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Chapter 1361: White Dragon Rolls Over

Lu Yin really wanted to tell Long Xi that he did not need to be protected, but in the end he remained silent. If he revealed too much strength, it would arouse suspicion. However, Lu Yin was most curious about the White Dragon Clan's secret technique. After all, it was impossible for one of the four ruling powers to not have a secret technique.

He shifted his attention to look at the eight-legged frog-like beast. This was something that could be easily run into in the Lower Realm. If this place was thrown into the Fifth Mainland, would Lu Yin's home universe be slaughtered?

"Let's go," Long Xi said. She was already searching for their path forward and walking.

Lu Yin followed closely behind.

A day passed, and they were attacked again. This time, it was by bugs that emerged from the ground and tried to burrow into Lu Yin's feet. He was so startled that he quickly evaded the bugs, but Long Xi killed them instantly. However, as soon as the two saw how many bugs there were in the ground, they simply fled. There were just too many.

From Lu Yin's perspective, the towering trees in the Lower Realm were not even trees at all, but were roots. After traveling for several days, the pair encountered various beasts, and were attacked no fewer than ten times. Lu Yin saw a huge white head off in the distance that practically filled the entire sky. It was the Python Ancestor's head.

He could not even see the entire thing. Most of the head was above the clouds, so only a small portion was visible. Despite that, what Lu Yin could see was just too large. It was like an entire landmass that was hanging upside down up in the sky.

Lu Yin grew a bit sluggish. No wonder the white python was able to wrap around the Mother Tree! Even after staring, Lu Yin could not see the end of the head. He was just looking at the python's head, and it was already so massive.

Upon seeing the Python Ancestor's head, Long Xi's eyes grew excited while also revealing the respect she held for the python with the strength of a Progenitor. She slowly bowed, and Lu Yin quickly followed suit.

"the Python Ancestor should be the most powerful existence in the Lower Realm," Lu Yin said.

Long Xi's tone revealed a rarely heard excitement and amazement, "That's only natural. Without the Python Ancestor, the creatures here in the Lower Realm would surge into the Middle Realm. the Python Ancestor suppresses the entire Lower Realm all by himself."

"Aside from the Python Ancestor, what's the most powerful creature down here in the Lower Realm?" Lu Yin was curious.

Long Xi thought for a moment. "I don't know. I've heard that thousands of years ago there were creatures at the Semi-Progenitor level that were killed, and there was some sort of catastrophe even further back when everyone who entered the Lower Realm died. And an even longer time before that,

there was supposedly a fish in the Lower Realm's ocean that was big enough to compare to the Python Ancestor. History recorded the creature as an Arkfish."

"A despicable fish?"1 Lu Yin had immediately thought of Lord Fish who rode on Xi Qi's head.

Long Xi glanced over. "They called the fish Arkfish because it was simply too big and was on the same level as the Python Ancestor and the eagle in the Dominion Realm. However, there are only legends about that fish, and there there are no real records or facts to even prove that it existed and was real."

Lu Yin sighed. "The Lower Realm is really amazing."

"There are many people who wish it was not so amazing, especially the root organization," Long Xi said.

The root organization had been established by the four ruling powers, and it specialized in eliminating creatures in the Lower Realm that were more harmful to the Mother Tree. The organization was well respected, and though the mortality rate was very high, the rewards given out were equally high. Lu Yin remembered hearing Shou Sheng mention being part of the root organization.

Shou Sheng had preferred trying to find a way to have Lu Yin impersonate Long Qi and deceive the White Dragon Clan than return to the Lower Realm. That showed Shou Sheng's fear of the place.

Step by step they made their way towards the Python Ancestor's head. As time passed and they survived various life or death challenges, Long Xi's attitude towards Lu Yin improved tremendously.

Lu Yin had never experienced being protected by a woman, and it felt pretty good, even if he was feeling extremely frustrated.

The third region was extremely expansive. The two people walked for several days, yet the Python Ancestor's head never seemed to get closer. This was partially because they did not dare travel too quickly.

Whenever they had tried to pick up their speed, they had released fluctuations of star energy which had caused some beasts to attack them. By moving slower, they had significantly reduced the frequency of the attacks they faced.

Suddenly, Long Xi froze and glanced behind them out of the corner of her eye. "Someone's there."

Lu Yin had noticed the same a step ahead of Long Xi. He had not been using his domain, but had noticed the person's presence from the ambient star energy.

Long Xi did not have as delicate control of star energy as Lu Yin. Lu Yin had been able to notice the presence of others through the fluctuations in the ambient star energy, and they had actually been followed for a long time.

The two stopped and waited.

The following party also stopped and did not move any closer.

Lu Yin frowned. This did not feel right.

Long Xi took out the power vessel ring and threw it around Lu Yin. "Don't step out of that."

Lu Yin was left speechless as he watched Long Xi return the direction they had come from. It did not take long for her to return, but when she did, her eyes were colder than before and there was a drop of blood on her cheek that did not belong to her.

"Were they trying to kill me?" Lu Yin asked.

Long Xi lightly replied, "Let's go."

She did not want to say anything more, so Lu Yin did not press the matter. The truth was that there was no need for him to even ask; no one would go to the Lower Realm to try to assassinate Long Xi, so clearly Lu Yin was the target. Had the Celestial Frost Sect's Junior Progenitor still not given up?

Long Xi had already married Lu Yin and had given him her blood essence. For members of the White Dragon Clan, that exchange had consummated their marriage, and the rest did not matter. This meant that either Bai Shaohong really liked Long Xi, or this assassination attempt was part of a larger plot and the Junior Progenitor was not concerned about his reputation.

Lu Yin recalled what Long Xi had mentioned before about the White Dragon Rolls Over.

"What is the White Dragon Rolls Over?" Lu Yin asked. Suddenly, he felt his heart tightened. Maybe Long Xi had mentioned this before because not only was it not a secret, but was actually common knowledge.

Long Xi paused for a moment and gave Lu Yin a strange look.

Lu Yin pursed his lips, but said nothing.

"You aren't from my White Dragon Clan, so I don't know if this is common knowledge," Long Xi said.

Lu Yin released a sigh of relief. While Lu Yin had been accepted as the White Dragon Clan's son-in-law with Long Qi's identity, Long Xi knew that Lu Yin was not actually Long Qi. Despite that, there were times when she would unconsciously treat him as though he actually was the person he was impersonating. It seemed that while this White Dragon Rolls Over was not common knowledge throughout the Perennial World, it was something that everyone in the White Dragon Clan or the four ruling powers all knew of.

"The Python Ancestor is also the white dragon, so when the white dragon rolls over, the Python Ancestor is rolling over," Long Xi simply explained.

Lu Yin grew curious. "So why is the Celestial Frost Sect wanting to cause the Python Ancestor to roll over?"

Long Xi looked up at the enormous python. "Because when the Python Ancestor rolls over, he might push against the Higher Realm."

Lu Yin was puzzled.

"This is nothing you need to be too clear about. Bai Shaohong wants me in order to gain control of the mighty power of my White Dragon Clan's ability to roll the white dragon over. He will do anything it takes to deal with you and accomplish this, and the only thing that could possibly cause him to hesitate is Humility's Gate. Aside from them, not my White Dragon Clan, Shenwu's Sky, or the Wang Clan could make him do more than briefly hesitate. The ruling powers have our own rules that dictate things for us, while Humility's Gate is an independent and outside force," Long Xi said.

"So that's why you asked your older brother to find a way to let me join Humility's Gate?" Lu Yin said.

Long Xi said, "After you join Humility's Gate, keep a low profile and don't reveal your identity. Bai Shaohong's ability means that he can also get people into Humility's Gate, but even if he wants to use that to deal with you, he still needs to follow Humility's Gate's rules. This is ironclad. This means that as long as you don't commit any serious offences, people have nothing on you. You will have to stay that way for just half a year. After half a year,my brother will arrange for you to retire from the service to Humility's Gate, and then it will be much more difficult for Bai Shaohong to try to deal with you."

Lu Yin sighed. "That sounds exhausting."

Long Xi looked over at him. "Your entire life changed the moment you agreed to pretend to be Long Qi, so either do what I say or die."

After that, she continued forward alone.

Why did your temper flare up again? Lu Yin was rather exasperated.

"Given Bai Shaohong's resources and abilities, there has to be more than one group of people that were sent," Long Xi said as she tossed the ring-shaped power vessel over to Lu Yin. "Keep yourself protected."

Just as Long Xi predicted, they were attacked by many people as they continued. There were both hidden ambushes and open attacks. The attackers not only came from the third region, but from other regions as well. They did not know what Bai Shaohong had offered as a reward for Lu Yin's death, but the attackers were desperate whenever they attacked.

Lu Yin was able to understand Bai Shaohong's influence.

If they were back in the Fifth Mainland, Lu Yin would similarly be able to send countless people to assassinate Bai Shaohong. What was Lu Yin's status in the Fifth Mainland? It was very similar to Bai Shaohong's status in the Perennial World.

Lu Yin felt that their upcoming days would be busy.

Long Xi dealt with groups of attackers with her spear. Blood dripped from the tip of her spear, and three people surrounding her stared at her in horror. They glanced over at Lu Yin inside the ring. It was clear they were unwilling to accept a loss. They growled and attacked as one.

Long Xi's spear danced about in an unpredictable manner, and a single attack sent her spear through the necks of all three people. Lu Yin's eyes were able to see that she had not actually attacked once, but three times. He was able to see when she had retracted the spear, but not the moment that she had unleashed the attacks.

The White Dragon Clan's spear skills were invincible, and this time of traveling together had shown this to Lu Yin. Long Xi's attack power with her spear was in no way inferior to Wang Yi's Four Arts.

Lu Yin stepped out of the ring and looked around. They had been surrounded by fifteen people, but Long Xi had eliminated all of them by herself. However, she had also suffered an injury this time; her thigh had been cut. Still, the injury had not affected her in the slightest and she had easily won.

Long Xi began walking forward once again without even speaking. It was as though she had become used to this routine.

Lu Yin quickly followed after her, but suddenly an alarm went off in his heart and he reflexively unleashed his domain, though he limited it to only expanding to a meter away from his body. An old woman who had been killed during the previous battle suddenly appeared and lifted her arm. There was nothing in her hand, but Lu Yin's domain was able to tell him that he had been attacked by something. He quickly moved his feet to evade the attack.

Long Xi had not expected someone to still be alive, but her spear almost instantly shot forward. The spear also entered Lu Yin's domain, and the young woman turned to look at him in surprise, as she had not expected his domain to be so powerful.

Lu Yin's domain was about as strong as Unseen Light's, and while Lu Yin could not rely on his domain to predict attacks, the defense offered by Lu Yin's domain did not lag behind Unseen Light's domain. Long Xi's spear thrust had been an extremely powerful attack, but the moment the weapon entered Lu Yin's domain, she felt as though her weapon had been trapped within a quagmire, and the same was true of the old woman's attack as well.

Lu Yin suddenly retracted his domain, and Long Xi's spear struck the invisible weapon, causing sparks to shoot out in all directions.

Lu Yin was still unable to even see the old woman's weapon, but he was able to sense it through his mastery of star energy and could tell that she had attacked with an invisible thread.

The old woman flickered and rushed forward parallel to Lu Yin. Lu Yin's eyebrows rose up; if someone did not know what the woman's weapon was, it would look like she was trying to escape. However, to Lu Yin's eyes, this old woman clearly wanted to use her thread to cut off his head. Even Long Xi believed the woman was trying to escape. This was a very insidious means of attacking.

Lu Yin immediately took out the ring-shaped power vessel, and the old woman's silk thread struck the barrier from the ring, but the power vessel warped the void and the thread was unable to continue forward.

The old woman's eyes flashed and she immediately moved to retreat.

Long Xi's knees went weak and her arms grew heavy; if not for Lu Yin taking out the power vessel in time, he would already be dead. Long Xi could not allow this old woman to escape, as she did not have the confidence to face this opponent at the same time as fighting the beasts of the Lower Realm. Besides, Long Xi already knew that the old woman was one of the assassins sent for Lu Yin, and the two of them could not afford to be careless.

Chapter 1362: Realmless

"Stay inside the ring and don't come out!" Long Xi ordered Lu Yin in a low voice before moving to chase after the old woman. The speed of the Roving White Dragon allowed Long Xi to move faster than even the old woman, and she quickly caught up.

Lu Yin looked at where Long Xi had just passed and sighed. "Get up. Stop pretending."

There was nothing out of the ordinary to be seen. Lu Yin glanced at the dozen-plus corpses lying on the ground and focused on a certain man. Lu Yin then stepped out of the ring and walked over to look down at the man.

The man's eyes suddenly opened and he stood up, staring at Lu Yin in surprise.

"It's strange, isn't it? How did I know you were alive, and why would I dare step out of the ring?" Lu Yin smiled slightly.

The man's eyes narrowed. A bloodthirsty killing intent flashed in the depths of his eyes, but then he simply turned around and left. It was decisive and instant. The man was an Enlighter, while Lu Yin was only a Hunter. Lu Yin had even left the protection of the power vessel, and yet the man had not even tried to attack Lu Yin.

This surprised Lu Yin. This man was a true-blue professional assassin. Only a very experienced assassin could be so decisive. If such a man missed a single attack, they would flee thousands of miles. If they felt the smallest of doubts, they would not take action. Lu Yin had clearly frightened the man by leaving the ring.

Lu Yin shook his head, and an astral chessboard appeared beneath his feet. He moved, but not himself. Instead, Lu Yin moved the man to stand right in front of himself. As the man stared at Lu Yin in utter disbelief, Lu Yin raised his hand and flicked a finger. The wind from his finger was an attack that instantly pierced the man's body.

The man had never dreamed that Lu Yin might possess such terrifying strength. It was at a level where the man had not even had a chance to put up any resistance.

Lu Yin tossed the corpse back to where the man had lain when he had pretended to be dead, and then Lu Yin simply returned to the power vessel to wait for Long Xi.

This was the first time that Lu Yin had killed anyone in this universe. He had not expected it to be from such an unsatisfying fight.

A long while later, Long Xi returned. When she saw that Lu Yin was safe and sound, she was relieved, and she looked over at the corpses.

Lu Yin's heart twitched. "Everything go smoothly?"

Long Xi said coldly, "She was a Realmless."

A Realmless? Lu Yin was afraid that this was something else that was common sense in this place, so he did not dare ask anything further.

Long Xi looked the corpses over one by one. Lu Yin was afraid that she would notice the one man's different cause of death, so he walked out of the ring.

Long Xi suddenly shouted at him, "Don't step out!"

"What's wrong?" Lu Yin wondered.

Long Xi's expression grew sharp and she looked around once more before letting out a sigh of relief; these people were all dead.

Long Xi looked at Lu Yin. "Do you know about Realmless?"

Lu Yin pursed his lips as he considered how best to answer. Should he know about this? Be ignorant of it?

However, if he went by Long Xi's tone, this seemed to be something that he should not know about, so he shook his head.

"Realmless is the largest assassin organization in the Perennial World. That old woman from just now was a Realmless assassin. There's no telling where she originally came from, but she's good at suppressing her lifesigns by using a unique method. She has never missed an attack. I didn't expect Bai Shaohong to hire an assassin from Realmless to deal with you. We underestimated the Celestial Frost Sect and their desire to get the White Dragon to roll over." Long Xi's expression was ugly, and she was gritting her teeth.

Lu Yin's heart sank. "Since this attack failed, they'll send someone else."

"Nonsense," Long Xi said.

Lu Yin was unhappy with her reaction. "I'm being targeted because of you. You could at least be nicer about it."

Long Xi just stared at him. "That power vessel I gave you will keep you safe. Realmless's assassins aren't easy to deal with, so if any trouble comes, immediately use that."

Lu Yin nodded, but was not happy. A power vessel could not guarantee his life. Just hearing about the Realmless assassins let him know that they would not be easy to deal with. He was still only a Hunter. "Does Realmless have any Envoys?"

Long Xi's face grew solemn. "More than one."

Lu Yin gulped. This was not a good thing to hear.

"You're the White Dragon Clan's princess, and it can be said that I'm also a member of the White Dragon clan. Is Realmless really so arrogant? They dare to brazenly attack me?" Lu Yin asked.

Long Xi threw out a surprise, "Realmless's assassins killed the Celestial Frost Sect Master."

Well, that shut Lu Yin up. These people dared to target even the Celestial Frost Sect's master, let alone a mere son-in-law like Lu Yin. This led Lu Yin to believe that for the right price, Realmless might have the courage to target anyone.

The last wave of attackers might have all been Realmless assassins. Over the next few days, the two travelers did not encounter any more assailants aside from the Lower Realm's beasts. There were times when they saw other people, but both parties would grow wary of the other and no fights broke out.

"Your domain is quite impressive. Few of your peers can compare to you," Long Xi said as she looked at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin had already known that Long Xi would bring this up. "I have a bit of talent for it, but I've already reached my limit from my talent, and I don't know how to cultivate my domain."

Long Xi said, "A domain has various uses, but the most common use is to use it to form a protective armor, special sort of domain-based attack, or using it to predict opponents' attacks. Once a person reaches a higher level of mastery, they can form spirits, or even control space like a god. I don't actually know much about the methods to cultivate a domain either, but once we return, I'll ask the elders to guide you. If it turns out that you really do have a talent for a domain, then your future won't be negligible."

Lu Yin's eyes lit up; forming a spirit from a domain? Controling space like a god? These were possibilities that he had never even heard of before, as there was no such level of mastery back in the Fifth Mainland. If there were, he would have learned of it. As for the Sixth Mainland, they felt that domains were a lesser path of cultivation, and thus mostly ignored it.

The Fifth Mainland was missing details and certain aspects of the different cultivation paths, whereas the Sixth Mainland had simply taken an alternative path. This universe seemed to be similar to the Fifth Mainland with their cultivation paths, but was a higher level than the Fifth Mainland. Lu Yin could steal the information from this place!

Nearly half a month passed from the time they had first arrived in the Lower Realm. The two were resting when a figure suddenly rushed towards them from behind.

Long Xi had remained on guard. Lu Yin did not say a word, and simply retreated into the power vessel.

A person who they had previously met raced up to them. They had run into the man's expedition team a few days ago, but the two groups had passed each other by without speaking.

"RUN! Run away! Terror ants are coming this way!" The man shouted in horror. He shot right by Lu Yin and Long Xi and continued on without slowing.

Long Xi's expression changed the moment she heard the man's words. She looked back at where the man had come from, and she vaguely heard a rustling sound. She felt a wave of cold rush over her entire body as a wave of black appeared.

She paled and moved to Lu Yin's side before immediately taking off with the Roving White Dragon.

The scenery flashed by them and rapidly fell behind. There was a flock of strange birds overhead that were also racing away, and they flew in all directions. Down on the ground, beasts fled away while completely ignoring the fleeing humans.

Long Xi quickly shot by the person who had warned them, ignoring his ugly expression.

"What are terror ants?" Lu Yin asked.

Long Xi answered in a low growl, "Shut up!"

Lu Yin looked behind and saw that the black mass was drawing closer and closer. It was moving far too fast, and it was absolutely massive. Even more importantly, behind the black mass, the landscape was completely empty. There were no trees- no, that was not right. The Mother Tree's roots were all gone. Everything had been removed and nothing had been left behind.

Lu Yin's expression changed and he released his domain.

"Don't mess around! Those are terror ants! They can tear through domains and spiritual force, and not even that ring I gave you can stop them since they can even tear their way through the void!" Long Xi scolded.

Lu Yin instantly stopped what he had been doing. By this time he was able to distinguish that the black mass approaching them was not a singular entity, but rather a ball that was formed from countless black ants. The ball was rolling in their direction at an incredible speed, and not even grass remained after the ball passed through an area.

They had seen many creatures that seemed similar to these ants, but this was the first time that Long Xi had shown any sort of fear.

Before too long, the ants caught up to the man who had warned Lu Yin and Long Xi about the ants. There was a scream, and then nothing. The ants had swarmed over him, and not even bones were left behind.

The horde of terror ants not only traveled in the shape of a ball, but would also reform their horde into various other shapes.

Lu Yin's scalp went numb. "Hurry up! They're almost on top of us!"

The ants were moving faster and faster, and Lu Yin subconsciously hugged Long Xi. There was a great deal of contact between their bodies, and though Long Xi stiffened up, she did not stop fleeing.

Lu Yin was barely able to resist putting on his universal armor, as there was no way the ants would be able to get through that.

However, suddenly the ants stopped moving and no longer chased the two.

Lu Yin heaved a sigh of relief, and Long Xi also stopped fleeing. She was panting as she turned to look behind.

"Why did they stop?" Lu Yin asked.

Long Xi pointed up above.

Lu Yin looked up and his mouth dropped open. They were under the Python Ancestor's head. They were so close to it that Lu Yin would be able to touch the beast with the strength of a Progenitor if he flew up into the sky.

No wonder the terror ants did not dare continue chasing them; the Python Ancestor's breath was able to keep the two safe.

"What would we have done if they hadn't stopped for the Python Ancestor?" Lu Yin asked.

Long Xi said, "I don't have time to deal with your crap. Let's hurry up."

She then continued forward, completely ignoring how Lu Yin had embraced her a moment before.

Lu Yin turned around to take a good look at the ants. Not even the ring-shaped power vessel he had been given would have protected him from the bugs since they were able to pass through the void. An Envoy might be able to survive the ants, but the Lower Realm was truly too dangerous.

The two people continued on in the direction where the Python Ancestor's head descended closer to the ground, and two days later, the Progenitor's head stopped only a few tens of meters above the ground.

Lu Yin was capable of touching the Progenitor's head by just hopping up, but Long Xi stopped him before he could do so.

They were safe in this place and this close to the Python Ancestor, as no beast would dare get so close to the Progenitor. However, people were still a possible threat.

Another day passed, and then Lu Yin finally met the Python Ancestor.

The moment Lu Yin touched the Python Ancestor, he experienced a sensation he did not know how to describe. It was like a cold that pierced to the bone, but also a vibration that tried to disperse his soul. He did not dare make any sort of move, and he had a vision of the Python Ancestor rising and directing a ruthless glare towards Lu Yin. Lu Yin was instantly overcome with terror.

There was a bang as Lu Yin was knocked back and he struck the ground. The bone-deep cold finally left him.

Long Xi glared at Lu Yin. "I told you not to be rude to the Python Ancestor! Given your strength, you're lucky that touch didn't just kill you."

Lu Yin let out a long breath as he sat on the ground for a moment. He rubbed his waist and looked up at the Python Ancestor. Lu Yin could not even see the edge of the python's head, and all he could see were scales. He felt that this was a sight that he would remember for his entire life. This was his first time encountering a Progenitor realm powerhouse. If he tried to tell people about this, no one in the Fifth Mainland would believe him.

Also, it was truly terrifying that the Python Ancestor was able to live for so long, not to mention that it was able to push the entire Higher Realm away with just a nudge from its body.

Lu Yin remembered that there was also the enormous eagle up in the Dominion Realm. He really wanted to take a look at that Progenitor as well.

It had taken them nearly twenty days to arrive at the location where they paid their respects to the Python Ancestor from the entrance of the third region.

Lu Yin looked up, but was still not able to see the python's face. All he could see was a portion of the mouth, and even that extended out of his sight due to the unbelievable size.

Long Xi looked at the Python Ancestor with reverence in her eyes. "This is the only place we can go."

Lu Yin really wanted to get a look at the Python Ancestor's full face. However, it was impossible for Lu Yin to see the Progenitor's full size, as he could not even see all of a single eye.

Chapter 1363: The Legend Of Wu Tian

Long Xi began the White Dragon Clan's ritual for visiting their Progenitor.

Lu Yin did not really understand the point in such things, as the Python Ancestor would not simply open his eyes to admire his worshipers' power. Lu Yin even had a rather evil suspicion that if the python opened his eyes, he would swallow the two humans. Still, they were too small to even get stuck between the Progenitor's teeth. Still, the Python Ancestor had been sleeping for a long time, so if he woke and had nothing to eat, he would be hungry!

Lu Yin felt as though he had discovered some secret truth, and he struggled with himself over whether or not to tell Long Xi.

After Long Xi finished her ritual, Lu Yin asked her, "Can we go?"

Long Xi nodded. She looked up at the Python Ancestor with a fire blazing in her eyes. "My White Dragon Clan's power comes from a gift from the Python Ancestor. If I could one day see him wake up with my own eyes, my life would be worth it."

"When will the Python Ancestor wake up?" Lu Yin was very curious about this.

Long Xi's eyes darkened some, but she did not reply.

"What about the terror ants? We have to head back the way we came, and we'll run into them again." A quite serious problem had occurred to Lu Yin.

Long Xi squatted down and touched the dirt beneath them. "the Python Ancestor has slept here for such a long time that even the dirt holds a bit of his energy. Putting this dirt on our bodies will be enough to scare off those terror ants."

"That sounds too risky," Lu Yin said.

Long Xi said lightly, "Then stay here."

She then hesitated and looked at Lu Yin in a more serious manner. "If you decide to stay, I can publicly announce that you experienced some bit of enlightenment from feeling the Python Ancestor's gift. This will let you avoid a great deal of danger from Bai Shaohong. No Envoy would dare attack randomly in this place, and anyone who is not an Envoy can't break through that ring I gave you."

Lu Yin's eyes lit up as Long Xi continued talking and started treating the matter more seriously. Lu Yin quickly threw some dirt on himself. "I'd still rather go back."

Long Xi did not say anything further, but she did seem to somewhat regret Lu Yin's choice.

Lu Yin was speechless at her response. The woman actually wanted to leave Lu Yin in such a place! He would not remain in such a haunted location, and if the Python Ancestor ever moved in his sleep, Lu Yin would instantly be crushed.

They had traveled slowly on their way to pay their respects to the Progenitor, but they moved quickly for the return trip. There were no beasts or people to be seen, and they returned to where they had encountered the terror ants within half a day.

Lu Yin felt a sense of panic as he stared upon the endless emptiness before him. This was the power of the terror ants; not even a blade of grass remained.

"Those terror ants did a lot of damage to the Mother Tree," Lu Yin asked.

Long Xi was solemn as she replied, "Terror ants are one of the biggest problems for Root. Every year they kill hundreds of colonies of terror ants."

"Why not ask a more powerful expert to make a move? Don't the four ruling powers care to help out?" Lu Yin asked.

Long Xi's tone grew lighter. "The ant colonies have their strong and weak as well. Their reproductive abilities are unmatched, so they can't be simply destroyed. Most of the creatures here in the Lower Realm harm the Mother Tree, but there is also an ecosystem down here, and there would likely be catastrophic consequences to wiping out an entire species."

The terror ants were gone. After they had cleaned out this area, they had moved on to somewhere else.

There were no plants at all due to the ants, and the two people also encountered almost no beasts, since nearly all creatures had been frightened away by the terror ants' passing. Their path crossed a well known region of the Lower Realm, so they were able to return all the way back in only three days.

Back at the entrance to the third region, they saw Gui's massive body, as well as Elder Long Kui with some of the people he had detained.

Long Kui felt relief at seeing Long Xi and Lu Yin safely return. Although the two looked somewhat embarrassed, everything was fine as long as they returned after successfully visiting the Python Ancestor.

Lu Yin saw a great number of people at the entrance to the third region, and every single one of them was a powerhouse. Lu Yin knew that Long Kui must have stopped these people from entering the third region, as their reasons for entering meant nothing to the White Dragon Clan, and even less to an Envoy, so Long Kui had stopped all potential threats he had seen, just to be safe.

"I've inconvenienced everyone, but you can now continue on your way," Long Kui said to the people he had held up.

All of the detainees felt helpless, so they forced out polite responses and entered the third region one after another.

There was one person within the group who shot a vicious glare towards Lu Yin before heading straight into the third region.

"We've forced Elder to wait a long time," Long Xi said.

Long Kui smiled. "It's fine."

From behind, Gui lifted his body and stared at Lu Yin with both heads. It appeared that Lu Yin's return had made the beast very happy, though Lu Yin always felt that the beast looked at him and saw a toy. Lu Yin felt a bit scared of the beast with the strength of an Envoy, but also knew that such fear was unfounded; the creature was a complete coward, and Lu Yin still had the ring-shaped power vessel.

A playful light sparked in Lu Yin's eyes after he saw Gui staring at him. Lu Yin arched a brow and stared at the beast in a stern manner. Then, Lu Yin's eyes went wide and he opened his mouth to let out a loud roar, which was quickly answered by an even louder roar from off in the distance. Gui was instantly cowed.

Lu Yin was also taken aback; were there really so many beasts in this place with the strength of an Envoy?

Long Kui was helpless. "Let's go."

Long Xi stared at Lu Yin before stepping onto Gui's back. Lu Yin also leaped up, and the beast quickly unfurled his wings and began to fly towards the Rainbow Bridge. Their time in the Lower Realm was done.

On the Rainbow Bridge, the red color flowed down, while the bordering orange color slowed up into the sky.

The Rainbow Bridge was absolutely massive, so it was not a simple matter to pass from the red stripe over to the orange one.

Lu Yin was very surprised to find that this universe had no spacecraft; even the Astral Combat Academy had their own.

Still, Lu Yin was an outsider visiting for the first time, and every place would have their own culture and rules, so Lu Yin did not ask many questions.

As they sat on Gui's back, Lu Yin was able to see various groups making their way down to the Lower Realm. Though it was an incredibly dangerous place, it also held a fatal attraction for many cultivators.

Lu Yin was looking down at the ground beneath the red stripe of the Rainbow Bridge. The people making their way down to the Lower Realm were naturally able to see Lu Yin's group flying over their heads and making their way towards the orange stripe.

Many people felt envious; a glance was enough to know that Gui was a mount with the strength of an Envoy, and such a creature had to belong to a superpower, possibly even one of the four ruling forces.

Gui shot through the sky, not only traveling parallel with the ground, but also making his way upwards as much as possible.

Among the people in the red stripe making their way towards the Lower Realm, there were two people who caught Long Kui's attention.

Long Xi followed Long Kui's gaze to see an old man with his hands clasped behind his back. The man looked ancient to the point where he might collapse at any moment. However, Long Xi's expression changed the moment she saw the old man. "Master of the Graceful Sword Arts Liu Yijian."

As she spoke, the old man looked up and saw Long Kui and Long Xi. He nodded to them with a smile.

Long Kui responded, while Long Xi had Lu Yin stand up and bow to the old man with her.

A young man stood behind the old man, and he blankly stared at Lu Yin for a moment. A startling amount of stunned disbelief could be seen deep in the young man's eyes.

Lu Yin was no different, as he was startled to see just who it was behind the old man: Zhang Dingtian.

Lu Yin had never dreamed he would meet Zhang Dingtian in the Perennial World. Though Lu Yin knew that both Zhang Dingtian and Bai Xue had been sucked into Jupiter and he had considered that they had likely entered this universe, he had not expected to meet either of the two, let alone so quickly and so suddenly.

The two young men were both surprised by each other, but their shock lasted only a moment. Long Xi did not notice anything, and Long Kui and the old man were only focused on each other, so no one noticed anything out of the ordinary from Lu Yin or Zhang Dingtian.

The two acted as though they did not recognize each other.

Gui shot towards the orange stripe of the bridge.

Zhang Dingtian averted his gaze. No matter how surprised Lu Yin had been, Zhang Dingtian had been startled far worse. After he and Bai Xue had been sucked into Jupiter and had appeared in this universe, Zhang Dingtian had assumed it would be impossible for him to ever see Lu Yin again, and yet they had seen each other while Zhang Dingtian had been on the Rainbow Bridge.

"Those were people from White Dragon Clan. When you see them in the future, watch yourself. The four ruling powers are not to be ignored." The old man in front of Zhang Dingtian gave words of caution to the young man.

Zhang Dingtian respectfully accepted such words. "Understood."

He had not expected that Lu Yin would actually be mixed in with one of the four ruling powers. Zhang Dingtian had been in the Perennial World for years, and thus he was aware of just how intimidating and powerful those four powers were. They were the masters of this universe! Just how had Lu Yin become entangled with those people? He seemed destined to become the center of attention no matter where he went.

Still, regardless of anything else, Zhang Dingtian was very happy to have seen Lu Yin again, as they were friends.

Nothing meant more to a person than meeting a friend when in a foreign country.

Elsewhere, Long Xi voiced her curiosity, "Who was that standing behind Senior Liu? I don't think I've seen him before."

Long Kui explained, "The Liu family is very strange. Every generation they have many people who will spend their entire lives guarding their sword monument and who will never leave that place. No one knows what sort of foundation the Liu family might have, so it's not unexpected for you not to know him."

"For him to be able to follow behind Master Yijian, the young man is definitely not weak," Long Xi said.

Long Kui smiled as he replied, "No matter what, he can't compare to you, Princess. No matter how extraordinary their sword monument might be, they are not able to compare to one of the four ruling powers."

Long Xi nodded. This was undeniable.

Lu Yin was left somewhat speechless after hearing their conversation; was everyone with the Liu surname connected to the sword? Back in the Fifth Mainland, the Liu family had founded the Sword Sect and were the masters of the universe's most powerful sword technique: the Thirteen Swords. In the Perennial World, the Liu family had a sword monument, which was enough that even the White Dragon Clan took note of it.

"Is their sword monument that amazing?" Lu Yin asked.

Long Kui did not respond.

Long Xi said, "Their sword monument is something from ancient times. It is said that it holds the best sword technique to ever belong to humanity, and that it has always been guarded by the Liu family. No one knows if that legend is true or not, but the Liu family does indeed frequently demonstrate incredible swordsmanship. The Liu family is indisputably the master of the sword in this Perennial World."

Lu Yin understood. "So the Liu family is quite powerful, but they're still not able to enter the Higher Realm and reach the level of the four ruling powers? So our White Dragon clan is even better."

Long Kui laughed, as this was a pleasant thing to hear. "That's naturally the case, as their sword monument was left behind by the ancient Wu Tian, so it is clearly something beyond belief. Wu Tian was the one who set the precedent of human beings using weapons, so how could that monument be only something for swordsmanship? Wu Tian was one of the first of the ancient human Progenitors, so how could something from him be able to easily be passed down all the way until now?"

Everyone would like to hear compliments, and as soon as Lu Yin praised the White Dragon Clan, Long Kui had immediately offered up extra information.

Wu Tian? One of the most ancient Progenitors? There had actually been a powerhouse who had set the precedent for humans to use weapons? That was the ancient past, so was it possible to have been from the same era as the God of Death?

Long Xi commented, "Wu Tian existence alone is already a legend. There are no historical records to support his existence. It's possible that Wu Tian was a spirit, a symbol, or even the name of a specific era."

"That is indeed true. There are numerous legends about the ancient Progenitors, but very few can be confirmed. Wu Tian, Destiny, the God of Death, and even the Origin Progenitor who created humanity are all uncertain. The only thing that can be confirmed is Lu-" Suddenly, Long Kui cut off his words and would not say anything further.

Long Xi's body trembled, but she remained silent.

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Lu Yin felt his heart lurch. Lu? What did it mean? Was Long Kui meaning the surname? Or was that the name of an ancient Progenitor? The old man had mentioned "Lu" as something that had been confirmed to be true when mentioning the God of Death and Destiny, but was there really a connection to the Lu surname?

Lu Yin looked over at Long Kui. The old man was certainly stern enough, and he did not say anything further. Lu Yin felt an itch in his heart that could not be scratched. He really wanted to ask about what Long Kui had just mentioned, but there was no way the old man would say anything further. The only thing that Lu Yin felt certain of was that he could not reveal his surname in this universe. It seemed that the Lu surname was something truly special in this place.

In the Fifth Mainland, the Lu surname was merely considered to be a primeval surname, no different from the Liu or Bai surnames, but there seemed to be something strange about the Lu surname in this place.

Long Xi's communication crystal vibrated, and an image of Long Tian then appeared. "It's done. You need to immediately take Long Qi to the Yinshan District and have him report there. He's officially part of Humility's Gate, and he's been assigned the Yinshan District of the Middle Realm."

Long Xi nodded. "I got it."

Long Tian stared at Long Xi for a moment. "Make sure you warn him to not cause any trouble and to just stay there for a few months. I'll figure out some way to get him some achievements so that he can easily retire."

With that, the image disappeared.

Long Xi said to Long Kui. "We need to go to the Yinshan District."

Long Kui grew a bit emotional as he commented, "The Junior Progenitor outdid himself this time. The Nine Gates of the Middle Realm, and specifically the Yinshan District, are the most suitable places for Long Qi to be sent. That place is filled with youths who simply eat and while away their time doing nothing. They almost never are given any tasks. Master Zhuo Si is notoriously lazy and never tries to accomplish anything. He might stand at the peak, but only wastrel children are sent to the Yinshan District to be cared for.

"If Long Qi stays in that place for a few months and is then able to retire after some kind of achievement, he'll be set for life and no one will be able to easily target him. He can play around for a few months and then receive Humility's Gate's protection. The Junior Progenitor must have paid a steep price."

While Long Kui said that Long Tian had paid the price, the old man was actually referring to Long Xi. The Envoy was well aware of the situation between the siblings, and there was no way that Long Tian would have done such a thing without receiving something that made it worth his trouble.

It was actually qhite easy to be stationed in the Yinshan District, but it was extremely difficult for anyone stationed there to gather any achievements. Most of the youths stationed there would accomplish nothing, as only members of the four ruling powers had such means.

Retiring without any achievements would do nothing more than add an extra layer of protection to one's background that, at best, would make people slightly more cautious. However, retiring with achievements was an entirely different matter, as that would guarantee that a person would be protected by Humility's Gate.

Humility's Gate was notorious for protecting their own. They had many powerhouses, and they wielded great authority. Anyone who received Humility's Gate's protection could not easily be touched by anyone.

In order for Lu Yin to be allowed to join Humility's Gate and retire with achievements to his name, Long Xi had promised to go with Long Tian to the Dominion Realm, and it was a given that the trip would have people participating die.

The more that Long Tian was willing to pay for Lu Yin, the more dangerous the trip to the Dominion Realm was guaranteed to be.

Although they had not spent much time together, Lu Yin felt that Long Xi truly did care about him, and even if Lu Yin was trying to get some advantages from Long Xi, he did not want to see her die. "I don't need to join Humility's Gate, so there's no need for you to go with your big brother to the Dominion Realm"

Long Xi turned to look at Lu Yin after hearing his comment. "You saw what things are like during our trip to the Lower Realm, and you know that there are numerous people who wish to see you die, and they even hired Realmless assassins. If you don't join Humility's Gate, you'll be walking on the edge of death and you could die at any moment."

Lu Yin felt helpless. "Life and death are determined by fate, and to be honest, while everyone is afraid of death, I don't want to sacrifice you to save my life. Besides, you have to know that if you die in the Dominion Realm, me and my family won't be able to survive, so I'm not overly concerned with my own death."

Long Kui glanced back at Lu Yin; this youth seemed to understand the situation.

Long Xi stared intently at Lu Yin for a moment, and when she spoke once more, her tone was much softer than before, "Don't worry; I won't die."

Lu Yin said nothing more, as he would not be able to change Long Xi's decision.

"When you go to the Yinshan District, be yourself. You don't have to suck up to anyone, and you don't have to be cowardly. You will have the identity of an illegitimate son of the Linjiang clan's patriarch, so when you get there, your name will be Linjiang Yi," Long Xi explained.

"A new name? Why?" Lu Yin was puzzled.

Long Xi continued, "The four ruling powers are too big and well known, so if you go to the Yinshan District as a member of the White Dragon Clan, you will definitely be targeted. Even if it is the Yinshan District which is supposed to be a safe place for people to send their children, there are other complications and it would not work out to have you go as a member of the White Dragon Clan."

Lu Yin nodded. If he was supposed to be Linjiang Yi, then he would be Linjiang Yi. It was not a bad name, but taking the identity of a bastard was a bit demeaning.

"Do you know anything about Humility's Gate?" Long Xi asked suddenly.

Despite all of her explanations, she had never asked Lu Yin if he knew anything at all about Humility's Gate.

This was the sort of question that Lu Yin hated the most, as he had no idea what was considered common sense in this universe.

"I'll assume you know nothing," Long Xi said as she stared at Lu Yin. He liked her confidence.

"The four ruling powers founded Humility's Gate as an organization responsible for eliminating traitors to humanity, so they have been given tremendous authority. They have a total of thirteen gates: four in the Higher Realm and nine in the Middle Realm. The Yinshan District is one of the nine gates in the Middle Realm. In theory, members of each of the gates have to accomplish missions on a regular basis and face extreme danger, but the Yinshan District is the exception to that. The Yinshan Mountains are entirely desolate and uninhabited. Few humans can even survive there, let alone traitors to humanity. This is why the Yinshan District is the best place for you to hide in safety," Long Xi said.

Lu Yin wanted to ask who was the enemy of humanity and how there could be traitors, but it seemed to be a question with an answer that was common sense, so he did not dare voice his question, especially since he had not seen any of this information in any of the biographies he had read.

Also, many of the biographies that Lu Yin had read had been fabricated, so he had only been able to glean the most basic of common knowledge, such as the name of this universe and some of its regions.

As they were speaking, their small group arrived at the orange stripe and landed on the Rainbow Bridge and started making their way back up to the Middle Realm.

Long Xi gave Lu Yin a cosmic ring, and he looked at it in surprise. "So much money?"

Long Xi was quite generous, inexplicably so, and had given Lu Yin 50 million star essence. This was a very large sum, and it was quite strange for her to give so much to Lu Yin.

"The Yinshan Mountains are desolate and abandoned, but the young masters stationed there have built up a paradise for themselves to enjoy. There's no reason for you to be humiliated when you get there," Long Xi said lightly.

Lu Yin suddenly looked at Long Xi in a different light. Though the young woman had a fiery temper, she was quite kind and understanding. She did not want to say it outright, but she did not want Lu Yin to be embarrassed by his situation after leaving!

Long Xi frowned when she glanced over at Lu Yin and saw his expression. "Don't overthink things; I just don't want you to humiliate my White Dragon Clan."

Lu Yin pursed his lips; how was this about the White Dragon Clan? Lu Yin would take the identity of Linjiang Yi after leaving! This girl was not very honest at all, but she certainly was very cute.

"Act how you should behave and don't misbehave while you're there," Long Xi added. She stared at Lu Yin with stern warnings in her eyes.

Lu Yin understood her meaning as a brothel suddenly appeared in his mind.

"There is something important to note," Long Kui suddenly spoke up as he directed a stern expression Lu Yin's way. "Don't approach Zhuo Si."

Lu Yin was completely lost.

Long Xi also did not understand this warning. "Elder, what do you mean by that?"

Long Kui turned around and answered in a serious manner, "Zhuo Si has a complicated background, so absolutely do not approach him. In fact, don't even have anything to do with him, as you'll end up dealing with various problems if you do."

Lu Yin quickly responded, "I understand, Elder."

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Gui spread his wings and took off to fly high in the sky and started to make his way away from the Rainbow Bridge.

Lu Yin turned to look back; the Rainbow Bridge was so massive that entire civilizations had developed upon it. It held entire cities and looked almost like a colorful continent. It actually seemed even better than the Fifth Mainland.

The Yinshan Mountains and White Mountain were not in the same direction from Rainbow Bridge. Given the size of the Middle Realm, even a slight difference of direction could mean an astounding distance between places.

Gui was flying towards the Yinshan Mountains.

After a few days, a strange light off in the distance drew Lu Yin's eye. It was just a white dot, but it quickly became the most eye-catching thing in the entire sky. Lu Yin stared at the white dot as it gradually grew larger and covered him.

Suddenly, Lu Yin's mind was overcome with a roar. This was not good, he was being attacked by a spiritual force attack. Lu Yin's eyes turned sharp, and he let out a small shout.

Long Kui was startled next to Lu Yin, and he turned to look into the distance. "Bold!"

The Envoy raised a hand and threw out a palm. The attack tore through the void before disappearing, and the white light disappeared after the attack passed by. The Envoy's attack had shattered space in the area.

This was not a difficult thing to accomplish in the Fifth Mainland, but it was completely different in the Perennial World. Not even a full-powered attack from Lu Yin was able to tear the void, let alone completely shatter it.

There would be no way for Lu Yin to survive such an attack from Long Kui without using his universal armor.

The white light was devoured by the shattered space, and a black hole formed and spread through the sky, producing a roar that echoed in all directions.

Sweat dripped from Lu Yin's forehead and he panted to catch his breath.

Long Xi used a hand to stabilize the youth. "Are you ok?"

Lu Yin caught his breath and waved a hand. "I'll be fine."

Long Kui's face grew dark and intimidating. "That was a Realmless assassin! They're the only ones who have numerous assassination techniques that can't be blocked. I didn't even notice that attack for a moment."

Lu Yin felt quite afraid. Realmless was a terrifying organization, and their attempts to kill Lu Yin in the Lower Realm had shown him that they could target people anywhere at all in the Perennial World, but this most recent attack had still been beyond his expectations.

He had been attracted to the sight of the white light and had extended his spiritual force in line with the attack. If not for Lu Yin's impressive spiritual force, this attack would have instantly reduced him to being a vegetable.

Seeing that Realmless had dared to attack Lu Yin while he was with Long Kui, who was an Envoy with a power level of hundreds of thousands, Lu Yin could see the courage that had allowed Realmless to dare to attack even the master of the Celestial Frost Sect, and this caused Lu Yin to be quite nervous of Realmless.

It was clear that the assassin at this time had not expected Lu Yin to be so strong, but then what would happen the next time?

The assassination attempt had failed in the Lower Realm, and the current attempt had failed as well, which made Lu Yin at least 90% certain that there would be another attack from Realmless's assassins.

His mind had been thrown into disarray. He considered his universal armor, the ring-shaped power vessel Long Xi had given him, the Desolate Array, his walnut-shaped power vessel, and more. He had assumed that all of these treasures would be enough to keep him safe, but he realized that he had underestimated this place.

The assassin this time had used Lu Yin's sight as a means of attacking him, so what else was possible? Attacking him through smell? His hearing? What other options were there?

Realmless was an assassination organization that seemed too possibly have the means to use any method as an attack, and that was a terrifying prospect.

Long Xi's face had become extremely ugly. "Where's the attacker?"

Long Kui simply said, "Dead."

Lu Yin stared off into the distance. He felt a bit of PTSD from this event, and he would not be so willing to allow his eyes to wander so freely in the future.

"They attacked this time through spiritual force, and while the attacker's spiritual force was not particularly powerful, they were able to use it delicately enough to attack through vision," Long Kui shared.

Long Xi looked at Lu Yin. "They were careless this time with their attack, but they won't do so again. This attacker wasn't that strong, but that won't be the case next time."

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Long Kui solemnly reassured the two youths, "Don't worry, I will be on full alert during our trip to the Yinshan Mountains, and such an incident will not happen again. After he joins Humility's Gate, Realmless will demand a much steeper price to launch any attempts on his life, and it's possible that not even Bai Shaohong will be willing to pay. Even if the assassination is successful, once Humility's Gate investigates, Bai Shaohong might not be able to afford the repercussions, and he is not an unreasonable person."

Long Xi nodded.

There was one detail that they were all aware of, but no one mentioned; even if Bai Shaohong did not rely on Realmless, he still had other options for dealing with Lu Yin. Even after Lu Yin joined Humility's Gate, Bao Shaohong would still have various options available to him, though they would be greatly restricted.

Long Xi fell into a bad mood. She was physically and mentally exhausted from fending off one attack after another, and as the frequency of the attacks increased, while it revealed the depths of the Celestial Frost Sect's plot against the White Dragon Clan, it also demonstrated the Celestial Frost Sect's disregard for the White Dragon Clan. What did that mean? It meant that the Celestial Frost Sect believed itself to be strong enough to break the balance established between the four ruling powers.

The image of a woman appeared in Long Xi's mind. She was the woman who had transformed the Celestial Frost Sect. Her name was Bai Xian'er, and she acted as though she was superior to the entire Perennial World.

The Yinshan Mountains1 were as gloomy as the name indicated, and they were also almost completely empty. Nobody lived in the area surrounding the mountains, either, because it was not suitable for human habitation. The ground was covered with a swamp that released noxious gasses, and there were creatures born in the swamp that filled the area that prevented outsiders from entering the mountains.

Humility's Gate was an organization that was spread wide. They had nine Gates in the Middle Realm, and of them, the Yinshan District was the smallest gate. The only reason there was a gate in the Yinshan District was because it was such a large region that none of the other eight gates could easily cover the region. It was simply too large of an area for it to be worth another gate overseeing the area.

The area provided nothing of value, but it was also not reasonable to simply abandon, which led to the current situation in the Yinshan Mountains.

As far as many people were concerned, the Yinshan District was a place that had been designed especially for the troublemakers and rambunctious children of powerful families. It was a place to punish or protect those who needed it.

There was only a single city in the entire Yinshan District, and it was known as Yinshan City. Contrary to Lu Yin's expectations, Yinshan City was quite lively. There were not many normal people among the population, but mostly cultivators. For the residents, the most popular pastimes were eating, drinking, whoring, and gambling. Nearly any vice that one enjoyed in the outside world could be found in this place.

The entire city was dedicated to making money from the pampered children sent to this remote location, but outsiders were allowed to freely enter and leave the city. Humility's Gate had their Yinshan District Gate in a wasteland to the west of Yinshan City.

Gui had already changed his size before approaching the Yinshan Mountains, and he had the appearance of an average beast with the strength of a Hunter, so he did not attract any attention.

Gui landed to the west of Yinshan City, and as Lu Yin jumped down, Long Kui said, "I can only take you this far. Remember, you are now Linjiang Yi. Also, don't get involved with Zhuo Si."

Long Xi looked at Lu Yin from behind the elder, "Don't draw attention to yourself and don't cause any trouble. You'll be able to go to the Higher Realm with me in no more than half a year, so just stay safe for now."

Lu Yin nodded. "Don't worry, I'll behave."

Gui soon flew into the air, and after looking at Lu Yin with all four eyes, the beast turned and flew away. Lu Yin had seen pity in the creature's eyes; the animal really did view Lu Yin as nothing but a toy.

Lu Yin watched as Gui disappeared from sight, and then stretched and took a deep breath. It felt so good to be free.

The ground was soft and black beneath him, and a glance was enough to tell that this was not a good place.

Lu Yin followed Long Kui's advice and made his way towards Humility's Gate's base in the Yinshan District.

This place was within an uninhabited mountain range, but there were some strange creatures living in the mountains. All of them were hideous, and they stayed hidden in the dark all year round.

Lu Yin spent a long time walking through the mountain range before finally seeing a large structure off in the distance. The buildings had been built around the mountains and looked as though they had been embedded into the mountains. This was the Yinshan District Gate of Humility's Gate.

Lu Yin's domain could sense the star energy in front of him violently fluctuating as he approached the Gate. He slowed down and raised a hand; there were people fighting up ahead, nearly a hundred of them.

Lu Yin picked up his pace.

He quickly crossed over the black land and soon saw hundreds of people fighting and screaming outside the Yinshan District Gate. There were also more people further away than the battlefield, and they were pointing at the Yinshan District Gate. There were also other people present who were completely unconcerned with the fighting, and they acted as if it was perfectly normal.

Lu Yin lifted his head to look at the Yinshan District Gate. It was one of Humility's Gate's nine Gates in the Middle Realm, and it naturally had Envoy's and Enlighters with power levels of 300 to 400,000. Lu Yin needed to continue hiding his origins, just as he had when with Long Xi and Long Kui.

While the battle involving the hundred people down below looked to be fierce, no one died, and not one person used any sort of weapon. Most of the people were only Explorers or below, though there was the odd Cruiser and even Hunter present.

Space in this universe was incredibly solid, and the ground was similarly tough. Despite the number of people involved in the fight, they were not able to cause much damage. In contrast, if such a fight occurred in the Fifth Mainland, numerous planets would have already been destroyed.

Lu Yin's attention was drawn to the center of the battlefield where two young men were fighting, and it seemed that their fight would determine the entire battle.

Lu Yin saw one of the two youths use the Four Arts. He was a fat man with a pale face. He was not ugly, but he was very oily. "Mo Gaohe, today this handsome man will beat you to the ground."

"Idiot."

Boom

There was a loud bang as a shockwave distorted the air and exploded out, pushing everyone and everything a kilometer back. Both of the youths were Hunters.

The speed at which the man moved made Lu Yin take a second look. Although it could not come close to comparing to what Wang Yi had revealed, it was still very fast compared to most of Lu Yin's peers and could compare to that of Yuhua Mavis and the others who were Enlighters, yet the person Lu Yin was watching was only a Hunter.

"Four Arts: Bear Stalwart!" The fatty shouted as muscles began to grow across his body. It looked like he had converted all of his fat into muscles.

Across from the former fatty, Mo Gaohe maintained a dignified appearance. "Wind God - Defence."

After he spoke, his star energy formed a maelstrom that surrounded his body, complete with lightning and thunder. It blurred the area as it isolated the youth.

The pale, fat youth threw out a punch that struck the storm, and the ground shattered. The shattered attack exploded in all directions, and many people screamed. The storm was clearly too powerful, because the fatty was not able to pull his hand back, and instead he was sucked into the swirling maelstrom. Mo Gaohe sneered as he moved to take advantage of the situation, and a blade appeared in his hand as he attacked.

The fatty gritted his teeth and spread his fingers. "Four Arts: Pearl."

Mo Gaohe did not know what had been sealed, but his body collapsed to the ground. Still, before he fell, his blade shot towards the fatty.

The pale man's arm was cut by the blade, and his blood spilled across the ground. Meanwhile, Mo Gaohe smashed into the ground. His face had turned red.

"Mo Gaohe, you're despicable! You're even using weapons!" the fatty roared as he punched at his opponent.

Mo Gaohe angrily retorted, "You're despicable! Fatty, you actually sealed my legs!"

As Mo Gaohe spoke, he used his hands to retreat since he was unable to move his feet, making his movements quite amusing to see. The fatty laughed and slammed a fist into the ground. The ground was shattered, and Mo Gaohe was knocked unconscious.

At this moment, several of the other people around began to attack the fatty. He roared to the sky and punched an empty part region. The air was warped by the tremendous force of his fist, and it was actually visible to the naked eye. A shockwave erupted in all directions, and it sent the fatty's attackers flying.

The fatty looked like a god of war at this moment, and he roused applause from many people who were watching.

Mo Gaohe was furious; the Wang family's Four Arts: Pearl was a disgusting technique. It could seal any sort of ability or strength, and it led to Mo Gaohe's defeat every time he fought the fatty.

"Okay, don't go making trouble for people. Let's go!" A deafening voice echoed through the area.

Lu Yin's heart tightened; that voice had come from the Envoy who was in charge of Humility's Gate in the Yinshan District. He was Zhuo Si, and he was one of the nine Gate Masters of Humility's Gate's gates in the Middle Realm.

Zhuo Si was the only Envoy at this particular gate.

The fatty was reluctant, but in the end he did not make any further moves. While Zhuo Si was lazy and was unconcerned about most things, people had to listen whenever he did speak up, as that was the least respect due to an Envoy.

Mo Gaohe was finally able to freely move his legs. He quickly stood up and looked at his torn palms. It was all that fatty's fault, and it was embarrassing.

"Mo Gaohe, wasn't that fun? Hahahaha!" The fatty laughed, and a group of people who had gathered behind him laughed with him.

Mo Gaohe let out a cold snort, and his mouth twisted into a smile. "Tell me, Fatty, are you happy? You're about to be kicked out by the Wang family. The Wang family is one of the four ruling forces, and they've always bragged about raising nothing but elites and claim that they have no one useless in the family, and yet there's you."

The pale fat man's face fell. "And yet I'm still a hundred times stronger than a bastard like you."

Mo Gaohe glared, and the people who had gathered behind him all glared at the fatty and his posse.

"Captain, someone's here," someone from behind Mo Gaohe commented.

Mo Gaohe's eyes lit up and he looked up to see Lu Yin approaching.

At this same time, the fatty also noticed Lu Yin approaching, but his expression was not very good after seeing Lu Yin.

Mo Gaohe looked at Lu Yin. "Brother, come down here. You must be new to my Yinshan Mountains."

Lu Yin leaped down and stood between the two teams. He looked over at Mo Gaohe. "This new one is reporting in. I ask Seniors to take care of me."

Mo Gaohe smiled. "Well, according to the rules, you're now part of my team. Go report to the gate master. Right, what's your name?"

"Linjiang Yi," Lu Yin replied.

Mo Gaohe was stunned at the response; Linjiang?

On the other side of the field, the fatty's eyes lit up. "Are you from the Linjiang family?"

Lu Yin looked at Fatty Bai and smiled. "That's right."

"Hahahaha, Mo Gaohe, you idiot! He's part of the Linjiang family! How's he going to join your stupid team? Brother, come over here. You're with us." The fatty laughed.

Mo Gaohe shot a cold look towards Lu Yin before turning and leaving.

Lu Yin was curious about this exchange, and he walked over to the fatty.

The fat man was very excited. "Bro, don't bother holding back. Coming to this place is like returning home! You're from the Linjiang clan, which means your family is under the White Dragon clan. My Wang family has always had a good relationship with that clan, so anyone from the Linjiang family naturally joins my team."

"Who are the other guys?" Lu Yin asked.

The fatty replied, "The idiot leading them is called Mo Gaohe. He's a disciple from the Celestial Frost Sect."

Lu Yin was surprised, and he turned his head to look back at Mo Gaohe. So that person was actually from the Celestial Frost Sect. Lu Yin had not expected to run into those people again so soon.

Chapter 1366: Yu Chen

Regardless of the family or its power, none of them would have a shortage of disruptive youths, as it was impossible for all children to be elites. This was similarly true of the Celestial Frost Sect. Since he had been sent to the Yinshan Mountains, it seemed that Mo Goahe did not have a good reputation in the Celestial Frost Sect. However, it should not be related to his strength, as he was clearly a Hunter.

His strength was enough for him to stand among the most powerful of his peers in the Fifth Mainland, and he would even have been able to enter ZENITH's top twenty.

"Let's go. I'll take you to Uncle Si to report in." The fatty enthusiastically patted Lu Yin's shoulder and started to lead him into the base as the other youths all dispersed as well.

The Yinshan District base was quite ordinary, and it was far removed from the exquisite and enchanting structures of White Mountain that the White Dragon Clan used. The base actually looked to be made up of ordinary buildings that had been built into the mountains themselves.

Lu Yin was led to the highest level to meet Uncle Si, who was in fact the gate master, Zhuo Si.

Lu Yin hurriedly greeted the older man. "Junior Linjiang Yi greets the gate master."

From what Long Kui had said, Lu Yin was aware that Zhuo Si was a lazy person who was not concerned with the responsibilities that he had been given, but Lu Yin had not expected the man to be as indolent as what met his eyes. The Envoy was lying by a window, drinking while enjoying some snacks. The man was pouring himself a drink while holding a book that Lu Yin did not recognize in his other hand. There was a self-satisfied look on the man's face that was difficult to attribute to a powerhouse. Also, it was clear that he did not care at all about the battle that had involved nearly a hundred people who were under his command.

"Uncle Si, this is the newly arrived brother who is reporting in. Starting today, he'll be one of my underlings under the command of my Wang family!" the fatty shouted loudly.

Lu Yin looked up and observed Zhuo Si.

Zhuo Si finished off his glass of wine before turning to look at the fatty and glaring at the youth. "What 'underling'? What do you take this place for? This is Humility's Gate!"

The fatty just sneered, "Yes, yes. Uncle Si, hurry up and check his identity. I want to get my new brother cleaned up."

Zhuo Si sighed and looked over to observe Lu Yin. "Lift your head."

Lu Yin looked up and looked back at Zhuo Si.

The moment he saw Lu Yin's face, Zhuo Si's pupils slightly shrank before quickly returning to normal. He waved a hand dismissively. "Alright, fine. From now on he's part of Humility's Gate's Yinshan District."

An emblem appeared from nowhere in the man's hand. It was the emblem of Humility's Gate.

"Take care of your brother and don't forget your last lesson," Zhuo Si said casually.

The fatty's eyes grew cold. "Uncle Si, don't worry. That bastard Mo Gaohe won't succeed again. Next time he tries to mess around, I'll teach him how to write death."

Zhuo Si waved a hand, and the fatty pulled Lu Yin back and they walked out of the room.

After the two youths left, Zhuo Si frowned and stared out the window at the distant clouds. It was impossible to know what was on his mind.

Lu Yin had assumed that the fatty would lead him to the Yinshan Mountains, but instead Lu Yin was instantly taken to Yinshan City and to a brothel called Inner Scent.

Everywhere Lu Yin looked he saw people gorging and feasting. There were countless scents in the air, and two exquisite beauties quickly joined Lu Yin. It was a dazzling place.

After nearly dying in the morning when traveling with Long Xi, Lu Yin would never have expected to spend his evening in such a place.

He swallowed. This place made him nervous!

It was readily apparent that the fatty was a frequent patron of Inner Scent. He had brought several of his close companions to accompany him, and ended up completely forgetting about Lu Yin. When the fatty returned to his senses, he saw that Lu Yin was still drinking where he had been left, but the two women who had been with him had left.

"Brother, what happened? They didn't satisfy you? You got some other pastimes? Just let me know. While Yinshan City isn't a very good place, it still has everything you could need to eat, drink, and have fun. Tell me what you want to do, and you can find it here." The fatty patted his chest in a reassuring manner, causing the fat on his face to jiggle.

Lu Yin showed a bitter smile. "I'm tired of playing. I don't want to play around anymore."

The fat man was stunned for a moment and he stared at Lu Yin before finally giving him a thumbs up. "That's absolutely amazing! Hahahaha, brothers, next time you see Mo Gaohe heading out to play, just say that to him; we'll make him speechless!"

"Make him speechless!" everyone toasted as they celebrated.

Lu Yin did not know what they were all so happy about, but the fatty must have believed that Lu Yin was putting on an act, yet that was not the case at all.

"Brother, just take a few days off whenever you're tired. There's no way you don't want to mess around for a day! You're not a eunuch." The fatty patted Lu Yin's shoulder while encouraging him before moving on to talk to someone else.

Lu Yin pursed his lips and looked outside.

Almost all of the visitors to Yinshan City were cultivators from far away, and quite a number were part of Humility's Gate: wastrels who had been shipped off by their own powers.

According to the fatty, Yinshan City had been founded by previous generations' wastrels who had been went to the Yinshan Mountains to send them away. They had wanted a place where they could play however they wished.

After quite a few hours, the fatty and the others were still not done for the day. They were leading Lu Yin down a street. "Bro, I'm going to show you around Yinshan City."

"No thanks. I'll go do some window shopping by myself" Lu Yin said.

The fatty refused that, "That won't work. Yinshan City isn't some place where you can casually stroll around. My people, Wang Dashuai's underlings, are limited to the northern part of the city, while Mo Gaohe's people can't leave the southern region. Don't break the rules, as doing so will trigger a fierce fight."

He suddenly remembered something and gritted his teeth. "A while ago, there was a new guy who didn't know the rules, and he went to the south and ended up being absolutely humiliated by Mo Gaohe. He left Yinshan District the very next day, and even left Humility's Gate, all because of that monster Mo Gaohe. Do whatever you want, but don't cross him."

Lu Yin nodded. "Thank you, Brother Wang."

The fatty waved a hand. "Bro, stop being so polite. Your Linjiang family is friends with my Wang family, and even though we haven't met before, there's a relationship with the White Dragon Clan, so we'll take good care of you here."

"Wang Dashuai, haven't you already done enough to be ashamed of? You've already lost any bit of respect you might have had in the Middle Realm." A pleasant female voice spoke up from behind, though the tone was full of scorn.

The fatty and Lu Yin both turned around to see a beautiful woman close behind. Her eyes gazed at them with contempt and disdain.

She was beautiful. She wore a bold style of clothing, and she exuded a sense of strength. She had slender legs and dazzlingly white skin.

The fatty's expression instantly changed when he saw the woman, and a smile appeared on his face that looked worse than if he had started crying. "Yun- Sister Yun, when did you get back?"

The woman completely ignored Wang Dashuai while focusing on Lu Yin with a frown. "You new here? Have we met before?"

The fatty quickly spoke up, "Sister Yun, he's Linjiang Yi, and he's from the Linjiang clan. He's a new arrival to my Yinshan District."

Lu Yin stared at the woman. While he was confident that he had never seen her before, he felt an unexplainable sense of disgust for her. He had no idea what caused the feeling.

The woman was surprised. "From the Linjiang family?"

She turned serious as she looked at Lu Yin. She felt that this person was quite familiar, but she simply could not remember from where.

Lu Yin smiled and introduced himself, "I'm Linjiang Yi."

"Have we met?" the woman asked.

Lu Yin tried to remember. "Maybe, I also feel that you seem familiar."

The woman was not able to remember where she might have seen Lu Yin, so she turned to stare at the fatty again. "I heard that you fought Mo Gaohe again. Don't be making trouble! You're really an eyesore."

The fatty quickly replied, "No, no. I wasn't the one making trouble! That guy was trying to cause problems on his own by having evil thoughts about Sister Yun! Isn't that simply wanting to die? He doesn't even know where he stands! Other than bai Shaohong, there's no one in the entire Celestial Frost Sect who's worthy of you, Sister Yun."

The woman snorted before moving past the two youths and leaving them behind.

After she left, the fatty cursed vehemently, "What the hell?"

Lu Yin was taken aback. He had assumed that the fatty liked the woman, so what was he upset about? This was a complete turn-around.

"Bro, you need to remember that in the Yinshan Mountains, you can offend anyone except that woman," the fatty warned.

Lu Yin grew curious. "Why?" The source of this content is [. c o m]

The fatty explained, "She's Wang Yun, and she's another person from my Wang family. Her background's complicated, but Mo Gaohe came here in order to chase her."

"So why is she in the Yinshan District?" Lu Yin asked. This seemed a bit strange, as this woman was clearly not a wastrel like the others he had seen.

The fatty replied, "I'm not sure about the specifics, but I heard she screwed up somehow and was sentenced to serve twenty years in the Yinshan District."

Twenty years was not a great deal of time for a cultivator, but the fact that the woman had been sent to this place as a punishment was enough to show that her crime had not been a minor one. However, the punishment that she had received and the time on it also showed that she had a very profound background that was able to have her punishment be much milder than should have been given.

There was no danger in the Yinshan Mountains, and Yinshan City was simply a resort.

While Lu Yin was casually touring about Yinshan City and chatting with the fatty, in a dark part of the Middle Realm, the Celestial Frost Sect's Elder Qing Xing lifted his hand after his communication crystals vibrated. A pair of dark, narrow eyes appeared in an image.

"The target has joined Humility's Gate, so the price has changed. It's going up five times."

Elder Qing Xing grew angry. "Your Realmless assassins weren't able to do their job, and so he had the opportunity to join Humility's Gate; why should we pay more for your incompetence?"

"You provided inaccurate information. The target is not weak, as if he were, he would have died long ago."

"Don't you have your own intelligence network?" Elder Qing Xing angrily demanded.

"If we need to use our own intelligence operatives, then the cost will still end up five times higher than originally quoted. We did not hold you accountable for the bad information we received, and we should have demanded compensation."

Elder Qing Xing's voice grew cold, "People claim that Realmless is the most trustworthy organization, I can't see it."

"Elder Qing Xing, you should watch your words, or else Realmless will give you cause to regret them." The long and narrow eyes grew darker and more intimidating.

Elder Qing Xing's eyes flickered. He said, "Give me some time to consider this."

"Understood." With that, the image disappeared.

Elder Qing Xing clenched his fists. If not for his Junior Progenitor's goal, why would he ever be in contact with Realmless? Those vile assassins were capable of doing anything, and dealing with them was playing with fire. Still, he had no choice.

After thinking for a bit, the elder used his communication crystals to call someone else, and soon an image appeared of an innocent looking girl. She was clearly nothing more than a girl, yet Elder Qing Xing grew incredibly respectful when he spoke to the girl. "Miss Yu Chen, Realmless is demanding five times the original price. I'm not sure how the young master would like to proceed."

The girl's tone was light, "That's because we gave them faulty information. Realmless is asking an appropriate price. However, since he joined Humility's Gate, we can no longer eliminate him by using Realmless. If we do, the Junior Progenitor will end up in trouble once Humility's Gate investigates the matter."

"Then please advise me, Miss Yu Chen," Elder Qing Xing said.

The girl replied, "You no longer need to worry about this."

With that, she ended the call.

Elder Qing Xing was momentarily stunned, and he stood silently staring at his communication crystals.

On the other end of the call, the girl immediately called someone else after hanging up with Elder Qing Xing. She was calling Mo Gaohe.

Mo Gaohe did not have a low status in the Celestial Frost Sect, but he was also not in a high position. His influence only extended to the sect's disciples. Despite being a Hunter, his goal in chasing after Wang Yun was to use her to rise to new heights.

Chapter 1367: Luck

Bai Shaohong was still only a disciple at the Celestial Frost Sect, but given that he was also a Junior Progenitor, he enjoyed an enormous influence. His maid felt comfortable being rude to the sect's elders, and Mo Gaohe could not come close to comparing to an elder.

Mo Gaohe had never expected Miss Yu Chen to ever contact him, and her call left him so excited that he could not even speak.

"Yu- Miss Yu Chen, if you need anything at all, I'm willing to die to get it done!" Mo Gaohe excitedly offered as he stared at the girl with a heated expression. She was the Junior Progenitor's personal maid, as well as the girl that many people within the Celestial Frost Sect dreamed of.

She smiled gently at Mo Gaohe. Her entire attitude was completely different from when she had spoken with Elder Qing Xing. As she smiled, she said, "Senior Brother Mo, I've admired what I've heard about you for a long time."

The young man lost his breath as he stared at Yu Chen's beautiful and innocent looking face. Such a contradiction of her features had left her as the most desirable woman of her generation in the Celestial Frost Sect. "This Mo Gaohe is greatly honored to have Miss Yu Chen calling me."

Yu Chen continued to smile at him. "Senior Brother Mo, would you be able to do something for me?"

"Please let me know anything you need, Miss Yu Chen," Mo Gaohe loudly stated as he made his position clear.

Yu Chen's mouth curled up into a bigger smile. "Linjiang Yi is a new arrival to the Yinshan District. He was previously known as Long Qi..."

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In a dark and barren land devoid of all people, there were strange creatures that would occasionally rush up from beneath the ground, only to burrow back down once again. There were strange black birds flying through the sky in flocks as they released piercing cries.

This wasteland was within the Yinshan Mountains. The mountain range was massive, and this wasteland was only a small part of it.

The peaceful wasteland was suddenly disrupted by the appearance of a person. It was a young man who had his eyes closed as he walked across the dark, damp ground.

Suddenly, a massive worm burst up from beneath the ground and shot countless tentacles towards the man. His body seemed to shake, and he easily evaded all of the approaching tentacles. It was as if he was able to predict the worm's attacks

The creature let out a strange hiss that created a jagged shockwave that swept towards the man and tore up the ground as it rushed forward.

This sonic attack was one of the worm's abilities, but nothing seemed to give the creature an advantage. Its new attack was also useless against the man.

The man lifted his head a bit and turned to face elsewhere. "Someone's coming."

The worm shot out countless tentacles once again, and they lunged towards the man, their numbers hiding the sky.

At this time, a group of people were approaching. They rode atop a large flying beast, and they were led by Mo Gaohe.

Although the Yinshan District was a place for wealthy wastrels to be sent, there Humility's Gate still had tasks that the members had to fulfill, such as patrolling.

This was the area that Mo Gaohe was responsible for.

"Captain, look, someone's over there!" one person exclaimed.

Mo Gaohe looked down and saw a man with his eyes closed. Eh? His eyes are shut?

The worm's tentacles filled the sky, but Mo Gaohe and the others did not have any intention of taking action. They were not altruistic men and women, and they simply wanted to watch the fun.

The man with closed eyes stood in place, but then a peerless domain shot out from his body and froze the tentacles in place before lifting the worm and crushing it.

A sticky green liquid scattered across the sky, but there was no change to the man's expression as he remained standing quietly where he was.

In the sky some distance away, Mo Gaohe's eyes narrowed. That was a powerful domain, and the man was actually a Hunter.

"Who are you? Why are you here in the Yinshan District?" Mo Gaohe asked. The group of more than a dozen people stayed behind him, and they all locked wary eyes onto the man. They had all seen what he had just done, and it left them a bit frightened since he was clearly much stronger than all of them.

"I want to join Humility's Gate," the man said.

Mo Gaohe's gaze grew sharp. "You can't just join Humility's Gate because you want to."

The man said, "I know, but I want to try."

"What's your name? Where're you from?" Mo Gaohe asked.

The man turned to face Mo Gaohe as he replied, "I'm called Unseen Light, and I'm an independent cultivator."

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A few hours later, Unseen Light stood with Mo Gaohe near Humility's Gate's Yinshan District base. "Remember, as long as you help me deal with this, I promise I'll get you in the Celestial Frost Sect, and then there'll be no reason for you to join Humility's Gate."

Unseen Light kept his eyes tightly sealed shut. "I hope you keep your word."

Mo Gaohe picked his head up higher. "I'm a disciple of the Celestial Frost Sect, so it's no problem for me to recommend someone to take an entrance exam. You're already strong enough to join the sect, and if this task was given by the Junior Progenitor, accomplishing it will make him happy and he might even pay attention to you. Countless people hope to get such an opportunity, so you're pretty lucky. You can think of this as taking one step to reach heaven."

"Thank you so much." Unseen Light smiled.

Mo Gaohe looked even happier than before. During his earlier call, Miss Yu Chen had told Mo Gaohe what the Junior Progenitor was needing done, but since that fatty knew Mo Gaohe's people like the back of his own hand, it would be impossible for Mo Gaohe to hide any actions taken by his own people. However, he had luckily met an independent cultivator who was very powerful. This person was absolutely much stronger than that Long Qi who had hidden himself as Linjiang Yi, and Unseen Light was even willing to join the Celestial Frost Sect instead of Humility's Gate, which was just perfect.

If not for the fact that Unseen Light was interested in joining the Celestial Frost Sect, Mo Gaohe would have assumed that Miss Yu Chen had sent an assistant to complete the task at hand.

This person's arrival had provided the best opportunity for Mo Gaohe to complete the task he had been given.

As they approached the Yinshan District's base, Mo Gaohe left Unseen Light alone and led the rest of the team back. Mo Gaohe made sure that all of his subordinates understood they were forbidden from mentioning Unseen Light to anyone, and they were to act as if they had never seen him before.

Alone, Unseen light looked around at Humility's Gate's Yinshan District base. He had not expected it to be so simple.

If he could get the opportunity, he had been told to absolutely follow one of the Junior Progenitors, as the Junior Progenitors were able to lead a person to the Dominion Realm.

Over the course of countless years, the Fifth Mainland had sent numerous people to the Perennial World, but very few had been successful, as success was not easy. Too many people had been discovered and executed. It took luck for this endeavor, but Unseen Light had been quite lucky this time.

As soon as he had entered the Yinshan District, he had headed towards the nearest city and sought the information he needed.. He had found out that there were two powerhouses from Humility's Gate who were performing missions in this area, so he had planned to look for them and follow them back to Humility's Gate and join. Then, Unseen Light intended to use this status from Humility's Gate to approach the Celestial Frost Sect and gain the recognition of the sect's Junior Progenitor. He had not considered that he might be able to join the Celestial Frost Sect without even needing to enter Humility's Gate.

It was very difficult to determine a person's luck, but Unseen Light felt that his luck had been quite good ever since he had arrived in this universe, at least until he met the target that Mo Gaohe had given him. The person was supposed to be Long Qi who had disguised himself as Linjiang Yi. My luck isn't that good after all! This guy's the lucky bastard. Long Qi? Bullshit! That's Lu Yin.

Lu Yin stared blankly at the man in front of him who claimed to be one of the Linjiang clan's distant relatives. What the hell? That's Unseen Light! How did he get into the Perennial World? Wait, could he have been added to ZENITH's top ten after I disappeared? If I'm right, then this Perennial World is probably the opportunity that we were competing for during ZENITH.

If so, did that mean that the Linjiang family was an insider placed by the Fifth Mainland to help out their people in this place?

Numerous thoughts flashed through Lu Yin's mind, and the joy of meeting an old acquaintance while in a foreign place was almost instantly replaced by curiosity and speculation.

"Brother Linjiang, he's claiming to be one of your distant relatives, and he asked someone outside the base to bring him to you and that you'd recognize him when you saw him," the pale-faced fatty said.

Lu Yin coughed. "You're part of my clan? How can you prove it?"

Unseen Light silently took out a certificate he had been given by Mo Gaohe. Before Lu Yin even had a chance to read it, the fatty snatched it and carefully examined it before passing it on to Lu Yin. "There's no problem."

Lu Yin seriously checked the document and blinked. "It's true."

It seemed that the Linjiang clan really had been established as a support in the Perennial World for people from the Fifth Mainland. This was just like how different powers had established hidden supports in Shenwu Continent.

"Okay, since he's someone from your Linjiang clan, we'll let him stay here for now. I'll check with fourth uncle to see if we can let this guy join Humility's Gate. The kid was just standing at the door and say hi to everyone he saw, and if I hadn't found him earlier, he probably would have been dead if Mo Gaohe had been the one to find him." The fatty was quite excited by everything.

Lu Yin quickly thanked the fatty. This was actually how the man was to all of his people; he would never refuse to help any of them, and there were rumors that it was for that reason that he had been sent to the Yinshan District. His attitude was not suitable for a member of one of the ruling powers.

After the fatty left, Lu Yin sat down across from Unseen Light.

"You took my place in the top ten?" Lu Yin asked.

Unseen Light responded with a question of his own, "You impersonated Long Qi?"

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "You know about Long Qi? It seems like someone is trying to kill me and they just happened to find you. I guess I was wrong. The Linjiang family wasn't set up by the Fifth Mainland. Who put you up to this?"

Unseen Light smiled and said, "Mo Gaohe."

Lu Yin was not surprised. "How soon does he want you to deal with me?"

"Huaiyuan is to the south of the Yinshan Mountains, and there is also a Humility's Gate base there. There's a family there with the surname Zhu, and they are supposed to be traitors to humanity, part of what's called spies. Mo Gaohe told me to share this with you as a gift for the main family. The hope was that this gift would be enough to allow me to join the Yinshan District Humility's Gate."

Lu Yin was puzzled. "What's supposed to happen with you telling me about the Zhu family? Am I supposed to turn them in?"

"That seems to be it," Unseen Light replied.

Lu Yin said, "However, if the information about them is wrong, I'll offend them. Still, they're a small family and there's no reason to worry about offending them. But if the information is true, then Mo Gaohe should already know, and the upper levels should absolutely know about it, so why has nothing happened to the family? There must be some reason they haven't moved against them. They must be leaving the family alone in order to catch a bigger fish."

Unseen Light smiled lightly. "Huaiyuan."

Lu Yin nodded. The Zhu family was in Huaiyuan to the south of the Yinshan Mountains, and there was also a Humility's Gate base in that place. "If Humility's Gate in Huaiyuan really has deliberately left the Zhu family alone to use as a piece of a larger play, then I shouldn't expose it, as doing so would instantly get me in hot water with Humility's Gate in Huaiyuan. However, it would only offend them, and since a traitor to humanity would indeed be caught, there would only be an achievement without any blame."

"There has to be a second step to the plan, but I don't know what it is. He wouldn't share everything at once, but clearly offending Humility's Gate in Huaiyuan is nothing more than the start. If this plan is successful, you'll probably end up killed by Humility's Gate in Huaiyuan," Unseen Light suggested.

Lu Yin tapped a finger on the table; the Huaiyuan Humility's Gate. He knew that they were led by someone named Guan Tong, who was a ruthless person with many achievements to his name. He was basically the polar opposite of Zhuo Si, but even more importantly, Guan Tong had two brothers: Guan Hai and Guan Yun. Together, they were known as the Three Heroes of Huaiyuan. Guan Tong and Guan Hai were also both Envoys, which made their base one of Humility's Gate's strongest in the Middle Realm.

Chapter 1368: Where Opportunity Lies

If he offended Humility's Gate in Huaiyuan, Lu Yin would end up suffering within Humility's Gate. If Mo Gaohe then pinned a random crime onto Lu Yin, Humility's Gate in Huaiyuan would speak out against him, and then even if Lu Yin did not end up dead, he would still lose his skin.

Given Mo Gaohe's ability, it was impossible for him to have any information regarding the Zhu family. This information had to have come from Bai Shaohong, the Celestial Frost Sect's Junior Progenitor.

Lu Yin was in Humility's Gate, which provided him with a different status that made it so that he could not easily be openly targeted, which made it harder to use Realmless's assassins. The only way to deal with Lu Yin was by taking advantage of Humility's Gate's rules. If the White Dragon Clan's son-in-law was expelled from Humility's Gate, it would be a joke for all of the Higher Realm and even the Perennial World. Not only would Lu Yin himself be humiliated, it would also embarrass the White Dragon Clan.

Long Xi had sent Lu Yin to Humility's Gate to protect him, but there were pros and cons to the situation.

"I didn't expect you to get here a step ahead of the rest of us. Not only that, you've already become a member of the White Dragon Clan," said Unseen Light, clear amazement in his voice. He seldom felt such things, but Lu Yin's accomplishments left Unseen Light feeling quite impressed.

Lu Yin smiled bitterly. "I actually didn't want to do this. Look at me; I was sent to Humility's Gate so that people can deal with everything without me. I'm really not in a good position, and I can easily be killed."

"You're incredibly lucky that Mo Gaohe actually found me. If he had found anyone else, you might have ended up falling into his plot. After all, you're not really part of the Linjiang clan, so there's no way for you to know if claiming to be part of the family is real or fake. You would have to claim that the person was real, and that would set you up step by step," Unseen Light commented.

Lu Yin nodded. Mo Gaohe had definitely not been the one behind this scheme. Even if he had the cunning to come up with such a plot, he did not have the means and connections. However, Lu Yin was very curious as to what would be next in Mo Gaohe's plan.

Since Lu Yin had uncovered Mo Gaohe's scheme, there was no longer any need to worry. No matter what Mo Gaohe wanted to do, there was no way for him to avoid using Unseen Light.

"So our opportunity is in this universe, but what is the opportunity we're supposed to get?" Lu Yin asked, changing the subject.

Unseen Light said, "Arch-Elder Zen talked about Origin Matter."

Lu Yin was lost.

Unseen Light pointed up above. "This universe was born from a tree, and the Dominion Realm is at the top of this tree. There are countless things there from ancient times, including something called Origin Matter. Supposedly, you have to use Origin Matter to help when you try to break through to the Progenitor realm."

Lu Yin understood. "So it's an opportunity for a chance to eventually become a Progenitor."

"When the Sixth Mainland covered the Fifth Mainland's sky, Arch-Elder Zen and the others weren't able to become Progenitors even with Origin Matter. They did have the ability to revert the sky back, but they had been delaying that for various reasons. However, the change has already happened, and Arch-Elder Zen and the others sent us here to fight to get a hold of Origin Matter."

Lu Yin's heart moved; stowaways. He remembered that Long Tian had once mentioned that there had been stowaways from the Forsaken Land who would frequently mix in with the teams that would enter the Dominion Realm, which had been the reason he had wanted to team up with Long Xi, as he knew that she was reliable. It was only because of that matter that Lu Yin had gained the opportunity to enter Humility's Gate.

Lu Yin had not considered that he had only been able to join Humility's Gate because of the actions taken by the Fifth Mainland's stowaways from previous generations.

"So you want to get close to one of the Junior Progenitors identified during the Yuanlun Festival so that you can join him when he goes to the Dominion Realm?" Lu Yin asked.

Unseen Light was taken aback by Lu Yin's question. "You're pretty well informed. You uncovered all that already?"

"I overheard that bit by accident," Lu Yin said.

Unseen Light nodded. "During the Mother Tree's Yuanlun Festival, the Junior Progenitors are confirmed, and only the Junior Progenitors are qualified to lead teams up to the Dominion Realm. Our Fifth Mainland has sneaked people in here since ancient times to have us join the Junior Progenitors' teams.

Our best geniuses, even if they can't match up to a Junior Progenitor, can still present a challenge to them, and that's enough strength to qualify for the teams as long as there's no issue with the person's identity."

Lu Yin knew that Long Tian acknowledged Long Xi's strength, and she was on the same level of strength as Wang Yi and Wu Taibai. That was comparable to ZENITH's top five, though not enough to compare to Lu Yin or Shang Qing. There was not a huge discrepancy in the strength of ZENITH's top ten, so the power of any one of the ten would be enough to catch the attention of the Junior Progenitors.

"What about the others?" Lu Yin asked.

Unseen Light shook his head. "We were scattered all over so that we wouldn't get captured in one go."

Suddenly, Lu Yin remembered a serious matter. "Did Wang Yi know you were on the list for coming to this place?"

Unseen Light shook his head. "No, he doesn't. We only found out about this right before we were sent her. Why? Did Wang Yi also get here early?"

"He's actually from this Perennial World. He's from the Wang family," Lu Yin solemnly replied.

Unseen Light's heart sank; he had not changed his name! Things would be over for him the moment that Wang Yi heard his name.

"Fortunately, he was seriously injured by the Neohuman Alliance's attack, and he's not expected to show himself for the next ten years. There's no chance of him going to the Dominion Realm," Lu Yin said.

Unseen Light let out a sigh of relief. "You should have said that first!"

He had been badly startled by Lu Yin's information. "However, this means that Wang Yi is able to travel to and from the Fifth Mainland, which means that the Wang family has access to the Fifth Mainland. That's not good."

"How are you planning to get back?" Lu Yin asked.

Unseen Light gave Lu Yin a location. "We're supposed to gather there."

Lu Yin got it. Though he still had a lot of questions, it was impossible for him to get an answer from Unseen Light. "Do you know how the people in this universe refer to the Fifth Mainland?"

Unseen Light grew more serious. "The Forsaken Land."

Lu Yin nodded. He guessed that the people of the Fifth Mainland hated those with primeval surnames because the primeval surnames had abandoned them long ago.

"You can't get any help from the Hall of Honor in this place?"

Unseen Light replied, "The situation's changed. The Yuanlun Festivals are only held once every era, and do you have any idea how long an era is?"

Lu Yin pursed his lips. Too much time had passed. While Lu Yin believed that Arch-Elder Zen and the other Semi-Progenitors were far from young, it was not a surprise that the Hall of Honor was not able to offer any help in the Perennial World. Too much time had passed, and while it was possible that the Hall of Honor had set up some support systems in the Perennial World, it was just as likely that the forces of this universe had discovered those organizations and were waiting for the stowaways to reach out to them.

"I can't help you. How were you planning on using Mo Gaohe to get into the Celestial Frost Sect?" Lu Yin asked.

Unseen Light said, "Man proposes, but heaven disposes. There's no way I can sell you out. How about you? Don't you want to go to the Dominion Realm?"

Lu Yin thought for a while. "Even if I want to, I still have to find a way. Right now I'm supposed to be a son-in-law who needs to be protected."

The pale fat man approached Lu Yin from the other side and patted his chest in a self-satisfied manner. "Brother Linjiang, Zhuo Si is feeling very generous! What's your brother's name? Cannot?"1

"Unseen Light."

"Right, Unseen Light. You can join the Yinshan District Humility's Gate. Bro, you don't know, but I did my best, and fortunately, my brother's a captain here in the Yinshan District, and he's got a bit of influence..."

With that, Unseen Light officially joined Humility's Gate and became part of the fatty's team, following in Lu Yin's footsteps.

Mo Gaohe watched everything from the side, and every time he and the fatty saw each other, they ridiculed each other. He also revealed his contempt for Lu Yin each time they met, but Mo Gaohe essentially ignored Unseen Light and did not even make eye contact. Well, it was impossible to make eye contact with Unseen Light given that his eyes were always completely closed.

"Hahaha, Mo Gaohe, look at this handsome guy! Isn't my team growing stronger? Look at your guys; you've got two or three who are basically kittens." The fatty was very proud of his recent acquisitions, and he deliberately chose to wait on a path that Mo Gaohe frequently used in order to have the opportunity to mock Mo Gaohe.

Mo Gaohe sneered. "Damn fatty, don't get too complacent. The happier you are now, the harder you'll cry soon."

"Hahahaha, I'll just laugh, hahahaha! Mo Gaohe, you're the one who should cry! Hahahaha" The fatty showed a brilliant smile.

Mo Gaohe had no desire to pay any attention to the fatty. Instead, Mo Gaohe was concerned with Lu Yin, or rather Long Qi, the White Dragon Clan's son-in-law. Every time this thought entered Mo Gaohe's mind, a killing intent would fill his eyes. He was a high ranked disciple of the Celestial Frost Sect who was pursuing Wang Yun to have the chance to rise to a higher position. His ultimate goal was why he had not

hesitated at all to come to the isolated Yinshan Mountains. Long Qi had married one of the Higher Realm's most dazzling pearls, which had catapulted him up to the position that Mo Gaohe coveted.

However, Long Qi's good days would soon come to an end. It would not be long before he and the fat man would both cry. Thinking of this, Mo Gaohe's mood swung back up, though he was careful to maintain a gloomy expression. "Let's leave."

"Hahahaha!" The fatty was still laughing.

Lu Yin looked at the fatty as though looking at an idiot. This man was nothing more than what he appeared to be. There were no deep plots floating through his mind, and he was as clean as a piece of white paper.

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After Unseen Light joined Humility's Gate, Lu Yin saw the same events play out as before, and the two of them were led by the fatty into Yinshan City to play around.

"Cultivators should remain calm and not be disturbed by external things." This was how Unseen Light responded to the fatty's encouragements to enjoy himself.

The fatty was not able to see Unseen Light's eyes, but this guy seemed to be an even better actor than Lu Yin; he kept his eyes closed all the time to pretend to be mysterious.

Lu Yin was also confused by Unseen Light's answer, but the guy was quite strange to begin with. In order to cultivate his domain, Unseen Light had lived with his eyes closed for years, which was certainly ruthless enough.

Half a month has passed, and the fatty was thrilled the entire time. According to him, the Yinshan District had not seen such peace for a long time. In the past, he and Mo Gaohe would fight every few days, but recently, Mo Gaohe would turn and walk away every time he saw the fatty. This was all because Lu Yin and Unseen Light had joined the fatty's team, so he had adopted an arrogant attitude in recent days and had spent all of his time entertaining people.

At night, the dark mountains grew even deeper shadows. All kinds of strange creatures would move about beneath the ground, surfacing only briefly before returning beneath the earth or racing away.

Unseen Light appeared in a small hollow, and Mo Gaohe also appeared in that same place after a while. "So Long Qi wasn't able to find anything suspicious?"

Unseen Light replied, "Don't worry, he's already convinced."

Mo Gaohe sneered. "Everything about him is fake, so of course he'll doubt others."

He hesitated for a moment. "He still doesn't want to expose the Zhu family?"

Unseen Light shook his head. "He said nothing when I told him about them. He later said that the White Dragon Clan wants him to stay quiet for a few months, and then they'll arrange for him to receive some accomplishments in order to be able to retire."

"He wants to retire with achievements? He must be dreaming! Whatever, if he wants to get some accomplishments, then we'll give them to him," Mo Gaohe mocked.

An hour later, Unseen Light appeared in Lu Yin's quarters.

"He'll give me accomplishments? That's really what he said?" Lu Yin wondered.

"Yes."

Chapter 1369: Top Secret

Lu Yin had to ask, "Even if I offend others by gaining achievements, there's nothing that anyone can do about it given the fact that I have the White Dragon Clan behind me. Even the Celestial Frost Sect is a bit cautious of the White Dragon Clan, so others will be far less likely to try to threaten me. Since this is the case, just what does he mean by trying to help me get some accomplishments?"

Suddenly, Lu Yin remembered something, and at the same time, Unseen Light spoke up, "False achievements."

"Humility's Gate has tremendous power, but this also means that they have more rules, and there are incredibly strict punishments for breaking those rules. The worst crime is that of falsifying military exploits," Lu Yin said.

Unseen Light interjected, "First, he intends to have you expose the Zhu family as traitors to offend Humility's Gate in Huaiyuan, and then he wants to report you for falsely instigating a war. There wouldn't even be any need for the Celestial Frost Sect to take any action, as the three Guan brothers would never let such a thing go, which would throw things back to the White Dragon Clan. It would be useless for them to try to step forward. The least they would do would be to expel you from the clan and leave you to Humility's Gate."

Lu Yin felt a chill go down his back. "That's ruthless. If not for you, if anyone else had tried to push me into this, I would likely have fallen for it. And even if I don't expose the Zhu family, Mo Gaohe has to have a way to force things onto me by claiming that I knew that the Zhu family had betrayed humanity. In that way, I would still offend the three Guan brothers, so no matter what I try, there's no way out of this trap."

Unseen Light admired the plan. "The people behind this were very thorough, and they linked each stage to the others. Even if things change, they can adapt to the situation to make sure that you can't get free of their scheme no matter what you do. It's actually amazing."

Lu Yin had no motivation to praise others. There was a truly ruthless person hidden in the dark who was plotting against him. Lu Yin had managed to discover it this time purely because of Unseen Light, but what about the next time? With such an elaborate plan, there was no way that they would easily let Lu Yin escape them.

Who was behind this? Bai Shaohong? Probably not. He was a Junior Progenitor, and thus had no energy to bother with such things. In that case, who was it? Regardless, it had to be someone from the Celestial Frost Sect.

If Lu Yin wanted to find out, his only option was to start from Mo Gaohe.

"Try to find out who's behind Mo Gaohe. I want to know who's plotting against me," Lu Yin said.

Unseen Light replied, "That's going to be very difficult. Mo Gaohe has a sharp mind and a closed mouth, so it won't be easy to get anything out of him, and he might even see through my efforts. Right now, what we can do is uncover his tricks and disable them while waiting for him to reveal the next stage of the plan. Let's first take care of any possible hidden threats around him before dealing with him in one move."

Thinking about it, Lu Yin felt that Unseen Light was right. Mo Gaohe was essentially just a medium put forward by his enemies to attack Lu Yin. If this medium was removed, then the enemies could simply send another attack through it anytime they wished. Lu Yin had to have Mo Gaohe removed while making sure that there any no enemies hidden in Yinshan Mountain's/Mountain District

The only thing Lu Yin could do at this time was wait around for Mo Gaohe to make his next move.

Half a month soon went by, and one day, Lu Yin's communication crystals vibrated on his wrist.

Long Xi had given Lu Yin his communication crystals so that she would be able to easily contact him.

Communication crystals were not as common in the Perennial World as gadgets were in the Fifth Mainland, and only a few people had them.

An image of Long Xi appeared in front of Lu Yin. She was as beautiful as ever; her long, sea-blue hair was enchanting, and her amber eyes revealed a charming demeanor.

"How have things been going for you?" Long Xi asked. She had been very worried about Lu Yin during the month she had not seen him. This was not because of any sort of affection, they had not known each other for long enough for her to develop any feelings. Instead, Lu Yin was a hidden weakness.

Lu Yin did not say anything about Mo Gaohe's scheme, as revealing such things would only cause Long Xi to be more worried. Also, Lu Yin had no way to explain Unseen Light's identity or their connection. If Long Xi grew too worried, she might even ask Long Tian to make arrangements for Lu Yin to be transferred elsewhere, which would require everything to be done all over again. In the Yinshan District, Lu Yin could at least work with Unseen Light to take advantage of the enemy's schemes and stay safe from the various plots.

"It's been fine, nothing's happened. I spend all day with Fatty- ahem, Wang Dashuai keeps me safe even when we go to Yinshan City to hang out," Lu Yin said.

Long Xi frowned. "Stay away from that Captain Wang. His behavior is sloppy and his mind is simple, so he's easy to take advantage of."

These words were true, so Lu Yin just nodded. "I understand."

Long Xi stared at Lu Yin for a while, thinking about the situation, but without anything more to say about it. "Things have been quiet lately, and it seems like Bai Shaohong hasn't had much success with his attempts to deal with you, so don't make any trouble of your own. I'll push my older brother to get you some military achievements as soon as possible, and then it will be safe for you to retire. Remember, don't make trouble!"

"Don't worry, I'm a very honest person," Lu Yin said.

Long Xi shot him another sharp glance before ending the call.

Lu Yin looked outside the room and saw a gloomy sky. The fatty had led his team out on patrol, and it would take them two days to come back. During this time, Lu Yin could not casually wander about as he needed to avoid getting provoked by Mo Gaohe and inadvertently revealing unnecessary information. As he thought for a moment, he felt that it was time to roll his die.

If he wanted to gain a better understanding of this universe, the most effective method would be to read someone else's memories. Rolling six pips would be the best way to handle this, and it should not cost too much star essence to Possess someone within this same universe.

Lu Yin entered a secure room. Everyone's quarters in the base included a secure room for their cultivation.

Lu Yin set his cosmic ring aside and took out a few thousand star essence. He lifted his hand and caused his die to appear, slowly rotating.

Lu Yin tapped a finger, and the dice spun before slowing and stopping at three pips. The two light screens appeared, and Lu Yin pursed his lips. This was not the time to upgrade his items, as he had nothing left to Enhance.

He used some star energy to restore the die before tapping it again. This time he rolled one pip: Pilfer, and a piece of metal fell out. It was quite hard, but Lu Yin was still able to crush it with his hands. Given this toughness, the metal was enough to stand up to a powerful Hunter. It would make a good weapon for many people, and would probably be considered a great treasure by them, but it was completely useless for Lu Yin.

He rolled the die again, and this time his wish was granted. He rolled six pips: Possession. He appeared in a strange, dark space that was filled with orbs of light. Lu Yin instantly made for the ball of light that was closest to him, and he immediately merged with it.

The next moment, Lu Yin's body trembled as the scenery again changed around him. He appeared high in the sky with a sea of flames spread out beneath his feet. There were countless people in the flames burning in anguish. There was a person next to Lu Yin whose aura was enough to cause Lu Yin's scalp to tingle. This was the power of an Envoy.

As memories poured into his mind, Lu Yin's mouth fell open and he stared down at his hands. This was miraculously lucky: he had actually possessed Guan Yun!

A month before, Lu Yin and Unseen Light had discussed Mo Gaohe's scheme to set Lu Yin up, and it involved the three Guan brothers who led Humility's Gate's base in Huaiyuan. Unexpectedly, a month after that discussion, Lu Yin had Possessed Guan Yun's body. Guan Yun was an Enlighter with a power level of more than 400,000. He was a powerhouse who was close to becoming an Envoy, and it was no surprise that he was a suitable target for Lu Yin to Possess, as the two possessed similar combat power.

The person standing next to Lu Yin was Guan Yun's second brother Guan Hai. He was an actual Envoy.

At this moment, the brothers were finishing up a mission, and the people in the flames down below were members of a family that had betrayed humanity. Humility's Gate had identified the traitors, and so the family had been destroyed.

As more and more memories poured in, Lu Yin discovered that the Higher Realm and the Middle Realm were the front-side of the Mother Tree, but the back was the greatest battlefield in the Perennial World. The enemy of the Mother Tree was a battlefield where endless monsters that had scarlet irises and slitted pupils poured through from it.

The Neohuman Alliance! Three words appeared in Lu Yin's mind. He had never considered that the Perennial World's greatest enemy would be the same monsters he had fought before. Also, the Neohuman Alliance had planted moles in the Perennial World, just as they had done in the Fifth Mainland.

However, unlike the Fifth Mainland, in this universe, the monsters remained hidden and did not have a massive force, whereas the Fifth Mainland had to suffer the Neohuman Alliance.

This information told Lu Yin that Humility's Gate was to the Perennial World what the Hall of Honor's Interstellar Supreme Court was to the Fifth Mainland. Also, this meant that the four ruling powers formed this universe's match to the Hall of Honor.

Lu Yin had joined the Interstellar Supreme Court.

More and more memories entered his mind, and Lu Yin learned more and more about the place he had found himself. Suddenly, he was shocked to discover a secret: Guan Yun himself was actually a Redback! Someone who had been sent by the enemy to infiltrate humanity.

"Second Bro!" Lu Yin roused himself and looked over at Guan Hai standing next to him.

Guan Hai pressed, "Second Bro, what's wrong?"

Lu Yin shook his head and answered in a hoarse voice, "Nothing."

Guan Hai frowned. "You must be tired. You've done a lot of the work this time around, so after this mission is over, head back to get some rest. Big Bro was looking for you for something."

"Alright," Lu Yin said.

Suddenly, the scenery again changed before Lu Yin's eyes, and he passed through that strange, dark space before returning to his own body. He opened his eyes, still overwhelmed with shock. However, he still quickly wrote down a list of names. They were all of the names of people Guan Yun had worked with. They had all betrayed humanity.

Who could have imagined that Guan Yun, one of the three brothers leading Humility's Gate in Huaiyuan, would actually be a Redback? He was someone who openly and boldly eliminated such traitors.

If Guan Yun was a Redback, then what about Guan Hai and Guan Tong?

Unfortunately for Lu Yin, he had not pulled out enough star essence for his Possession to last long, as otherwise he would have been able to read more memories. However, even if Lu Yin had freed up more star essence, he might have ended up Possessing someone further away and not have merged with Guan Yun at all.

Complicated thoughts fly through Lu Yin's mind. He quickly made a record of all of the spies and Redbacks he had learned about from Guan Yun's memory. Lu Yin stared at the densely packed names and realized there were quite a few. If he turned in this list and the information was confirmed, he would receive tremendous merit, and he might even be summoned to the supervisor of Humility's Gate's nine bases in the Middle Realm.

The Middle Realm's supervisor was a man named Qing Chen, and he was a super-powerhouse. As for what his exact power level was, Lu Yin did not know, but he did know that the man had to at least be stronger than Yuan Shi, and possibly as powerful as the Chief Justice of the Fifth Mainland's Interstellar Supreme Court.

The master of the entire Humility's Gate was rumored to be a Progenitor, though a very paranoid and well-guarded Progenitor.

In addition to the names that Lu Yin had written down, he had also learned from Guan Yun's memories the truth of the situation regarding the Zhu family. It was true that there was a traitor within the family who had remained hidden for decades, but the person had not been purposely left there by the Guan brothers. The traitor had only been revealed through a coincidence, but Guan Yun had developed a plan to use this traitor for something specific.

Lu Yin organized his thoughts and took a deep breath. The people behind Mo Gaohe were only aware that the traitor inside the Zhu family had been purposely left there by the three Guan brothers. Due to this, the moment that Lu Yin revealed the presence of the traitor, he would offend those brothers, not to mention a Redback like Guan Yun. The moment that Lu Yin revealed anything, it was likely that Guan Yun would eliminate Lu Yin before he even had a chance to realize he was being targeted.

This was too ruthless of a plan, and if not for Unseen Light, Lu Yin might have fallen right into this trap and ended up as nothing more than a pawn for others' game.

Lu Yin rubbed his head. The important thing was that he had managed to gain the initiative. If he could come up with a way to expose the identity of the person behind Mo Gaohe, then everything would be perfect. Lu Yin stared at the overcast dim sky. He had not expected to remain nameless in this universe, but he had also not expected to be embroiled in a never ending war. This was really troublesome.

The next day, Unseen Light sought out Lu Yin. "Mo Gaohe's made his move."

Chapter 1370: Confrontation

Lu Yin was actually startled by this information. The memories he had received from Guan Yun had made Lu Yin even more wary of Mo Gaohe's plan. Mo Gaohe and the people behind him did not realize the importance of the Zhu family to Guan Yun.

"He asked me to take you somewhere," Unseen Light continued.

"Where?" Lu Yin asked.

Unseen Light took out a map of the Yinshan Mountains from his cosmic ring and pointed at a certain location. "Here."

Lu Yin saw that it was in the area that Mo Gaohe was responsible for patrolling, and he was actually out doing just that on this day. It was clear that Mo Gaohe wanted Lu Yin to go there with Unseen Light so that he could end up in a dangerous situation and lose the initiative.

"What is he wanting to do?" Lu Yin wondered.

Unseen Light his head. "He wouldn't say, so I don't know."

Lu Yin did not question Unseen Light, but Lu Yin was also not worried. The people of this universe were extremely wary of people from the Fifth Mainland infiltrating the Junior Progenitors' expedition teams. If Unseen Light attempted to betray Lu Yin, they would both go down. The two people's cooperation had been determined the moment they had recognized each other, which was the only reason Lu Yin was able to trust Unseen Light to such a degree. Even if Unseen Light caused the plot against Lu Yin to fail, Unseen Light would still need to protect himself. This was why he was willing to help Lu Yin, and also why he had said that Lu Yin was so lucky.

Half a day later, Lu Yin followed Unseen Light to the location that Mo Gaohe had indicated. It was a damp and shadowed crevice that had a strange black wind occasionally blowing through.

The two stood at the edge of the canyon. "He told me to lead you down to the bottom of the granite wall where there's a cave."

"What were you told to say to convince me to follow you?" Lu Yin asked.

"The location of traitors to humanity."

Lu Yin nodded. Such information was indeed what he most needed at this time. Long Xi intended to have Lu Yin retire from Humility's Gate with military achievements. Gaining such accomplishments at the moment would allow Lu Yin to retire earlier than expected and allow him a more comfortable life.

The people backing Mo Gaohe had put a tremendous amount of effort into dealing with Lu Yin. "So there should be traitors down there," Lu Yin commented.

Suddenly, Unseen Light's expression tensed up. "Mo Gaohe just sent me a message."

Lu Yin acted ignorant.

Unseen Light soon spoke up, "He told me to go down there and immediately attack and kill the person down there before giving you the credit."

Lu Yin understood the plan. "And then they'll have you expose that I faked my accomplishments back at the base, and he'll take that opportunity to reveal that I found a traitor in the Zhu family who I didn't expose. Then I'll offend the three Guan brothers, and also have falsified an achievement to Humility's Gate. Even if I can get away with the achievement, the Guan brothers still won't let me go."

There was no reason to hide such speculation from Unseen Light.

"Let's go." Lu Yin jumped down and followed after Unseen Light.

As the two entered the canyon, Mo Gaohe and several other people watched from a distance. A smile spread across Mo Gaohe's face. "Long Qi, just keep going. This day will be your ruin, and you'll cause the White Dragon Clan to become a joke within the four ruling powers."

The canyon was damp, and disgusting and vicious looking bugs would reveal themselves from time to time, only to be taken out by Lu Yin.

They eventually found the cave, and inside of it there was a comatose man laying on the ground.

Lu Yin instantly recognized that the man was the traitor from the Zhu family, and Lu Yin's pupils shrank as he realized Mo Gaohe's machinations. He had not expected that the people behind Mo Gaohe would simply capture the traitor just to save themselves some trouble. Also, if this person was not a traitor, then his death would be nothing less than random murder.

It was not uncommon for cultivators to die and for no one to be held accountable for their deaths. However, it was easy to make such claims, but there were always exceptions, like the Zhu family. Their family was small, but they wielded great influence.

Lu Yin stood to the side and did not try to stop anything. It would be better and simpler to simply speed up the implementation of Mo Gaohe's plan.

Unseen Light killed the comatose man with a single attack.

Right after that, a voice entered the cave from outside, and Lu Yin and Unseen light glanced at each other before starting to move out of the cave.

Mo Gaohe led his group and barged into the cave. They all saw Lu Yin and Unseen Light, as well as the person from the Zhu family whose corpse was still lying on the ground.

"Linjiang Yi, what are you doing?" Mo Gaohe shouted angrily as the people behind him stared at the two.

Lu Yin did not get flustered, and he even pretended to be proud of himself. "What are you doing?"

Mo Gaohe pointed at the corpse on the ground. "You killed him?"

Lu Yin grew even more proud, but admitted to nothing.

Mo Gaohe did not actually need Lu Yin to admit to anything. Eliminating a traitor to humanity was a commendable feat of war and was an unavoidable task. "Do you know who that is? He's part of the Zhu family from Huaiyuan. They have a lot of influence in Huaiyuan, and they also have an excellent reputation and a great relationship with brothers who lead the poor in Huaiyuan. They provide a lot of resources for my Humility's Gate, and yet you dared kill him! Go get him and arrest him."

Unseen Light tried to speak up, "The young master killed him because-"

"Shut up! I'm from the Linjiang family, but I'm also part of Humility's Gate. Captain Mo wouldn't dare do anything to me!" Lu Yin shouted loudly, still committed to putting on an act in order to hide the real reason the man from the Zhu family had died. This would prevent other members of Humility's Gate from stealing his accomplishment.

Even if Mo Gaohe had not arranged the current situation, Lu Yin's behavior would still be considered normal. He had killed a traitor and then waited for Mo Gaohe to take him back to the base to be interrogated. Lu Yin had killed a traitor, but Mo Gaohe might be able to steal credit for Lu Yin's deed.

Mo Gaohe secretly sneered; this guy still wanted to hide what he had done? This was actually for the best, as the more Lu Yin hid, the more there was that Lu Yin believed in the truth of his accomplishment.

"Take him away!" Mo Gaohe shouted fiercely.

Lu Yin was grabbed by two members of Humility's Gate, and they led him back to the Yinshan District's base. The corpse was also taken back.

Unseen Light silently followed behind and everyone returned to the base.

It did not take long for the Yinshan District's base to be sent into frenzy. There had been no work of note happening in this place for eight generations, not to mention a murder case. The people sent to this place were not expected to accomplish anything. Why try to show off? Why take the risk involved in a mission?

However, on this particular day, Mo Gaohe had captured Linjiang Yi and accused him of murdering a member of the Zhu family from Huaiyuan.

The fatty had rushed back to base the moment he had heard the news, and he yelled at Mo Goahe the moment they saw each other. Mo Gaohe was not willing to take such abuse without response, and the base master Zhuo Si quickly appeared and suppressed everyone.

Zhuo Si felt a headache come on as he looked at the corpse of the person from the Zhu family. "What's going on?"

Mo Gaohe stepped forward and loudly stated, "Gate Master, that person is Zhu Qing. He's a member of Huaiyuan's Zhu family. We just discovered him after he was killed by Linjiang Yi, and he had shown no remorse over killing Zhu Qing."

Mo Gaohe provocatively glanced over at the fatty.

The fatty was getting increasingly nervous. "Si- no, Gate Master, Mo Gaohe must have framed him! I beg the gate master to investigate this matter."

Lu Yin was still being held by some of Mo Gaohe's subordinates.

Zhuo Si glanced at Lu Yin and waved a hand. "Come over here and clear things up."

Lu Yin was released and he stepped forward. However, just as he was about to start to speak, a stern shout came from afar, "Who dares kill someone from the Zhu family?"

The voice came from far away, yet it instantly arrived. The sound shook the void and warped it in ripples that spread out.

Everyone was stunned; this was an Envoy.

Zhuo Si frowned and tapped a finger against the void to calm the roiling space.

A figure emerged from the void and descended from the sky. In the Perennial World, this was something that only Envoys and above could do.

The man who had appeared was middle-aged, and he remained standing high in the sky. His appearance was domineering and awe-inspiring, and his eyes swept over the crowd. As his eyes passed, everyone felt as though a knife had raked across their face, which was a horrible sensation. Soon, no one dared to look at the Envoy.

When Lu Yin saw the man, his eyes narrowed. This man was Guan Tong. Lu Yin had not expected this person to show up. Lu Yin glanced over at Mo Gaohe and saw the light of victory and hints of schadenfreude in his eyes.

It was clearly no accident that Guan Tong had already arrived. Zhu Qing had only just died in the cave, and yet Guan Tong had already arrived. This had clearly been arranged by the people behind Mo Gaohe, and they were intending to throw Lu Yin into the abyss.

Mo Gaohe secretly praised Miss Yu Chen. She had already made plans to allow Long Qi to admit that he had killed Zhu Qing while believing that he would expose Zhu Qing as a traitor to humanity, but that would instantly offend Guan Tong, the Huaiyuan gate master. On top of that, Mo Gaohe had arranged for Unseen Light to step forward and accuse Long Qi of stealing credit for Unseen Light's work. Even if Long Qi had been the one to reveal that Zhu Qing was a traitor, that would not eliminate his crime of falsifying a military achievement.

This was also when Guan Tong would play a vital role.

After Long Qi would reveal Zhu Qing as a traitor and offend Guan Tong, Guan Tong would definitely work to magnify any misdeed that Long Qi committed, and Gate Master Zhuo Si would not be able to dismiss Long Qi's conduct in front of a peer like Guan Tong.

The crime and achievement would be equal, and the best that Long Qi could hope for would be simply being expelled from Humility's Gate. After that, Yu Chen had to have further plans, but even if she did not make any moves, Guan Tong would never let Long Qi go free.

Mo Gaohe was helping Miss Yu Chen, and doing so would also allow him to gain the attention of the Junior Progenitor, while also dealing a severe blow to that damn fatty. This plan was perfect.

As these thoughts swirled through Mo Gaohe's head, he felt like he was about to explode from suppressing his excitement, and he wanted to let loose. He felt that every decision he had made demonstrated his cunning, and he would definitely be able to appear in front of the Junior Progenitor. Not to mention, the entire incident would greatly improve Mo Gaohe's position in the Celestial Frost Sect, and there would no longer be any need to try to chase after Wang Yun. As for that damn fatty, Mo Gaohe would have risen to a level untouchable by that fool.

"Gate Master Zhuo, why did a member of my Huaiyuan's Zhu family die in your Yinshan Mountains? You must give me an explanation to take back to Huaiyuan!" Guan Tong shouted. His tone of voice was quite bad, and it was clear that he was showing Zhuo Si no respect at all.

There was no one in any of the Middle Realm's nine bases of Humility's Gate who did not know about Zhuo Si. The Yinshan District's gate master was a lay-about, and he presented no threat at all.

Zhuo Si rubbed his ears and helplessly looked over at Lu Yin. "Tell me what happened."

Mo Gaohe looked at Lu Yin. Mo Gaohe was raving internally, Admit it! Expose Zhu Qing as a traitor! Be proud of your accomplishment! This isn't just the highlight of your entire life, but also its turning point!

As everyone stared at Lu Yin, he turned to face Mo Gaohe's arrogant expression. Lu Yin stretched out a hand and pointed at Mo Gaohe. "He killed that Zhu Qing person."

Mo Gaohe was stunned, and everyone else present was no different.

Guan Tong's sharp eyes flickered over to Mo Gaohe.

Mo Gaohe was left unable to even respond. This was not how things were supposed to go. What did this have to do with him? There should not be any connection between Mo Gaohe and the dead man.

"You- what did you say?" Mo Gaohe blankly stared at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin answered in a serious manner, "You were the one who killed that guy from the Zhu family, and then you left his body in the cave in order to trick me into falsely claiming the credit. I, Linjiang Yi, am a righteous and upright person, and I could never pretend to be responsible for someone else's accomplishments!"

Mo Gaohe nearly vomited blood as he glared at Lu Yin. "What bullshit! I'm not your father, so why would I try to give you any sort of credit? And what sort of shit are you spouting? Getting credit for killing someone from the Zhu family?"