alliance Leader Lu was first

elected, there was no mention of term length for the position and when elections would be held. But in just the blink of an eye, six years have already passed. At this point, if Tian Shao moves to hold an election, no one can really speak out against him."

Lu Yin asked, "So, can I contact the Outerverse?"

Zi Jing took a sip of her tea. "Everything's ready."

With that, she clapped her hands, prompting a woman to appear on the top floor through the same beam of light that had brought Lu Yin in, and she handed Lu Yin a gadget.

"This is the latest gadget, and through a specific signal, it can connect to the Innerverse, Outerverse, Neoverse, and the Cosmic Sea. No more than fifty people in the entire Human Domain have one of these models," Zi Jing explained.

Lu Yin grew curious. "Why are you giving me one?"

Zi Jing grew serious as she looked at Lu Yin. "Does Mr. Lu remember the promise you gave to En Ya?"

A thought flashed through Lu Yin's head. "So, you want me to save General Marshal Shui Chuanxiao?"

Zi Jing quietly replied, "Grand Marshal Shui purposely let Endless Weave suffer defeat, and from a military viewpoint, he is a traitor. However, he did that to create an opportunity to connect the entire Human Domain under a single network, which allows information to be quickly transmitted anywhere. This is a huge service, and Alliance Leader Lu should be able to fully appreciate the value of having such speedy and reliable transmissions. Otherwise, Alliance Leader Lu would only be able to watch the Great Eastern Alliance be taken away from him at this moment."

Lu Yin suddenly understood. This woman had never wanted to make things difficult for Lu Yin, as she had simply wanted him to better appreciate the value of a comprehensive network and how it would expedite the Human Domain's development. Her intentions were well placed.

"I'm afraid that there's a bit more to it than that. You were the one who reached out to Grand Marshal Shui to begin with, and you asked him to find a way to connect the entire Human Domain in a single network. All that for the sake of human development? If that was the case, then you could have simply approached the Hall of Honor or even spread such an idea through your own network. Also, what led you to believe that Shui Chuanxiao would be able to help you in the first place?" Lu Yin couldn't help but ask.

Zi Jing smiled. "I can answer your question, but does Mr. Lu really feel that this is the right time?"

Lu Yin's heart skipped a beat; she was right, as he was running out of time. He immediately called Wang Wen.

At the same time, in the Outerverse, Tian Shao was traveling to the meeting. It would be held on a nearby, normal planet.

Hundreds of representatives from both large and small forces throughout the Outerverse were already there, fiercely discussing the situation. Some of them were from powers that spanned entire weaves while others only held control over smaller regions.

The news that Tian Shao had released had shaken the entire Outerverse, and it was the underlying reason why everyone was attending this Alliance Convention. Things were proceeding smoothly, and just as Zi Jing had told Lu Yin, the vote for Alliance Leader was about to take place. The main point of discussion at this moment was that Tian Shao had promised to help the Outerverse fight for its rights and interests so that it would not be completely overtaken by the Sixth Mainland.

No one would be willing to leave the Outerverse and give their territory to someone else.

"Never compromise! When the Sixth Mainland attacked the Outerverse, we were not defeated! How can we just give up what has belonged to our ancestors and our families for generations? There's no reason for everything to end with our generation!"

"That's true, but when we faced off against the Sixth Mainland, we were supported by the Hall of Honor and Yuan Shi, an absolute powerhouse. There were many experts on our side, but we still suffered heavy casualties. Now, the Hall of Honor has abandoned our Outerverse, so who do we have left to stop the Sixth Mainland?"

"Come on, you people in the eastern region will be fine. Even if the Sixth Mainland does take over your region, it will still take a long time. What about our weaves in the west?"

"Didn't Tian Shao say that he would help us? He's the grandson of Bu Laoweng, one of the nine overseers. Technically, Bu Laoweng oversees the Great Eastern Alliance. Thus, as long as our alliance can offer him substantial benefits, there's no reason for him to abandon us."

"Good, since one of the nine overseers have spoken, then we won't be forsaken so easily, and there will still be a chance for us to turn things around. It will all depend on what Tian Shao does."

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Vastdearth Sect's leader, Meng Tianlong, listened to the various discussions taking place around him, and from time to time, he looked over at Wei Rong. The youth had been silent this entire time, but the young man's continued silence made the sect leader hesitate.

From the very beginning of the alliance convention to the present moment, even Tian Shao had only managed to squeeze out two polite sentences from Wei Rong. Wei Rong had merely changed the subject, demonstrating that he was loyal to Lu Yin. However, Meng Tianlong did not believe such a thing for a single moment. It was not that Wei Rong was loyal, but rather that he was not making a stand against Tian Shao.

Wei Rong was smart, and this sort of attitude would infuriate both parties, which did not seem to be a smart move.

The Neo-Vestige Sect's Gong Chou was also keeping an eye on Wei Rong even while listening to the crowd's discussion. In particular, Gong Chou paid attention to the people who were pinning their hopes on Tian Shao, which caused a mocking light to appear in Gong Chou's eyes.

The Outerverse did not have much knowledge of the Neoverse, and they had even less of an understanding regarding the Hall of Honor.

Since the information that the Sixth Mainland would be taking over the Outerverse was true, then how could an overseer save the Outerverse? Let alone a single overseer, even if all nine of them were united, the truth was that the overseers were nothing more than a front for the Hall of Honor to handle administrative duties. The real decisions were not something the overseers could influence at all.

It was possible that not even the nine overseers were privy to the true reasons why the Outerverse had been given over to the Sixth Mainland.

Tian Shao was just using this fear as a tactic to force the crowd to accept his authority.

Although he was aware of these details, Gong Chou had no intention of leaking anything. If the Sixth Mainland was really to receive the Outerverse, then the Neo-Vestige Sect would also need to find its own way to survive. No matter what, it would not be worth it to offend Tian Shao in this situation.

Gong Chou glanced back at Wei Rong. What is he thinking? He can't possibly be waiting for Lu Yin to appear, right? Unfortunately, it's impossible for him to come back after being captured by the Neohuman Alliance.

Doro cupped her chin in her hand as she silently observed the arguing crowd.

Bard Weave was located in the eastern region of the Outerverse, which was far away from the Sixth Mainland. Even if the Sixth Mainland did manage to take over the eastern weaves, it would take them a long time to do so. If Doro was being honest, then even though Evenground Palace's elders were as anxious as fleas, Doro herself was not anxious at all. It would not be difficult for her to head to the Innerverse, as she had no intention of ever becoming the master of Evenground Palace. Such a move would make Doro's master absolutely ecstatic, as even now, she was still trying to find a way to contact Lan Si, and she was actually swooning over the Arbiter.

Angie, Qiong Xi'er, Zhu San, as well as Zi Xianxian, Zi Fang, and the representatives from the Nalan family were all attending the convention. The Lan family and the people from the Sea King's Dome's were the only ones who had unexpectedly not attended.

The Outerverse not only included the powers that ruled and controlled the various weaves, but it also housed the four great corporations, which were actually even more important.

It could be said that this Alliance Convention was the first true alliance meeting aside from the first one that Lu Yin had held. Not only was this meeting larger, but it was also much more formal.

This was the effect that Tian Shao wanted. He was to be the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance, as this was his best opportunity to leave a mark down in history. Even if Lu Yin was not dead, he had probably already become a corpse king by now, and as a result, he would never be praised in history. At best, his legacy would receive a neutral opinion. Such a person would never be able to compare to Tian Shao.

The more intense the discussion became, the better it would be for him. The more desperate people became, the easier it would be for Tian Shao to succeed.

His eyes swept across everyone in the meeting until they stopped on Wei Rong. Tian Shao's expression cooled. He had actually spoken to Wei Rong before the start of the convention. This person had been

defeated by Lu Yin, but he had later become one of Lu Yin's followers, which had been a very smart move. Tian Shao had seen all of Wei Rong's information, and Tian Shao wanted to take Wei Rong as his own subordinate, but he had never expected that Wei Rong would simply be blind to the heights that Tian Shao stood at. Wei Rong had completely disregarded Tian Shao's kindness.

Tian Shao then looked over at Gong Chou, Goldric Phoenix of the Dark Phoenix Clan, Qiong Xi'er, and Zi Xianxian. All of these people were ignorant of Tian Shao's status and importance, and they had ignored him. To him, they were just a bunch of dumb people who were ignorant of the world, but it did not matter. There was no hurry. They would all come to understand what the Neoverse truly meant, as well as the Hall of Honor. At that time, just watch!

Right now, there were people who had fled to the Outerverse from the Starfall Sea as well as some people from Leon's Armada. Both of those groups could potentially stir up trouble for him.

Yuan Shi was still in the Outerverse, and with the people from the Starfall Sea and the Lan family present, Tian Shao did not dare to act too rashly. However, the future was still uncertain.

When he looked at Qiong Xi'er and Zi Xianxian's beautiful faces, Tian Shao's face grew hot, though he hid his desires well.

This was the first time in his life that he had seriously striven to accomplish a task, and there was no room for error. For this reason, he had carefully hidden his true nature, and he would continue to do so. At this time, concealing himself was a necessity.

"Ahem. Everyone, how is the discussion proceeding?" Tian Shao gazed upon the crowd with a smile.

Wei Rong had a slight smile as he returned Tian Shao's gaze, but Wei Rong's eyes were empty. It was as though he was not even looking at a person. Wang Wen's words kept repeating within Wei Rong's mind. 'Wait. Keep waiting. Wait until the very last moment. Our value will not diminish with time, and if Lu Yin really does die or turn into a corpse king, then that is the fate of the heavens. Still, it is better to fade back into obscurity than assist a piece of trash.'

Wei Rong, on the other hand, disagreed with Wang Wen's thoughts. Fade away? Wei Rong was still young, and he did not have the mindset of a geezer. However, he did agree on one thing, which was to wait and keep on waiting until the last moment. Wei Rong had fought against Lu Yin for a long time, and he felt that he knew Lu Yin better than anyone. A person's luck was very important, and even though there was less than a one in a billion chance to escape from the Neohuman Alliance, there was still a chance of success.

Wei Rong would not not hold onto any false hope, but it was impossible to know the final outcome, and waiting would incur no losses. Thus, Wei Rong was confident that his value would not fade as he bided his time.

At this moment, the people with the true pull in the Outerverse were all waiting. They were not waiting for Lu Yin, but rather waiting for the Hall of Honor to publicize the final outcome. They were not holding out any hope for Lu Yin, but they had no desire to be suppressed and oppressed by a ruler. Whether Lu Yin was around or not did not make much of a difference to most of the people present.

Most of these people were actually hoping that Lu Yin would simply disappear and never reappear again. Greenpeak Gorge was the most open with this stance, and of the major Outerverse powers, they had been the first to demonstrate their attitude towards Tian Shao, which was why their representatives were sitting in a position second only to Tian Shao. They arrogantly looked at the rest of the crowd, paying particular attention to Wei Rong with no attempt to hide their hatred.

Greenpeak Gorge had always been very fearful of the Great Eastern Alliance, and they had simply joined out of fear. They had also only received a seat in the alliance because they had replaced Darkstar Gorge, whose downfall had made Greenpeak Gorge terrified of the Great Eastern Alliance. As a result, they did not dare to show even the slightest bit of disrespect towards Lu Yin. However, the greater the fear a person holds, the greater the arrogance they will carry once the source of their fear disappears.

"Tian Shao, we have spoken at great length, and only the Hall of Honor—no, only Overseer Bu Laoweng can save us from being taken over by the Sixth Mainland. Please, Tian Shao, show us a clear path," said the Lord of Greenpeak Gorge, Feng Shu, to Tian Shao, though in an exceptionally subservient tone.

Tian Shao nodded with satisfaction, gazing at Feng Shu with open appreciation. He then looked at the rest of the crowd. "What do all of you think?"

The crowd all looked at each other. Some responded, but others did not.

Feng Shu glanced at Wei Rong. "Brother Wei, I wonder, what position is the Great Yu Empire taking?"

He had deliberately named the Great Yu Empire, and his meaning was clear: in the future, there would just be the Great Yu Empire, and there would no longer be any power lording over the Great Eastern Alliance.

Chapter 1187: Edible Forest

Feng Shu's words caused everyone else to look at Wei Rong.

One of the groups in the meeting represented the old leader of the Great Eastern Alliance while another was the up and coming new master. If Wei Rong gave a bad response, then he could very well be struck by bad luck.

Wei Rong maintained his slight smile. "There is a strange place in the Outerverse known as the Edible Forest. It's not a simple place, and there are many delicious creatures that live there. These creatures wander about the forest and swim in the water. There are also creatures that have no legs and can only swim. No one knows why, but all of these creatures are particularly delicious..."

Wei Rong spoke at length about this Edible Forest, and the crowd froze.

Qiong Xi'er smiled slightly.

Gong Chou's expression turned rather strange.

Meanwhile, Zi Xianxian rolled her eyes.

Feng Shu's brows quirked up. "Brother Wei, I asked you a question. Please don't change the subject."

Wei Rong sighed. Tian Shao was staring at him in a solemn manner, and everyone had grown serious as well. Was he about to finally answer the question?

"Unfortunately, the Edible Forest is too far away from the eastern weaves, and we can never enjoy such delicacies. There's a book that claims..."

The crowd was left speechless. It was unbelievable that this person was talking about food at a time like this.

Feng Shu wanted to say something, but Tian Shao stepped in. "Well, Brother Wei, if you would like to visit the Edible Forest for a meal some time, I would be happy to escort you. Does anyone else have any opinion on the matter at hand?"

Feng Shu stared at Gong Chou. "Brother Gong Chou, as one of the three strongest forces in my Outerverse, the Neo-Vestige Sect has the right to speak here. May I ask what the Neo-Vestige Sect thinks?"

Tian Shao also stared at Gong Chou. He had heard of the Neo-Vestige Sect before. Not many forces in the Outerverse could catch his attention, but the Neo-Vestige Sect was definitely one of those few. The support of an Envoy had propelled them to the top of the Outerverse, and even though their greatest powerhouse had fallen, the merits that their sect had earned at the border warfront meant that they were a power that not even Tian Shao could afford to offend, as doing so would be offending the Hall of Honor.

The Hall of Honor took great care of individuals and organizations that had performed meritorious services for the Human Domain. In the case of the Great Yu Empire, just because of Lu Yin's feats, forget about Tian Shao—even his grandfather Bu Laoweng would not be able to move against the empire. And this would be true even if one disregarded the support that Yuan Shi and Eversky Island was giving the empire.

This attention and protection was what allowed the Hall of Honor to maintain its control over the Human Domain, as their punishments and rewards were clear to everyone.

Gong Chou grew solemn, and his face looked very serious as he turned to look at... Wei Rong. "Really, are they very delicious?"

Everyone was dumbfounded.

Wei Rong responded in a dead serious manner. "Very delicious. They are absolutely worthy of the name 'Edible Forest.'"

"Where did you read about this place? Could you lend the book to me? My father has a great interest in such things," Gong Chou sounded extremely serious, and his tone was as though he were discussing plans to join forces against the Sixth Mainland.

Wei Rong replied in an even more somber tone. "Yes."

Feng Shu's eyebrows shot up.

Tian Shao's face went dark.

Feng Shu coldly snorted, and he turned to stare at Qiong Xi'er. He did not believe that the young woman would also be so bold. "Qiong Xi'er, what is Millions City's-"

However, Feng Shu couldn't even finish speaking before Qiong Xi'er interrupted him. She also sounded very solemn, and her expression was just as severe as she stared at Wei Rong. "Those of us from Millions City would also like to see this Edible Forest."

Wei Rong looked back at Qiong Xi'er. "That's no problem."

"Let's go together as a group to enjoy a meal in the Edible Forest," Goldric Phoenix interjected.

Wei Rong nodded. "Absolutely. I'll set it up."

"Zizi, the Edible Forest has the best delicacies and delights in the Outerverse. You must take me with you!" Meng Tianlong laughed.

Zi Xianxian also raised her hand. "I would like to go as well. Take me with you."

Zi Fang hurriedly pulled Zi Xianxian back. He had noticed that Tian Shao's face had turned dark; even though the youth was holding it in well, he seemed to be on the verge of erupting.

Feng Shu felt confused. The words "Edible Forest, Edible Forest, Edible Forest" kept ringing through his mind, but everyone looked so serious while saying it. Wei Rong and Qiong Xi'er were hailed as the most intelligent people in the Outerverse, but even the Neo-Vestige Sect and the Dark Phoenix tribe had gotten involved in this discussion. This so-called "Edible Forest" could not possibly hide such incredible secrets! In just a moment, various Outerverse legends flashed through his mind regarding various strange treasures, and then he leaned over to Tian Shao's ear. "Tian Shao, let's also go to the Edible Forest."

"Piss off!" Tian Shao quietly snapped back as he glared at Feng Shu in fury. Tian Shao felt that the guy was being deliberately aggravating. Bastard, are you actually a mole who was just waiting for the right moment to humiliate me? Just wait and see—I'll make your life even worse than death.

Feng Shu was completely confused.

The Alliance Convention had been led completely astray by Wei Rong. Everyone had started thinking about the Edible Forest, and some people had even started looking up the forest's location on their gadgets.

Tian Shao gritted his teeth and slammed his hands on the table. The loud sound startled everyone, and they all looked at him in unison.

"Ladies and gentlemen, let's set the topic of food aside for the moment. The Sixth Mainland will soon take over the Outerverse, so we should discuss this matter first," Tian Shao slowly enunciated each word. His eyes were cold as they swept over everyone present.

"Good, good, let's discuss the Sixth Mainland first!" Feng Shu hurriedly supported Tian Shao, but the young man no longer trusted Feng Shu as Tian Shao felt that Feng Shu was just putting on an act.

Upon hearing this, Qiong Xi'er and others once again fell silent. Others at the meeting wanted to speak, but if the Outerverse's top powers remained silent, any such discussion would be pointless.

Tian Shao could feel his patience rapidly waning, and his hands slowly clenched into fists. His eyes narrowed as he stared at Wei Rong. "Now, one by one, each of you must take a position and state whether or not you agree to the Outerverse being overseen by my grandfather, Bu Laoweng. If not, please speak clearly."

He then looked at Feng Shu. "You may be the first. Speak."

"Of course we support this move. I absolutely support overseer Bu Laoweng supervising the Great Eastern Alliance." Feng Shu quickly made a stand.

Tian Shao coldly snorted before turning to look at the next person, who was from the Six-Fingered Tribe, Bach Shamus.

Bach Shamus's eyes flashed, but he nodded. "I agree."

Following that, more than ten people voiced their agreement. The Outerverse was simply too weak to stand up to the Neoverse, and Tian Shao's promise had convinced many people that Wei Rong was leading them astray and that Tian Shao was guiding them onto the correct path.

"I agree," a man spoke up. Then, all eyes landed on the next person: Wei Rong.

Tian Shao focused his gaze onto Wei Rong. His eyes were sharp, and he no longer attempted to hide the ferociousness in his gaze as he focused on Wei Rong. Tian Shao felt that the people before him were all worthless and that they would not know proper fear without first suffering oppression. This was the first time since his childhood that Tian Shao had been this enraged, and if not for Yuan Shi and Eversky Island, Tian Shao would not have been able to restrain himself.

Wei Rong returned the crowd's looks and tilted his head. "Who else wants to sign up to visit the Edible Forest?"

"Brother Wei Rong, please answer." Tian Shao's tone was glacial, and the old guardian who always stood behind him raised his eyes, causing a terrifying pressure to immediately descend. To the side, Monster Chi felt like gloating. What a group of fools! The heirs of the Neoverse are not people whom you can fight against.

Wei Rong was not weak, but he was not a powerhouse either. When faced with the pressure from the old man, Wei Rong's forehead quickly became drenched with sweat that started to pour off of his face.

Some distance away, seated with the Umbral Butterfly Tribe, Angie's face remained indifferent. She still had not forgiven Wei Rong for the past.

Wei Rong gasped and stared at Tian Shao. "Excuse me, Tian Shao."

At these words, the pressure from the old man subsided, and Tian Shao also relaxed. Wei Rong was not dumb enough to not give in.

Everyone stared at Wei Rong.

Angie's eyes were filled with spite.

"There is one more person who would like to sign up to visit the Edible Forest, and he is-"

Wei Rong finished his sentence by poking his gadget with a finger, which caused an image to appear before everyone. Then, a soft voice called out. "Ladies and gentlemen, it's been a long time."

More than a hundred people were present at the convention, and they represented the entire Outerverse, but at this moment, they were all completely dumbfounded as they stared at the image on the gadget. This was unbelievable. Was that Lu Yin?

Qiong Xi'er, Gong Chou, Goldric Phoenix, Zi Xianxian, Angie, Meng Tianlong, and the others were dumbfounded. Everyone who had known Lu Yin in the past was utterly shocked to see that he had actually returned.

As for everyone else, even though they had not personally met Lu Yin before, his image was already embedded within everyone's memory. Even death would not remove it.

At this moment, upon seeing Lu Yin, the crowd reacted as though they had seen a ghost.

The entire venue instantly fell completely silent, and the silence stretched out for an entire half minute.

The corners of Wei Rong's mouth curled up as he looked over at Tian Shao as though he were watching a clown. Wei Rong was waiting, as there was definitely something to this. Lu Yin's opportunities were truly able to defy belief, and although Wei Rong was not very familiar with the Neohuman Alliance, he knew that it was a power that had stood against the entire Human Domain for countless years. The backing and inheritance behind such a power was unimaginable. Lu Yin had managed to escape from such a desperate situation, and Wei Rong believed that nothing in the future would be too difficult for Lu Yin to overcome.

At this moment, Wei Rong was convinced. No, he had been convinced the moment that Lu Yin had contacted him.

Tian Shao was in disbelief. Upon being told to go to the Outerverse, he had naturally studied the history of the Outerverse. The most important event in recent times had clearly been the unification of the Outerverse and Lu Yin's rise. Naturally, Tian Shao had studied this as well. "Impossible, how could you escape?"

These words were at everyone's heart at the moment.

Even the perpetually unruffled old man who constantly shadowed Tian Shao and Monster Chi felt as though they were looking at a ghost.

Lu Yin looked at Tian Shao, and a smile appeared on his face. "Are you Bu Laoweng's grandson?"

Tian Shao clenched a fist and stared straight at Lu Yin. "Fake! You're a fake!"

He glared at Wei Rong. "How dare you? How dare you openly oppose the Hall of Honor and impersonate Lu Yin! Do you want to die?"

Everyone else also stared at Wei Rong, confusion in their eyes.

Wei Rong shrugged but did not say a thing.

Lu Yin's gaze grew cold. "Tian Shao, look at where I am."

As Lu Yin spoke, he adjusted his gadget to show his surroundings.

Tian Shao stared behind Lu Yin. He looked again and again. At first, he was a bit confused. Even though he was from the Hall of Honor, it was impossible for him to have seen every place within the Hall of Honor, but when he saw Zi Jing drinking tea at a table, it was as though his entire being had been struck by lightning. "Zi- Zi Jing? The CyNet Great World?"

Behind Lu Yin, Zi Jing raised a hand and smiled. "Tian Shao, it's been a long time. Give my warm regards to Bu Laoweng."

Tian Shao's eyes went wide, and at this moment, he finally believed that Lu Yin was real. The CyNet Great World and Zi Jing were not things that could be faked. After all, not everyone even knew of Zi Jing, as she rarely made appearances, even within the Hall of Honor. Thus, how could someone from a place like the Outerverse know of her? She could not be fake.

Tian Shao stared at Lu Yin in shock. "How did you escape from the Neohuman Alliance?"

Lu Yin smiled lightly. "That's not anything that you need to be concerned about. The Chief Justice has already given his decision, and I, Lu Yin, am free."

Tian Shao's scalp tingled. His mind was still in complete chaos. Lu Yin had returned, and Tian Shao did not know what he should do. Lu Yin's appearance had caught him completely off guard, and Tian Shao had no experience in handling unexpected situations. If Bu Laoweng were the one present instead, the overseer certainly would not panic, but his grandson was different. In the end, Tian Shao was just a wastrel.

Tian Shao remained silent as he dumbly stared at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin stared back, but he had already disregarded the youth. Lu Yin had never been concerned with Tian Shao. Rather, it was Bu Laoweng who stood behind Tian Shao that Lu Yin needed to be careful of. The Hall of Honor had given Bu Laoweng authority over the Great Eastern Alliance, and that order had nothing to do with this little clown of a youth who was jumping around in front of him.

Behind Tian Shao, the old man whispered something.

Tian Shao seemed to wake up from a dream, and he focused on Lu Yin before looking at everyone else. "Ladies and gentlemen, first of all, I would like to congratulate Brother Lu Yin for his safe return."

The crowd directed their attention back to Tian Shao as he continued speaking. "Secondly, since Brother Lu Yin is present, I would ask you to represent the Great Yu Empire during this Alliance Convention. Then, we can continue with the current ongoing discussion." Tian Shao paused for a moment as he looked at Wei Rong. "Does Brother Wei Rong agree that my grandfather, Bu Laoweng, should supervise the Great Eastern Alliance?"

Chapter 1188: Lu Yin And Bu Laoweng

No one in the venue spoke, and everyone's eyes were on Lu Yin.

Wei Rong did not speak either, as there was no longer any need to do so.

Lu Yin looked at Tian Shao in surprise, and when he looked at the old man behind the youth, Lu Yin's smile disappeared. "Your name is Tian Shao, right?"

Tian Shao stared back at Lu Yin. "That's right. My grandfather is one of the Hall of Honor's nine overseers, Bu Laoweng."

Lu Yin nodded. "I know. I've heard of him."

Tian Shao's arrogance grew.

Lu Yin looked at the youth, and his slight smile reappeared. "Do you want to die?"

Upon hearing these words, silence filled the room once again, and everyone froze while staring at Lu Yin. What?!

Not even Wei Rong had expected Lu Yin to be this, this... Domineering? He had actually just threatened the grandson of one of the nine overseers straight to his face! This was too arrogant!

Tian Shao was left utterly stupefied. These words were usually spoken by him, and nobody had ever dared to speak to him in such a manner before. He actually did not even know how to respond.

Behind Tian Shao, the old man's expression changed, and he took a few steps forward to get closer to Lu Yin's image. The old man's eyes were wary and radiated a killing intent.

The corners of Monster Chi's mouth twitched as he stared at Lu Yin in a daze. This kid had guts.

"If you want to die, then I can grant you your wish," Lu Yin continued, still with a small smile on his face. He acted as though he was not threatening the grandson of one of the nine overseers, but rather just a completely ordinary person.

Lu Yin did not feel that his Great Eastern Alliance had existed long enough for his prestige to be able to convince everyone to sacrifice everything and follow him. He was not vain, and so he had no intention of competing with Tian Shao in terms of charm or conditions. Instead, Lu Yin preferred to go straight to the root of the issue: the Outerverse belonged to Lu Yin, and no one else could touch it.

This was not only true of the Outerverse, but also of everything that belonged to Lu Yin; no one could take his belongings away.

At this moment, Tian Shao finally managed to react, and he laughed out of sheer anger. Still, his laugh contained an indescribable mockery and arrogance. He looked at Lu Yin. "You? Are you threatening me? Threatening Tian Shao?"

Lu Yin laughed. "Your smile just now was somewhat similar to Nightking Zhenwu's, though he was much smarter and stronger than you."

Tian Shao's expression fell. "Don't compare me to some loser from the Innerverse."

Lu Yin was caught off guard. "Who gave you confidence to consider yourself above the Ten Arbiters? Although I hated the Nightking, I have to say that, out of all my peers who have opposed me, he ranks at the very top. However, you don't even qualify." "Lu Yin, don't be arrogant! You're nothing but some bug from the Outerverse! How could you compare to me?" Tian Shao was infuriated, and he continued to stare at Lu Yin. "Believe it or not—a single word from me can wipe out the entire Great Yu Empire, and everyone you hold dear will die!"

Lu Yin's expression chilled. "Is this Bu Laoweng's position?"

Tian Shao was about to respond, but the old man pulled him back and whispered a few sentences into his ear. The youth was reluctant, but Tian Shao still ended up helplessly nodding and agreeing to the old man's words.

The gathered representatives of the Outerverse all looked at Lu Yin and then over at Tian Shao. They were all struck by complicated emotions. On one hand, they feared Lu Yin's methods, but on the other, they wanted what Tian Shao had promised them. In short, they wanted to help Tian Shao, but they were too afraid of Lu Yin.

This was particularly true of Feng Shu. He had been shamelessly sucking up to Tian Shao, but at this moment, Feng Shu simply wanted to hide in the ground.

Lu Yin dared to openly and verbally threaten Tian Shao, and this showed that Lu Yin's words carried true weight. There was no one present who dared to interrupt the two youths.

The fact that Lu Yin had gradually become more and more domineering proved that his backing had continuously grown stronger. When Wei Rong thought about the strength of Leon's Armada and the fact they were in the Outerverse, he believed that Lu Yin could actually carry out his threat.

The first and foremost priority for anyone was to figure out what one wanted to do.

Besides, Lu Yin had already offended one of the nine overseers, none other than the Daynight clan's Nightking Zheng. Thus, Lu Yin did not care if he added Bu Laoweng to the mix.

Lu Yin always felt that it was better to have fewer enemies, but not if it meant giving up his own benefits.

Tian Shao reluctantly looked at Lu Yin, and then he turned on his own gadget to call someone.

Lu Yin looked at Tian Shao's gadget and saw that it was the exact same model as what Lu Yin had just received. This latest type of gadget was able to connect to the Innerverse, the Outerverse, the Cosmic Sea, and even the Neoverse. Unsurprisingly, Tian Shao was contacting Bu Laoweng.

Lu Yin's expression grew solemn; he was about to meet Bu Laoweng face to face, and although Lu Yin was bold enough to offend even the nine overseers, in reality, meeting one directly was a bit complicated. Truly, there were always more and more enemies.

Behind Lu Yin, Zi Jing smiled as she watched him. He was a very overbearing man, albeit a bit thin.

Tian Shao did not move to hide this matter from the other people from the Outerverse. Instead, he called Bu Laoweng straight away, and the overseer's image soon appeared before the crowd.

Everyone stared at him in awe, even Wei Rong. While he might not care about Tian Shao, he was still solemn when facing an overseer.

Bu Laoweng's authority was completely different from Tian Shao's. What kind of existence was one of the Hall of Honor's nine overseers? Forget the Outerverse—even the experts from the eight great flowzones in the Innerverse likely would not be able to meet an overseer. These people stood at the absolute peak of the Human Domain, and a single word from any one of them could determine the rise or fall of an entire weave.

Even though Lu Yin had unified the Outerverse with methods that inspired fear in the people present in the Alliance Convention, the mere presence of Bu Laoweng, even though he had a smiling expression, sent chills to the hearts of everyone in the crowd. This old man held true, uncontested power.

Authority came with power, and the old man behind Tian Shao was a powerhouse whom Bu Laoweng had personally sent.

Bu Laoweng was an ordinary-looking old man dressed in plain clothes. If one randomly met him out on the street, he would not even receive a second glance. However, at this moment, everyone was staring at the image of the old man, and no one knew what would happen next.

"Grandpa," Tian Shao respectfully greeted the old man.

The old man behind Tian Shao also saluted the image, his demeanor respectful.

At the same time, everyone attending the Alliance Convention began to salute the old man, including Wei Rong, Gong Chow, and the others. This was the respect owed to one of the nine overseers.

Most people in the Outerverse did not know about the Neoverse, let alone the faces of the nine overseers who stood at the peak of the Human Domain. To them, it was instinctive to bow when seeing such a person.

Bu Laoweng smiled. He had long since grown accustomed to a crowd's adoration. However, there was one exception, and that person was Lu Yin.

Lu Yin did not salute the elder, and instead, he simply raised his hand in greeting. "Elder Bu Laoweng, how are you?"

"Insolent!" the old man behind Tian Shao sternly shouted while glaring at Lu Yin. "How dare you speak to the overseer in such a tone! Junior, you are too lax in your manners!"

Lu Yin completely ignored the old man.

Bu Laoweng also raised a hand. "Come, children, be more tolerant."

The old man immediately bowed his head. He did not dare to speak up again.

Upon seeing this, everyone felt chills run down their spines.

The subservient old man was an Enlighter with a power level of at least 400,000, which placed him among the universe's top experts. However, that old man was currently groveling before Bu Laoweng, which amply demonstrated the overseer's power and authority.

Chapter 1189: Not Giving Up

The Hall of Honor's overseers were not people who had gained their position through a mere glib tongue; the resources at Bu Laoweng's command could hardly be imagined.

Lu Yin instantly grew several times warier of Bu Laoweng.

Tian Shao did not interrupt his grandfather as he deferentially stood behind the old man's projection.

Bu Laoweng looked at Lu Yin and smiled. "You are Lu Yin, correct?"

Lu Yin nodded. "This junior does not intend to be disrespectful, but this junior is a nominal disciple of Eversky Island, and Highsafe Shenwei is this one's senior disciple. Since this junior calls Highsage Shenwei his senior disciple, if I were to salute senior, then Senior Disciple Shenwei might not accept my explanation. I'm sure that Senior Bu is familiar with Highsage Shenwei's temper."

Bu Laoweng smiled and waved a hand. "Etiquette is merely a superficial matter. Can these people saluting this old man actually offer me any true respect?"

His ancient eyes swept over everyone present, and many people's hearts shook.

After that, Bu Laoweng focused his gaze back on Lu Yin. "There are likely many people who would like to catch this old man outside of the Neoverse to see what the nine overseers are truly capable of, haha."

Lu Yin laughed as well. Bu Laoweng spoke and behaved in a seemingly easy-going manner, but his every word and action carried an innate sense of majesty and dominance. This was a person who was both worthy and superior. His skill of hiding his fangs behind a smile was something still beyond Lu Yin.

"You are a disciple of Eversky Island, which is quite a fortunate opportunity. You should cherish it," Bu Laoweng said with a smile as he praised Lu Yin.

Lu Yin nodded. "This junior knows this."

"Right, I'm curious, how did you escape from the Neohuman Alliance? Where is their headquarters?" Bu Laoweng suddenly asked, staring intently at Lu Yin.

Tian Shao reflexively raised his head and looked at Lu Yin.

Monster Chi did the same.

Lu Yin had been able to escape from the Neohuman Alliance, but this accomplishment was not something that the people of the Outerverse could fully appreciate. They knew that his feat was incredible, but that was about all. On the other hand, Bu Laoweng was perfectly clear on how shocking this matter was. Lu Yin had even been captured by one of the Seven Skygods, each one of whom was a powerhouse that stood at the peak of the entire universe. The Skygods were even able to fight against Arch-Elder Zen and retreat in one piece. The expert who had captured Lu Yin was on that kind of level, and Lu Yin had managed to escape from that person. This had shocked the entire Hall of Honor to its core in an extraordinary fashion.

If Eversky Island and Yan Shi were not standing behind Lu Yin, then someone from the Hall of Honor would have already suggested for Lu Yin be taken away and interrogated.

Lu Yin grew a bit embarrassed. "I'm not clear as to the whereabouts of the Neohuman Alliance's headquarters. As for how I escaped, it was due to a mere coincidence."

Bu Laoweng's eyes flashed, as Lu Yin's words were essentially no different than saying nothing.

"Might I ask, what has caused Senior to appear at a meeting of the Outerverse's Great Eastern Alliance?" Lu Yin asked knowingly.

Bu Laoweng smiled and replied, "The Outerverse will soon be delivered over to the Sixth Mainland. Thus, the Hall of Honor has appointed me to supervise the Great Eastern Alliance during this period to prevent chaos and appease the people of the Outerverse. After all, if not forced to do so, the Hall of Honor would never be willing to forsake the Outerverse. I came here to discuss how to survive this crisis with the people here."

Bu Laoweng's words left many people in the meeting excited, as in contrast to Lu Yin, most people would naturally believe that Bu Laoweng was able to lead them through this crisis.

Lu Yin cursed himself for spouting too much nonsense. He had instinctively asked a question, which had instantly given Bu Laoweng the opportunity to pull the crowd to his side.

"There's no need for Senior to bother with this little matter regarding the Outerverse. After all, Yuan Shi is here, and this junior has also just finished discussing the matter with Judicial Commissioner Mu En, who will be speaking to the other overseers. This junior greatly appreciates senior's good intentions, and we will find a way to cope with the coming changes." When confronted with Bu Laoweng's position, Lu Yin could only rely on Yuan Shi.

Although the people of the Outerverse crowd did not have any knowledge of the Hall of Honor's power structure, they did know one thing: unsurprisingly, given his power, Yuan Shi was someone at the highest level of the Hall of Honor.

Yuan Shi stood behind Lu Yin while Bu Laoweng was an overseer. These two sides left the crowd feeling extremely conflicted.

"Other overseers? Which overseers?" Bu Laoweng asked.

Lu Yin shrugged. "This is a private matter, and it is not something that is convenient to talk about openly. Senior, you can call your grandson back to the Neoverse. I happen to be at Mt. Microcosms at the moment, so I would love to have Tian Shao show this junior around."

Tian Shao's head snapped up, and in a grim tone, he retorted to Lu Yin's comment. "Didn't you want to keep me from returning to the Neoverse?"

Bu Laoweng's expression grew stern as he stared at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin remained fearless. "That depends on what choice is made."

"This old man is curious. What could I choose that would cause my grandson to not be able to return to the Neoverse?" Bu Laoweng asked. His smiling expression had fallen away by now. He had realized that his habitual friendly old man act was not effective on Lu Yin.

Tian Shao stared at Lu Yin in a provocative manner.

Lu Yin had already voiced a threat, and he had no intention of being polite. "Senior, my senior brother, Highsage Shenwei, told me that one can die without a complaint, but once the older generation steps in, things change. This junior and Tian Shao are considered peers. Does Senior intend to intercede?"

Bu Laoweng replied, "Competition among peers refers to combat, but my grandson is not proficient at such things. How could he compete with you? At this moment, he is supervising the Great Eastern Alliance on behalf of this old man."

"The Great Eastern Alliance needs no outside supervision." Lu Yin's tone had cooled, though its pitch had risen.

Bu Laoweng frowned. "Do you intend to go against the Hall of Honor's orders?"

Lu Yin stared back at Bu Laoweng. "If I remember correctly, although the Hall of Honor is able to command the entire universe, it is not the master of the universe, and it has no right to intervene in the internal affairs of major powers without permission."

"The Sixth Mainland-"

Bu Laoweng began to speak, but Lu Yin unceremoniously cut him off. "There's no need to mention the Sixth Mainland. Even if the Sixth Mainland will take over the Outerverse, such changes require a great deal of time. And that's not even mentioning," Lu Yin's gaze grew sharp as he stated, "The Outerverse will remain. The threat of the Sixth Mainland does not frighten us, and the Hall of Honor cannot force us to abandon our homeland. Even if we must die, we will resist to the end."

"Good! We can't abandon our home!" a man attending the Alliance Convention suddenly shouted out. His face was flushed, as he had been holding these words back for a long time.

"That's right, we won't give up our home!"

"We won't give up!"

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Not everyone was willing to accept fate and leave their destiny in the hands of others for them to decide. The people who were able to attend this Alliance Convention had risen up through the ranks, and there were many strong-willed people present. Many of them would rather die than surrender, and the moment someone took this stance, they would be willing to do anything.

Lu Yin had unified the Outerverse with the Great Eastern Alliance, but the Outerverse had never been truly united. They had merely been a loose coalition. Forget the entire Outerverse—Lu Yin was not able to truly control even a tenth of the Outerverse.

The Sixth Mainland wanted to take over the Outerverse, and as a result, the significance of the Great Eastern Alliance had suddenly taken a drastic turn. Now, it roused many people's bloodlust.

The old man behind Tian Shao immediately released an overpowering pressure, but it was instantly offset by an even more magnificent power.

The old man was appalled. "An Envoy?"

Bu Laoweng was shocked that an Envoy had stepped out. Envoys were on an entirely different power level than Enlighters.

"I wonder which old friend is present. Please show yourself." The image of the old man spoke up as he looked around.

No one answered.

Bu Laoweng asked again, calling out, "I wonder which old friend is present. Please show yourself."

Still, no one answered.

Bu Laoweng's face sank. The Outerverse was not as easily controlled as he had believed it to be. The overseer looked back at Lu Yin. "There is the Outerverse, the Innerverse, the Cosmic Sea, and finally, the Neoverse. Out of all these places, the Neoverse is the center of the entire Human Domain. There are people here who can cause the Great Eastern Alliance to disintegrate with just one word, and there are also people here who can allow people to step into the heavens with just one word.

"You're an intelligent person, and thus you should understand what this old man is saying. At this moment, what you have is not really yours. Rather, it's just that others do not want to interfere. The smart thing to do is trade the cards in your hand for the greatest benefits possible."

Lu Yin smiled lightly. "This junior has no interest in the Neoverse, and I simply wish to idle about in the Outerverse. To put it another way, I want to live and die with the Outerverse."

Many of the representatives attending the meeting suddenly looked over at Lu Yin. This kid was not bad. This was a man from the Outerverse.

"Young man, you don't know the true heights of the heavens. You believe that you can be reckless just because you have Eversky Island behind you, but Eversky Island can't interfere in my Hall of Honor's affairs, let alone someone like you, a mere nominal disciple. The Outerverse will be given to the Sixth Mainland, and only this old man can provide you with a path to survival. Why fight to the death? Who doesn't have family and cherished friends? Young man, try and see the big picture."

Lu Yin countered, "This junior is not old enough to see the things that form the bigger picture. Without the courage to fight, how can one even speak about the future? Without courage, it's only possible to cower and hide when a strong enemy is at the door. That is not seeing the big picture, but rather cowardice."

Bu Laoweng's gaze grew sharp. "Insolent! Junior, do not think that Eversky Island's backing is enough for you to speak to me in such a tone! Eversky Island has but a few people, and although they are exceptionally strong, they do not wield great influence and are unable to change the Hall of Honor's orders. Before you think about relying on your position as an Honor Chosen, that title was stripped away when Nightking Zhenwu sacrificed his Honor points to accuse you of betraying my Fifth Mainland. This old man has always felt that the accusation had merit, and I will use my position as an overseer to take an action that can only be used once every hundred years. I will imprison you until you are cleared of all suspicion! You will not be able to get out of this."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "My Honor Chosen title will be reclaimed by Judicial Commissioner Mu En, and as for the matter regarding Nightking Zhenwu's accusation, Yuan Shi will see to justice himself."

Bu Laoweng's expression turned solemn. "There is a privilege given to each of the nine overseers. Once every hundred years, we are allowed to veto anything that would interfere with a decision. Junior, I have not used this privilege for hundreds of years, but I will do so for you."

Lu Yin's eyes grew cold as he stared at Bu Laoweng.

Wei Rong and others looked on in silence as the two went tit-for-tat. Chaotic thoughts swirled through everyone's minds; who here could have imagined that some youth would be able to stand up against someone from the top of the Hall of Honor. If Lu Yin came out on top from this skirmish, his status would completely change, and his influence would no longer be limited to just the Outerverse.

At this moment, the outline to a plan that he had once dreamed of, but also dismissed for being too unrealistic, reappeared in Lu Yin's mind. That plan had been the basis behind his desire to attack the Innerverse, as well as his desire to create something unparalleled. Lu Yin had to win here.

While Lu Yin and Bu Laoweng were going back and forth, someone appeared in the same place as Bu Laoweng: Highsage Wudi.

Chapter 1190: Eversky Island's Style

Out of the nine overseers, Bu Laoweng was known for being the overseer with the best temperament and the one who listened to others the most readily. As a result, he was extremely well liked and never offended anyone. He even frequently defended the interests of those in the bottom ranks of the Hall of Honor, which had led to him having an excellent reputation within the Hall of Honor.

Of particular note was that he did not put on any airs. He once stated that, for any urgent matters, people were welcome to visit his home and speak to him directly without any need to file a report or suffer through the time-consuming bureaucracy. In an emergency, it was best to take care of things sooner rather than later.

After saying this, Bu Laoweng had followed through with his words, and as long as a person could find Bu Laoweng's home, they were welcome to freely enter.

Without mentioning the nine overseers, even those within the Hall of Honor with far less authority would not be willing to do such a thing, but this had been Bu Laoweng's standard policy for hundreds of years, and it caused countless people to admire him.

There was another point of importance that Bu Laoweng had mentioned to Lu Yin. He had truly never used his privilege as an overseer to ignore anything stopping a decision that he had made.

If not for his grandson and the opportunity that the Outerverse presented, Bu Laoweng would have thought to use this privilege against Lu Yin, as doing so would completely offend Eversky Island.

Regardless of whether or not Bu Laoweng's actions were an act, he had still followed through on what he said, and it had garnered a great deal of admiration from many people.

At the present moment, just as in the past, Bu Laoweng's home was open for all to enter whenever there was an emergency. So, right when Highsage Wudi entered his home, he heard Bu Laoweng saying,

"Insolent! Junior, do not think that Eversky Island's backing is enough for you to speak to me in such a tone! Eversky Island has but a few people... I will use my position as an overseer to take an action that can only be used once every hundred years. I will imprison you until you are cleared of all suspicion! You will not be able to get out of this."

"There is a privilege given to each of the nine overseers. Once every hundred years, we are allowed to veto anything that would interfere with a decision. Junior, I have not used this privilege for hundreds of years, but I will do so for you."

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Highsage Wudi silently watched and listened as Bu Laoweng and Lu Yin argued back and worth. Highsage Wudi did not move an inch.

"I really don't understand. Is it really worth it to offend Eversky Island just to gain control of Outerverse? You're just an overseer, and you can be replaced at any time." Lu Yin was a bit confused.

Bu Laoweng coldly replied, "What about Eversky Island? They can do nothing to this old man, and that's not even mentioning how I truly do suspect you of betraying my Fifth Mainland. Even if Eversky Island wants to intervene, it will be useless. I will be the one to ultimately decide your fate.

"I will keep you detained for a hundred years, and by then, you will no longer be considered a part of the younger generation. Thus, you will no longer be an Honor Chosen! This is an authority given only to us overseers, and no one can help you with this."

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Highsage Wudi silently turned around and left, his expression dark.

In the CyNet World, Lu Yin coldly looked at Bu Laoweng. For the sake of his grandson, the old man was ready to completely cast aside his face and reputation. He did not even care about Eversky Island's possible retaliation. Wait, he's held his position for hundreds of years. Could he be hoping for his grandson to take over his position as overseer after stepping down?

Although such a thing seemed farfetched, if Bu Laoweng's grandson could gain experience by supervising the entire Outerverse, it would paint him as a golden child. Then, it would no longer be impossible for him to attain such a high position, especially after a few more decades of work.

For his grandson, the old man had been scheming for a long time, as there was no other reason for him to be so desperate when Lu Yin threatened to pull Tian Shao down.

For the sake of his grandson's future as an overseer, Bu Laoweng would not hesitate to offend anyone.

While Lu Yin was contemplating the possibilities, the display surrounding him suddenly disappeared. Lu Yin turned to give Zi Jing a strange look, only to see someone else behind her: Highsage Wudi.

Highsage Wudi's expression was quite bad.

"Senior Wudi?" Lu Yin wondered what could have happened.

Highsage Wudi moved next to Lu Yin and set a hand on the youth's shoulder. "What a bunch of bullshit! Today, I'll show you how Eversky Island handles things!"

With that, Highsage Wudi disappeared, along with Lu Yin.

Zi Jing facepalmed; something big was about to happen.

At the Alliance Convention in the Outerverse, Lu Yin's image had suddenly disappeared, much to the crowd's confusion.

Bu Laoweng also felt that this was strange. He had actually expected that Lu Yin to give up on the Outerverse, as Bu Laoweng truly did not want to offend the Eversky Island over such a matter, let alone offend Yuan Shi. However, he had no other choice. Bu Laoweng would have to abdicate his position in just a few more decades at most. He had actually started putting plans in motion a hundred years ago so that his son could receive his position and become an overseer, but an accident had occurred. Fortunately, Bu Laoweng still had a grandson.

The original timeframe for his plans was not quick enough, and his grandson was much too young. Even though Bu Laoweng's plans required some hundred years for his grandson to become an overseer, nobody could have expected a massive piece of cake like the Outerverse to fall down from the sky. As long as Tian Shao could handle the Outerverse for a hundred years, and with Bu Laoweng's original preparations, it would be enough for Tian Shao to become an overseer within a hundred years. That would make him the youngest overseer in history.

Bu Laoweng had given up too much for this opportunity. He made a point to never offend people, to always maintain amicable relationships, and managing everything had left him both physically and mentally exhausted. Still, the Outerverse was a shortcut, and for the opportunity to seize such a shortcut, Bu Laoweng would offend anyone that he had to.

He simply hoped that Lu Yin would know how to behave. Hopefully, there would be no incidents along the path that Bu Laoweng had paved for his grandson.

Suddenly, Bu Laoweng's image also disappeared.

The crowd was all wondering what had happened. First, Lu Yin had disappeared, and then Bu Laoweng had vanished as well. What had happened?

Back in the Neoverse, the top of Mt. Microcosms trembled, shocking countless people throughout the Hall of Honor. Was the Neohuman Alliance attacking again?

At this moment, Lu Yin was shocked to his core, as he was watching Highsage Wudi attack the peak of Mt. Microcosms. Yes, Highsage Wudi was striking Mt. Microcosms, the same Mt. Microcosms that was the headquarters of the entire Hall of Honor, the core of the whole Human Domain that hid dozens of worlds. Highsage Wudi was decisive, and he struck down with another palm. This was insane!

Lu Yin was quite bold, but at this moment, he felt that he could not even come close to Highsage Wudi. This man was simply crazy!

Lu Yin felt a flurry of breaths as many powerhouses reached out to Highsage Wudi. "Senior Wudi, what are you doing?"

"Brother Wudi, what is it that you need to say?"

"Highsage Wudi, have you gone crazy?"

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Lu Yin felt his scalp tingle. He felt the presence of countless experts converge upon their location, more than what he could have ever imagined. It felt like there were hundreds of thousands of powerhouses, but could there really be so many top experts in the universe? Wasn't Highsage Wudi simply poking the hornet's nest?

The peak of Mt. Microcosms was being attacked by Highsage Wudi, and Bu Laoweng also stepped out to see what was happening. His face went white when he looked up and saw Highsage Wudi and Lu Yin standing there. Bu Laoweng's pupils shrank, and his heart dropped.

Highsage Wudi looked at the overseer with a cold smile. "Bu Laoweng, Eversky Island and I really don't have much influence, so I can only meet you by using this method. Can my junior brother's position as an Honor Chosen be returned, or do you want my master to show up himself? I don't know if the words 'Highsage Master' are enough for you, but Bu Laoweng, could you be magnanimous this time?"

Lu Yin blinked. Highsage Wudi was referring to the conversation that had just taken place between him and Bu Laoweng! How had Lu Yin's senior brother heard of it?

Bu Laoweng believed that Lu Yin was behind this, so he quickly and loudly replied, "Senior Wudi, don't listen to these young troublemakers! I, Bu Laoweng, have been in the Hall of Honor for so many years, and you know very well how I behave. How could I besmirch your Eversky Island?"

One figure after another appeared and gathered around the unfolding scene. There were both men and women, young and old, and everyone was staring at the scene while keeping a wary eye on Highsage Wudi.

Despite everyone around him being on full alert, Highsage Wudi was completely unconcerned. At his level, there were simply too few people who could suppress him, even within the Hall of Honor. This was a sacred place for countless people, but despite that, he still dared to strike.

Lu Yin was thoroughly convinced that this was simply the nature of everyone from Eversky Island. For example, Highsage Leon had created Leon's Armada, which was the most powerful fleet of pirates in the entire Human Domain, and people even called him the Pirate King.

As for Highsage Shenwei, despite his age, he still spoke and acted as recklessly as a young rogue. While Lu Yin had initially believed that Highsage Wudi was a normal person, he could have never guessed how brazen Eversky Island's eldest disciple truly was.

Would a normal person ever even consider attacking the Hall of Honor? This was simply unbelievable, and Lu Yin's world was currently being overturned.

However, when he glanced at the expressions of the people surrounding them, Lu Yin started to suspect that this might not be the first time that Highsage Wudi had done such a thing. No, it was very likely not the first time.

Highsage Wudi stared at Bu Laoweng with cold eyes. "I heard it with my own ears. You said that my Eversky Island has no influence, so I guess that this is as influential as I can be."

Bu Laoweng's expression grew ugly. He finally remembered that his home was open to all visitors, let alone a powerhouse like Highsage Wudi.

The people surrounding Highsage Wudi all looked over at Bu Laoweng. Although Highsage Wudi was bold, he was not an unreasonable person, and it seemed like the reason behind his behavior had finally been revealed.

The Hall of Honor was a very complex organization, and other than the Interstellar Supreme Court, there was also the Lockbreaker Society and several other major organizations. There were more subtle divisions, such as the nine overseers who focused more on dealing with the outside world, and there were also some who specialized in dealing with powerhouses or guarding Mt. Microcosms. None of these departments ever interfered with each other's work.

At this moment, due to Highsage Wudi moving against Bu Laoweng, all of these people had become involved.

The cultivators guarding Mt. Microcosms were all very powerful, but they were not even close to Highsage Wudi's level. So, they were left with no choice but to reach out to the Arbitration World and ask the Chief Justice to come out.

However, the Chief Justice had not appeared, and he had simply ignored the requests.

Someone sent a message to Bu Laoweng, asking him to admit his mistake. Actually, it was not just one person; nearly everyone present was asking Bu Laoweng to admit to his mistake.

Bu Laoweng was someone who was extremely well liked within the Hall of Honor, and he had worked there for hundreds of years. So naturally, many people spoke up for him.

"Senior Wudi, Overseer Bu Laoweng did not mean to besmirch Eversky Island. If he has offended your Eversky Island, then please allow him to apologize. There is no need to take action and hurt the peace," someone said.

"Yes, Brother Wudi, Bu Laoweng is but a child to you. Why concern yourself with a child?"

"Senior Wudi, wouldn't it be better to allow Bu Laoweng to apologize? As for the position of the child beside you, as long as things are done legally and properly, his status can be immediately restored."

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Highsage Wudi looked down at Bu Laoweng from high above, waiting for the overseer's response.

At this moment, several more figures arrived, and they situated themselves not too far away from the elderly overseer. When Lu Yin looked over, he saw that there were four people: an old man, two middle-aged men, and a white-haired woman with a beautiful face.

These people had caught Lu Yin's attention precisely because they had not joined everyone else and surrounded Highsage Wudi. Instead, their presence felt invisible, but they also felt very similar to Bu Laoweng. If Lu Yin's guess was not wrong, then these four were also overseers. Realizing this caused Lu

Yin to pay more attention to the four people because the old man had black and white hair with a touch of gray in the middle. He should be the overseer from the Daynight clan, Nightking Zheng.

The white-haired woman who had appeared with the three men bowed in a dignified manner. She seemed to have a soft and comfortable temperament with the appearance of a classic beauty.

Highsage Wudi looked at her. "Xin Jiao, it has truly been a long time since I last saw you."

The woman's name was Xin Jiao, and she was indeed one of the nine overseers, being known as Overseer Xin.

Xin Jiao looked up at Highsage Wudi. "I wonder, what has Bu Laoweng done to offend Senior Wudi and anger you so? I remember that such a thing has not happened in a long time."

Highsage Wudi stared at Bu Laoweng. "It's true that I never meddle in the Neoverse's affairs. Eversky Island has always remained above such things, but if you guys are going to act so brazenly, then I will no longer take things lying down. My junior brother is one of your Hall of Honor's Honor Chosen, but due to certain events, his qualifications were temporarily rescinded. The Chief Justice recently agreed to return everything back to as it was before, but Overseer Bu Laoweng dared to state that he will retain my junior disciple by using his privilege as an overseer and force my junior brother to be imprisoned for a hundred years. I'm simply here to find out why."