

## Star Odyssey

### Chapter 1771: Wireless Jincan

Just lower than Yuehua Mavis was the Wen family, led by Wen Yao, Wen Sansi, and Wen Qian'er. Below them was Balsam and Yan. On Mr. You's side, first came the Sword Sect's Li Zimo, who was representing Elder Lianxin. The elder still had not fully recovered from being poisoned, so the only option was for Li Zimo to go in her stead. Below the Sword Sect sat Ling Gong, Ling Que, Little Mountain God, and the other representatives of the Inniverse. Even though they all represented powers from the eight great flowzones, they were still just juniors.

Seated a bit lower was Lyman Phoenix, from Daynight Flowzone's Phoenix family. Serati Phoenix was also present.

Lu Yin had once looked up to the Ten Arbiters as being distant powerhouses, but at this moment, they could not even enter his eyes.

In addition to the people who sat at the top of the banquet, there were also many other people from the Inniverse and the Cosmic Sea who were seated further away. There were not many people from the Neoverse who had attended. Aurora Enterprises had sent some people, but they had not appeared at the banquet itself.

Not long after Lu Yin took his seat, Qing Shaohuang also arrived, and his arrival announced the official beginning of the banquet.

In Venom King City, the banquet was not an individual event, but rather one accompanied by a competition.

Strange jincans from all over the Divine Venom Dynasty were to be presented during the banquet, and guests like Lu Yin and the others were allowed to choose any of the jincans to take away.

A young man walked out onto the stage beneath the seats. He had an arrogant expression on his face as he took off his shirt to reveal the image of a three-clawed monster that was branded on his back. "I spent 130 years cultivating this jincan. I call it cave, and it has an odd internal structure that allows it to store power several times beyond its own attack ability. Simply put, as long as a Limiteer has this jincan, they can easily escape from an Explorer without being harmed."

Many of the people attending the banquet were amazed, and even Lu Yin was impressed. When he had been a Limiteer, he had been able to fight against

Explorers when he had been sent to Erudite Flowzone. It was because he was capable of doing that that he understood just how absurd this ability was. For a jincan to have this ability was absolutely amazing.

"How long does it take to raise this 'cave?'" Someone suddenly asked. It was a question that came from the lower seats. This was a tradition for the one presenting jincans, as certain people would be expected to speak up and ask questions and identify the pros and cons of a jincan. This was how the presentations were conducted.

The young man replied, "It can be cultivated in twenty six years."

"Twenty six years? How powerful of an attack can it receive after that long?"

The young did not hesitate. "A Limiteer's attack."

"If you were given twenty six years, could you become a Limiteer?"

"Naturally." The young man was proud of himself, as he was considered a genius in his home. He certainly had not taken twenty six years to become a Limiteer.

"In that case, is it worthwhile to cultivate this jincan?"

The young man's expression finally grew ugly. "If it is cultivated for an additional 30 years, it can receive an Explorer's attack."

"Can you become an Explorer within fifty six years?"

This time, the young man hesitated. Becoming an Explorer was a massive hurdle. Even though he considered himself a genius, he still was not fully confident in accomplishing this. Still, with so many people staring at him, he could only reply, "Naturally."

"So, what's the purpose in cultivating this jincan?"

The young man's mouth twitched, and he stepped down.

Lu Yin smiled. While this was a truly impressive jincan, it unfortunately took too much time to cultivate, which made it worthless. Those who could afford this sort of jincan were not ordinary cultivators, but that also meant that they had access to many resources and were usually quite talented. For such people, this jincan was rather useless.

The next person to step onto the stage was a woman who introduced a jincan that could bloom into a hundred flowers, but it had no practical purposes.

After that, one strange jincan after another appeared. There were hundreds of cities on the Divine Venom Continent, and every single one of them

researched jincans, which led to there being far too many of them. While some seemed to have rather mediocre uses, this usually depended on how they were used.

For example, the jincan that could cause a hundred flowers to bloom could be quite useful to people who studied poisons, as there were some poisonous flowers that took far too long to bloom.

Typically, the Divine Venom Dynasty's jincans could be considered similar to cultivators' innate gifts. There was no such thing as an absolutely useless jincan, only completely useless people.

Half a day passed, and Lu Yin's felt as though his eyes had been opened. There was a truly unique side to the Divine Venom Dynasty's culture. The jincans that they cultivated seemed rather similar to Beast Tamers Flowzone's tamed beasts. In truth, one used research and utilization while the other established control.

Beast Tamers Flowzone would never study why an astral beast was able to utilize certain sorts of attacks; all they focused on was controlling the creature and helping it to grow and develop. Jincans were different, as they had to be researched, and that study allowed for the development of countless different uses.

A young man stepped onto the stage. He looked somewhat timid, and his clothes were very dirty. There was a large character for "small" embroidered on the chest of his shirt.

Qing Shaohuang unconsciously frowned when he saw the young man appear on the stage.

Many other people from the Divine Venom Dynasty frowned as well.

The teenager started to become even more nervous. "I- I- I'm from a small town. My name is Xiao Fa."

"Show your jincan!" There was a loud shout that startled Xiao Fa. He quickly raised his hand out of reflex, and everyone stared at his arm that was not moving.

Everyone grew confused; where was the jincan?

Xiao Fa looked at his arm and blinked. Huh? The jincan?

Someone suddenly whispered to him, "Under your foot! Under your foot!"

Xiao Fa turned around. "What?"

He shifted a bit, and his right foot stepped onto a soft mass. The sensation startled him again, and he ran a few meters away.

Everyone stared in absolute speechlessness. This was a show, right?

Qing Shaohuang's frown grew more pronounced.

Xiao Fa quickly ran back and checked out the soft mass that he had just stepped. He carefully picked it up, and let out a sigh of relief. "It's okay, it didn't die. It just got squished a bit, just a little bit."

As he spoke, he suddenly seemed to notice that everyone was still staring at him. He swallowed his saliva, and his face flushed brightly. He raised his hand. "Um, the jincan is here. This is a jincan that my hometown spent a long time developing. This is the wireless jincan."

Everyone looked at what Xiao Fa was holding in his hand; wasn't that a tadpole? It was the same squishy mass that had been stepped upon and nearly destroyed.

The entire place fell silent.

"What does it do? What does it do!" Someone in the audience whispered fiercely.

Xiao Fa coughed again. "Well, this wireless jincan can ignore all distance to allow for instant communication no matter where you are, even in the Astral Wilderness. You can communicate instantly without any hindrance anywhere. It works much better than gadgets."

After this brief explanation, Xiao Fa fell silent and looked towards Qing Shaohuang, as if he were waiting for a compliment.

Someone in the audience dropped their face into their hands, looking completely helpless.

"Just communication?" someone asked.

Xiao Fa replied, "It can ignore all distance to allow instant messaging."

"Can it work with video?"

"That- that hasn't been looked into yet."

"Audio?"

Xiao Fa pursed his lips. "It's not easy to speak to communicate, but you can understand what the other side is communicating through the vibrational frequency of the wireless jincan."

"If you already have a gadget, why would you need this wireless jincan?"

Xiao Fa started to become anxious. "It ignores distance! It ignores distance!"

"You've been in Venom Flowzone your whole life and aren't even a Limiteer, so how can you have possibly verified that this jincan can ignore distance? Do you even understand what sort of distances exist in this universe? Can you even conceive just how far away the Sixth Mainland is, let alone the even more distant Astral Wilderness?"

"I know, but it can ignore those distances." Xiao Fa remained stubborn.

"Hmph, get off the stage."

Xiao Fa wanted to say something more, but the voice called out again, saying "Leave" with enough force that Xiao Fa was almost blown away.

The people from the Divine Venom Dynasty either laughed or ridiculed the young man, and they all seemed to absolutely hate Xiao Fa's jincan.

Lu Yin felt quite curious. "Is there something special about his hometown?"

From the side, Qing Li explained, "That small city is the smallest on the entire Divine Venom Continent, so it can't actually even be considered a city. It was originally somewhere for the more extreme people who specialized in researching jincans that can benefit ordinary humans to gather. Eventually, more and more people gathered, especially ordinary people and businessmen. Finally, enough gathered to form a small town."

"The jincans that they develop are basically useless in battle, but they can be very useful for ordinary humans. For people who can't buy a gadget, they'll be able to buy this wireless jincan."

"Can they really ignore all distance?" Lu Yin asked.

Prince Qing Li shook his head and laughed. "That's just their claims. How could it really be possible for these jincans to ignore distance? Most of the researchers aren't even Explorers, so there's no way they can understand the vastness of this universe and how difficult it is to travel through space. That wireless jincan is something that they already submitted a report about a long time ago. However, a person needs to learn how to interpret the vibrational frequencies of the jincan, which makes them far inferior to a gadget. Also, those jincans can die from a touch, as they're very fragile. In fact, even a regular person stepping on them can kill them."

Lu Yin stared at the bizarre little hairball that was on the stage below. Could it really ignore any distance? If that was true, then it could be incredibly useful.

Gadgets worked by utilizing signals that connected them to the network. If a war broke out, especially one against Aeternus, then given Aeternus's understanding of humans, they would absolutely destroy every part of the humans' network that they could.

No matter if it was against Aeternus or the Perennial World, Lu Yin had to maintain an upper hand, and instantaneous communications were crucial, as they could have a massive impact in a war. Lu Yin had already ordered Ban Jiu to study this topic, but there had been no results yet.

Upon thinking about this, Lu Yin stared at Xiao Fa with eyes that lit up.

The presentation of the jincans continued on for two days, and some particularly powerful ones appeared as well. Even Lu Yin took note of them despite not particularly caring.

However, if a jincan similar to the Life-Prolonging Butterflies existed, there was no way that the Divine Venom Dynasty would reveal such a thing. Their most precious jincans could not be shown in public, especially in front of outsiders.

After the presentation finished, the city that won the competition was unsurprisingly Venom King City. The capital city had won for many years in a row.

The jincan that Venom King City presented looked like a bead. It had a simple appearance and was not large at all. After being incorporated into a person's body, it would allow their speed to increase to an extreme level that far surpassed anyone else in the same cultivation realm.

The jincan's main flaw was that only a few could be produced, and it took a long time to cultivate them, which made it unsuitable for mass production.

Qing Shaohuang looked quite happy about the fact that the bead was the winning jincan. "Dozens of new jincans are developed in my Divine Venom Dynasty every year, but only a rare few can be used for decades. Most of what are developed are useless jincans, but this Escaping Orb is a rare jincan that is useful for anyone."

"Congratulations, Your Majesty." Yuan Taishi was the first to speak, and everyone from the Divine Venom Dynasty quickly bowed as well.

"Congratulations, Your Majesty."

Qing Shaohuang laughed.

Mr. You spoke up with a smile on his face. "Venom Flowzone's unique environment and cultivation methods are truly enlightening. If His Majesty

Qing Shaohuang is willing, I would like to ask for an Escaping Orb to take back to the Hall of Honor for the people there to see."

Little Mountain God also smiled and spoke up, "Your Majesty Qing Shaohuang, if there are any extra, this junior would also like to ask for one."

Wen Qian'er quickly raised a hand as well. "This junior would also like one."

Ling Que's hand shot up too. "Um, I would too."

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Qing Shaohuang laughed loudly. "Everyone wants one! This is a jincan that is a wonderful representation of my Divine Venom Dynasty! Since this is the case, then everyone will get one."

He then gave Attendant Yi an order, and the chief attendant retreated with a smile.

"Thank you, Your Majesty. By the way, Your Majesty, could you also allow me to have one of those jincans that can cause a hundred flowers to bloom?" Wen Qian'er asked hopefully.

Qing Shaohuang smiled. "Of course. If you have an interest in any of the jincans that have been presented, just say the word."

"Thank you, Your Majesty." Wen Qian'er was thrilled.

Qing Shaohuang looked over towards Lu Yin. "Was there anything that caught Alliance Leader Lu's interest? Just say the word."

Everyone turned to look at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin smiled. "My cultivation is already too complicated, and the path of jincans is broad and profound, so they don't suit me."

Mr. You spoke up, "What? Alliance Leader Lu didn't see anything you liked?"

Lu Yin's face went completely blank as he turned to look at Mr. You. "One more word comes out of your mouth and I'll crush it."

Mr. You instantly slapped his table and shot to his feet, furious, only to be pushed back down by the Mt. Microcosms Protector who was escorting him. "Mr. Overseer, calm down."

Qing Shaohuang frowned and looked over at Mr. You. An invisible force had pressed down on the overseer, leaving Mr. You unable to speak or move in the slightest. The overseer was not even able to tell where the pressure came from, and simply assumed that Lu Yin had attacked.

Qing Shaohuang had no desire to help Lu Yin, but also did not want any issues during the banquet. Lu Yin's personality was readily apparent, and he would follow through on any threats he spoke. Lu Yin would absolutely shatter Mr. You's mouth in front of everyone.

Mr. You was being suppressed by Qing Shaohuang.

The Mt. Microcosms Protector did not dare even look at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin just sneered and glanced towards Qing Shaohuang. "After what he just said, it will look like I'm looking down on the Divine Venom Dynasty if I don't ask for something. In that case, I would like that wireless jincan."

Qing Shaohuang smiled. "Alliance Leader Lu is being too serious. Everyone has a different path of cultivation. You can just play with a jincan, and there's no need to treat it seriously."

Lu Yin smiled back. "The other jincans aren't very convenient to carry around, and I don't want just any jincan. You have my thanks, your majesty, for your kindness."

"Since Alliance Leader Lu has already decided, then it's fine. This is no problem," Qing Shaohuang replied.

"By the way, Your Majesty, please allow me to have that boy to teach me how to use the wireless jincan," Lu Yin requested.

Qing Shaohuang was caught off guard, as clearly Lu Yin was genuinely interested in the wireless jincan.

On the other side, Taishi Yuan smiled and spoke up, "Since Alliance Leader Lu is interested in the wireless jincan, then why not go visit the town that created it? Miaomiao will be visiting that place soon, so she can just escort you, Alliance Leader Lu."

Qing Shaohuang glanced at Yuan Taishi; it was clear that this old fox was doing his best to pawn off his granddaughter.

Yuan Miaomiao's face blushed as soon as she heard her grandfather's words.

Qing Longlong stared at Lu Yin, threatening him.

Lu Yin was thrilled. "In that case, I'd be happy to accept! After the banquet, I'll make the trip to that town with Miss Miaomiao. Thank you, Yuan Taishi."

"Only happy to help, haha!" Yuan Taishi was also very happy.

Prince Qing Li merely watched everything with a cold eye. No one was more clear on the situation within the Divine Venom Dynasty than him. Qing

Shaohuang was afraid of Lu Yin and wanted to help the Sword Sect and the other Innerverse powers deal with him. As for Yuan Taishi, he wanted to win Lu Yin over and permanently force him out of Venom Flowzone. This whole production was a great show.

The most pitiful people at this moment were Venom King City's talented youths who were present at the banquet, as all of them were staring at Yuan Miaomiao. Every year, enough people to form a line that extended out of the city would stop by Yuan Taishi's estate to propose to his granddaughter, but none had ever succeeded. However, Yuan Miaomiao was actually being given to an outsider.

Yuan Miaomiao was the empire's top beauty, yet she was being given to someone from outside of Venom Flowzone. Her peers were gritting their teeth, as there was nothing at all they could do about it.

It was not long before one of the Escaping Orbs was delivered to Lu Yin's table. Looking at it, Lu Yin glanced over at Qing Li. The prince's expression seemed a bit unnatural.

Lu Yin thought of Transience, and the possibility that this Escaping Orb had been laced with Transience. It seemed possible that these Escaping Orbs were part of Qing Shaohuang's plan to deal with Lu Yin.

Transience was highly toxic, colorless, odorless, and did not even have any runes. It was completely impossible to detect, which made it the safest method of dealing with Lu Yin.

Qing Shaohuang kept his eyes on Lu Yin, and showed a satisfied smile when he saw Lu Yin put away the Escaping Orb. "Come, everyone, enjoy your time as guests of the Divine Venom Dynasty."

"Thank you, Your Majesty."

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The wireless jincan was delivered to Lu Yin, as well as the young man Xiao Fa.

The young man was terrified and did not even dare to look at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin just spoke a few casual words before dismissing the young man without paying him too much attention.

The next portion of the banquet was the gift-giving session. One by one, all of the guests presented gifts on behalf of their own force. Lu Yin provided a

bottle of medicinal pills. He had not Enhanced them, and they were perfectly common, but it was still better than the slap that he had sent Qing Shaohuang via Attendant Yi as a gift to begin with.

Seeing Lu Yin's gift, Attendant Yi's eyes flashed coldly. He would never be able to forget that slap.

Soon, it was Balsam's turn, and she gestured for Yan to present their gift.

"Your Majesty, Shamrock Enterprise's congratulatory gift is another medicinal pill, but this is not one that is ingested, but one that can allow a person to avoid certain crises," Balsam explained with a smile.

Qing Shaohuang became curious. "Avoid certain crises?"

Balsam took another pill out of her cosmic ring and threw it forward. The void was torn open, and another space became visible, It was the true universe.

Qing Li and Yuan Taishi were both startled, and they both exclaimed, "The true universe?"

Qing Shaohuang was truly shocked; a pill could provide access to the true universe? This was unbelievable! This was something that only experts with power levels exceeding 500,000 could achieve.

Lu Yin stared intently; Shamrock Enterprise was no longer keeping their stellar energy pills hidden. Just what were they planning?

Everyone was stupefied by the effect of the stellar energy pill. Not even Qing Shaohuang was an exception, even if his own jincan allowed him a power level of more than 800,000. He was one of the top powerhouses in the entire Innervese, and yet even he was startled by the power of the stellar energy pill.

Everyone had long since known that Shamrock Enterprise was a monster of a company, even the isolated Venom Flowzone, which was why Shamrock Enterprise had been invited to Qing Shaohuang's banquet. Still, no one had imagined that the pharmaceutical company could actually have developed such a pill.

Yuan Taishi immediately asked, "How difficult is it to make this pill?"

Balsam smiled politely. "They are already ready to start mass production; the technology is being simplified. I believe that very soon the true universe will no longer be just a legend to most people."

Yuan Taishi's expression instantly changed. "What about your current production?"

Balsam maintained her professional smile. "That's a trade secret."

"Can everyone use them? The true universe is not something that ordinary people have ever had access to," Qing Li interjected.

Balsam replied, "At the moment, a person must have the strength of a Hunter to be able to use these stellar energy pills, as they require that level of strength to activate and open a path to the true universe. However, we are already developing a better version of the stellar energy pills. We are confident that we can improve them so that even an Explorer will be able to activate them."

Everyone was blown away. If this claim proved true, battles in the future would change drastically. The Escaping Orbs merely increased a person's speed a great deal. On the other hand, these stellar energy pills allowed access to the true universe. These could make it difficult for even a Hunter to kill an Explorer.

Mr. You leaned forward, his eyes dark. "Why is it that not even I have heard about these stellar energy pills before?"

Balsam looked at Mr. You. What the man was really asking was for the Hall of Honor and the council of overseers. It only made sense for the Hall of Honor to be the first to be informed when something unprecedented like these stellar energy pills had been created.

"That is likely because this information has been spread very slowly. We've already submitted a report regarding the successful materials from our research and development," Balsam replied.

Mr. You's gaze sharpened. This answer was clearly just an excuse. What was Shamrock Enterprise doing? He took special note of this matter.

Qing Shaohuang was solemn as he looked at Balsam. "Shamrock Enterprise has my deepest thanks for their care for my Divine Venom Dynasty. I accepted your gift."

Balsam slowly bowed. "Your Majesty Qing Shaohuang, I wish you an early breakthrough to reach a power level of a million so that you can stand at the top of this universe."

Qing Shaohuang smiled. "I'll be counting on your auspicious wishes."

"Miss Balsam, I don't know, but might there be any extra stellar energy pills that can be sold to my Wen family," Wen Yao asked as he stared at Balsam.

Ling Gong, Little Mountain God, and many others all stared at her.

Balsam smiled. "These stellar energy pills will soon become the my Shamrock Enterprise crowning jewel. They will be sent to each organization in batches before official sales begin. They should be on their way to each of your powers, including-" As she spoke, she looked straight at Lu Yin. "The Great Eastern Alliance."

Lu Yin's expression changed; Shamrock Enterprise was sending stellar energy pills to the Great Eastern Alliance?

He suddenly had a bad feeling.

At first, Balsam had tested whether or not Lu Yin had used his stellar energy pills several times in the past as she suspected that something had happened to the pills he had been given, but had made no progress at all. Lu Yin simply handed over the negotiations of a contact with Shamrock Enterprise to Qiong Xi'er, but Lu Yin's true motivations had remained a secret, as he had not had a chance to say anything at all to Qiong Xi'er.

If Shamrock Enterprise was sending a batch of their stellar energy pills straight to the Ross Empire's mobile fortress, what could be the consequences? Would Sapling be discovered? Lu Yin had no idea what Balsam might be thinking.

He was certain that this had to be some sort of test that Shamrock Enterprise was conducting, and doing so at this exact moment was too perfect.

Balsam kept her eyes on Lu Yin and saw his reflexive change of expression and a twitch of his finger. There was definitely a problem. The stellar energy pill that they had lost control of was absolutely related to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin and Balsam stared at each other, seemingly able to see each other's intentions.

No one at their level could be stupid, and Lu Yin never believed himself to be more intelligent than others. Still, so long as he had certain advantages, he would be able to take the lead and foresee someone's future actions like a god. However, Balsam was Shamrock Enterprise's Inniverse President, and her schemes were definitely not anything that could compare to what Lu Yin usually faced, not even the Purge that the Sword Sect's Liu Qianjue and the other Inniverse leaders had plotted.

If not for his background and a few lucky opportunities, Lu Yin would have lost his life to others' schemes long ago. He knew that if he schemed against others, he would absolutely be schemed against in turn and would one day lose out.

Lu Yin was absolutely certain that he had just lost to Balsam's schemes. No matter what happened at the Ross Empire's mobile fortress, the moment he had heard Balsam's words, his expression had changed, and Balsam had already determined something from that.

Lu Yin took a deep breath and his gaze directed at Balsam grew much sharper. His expression was completely different from before.

If he had been found out, then he might as well spread out the information and see who played who.

Balsam frowned and stared at Lu Yin for half a minute. Finally, someone coughed. Balsam did not react, but finally returned to her seat.

It was someone else's turn to offer their congratulatory gift.

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At the Ross Empire's mobile fortress, the stellar energy pills that Shamrock Enterprise had sent arrived.

The person responsible for the delivery of the pills was Little Leaf King, Shamrock Enterprise's heir. He had participated in the competition for the Astral Tower, and he had used the Starswitched Leaf battle technique. Still, he had not stood out during the competition.

"I took the liberty to show up uninvited, as I was tasked by my father to deliver a new batch of stellar energy pills to the Great Eastern Alliance," Little Leaf King told Qiong Xi'er.

Qiong Xi'er was startled. "We haven't even reached an agreement with Shamrock Enterprise about purchasing stellar energy pills. What is the meaning of this?"

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Little Leaf King smiled at Qiong Xi'er. "These stellar energy pills have been improved from what was shared before, and we are selling them to the entire Fifth Mainland. Before sales begin, batches are being given as gifts to the Great Eastern Alliance, the Sword Sect, the Wen family, the Lingling clan, and more as an expression of my Shamrock Enterprise's friendship."

Qiong Xi'er understood. Quite simply, Shamrock Enterprise was looking to establish better relationships and increase goodwill with the various powers. While this was not necessary, given the company's size and power, it was always beneficial to have good relationships. This was an unspoken rule. Still, for some reason, Qiong Xi'er kept feeling that something was wrong. During

their conversations, the topic that had come up the most frequently had been whether or not Lu Yin had used the stellar energy pills he had been given.

This did not seem very normal. What was wrong?

Given Qiong Xi'er's keen instincts that had been honed by her time working in finance and with various companies, she believed that if she felt there was a problem, then there had to be one somewhere. Thinking quickly, she said, "Thank you, Little Leaf King, for extending such kindness to us. We accept these stellar energy pills, but unfortunately, our alliance leader is not here at the moment, as he was invited to be Venom Flowzone's guest. However, as soon as he returns, he will be sure to visit Shamrock Enterprise personally to express his gratitude. Also, our alliance leader is very interested in studying eternal life with Shamrock Enterprise, so we can discuss that matter then as well."

Little Leaf King's eyes flashed. "Very well."

He then hesitated for a moment. "Besides the task given to me by my father, I would actually like to wait here for Alliance Leader Lu to return. We were competitors during the Astral Tower, and his strength amazed me. I've recently had a breakthrough of my own, and I was hoping to be able to ask Alliance Leader Lu for some advice. Please, rest assured that I would never want to disturb him."

Qiong Xi'er felt this was a problem.

Little Leaf King frowned. "Is there something about my stay that puts Miss Qiong at an inconvenience? Could it be that outsiders are not allowed to stay here on the Ross Empire's mobile fortress?"

Naturally, there was no way for Qiong Xi'er to actually refuse Little Leaf King, especially since people kept arriving from a distant space station and the fortress. "Of course not, Mr. Little Leaf King. Please enter."

Little Leaf King smiled and nodded before following Qiong Xi'er.

Little Leaf King had a unique status that qualified him to gain access to certain areas that most people were not allowed to visit. "I heard that Alliance Leader Lu enjoys collecting unique plants. This is actually also my own hobby. Could you show me his collection?"

Qiong Xi'er reflexively wanted to refuse. Even though she could not figure out what was wrong, since this was something that Little Leaf King clearly wanted, it only seemed right to deny the request.

There was a sudden shout from off in the distance, and when people turned to look, they saw a large tree wildly charging forward, straight towards the group with Little Leaf King and Qiong Xi'er. The tree's limbs moved like those of a human, and they took large steps as the tree careened forward without a care. Chaos was left in the tree's wake.

Though many cultivators from the Great Eastern Alliance were right behind the tree, they did not dare attack it out of fear.

"Hurry up and grab it! Grab the escaped tree! That's the alliance leader's pet!" Balaror was racing after the tree and shouting as he ran.

With his shouts, nobody dared to attack the tree, even if they wanted to, as they were worried about hurting the plant.

Zhao Ran next appeared, running right behind Balaror. "Don't run so fast! Big Tree, stop! Stop!"

Little Leaf King had a blank expression on his face as he watched his scene. The big tree drew closer and closer, and it approached with a momentum that made it clear it intended to break through all obstacles.

Qiong Xi'er was utterly speechless. She had already heard about the big tree in Lu Yin's private park. It was supposedly a large, mobile tree that unflaggingly tried to escape, and it had become quite famous. Qiong Xi'er had not expected the tree to actually escape.

"Mr. Little Leaf King, I'm sorry to have allowed you to see such a scene," Qiong Xi'er helplessly apologized.

Just as Little Leaf King was about to reply, all of the stellar energy pill that he was carrying shot off, tearing straight through his clothes as they flew towards the big tree. Little Leaf King's expression changed dramatically, but he did nothing to try to stop the pills. He allowed them to approach the big tree, as as they did, a little sapling popped out and grabbed all of the pills and devoured them.

Little Leaf King's pupils shrank instantly as he blankly stared ahead.

Qiong Xi'er also saw what happened, and her heart sank. This was the problem she had been concerned about, though she also had no idea how or why it was a problem. Still, the look on Little Leaf King's face and watching all of the pills be devoured by the sapling had all been indications of a huge problem.

"Little Leaf King, what's the matter?" Qiong Xi'er shouted quickly as she moved her body into a position that blocked Little Leaf King's line of sight.

However, he stared straight through her, his eyes locked onto the canopy of the big tree that was still approaching. He was focused on the sapling that had suddenly grown significantly that was perched atop the big tree. Little Leaf King casually replied, "It's nothing. This is very interesting."

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At Venom King City's imperial palace, the banquet was still continuing. There was a seemingly endless stream of congratulatory gifts from all of the guests. Still, overall there was nothing that stood out as special aside from Shamrock Enterprise's stellar energy pill.

The banquet soon ended.

Suddenly a scream rang out that startled everyone.

Everyone turned to look for the origin of the screams, and they saw that blood was splattered all over the floor, as well as a man who had been beaten beyond recognition.

Qing Shaohuang frowned. "What's this?"

Attendant Yi delivered a quiet report. "Your Majesty, this person was wandering about just outside the palace, and I felt he had evil intentions when I saw him, so I arrested him and questioned him. Please forgive me, Your Majesty."

Qing Shaohuang waved a hand, dismissing the chief attendant in disgust. "Drag him away."

"Yes, Your Majesty."

"Wait." Lu Yin suddenly spoke up.

Everyone turned towards him, and everyone's expressions suddenly changed. This was because there was a terrible expression on Lu Yin's face, and it looked like he was ready to commit murder.

This was something that was rarely seen from Lu Yin, and seeing it left even Wen Sansi and others who were more familiar with Lu Yin completely shocked. Ling Que reflexively wanted to sneak away.

Qing Shaohuang also looked at Lu Yin and asked, "What's the matter, Alliance Leader Lu?"

Attendant Yi looked at Lu Yin with a cold stare.

Lu Yin looked back at the man. "That person is Chang Wu."

"Chang Wu?" Qing Shaohuang was puzzled, and so he looked over at Attendant Yi, who looked to be similarly confused.

"How does Alliance Leader Lu know this person? It's true, after interrogating him, we learned that his name is Chang Wu, but what is his connection to Alliance Leader Lu?"

Lu Yin's voice chilled, and a strong killing intent could be seen in his eyes as he glared at Attendant Yi. "From the moment I first started cultivating, many people have crossed me, including even the unofficial leader of the Inniverse's youths, Nightking Zhenwu. However, every last one of those people has died."

Attendant Yi sneered, "Why are you bringing this up to this lowly servant? This slave would never dare antagonize Alliance Leader Lu."

Qing Shaohuang spoke up, "Is there some sort of misunderstanding, Alliance Leader Lu?"

Lu Yin's eyes flared, and he suddenly attacked. A Vacuum Palm shot through the void, headed straight for Attendant Yi. The man did not react, as he was not even able to perceive Lu Yin's attack. Instead, Qing Shaohuang raised a hand and blocked the Vacuum Palm.

The emperor's cultivation exceeded a power level of 700,000, and his jincan gave him a power level of more than 800,000. Despite this, blocking the Vacuum Palm had left his hand numb, badly startling the Envoy. Lu Yin was not even an Envoy, and yet his physical strength was absolutely incredible. Even if Qing Shaohuang was not someone who had focused on improving his physical strength, he was still an Envoy and should be able to easily deal with anyone who was not.

However, there was still a significant gap between the two, and even if Qing Shaohuang's hand was left slightly numb, he had not moved a single step.

As for Attendant Yi, he did not even react until after Qing Shaohuang had blocked the Vacuum Palm. The chief attendant had not expected Lu Yin to attack so suddenly. If not for Qing Shaohuang taking the attack, Attendant Yi would surely have died.

For a moment, Lu Yin's icy eyes and killing intent forced an unprecedented level of fear upon Attendant Yi. He was a powerhouse himself, and enjoyed an elite status within the Divine Venom Dynasty, so this was a new experience for him. He felt a burgeoning and unfathomable fear for Lu Yin from the depths of his heart. He realized that this youth really, really wanted him dead.

Anger filled Qing Shaohuang's eyes, and he shouted, "Alliance Leader Lu, no matter what may have happened, this is still my Divine Venom Dynasty as well as my imperial palace! Your actions show that you are not taking me seriously!"

As he shouted, he shattered Lu Yin's spiritual force.

While Lu Yin had been glaring at Attendant Yi, he had also lashed out with his spiritual force to overwhelm Attendant Yi with fear.

Lu Yin and Qing Shaohuang stared at each other. "If we were not in your Divine Venom Dynasty, you would no longer be alive."

Lu Yin then moved, and collected Chang Wu from the distance. The man was half-dead and was completely unconscious.

While Lu Yin would act ruthlessly and had often been cruel while uniting the Outerverse, he had seldom allowed others to be implicated by his actions. Chang Wu had been targeted because of his association with Lu Yin. The young man had been negligent and had not taken care of matters as soon as possible, which had allowed Chang Wu to suffer so terribly.

Everyone at the banquet watched as Lu Yin took out a medicinal pill and fed it to Chang Wu while speculating over the two's relationship.

"Alliance Leader Lu, I demand an explanation for this." Qing Shaohuang was very solemn. Even though the emperor had not stopped Lu Yin from saving Chang Wu, regardless of the reason, Lu Yin had tried to kill Qing Shaohuang's chief attendant right in front of him, which was no different from publicly slapping the emperor. Such actions had to be accounted for.

Lu Yin turned to stare at Qing Shaohuang. "Your Majesty Qing Shaohuang has been keeping track of my whereabouts since I arrived, so you already know that this is the person who showed me around Venom King City. He is the person in your city who I have spent the most time with. He is a timid person, and thus would never dare approach the imperial palace in a suspicious manner to be caught and tortured by your servant. This behavior is showing me no respect at all."

Qing Shaohuang turned back to look at Attendant Yi, and sternly asked, "Is this true?"

Attendant Yi wanted to quibble, but seeing Lu Yin's eyes, an endless fear welled up in the man's heart. He was so frightened that he instantly caved. He could not muster the courage to argue, and he even started to tremble.

Many people present felt disappointed; this chief attendant was simply too useless! If he had publicly denied Lu Yin's allegations, there was no way that Lu Yin could force a confession from him in front of so many people? They were in the Divine Venom Dynasty, not the Great Eastern Alliance. As long as there was no evidence and they held their stand, things would not necessarily turn out badly.

This was so unfortunate; many people sighed inwardly.

When the Great Eastern Alliance had entered the Innerverse, the Sword Sect and other Innerverse powers had cooperated and acted against the Great Eastern Alliance because none of the great or minor flowzones wanted to join the Great Eastern Alliance. A large number of the guests attending Qing Shaohuang's banquet came from those great and minor flowzones, and so most of them hoped to see Lu Yin and Venom Flowzone become irreconcilable enemies.

However, after seeing Attendant Yi's cowardly behavior, many people just shook their heads. This matter was already over.

Qing Shaohuang glared at Attendant Yi and roared, "You overstep yourself! How dare you offend Alliance Leader Lu? He is one of my Divine Venom Dynasty's honored guests! How can you redeem yourself for such inexcusable actions?"

As the emperor shouted, he waved his hand and smacked Attendant Yi's body far away. No one knew what sort of poison or jincan was used, but upon landing, Attendant Yi let out a shrill scream and began frantically scratching at his skin.

Lu Yin watched from the sidelines, as this was all just an act. Anyone else would have already been killed, but Qing Shaohuang genuinely doted on Attendant Yi. All of this meant that Qing Shaohuang had been the one to arrange this entire act.

Lu Yin took a sip of his wine.

The shrill screams continued, and Qing Shaohuang returned his attention to Lu Yin. He rose to his feet and apologized, "Alliance Leader Lu, my leniency with my servant has led to such an incident. I must apologize to Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin responded indifferently, "That's unnecessary. There's another one right here who has been provoking me."

Mr. You's brows rose sharply, as this was clearly referring to him.

Prince Qing Li was speechless; Lu Yin was too aggressive with his words.

"Regardless, I'm the one who is responsible for this matter. As an apology, Alliance Leader Lu is welcome to select one thing from my treasury as compensation for what has happened. Please don't refuse," Qing Shaohuang spoke in a sincere manner.

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Lu Yin's eyes lit up the moment he heard Qing Shaohuang's words; treasury? compensation?

"I can choose anything?" Lu Yin asked.

Qing Shaohuang nodded. "Yes. No matter if it's a national treasure or something from my own private collection, as long as Alliance Leader Lu likes it, you can take it away as compensation for this matter. While my Divine Venom Dynasty has had little contact with the outside world, we are not inhospitable. If word of this incident spreads, my Divine Venom Dynasty will lose face and trust. There's no need for Alliance Leader Lu to be polite in this."

Little Mountain God gritted his teeth and stared at Qing Shaohuang. What was this man trying to do? Did he want to deal with Lu Yin or not?

Wen Yao and the others were not able to see through Qing Shaohuang's intentions, but regardless of how Qing Shaohuang dealt with Lu Yin, it would have nothing to do with the Wen family, and the Wen family would not participate.

"Since His Majesty Qing Shaohuang is so generous, I will have to impose upon you." Lu Yin was suddenly in a good mood. Who did not like free gifts? Lu Yin was quite eager to see if he could find something useful in the treasury.

Qing Shaohuang immediately asked someone to show Lu Yin to the treasury, as he needed to spend time with the other guests who were leaving. However, Lu Yin refused the offer.

"I want him to take me." Lu Yin pointed to Attendant Yi.

Qing Shaohuang's eyes flickered. "Alliance Leader Lu, that servant will be punished severely, so there is no need for you to trouble yourself."

Lu Yin laughed. "Don't worry, I have no intention of doing anything at all to him; I just need him to lead the way. Your Majesty, rest assured, I won't do anything at all to him. Such a person is not worth me breaking a promise."

Qing Shaohuang glanced over at Attendant Yi, who was still screaming, and nodded. "Very well."

The emperor then sternly stared at Attendant Yi. "Take Alliance Leader Lu to the treasury. If he likes something there, let him take what he asks for."

Attendant Yi had scratched at his skin all over his body, and he looked miserable. Terror filled his eyes and blood covered his body. "Yes, Your Majesty. This slave understands."

Chang Wu woke up at this moment, and the first thing he saw upon opening his eyes was Lu Yin, which caused the man to believe himself to be dreaming. He gritted his teeth. "It's you! You're the reason I was tortured! I'm going to die, and you won't even think of me again! Release me! It's all because of you! It's your fault..."

Everyone looked at the man with sympathy, as he had been truly unlucky, as he had suffered entirely because of his association with Lu Yin.

Lu Yin pursed his lips. "You aren't dead. Take a good look at where you are."

Chang Wu was startled, and he quickly glanced around. He instantly saw Qing Shaohuang seated on the highest seat, as well as the miserable-looking Attendant Yi. When the shop owner saw the people who were around him, he instantly collapsed. Eh? Where was the pain? There had clearly been a great deal of pain before?

The man's injuries had all been cured by the medicinal pill that Lu Yin had given the man, but the recovery had been so fast that Chang Wu did not dare believe his recovery himself.

"Alright, send him off. No need to humiliate him any further," Qing Shaohuang said.

Chang Wu blankly stared at Lu Yin blankly, his eyes fully expressing his loss and confusion at his situation.

Lu Yin nodded. "You can head on out. No one will touch you again in the future."

Chang Wu was quickly taken away. From beginning to end, he never understood what was happening. All he knew was that his fate had somehow changed, and only the future would tell if it had changed for the better or for the worse.

Some people were certain that the man would not see any luck again in the future, but others felt that the man had a bright future.

Attendant Yi led Lu Yin away from the banquet and towards the imperial treasury.

The treasury was located within a spatial crack in a corner of the imperial palace. Several Enlighters protected the location, and there were countless other defensive measures in place, the most common being jincans.

Lu Yin was eager to see what the Divine Venom Dynasty's treasure might hold.

Attendant Yi walked in front of Lu Yin, trembling the entire way. He no longer showed any trace of the arrogance and overbearing demeanor that he had demonstrated before. The man trembled with every step as there was a person right behind him who absolutely wished him dead and could kill him at a whim.

"Attendant Yi," Lu Yin suddenly spoke up.

The man quivered and slowly bowed low. "A- Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin stared at the man intently. "Was the emperor aware when you captured Chang Wu?"

Attendant Yi was startled, and he grew incredibly pale. "His Majesty- Of course His Majesty knew nothing!"

Lu Yin continued to stare at the man for a while. "Really."

The two continued on towards the imperial treasury. They soon crossed half of the imperial palace, and then suddenly an indescribably terrifying spiritual force surged, and it encompassed all of Venom King City in an instant and even caused the sky to change color.

Qing Shaohuang leaped to his feet, and his expression changed drastically. "Not good!"

He was not the only one, as everyone felt an overwhelming spiritual force suppressing all of them.

It was from the Second Nightking.

As the spiritual force surged, the voice dripping with resentment echoed through Venom King City, "Little Lu, I didn't expect to wait for you. I said that I would hang you from the stone tablet in the Daynight clan's ancestral land to torture you for 10,000 years."

After the voice spoke, an even more terrifying spiritual force exploded into the void, destroying the city's defenses.

On the city walls, the strange toads instantly exploded and died. The iridescent poisonous gas that protected the entire city was transformed into raindrops.

Qing Shaohuang's complexion truly changed at this moment, as if those raindrops showered the city, there would be very few people who would be able to survive.

Yuan Taishi and the others were completely stunned, but there was not even any opening for them to try to take action.

"Second Nightking, aren't you afraid the Chief Justice will find you?" Lu Yin's anxious voice reached everyone's ears. Suddenly, the palace building that stood between the voice and the banquet was instantly destroyed, and everyone was blown back by a powerful wind.

The Second Nightking raised his hand and reached out for Lu Yin. "You have no chance!"

The void congealed, and then shattered, allowing everyone to peer into the true universe. This was the Second Nightking's spiritual force. When it was used in front of everyone, all of them, no matter their cultivation, felt like nothing more than an ant.

Lu Yin's eyes went wide, and he looked up towards the source of the spiritual force and stepped forward. It was like a mayfly trying to shake a tree, though also like a stubborn rock facing wind and rain, refusing to crumble.

This attack was something that Qing Shaohuang had planned, though Lu Yin had also instigated by sending the Second Nightking to prod the emperor.

It was no surprise that all of the city's defenses were destroyed by the Second Nightking's spiritual force, as this had been Lu Yin's goal. Also, he was curious to see how well he could resist the Second Nightking.

The Second Nightking's spiritual force suppressed the entire continent, and Lu Yin recited the Origin Progenitor's Sutra. At that moment, the mainland changed. No matter if it was Wen Sansi, Ling Gong and other youths, Yuan Taishi, Qing Li, and the other experts who were approaching the level of an Envoy, or even Qing Shaohuang and the Second Nightking, everyone felt as though they had heard voices from an ancient era.

Throughout history, from the moment that humanity had been born, humans had gathered with one voice to speak prayers, chants, or other such things. These ancient voices sounded like they formed the voice of heaven and earth.

As for the Second Nightking, his pupils instantly constricted, and he gaped at Lu Yin in disbelief. While the ancient powerhouse could not tell where the voices came from or who was behind it, he instantly guessed that the voices had something to do with Lu Yin. What had that brat done?

Naturally, the Second Nightking's spiritual force greatly surpassed Lu Yin's, after all, he had been able to easily stun the youth in the Celestial Frost Sect's Ruins. However, at the moment, the Second Nightking could do nothing at all.

Qing Shaohuang flew through the sky with a huge, double-headed centipede on his back. That centipede was his jincan. As the double-headed centipede rushed forward, its size increased until it completely filled the sky above the city and casting a shadow on the metropolis. "Leave my Venom King City, Second Nightking."

The Second Nightking removed all distracting thoughts. No matter where that voice that had affected him had come from, it was no threat to him the moment. "Qing Shaohuang, this has nothing to do with you."

As he spoke, he raised a finger and pointed it at the two-headed centipede, and one of the two heads exploded. Celestial Being Shows the Way.

The terrible cold struck, freezing Venom King City. Qing Shaohuang was furious, as he had offered the Second Nightking a chance to attack Lu Yin, but had also reminded the Second Nightking not to affect the city. However, the Second Nightking had already attacked the city twice, and Venom King City had suffered heavy casualties.

Enlighters throughout Venom King City stepped forward to hold back the cold, but they were instantly frozen.

Without any other options available to him, Qing Shaohuang tore open a wide rift in the void so that the cold air could enter the true universe.

Lu Yin's body was shrouded a golden battle force. "Second Nightking, the Chief Justice has an unfathomable level of cultivation, and had could appear at any moment. Why don't you just leave?"

The Second Nightking replied in a cold and arrogant voice, "Today is the day that you will be captured and flayed!"

Even more terrifying spiritual force burst out to form a blade that sliced down. This was Skybreaker, and it was an attack that Lu Yin had not anticipated. The Second Nightking was actually wanting to test out Lu Yin's limits, as he also knew that Lu Yin could instantly restrain him with the Sealed Cage Technique at any moment. However, Lu Yin did not do that. This Skybreaker

was an attack that did not even reach a power level of 700,000, though it truly looked impressive. Lu Yin intended to face the attack head on, as he wanted to see what his limits were when using the Origin Progenitor's Sutra.

The Skybreaker fell down towards Lu Yin, slicing through the void and revealing the true universe. Lu Yin raised a hand and unleashed an endless torrent of Vacuum Palm, but they were simply erased by the descending blade. Lu Yin had underestimated the attack; this was an attack from the Second Nightking, and even though Lu Yin was an Enlightener who could fight against Envoys, the Second Nightking was not someone who was on the level of an ordinary Envoy. On top of that, Skybreaker was not an ordinary battle technique, but was a technique that had dominated an era.

All Lu Yin's techniques were useless against the Second Nightking's Skybreaker, and eventually, the sharp blade of spiritual force passed by Lu Yin.

Everyone stared blankly; was Lu Yin dead?

Qing Shaohuang, Little Mountain God, and many others grew excited, as they hoped for Lu Yin's death, as that would be the best outcome for them.

Yuan Miaomiao grew nervous, and her fingers turned white.

Yuehua Mavis grew solemn. After all, Lu Yin had just suffered an attack from the Second Nightking, who was an ancient powerhouse.

Mr. You gritted his teeth and watched in excitement. "Let him die! It's better if he's dead!"

However, Lu Yin eventually slowly lifted his head to face the Second Nightking with a solemn expression. "You're still too injured to kill me."

He then pulled out a blood red bell and shook it. It was the Chief Justice's emblem.

Ring ring

Everyone felt like a massive hand suddenly covered everything in existence and started crushing down on them. This was the power of the Chief Justice.

Puff

The Second Nightking's pupils fluctuated, and he suddenly spat out blood. His hair was a mess, and his face was pale. Blood could be seen at the corners of his mouth. "The Chief Justice's bell... Qing Shaohuang, what are you waiting for? Work with me to kill Lu Yin! No one will know about it."

Lu Yin suddenly turned to stare at Qing Shaohuang with cold eyes.

Qing Shaohuang was startled and enraged at this suggestion. "Second Nightking, what sort of nonsense are you speaking?"

The Second Nightking roared back, "Even if you kill him, it will be said that I killed him, and no one will go after you. We also came to an agreement before, and so long as we achieve the results we both want, everyone else here can be killed."

Everyone grew pale when they heard the Second Nightking's words, and wary eyes shot over to stare at Qing Shaohuang.

Qing Shaohuang ground his teeth so hard they were about to shatter. "Second Nightking, you are slandering me!"

Lu Yin lifted the blood red bell once again.

The Second Nightking was not able to stop himself from spitting out more blood, his eyes became scarlet from being so bloodshot. "Qing Shaohuang, if you don't kill him now, you will absolutely regret your decision!"

The ancient expert then shattered the void and disappeared.

Lu Yin ignored the Second Nightking's exit, but instead kept a vigilant watch on Qing Shaohuang.

#### Chapter 1775: An Explanation

Half of the imperial palace had been destroyed by this incident. The two-headed centipede moved high into the sky above the city to redirect the poisonous rain away from Venom King City. The toxic rain left the land surrounding the city completely desolate. No grass remained, and every species there had died. After that, the two-headed centipede returned to the ground and slowly returned to its original size.

At this moment, besides Lu Yin, Yuehua Mavis, Wen Yao, and many others were all staring at Qing Shaohuang with eyes filled with vigilance and fear.

Qing Shaohuang and Lu Yin stared at each other, and the emperor said in a low voice, "Alliance Leader Lu, my Divine Venom Dynasty invited you as a guest, and I have absolutely no malicious intentions. Doing so would humiliate myself and my empire. You should not believe the Second Nightking's words."

Lu Yin had a gloomy expression. "Why did the Second Nightking appear in your imperial palace? He actually attacked while I was on my way to your treasury. Qing Shaohuang, don't try to tell me that this is just a coincidence."

Qing Shaohuang's eyes narrowed. "Given the Second Nightking's strength and the vastness of the universe, how could he possibly be found? He was even able to escape from Gaia's Swamp, and you were there when it happened, so you should already be aware of his strength."

"But he was seriously injured by the Chief Justice, and he is no longer capable of utilizing even half of his previous strength. He's no longer even able to kill me, so how could he possibly hide from you within your own palace?" Lu Yin countered.

Everyone stared at Qing Shaohuang. Yes, the Second Nightking looked incredibly strong, and he gave off the image of a peerless powerhouse. However, he had not even been able to kill a junior like Lu Yin. Just how could the Second Nightking have remained hidden from Qing Shaohuang?

If the Second Nightking had really regained enough power to hide from the emperor, then how had he failed to kill Lu Yin?

"The Second Nightking attacked me. You showed yourself to be strong enough to face him and protect Venom King City, but you didn't. You also did nothing to stop him when he tried to escape. It looks like you were cooperating with the Second Nightking from the very beginning," Lu Yin accused.

Qing Shaohuang's eyes flared, and he wanted to retort, but Lu Yin continued to say, "Your Divine Venom Dynasty was established with the help of the Nightking clan who greatly helped your Qing family. Am I wrong?"

These three consecutive accusations left Qing Shaohuang without any response. Additionally, everything that Lu Yin had said was true. It had never occurred to Qing Shaohuang that the Second Nightking would not be able to kill Lu Yin. Not only had the Second Nightking failed to kill Lu Yin, but he had also exposed his collaboration with Qing Shaohuang.

What's more, the emperor had not expected the Second Nightking to expose him at the very last moment. Why had he done so? Qing Shaohuang could not understand this part, let alone how Lu Yin had managed to survive the Second Nightking's spiritual force attack.

No matter how stupid a person might be, everyone here was able to see that there was some sort of connection between the Second Nightking and Qing Shaohuang.

This was another reason why Lu Yin had sent the Second Nightking to meet with Qing Shaohuang.

"Qing Shaohuang, you must give me an explanation for this, or else from now on, the Divine Venom Dynasty will be an enemy of my Great Eastern Alliance," Lu Yin threatened.

Yuan Taishi quickly stepped forward. "Alliance Leader Lu, please don't come to any conclusions before this matter is clarified. The Second Nightking excels at using spiritual force techniques, and he could have controlled other people to bring him into the imperial palace. Yes, controlled someone like that." He then pointed a finger at Attendant Yi, who had already passed out. "It was most likely that slave. He's been behind everything."

"He was the one who captured Chang Wu, which forced you to take action, Alliance Leader Lu, and it also forced His Majesty Qing Shaohuang to offer you compensation. The suggestion of compensation from the imperial treasury might also be something that was suggested by Attendant Yi, who must have been controlled by the Second Nightking this entire time."

These words caused Qing Shaohuang's eyes to light up. "That's true. Just a bit earlier, my servant did remind me that your love for resources is exceptional. Alliance Leader Lu, after he offended you, I remembered this comment, and so I offered to give you one item from the imperial treasury. Alliance Leader Lu, now that I think about it, this servant was behind everything."

Lu Yin sneered. "A servant can influence your decisions? Do you think that I'm an idiot?"

Qing Shaohuang's eyes grew cold. "Alliance Leader Lu, I have already given you what I should. What more do you want?"

Lu Yin lifted his head. "Venom Flowzone is sealed, and no one is allowed to enter or leave until the truth is uncovered. Everyone is under investigation." As he spoke, he stared at Qing Shaohuang. "Including you, Qing Shaohuang."

Qing Shaohuang became furious. "Lu Yin, don't overstep yourself! This is Venom King City."

Yuan Taishi quickly spoke up as well, "Alliance Leader Lu, why use such extreme measures?"

Prince Qing Li's heart skipped a beat. He knew Lu Yin rather well, and he was aware that Lu Yin was not a nice person.

The Little Mountain God was so thrilled by this development that he nearly leaped for joy. His main goal in traveling to Venom Flowzone was to convince the Divine Venom Dynasty to cooperate with the other Inniverse powers

against the Great Eastern Alliance. At this moment, it looked like there would be no need to do any convincing at all, as Lu Yin was doing all their work for them.

This guy was so stupid! Even if Qing Shaohuang and the Second Nightking wanted to kill him, Lu Yin would still have to endure their cooperation. Wasn't he just making enemies for no reason? Just who had claimed that Lu Yin was smart?

Lu Yin coldly replied, "How long has it been since anyone has tried to assassinate me like this without me doing anything in response? Do people really think that I, Lu Yin, am easy to push around? This happened in Venom King City, so the Divine Venom Dynasty needs to give me a satisfactory explanation. Otherwise, starting today, no one will be allowed to leave Venom Flowzone!"

Qing Shaohuang slowly clenched his fists, and Yuan Taishi continued to try to diffuse the situation.

Suddenly, the two-headed centipede returned to the sky, and its body expanded until it wrapped around the entire imperial palace. Its tail touched its head, and then it fell to the ground, trapping Lu Yin within the circle.

Lu Yin quickly attacked, and Vacuum Palms fell down like rain, but it was useless. Qing Shaohuang had a power level of more than 800,000 once he worked with his jincan; how could Lu Yin do anything against this level of strength?

Lu Yin was instantly trapped within the circle formed by the two-headed centipede's body as though it were a cage.

Qing Shaohuang had actually attacked Lu Yin, and this shocked everyone present, especially the guests from the Inniverse's great and minor flowzones. They all knew that things were going to get much worse for them if Lu Yin survived. However, it did not seem likely that Qing Shaohuang would be bold enough to kill Lu Yin, as the youth had too much support.

"Your Majesty, what are you doing?" Yuan Taishi was startled, and he immediately tried to convince Qing Shaohuang to change his mind.

Yuan Miaomiao grew pale and covered her mouth.

As for Qing Longlong, Prince Qing Li, and the others, their hearts had dropped the moment Qing Shaohuang had made a move, as his attack meant that there was no longer any room for negotiations. War between the Divine Venom Dynasty and the Great Eastern Alliance was now inevitable.

Qing Shaohuang simply ignored Yuan Taishi and instead turned towards Li Zimo. "The Sword Sect needs to take action against the Great Eastern Alliance now while my Divine Venom Dynasty keeps Lu Yin trapped. Otherwise, my Divine Venom Dynasty will join the Great Eastern Alliance and help Lu Yin unite the Inniverse. Choose now."

Elder Lianxin had made her way to the Divine Venom Dynasty with the purpose of persuading Qing Shaohuang to enter the fray and work with the Sword Sect to deal with the Great Eastern Alliance. At this moment, because of the Second Nightking's actions, Qing Shaohuang had been forced to make a choice: either completely destroy his relationship with Lu Yin and start a war, or apologize. Given Lu Yin's temperament, an apology would have to include the Divine Venom Dynasty joining the Great Eastern Alliance.

Without a third option, Qing Shaohuang's hand had been forced.

Qing Shaohuang's original plan had been to poison Lu Yin, and it absolutely would have succeeded. The emperor had only agreed to the Second Nightking's request to attack in order to show favor towards the Daynight clan. If Qing Shaohuang had been lucky, then no one would have investigated the Divine Venom Dynasty after the Second Nightking killed Lu Yin. The emperor had never even considered the possibility of the Second Nightking exposing him. Despite being a peak expert with a power level of more than 800,000, Qing Shaohuang had only been left with two paths forward.

"What does His Majesty Qing Shaohuang intend to do?" Li Zimo asked, as he was representing Elder Lianxin.

Qing Shaohuang glanced around at all of his guests. "Most of the people here are from the Inniverse and are even hostile towards the Great Eastern Alliance. I, Qing Shaohuang, have reached this point because I was forced by Lu Yin. He forced my Divine Venom Dynasty to become his enemy, and since that is the case, then my Divine Venom Dynasty will not be afraid of the Great Eastern Alliance.

"Reach out to Sect Master Liu and tell him to move according to the proposed plan. I want the Great Eastern Alliance to lose every single Enlightener. They will then disappear. Regardless of their numbers, they will no longer have anyone stronger than mere ants."

"Understood." Li Zimo quickly agreed.

The Little Mountain God was getting increasingly excited. "I've been waiting for this for so long! Don't worry, Majesty Qing Shaohuang."

Ling Gong looked towards where Lu Yin was trapped by the double-headed centipede. Lu Yin could not blame anyone else for this. He could only blame himself for being too arrogant. With this development, there would no longer be any Great Eastern Alliance, but with Lu Yin's background, no one would dare to do anything to harm him personally. He would be able to focus on cultivation.

Too many powerhouses stood behind Lu Yin, but everyone was clear that as long as Lu Yin's life was not threatened, those experts would do nothing. They would not step forward for the Great Eastern Alliance.

This was also why Elder Lianxin had traveled to visit the Divine Venom Dynasty. She had intended to negotiate with Qing Shaohuang regarding a plan to completely eliminate all the Great Eastern Alliance's powerhouses who were Enlighteners or above. As soon as the alliance did not have any Enlighteners, how could they possibly stand up to the Innerverse? It was impossible for the alliance to rely on Lu Yin alone.

The Innerverse's flowzones were already able to suppress the Great Eastern Alliance. For example, Northline Flowzone had Northgate Taisui who was powerful enough to deal with anyone in the Great Eastern Alliance aside from Lu Yin. What would the execution of this plan entail for the Great Eastern Alliance?

Yuehua Mavis and the other guests not from the Innerverse sat there quietly. The Innerverse's affairs had nothing to do with them.

Mr. You started gloating.

Balsam stared at the two-headed centipede; just what was Lu Yin thinking at this moment? He did not have a particularly aggressive character, so why had he just deliberately forced Qing Shaohuang to be his enemy? What was it that Lu Yin wanted?

Only people who were incredibly familiar with the Great Eastern Alliance understood that dealing with the alliance was not only dealing with Lu Yin himself, but also his three brilliant advisors.

Qiong Xi'er constantly increased the wealth of the entire Great Eastern Alliance. Not only did the alliance no longer need to rely on loans from Lu Yin, but they had also become capable of economic warfare.

Wei Rong was skilled at schemes and plans that lay outside the battlefield. He had been the mastermind behind the Sixth Mainland getting caught in a war in Ironblood Weave, which had given the Great Eastern Alliance a chance to breathe.

At the moment, the scheme playing out against the Divine Venom Dynasty was something that Wang Wen had designed, as well as Lu Yin's own hidden power.

Lu Yin possessed both strength and intelligence. However, people tended to ignore his cunning side and only remembered his strength.

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A few days later, Liu Qianjue, Ling Qiu, and Mountain God appeared just outside Blazing Mist Flowzone's border along with an unknown Envoy. This man was Abel Phoenix, a powerhouse from the Phoenix family. Finally, a graceful figure appeared. She was the Yōu family's matriarch, Madam Yōu.

"Everyone, after today, the Great Eastern Alliance will no longer have any Enlighteners or other powerhouses. Our Inniverse will be restored to its glorious state!" Liu Qianjue loudly proclaimed. With that, the five Envoys entered the true universe and moved into Blazing Mist Flowzone.

Inside the Divine Venom Dynasty's imperial palace, all the invited guests had already returned to their individual residences, but none were allowed to leave Venom King City. Qing Shaohuang could not allow anyone to leak out news about what had happened at the imperial palace during recent days. Only after the Great Eastern Alliance was completely dealt with would the guests be allowed to leave.

Not even Li Zimo and the other Inniverse representatives were allowed to leave.

Within the two-headed centipede's encirclement, Lu Yin was perfectly calm. Everything was proceeding according to his expectations, and he had been waiting a long time for this day. The Outerverse had already been unified, and now, it was time for the Inniverse to follow.