

# STAR ODYSSEY

## Chapter 1811: Legends Of Burial Garden

At Burial Garden's gate, the guards stationed by the Great Eastern Alliance all stared at the person who had just emerged from the gate, and someone loudly shouted, "You are in the Great Eastern Alliance's Blazing Mist Flowzone! Lower your weapons and hand over your cosmic ring, and you will not be harmed."

The person who had just exited the gate merely sneered. "Nothing but trash."

As he spoke, his eyes widened. The void tore open and a terrifying wind swept through the area. Emperor Luo suddenly appeared in front of the newcomer, rushing out from the true universe with a hand raised to release a beam attack.

The newcomer simply waved a hand and dispersed Emperor Luo's beam attack. "The Great Eastern Alliance? You can all die."

Emperor Luo stared at the person in front of him, completely horrified. "Are you Xia Yi?"

Xia Yi had indeed exited the gate on Yima Planet. He had not expected the exit that he had found to lead to Blazing Mist Flowzone of all places.

Xia Yi formed a knife from his stellar energy and slashed out. So he was in the Great Eastern Alliance? This was perfect. He had not been able to get rid of Lu Yin, so he would clean up these bugs now.

Emperor Luo was taken aback. He knew that Xia Yi was not an ordinary Envoy, and Emperor Luo had no idea how to counter Xia Yi's knife, so he immediately tried to dodge it.

However, there was too large a gap between Emperor Luo's and Xia Yi's strength. Just to start off, Xia Yi had a power level that surpassed 700,000 while Emperor Luo's barely surpassed 500,000.

A single knife slash caused half of Emperor Luo's body to crack.

Xia Yi raised a hand and released another attack, but a massive shadow suddenly covered him. It was Chen Huang. He and Emperor Luo worked together to protect the exit from Burial Garden on Yima Planet while the other

two exit gates in the Great Eastern Alliance's territory had been left to Liu Huang and the Second Nightking to protect.

The Second Night King had previously entered Burial Garden with Lu Yin, but the two of them had been separated the moment they entered. However, the Second Nightking's strength was so high that he had managed to quickly find an exit and almost immediately leave Burial Garden.

He had not wanted to leave the place, but he was forced to follow Lu Yin's orders.

The strength that Chen Huang and Emperor Luo possessed meant that there should have been no issues with them guarding one of Burial Garden's exits, but unfortunately for them, Xia Yi had come out of their gate.

As the sharp attack slid by, Chen Huang's enormous body was cut, and blood spilled out to rain down from the sky.

The two immediately joined forces to face Xia Yi, but they still could not put up a fight.

Xia Yi turned his head and instantly destroyed Yima Planet's exit gate with a flick of his knife. His body flickered, and he suddenly appeared above Yima Planet. Once there, he raised his knife and said, "I'll have all of you disappear."

As the blade fell, it was blocked by a long trident that stopped the knife when it was still only halfway down. The trident contained an unspeakable pressure, and Xia Yi was startled that it had actually forced his knife back.

The patriarch's expression changed drastically, and he stared in front of him.

Space twisted, and the Sea King stepped out of the true universe to confront Xia Yi.

Xia Yi frowned. "Sea King?"

The Sea King stared at Xia Yi. "The Court of Seven Name's Xia family patriarch, Xia Yi."

"Rumors claim the Sword Sect captured you, but they're now a part of the Great Eastern Alliance. Is that why you were released?" Xia Yi asked.

Sea King clasped his long trident. "That is none of your concern. Leave."

Xia Yi grew stern. "Do you think that you can stop me?"

"I can certainly try."

The sudden impact of the two weapons caused space itself to tremble, and shockwaves swept out in all directions. The Sea King and Xia Yi were evenly matched, but Xia Yi suddenly used the Triple Blade Will to attack in a different direction. However, his attack was sliced through by a sword attack, and a second attack followed right behind.

Xia Yi's pupils instantly shrank. This was not good! There was a true powerhouse present. Xia Yi instantly turned and fled without even looking back.

However, a sword appeared from the void, and it sliced into Xia Yi. The man spat out a mouthful of blood as he collapsed. Liu Huang's Fourteenth Sword was not something that Xia Yi could endure.

The Sea King stared in amazement a short distance away, and he watched as Liu Huang moved forward, grabbed Xia Yi, and took the man away without even speaking a single word to the Sea King.

Emperor Luo awkwardly appeared from the surface of Yima Planet. Half of his body was riddled with cracks, but he approached the Sea King despite his serious injuries.

The Sea King put away his trident as he stared at Emperor Luo. "Where's Wang Wen?"

Emperor Luo felt confused. "Wang Wen?"

The Sea King's face contorted into an angry expression. "That little bastard dared to hit on my daughter! He's dead!"

The Sea King instantly disappeared into the void.

Emperor Luo opened his mouth, but he had no words. This seemed to be a family matter.

Also, judging by the Sea King's attitude, Wang Wen was not in any mortal danger. After a moment's thought, Emperor Luo decided to send a message to Wang Wen and Liu Huang at the same time.

In the Ross Empire's mobile fortress, Wang Wen was reviewing some information on his gadget when he received Emperor Luo's message. This was bad! His interactions with Hai Qiqi had been discovered!

Wang Wen instantly tried to call Lu Yin, but it was already too late. The Sea King was above Wang Wen's head, and the Envoy dropped down right in front of Wang Wen. The youth was easily grabbed as the Sea King said, "Little brat, you're coming with me."

Both Wang Wen and the Sea King disappeared.

Wang Wen had been kidnapped by a furious Sea King. No one made any efforts to stop the Sea King, though prayers were muttered, hoping that Lu Yin would be able to save the young man.

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At this moment, Lu Yin was also uttering prayers that he would be able to find an undiscovered gate to Burial Garden. His eyes blazed with anticipation.

In the blink of an eye, almost another half month had passed. By this time, it had been a month since Lu Yin had arrived in the Starfall Sea, and he had spent the vast majority of this time with Si Xiao'er, searching for one of Burial Garden's gates.

While they had not managed to find any gates, Lu Yin had seen a great deal of Grayweed Continent.

During this half a month, the arrival of many people with ancient bloodlines had created waves in Burial Garden, and many legends had appeared, which was unprecedented for Burial Garden.

There was a legend that said that when a person with an ancient bloodline entered Burial Garden, they had inexplicably grabbed a piece of jade from the sky, obtaining an inherited cultivation art.

There was a legend that someone with an ancient bloodline had suddenly lost their mind and started spouting ancient words that no one could understand.

There was a legend that there was a wandering corpse in Burial Garden that was constantly seeking a particular person with an ancient bloodline. After finding the person, the wandering corpse followed them around like an underling.

There was a legend that said when the massive wandering corpse of a giant astral beast stood up and stretched one time, a plaque fell out and killed many people, but the plaque was covered with ancient characters.

There was a legend about a mountain covered with tea plants with a wandering corpse that spent its time growing tea, but it would also teach people ancient battle techniques.

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Burial Garden became far more active once people with ancient bloodlines started to enter it, and even more phenomena were seen. The wandering corpses became far more active, and there was even one person who was

bored and kicked a rock, only to discover that the rock actually contained a cultivation art.

However, all of these stories were nothing more than minor ripples that spread through the universe compared to one particular rumor that caused everyone to focus all their attention on Burial Garden. Someone claimed to have seen Progenitor Chen.

Progenitor Chen had been the Fifth Mainland's most impressive and peerless Progenitor. He had once single-handedly suppressed the entire Sixth Mainland, his Nine Clones Secret Technique had allowed him to face off against nine other Progenitors on his own, he had fought against the entire world in his youth and still lived to become a legend, and he was an existence that the Sixth Mainland refused to acknowledge. Everyone had thought that Progenitor Chen was dead, and the Seven Courts even guarded Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum.

But, unbelievably, someone had actually claimed to have seen Progenitor Chen in Burial Garden.

No matter if the Progenitor was nothing more than a wandering corpse or even an illusion, any sighting of Progenitor Chen was enough to lure countless people into Burial Garden.

The sighting of Progenitor Chen shocked countless people, but it was not that sighting that lured the Hall of Honor, the Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect, and other such monsters to start sending their people into Burial Garden. Rather, it was the rumor that a pillar of tribulation crystals had been found.

No one had even considered the possibility of someone uncovering a pillar of tribulation crystals in the depths of Burial Garden, and the person who discovered it actually did not know what it was or what it was used for. The pillar had been seen by others when it was dug out, and that person had not stopped anyone from taking pictures of the pillar or posting them onto the Human Domain's network, which was how the Hall of Honor and the Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect had discovered it.

Neither the Hall of Honor nor the Daosource Sect revealed the truth. Instead, they both secretly sent some powerhouses into Burial Garden with the mission of finding people who had found tribulation crystal pillars while also searching Burial Garden.

In Astral-1, or rather, the former Astral-1, Wu Da was blankly staring at the headmistress, as well as the headmasters of the Astral Combat Academy's other branches. He nervously swallowed.

The headmistress of the former Astral-1 was an old woman with silver hair. Wu Da had never seen the woman before, and he was not alone; no one from his class or even his seniors had ever seen the headmistress as she was always in seclusion and did not concern herself with outside matters. The headmistress had only moved when the Sixth Mainland invaded, and she had casually killed an Imprinter before moving Astral-1 to a safer location.

This mysterious headmistress was not looked at with respect by not only a student like Wu Da, but also by the headmasters of Astral-2, Astral-5, and Astral-6. No one knew this old woman's true strength.

"Are you Wu Da?" the silver-haired old woman asked in a kind tone while smiling at the young man.

Wu Da gulped and quickly nodded. He nervously licked his lips and forced out a smile. "Yes, I'm Wu Da, a student, and I offer my greetings to the headmistress."

The old woman smiled. "You're a pleasant child."

As she spoke, she waved a hand and brought up a display in the air that showed a set of images. Each one was of Burial Garden, and many of them showed items that people had found. One of the images showed a pillar of tribulation crystals.

The old woman pointed at the pillar. "Did you take this picture?"

Wu Da nodded.

"Why?" The old woman was genuinely curious.

Wu Da grew embarrassed. "This- this student wanted to raise my popularity by publishing pictures of Burial Garden. I hope to establish my own company in the future."

The old woman was confused by this explanation.

Wu Da explained, "Burial Garden's opening is a major event that everyone in the entire universe is focused on, and everyone wants to go in and explore it, hoping to find a lucky opportunity. I don't dare to dream of such success for myself, as I don't have the strength needed to explore Burial Garden, but I can still take some pictures and share my thoughts on what I see. I wanted to be the only reporter in the universe who's reporting on what's happening inside Burial Garden." Wu Da grew increasingly excited as he spoke. "This student's dream is to become the greatest reporter in the universe! It's my goal now, and even after graduating, it will still be true!"

"This dream is why, even when I was just a Melder, I reported on the various battles within the Astral Combat Academy, and the most famous battle that I ever reported on was one of Lu Yin's. Even when I'm able to wander through the universe by myself, I'll never forget my original goals and dreams..."

The old woman just listened as Wu Da shared his dreams. She never interrupted, and simply smiled.

The other headmasters rolled their eyes. As far as they were concerned, someone who was not solely focused on cultivation was walking down the wrong path. If one was willing to enter Burial Garden, then they needed to have the desire to explore. A student had no future ahead of them if they were not even willing to take some risks and explore.

However, regardless of what anyone else thought, Wu Da only wanted to report on what happened in Burial Garden. Still, the place was simply too massive, and the topics that he had covered was not even the tip of the iceberg, though he had still photographed everything that he had seen. His behavior meant that, when Wu Da left Burial Garden, there had been nothing on him when he had been searched, and his status as a student of the Astral Combat Academy had ensured his survival.

The old woman looked at Wu Da with admiration. "That's excellent, Child. It's better to have a dream than no dream at all, and you can do as you wish."

She then handed Wu Da a power vessel. "Keep it close to your body where no one can see it. It will protect you from danger."

Wu Da grew excited. "Thank you, Headmistress! Thank you!"

He then left in great excitement, as his dream had been recognized, and by the headmistress of Astral-1 at that!

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"That child is neither focused nor serious about his cultivation. What if his reporting leaks something even more important some day?" someone commented.

The old woman casually replied, "Everyone has their own path, and he is walking down his own. Others similarly walk down their own paths, and there is no need to take responsibility for another's affairs."

The picture of the tribulation crystal pillar had been taken by Wu Dan, the man who aspired to be the greatest reporter in the universe.

In the Neoverse, at the peak of Mt. Microcosms, Arch-Elder Zen had his hands clasped behind his back as he stared at a screen with Tombkeeper on it. "Is this what you expected? Burial Garden remained closed not just because the Rune Progenitor's remnant power blocked the Sixth Mainland, but more so because it was not yet time. You have waited many years for this moment."

Tombkeeper looked back at Arch-Elder Zen through muddy eyes. "It is not me, but Burial Garden itself. Burial Garden has been waiting for many years."

"Waiting for the ancient bloodlines?" Arch-Elder Zen pressed.

Tombkeeper let out a sigh. "Burial Garden was originally a cemetery from the ancient era. In order to awaken anything from back then, only the ancient bloodlines will suffice."

"Why haven't you sought them out yourselves?" Arch-Elder Zen asked.

Tombkeeper just shook his head. "We don't have any means of tracking down those with ancient bloodlines. Only the Aeternals are capable of that, and we cannot cooperate with them."

A complicated light could be seen in Arch-Elder Zen's eyes. Progenitor Hui had put in play an elaborate plan, and it almost seemed as though some invisible hand had delayed Burial Garden's opening. Progenitor Hui had even been able to scheme against the Aeternals and predict their actions, so there was no telling what the final results of his plot would be.

Arch-Elder Zen could not resist asking, "Who were the ones Burial Garden was waiting for?"

Tombkeeper shook his head. "That I don't know. All I know since the day I became Tombkeeper is that Burial Garden has always been waiting for the ancient bloodlines to appear."

"Are the ancient bloodlines Burial Garden's ultimate goal?" Arch-Elder Zen continued his questions.

Tombkeeper stared back at Arch-Elder Zen. "I don't know."

Arch-Elder Zen frowned. This was quite frustrating. Progenitor Hui had used the Fifth Mainland's Astral Tower competition to plot against the Aeternals, weakening their forces in the Fifth Mainland while simultaneously getting revenge against the Sixth Mainland. However, what about Burial Garden? Who had left Burial Garden behind? Had it really sat there, waiting, for countless years, all for the ancient bloodlines?



Why had the power behind Burial Garden believed that the ancient bloodlines would eventually be hunted down by the Aeternals? Could that unknown powerhouse have seen these modern day events from the past? Was it possible to actually see the future?

Arch-Elder Zen could not help but think of the Starsibyl Sect, as well as the legendary Ancient Progenitor, Destiny.

Tombkeeper had no more information to share, so Arch-Elder Zen ended the call and went to find the First Protector of Mt. Microcosms.

"What? You want me to go into Burial Garden?" The First Protector was completely confused.

Arch-Elder Zen was solemn as he replied, "Yes, go into Burial Garden. Keep an eye on all those with ancient bloodlines. I want you to see how they interact with the various ancient inheritances."

The First Protector's face twitched. "Ancient..."

Anything connected to this word would not be easy to deal with. Others might not know, and the First Protector only knew a little, but what did "ancient" really mean? Not even the time of Progenitor Chen was considered an ancient era, though it had certainly been the age of legends. While Semi-Progenitors had not exactly been ants during that era, there had been many Progenitors, and all of them had become legendary figures.

For example, as soon as figures such as the God of Death or Destiny were involved, even a Semi-Progenitor would struggle. The First Protector did not want to die, as he had always feared the prospect of death.

"But I am the First Protector of Mt. Microcosms. My responsibility is to protect Mt. Microcosms. I don't want to go into Burial Garden." The First Protector bluntly refused his orders.

Arch-Elder Zen repeated, "Enter Burial Garden."

The First Protector's heart sank, and a bitter smile appeared on his face. "I really don't want to go into Burial Garden! Please send Qing Ping. He is much better suited for this than I am."

Arch-Elder Zen stared at the man. "Enter Burial Garden."

The First Protector was speechless. "What about sending Lu Yin? That brat can deal with anything!"

The Semi-Progenitor merely stared at the First Protector.

Finally, the First Protector of Mt. Microcosms agreed. It was all he could do.

Why was there so much trouble popping up all at once? First the Technocracy, and then Burial Garden. One issue after another kept appearing, and the Hall of Honor could not easily deal with everything.

The First Protector was forced to enter Burial Garden, but at the same time, the Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect was not idle. One by one, powerhouses from the Daosource Sect entered Burial Garden, and even one of the Four Emphyreans, Mr. Lifeview, entered Burial Garden.

At this time, many experts entered Burial Garden from the Outerverse, as the Sixth Mainland was eager to get hold of some tribulation crystal pillars. At the same time, they were very worried about the reported sighting of Progenitor Chen.

If Progenitor Chen was still alive, the Sixth Mainland would be in grave trouble.

Only two days passed, but in this short amount of time, many powerhouses from all over the Human Domain had been drawn into Burial Garden. At this time, news was released that shocked everyone: the Neohuman Alliance had attacked the Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect.

Many of the sect's experts were killed, and all of the Daosource Sect's hidden strength had been forced into the open. It was revealed that they had four Semi-Progenitors, though Semi-Progenitor Jiu San was killed.

This report left the entire universe in silence.

The Neohuman Alliance was not a group that did not pursue revenge. Corpse God had been killed by the Sixth Mainland, and vengeance had been coming. Still, no one had expected the Neohuman Alliance's revenge to be so direct and ruthless. They had actually attacked the Daosource Sect!

The true Daosource Sect within the Sixth Mainland had already been destroyed by the Aeternals. So, the place in the Outerverse was merely a symbolic location. The Sixth Mainland's most hallowed place had been destroyed, and this second destruction was nothing less than a slap in the face.

In particular, Semi-Progenitor Jiu San's death caused countless people from the Sixth Mainland to grind their teeth. Jiu San had not only been a Semi-Progenitor, but also the Progenitor of Combat's great grandson. He was the only living member of the Progenitor of Combat's immediate family, and the man had just been killed.

The man's death induced a sense of shock that exceeded people's imagination.

Two days after the Daosource Sect was attacked, the Progenitor of Combat's power swept across the universe, causing countless people to tremble.

One of the Sixth Mainland's other Semi-Progenitors reached out to speak with Arch-Elder Zen, but no one knew the contents of their conversation.

In the Outerverse, the Daosource Sect was standing in Southside Weave. At the moment, the entire weave was immersed in rage and mourning.

The Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect had once stood at the center of the weave.

When the Aeternals attacked the Sixth Mainland, their Daosource Sect had already been destroyed, which had meant that the Daosource Sects on the other six Mainlands must have already disappeared. After that, the Daosource Sect in Southside Weave remained as the only surviving remnant of the Daosource Sects.

Despite being nothing more than a memorial, the Daosource Sect in Southside Weave had still been constructed to possess an incomparable sense of glory and power. Four Semi-Progenitors had remained in the sect, and the Four Emyreans were responsible for the Sixth Mainland as a whole.

Jiu San had been a Semi-Progenitor, and yet he had still been killed. The three surviving Semi-Progenitors moved out to speak with the Hall of Honor. It was clear that they wanted to get their own revenge on the Neohuman Alliance.

Everyone was waiting for the Sixth Mainland's retaliation.

A figure quietly sneaked into the Daosource Sect. "I'm already an old man, but I still haven't been everywhere! I've pissed on the four ruling powers' ancestral homes, but I've never been in a Daosource Sect! All that's left of it nowadays are legends and this remnant in this mainland. It's really too bad that the Fifth Mainland's Daosource Sect has already been destroyed. This is the only one left that I can sneak into. It might be fake, but that doesn't matter!"

Just outside the Daosource Sect, Madam Hong was tied up. Her face betrayed her indignation and despair. This shriveled old man even wanted to break into the Daosource Sect! However, he had also mentioned that the sect had just been attacked, which meant that their vigilance would be at an all-time low.

Madam Hong had been clueless as to how many Semi-Progenitors the Daosource Sect had kept hidden. She had heard that half of their Semi-Progenitors had been killed when the Aeternals invaded the Sixth Mainland, but there had still been so many left! Just where had all of these old freaks lived before this?

She prayed that the three Semi-Progenitors would not find the old man, and that the old geezer would not babble about the things he knew about her. She did not want to die, let alone be branded a traitor.

This old man was too brazen and was too willing to take risks. He was doomed to grace an early grave. Hurry up and die!

Naturally, Kui Luo was the one who had snuck into the Daosource Sect. He had long since dreamed of visiting the Daosource Sect, and what could possibly be more exciting than sneaking in? This was the lone sect that had endured since ancient times when it had been the sole ruler of all the Mainlands. Naturally, it was the place that held the greatest secrets.

The Daosource Sect was simply too appealing to someone like Kui Luo.

Still, he had had known that there were powerhouses hidden within the Daosource Sect who would make sneaking in an incredible challenge. Luckily for Kui Luo, the Daosource Sect had just been attacked by the Neohuman Alliance, and it had been revealed that the sect was home to three Semi-Progenitors. No one would possibly be dumb enough to try to sneak into the Daosource Sect at this time. Armed with this information, that was precisely why Kui Luo chose this moment for his infiltration.

Just as he expected, the Daosource Sect's defenses were quite low when he arrived, and the protective sourcebox array had already been destroyed by the Neohuman Alliance. Kui Luo managed to sneak into the innermost depths of the sect.

Half a day later, Kui Luo raced out of the Daosource Sect while screaming. A stern voice shouted from behind, "Die thief!"

Space shattered. Kui Luo looked completely disheveled and embarrassed as he fled. His face suddenly turned purple, and he spat out blood after traveling a great distance from the Daosource Sect. It was at this moment that he finally looked back. He patted his chest, as he felt quite lucky. "Thankfully I've lived for quite long, so I've managed to gather enough things to save my life. Without those, that old freak would have stopped me.

"But who was that? They're enshrined in the deepest regions of the Daosource Sect, and everyone is worshiping them. Could the three

Progenitors worship that person as well?" The thought gave Kui Luo chills, and he shook his head before moving further away.

Kui Luo breaking into the Daosource Sect sent waves rolling through the Human Domain yet again.

Arch-Elder Zen struggled to believe the news when he received word. Even after the Neohuman Alliance's attack, was there really still someone brazen enough to sneak into the Daosource Sect? And they had actually succeeded and escaped from the three Semi-Progenitors? This person was absolutely one of the most powerful Semi-Progenitors alive.

There were very few Semi-Progenitors alive at the moment, and although Arch-Elder Zen did not know about those from the Sixth Mainland, this person definitely was not someone from the Sixth Mainland. However, after considering his peers, Arch-Elder Zen could not think of anyone who would even consider attempting such a thing.

Wait, could it have been him? Arch-Elder Zen suddenly remembered a certain Semi-Progenitor who had come from the Perennial World. That person had not seemed to be a very serious person...

As soon as he thought about this, Arch-Elder Zen called Lu Yin, but he was not able to get through.

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Lu Yin and Si Xiao'er were still wandering around Grayweed Continent.

"It's already been more than a month, and we still can't find anything. This doesn't seem to be the right way to go about this." Lu Yin was becoming quite frustrated. He could not move around too quickly, as doing so would easily reveal him. But at their current rate, he had no idea how long it would take to explore the entire Grayweed Continent.

The Aeternals were also searching for Burial Garden's gates. Not only were they not restricted by how quickly they could move, but there were far more of them searching.

Lu Yin was desperate to find a gate to Burial Garden, but the chances of doing so were abysmal.

Si Xiao'er asked, "Is there any other way to search?"

Lu Yin shook his head. He had also been trying to think of another method, and they had run into several people along their travels, but everyone had

been from the Starfall Sea. Lu Yin had been hoping to run into others who had come out from Burial Garden.

Burial Garden's gate appeared seemingly at random, and Lu Yin could not understand why they appeared in certain places and not others. The most likely answer was that they had been set up in advance, as anything else indicated that Burial Garden possessed an unfathomable power that allowed them to send their gates to any place within the entire Human Domain.

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"Senior, I'm going to go back," Si Xiao'er suddenly said as she stared at her gadget.

Gadgets were not forbidden in the Starfall Sea, but they were unable to connect to the Inniverse. Still, there were unrestricted communications within the Starfall Sea itself.

"What's wrong?" Lu Yin asked.

Si Xiao'er's face was ugly, "Yang Kong has challenged my master."

Lu Yin had no idea what she was talking about.

Si Xiao'er explained, "Yang Kong is the son of the Aeternal Kingdom's East City Master. He's an extraordinarily talented youth, and he's already an Enlighter."

Lu Yin was surprised. "Wait, an Enlighter is challenging your master? Isn't your master an Envoy?"

Si Xiao'er nodded and quietly said, "My master only became an Envoy in recent years. This isn't the first time that Yang Kong's challenged my master, but every time he's issued a challenge in the past, my master has refused and only promised a future match."

Lu Yin's eyes flickered. "Your master isn't confident?"

Si Xiao'er pursed her lips. "Yang Kong is just too powerful. Even though he's still an Enlighter, even some Enlighters who are at the cusp of becoming Envoys can't take more than a few moves from him. My master believed that she was no match for Yang Kong before becoming an Envoy."

"Becoming an Envoy is a qualitative leap forward. It's too difficult to cross realms to defeat an Envoy," Lu Yin said.

Si Xiao'er's smile grew bitter. "It might be difficult for others, but not necessarily for Yang Kong. He's already defeated too many older

powerhouses, and no one dares to fight him any longer. Since he has the courage to challenge my master, he must be confident of victory. I know that Senior just came out of seclusion, but in recent years, the Human Domain hosted an incredible competition for members of the younger generation that was called ZENITH. People came from the Sixth Mainland, the Astral Beast Domain, and the Technocracy all came to participate.

"The champion ended up being a man named Lu Yin, who's now considered peerless within his realm, but he's nowhere close to being Yang Kong's opponent. It's simply that Yang Kong was in seclusion during ZENITH, as well as in the Starfall Sea, so he wasn't able to participate. Otherwise, Lu Yin wouldn't have ended up as the champion."

Lu Yin had to ask. "Did you watch ZENITH?"

Si Xiao'er shook her head. "We weren't able to see it."

"Then why do you think that Lu Yin isn't Yang Kong's opponent?" Lu Yin asked.

Si Xiao'er replied, "Can Lu Yin defeat an Enlighter at a vastly higher cultivation realm with just a single attack? Was Lu Yin able to become a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker while still just a youth? Was Lu Yin able to master a sourcebox array? Can Lu Yin challenge an Envoy after only completing a bit more than thirty cycles? No such genius has ever appeared in all of human history."

Lu Yin pursed his lips. This girl almost sounded like she was indirectly praising him. Could she have recognized him?

"So are you saying that Yang Kong's able to do everything you just mentioned?" Lu Yin's interest had been roused.

Si Xiao'er nodded. "Yang Kong is capable of anything that Lu Yin is, and he can also perform feats that are beyond Lu Yin's capabilities. Lu Yin may be praised as the most impressive of his generation, but Yang Kong is even able to challenge Envoys from the older generation. That is the gap between them.

"It's possible that Lu Yin can't even enter the true universe."

Lu Yin blinked. The people in the Starfall Sea were seriously underestimating him!

"If Brother Lan Si were here, maybe there'd be someone who could fight against Yang Kong, but unfortunately..." Si Xiao'er muttered to herself as her expression turned gloomy.

Lu Yin arched a brow. "Lan Si?"

Si Xiao'er quickly explained, "He's one of the Ten Arbiters of the younger generation. Senior's been in seclusion for so long that you would never have heard of them, but the top ten youths were given the title of the Ten Arbiters. Brother Lan Si was born in the Mt. Stacks Dojo and is one of the Ten Arbiters. He might be able to put up a fight against Yang Kong, but actually winning would be very difficult. After all, Brother Lan Si is someone who lost to Lu Yin."

"With everything that you've said, are there any videos of Yang Kong's battles? I'd like to see." Lu Yin was becoming more and more interested, though he also had some rather serious doubts.

Si Xiao'er instantly answered, "Yes."

She then pulled up her gadget and brought out a display that showed a battle. However, the camera was too far away from the battle, so Lu Yin was not able to see anything clearly.

"This is a video of Yang Kong's fight against an Enlighter who's completed forty two cycles, but he won in just seven moves," Si Xiao'er explained.

Lu Yin stared at the video. The first five moves were nothing special, as Yang Kong was just letting his opponent play around. However, the sixth move was a serious attack from Yang Kong, and it dispersed his opponent's star energy and allowed Yang Kong to easily win with his seventh move. There was nothing special to the entire fight.

A second video appeared, and this one was a bit clearer.

"This is from the fight from when Yang Kong challenged an Enlighter with forty nine completed cycles. Shockingly, he used the same seven moves as before," Si Xiao'er said in a tone that betrayed how intimidated she was by this feat.

Lu Yin watched the video and saw that Yang Kong had once again managed to easily disperse his opponent's star energy. When Yang Kong turned around, his face was clearly seen in the video.

Lu Yin's pupils instantly shrank. Was that Bu Kong?

Lu Yin was certain that the man in the video was Bu Kong, who had been one of the Sixth Mainland's Daosource Three Skies.

However, Bu Kong was supposed to be dead.

Lu Yin stared at the video, his eyes filled with disbelief.



How could this be possible? Was Bu Kong actually not dead? How could he possibly still be alive?

The video was not long, so Lu Yin said, "Alright, show me all the videos of his battles."

Si Xiao'er did not understand why Lu Yin's tone had suddenly changed, but she simply continued searching for more of Yang Kong's battle videos.

There were many videos, as Yang Kong was a rather flamboyant person, and he made sure that everyone was aware of each of his fights. It almost seemed as though he was afraid that people would not learn about his feats, and this behavior fully demonstrated the pride and arrogance that a powerhouse of his age should have.

Lu Yin watched the videos one after another, and eventually, he was able to confirm that Yang Kong was indeed Bu Kong. There was no way he was wrong.

Even though Yang Kong never used the secret techniques Power Transfer or Resurrection, he did use his innate gift of Decomposition.

When the Sixth Mainland invaded the Fifth Mainland, Bu Kong had been the youngest of the Daosource Three Skies, and he had been a bit immature. The same had also been true during ZENITH, but in the videos that Lu Yin watched, Bu Kong's appearance had changed. He had also become much taller, and even people who had watched ZENITH might not immediately recognize him.

However, Lu Yin had been quite impressed by Bu Kong, especially when he had used his own strength to knock back the most powerful youths of their generation during a battle in the Cosmic Sea. That scene was still perfectly clear in Lu Yin's mind.

Bu Kong's death had been a tragic loss for the Sixth Mainland, and Lu Yin had also regretted Bu Kong's death. If he had been able to go to the Perennial World, he might have been able to gain certain achievements there.

Who would have thought that Bu Kong was still alive.

However, if he was still alive, why had news of his death spread so thoroughly? Even the Progenitor of Secret Arts had invaded Aeternus Nation to get revenge for his disciple. What was all of that about?

Could the Aeternals have the ability to resurrect the dead?

Lu Yin suddenly had a very bad feeling about this.

"I'll go with you to the Aeternal Kingdom," Lu Yin informed Si Xiao'er.

Si Xiao'er was surprised. "You want to go with me?"

Lu Yin nodded. "It's likely that there isn't a single Burial Garden gate on Grayweed Continent, but there might be in other places in the Starfall Sea. There might even be one in the Aeternal Kingdom."

Si Xiao'er's dryly replied, "You don't want to try to sneak into the Burial Garden gate that's in the western city."

"There's a Burial Garden gate in the western city?" Lu Yin was pleasantly surprised.

Si Xiao'er nodded. "The portals started popping up everywhere just a few months ago, and two appeared in the Aeternal Kingdom. One of them was destroyed, but the one in the western city was left untouched. Still, I strongly suggest that you don't go anywhere near it. There are too many powerful corpse kings in the western city, and it's impossible to get close to the gate."

Lu Yin rubbed his chin. "Didn't you say that there's no issue with humans going into the western city?"

"Yes, but we just don't go there." Si Xiao'er tried to make the fact that this was a bad idea clear. If Lu Yin failed, Water God Dojo's people would end up in trouble. In fact, even if Lu Yin succeeded, the dojo would still suffer.

Lu Yin shrugged. "Alright, I get it. I can't force my way into the western city, and even the eastern city has their city master who I can't deal with. I certainly don't want to die."

Si Xiao'er heaved a sigh of relief.

"Still, I'll go with you to the Aeternal Kingdom. Maybe we'll find a gate on the way to your home," Lu Yin said.

Si Xiao'er did not suspect anything, as it was merely common sense that it was impossible to cause trouble in the western city. Even though this senior from Skyblaze Dojo was an Envoy, even Envoys could be differentiated into the weak and the strong. This person would not walk to his own death.

After deciding to return to the Aeternal Kingdom, the two changed directions and started heading north.

The only way to get to Aeternal Kingdom was by using one of the Aeternals' massive spacecraft, as no other vessels were allowed to be used within the Starfall Sea.

This was one detail that was completely different from the past.

The Aeternals did not stop the humans from doing anything, regardless of whether it was exploring, cultivating, or anything else, and they did not even interfere in any human conflicts. The humans living in the Starfall Sea were given almost complete freedom, though there were key areas where the Aeternals wielded absolute control, such as travel and communication.

Lu Yin and Si Xiao'er had not been very far from the northern coast to begin with, so as soon as they started making their way due north, they arrived at Grayweed Continent's coast within just a few days.

This was not Lu Yin's first time visiting Grayweed Continent's coast, as he had stopped there both when he had first arrived at on Grayweed Continent, as well as when his group had been chased after by Madam Hong.

Lu Yin still remembered that Elder Shan from the Sea King's Dome had been waiting for them at the coast with a vessel to escape. Everything had changed since that time and now.

There were many people gathered at the coast. They were all waiting for the massive ship to arrive for them.

"Senior sister?" There was a shout of surprise, and a group of people surged towards Lu Yin and Si Xiao'er.

Lu Yin looked up to see a group of people from Water God Dojo.

Si Xiao'er was surprised to see them. "You're all here?"

An old woman immediately approached Si Xiao'er, her eyes shining with excitement. "Xiao'er, you're not dead?"

"Senior Sister, we all thought that you had died."

"Sister, how are you?"

The entire group of disciples, both male and female, were staring at Si Xiao'er. All of them were waiting for the ship to arrive as well, which was why they had happened to meet.

Si Xiao'er answered with a smile, "I'm fine. The hot flames underground was not something that I couldn't survive, but there was a terrible heat blocking the way out, so I was trapped and unable to leave."

"Was that the surge of heat that forced me back?" the old woman asked.

Si Xiao'er glanced at Lu Yin before nodding. "Mhmm."

She had come to understand that the surge of heat was something that Lu Yin had done to prevent anyone from saving her.

Lu Yin had purposely dragged Si Xiao'er into the flames, so she had never actually slipped and fallen.

The old woman lamented, "I never even considered that it might have just been a barrier of heat. I thought that you had died, and so I was intending to return and admit to my guilt. However, everything's better now, as you're fine."

After speaking, the old woman uncertainly glanced over at Lu Yin, who was standing nearby. "Xiao'er, did you just arrive with him?"

The dojo's disciples all turned to look at Lu Yin as well at that moment.

Si Xiao'er quietly said, "Let's first return to the eastern city before I explain anything. He has a special status."

The old woman's eyes flickered, but she just nodded and said nothing.

The rest of Water God Dojo's disciples were all curious about Lu Yin, as his appearance was quite odd. His body seemed devoid of all water, and it reminded them of their own battle techniques.

#### Chapter 1814: Returning To Find Things Unfamiliar

"How long do we need to wait for the ship to arrive?" Si Xiao'er asked.

The old woman was the one to reply, "At least another day. We've been waiting for half a month so far."

"Then we got here just in time."

The old woman suddenly pretended to be angry. "It's just like you to be perfectly fine when we were all terrified that you were dead! We didn't even dare to say anything to the dojo master!"

Si Xiao'er could only shrug. "I'm really sorry for having such an accident."

More and more people continued to gather. There were at least several thousand.

Were all of these people really from the Starfall Sea? Could any of them have also come out of one of Burial Garden's gates? Lu Yin's eyes swept over everyone gathered, but he was not able to see anything unusual at all.

However, searching for someone was pointless. Only an idiot would stay here after learning that they had appeared in the Starfall Sea. The only thing that might have been left behind was the Burial Garden that Lu Yin had found that had already been destroyed.

Lu Yin believed that more than just a few people had arrived in the Starfall Sea through the same gate that he had exited from, but the gate had already been destroyed, so no one else would pass through it. The only gate that Lu Yin knew of that still stood in the Starfall Sea was the one guarded by the Aeternals.

Lu Yin was very happy that he had been lucky enough not to exit through the gate that was in the West City.

A corpse king flew through the sky, and it was the same one that Lu Yin had fought against.

Lu Yin felt a chill every time he saw the creature, as he was scared that he would be discovered.

Fortunately, just one day later, the super-sized ship arrived, and everyone boarded it one after another. The ship took off again as soon as everyone was aboard, and it set course for the Sea King's Dome, or rather, the new Aeternal Kingdom.

Lu Yin stared out at the indistinct image of Grayweed Continent. He had no idea when he would return to this place. Mt. Stacks Dojo still had the 1,000 Stacks palm print that he needed to check, but at this moment, he was not even capable of using 400 Stacks. He guessed that he needed to become an Envoy at the least before he would be able to use a full 1,000 Stacks.

As for the battle technique that was concealed within the 1,000 Stacks palm print, Lu Yin could not even imagine what it might be.

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Lu Yin did not reveal himself during the trip from Grayweed Continent to the Aeternal Kingdom even once, not even to Si Xiao'er.

The old woman asked Si Xiao'er about Lu Yin several times, but the young woman would not reveal anything about Lu Yin at all, and in fact, Si Xiao'er herself did not know even Lu Yin's name. The only thing that he had told her was that he was a senior from Skyblaze Dojo.

A tremor passed through the massive ship. They had arrived at the Aeternal Kingdom.

Lu Yin opened his eyes and emerged from his quarters. Shock filled his eyes when he looked out from the ship.

Was this really the same place that he had visited before? Was this really once the Sea King's Dome?

Lu Yin still remembered the shock that had filled his heart when he first saw the Sea King's Dome. Back then, the sky overhead had not been dark, but rather a bright blue that was full of light. There had been a massive mountain surrounded by white clouds and rainbows that appeared from the various waterfalls cascading down the mountain while kicking up mist. It had looked like a fairyland. However, the mountain had been turned into a mine when the Sixth Mainland had invaded the Starfall Sea, and at the moment, even a mountain was not left standing. The place that had once been the Sea King's Dome had apparently been erased from the map.

All that Lu Yin could see was an expansive city. Even though it appeared to be quite prosperous, he felt an odd silence from the place. There were smiles on many people's faces, but he was also able to see helplessness, bitterness, and even despair hidden beneath those smiles.

He even saw the same look on Si Xiao'er's face. She had worn normal expressions while on Grayweed Continent, but returning to the Aeternal Kingdom was like returning to her cage. The feeling of being trapped and suppressed only made the sky overhead even darker and more oppressive.

The sky above the Aeternal Kingdom was very bright, but it was not a light that illuminated the city, but rather one that strengthened the shadows.

"Xiao'er, let's go. Yang Kong and your master are about to have their battle, and it's going to take place right in the East City's main square." The old woman's expression changed drastically as she suddenly shouted at Si Xiao'er.

The young woman's face grew pale, and she quickly left the ship and headed into the city along with all the other Water God Dojo's disciples.

Lu Yin glanced around and saw that the group was not alone. Many people from the city were headed in the same direction.

An Enlightener had challenged an Envoy. This was something that was completely unprecedented, at least in the Starfall Sea, and so it had attracted a tremendous amount of attention. Lu Yin looked up. It was possible that even the one controlling the Starfall Sea, Blackless God, was paying attention to this match.

Lu Yin stepped out to make his way to the East City's main square, but he was not familiar with the place.

The East City's main square was in the northern section of the city. Given the power that an Envoy could unleash, let alone a mere city square, even the entire Aeternal Kingdom could be easily destroyed. Fortunately, the square

was not in the city itself, but rather to the north and on the Starfall Sea's coast. This location was why the square had been chosen for this battle. In fact, although the city square was reportedly the site of the battle, the fight would actually take place over the Starfall Sea.

The square was already completely crowded when Lu Yin arrived, and two people were standing across from each other at the center of the square. Both were calmly staring at each other.

One of the two was the master of Water God Dojo, a middle-aged woman known as Dojo Master Si. She was quite average to look at, but there was something alluring about her.

Across from Dojo Master Si was her challenger: Yang Kong.

Lu Yin's eyes focused when he saw Yang Kong in person for the first time. This person was absolutely Bu Kong. Even though his appearance had changed a bit, his aura was the same as ever, especially his forcefield. This made Lu Yin absolutely confident in his original guess.

"Dojo Master Si, I've been waiting a very long time for this match." Yang Kong arrogantly lifted his head and revealed a proud expression on his face.

Dojo Master Si's voice remained calm. "There's a qualitative leap in power when breaking through from an Enlightener to an Envoy. Are you really so confident that you can defeat me?"

Yang Kong remained cocky. "Cut the chit-chat! While it might be something that's never been done before in history, there are already people who can pull it off. If he can do it, then so can I! I refuse to be any worse than him!"

Dojo Master Si frowned. "Then let's do this. I'm looking forward to seeing why you believe that you can defeat me."

Just outside the square, Si Xiao'er and the other Water God Dojo's disciples were gnashing their teeth as they glared at Yang Kong. This bastard was using their Dojo Master Si as a stepping stone to elevate himself. If he lost the match, it would only be expected, as he was an Enlightener challenging an Envoy. However, if Yang Kong won, Dojo Master Si would lose all respect. Yang Kong was truly hateful, but he was also invincible, so they could do nothing.

There was a bang, and Yang Kong shot through the void to instantly appear right in front of Dojo Master Si, and he threw out a palm as his opening attack.

Lu Yin watched from outside the square, and he was surprised by this move. Bu Kong's style of fighting had changed. In the past, Bu Kong's primary

means of attack had been his innate gift of Decomposition, but at this moment, he was attacking with a palm. Was he using physical strength against this Envoy?

Dojo Master Si looked unimpressed by Yang Kong's attack, and she simply moved and disappeared by entering the true universe.

This was the largest hurdle to overcome when an Enlightener faced an Envoy. Within the true universe, Dojo Master Si was able to see and freely attack Yang Kong, but he could not touch her.

Yang Kong had already expected this, and he waved a hand and quickly arranged a sourcebox array in the air.

Dojo Master Si attacked, and a stream of water wrapped around the area and suppressed all of the star energy in the area. The sourcebox array was truly powerful, but the stream of water had appeared instantly in response.

This was the same sourcebox array that Bu Kong had once used atop the Champions' Stage to knock everyone else off.

However, at the moment, Bu Kong was not facing Enlighteners, but rather an Envoy. Envoys used stellar energy that was able to completely suppress star energy.

This was the second greatest hurdle that Enlighteners faced when up against Envoys. How could one fight without even using star energy?

Even if Lu Yin had reached the Creation realm of star energy control and was able to absorb all attacks with his star energy, he could not stabilize his star energy against an Envoy, as Envoys were able to innately suppress and disrupt star energy. It was completely impossible for Bu Kong to be able to overcome this hurdle.

His sourcebox array was broken by the stream of water, and the water moved around to fill the sky with numerous teardrops.

Someone watching from outside the square suddenly shouted, "That's Water God's Tears! This match is already over. There's no way Yang Kong can win after being trapped within the Water God's Tears. Even survival is questionable after being trapped by that technique."

Si Xiao'er became excited. Water God's Tears was Water God Dojo's pinnacle battle technique. It was not merely an attack made up of multiple water droplets, as each droplet actually possessed a raging current within it, and the force within each teardrop only rose as time passed until the force exceeded the user's control.



Cultivators from Grayweed Continent all knew to avoid getting trapped by Water God Dojo's Water God's Tears, as once one was trapped, not even disciples from Water God Dojo were guaranteed to be able to rescue the person.

All of Water God Dojo's disciples started breathing quickly. This battle was already over.

Lu Yin was also amazed, as this Water God's Tears was quite an impressive technique. The inside of each water droplet contained complex changes, and each one constantly strengthened itself. Much like a sourcebox, if a person wanted to overcome this technique or admit defeat, both would have to take place before the internal forces of each droplet exceeded the user's control. Once that happened, their only option was to forcibly overpower the technique.

However, even overpowering the technique from outside would harm whoever was trapped within.

Overpowering the technique typically required the use of a technique that surpassed the upper limit of what the Water God's Tears could withstand, which would also surpass what anyone trapped by the technique could endure.

This was a battle technique that constantly changed.

Dojo Master Si emerged from the true universe. "Admit defeat. I can still dispel the Water God's Tears now, but if you delay, it will be too late."

Yang Kong clenched his fists tighter than ever as his clothes were shredded one layer at a time.

Dojo Master Si frowned. "Do you wish to die? If you wait too long, not even the city master himself will be able to save you."

Yang Kong sneered, though his skin started to be torn and shredded by the Water God's Tears, and blood started to appear in the sky. The Water God's Tears slowly changed from colorless to scarlet.

Dojo Master Si's eyes flickered. She did not want to kill this youth, as doing so would offend the city master. Even if Dojo Master Si was also an Envoy, she was still intimidated by the city master, as she was not his equal.

Just when Dojo Master Si reached the point where she was almost unable to resist canceling her attack, a hand pierced through the Water God's Tears and forcibly tore the technique apart, startling everyone.

Yang Kong stepped out, his face grim. Blood stained his entire body, and his eyes were gray.

Lu Yin was startled. A Gray Eyes Transformation?

Dojo Master Si exclaimed, "You've used the Corpse King Transformation?"

Yang Kong sneered. "You're mistaken!"

He then leaped forward and charged at Dojo Master Si. The woman simply turned and entered the true universe, disappearing from sight. Yang Kong instantly froze in place.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. The true universe was a hurdle that only the Perennial World's four Junior Progenitors had managed to overcome. Before Lu Yin, there had been no Enlighter in the Fifth or Sixth Mainlands who were able to overcome this hurdle, except for older powerhouses that Lu Yin did not know much about. He seldom ever encountered seniors who were extremely powerful at their Enlighter level.

Whether or not Yang Kong could defeat Dojo Master Si all depended on whether or not he could surpass this obstacle and enter the true universe. Just by itself, the Gray Eye Transformation had given Bu Kong enough physical strength to compensate for the fact that he could no longer use star energy.

Dojo Master Si attacked again from within the true universe. A stream of water appeared, and the Water God's Tears reappeared. This time, the teardrops easily filled the sky, and the technique was completed in half the time that had been used before.

Yang Kong's eyes changed color once again and became green. It was as though his entire being had been improved by a level, and he instantly tore right through the Water God's Tears. He stared in one particular direction, stepped forward, and then disappeared.

Lu Yin's eyes grew sharp. Bu Kong had broken past the barrier. He had entered the true universe. This made Bu Kong the second Enlighter to be able to challenge Envoys after Lu Yin's appearance.

This was something that was beyond even Shang Qing, and yet Bu Kong had accomplished it. Still, he had done so by utilizing the Aeternals' Corpse King Transformation.

Chapter 1815: Lie Yanzi

The Corpse King Transformation was an extremely terrifying battle technique. In Lu Yin's opinion, it was in no way inferior to the Tri-Yang Technique, and in some senses, it might have even surpassed the Tri-Yang Technique.

How many years had passed? And yet, from all the geniuses that the Hall of Honor had groomed, only Shang Qing had been able to master the Tri-Yang Ancestral Qi Technique. On the other hand, not only could multiple corpse kings use the Corpse King Transformation, but even humans could use it. For example, in the past, Zi Rong had used the Corpse King Transformation.

However, if the technique that Zi Rong had used was compared to Bu Kong's, then Zi Rong's technique clearly had some flaws.

Being able to step into the true universe showed that Yang Kong was definitely strong enough to face off against Dojo Master Si.

For the first time since the start of the fight, Master Si Tao's expression changed. She no longer looked as composed as she watched Yang Kong move closer and closer to her. She stretched her hands forward, and water surged forth to form two mountains that crashed into Yang Kong.

For those watching from the square, there was no trace of the two combatants, but the two suddenly reappeared, though they were already above the Starfall Sea.

Water surged upwards as though forming cliffs that pressed against the sky and blocked the light of the sun in two different directions.

Si Xiao'er bit her lip. "Shuang Ya, Master's even using her innate gift!"

The old woman's expression grew even worse. Even though she was not able to fully understand a battle at the Envoy level, she was able to sense that Dojo Master Si was being forced back.

The two rising walls of water suddenly started flowing again, and they both dropped down to envelop Yang Kong when Dojo Master Si raised a finger. The flowing water then transformed into a single thread that shot straight through Yang Kong's shoulder. "Give up, or else the next attack will go through your head!"

Yang Kong stared at Dojo Master Si with his green eyes. After a moment, he smiled. "I already said that you're guaranteed to lose."

At that moment, his aura suddenly surged, and all of the injuries covering his body instantly recovered. He even managed to force back all of the water surrounding him as he rushed over to Dojo Master Si.

The woman's pupils shrank to pinpricks as Yang Kong placed a single palm against her abdomen. "It's over."

There was a bang, and Dojo Master Si's body was sent flying into the East City, where she crashed into the ground.

All of Water God Dojo's disciples raced over as fast as they could.

The rest of the audience stared in a daze. Yang Kong had just sent Dojo Master Si, an Envoy, flying. How had he done it? His aura and power level had surged in an instant, and all of his injuries had also completely recovered. No one could understand what had just happened.

Lu Yin let out a long breath. Sure enough, Yang Kong really was Bu Kong.

At the end of the fight, Bu Kong had used two secret techniques: Resurrection and Power Transfer, and also his innate gift. If not for the fact that Dojo Master Si had remained cautious and wary throughout the fight, maintaining a layer of water around her body for protection, not only would she have been badly injured, but she might have also suffered from having her body Decomposed, which would have resulted in only a single possible outcome: death.

Yang Kong was definitely Bu Kong. He had demonstrated mastery of the Sixth Mainland's secret techniques, as well as the same innate gift and personality as Bu Kong.

He truly was not dead.

In fact, judging by the fact that Bu Kong was still able to use the Sixth Mainland's secret techniques, he had not lost his memories. After all, he had even used a sourcebox array that Lu Yin recognized. Just what had the Aeternals done to Bu Kong?

In the East City, all of the buildings in a large region had been destroyed when Dojo Master Si struck the ground. She held a hand to her abdomen, and her face was completely white.

Si Xiao'er and others from the dojo all surrounded the wounded Envoy.

Dojo Master Si dismissed them all with a wave of her hand. "I'm fine."

As she spoke, she was staring into the distance where Yang Kong stood tall far above the Starfall Sea. He was staring at her with cold eyes.

Si Xiao'er and the others all turned to glare at him.

"You've won," Dojo Master Si bitterly admitted.

The disciples of Water God Dojo were unwilling to accept this outcome, but there was nothing that they could do.

Yang Kong acted as arrogant as ever. "I told you that you aren't my opponent! I said that the first time we fought."

"Yang Kong, if not for the Corpse King Transformation, you would never be able to defeat me." Dojo Master Si picked herself up off the ground, despite blood still leaking from her mouth. She was clearly unwilling to accept her defeat.

Yang Kong snorted disdainfully. "So what? The Corpse King Transformation is nothing more than a battle technique. Are you willing to face your opponents without your Water God Dojo's Water God's Tears? Your whining is for losers."

"Yang Kong, don't go too far!" Si Xiao'er shouted angrily.

Yang Kong completely ignored her. He was an arrogant person, and none of the disciples were worth his attention. "Dojo Master Si, you've lost, so remember what you promised me."

He then disappeared. He had already left.

Si Xiao'er quickly asked, "Master, what did you promise him?"

Everyone else from Water God Dojo also turned to look at Dojo Master Si, but her only reply was to frustratedly say, "Let's go back before we talk about this."

The match between Yang Kong and Dojo Master Si shocked many people. This was the first time in the entire history of the Starfall Sea that an Enlighter had defeated an Envoy, and it had happened in their lifetimes.

This was a historic moment for the Starfall Sea's residents.

As the crowd dispersed, it was inevitable for news of the match to spread, and it would not be long before the entire Starfall Sea learned of it.

In the East City, at Water God Dojo, Dojo Master Si had already recovered a bit. At the least, her face was not as pale as it had been.

All of the gathered disciples looked thoroughly depressed.

Dojo Master Si spoke in an indifferent tone. "Winning and losing are both perfectly common outcomes. I lost, but I will rise again in the future. This universe has given birth to far too many geniuses, and Yang Kong is just one of them. Some people are young while others are old. I once overwhelmed

Skyblaze Dojo when representing our Water God Dojo, but this time I've lost. Why are all of you looking so upset?"

"Master, your disciple understands," Si Xiao'er said firmly.

Dojo Master Si nodded. She waved a hand to dismiss the other disciples while staring at Lu Yin, who had followed Si Xiao'er back to Water God Dojo.

He did not need to visit Water God Dojo, but Dojo Master Si was an Envoy from the East City, and she would naturally have a much better understanding of matters regarding the Aeternus Kingdom. Thus, speaking with her would definitely be better than simply wandering around, so Lu Yin had gone to Water God Dojo.

"Who is this?" Dojo Master Si asked.

The old woman also looked at Lu Yin with a great deal of curiosity.

Si Xiao'er spoke up to answer, "He is a senior from Skyblaze Dojo who just came out of seclusion."

Dojo Master Si was taken aback. "Skyblaze Dojo?"

As she stared at Lu Yin, her expression quickly dimmed. "Who are you?"

There had always been an intense rivalry between Skyblaze Dojo and Water God Dojo, so she should be aware of anyone of any significance from Skyblaze Dojo. Also, with Lu Yin's desiccated appearance, she felt like he was likely trying to disguise his appearance, which was completely true.

"Skyblaze Dojo's Lie Yanzi," Lu Yin replied.

Si Xiao'er blinked; Lie Yanzi? This was her first time hearing Lu Yin say any name at all.

Dojo Master Si instantly took action, and Lu Yin was surrounded by streams of water. The Envoy instantly demanded, "Who are you? Skyblaze Dojo has no one by that name!"

"There's me." Lu Yin remained stubborn.

Dojo Master Si shouted, "Tell me! Who are you?"

"Lie Yanzi."

The old woman suddenly exclaimed, "I remember now! There was someone with the name of Lie Yanzi in Skyblaze Dojo's history, and he once fought for the position of dojo master, but he failed and died. Are you that Lie Yanzi?"

Lu Yin found this quite odd. Really? He had just randomly chosen a name, as it did not matter whether he used an accurate name or not. With Skyblaze Dojo destroyed, it was impossible for Dojo Master Si to verify anything at all, and even if Lu Yin was proven to be a fraud, it would not be a big deal for him to simply leave.

There was a certain truth that Lu Yin fully understood, which was that he first had to convince himself that what he was saying was true before he could successfully lie to others. He had already convinced himself that he was Lie Yanzi, so how could anyone from Water God Dojo deny him? This was Lu Yin's line of reasoning.

Dojo Master Si had naturally known that there had been such a Lie Yanzi in Skyblaze Dojo, and she had merely been testing this newcomer. Besides, it was a known fact that Lie Yanzi had died long ago, so how could he possibly reappear?

"Lie Yanzi's been dead for many years, and not even Tian Yanzi was born when Lie Yanzi died. You claim to be him, but why should we believe you?" Dojo Master Si remained cautious, and she was ready to instantly use her Water God's Tears.

Lu Yin answered quietly, "I didn't really die back then, but was rather seriously injured so I went into seclusion. I've remained in the depths of the flames beneath Skyblaze Dojo and only recently left. You can ask your disciple where she met me."

Dojo Master Si looked at Si Xiao'er, and the young woman quickly shared the story of how she had met Lu Yin.

Lu Yin also brought out the Skyblaze Stone at the appropriate time, as Dojo Master Si was familiar with the stone. "That's the treasure of Skyblaze Dojo. Why do you have it?"

"No idea. When I came out of seclusion, I found it in the middle of the flames deep beneath the surface," Lu Yin casually replied.

Dojo Master Si stared into Lu Yin's eyes before finally retracting her water. She then said in a sad voice, "It doesn't actually matter whether or not you are Lie Yanzi. Our Starfall Sea has fallen to the Aeternals, and since you are human, there's no need for us to fight against each other."

She still did not believe Lu Yin was really Lie Yanzi, but given their situation, she could not think of a single reason for this person to pose as someone from Skyblaze Dojo, or what he might want from her Water God Dojo.

While the Aeternals did nothing to restrict the humans' freedom, everyone was still aware that the Aeternals were the ones in control of everything. Even powerhouses like the master of Water God Dojo or the East City Master were no different. Adding in one more expert from Skyblaze Dojo would do nothing to change the current situation.

Lu Yin remained within Water God Dojo and acted as if he had always expected to do so.

The Sea King's Dome had been completely leveled for the Aeternus Kingdom to be established. Lu Yin could only imagine the pain that the Sea King, Hai Qiqi, and the others from the Sea King's Dome would feel when they learned of this change.

This Aeternus Kingdom had a very similar appearance to the Aeternus Nation Lu Yin had visited in the Neoverse. All of the buildings were skyscrapers, there was a monotony and solitude to the city's appearance that dominated the atmosphere and gave it a suppressive ambience.

Fortunately, this Aeternus Kingdom had a great deal more life than the Aeternus Nation that Lu Yin had visited. There were a lot of human beings, and some alternative styles of architecture could occasionally be seen, breaking up the monotony. This showed the resilience of humans; as long as they were given enough time, they could adapt to nearly anything.

Water God Dojo covered a large area of the city, and even as a guest, Lu Yin was given his own courtyard.

The old woman occasionally stared at Lu Yin's courtyard with incredibly suspicious eyes. Si Xiao'er tried to visit Lu Yin several times, but each time, she was stopped.

A day and a night soon passed.

When night fell, a massive crescent moon hung in the sky. It looked as though it rose up out of the Starfall Sea and would return to the waters, but it felt as though a pair of eyes was looking down upon the city from the tallest tower, observing everyone.

Lu Yin looked up at the huge crescent moon, though his thoughts were anyone's guess.

Si Xiao'er approached and sat down next to him. "Senior, are you really Lie Yanzi?"

"Yes."



Si Xiao'er cupped her chin with a hand. "I don't know why, but Master and the others just don't believe you."

Lu Yin smiled. "That's because, according to all of the records, Lie Yanzi was dead, and I even died long ago. It's nothing strange to not believe me."

"You're even older than my master and the others that I know. Can you tell me what Grayweed Continent was like in your youth?" Si Xiao'er asked curiously.

Lu Yin pursed his lips. How was he supposed to know the answer to this question? He started speaking in a nostalgic manner, "Back then..."

Si Xiao'er leaned forward.

"I can't remember."

Si Xiao'er blinked. "What?"

Lu Yin calmly stated, "I've forgotten about it."

Si Xiao'er stunned. "Forgotten? Forgotten? How could you forget?"

Lu Yin replied with a question of his own, "What, do you not forget things? That was a long time ago. Can you remember everything from when you were three years old?"

Si Xiao'er was honest and shook her head.

"Exactly, and that was just a few decades ago, but what about me? How many years have passed since I was young? It would be abnormal to be able to remember everything, so isn't it perfectly normal to have forgotten some things?" Lu Yin asked in a matter-of-fact manner.

Chapter 1816: Sense Of Existence

Si Xiao'er felt that while Lu Yin's words seemed to make sense, there was something that just felt off.

She was usually good at remaining calm, so she quickly figured out where the issue was. She was just about to speak up when Lu Yin suddenly asked, "What did your master promise Yang Kong?"

Si Xiao'er's eyes instantly dimmed, and her mood seemed ruined. "Master promised Yang Kong that she would accompany him into Burial Garden's gate."

Lu Yin was surprised. "Into Burial Garden's gate? Didn't you say that the Aeternals have announced that those are death gates and that humans aren't allowed to enter them?"

Si Xiao'er replied, "Yes, but Yang Kong knows that they're really Burial Garden's gates, and my master knows that they need to enter one of the gates in order to complete a task that the Aeternals assigned. Yang Kong was placed in charge of this task, and he was told to put together a team to enter a gate."

"And your master was chosen?"

"Well, my master's an Envoy, and she's also the second most powerful person in the East City after the city master, so naturally she was one of his first choices. However, she refused, and the Aeternals didn't make any moves to force her. Thus, Yang Kong made a bet with Master. If she won, Master would have been free to choose whatever she wanted, but if she lost, she agreed to enter the gate with Yang Kong."

Lu Yin's eyes flickered. The Aeternals had assigned Yang Kong a task, but they had not tried to press Dojo Master Si into participating. Instead, everything was left entirely up to Yang Kong, and he seemed to be very proactive in completing his task.

Lu Yin remembered that corpse kings could not enter any of Burial Garden's gates, as doing so would result in them dying without fail. This had been quickly discovered as soon as the gates first appeared, so why was Yang Kong willing to enter? He had clearly used a Corpse King Transformation, so was it possible that the Aeternals had developed the Corpse King Transformation to the point where regular humans could use it?

If Yang Kong was still completely human and not someone who had undergone any of the Aeternals' transformations, then there was a big problem with his reported death. He might not have actually been resurrected from death, but very likely never died at all. In that case, what had actually happened?

The only way to get an answer was to get close to Yang Kong. However, Lu Yin's top priority was to enter Burial Garden's gate. The only way to accomplish both of these two goals was to gain Yang Kong's attention and be selected as one of the people chosen to assist him with his assigned task.

"Are they controlling your master somehow?" Lu Yin asked.

Si Xiao'er's voice dropped to a whisper, "She's been poisoned. If she doesn't get an antidote regularly, she'll die. Even her strength as an Envoy can't help her. It's some sort of poison that the Aeternals developed that humanity doesn't have any treatment for."

"Vitality Poison?" Lu Yin was startled.

Si Xiao'er shook her head. "I don't know. How does Senior know about that poison?"

"I ran into it once in my youth." He then stood and stretched. "Accompany me to the West City tomorrow."

Si Xiao'er was startled by this request. "The West City? Senior, why are you going there? There are corpse kings there!"

Lu Yin grew serious. "That's why I want to go take a look. Only by knowing yourself and your opponent can you achieve victory. When I was last active, corpse kings were rare. I didn't expect the entire Starfall Sea to fall to the Neohuman Alliance before I left seclusion. I have no idea if you juniors will be able to take back the Starfall Sea, but I want to visit the West City and see just how many corpse kings there are."

"Not because of the gate?" Si Xiao'er was not stupid, so she nervously questioned Lu Yin's motives.

Lu Yin looked at her and smiled. "Is the gate in the middle of a street?"

Si Xiao'er shook her head.

"Then how will I even get close to it? Force my way in? I'm not seeking death. Alright, head on back for now." Lu Yin waved Si Xiao'er out.

When Si Xiao'er left Lu Yin's courtyard, the old woman approached her. "How did it go? What did you ask?"

Si Xiao'er repeated everything that Lu Yin had said. "I didn't really ask anything, but he's planning to go visit the West City with me tomorrow."

The old woman was stunned. "The West City? What does he want to do there? What did he tell you?"

Si Xiao'er nodded. "And he wants me to accompany him."

"No! Absolutely not! The West City is too dangerous! If those corpse kings are really all under control and can keep themselves from hurting humans, then why does the West City prohibit them from leaving the city, and why don't any humans have the courage to enter the West City? If he wants to go, then let him. That's his business," the old woman said flatly.

Si Xiao'er bit her lip. "I also want to go and see the West City."

"No." Dojo Master Si suddenly stepped out of the void, her face solemn. "You are not allowed to visit the West City. Let him go by himself if he wants to go."

Si Xiao'er grew stubborn. "Master, this disciple wants to learn about the corpse kings. Since this Aeternus Kingdom has two cities, and the corpse kings are stuck in the West City due to being strictly forbidden to leave, it means that the Aeternals don't really want to hurt us humans here in the East City. If we don't visit the West City, then if they attack and we have no understanding of them, how can we fight them?"

Dojo Master Si suddenly shouted, "Shut up! What do you know?"

She then ordered the old woman, "Take her back. She isn't allowed out, or to go anywhere at all!"

Si Xiao'er wanted to say something else, but the old woman dragged her away.

Dojo Master Si stared towards Lu Yin's courtyard, and Lu Yin also happened to be looking out. The two were far apart from each other and were even blocked by walls, but they still both seemed to see each other's eyes.

One was a weak character who had succumbed to a strong enemy and was only able to act meek while enduring.

The other possessed an overbearing personality and was eager to explore and move forward and excelled at breaking free of a current stalemate.

They were two completely different people.

Lu Yin had heard the conversation that Dojo Master Si had held with the others, but he did not blame them for their choices. Needless resistance was nothing more than asking to die. If Lu Yin were in Dojo Master Si's position, he also would not be willing to take risks because of an unknown person.

For Lu Yin's hosts, living peaceful lives was enough for them. Even if their dignity was stomped upon, they would endure as long as they could survive.

The next day, Lu Yin went to visit the West City, and Si Xiao'er was right next to him.

She had been snuck out by Lu Yin. He could have visited the corpse kings' city on his own, but since Si Xiao'er wanted to join him, Lu Yin had taken her out of the dojo.

Si Xiao'er already knew that Lu Yin was very powerful, but she had not thought that he would be strong enough to get her out of Water God Dojo without raising any fuss at all. Not even her master had sensed anything.

"Senior, what realm has your cultivation reached?" Si Xiao'er asked.

Lu Yin indifferently replied, "About the same as your master's."

"I don't believe you! You were able to sneak me out of Water God Dojo under her nose, and you were in seclusion at the deepest depths of Skyblaze Dojo. It's said that not even Tian Yanzi dared to go that deep. One time, my master once said that a person would need a power level of at least 600,000 if they wanted to go that far down into the flames," Si Xiao'er retorted.

Lu Yin paused. "We've made it to the West City."

At the moment, the two were at the peak of a small mountain. The Aeternus Kingdom was split in two by a short mountain that split the metropolis into the eastern and western cities. At the moment, Lu Yin and Si Xiao'er were at the top of this mountain, and they were staring towards the west.

The two cities' architectural styles were quite similar in design, but the corpse kings' West City was dead silent when compared to the humans' East City. There were still many people out on the streets, but they were like the ones that Lu Yin had seen in the Neoverse's Aeternus Nation. These figures were dead and lifeless. When they moved, it was as though they were walking solely for the sake of walking.

There was no noise throughout the entire city, and the only occasional sound was a disturbing chewing noise.

Lu Yin had heard this same sound once before, in the Neoverse's Aeternus Nation.

"Has anyone else ever visited the West City before?" Lu Yin asked.

"I don't know. Our city master should have since he's the city master of the East City."

Lu Yin took Si Xiao'er and jumped down from the mountain. They stepped into the West City and immediately confronted a corpse king.

The corpse king stared at Lu Yin and Si Xiao'er with its cold, slitted, scarlet eyes.

Si Xiao'er grew pale and swallowed hard.

After a moment, the corpse king walked away without doing a single thing to the two humans.

Lu Yin led Si Xiao'er further into the West City.

Given the Aeternals' current plan, Lu Yin and Si Xiao'er's safety was absolutely guaranteed. The reason why they had entered the West City was

not mere curiosity, but also so that they would attract certain people's attention.

The humans in the East City did not dare to step foot in the West City, but Lu Yin had done exactly that. This was enough to attract the attention of people from both the eastern and the western cities.

Given Lu Yin's appearance after using *Extremes Must Be Reversed*, no one was able to recognize him, and he did not need to hide any of his strength either. He was Lie Yanzi at this moment. A powerhouse from Skyblaze Dojo who had once failed to win the position of sect master and who had then entered seclusion for countless years to ultimately become an Envoy-level powerhouse.

Si Xiao'er stayed very close to Lu Yin as they moved through the West City.

The buildings on either side of the street made her think that she was back in the East City, as the two were nearly identical. She even saw the same buildings that her Water God Dojo used, as they could also be found in the West City.

A corpse king passed by the two humans, which was frightening. It was chewing on something, but there was no way to know what the creature was eating.

Si Xiao'er constantly felt as though a corpse king was staring straight at them.

Lu Yin seemed much more relaxed. "Don't worry. The Aeternals have spent so much time and resources to build the eastern and western cities while also forbidding the corpse kings from leaving the West City. They are clearly trying to create an image that corpse kings and humans can coexist, so there's no way that they'll allow us to suffer any accidents. Do you want to know more about the corpse kings?"

Lu Yin then stretched out a hand and grabbed a random corpse king that had been passing by. Si Xiao'er was startled, as she had not expected Lu Yin to be so bold.

The corpse king was similarly startled, and its scarlet eyes stared at Si Xiao'er in a horrible manner as it growled softly. It kept trying to break free, but it could not get loose from Lu Yin's grip.

Many of the other corpse kings on the street turned to stare at the commotion, and Si Xiao'er instantly grew pale. "Senior, let him go! Let him go!"

Lu Yin threw the corpse king away.

After landing, it whirled around and roared, clearly wanting to attack. However, in the end, nothing at all happened.

Lu Yin glanced around and then suddenly looked up to stare into the distance. He was staring at a pair of slitted scarlet eyes that caused him to feel an incredible amount of pressure. This creature was an absolute expert and was not an opponent that Lu Yin could deal with.

Lu Yin's eyes tightened as he stared into the scarlet eyes for a moment. He suddenly turned around. "Time to go. Let's head back to the East City."

Si Xiao'er felt utterly confused. "We're going back?"

"Do you want to stick around to visit?" Lu Yin retorted.

Si Xiao'er instantly caught up to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin had only gone to visit the West City to make sure that people took notice of his existence, and he had succeeded. He was someone who had dared to step into the West City, and he had even attacked a corpse king. This would absolutely draw the attention of Aeternus Kingdom's top officials.

That night, Lu Yin was staring up at the crescent moon high above him in the sky again when his eyes shifted and he looked behind him. Right at that moment, a figure stepped out of the void and threw an attack at him.

This attack was not unfamiliar to Lu Yin, as Yang Kong was attacking. Or rather, Bu Kong.

This palm that Bu Kong threw out was no different from the first attack that he had launched at Dojo Master Si during their match.

The hand was about to strike. Bu Kong was absolutely certain that his attack would strike true, and he saw a dead person when he stared at Lu Yin.

At that moment, Lu Yin disappeared. He had entered the true universe.

Yang Kong's attack failed, but the force of the palm strike struck the ground and caused the East City to tremble. The terrifying power of the attack crushed the buildings of Water God Dojo.

Many of the dojo's people were caught up in the attack, and some people even had their legs shattered.

Dojo Master Si was furious, and she instantly appeared and glared at Yang Kong. "What are you doing?"

However, Yang Kong completely ignored Dojo Master Si. A terrifying aura burst forth from his body, powerful enough to distort the sky above Aeternus Kingdom as Yang Kong's eyes turned green.

He stepped forward and instantly entered the true universe.

Chapter 1817: Means Of Control

Dojo Master Si's expression changed, as she realized that Yang Kong was attacking her unknown guest.

At an unseen point within the void, flames churned and swept across the sky, pushing back the darkness that covered Aeternus Kingdom.

A fierce orb that looked like the sun rose high into the sky while scorching the earth.

Yang Kong emerged from the true universe, and Lu Yin did so at the same time. However, Lu Yin's aura was much more composed when compared with Yang Kong's.

The blazing sun that scorched Aeternus Kingdom was then shattered by an invisible force that was truly terrifying.

Lu Yin looked around in shock. "Who was that?"

"That was my father," Yang Kong replied as he stared at Lu Yin in surprise. "Who are you?"

Lu Yin and Yang Kong stared at each other, and fear filled Lu Yin's eyes. "I'm Lie Yanzi, from Skyblaze Dojo."

Yang Kong frowned. "Skyblaze Dojo? Wasn't that place destroyed? Who's Lie Yanzi?"

He glanced at Dojo Master Si in a doubtful manner. "Do you know him?"

Dojo Master Si answered solemnly, "I'm not sure if he is who he claims to be, but he is indeed using Skyblaze Dojo's battle techniques, and he also possesses their unique treasure, the Skyblaze Stone"

Yang Kong looked back at Lu Yin and carefully observed him. "What's the deal with your body?"

Lu Yin grew upset at this question. "You attacked me for no reason, and now you're questioning me? Do you think you're above everyone in this Starfall Sea?"

Yang Kong sneered. "You'd better answer, or else my father will step in, and he's not as polite as me."



Lu Yin lifted his head. "Then I'd better ask the East City Master to come out!"

"Lie Yanzi, the East City Master won't show himself for such a trivial matter. At the moment, the Aeternals control the entire Starfall Sea, and regardless of who you are or where you come from, your past means nothing. You should answer Yang Kong's question," Dojo Master Si said, offering a warning to Lu Yin.

Yang Kong stared at Lu Yin. He did not care whether or not this person was actually Lie Yanzi, as that meant nothing to Yang Kong. His only concern was this person's strength. As for his body, it seemed somewhat special and rather bizarre.

Lu Yin clenched his hands into fists. "I was burned during my stellar tribulation."

This answer caught Dojo Master Si off guard.

Yang Kong was similarly confused. "Burned during your tribulation? To become an Envoy?"

Lu Yin's voice dropped low as he explained, "That's right. Since I'm someone from Skyblaze Dojo, during my tribulation to become an Envoy, my stellar tribulation was flames. However, the heat far surpassed even the flames beneath Skyblaze Dojo, and it evaporated all of the water from my body, cooking me. I was dried up and almost burned to ash. Even though I eventually survived and became an Envoy, my body has never recovered."

There was no one who could prove that Lu Yin was lying, as there had been countless different stellar tribulation from the beginning of time, and no one knew what they would encounter during their tribulation.

Yang Kong stared intently at Lu Yin for a moment. "Lie Yanzi, as someone from Skyblaze Dojo, how did you manage to survive when the Sixth Mainland attacked the Fifth Mainland and Tian Yanzi died?"

"I've always been in seclusion in the deepest flames beneath Skyblaze Dojo," Lu Yin explained.

Si Xiao'er butted in, "I can verify that I met this senior in the heart of the flames beneath Skyblaze Dojo."

Yang Kong glanced over at Si Xiao'er before indifferently stating, "Everyone, leave."

Dojo Master Si waved a hand to dismiss everyone from Water God Dojo, and many of the disciples left to receive treatment.

Given the destructive power of an Envoy, the disciples were not able to endure even the aftershocks from such a battle. In fact, it was not only Water God Dojo's disciples who had been injured, as many nearby humans had also been affected. Fortunately, almost all of the humans in the city were cultivators.

Soon, only Yang Kong, Lu Yin, and Dojo Master Si remained.

"Join me on a mission," Yang Kong said bluntly.

Lu Yin frowned. "Are you talking to me?"

"Who else do you see here?" Yang Kong's tone remained as arrogant as ever, and Lu Yin thought that he sounded like he needed a beating.

"No." Lu Yin instantly refused.

Yang Kong sneered. "You're in no place to refuse! This is a mission given by the Aeternals, and if the mission is successfully completed, you'll return to a reward of unimaginable resources! If you try to refuse, I'll just force you through other means. Just ask Dojo Master Si. She didn't want to go either, but she eventually agreed."

Lu Yin looked at Dojo Master Si, who shrugged. "I lost and was forced to admit defeat."

"In other words, I don't need to go if I beat you?" Lu Yin asked Yang Kong.

Yang Kong raised his chin. "You can't beat me."

"Why?" Lu Yin became upset.

"Just based on our exchange just now, I can promise that you can't beat me," Yang Kong proclaimed arrogantly.

Lu Yin lifted a hand, and a flame appeared over his hand that quickly took on the form of a sword. "Let's give it a try."

Yang Kong shook his head. "I just want you to join me on a mission. Why be so stubborn? Isn't cultivation all in order to grow stronger and live longer? As long as this mission's successful, you'll get enough resources from the Aeternals to last you until you reach a power level of a million."

Lu Yin was shocked. "Resources to allow me to reach a power level of a million?"

Yang Kong clasped his hands behind his back. "Not only you, but also Dojo Master Si and everyone else who participates in this mission. You'll all receive endless resources from the Aeternals as a reward when we complete our

mission and come back. As long as you have enough talent, you won't just be able to reach a power level of a million—you can even become a Semi-Progenitor!"

Lu Yin's hand dropped, and the flames dispersed as excitement filled his eyes.

Dojo Master Si stared at Yang Kong, as she had been given the same promise when he had first approached her, but she had not been deceived. Endless resources? So what? No matter what this mission was supposed to accomplish, as long as it was for the Aeternals, it could only be something that harmed humanity. It would lead to a future where she would only be accompanied by corpse kings; why would she desire to reach a power level of a million if that was going to be her future?

She was only going because it was her last resort. However, it looked like this Lie Yanzi had already been won over.

At this thought, Dojo Master Si's eyes grew cold as she stared at Lu Yin, and contempt could clearly be seen in her eyes.

She had already looked into everything that was known about Lie Yanzi. He had been known as a talented individual who had competed to become Skyblaze Dojo's dojo master, but he had eventually lost. However, he had actually almost been expelled from the dojo because of the despicable methods that he had used during the contest to become the dojo master.

Everything that Dojo Master Si had learned about Lie Yanzi's history lined up with the reaction of the man in front of her when faced with Yang Kong's proposal. Maybe he really was who he claimed to be.

"I've reached a bottleneck in my cultivation, and I'm also short on resources since Skyblaze Dojo has been destroyed. I actually don't have any source of cultivation resources anymore. Can you provide me with some?" Lu Yin asked as he stared intently at Yang Kong.

A smile spread across Yang Kong's face. "Of course."

"I mean right now. I'll promise to join you on your mission, but I need you to provide me with some resources so that I can strengthen myself and be of more help during this mission after completing my breakthrough," Lu Yin said.

Yang Kong considered this proposal for a bit. "Alright. What do you need?"

Lu Yin answered without any hesitation, "Star essence."

Yang Kong felt confused. "You're an Envoy. What do you need star essence to accomplish?"

Lu Yin shrugged. "The battle technique that you just saw me use is called Skyblaze Sun. Theoretically, there's no limit to the temperature that it can reach, but it takes way too much stellar energy to use, and it's easy to push too far and suffer backlash from the true universe. That's why it's better to use star essence for the technique, and the more star essence that's used, the more powerful the attack and the hotter the flames. With enough star essence, I can create a flame that's powerful enough to even burn an Envoy with a power level of over 700,000."

Yang Kong was taken aback. "This technique can even affect those with a power level of 700,000?"

Lu Yin confidently replied, "That's right, and that's why I can help you."

Yang Kong spent some time thinking about this matter. "Alright, deal. Just tell me, how much star essence do you want?"

"How much do you have?"

"We still have a bit of time before the mission, about five days. How much star essence can you use up in five days?"

"How much do you have?"

Yang Kong's eyebrows started to climb. "Are you that confident of being able to use whatever you're given?"

Lu Yin's hands clenched into tight fists. "Absolutely confident."

Yang Kong nodded. "Alright, just wait."

He then disappeared.

Lu Yin started to become short of breath. Money was coming! Money was coming! Money was finally coming! He had a hunch that he was going to be given a huge sum this time around.

Yang Kong could not be blamed for being deceived. There were real, similar battle techniques to what Lu Yin described that were cultivated. For example, the Hui family's golden meteors were able to be cultivated without limit. The Sixth Mainland also had similar techniques, and Lu Yin had actually just used the technique that he had described.

However, Lu Yin had not used the Skyblaze Sun, but rather the Blaze Realm's Blazing Sun.

After conquering the Blaze Realm, Lu Yin had perused their battle techniques, and he had seen their Blazing Sun, Karmic Sword, and even their Poison Flame technique. Given the fact that Lu Yin was impersonating someone from Skyblaze Dojo, the Blaze Realm's battle techniques were his best options at this moment.

Blazing Sun was indeed a technique that theoretically had no limit to the temperature that the flames could reach, so it was perfectly normal for Yang Kong to be tricked.

Dojo Master Si stared at Lu Yin. "Skyblaze Dojo doesn't have a battle technique called Skyblaze Sun."

"I created it," Lu Yin indifferently replied.

Dojo Master Si quietly responded, "No matter what your motives might be, don't think that you can take advantage of them! Since you've agreed to join this mission, they will definitely force that poison onto you. It's something from the Aeternals, and only they can remove it from your body."

After giving her warning, Dojo Master Si turned away.

None of the people present were fools, and Yang Kong was far from stupid. It was absolutely impossible for him to provide Lu Yin with resources without having some means of controlling him, and poison was the most effective means of control available.

However, Lu Yin had no choice. He wanted to leave the Starfall Sea through Burial Garden's gate, which meant that this was his only option. Without doing this, his only other path would be to force his way into the West City and fight his way to the gate there. This was also why he had gone to visit the West City to attract attention; he wanted to see if it was even possible to get to the gate without attracting any attention, but the scarlet eyes that he had seen had dissuaded him from that path.

As for poison, if they really did infect him with Vitality Poison, he would just go and see Ming Yan, and the white-haired Ming Yan would see it as a powerful tonic. If it were any other poison, then it was impossible for it to be stronger than Vitality Poison. If that were a real possibility, then the Aeternals' poison research was beyond terrifying. Even if all of Lu Yin's expectations were off, no poison could exceed the limits of Extremes Must Be Reversed, and therein lay his true confidence in proceeding forward. Not to mention, Shaman God would never allow Lu Yin to die from poison.

Still, it would be optimal if Lu Yin could avoid being poisoned in the first place.

Yang Kong quickly returned, and Lu Yin watched with great expectations as the young man stretched out a hand. Yang Kong held two drops of transparent liquid in his hand, and one of them was clearly Vitality Poison. Lu Yin instantly recognized it due to his extensive interactions with the poison. As for the other one, he blinked, as he recognized it as well. Was that Samaritan's Tears?

Lu Yin had bought a vial of this poison from the ninth floor of Yi's Emporium when visiting the Divine Venom Dynasty, and he had been told that the poison was powerful enough to even kill powerful Envoys. He had also been told the poison was known as Samaritan's Tears and that while it was incredibly toxic, it was not undetectable like Transience.

Lu Yin had not expected Yang Kong to bring out a poison like Samaritan's Tears.

"Open your hand," Yang Kong indifferently ordered.

Lu Yin instinctively opened his hand.

The two drops of liquid were wrapped with a gentle force and pushed into Lu Yin's palm.

"This is a poison that the Aeternals developed, and once it erupts, it can even kill an Envoy. Since there is no way to maintain control while we're out on our mission, and since you even wanting to receive payment in advance, this is our guarantee," Yang Kong explained, "However, there's no need to worry. As long as you don't betray us, the poison won't erupt."

Chapter 1818: Full Of Wealth

Lu Yin stared at the palm of his hand where the two drops of poison had just entered his body.

"Don't think that you can find someone to get rid of the toxin. It's something that comes from the Aeternals, and not even the Hall of Honor can help you remove it," Yang Kong warned.

Lu Yin looked over at Dojo Master Si, and the woman nodded to him.

"Where's my star essence?" Lu Yin asked.

As soon as the poison entered Lu Yin's body, a look of relief appeared on Yang Kong's face as he looked at Lu Yin. In fact, Yang Kong looked as though he was looking at one of his own followers. This was because he was absolutely confident in the poison that he had just given Lu Yin. Yang Kong's confidence also came from the fact that he had not only given Lu Yin Vitality

Poison, but also Samaritan's Tears. It was impossible to know what would happen when these two poisons combined.

However, regardless of how strong a poison might be, it was impossible for any to surpass a Progenitor's battle technique. Progenitor Ku had been known as a very powerful Progenitor who had researched the mysteries of aging and immortality. Extremes Must Be Reversed had allowed Lu Yin to recover from injuries that a Semi-Progenitor had inflicted upon him, so this poison should not be an issue.

"Come with me," Yang Kong ordered as he started moving away.

Lu Yin quickly followed.

Lu Yin actually knew almost nothing about how the Aeternals cultivated and what sorts of resources they used. He had suspected that he might make out well from this deal, but what met him far exceeded his expectations.

He was completely stunned, as he was staring at an endless amount of star essence. "This- this is?"

He had followed Yang Kong deep beneath the Aeternus Kingdom. Lu Yin had expected to find another pit that transformed humans into corpse kings, and he certainly had not expected to instead find a storage area for countless resources. Naturally, there was not as much star essence as what he had seen on the Junior Progenitor Planets, but it was still a very impressive sight. There had to be tens or even hundreds of billions of star essence here!

He blankly stared ahead, and it almost looked as though he was seeing the world for the first time.

Yang Kong was completely unmoved by the sight. "Just take it."

Lu Yin looked over at the young man. "Are the Aeternals this rich?"

Yang Kong answered solemnly, "This isn't from the Aeternals. Everything that's been gathered here is from the Starfall Sea."

Lu Yin instantly understood why there was such a mountain of resources in this place; it was the total sum of the Starfall Sea's resources, and if all of the various powers in such a large place pooled their resources together, it would be an astronomical amount, much like if the entire Innerverse's resources were compiled.

"Can I take all of it?" Lu Yin asked.

Yang Kong became contemptuous. "Do what you want. I'll wait for you in the West City."

He turned around and left while still speaking.

Lu Yin was left alone in the storage space.

He could not believe that they were being so casual with such a massive amount of wealth! Could he really just take it?

There was no one watching him! This should be impossible.

However, Lu Yin could also understand Yang Kong's mindset regarding this matter. It all stemmed from the fact that everyone assumed that Lu Yin was an Envoy. Even if he could use star essence for his battle techniques, there was no need to take too much star essence. After all, taking too much would be pointless, and besides, how much could his cosmic ring possibly hold?

Lu Yin licked his lips, and excitement lit up his eyes. Since this was real, then he would happily help himself! With this thought, he buried himself beneath the mounds of star essence. If he was going to take as much as he could, then he would naturally try to keep anyone from observing his actions.

Ever since Lu Yin had first started cultivating, this was the first time that he had felt this content with his available resources. Everyone hoped for others to be generous, but despite all the time he had spent cultivating, Lu Yin realized that this was the first time that he had been given such a gift. It felt absolutely amazing.

For Lu Yin, acquiring enough resources for all of his various needs was a massive, never-ending struggle.

He continuously stuffed star essence into his cosmic ring, all the time painfully aware of the fact that this was nothing.

There actually was not nearly as much star essence as Lu Yin had assumed, but because the underground space was so sprawling, it had given him the illusion of there being an endless amount of star essence.

He ended up taking more than 30 billion star essence. That was more than 30 billion, not 30 million.

It was an amount that made his heart tremble.

Never before had Lu Yin carried so much wealth in his cosmic ring. In fact, it was questionable if all of the star essence that he had obtained over his entire life so far would amount to what he had just taken.

He had more than 30 billion star essence on him, and Lu Yin was already thinking about how to best spend it.



However, after he had learned that all of the wealth in the Starfall Sea had been gathered by the Aeternals, he realized that this was not enough to account for all that had been taken. There had to be a great deal more elsewhere.

Lu Yin took a deep breath before turning around and leaving. He moved quickly, hoping to avoid attracting any attention.

When Lu Yin saw Yang Kong again, he could not help but feel that Yang Kong was quite pleasing to look at. The young man was truly a god of wealth.

Yang Kong looked at Lu Yin in a questioning manner. "Did you get enough?"

Lu Yin nodded. "It'll work."

"Go ahead and take more. As long as you contribute to our mission, you'll have as many resources as you can dream of when we get back," Yang Kong said.

Lu Yin clenched a fist and said, "Sounds good to me."

The truth was that he did not need any more, as he had not left much star essence behind.

Lu Yin did not wander around the West City like he had before, but was instead led to an isolated area where he saw the gate to Burial Garden.

Lu Yin was almost unable to resist charging straight through the gate.

"This is a gate of death. In the Human Domain, they're also known as Burial Garden's gates. Passing through a gate will take you into Burial Garden, which I'm sure you've heard of before." Yang Kong looked at Lu Yin as he calmly explained the situation.

Lu Yin answered in a somber tone, "One of the Three Dark Hands?"

"Burial Garden has opened up, and there are many inheritances that can be found inside. Our mission is to hunt down people who have found an inheritance and steal the inheritances. If we can't, then we need to kill the people, especially anyone with an ancient bloodline," Yang Kong became very serious as he continued to explain.

Lu Yin was surprised by this bit of news. "Ancient bloodlines?"

Yang Kong shared a bit of information about how people with ancient bloodlines were being chased and killed by desiccated corpses. "There were also some ancient bloodlines in the Starfall Sea, but they've already been cleaned up. The existence of people with ancient bloodlines might open up an

inheritance that could harm the Aeternals, so make sure you attack and kill anyone you meet with an ancient bloodline. Doing so will earn you merit, and when the Aeternals conquer the Fifth Mainland, such accomplishments might be enough for you to remain human."

Dojo Master Si had never mentioned any details regarding the mission that she had been given, and Si Xiao'er was not able to ask about such a thing either. But at this moment, Lu Yin was finally learning that all of them were being sent into Burial Garden to hunt down anyone with an ancient bloodline.

The Aeternals' corpse kings were unable to enter Burial Garden. It was a forbidden place for all corpse kings, as entering would invariably lead to their deaths. Only humans could hunt down and kill the possessors of ancient bloodlines once they entered Burial Garden. This was why the Aeternals needed some human minions.

"Conquer the Fifth Mainland? I heard that there are three Progenitors standing guard at the passage to the Fifth Mainland. How can the Aeternals possibly get in?" Lu Yin suddenly asked.

Yang Kong simply said, "That's not something that you need to worry about. All you need to know is that the Aeternals will definitely take over the Fifth Mainland in the future. All you need to worry about is completing the mission that you've been given and eliminating as many ancient bloodlines as possible.

"Oh, and also," As Yang Dong continued, he suddenly looked up. "While you're in Burial Garden keep an eye out for a young man named Lu Yin."

"Lu Yin? Who's that?" Lu Yin acted ignorant.

Yang Kong's voice grew cold. "Don't worry about that either. Just keep an eye out for him, and also, make sure that you're careful and don't get found by him. There's no way that kid's any weaker than you."

Lu Yin showed a face of surprise. "Is he an Envoy?"

"No, but he's even more terrifying than a regular Envoy." Yang Kong became very solemn, though excitement danced in his eyes.

Lu Yin also became very serious. "Got it. I'll keep an eye out for him."

Yang Kong snorted derisively. "That kid's the most powerful youth of his entire generation in the Fifth Mainland, and he's able to fight against Envoys while being an Enlighter, just like me. I must erase the shame of my defeat by finding him again!"

Lu Yin's eyes focused intently; had Yang Kong been defeated by him before? That confirmed it: Yang Kong was definitely Bu Kong. Lu Yin had never fought against anyone named Yang Kong, but he had beaten Bu Kong before.

Even though Lu Yin had already been confident that he knew Yang Kong's real identity, this was just more proof that Yang Kong was really Bu Kong.

As he processed Yang Kong's comment about how the Aeternals would eventually conquer the Fifth Mainland, as well as where he was, Lu Yin suddenly had a terrible guess.

Bang!

He heard a metal chain, and he turned to see what it was. There was a corpse king nearby dragging a group of chained people. The corpse king turned to stare at Lu Yin with its hideous scarlet eyes that blazed with cruelty.

Lu Yin watched as the chained-up people slowly approached them.

"These are people who came out of this gate and were captured. They're now also candidates to be sent back into Burial Garden with us. If they prove useful, we'll keep them," Yang Kong casually commented.

The prisoners quickly arrived.

Lu Yin stared at two of the people in absolute amazement. One was a woman with disheveled hair, fierce eyes, and who wore green clothes. Was that really Lulu Mavis? The other person was Ku Lei.

Could Lu Yin go anywhere at all without meeting people he knew?

There were a total of sixteen prisoners. Some seemed frightened while others remained calm, and there were also some who were angry and cussing.

"Pick out a few and take them with you. Find a way to get them to cooperate, or kill them if they refuse," Yang Kong coldly ordered.

Lu Yin picked out Lulu Mavis and Ku Lei without hesitation, and he ended up taking four people with him in total.

There were still four days left before it was time to enter Burial Garden.

Lu Yin did not return to Water God Dojo, as it was clear that Dojo Master Si was not happy with him. There was no need to make the situation more awkward.

The West City was massive, and Lu Yin found a random place to toss Ku Lei and the other two aside before taking Lulu away to speak with her alone.

"I won't help you, you traitor!" Lulu stared at Lu Yin with pure spite. Her eyes blazed as she gritted her teeth.

Lu Yin grinned back at the girl. "Your luck is really terrible to have ended up in the Starfall Sea."

Lulu snorted. She had no desire to speak to this person.

"It looks like they don't know you're a part of the Mavis family," Lu Yin remarked.

Those words brought about an instant change in Lulu's expression, and her eyes locked onto Lu Yin. "What did you just say?"

"I said that you're a part of the Mavis family." Lu Yin spoke slowly.

Lulu could not believe her ears. "You- how do you know?"

There had been several announcements during the Sixth Mainland's invasion that all members of the Mavis family were to be captured alive as they held a unique status in both the Fifth and Sixth Mainlands. If Yang Kong were aware that Lulu was part of the Mavis family, there was no way he would have allowed Lu Yin to take her. That was for certain.

Lu Yin moved closer to Lulu, but there was no moisture left within his body. He looked no different from a desiccated corpse, making his appearance both terrifying and disgusting. She reflexively took a step back, and her eyes nervously flitted about as she stared at Lu Yin. "Who are you?"

"We made an agreement that you would lend me some money and that I would then help you get something from Astral-10, remember? Classmate Lulu Mavis." Lu Yin spoke slowly.

Lulu's eyes went wide and her mouth fell open in disbelief. "Lu- Lu Yin?"

Lu Yin smiled and spread his arms out wide. "It's been a long time, Lulu. Come give me a hug!"

Lulu squeaked. Lu Yin truly looked disturbing at this moment, and all the hair on her body stood on end. "You- are you really Lu Yin?"

"There's no way I'm a fake." Lu Yin laughed. It was quite entertaining to scare this girl.

Lulu shook her head and blew out a puff of air. "I don't believe you! How can you be Lu Yin?"

"I am, as who else knows about our agreement? Actually, you never told me what it is that you wanted from Astral-10," Lu Yin replied.

Lulu felt terribly confused. "Are you really Lu Yin?"

"Absolutely."

"Then tell me if you paid back the money you borrowed from me!"

"I paid it all back."

Lulu instantly shouted, "No, you didn't pay me back!"

Lu Yin rolled his eyes. "You're a member of the Mavis family's main branch, so it's really not good to go back on your word. We agreed that I would let you freely explore the Great Yu Empire's imperial palace so that you could search for the Undying Manual, which was also why you went to Earth for the trial. You agreed to that instead of money. Are you really going to claim that I never paid you back?"

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Lulu started to get excited as she listened to Lu Yin's words. "You're really Lu Yin?"

She leaped up and embraced him fiercely. "You really are Lu Yin! This is great! It's you, Lu Yin!"

Lu Yin hugged Lulu back. "Alright, calm down. We need to hurry up."

Lulu quickly calmed herself, though her face was still flushed from the excitement. "Lu Yin, why are you here?"

Suddenly, her expression changed completely, and her eyes grew fierce once more. "Did you betray humanity?"

Lu Yin was left speechless. "What are you talking about? No one here knows who I am, so don't expose me!"

Lulu felt confused. "No one knows who you are?"

Lu Yin lifted his chin. "I'm Lie Yanzi! I'm from one of Grayweed Continent's seventy two dojos: Skyblaze Dojo. Make sure to refer to me as Senior Lie Yanzi for now."

Lulu was completely baffled. "You're Lie Yanzi? What in the world's going on?"

Lu Yin coughed. "Why do you have so many questions? Basically, don't let anyone know who I am or else neither of us will be able to escape."

Lulu suddenly understood, and she pointed a finger at Lu Yin. "Were you also unlucky enough to go through the wrong exit gate?"

Lu Yin rolled his eyes. "I did it deliberately in order to take some risks and enjoy some excitement. Got it?"

"You were just unlucky like the rest of us, only you didn't get caught," Lulu stated firmly.

Lu Yin pursed his lips. "Anyways, that's enough about that. Just keep my identity a secret and don't expose me."

Lulu nodded obediently.

"In four days, we're going to go through the gate that you came out of, so just act like you're a part of the group," Lu Yin said. He made no attempt to ask Lulu about what she had experienced in Burial Garden.

Lulu pouted. "That's just stupid! They won't let us do that without being able to control us somehow."

"Yep, poison," Lu Yin agreed. "I've already been poisoned."

Lulu's expression changed. "Then you're done for. No one can remove the Aeternals' poison. Lu Yin, you're already dead."

Lu Yin stretched out a hand and flicked her forehead. "Who says that I'm dead? I've got a plan, though there's no real guarantee that it'll work. Still, there's a good chance to have the poison removed. What about you? What are you going to do now? Risk being poisoned along with me, or wait here to be slaughtered? You could also reveal that you're a part of the Mavis family, and that guy might not kill you."

Lulu immediately replied, "I'm going to get poisoned too."

"Aren't you afraid?"

"Didn't you just say you've got a plan to get rid of the poison?"

"I also said that there's no guarantee."

"That can't be helped, and it's still better than dying right now. At least we can put up a fight."

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For Lulu, Lu Yin's appearance was like the rising dawn. This was going to be just like when all of Astral-10's students had gone to Chaos Flowzone and the Starfall Sea! Even if they were about to be poisoned and eventually die, Lulu was still happy to see Lu Yin.

At this moment, Ku Lei was experiencing the complete opposite emotions of Lulu.

"You recognized me." This was the very first thing that Lu Yin said to Ku Lei when the two of them met.

Ku Lei's eyes flickered. "Who are you? I don't know you."

Lu Yin's voice dropped low, "When you first saw me outside Burial Garden's gate, your eyes changed. You weren't able to hide that from me, and no one can get you out of here other than me. What do you think will happen to you without me? Your choices were to either die or betray humanity, and the second option has been taken away because I'll kill you right now myself."

Ku Lei's eyes narrowed, and a cold glint appeared in their depths, though he remained silent.

Lu Yin stared at him. "Do you still not want to admit it? It looks like you want to die, so I'll help you along."

Lu Yin raised a hand and swung his hand down. Just as he was about to strike Ku Lei, the young man shouted, "Lu Yin!"

Lu Yin's hand instantly stopped. The wind from his movement caused Ku Lei's hair to flutter, and he was even pushed a few steps back. "You really did recognize me."

Ku Lei's eyes flickered. He knew that Lu Yin was testing him, but he was also certain that Lu Yin would not hesitate to actually kill him. Lu Yin was both a cultivator and a ruler of countless people. Ku Lei could not afford to gamble with his only life with such a person.

"How did you recognize me?" Lu Yin asked. He was very curious about this, as not even Envoys were able to see past his current appearance. Lulu, who had been his close classmate, had not recognized him either. Despite that, Ku Lei had recognized Lu Yin despite the two only seeing each other a handful of times.

Ku Lei softly said, "You're using our ancestor's battle technique. If I'm right, it should be the legendary Extremes Must Be Reversed."

Lu Yin's eyes instantly went wide as he remembered that the Ku family was Progenitor Ku's descendants.

"You can recognize Extremes Must Be Reversed? Does your Ku family still have this battle technique?" Lu Yin was surprised.

Ku Lei shook his head, and envy filled his eyes as he looked at Lu Yin. "No, we don't. If we did, we would have never been forced into a corner where we don't even have the right to deal with a member of our own family!"

He was referring to Ku Wei and how the Ku family had wanted to punish Ku Wei, but Lu Yin used the Lockbreakers Society to force them to release Ku Wei.

"It sounds like you're saying that, if your Ku family gets this technique, they won't have to submit to even the Lockbreakers Society, right?" Lu Yin sneered.

Ku Lei remained stoic. "Even if you've trained in the technique, you still don't know much about the technique itself. Lu Yin, make a deal. If you give my Ku family Extremes Must Be Reversed, you can have all of the resources at our disposal! Anything you want, so long as we have it, it will be given to you!"

Lu Yin laughed. "Can you represent the entire Ku family?"

Ku Lei was dead serious. "Yes, as long as you agree to return the battle technique to us."

Lu Yin put up a hand to interrupt Ku Lei. "Alright, the first thing that we need to do is fix your phrasing. I never took anything from you at all. I happened to learn this technique, and at best, it's an inheritance from Progenitor Ku that has nothing to do with your Ku family."

Ku Lei said, "Regardless, Progenitor Ku is my Ku family's ancestor, so it's only natural for his battle techniques to be returned to my family."

"Then it's also only natural for me to kill you right now. What the hell gave you the balls to speak back to me at this place?" Lu Yin asked coldly.

Ku Lei was rendered speechless.

After a period of silence, he replied, "Let's make a trade. Lu Yin, you won't suffer from giving us Extremes Must Be Reversed. After all, you've already learned it, and after you teach it to my Ku family, you can ask for the Ku family's entire wealth. Do you want star essence? My family has loads of it."

Lu Yin said, "Let's not talk about this for now. You just told me that I don't even have a real understanding of the technique, so I still need to train it further. You also said that gaining this technique would allow your family to ignore the Lockbreakers Society. So tell me, just how powerful is Extremes Must Be Reversed?"

Ku Lei frowned.

"What? Do you not want to talk now? Then no deal. I've always been wondering just how valuable this technique that I picked up is, so don't try to keep this from me. Back then, it wasn't just the Lockbreakers Society that



interfered with Ku Wei's matter, but rather the president of the entire Lockbreakers Society, Xiu Ming himself. He's an Array Grandmaster, which places him on the same level as a Semi-Progenitor. This means that this Extremes Must Be Reversed will give your family the leverage to ignore a Semi-Progenitor, which means that you'll step onto the same level as the Xia family. Why? The Xia family has their status because they descended from Progenitor Chen," Lu Yin spoke slowly, his voice dripping with contempt for Ku Lei's attempt to hide things.

Ku Lei was an arrogant person, and he sneered at Lu Yin's words. "What about Progenitor Chen? Progenitor Ku and the Xia family's Progenitor Chen each controlled one of the Nine Mountains and Eight Seas, which means that their status was equal! Progenitor Chen was considered invincible just because of his nine clones, but Progenitor Ku was also very powerful as he possessed the power of time."

This was the first time that Lu Yin had heard such a rumor regarding Progenitor Ku, but he remembered that someone in the Perennial World's Dominion Realm had once mentioned that the more powerful the Progenitor was, the further within the Dominion Realm their territory would be. Progenitor Ku's territory had been close to the edge of the Mother Tree, which indicated that he had not been particularly powerful. However, Ku Lei was saying that Progenitor Ku had controlled one of the Nine Mountains and Eight Seas.

Lu Yin had once believed that the Nine Mountains and Eight Seas were nothing more than a showpiece that Progenitor Hui had left behind to deceive the Aeternals and the Sixth Mainland. But later, Lu Yin had entered a part of the Mountains and Seas in the ruins of the Fifth Mainland's Daosource Sect. There, he had learned that the Nine Mountains and Eight Seas truly did contain the inheritances of Progenitors.

Had Progenitor Ku been one of those Progenitors?

If that was true, then Progenitor Ku had certainly not been weak.

"What's the power of time?" Lu Yin asked.

Ku Lei hesitated for a while, but he finally said, "I don't know the details, but my Ku family is absolutely certain of one thing: when the Daosource Sect still stood, Progenitor Ku's position was not at all inferior to Progenitor Chen's. If Progenitor Ku's inheritance had been perfectly preserved, then the Xia family might not have ended up the leaders of the Seven Courts."

In truth, Lu Yin did not believe this. The Sixth Mainland actually denied acknowledging Progenitor Chen's mere existence and had tried to blot him out

of history. That required a level of invincibility that no one else could compare to. However, if Progenitor Ku really did have the power of time, then things might not be so straightforward.

There was Progenitor Ku, Progenitor Chen, the Rune Progenitor, and more. With so many peerless experts, it made absolutely no sense for the Fifth Mainland to have lost to the Sixth Mainland.

"Brother Lu, my Ku family will be open and honest when negotiating with you," Ku Lei said as he looked at Lu Yin with a powerful anticipation lighting his eyes.

Lu Yin did not agree to making a deal, but he also did not refuse. This was how he had managed to drag the Wen family along for so long, and he intended to do the same thing to the Ku family.

However, in order to work with the Ku family, Lu Yin first needed to get word back to the family, which meant that Ku Lei could not die and had to return to his family.

"We'll set the battle technique aside for now, as any sort of deal means nothing if we can't get back," Lu Yin said.

It was only then that Ku Lei remembered he was in the Starfall Sea and that he had been captured by the Aeternals. This really was not the time to be lusting after Extremes Must Be Reversed.

There were only two options available to everyone who came out of the exit gate in the Aeternal Kingdom: cooperation or death.

In the end, Ku Lei could only choose to cooperate. However, Lu Yin made no mention about the possibility of removing the poison to Ku Lei. The young man knew that he would die, but he was determined to send a message back to his family. As for whether or not he also shared Yang Kong's matter with them, Lu Yin did not care. Yang Kong's life meant nothing to Lu Yin.

Also, Lu Yin was under no illusions that Yang Kong would ever provide him with the antidote to the poisons.

The other two people also chose to cooperate and be poisoned, as they feared death as well.

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Only two days remained before the appointed time to enter Burial Garden.

The day before the planned excursion, Lu Yin received word from Yang Kong that everyone who had come out from the gate needed to be eliminated.

Lu Yin was startled. "Eliminated? What are you talking about?"

Yang Kong solemnly said, "We don't need any of them."

"But they're willing to accept the poison. I even convinced them like you said," Lu Yin protested.

"There's no need. After all, they could easily expose us, so we need to get rid of them all. These are my father's orders." Yang Kong immediately hung up.

Lu Yin suspected that this decision had not been made by the city master, but rather by the Aeternals, as they were extremely cautious.

They had built up the Neohuman Alliance in the Fifth Mainland and cultivated Redbacks and traitors in the Perennial World. The Aeternals had always excelled at remaining hidden, and sure enough, Ku Lei intended to inform his family of Extremes Must Be Reversed and the Aeternals' plans to hunt down the ancient bloodlines within Burial Gate as soon as he returned.

It was also possible that other people had the same intention, and if Lu Yin were in the Aeternals' position, he would also rather kill some people than risk them leaking sensitive information.

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There was no other choice. Lu Yin took care of the two people who had been willing to hunt down the ancient bloodlines for the Aeternals, as he had verified that the two were genuinely willing to cooperate with the Aeternals. He had no qualms about killing such people.

After that, he went to see Ku Lei and Lulu.

"What's this?" Lulu exclaimed as she stared at Zenith Mountain. At the moment, it was only half a meter tall and it looked like a model of an actual mountain.

"There's no other choice. If you don't enter the mountain, you won't be able to go back." Lu Yin shrugged and then smiled at the two. "But the good news is that you don't have to be poisoned now."

Ku Lei arched a brow. "Why didn't you bring this up to begin with?"

Lulu also turned to look at Lu Yin. "Yeah! Couldn't we have gone back by using this from the beginning?"

Lu Yin coughed. "Don't worry about the details. All you need to know is that you two can get back safely by using this. But!"

He eyed them both in a very serious manner. "It costs a great deal of resources to activate this Zenith Mountain. Do you understand?"

Ku Lei was completely lost.

Lulu just snorted contemptuously. "How much?"

Lu Yin looked at her with shining eyes. "A lot."

"How much is 'a lot?'"

"How much do you have?"

Lulu instantly grew wary. "What are you talking about? Are you going to determine the cost of activating this thing based on how much I have? Lu Yin, don't think I don't know what you're trying to pull! My Mavis family is wealthy, but that doesn't mean that we can be frivolous with our spending!"

Lu Yin set a hand on Lulu's shoulder and said in a very serious tone, "I'm saving your life."

Lulu opened her mouth to retort but found that she actually did not have anything that she could say, as Lu Yin was absolutely correct. Without him, she would have already died. This thought made her feel a bit dejected. "I've got 20 million star essence on me at the moment."

The corner of Lu Yin's mouth twitched. He then thought of the funds that he had just acquired, and he realized that he was just wasting his energy on this nonsense. "Give me everything you have, but honestly, it's not enough."

Lulu felt frustrated at this. "How much do you need?"

Lu Yin snorted disdainfully. "These star essence are what determines the level of attacks that this thing can protect you from. 20 million star essence? It's not even enough to activate the defenses."

He then glanced over at Ku Lei, who grew embarrassed. "I- I only have 10 million."

Lu Yin was left speechless. "Are you two really that broke?"

In reality, 30 million star essence was a large amount for anyone to possess, not to mention people like Ku Lei and Lulu who were not even Enlighteners. This was actually a significant amount of money. The problem was that Lu Yin simply had too much at this moment, and almost everything paled in comparison to his over 30 billion star essence.

However, he did not mention anything about this to either of them, as he did not want to scare them. Also, Lu Yin was getting anxious to leave.

"By the way, I'm going to warn you that there are some other people already on Zenith Mountain, so get along with them and don't start any fights. Otherwise, you'll get hurt," Lu Yin cautioned as he threw Lulu and Ku Lei into Zenith Mountain.

There were already five people on Zenith Mountain: Long Xi, Wen Diyi, Crown Prince Gui Qian, Yun Tingting, and Liu Hao. Quite simply, all of them were much stronger than Lulu and Ku Lei.

While Zenith Mountain looked small, it was only possible to truly understand its massive size after entering the mountain, though both Lulu and Ku Lei were aware that this was the same mountain that ZENITH had taken place on.

Lu Yin sent Lulu to a place not far from Yun Tingting. Yun Tingting had a peaceful personality, and she would not do anything to Lulu.

On the other hand, Ku Lei was close to Crown Prince Gui Qian.

Ku Lei looked around the gloomy area that he had arrived at. It felt a bit cold.

"Who are you?" A low, disturbing voice spoke up. Naturally, it was Crown Prince Gui Qian.

Ku Lei frowned and looked around but found no one. He snorted derisively and opened a hand, causing lightning to shoot out in every direction. "Who are you? Show yourself!"

The lightning was powerful, and it erupted in all directions, but it instantly disappeared the moment it touched the death energy that suddenly appeared.

Ku Lei was startled. "Death energy? Someone from the Specter clan?"

Crown Prince Gui Qian opened his golden eyes and instantly appeared directly in front of Ku Lei. Their eyes locked, and a roar echoed through Ku Lei's brain as he was overcome by an uncontrollable fear.

Ku Lei was very powerful. He was one of the Seven Courts' inheritors, and he had once been comparable to the Ten Arbiters even though he had recently been on a long losing streak. However, at the moment, Ku Lei was facing Crown Prince Gui Qian, who had already opened his lower meridian point. This person was even stronger than Ku Lei's master.

Crown Prince Gui Qian, Long Xi, and Nong Sanniang were all about as strong as each other, and they far surpassed the Ten Arbiters, let alone Ku Lei.

Ku Lei was suppressed by the golden eyes. He tried to free himself with his nine lined battle force, but the death energy overpowered his battle force, and he found himself completely helpless to fight back.

"Who are you?" Crown Prince Gui Qian demanded. Despite completely suppressing Ku Lei, the prince was not overly ruthless with his actions. Anyone sent to Zenith Mountain was someone Lu Yin deemed valuable, so Crown Prince Gui Qian did not dare to push too far.

Ku Lei gritted his teeth. He did not dare to look back into those golden eyes. Sweat poured from his forehead as he gasped for air.

Lu Yin put Zenith Mountain away again. He had no worries about Ku Lei's safety, as he knew that Crown Prince Gui Qian would not push too far. This was why Lu Yin had taken advantage of this opportunity to suppress Ku Lei.

Ku Lei was too arrogant and rash, and although Lu Yin was inclined to simply kill the man, he was still quite useful. He could be used as Lu Yin's messenger to the Ku family to let them know that he possessed Extremes Must Be Reversed. On top of that, Ku Lei was someone who had refused to betray humanity even in the face of death. He had lines that he would not cross, and Lu Yin was forced to begrudgingly respect that.

The following day, Lu Yin arrived at the gate to Burial Garden at the scheduled hour.

He was not alone, as there was also Dojo Master Si and several Enlighters. Each person was someone at the cusp of becoming an Envoy, and they were all more than qualified to hunt down people with ancient bloodlines.

After a while, Yang Kong also arrived, and he started handing out communications crystals.

Lu Yin stared at the crystal in his hand, as these items were what the Perennial World used for communication, but surprisingly, he was looking at them in the Starfall Sea.

"What you're all holding are called communication crystals, and you can use them to communicate with others while in Burial Garden. Gadgets don't work in there," Yang Kong explained before instructing everyone on how to use the communications crystals.

Lu Yin followed along with the instructions while acting as though this was his first time using one of the crystals.

Soon, Yang Kong led everyone into the gate and into Burial Garden.

When entering Burial Garden, even if two people held hands, they would each appear in a random location.

This time, Lu Yin found himself in a wasteland. The moment he arrived, he found himself face to face with another person. They were actually less than a meter from each other.

The man stared at Lu Yin and absently blinked. "Um, hello."

Lu Yin stared at the young man. No, this was simply someone with a youthful appearance, but his eyes were too cloudy to belong to an actual youth.

"Hello," Lu Yin replied.

The man warily kept an eye on Lu Yin, and there was a hint of fear in his expression. Lu Yin's withered appearance was just too disturbing. "Well, goodbye."

The man rushed off at top speed, and he even used a battle technique that caused the void to twist. The man's actions were almost instantaneous.

Lu Yin smiled and stepped forward, disappearing from where he had stood. He immediately appeared in front of the fleeing man, once again less than a meter away.

The man came to a stop when he crashed into Lu Yin. His expression twisted terribly when he saw who was standing in front of him, and he instinctively clasped a weapon in his hand as he stared at Lu Yin. "Um, um, are you a wandering corpse?"

Lu Yin glanced around. "Where is this?"

The man swallowed. "I don't know. I'm also just passing through, so can you stop chasing me? I'm in a hurry."

"I also have something urgent that I need to take care of," Lu Yin replied in an indifferent tone.

The man grimaced. "Then why are you chasing me?"

"Because I want to know what's been happening in Burial Garden recently," Lu Yin replied, still as calm as ever.

The man was startled by this. "Aren't you a wandering corpse?"

"Can a wandering corpse talk?" Lu Yin shot back.

"Yes! There've already been reports of a wandering corpse speaking!" the man exclaimed.

Lu Yin was taken aback by this. "Is there really a talking corpse?"

"That's what they say."

Lu Yin kept the man pinned in place. "Come now, tell me what's happened in Burial Garden recently."

The man realized that Lu Yin was insistent, and he did not even try to resist this powerhouse. He had realized how much stronger Lu Yin was just from the difference in their speeds. This person was an absolute monster. The man shrugged. "I don't know much."

"What do you know?" Lu Yin pressed.

Half a day later, the man fled as fast as he could.

Lu Yin was left thinking. Burial Garden had become increasingly active while he was in the Starfall Sea, mostly because many people with ancient bloodlines had entered and found various inheritances. Some other people had also seen Progenitor Chen, so it seemed that Lu Yin had not been mistaken; he really had seen Progenitor Chen in this place.

People with ancient bloodlines continued to pour into Burial Garden, and inheritances continued to appear. There were so many inheritances that experts continued to be lured into Burial Garden, which was also the reason why the Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect had been attacked.

There was one detail that greatly intrigued Lu Yin, as it concerned Unseen Light.

There were rumors that Unseen Light had picked up an inheritance and then managed to escape from a powerful Envoy, which had shocked countless people. This was the second time anyone had ever heard of an Enlightener confronting an Envoy and successfully escaping or fighting.

Lu Yin was naturally the first Enlightener who had fought an Envoy, and he had not even fled, but had rather defeated them.

Lu Yin was curious as to what sort of inheritance Unseen Light had picked up that could allow him to fight against an Envoy.

Lu Yin had encountered his own extraordinary opportunities to reach his current level of strength, and Unseen Light was steadily chasing after him. There was no way that Unseen Light was the only one either.

The communication crystal trembled, and an image appeared in the air in front of Lu Yin. "Lie Yanzi, where are you?"

"No idea. Where are you?"



Yang Kong replied, "We will each carry out the mission individually. Remember, the more you accomplish, the greater the rewards you'll receive. You'll be given endless resources for your efforts."

With that, the call ended.

Lu Yin sneered. Endless resources? There was no way he would believe that. In fact, he was not confident that he could satisfy his die even if he gathered up all the star essence in the entire Fifth Mainland.

What he needed to do was find an exit gate and leave Burial Garden.

Lu Yin chose a direction and started moving. He traveled in the same direction as the man who had just left. After all, Lu Yin had no idea where he should go, so he might as well follow that person.

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In Blazing Mist Flowzone, at the Ross Empire's mobile fortress, Wei Rong helplessly put down his gadget. "I still can't get in touch with him."

Qiong Xi'er was at the side, and she rolled her eyes. "If you can't, then just forget about it. Wang Wen dug this hole himself, so he'll need to dig himself out of it."

Wei Rong gave a small smile. "This isn't guaranteed to be a disaster. It's possible that another powerful Envoy might soon be added to our numbers."

Xia Yi was tied up beneath the fortress, and there was a spear piercing through his body, pinning him to a wall. His eyes were closed, and blood trickled down the spear.

At this moment, a figure emerged from the void and approached Xia Yi. "So the patriarch of the Seven Courts' renowned Xia family is actually in this sort of state."

Xia Yi opened his eyes to reveal bloodshot sclera as he stared at the person who had just arrived. "Who are you?"

"Someone who's going to help you."