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The announcement that the Progenitor of Secret Arts had betrayed humanity caused the Sixth Mainland to descend into chaos. The Daosource Sect began to thoroughly investigate people from the Progenitor of Secret Arts' Territory, and Bu Kong's betrayal was also brought to light.

At the same time, the Fifth Mainland did not remain idle. They needed to immediately respond to the Progenitor of Secret Arts' betrayal, as he had betrayed all of humanity, not merely the Sixth Mainland.

The overseers' council had to hold an emergency meeting, and Lu Yin received a message from Arch-Elder Zen to participate in the emergency council meeting.

The Hall of Honor could not get involved in anything related to the Sixth Mainland's Progenitor of Secret Arts, but those in the Outerverse who were loyal to the Progenitor all needed to be strictly investigated. Even more importantly, the Seven Skygods had failed in their attack on Burial Garden. With the sole exception of Whiteless God, all of the Skygods were dead for the moment. Arch-Elder Zen's intention when calling for the emergency council meeting was to have the overseers call upon the entire Fifth Mainland to attack the Neohuman Alliance.

The Hall of Honor had already located many of the Neohuman Alliance's strongholds. Most of the Skygods were dead at the moment, and Whiteless God alone would not be able to accomplish too much. The Neohuman Alliance needed to be culled as much and as quickly as possible.

There were numerous things that needed to be dealt with, and Lu Yin's gadget received countless messages. By the time he looked up, Tong Yu had already disappeared.

A massive amount of information had been sent to Lu Yin, but he had long since mentally prepared himself. Many suspicions had formed in his mind after he learned that Bu Kong had taken on the identity of Yang Kong.

Even though the Progenitor of Secret Arts's betrayal was a shocking event, Lu Yin had not found it unbelievable. He had already known that Bu Kong was not dead, and it was not much of a stretch from there to guess that the Progenitor of Secret Arts' attack on Aeternus Nation was nothing more than a farce. Fortunately, some form of Progenitor Chen's strength had been inside Burial Garden, or else the place would have been destroyed and all of the inheritances that it held would have been lost forever.

Burial Garden was currently sealed, but that did not mean that it was impossible for it to open once again in the future. Still, no one knew what had happened to the unfortunate ones who had been trapped within Burial Garden.

Lu Yin activated his gadget, and the display almost instantly showed all of the other overseers. Arch-Elder Zen had called for the council to convene immediately, and given the current situation, Lu Yin did not dare slack off.

In a rare show of unity, there was no dissent during the overseers' meeting. All of them were in agreement on what needed to be done. The Sixth Mainland needed to be contacted, and people needed to be sent out to keep an eye on the black hole that protected the Fifth Mainland. At the same time, the Neohuman Alliance's various strongholds were revealed to the universe, and they all needed to be eradicated as soon as possible.

The council sent out numerous edicts as fast as possible.

At the same time, the Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect showed a similarly quick reaction in the Outerverse. The three Semi-Progenitors who had been hidden within the Daosource Sect all moved out, and every cultivator from the Progenitor of Secret Arts' Territory was ordered to stay put. A cursory glance would see chaos reigning over the entire Fifth Mainland, but there was an order to this chaos.

After only a few days, many of the Neohuman Alliance's bases had been destroyed. The Hall of Honor had already known about all of these places, but they had left untouched due to fear of retaliation from the Seven Skygods. At this time, the Hall of Honor could act boldly.

In Gaia's Swamp, Lu Yin and the Warden sat across from each other.

The Warden was so enormous that Lu Yin could not even see the colossal giant's head. In fact, all Lu Yin could see were the Warden's toes.

Next to Lu Yin was a jug, but it was similarly massive and looked more like a house.

There was a bang as another jug slammed into the ground. The Warden let out a long breath. "So, you weren't the one who planned the Second Nightking's prison break?"

Lu Yin replied, "Of course not! At best, I simply harvested from someone else's labor, but you can't blame me for that. I even warned you about the escape attempt before anything happened."

This was something that the Warden did not want to hear, as Lu Yin had indeed given the Warden fair warning before the riot started, and Lu Yin had even been quite clear on who was involved in the scheme. The Warden really could not blame Lu Yin for what

had happened, and he could only blame himself for not being powerful enough to stop the prisoners from escaping.

The more the Warden thought about this, the worse he felt. He hefted the jug of liquor and downed a massive gulp. Lu Yin had no idea if it was intentional or not, but when the Warden drank, a great deal of the liquor spilled and fell onto the floor of the castle. As the alcohol rained down, each drop was large enough to drown Lu Yin.

He pursed his lips and simply forced the rain of liquor aside. "Where's Lǚ Cha? Is she not coming back?"

The Warden slammed the jug back onto the floor. "The Specter clan attacked and killed Lǚ Yan because he told you about the location of the Neohuman Alliance's Inniverse headquarters. Thanks to you, that woman nearly killed me."

Lu Yin coughed. "That can't be blamed on me, as I have a duty to eliminate the Neohuman Alliance."

The Warden was still upset, and he took another drink.

Lu Yin felt no remorse for his actions, but he did wonder if the Warden would be able to hold himself back if he learned that he had slept for so long because of Lu Yin.

"Why did you come back here? There should be nothing in Gaia's Swamp that can interest you, and Lǚ Cha won't be coming back," the Warden grumpily demanded.

Lu Yin replied, "I came here to absorb some death energy."

He made no attempt to conceal this fact.

The Warden was stunned. If anyone else had said this, they would have been captured and locked up long ago, but there was no way that the Warden could move against Lu Yin for such behavior. He had already been investigated by the Interstellar Supreme Court, and it had been determined that Lu Yin could absorb death energy without negative consequences.

"If you don't have anything else to do here, then just leave. Catastrophe always seems to strike whenever you visit me." The Warden was still quite upset.

Lu Yin politely excused himself and left. He had no more time to waste at Gaia's Swamp. It was important for the Great Eastern Alliance to participate in exterminating the Neohuman Alliance's bases, and there was also all the items that had been stolen, the items that had been purchased from the people who had emerged from Burial Garden through the exits in the Great Eastern Alliance's territory. Lu Yin was certain that there was some good stuff to be found.

Only a few days had passed, and yet many of the Neohuman Alliance's strongholds had been wiped out. Both the Fifth and Sixth Mainland had been bold in their actions.

As far as Arch-Elder Zen and the others were concerned, Whiteless God was the only one of the Seven Skygods left, and that meant that there was essentially no threat.

However, all of them had underestimated Whiteless God. After all, Whiteless God was the only one of the Skygods to have access to Aeterna, the Neohuman Alliance's list of human traitors.

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The Fifth Mainland had pulled out of the Outerverse's Ironblood Weave because of Lu Yin's plan. The Sixth Mainland had subsequently sent people to protect the weave and stop the Astral Beast Domain from invading the Outerverse. Fortunately, they had promptly sent out someone to replace the false Ancestor Autumnfrost; without that precaution, the Astral Beast Domain would have already invaded the Outerverse.

Ancestor Autumnfrost had been replaced by an Imprinter by the name of Qiu Xu. While he was not a World Imprinter, he was right at the cusp of becoming one, and he had managed to block the assault of an astral beast with a power level of more than 800,000 that the Celestial Demon Empire had sent to Ironblood Weave.

Recently, Cemetery Keeper had also arrived in Ironblood Weave, and he had become the most powerful expert in the entire weave. Qiu Xu had joined forces with Cemetery Keeper, and the two of them had almost managed to force the Astral Beast Domain out of Ironblood Weave.

The Sixth Mainland was not the same as the Fifth Mainland's Human Domain. The Sixth Mainland had more experts and more resources, and they were also innately able to suppress cultivators from the Fifth Mainland.

Countless astral beasts fought against people from the Sixth Mainland in outer space. Bloodstained planets and uncountable corpses floated about. Ironblood Weave's fortresses had all been destroyed.

The fortresses had once been important barriers that allowed the Fifth Mainland to block the astral beasts' invasion, but the Sixth Mainland did not bother to rebuild them. Their goal was to force their way into the Primal Zone and launch an invasion on the Astral Beast Domain instead of remaining on the defensive.

Cemetery Keeper was calmly standing tall in space. There was a corpse on his back.

No one nearby dared to approach the man, as his battlefield was one for those with the strength of a World Imprinter. Cemetery Keeper was actually engaged in a fierce battle with an astral beast that looked like a praying mantis, though a greatly enlarged one. It

was astoundingly fast, and Qiu Xu had already been injured by the creature. If Cemetery Keeper had not stepped forward, Qiu Xu would have already died.

There was a boom, but the corpse on Cemetery Keeper's back blocked an attack from the right side. The astral beast slashed at the corpse with an invisible attack, and it continued traveling past the corpse, slicing everything that it touched to pieces.

This attack already surpassed a power level of 800,000, and yet it could not destroy the corpse.

Cemetery Keeper moved forward, and one corpse after another suddenly began to appear. One of them was suddenly struck by something. Cemetery Keeper instantly switched places with that corpse and lashed out with a palm strike. A black palm print twisted the void as it shot out and struck the head of the astral beast that looked like a praying mantis.

This single palm strike managed to beat the creature back, and its wings cracked. "What an interesting creature."

Cemetery Keeper's eyes snapped open, and he stepped forward again. He continuously switched places with the numerous corpses that were sprinkled throughout this region of space.

The astral beast wanted to dice the corpses to bits, but doing so was too difficult. Each corpse was incredibly tough, and they could even be compared to power vessels.

Before long, the astral beast disappeared, and Cemetery Keeper started to collect his corpses that had been scattered across outer space. The Sixth Mainland had won this battle as well, and it would not be long before they forced their way into the Primal Zone.

Qiu Xu appeared behind Cemetery Keeper. The Imprinter's face was a bit pale. "We're not far from the Primal Zone. We should gather our strength and push forward!"

Cemetery Keeper replied in a cold voice, "The Celestial Beast Empire is not an easy opponent. If not, there is no way the Fifth Mainland's Hall of Honor would have been content to remain on the defense and not press their own assault."

"The Fifth Mainland can't compare to our Sixth Mainland at all." Qiu Xu contemptuously spat out as he stood beside Cemetery Keeper, who frowned. He was not accustomed to having living beings so close to him, though fortunately, there was half a meter between the two men. "The Progenitor of Secret Arts betrayed humanity, and there is a Neohuman Alliance fortress rather close to Ironblood Weave. Go wipe it out."

Qiu Xu agreed, "No problem."

He then turned around to leave, but then he suddenly swung a hand to attack Cemetery Keeper. Cemetery Keeper was startled, and he reflexively raised his own hand and released a Dead Man's Palm.

Boom!

The noise was loud enough to cause the void to tremble, and many cultivators looked over.

The Dead Man's Palm blew Qiu Xu away, and the black energy from the attack entered the Imprinter's body. His skin was quickly riddled with dark spots of corrosion.

Cemetery Keeper glared at the man with cold eyes. "What are you planning?"

Qiu Xu spat out blood, but he still sneered. "Cemetery Keeper, you're dead!"

The man then forced his injured body to move, and he fled Ironblood Weave.

Cemetery Keeper was about to give chase, but his expression suddenly and drastically changed. There was something very wrong, and he quickly realized that he had been poisoned! His body began to quickly age. He pulled out numerous corpses to protect him, and the area became completely filled with corpses.

One of the corpses suddenly aged and started to decay. It was eventually reduced to nothing more than dust, and another corpse quickly followed suit. Cemetery Keeper gritted his teeth. "Everyone from Justice Manor, bring out your full corpse inventory!"

Corpses began to appear everywhere in space. There were thousands of them, and their numbers only rose. However, the more that appeared, the more that became dust. As this happened, the cultivators from Justice Manor quickly refined the fresh corpses in space into their corpse puppets. The process was slow, but it was the only way that they could maintain their inventory of corpses.

In a blink of an eye, thousands of corpses had been reduced to dust, and Cemetery Keeper's hair had turned white. A crazed look appeared in his eyes. Just what poison could be this terrifying? He was not even able to transfer it!

When people from Justice Manor refined corpses, the corpses were basically an extension of the cultivator's body. It was common knowledge in the Sixth Mainland that there was no point in trying to poison people from Justice Manor, as they could transfer even the most toxic venom to one of their corpse puppets.

The corpse puppets were extensions of their bodies, so it was usually a simple matter to transfer poison into a corpse. This process should have been even easier for someone like Cemetery Keeper, as he was a powerhouse at the cusp of becoming a Cosmic Imprinter.



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Even though Cemetery Keeper could normally remove any kind of poison from his body without a problem, the one that Qiu Xu had inflicted upon him proved nearly impossible to resist. Not only were all of Cemetery Keeper's corpses consumed in the process, but so too were all the corpses that belonged to his underlings from Justice Manor. Without their corpse puppets, their combat strength took a sharp drop.

Finally, after all the corpse puppets were destroyed, Cemetery Keeper barely managed to gain a minor level of control over the poison. He then immediately returned to Justice Manor and proceeded to use the entire inventory of corpse puppets there to completely dispel the poison. He did not hesitate to leave Ironblood Weave; even if he had stayed, he was in no condition to hold back the Astral Beast Domain's forces.

While leaving, Cemetery Keeper made a point to contact the Daosource Sect and request that another powerhouse be sent to protect Ironblood Weave. While he did this, he made sure to report Qiu Xu's betrayal as well.

Cemetery Keeper's departure led to the collapse of Ironblood Weave's defenses. The enormous praying mantis casually slaughtered countless defenders from the Sixth Mainland who had stayed behind in Ironblood Weave, and it led countless astral beasts forward as they flooded out of Ironblood Weave. It was like a dam had burst, and the astral beasts flooded into the Outerverse's eastern weaves as they raced away from Ironblood Weave.

At this time, Lu Yin was making his way back to Blazing Mist Flowzone, but he was immediately contacted with the breaking news.

"What? Ironblood Weave was overrun?" Lu Yin was shocked, and his expression instantly soured.

He was on a video call with Shui Chuanxiao, who softly said, "According to the reports, Qiu Xu was cooperating with Corpse Keeper and the Sixth Mainland's forces to defend Ironblood Weave. However, Qiu Xu suddenly attacked and poisoned Corpse Keeper, forcing the man to retreat to Justice Manor. With both of them suddenly abandoning Ironblood Weave, the results were catastrophic, and all the defenders were slaughtered. Not a single person managed to escape. The astral beasts now control Ironblood Weave, and they've been rushing out into the asteroid field and Eastly Weave. From there, they'll definitely push into Northcastle, Grandtop, and Forested Weaves."

After that, they would reach Frostwave Weave! Lu Yin's expression grew darker and darker. Frostwave Weave was his bottom line. Nothing could be allowed to happen to that place.

He immediately ended the call with Shui Chuanxiao and called someone in the Celestial Beast Empire.

Before the Human Domain had evacuated their forces from Ironblood Weave, the overseers' council had notified the Celestial Beast Empire, as only the overseers had the means to directly speak to the Celestial Beast Empire's upper echelons.

Lu Yin called a Void Thunderbeast named Xu Qing. He was the Celestial Beast Empire's commander-in-chief, and his status was equivalent to what Shui Chuanxiao used to hold in the Human Domain. However, if Xu Qing was compared to Shui Chuanxiao, the Void Thunderbeast was far, far stronger. After all, the Astral Beast Domain was a place that respected personal strength more than anything, and according to the overseers' records, Xu Qing had a power level of at least a million.

When Ironblood Weave had been evacuated, Lu Yin's interaction with Xu Qing had been nothing more than a simple message that was delivered through the Hall of Honor's overseers' council rather than an individual person. At this moment, Lu Yin was making a personal call.

"Commander Xu Qing, I'm Lu Yin." Lu Yin looked at the image of a man that appeared on his gadget's display. This person was clearly a Void Thunderbeast, but he always appeared in a human form. He was reported to frequently claim that it was impossible to conquer humans without understanding humans.

The Astral Beast Domain had their Celestial Vanquisher's List, which was a list of every notable human that the astral beasts wished to be killed. The Human Domain had a comparable list, and Xu Qing was ranked very highly on it.

Xu Qing's human avatar had a majestic appearance and deep eyes. This form gave off a similar impression as Shui Chuanxiao, which led Lu Yin to believe that Xu Qing had used Shui Chuanxiao as a model for his human appearance. "So it's the Great Eastern Alliance's leader. I've heard of you for a long time."

"I've also long since admired Commander Xu Qing's reputation," Lu Yin replied. He kept his voice rather light as he spoke.

Xu Qing looked at Lu Yin with clear intrigue. "This is actually not our first time interacting with each other. When your Human Domain left Ironblood Weave, the message informing me of that matter should have originated from you, Alliance Leader Lu."



"It's impossible to hide anything from Commander Xu Qing. You're right—I'm the one who planned Ironblood Weave's evacuation and informed you of the matter." Lu Yin hid nothing.

Xu Qing sneered. "What a farce! You wanted to use my Astral Beast Domain to distract the Sixth Mainland. Even if I had publicly announced your intentions, it would have been useless. Many astral beasts have become obsessed with the idea of conquering Ironblood Weave. The truth is that you forced my Astral Beast Domain to become enemies with the Sixth Mainland in order to create a battlefield during a time of peace."

Lu Yin shrugged. "I can't be blamed for that. The Sixth Mainland took over the Outerverse, and seeing as how Ironblood Weave is a part of the Outerverse, it had to be handed over to them as well. How can my Fifth Mainland be expected to defend the Sixth Mainland's territory? On top of that, the Sixth Mainland has been enemies with my Fifth Mainland for a long time, which includes your Astral Beast Domain. I don't believe that Commander Xu Qing has already forgotten about the invasion that occurred about a decade ago. Your Astral Beast Domain was also invaded by the Sixth Mainland, and they caused quite a bit of damage to you."

Xu Qing nodded. "That's true. This also means that you withdrawing your forces from Ironblood Weave was simply a matter of business. Naturally, we don't owe you a thing for that matter, Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin's face twitched, as Xu Qing had just gotten one over on him. As expected of the Astral Beast Domain's Commander, Xu Qing must have anticipated the reason for Lu Yin's call, and he was already refusing before Lu Yin said a thing. "Abandoning Ironblood Weave was indeed a business matter, though I must tell you, Commander, if you continue to advance, it will no longer be just a matter of business."

Xu Qing smiled. "In the past, you used my Astral Beast Domain to force the Sixth Mainland to fight on a new battlefield. Back then, I gave a promise, Alliance Leader Lu: we would not attack ordinary humans, and there would be no debts between you and I."

"I want the same thing from you now. Your Astral Beast Domain has already taken Ironblood Weave, so I ask that you continue as before and do not attack ordinary humans," Lu Yin stated. This was the primary motivation for his call to Xu Qing. The Ironblood Weave had fallen, and countless astral beasts had already entered the surrounding asteroid field and the Eastly Weave. Soon, they would enter the Northcastle, Grandtop, and Forested Weaves. Not even Frostwave Weave would be able to escape from the invasion unscathed. If the astral beasts started attacking ordinary humans, the slaughter would be more than terrifying.

Xu Qing took a moment to stare at Lu Yin. Finally, the commander smiled and shook his head. "Alliance Leader Lu, I did originally promise not to attack ordinary humans, but much time has passed since then, and you had nothing at all to do with our victory in Ironblood Weave this time. We were the ones who defeated the Sixth Mainland and

annihilated their entire army, destroying Ironblood Weave's defenses. You can't expect a one-time agreement to become a permanent arrangement."

Lu Yin's expression fell. "If I had not passed that message to you, then not only would the Sixth Mainland have been able to defend Ironblood Weave, but given the strength of Ancestor Autumnfrost and Cemetery Keeper, they would have also slaughtered everyone in the Primal Zone, and your losses would have been catastrophic."

Xu Qing smiled. "That doesn't matter. Anyone who enters the Primal Zone must be prepared to die. Isn't it the same for Ironblood Weave? All of your cultivators in Ironblood Weave are prepared to die. If one fears death, they can't step onto a battlefield. I see that you don't understand the phrase 'fight to the death,' Alliance Leader Lu."

"A so-called 'fight to the death' is actually a fight after death, as everyone fighting already considers themselves to be among the dead rather than part of the living."

Lu Yin's voice grew hard. "I'm talking about losses, not willingness to fight. The Primal Zone would have been wiped out. Then what could your Astral Beast Domain have used to attack Ironblood Weave?"

Xu Qing was completely unconcerned. "If that had happened, we would have pushed forward one step at a time. I, Skymender, and even the emperor would have joined the battlefield, and we would have taken the Primal Zone back step by step. This is war. If you are so concerned about the humans, why did you not prepare sooner, Alliance Leader Lu? Did you really believe that we would never break through Ironblood Weave?"

Xu Qing's voice suddenly grew harsh. "This is an insult to the entire Astral Beast Domain! In our eyes, Ironblood Weave and all the surrounding weaves are a battlefield! There are times when you humans are too hypocritical."

Lu Yin's gaze sharpened, and a killing intent flickered in the depths of his eyes.

Xu Qing and Lu Yin stared at each other for a moment. Suddenly, the topic changed, and Xu Qing's voice became more gentle once more. "However, it's not like I can't give the promise that you're asking for, as long as you fulfill one condition of mine."

Lu Yin's voice dropped, "Say it."

Xu Qing looked into Lu Yin's cold eyes and slowly spoke each word, "I want the power you demonstrated during the last final battle of ZENITH."

The God of Death Transformation? Lu Yin arched a brow. There were so many people eying him for the power that he had displayed during ZENITH, and it only made sense that some beings from the Astral Beast Domain would be among those envious eyes. At

the end of ZENITH, Shang Qing's Tri-Yang Ancestral Qi Technique had looked invincible, and he had tried to provoke all the other contestants to join forces against him. However, the Progenitor of Combat had personally stopped his plan. After that, Shang Qing had been defeated by Lu Yin's God of Death Transformation, and the sight of the God of Death's power had left a deep impression in countless people's hearts.

It did not matter if people had heard of the God of Death or not, all of them desired the God of Death's power.

"How about it, Alliance Leader Lu? This is a matter that depends on your own morals. Do all of those ordinary humans mean more to you than a single technique?" Xu Qing spoke arrogantly. He looked like he had already won.

Lu Yin's finger twitched. "What if I say no?"

Xu Qing sneered. "Then I can't make any promises about what will happen in the Outerverse. Beasts have an animalistic nature. I just hope that you can live with the final outcome."

The commander immediately ended the call after saying that.

The moment that Corpse Keeper had abandoned Ironblood Weave, the Astral Beast Domain seized the initiative, and humans were unable to find even a single foothold to resist.

While it was true that the Outerverse had been given to the Sixth Mainland, Lu Yin could not simply abandon it. It was the place where the Great Eastern Alliance had been founded, and Frostwave Weave was still there. That weave belonged to Lu Yin, not the Sixth Mainland, and it held Zenyu Star, and even more importantly, Earth.

As soon as the astral beasts started slaughtering humans, Earth would be finished. Everyone there would die. That was not an outcome that Lu Yin could accept.

Lu Yin was completely unconcerned with the Sixth Mainland's reaction; all he cared about was protecting Frostwave Weave.

He should not have been so impatient and contacted Xu Qing so soon. Lu Yin's actions had forced him into a passive position, but caring deeply for something tended to make people impatient and illogical.

Lu Yin took a deep breath and calmed himself down. After that, he called Xin Jiao and the other overseers and asked them to speak with the Sixth Mainland to find out what the Sixth Mainland intended to do in response to the Astral Beast Domain's invasion.

Before long, Lu Yin received an answer: nothing. The Sixth Mainland would do nothing for the time being.

The Sixth Mainland was completely unconcerned about whether the people in the Outerverse's eastern weaves lived or died. Rather, they were more concerned about dealing with the Neohuman Alliance and the people from the Progenitor of Secret Arts' Territory. Anything and everything else could wait for the time being.

At this time, Lu Yin's gadget beeped. Elder Lohar was calling him.

Lu Yin answered, and he instantly saw Elder Lohar's haggard face on the display. "Alliance Leader Lu, Ironblood Weave has fallen."

"I know." Lu Yin's voice was soft.

Elder Lohar's eyes dropped. "I've already reached out to Mt. Microcosms, but-" He hesitated before continuing to say, "Mt. Microcosms replied that the Outerverse now belongs to the Sixth Mainland and that our Fifth Mainland has nothing to do with it any longer. As for the Sixth Mainland, what will they do? Do they even care? "

The Hall of Honor's reaction did not surprise Lu Yin in the least.

"Does the Outerverse really have nothing to do with us?" Elder Lohar quietly raged. There was a hint of a crazed glint in his eyes. "How many people have defended Ironblood Weave over the generations? That place is our very life and humanity's line of defense! The name of the weave has been burnt into the memories of countless people and claimed countless lives! We cannot allow it to fall! Overseer Lu, can you understand our feelings?"

"Ironblood Weave is not simply a place to us, but a living being. It is crying! Untold numbers of our ancestors have been buried there, and their spirits are also crying!"

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Lu Yin froze at Elder Lohar's words. This was a feeling that Lu Yin simply could not comprehend. To him, Ironblood Weave was nothing more than a line of defense, which was why it had been so easy for him to order Elder Lohar and the others to withdraw. In fact, Lu Yin's reason for contacting Xu Qing had been due to his worry over Frostwave Weave, not Ironblood Weave.

It seemed possible that Elder Lohar and the others viewed Ironblood Weave as both their hometown and their final destination.

Elder Lohar could not speak these words to outsiders, as they could not understand them. A place that had been given over to the Sixth Mainland should have nothing to do

with the Human Domain any longer. They had already left that blackhole of death, so why should they care about it? Not even the Sixth Mainland could understand such worries.

This feeling was exclusive to the defenders who had spent so much time in Ironblood Weave, devoting their lives and deaths to the defense of the place. It was a feeling that had been imprinted upon their very souls.

As Elder Lohar had just said, Ironblood Weave was alive, and it was crying.

"What do you want from me?" Lu Yin said quietly.

Elder Lohar looked at Lu Yin. "You are an overseer."

Lu Yin shook his head. "It's no use. Something massive happened in the Fifth Mainland, and the Hall of Honor and the Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect have both focused all their attention on it. In comparison, Ironblood Weave is utterly insignificant."

Elder Lohar was startled by Lu Yin's remark, and he gave a wry smile. True, it was insignificant, and Elder Lohar understood that Lu Yin was not only referring to Ironblood Weave, but also to people like Elder Lohar and the other defenders from Ironblood Weave.

Even the most powerful among them were only Enlighters. What did such people amount to in the grand scheme of things? There were nothing more than ants.

Suddenly, Elder Lohar looked as if he had aged ten years. No one could understand them. Absolutely no one. "Excuse me, Overseer Lu."

Elder Lohar's voice was calm, but his heart was bleeding.

Lu Yin's eyes grew firm. "While it's insignificant to them, it's different for me. Both Ironblood Weave and the entire Outerverse once belonged to me, and I will take it back one day. Because of this, I won't allow anyone to destroy it."

Elder Lohar had been about to end the call, but excitement blossomed in his eyes when he heard Lu Yin's words. "What did you just say, Overseer Lu?"

Lu Yin's voice dropped low. "Bring all of your men to Frostwave Weave. Even if the Hall of Honor and the Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect don't care, I, and the Great Eastern Alliance, will take care of this. I will take charge."

Elder Lohar instantly cheered up, and excitement was written all over his face. "Yes, Overseer!"

Lu Yin quickly ended the call and reached out to Shui Chuanxiao. "Here are your orders: immediately mobilize the Giants' Army, the Lu Elite Troops, and the Redemption Army and send them to Frostwave Weave in the Outerverse. Also, do the same for the Allied Forces' Second, Third, and Fourth Divisions. We're preparing to go to war with the Astral Beast Domain."

Shui Chuanxiao's eyes lit up. "Yes, Alliance Leader!"

There was a respect in the man's voice that Lu Yin had never heard before.

Few people had the courage to become the Astral Beast Domain's enemy. The Hall of Honor no longer had any authority over the Outerverse, as it had been given to the Sixth Mainland, even if the handover was a slow and ongoing process. Still, it was unrealistic to expect the Great Eastern Alliance to do anything about the Astral Beast Domain's invasion. Despite that, Lu Yin did just that.

Shui Chuanxiao had initially joined the Great Eastern Alliance in order to repay Lu Yin's kindness, but at this moment, the former Grand Marshal felt that he had made the correct choice.

So what if the Outerverse had already been given to the Sixth Mainland? Could people just ignore what was happening? If the residents of the Outerverse were given a choice, none of them would be willing to be ruled over by the Sixth Mainland. However, the Fifth Mainland was unable to protect them, so they had been handed over to the Sixth Mainland. However, those people were in danger again, but at this moment, the Sixth Mainland could not protect them. Lu Yin was willing to protect them, as the people of the Outerverse would always be his people.

Those were people's lives. They were invaluable. Life was life. What was the purpose of cultivating? Was it only to gain longevity? The idea of giving up on all those humans was no different than abandoning one's humanity. If that happened, what was the point in living a longer life? One might as well just go and join the Aeternals.

As soon as Xu Qing refused Lu Yin's deal, Lu Yin had already decided that war was the only option.

Lu Yin could not agree to abandon the lives of countless people. The Hall of Honor and the Sixth Mainland might not care about them, but Lu Yin did.

After his call with Shui Chuanxiao, Lu Yin reached out to the Sea King, Liu Qianjue, and others in quick succession.

Naturally, Liu Qianjue and the others were unwilling to take action on behalf of the Outerverse. As long as the Astral Beast Domain did not touch the Innaverse, they were unwilling to move against them. However, Lu Yin coerced, bribed, and threatened them



until they all agreed to go the Outerverse and fight against the Astral Beast Domain's invasion.

Despite being the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance, it was impossible for Lu Yin to force Liu Qianjue into obedience. He had to pay a steep price to convince the Innerverse powers to go to the Outerverse.

His gadget beeped incessantly with calls from members of the Great Eastern Alliance, as well as other people and many unknown contacts. There was no way for Lu Yin to answer all these call requests, but there were some that he could not ignore.

"Alliance Leader Lu, what do you intend to do with the Great Eastern Alliance?" Xin Jiao asked. She was another overseer, so Lu Yin needed to answer her call.

He answered, "We are preparing to face the Astral Beast Domain."

He did not hide his actions. The Great Eastern Alliance had always been closely watched, and everyone would know as soon as their military forces mobilized. On top of that, it was also impossible to hide the movements of Liu Qianjue and the other Innerverse forces from the Hall of Honor.

Xin Jiao's voice dropped low, "Does the Great Eastern Alliance intends to fight against the Astral Beast Domain? Alliance Leader Lu, don't make any unnecessary sacrifices. The Outerverse already belongs to the Sixth Mainland, and the Sixth Mainland will take care of itself. If you interfere, you will end up bearing the brunt of this war, and your losses will be steep."

Lu Yin was already aware of this, but he did not believe that the Sixth Mainland would take any sort of action. How much time would pass before they moved? At the moment, the Sixth Mainland was preoccupied with purging itself after the Progenitor of Secret Arts had betrayed humanity. What would remain of the eastern weaves by the time the Sixth Mainland was finally ready to react? Cemetery Keeper was a perfect example, as he had not hesitated to abandon Ironblood Weave. Lu Yin did not even dare to think about the humans in the various weaves that were being slaughtered by the astral beasts. "The Sixth Mainland doesn't care about those weaves. They need to be protected."

Xin Jiao shrugged. "This is just how war is. Do you believe that your Great Eastern Alliance can actually win against the Astral Beast Domain? You are just sending your people to die. The Celestial Beast Empire has been fighting against our entire Human Domain for countless years. Your Great Eastern Alliance can't stand up to them."

"So are you saying that we should abandon all these people?" Lu Yin retorted.

Xin Jiao could not deny the accusation, but there were certain things that could only be considered and never spoken, as speaking them aloud would violate an individual's bottom line.

Xin Jiao did not care about the life and death of the people in the Outerverse at all. There were actually many people in both the Cosmic Sea and the Neoverse who did not even know about the Outerverse's existence. Rather, they viewed the region as part of the Astral Wilderness.

She had wanted to persuade Lu Yin to change his mind in order to ensure the stability of the current universe. After all, she did not want the Great Eastern Alliance to be defeated in this war, and she did not want Lu Yin to die from it either. This was not because of anything like personal feelings, but rather either event would introduce a new round of changes in the overseers' council, and it was even possible that some people might blame the council if Lu Yin died. Such a thing was completely unacceptable to Xin Jiao.

Even more importantly, an entire group of the Innerverse's Envoys were being sent out to fight in the Outerverse because of Lu Yin's actions. If those people died, the Innerverse would suffer a terrible blow, as would the Fifth Mainland on the whole. Such a loss would make it far more difficult for them to face the threat of the Sixth Mainland in the future.

None of the overseers were ordinary people. All of them could clearly see that the hatred between the Fifth and Sixth Mainlands had not faded or disappeared, and a war was looming on the horizon. This was also why the overseers' council had agreed to pull Elder Lohar and the rest of Ironblood Weave's defenders out, as they wanted to incite a war between the Celestial Beast Empire and the Sixth Mainland.

They would be happy to watch as the Astral Beast Domain and the Sixth Mainland fought each other to the death, but the overseers were absolutely unwilling to see the Fifth Mainland fall.

Lu Yin ended the call. He was completely unconcerned about Xin Jiao's opinion. Instead, Lu Yin was worried about Arch-Elder Zen. If the old man forbade the Great Eastern Alliance from protecting the Outerverse, what could Lu Yin do?

As soon as he thought about Arch-Elder Zen, the Semi-Progenitor called Lu Yin.

"Do you really want to lead the Great Eastern Alliance to fight to their deaths against the Astral Beast Domain?" Arch-Elder Zen asked. Lu Yin could not read anything from the man's tone of voice.

Still, he answered without the slightest hesitation, "Yes."

"Why?" Arch-Elder Zen's voice dropped a bit lower.

Lu Yin spent a moment considering his response. "We have already abandoned them once. We can't do so a second time."

"They're not your people." Arch-Elder Zen let out a sigh.

"They cheered for me, bowed to me, and called me their lord. That is a connection that the astral beasts cannot destroy," Lu Yin rebutted.

"Trading the lives of countless powerhouses from the Great Eastern Alliance might not be worth what you gain from this. Will it be worth this sacrifice?" Arch-Elder Zen continued his questions.

Lu Yin took a deep breath. "It's not worth the sacrifice, but it should be."

"Why?" The old man's voice fell much lower than before.

"Because I am human!" Just four simple words. There was no greater reason, but these words exposed the truest thoughts in Lu Yin's heart.

Not a single sound came through from the other end for a bit.

Some time later, Arch-Elder Zen said, "The Progenitor of Secret Arts has betrayed humanity, and his actions have shaken the entire Sixth Mainland. Right now, we should focus on retaliating against the Neohuman Alliance and destroying as many of their strongholds as possible. The Hall of Honor will not be able to spare anything at all to support your endeavors, but I can also promise you that no Semi-Progenitors from the Astral Beast Domain will make a move. If you want to save those people in the Outerverse, you will have to do so on your own."

"Lu Xiaoxuan, you have chosen this path, so don't regret your choices if they lead to your death."

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "I will never regret this!"

Arch-Elder Zen ended the call, and a smile suddenly appeared on the old man's face. At this moment, all the resentment that he had felt towards Lu Yin disappeared entirely.

Who claimed that Lu Yin was not of the Fifth Mainland? He cared more about the Fifth Mainland than anyone else! He might be Lu Xiaoxuan, but before that, he was Lu Yin. He was a child who had restarted his cultivation from nothing in the Fifth Mainland, and he was willing to die for the Fifth Mainland.

Since you are willing to die for the Fifth Mainland, then the Fifth Mainland will never abandon you!

Lu Yin stared blankly at his gadget after the call ended. Unless he had heard wrong, Arch-Elder Zen's last words had sounded concerned. Could the old man be worried about Lu Yin?

Lu Yin shook his head. This was not the time to consider such things.

He turned his attention back to his gadget and looked at Yuan Qiong's name in his contact list. Lu Yin felt rather embarrassed; should he inform the Cosmic Sect? He decided to go ahead anyway, since he had the sect's skill on his sole.

A short time later, Yuan Qiong's roar could be heard from the Cosmic Sect.

Lu Yin's movements did not only cause the Cosmic Sect to erupt, but also the entire Fifth Mainland.

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In the Astral Beast Domain's Celestial Beast Empire, Xu Qing stood in outer space. He waved a hand towards a horde of countless astral beasts that were headed towards the Primal Zone. Morale was soaring. "Starting from the moment we set foot in the Human Domain's Outerverse, it will belong to us forever!"

Countless astral beasts roared. None of them doubted their commander's words.

Xu Qing had never expected Lu Yin to agree to hand over the God of Death Transformation, nor had he ever considered abandoning his plans for the Outerverse. The Celestial Beast Empire had dreamed of defeating the humans for eons.

## **Star Odyssey #Chapter 1854: War In The North - Read Star Odyssey Chapter 1854: War In The North**

### **Chapter 1854: War In The North**

The Sixth Mainland's Progenitor of Secret Arts had betrayed humanity, and at the same time, almost all Seven Skygods had fallen. Thus, not only did the Fifth Mainland need to send people to protect the pass leading to the Aeternals' region, but they also needed to prepare for the Neohuman Alliance's counterattack. At this same time, the Sixth Mainland needed to root out any hidden dangers that the Progenitor of Secret Arts might have left behind. Never before had humanity been so ripe for the plucking.

This was a unique opportunity, so Xu Qing could not let it go.

As for Lu Yin, he did not care about what was happening. Regardless of what sort of status he achieved, it was impossible for the entire Fifth Mainland to offer him support. Even more importantly, Qiu Xu had attacked Cemetery Keeper. This attack had not

been at the orders of the Astral Beast Domain, which meant that they had been helped by the Aeternals.

While the Astral Beast Domain was also enemies with the Aeternals, the two had not reached the point where only one could exist. The astral beasts were perfectly willing to split the Fifth Mainland with Aeternus.

In the southern reaches of the Outerverse, within the Daosource Sect:

"The Ironblood Weave has fallen. We need to send people there as soon as possible to drive those beasts out and set up defenses again," someone stated. He was a middle-aged man who gave off the impression of someone with a refined demeanor. His name was Jiu Yao, and he was the Semi-Progenitor in the Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect who was the closest to becoming a Progenitor. He was also the Progenitor of Combat's eldest son.

After he finished speaking, Jiu Yao looked to the side. There was an isolated space in that direction that was filled with magma with a body floating within. It was impossible to tell if it belonged to a man or a woman, but the truth was that the figure was not even a human body, but something formed from the magma itself. "There's no rush. We should first finish cleaning up the Progenitor of Secret Arts Territory. In fact, wouldn't it be best if those animals cleaned out the territory for us?"

Jiu Yao frowned, but then he looked elsewhere. In the new direction, all that could be seen was a cherry blossom floating in space. "What do you say?"

There was no response even after he waited for a long time.

The furrows in Jiu Yao's brows deepened. Each of his companions was weirder than the next. "Then after we deal with the Progenitor of Secret Arts Territory, we will either drive those animals out, or one of us will visit the Astral Beast Domain to talk to them."

With that, everything became calm once again.

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Elsewhere in the Outerverse, the asteroid field and Eastly Weave were very close to Ironblood Weave. As soon as one passed through the asteroid field, they would be in Northcastle Weave.

Ten days had passed since Ironblood Weave had fallen, and yet the Sixth Mainland had not shown any response to the loss of Ironblood Weave because they were occupied with cleaning up the Progenitor of Secret Arts Territory. Some astral beasts had already slipped into Eastly Weave, and others had made their way into Northcastle Weave.

A weave covered a massive region, and it typically took half a month to a month for the average astral beast with the strength of an Explorer to cross a single weave. There were some species that could travel through outer space before reaching the Explorer level, but their speed was much worse. They might need a month or two to cover such a distance, and this was even taking wormholes into consideration.

As for the individuals who had managed to pass through the asteroid field that was nearly the size of a weave and enter Northcastle Weave within ten days, they were at least among the most powerful of Explorers.

There was an excited roar, and a three-colored flame burnt the void as it shot towards a distant spaceship. An instant later, the spaceship was nothing more than ash, and regardless of the number of people that had been inside, they had all disappeared.

This creature was a Fei Yan, a soaring firebeast. This species was ranked tenth on the Celestial Beast List, which showed how powerful they were in the Astral Beast Domain.

Any species that could be added to the Celestial Beast List had to be extremely powerful. After all, even the sound monsters were only able to rank eleventh.

Fei Yan was as strong as a Hunter, and the beast raised its head to let out a roar, causing tri-colored flames to illuminate the nearby region of space.

Somewhat nearby, another astral beast appeared. This one looked somewhat similar to a centipede, though it had wings.

After that, one astral beast after another started to appear in Northcastle Weave. Each one was at least as strong as an Explorer.

These beasts were far too excited. Humans had long since dreamed of conquering the Astral Beast Domain, and the inhabitants of the Astral Beast Domain had similarly dreamed of conquering the Human Domain. The excitement of finally fulfilling their dream caused the beasts to start destroying everything they saw.

Fei Yan landed upon a planet in Northcastle Weave, and the beast's sharp claws pierced into the center of the planet, causing the entire planet to start cracking apart.

This planet's technology had only developed as far as cold weapons, and even their most powerful individuals were only able to cut through a building, which could not be considered as stepping upon the path of cultivation. They had no ability to resist at all, and their planet quickly shattered.

A bit further away, a fiery red light struck the centipede-looking beast. This beam came from a technological weapon that had been developed by a planet that had just started exploring nearby galaxies. This beam was a weapon that the civilization used for warfare.



The inhabitants of the planet had panicked the moment they discovered the giant centipede, and they had not hesitated to attack it with their most powerful weapons. However, their efforts were useless, as there was not even a single scratch to be seen on the centipede.

The giant centipede became aggressive, and it flew straight towards the planet and tore it apart. Countless people wailed as they were consumed by lava or black holes. There was a flash of light that lit up the universe before quickly disappearing.

The flames of war quickly engulfed Northcastle Weave. Multiple planets were destroyed one after another, and spaceships exploded without end.

A man with a pale face stood in outer space and watched as the various astral beasts unleashed their destruction upon the planets in the distance. Just when the man was about to make a move, there was a soft beep from his gadget. This man was a Cruiser, and he was from Northcastle Weave.

Northcastle Weave had many cultivators, though very few of them could roam through outer space on their own.

The Greatsword Dynasty was the power that controlled Northcastle Weave, and they had summoned every cultivator in the entire Northcastle Weave to gather together in order to combat their current crisis.

The Greatsword Dynasty had ruled Northcastle Weave for countless years. With the astral beasts' invasion, cultivators had started to congregate in the Greatsword Dynasty's capital. They looked up at the imperial palace, waiting for the leader of the dynasty to show himself. Northcastle Weave was their home, as well as the home of their friends and families. It was impossible for those people to get to safety in time, which meant that the astral beasts had to be driven back.

The gate began to open, and all the gathered cultivators stared at the imperial palace. They saw a man in imperial robes and with a haggard expression on his face. He was the lord of the Greatsword Dynasty. The young man who had once been threatened and controlled by Aegis had since grown up.

"Our nation mourns. I feel the pain of our people, and I will use our full strength against these invaders! We will be fearless! Fearless against these foreign enemies! I swear to defend Northcastle Weave!"

Many of the cultivators became excited, and they echoed the man, "I swear to defend Northcastle Weave!"

"I swear to defend Northcastle Weave!"

"I swear to defend Northcastle Weave!"

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Ding Xing stood nearby. His eyes looked conflicted. These people wanted to defend, but how? The Astral Beast Domain itself was invading, and just how many people could actually help protect Northcastle Weave?

The Great Eastern Alliance had reached an agreement with the Sixth Mainland: the Sixth Mainland had given the Great Eastern Alliance three years to retreat to the Inniverse. Therefore, this was also the condition that the people of Northcastle Weave had been given. Only about 6,000 cultivators remained. About 40% of their numbers had already left for the Inniverse, and those who remained were unwilling to leave the weave or had been kept behind by the Greatsword Dynasty for some reason or another.

In essence, it was because their leader did not want to leave.

The Greatsword Dynasty had already survived the threat of having their nation destroyed, and yet they had eventually managed to reestablish their government and stabilize their nation with Lu Yin's help. However, they had paid a hefty price for that help. The Greatsword Dynasty was no longer fully independent.

It was not that the Greatsword Dynasty did not want to resist. They truly did want their independence, even if only a small bit, but they did not dare to speak of such things when faced with the increasingly powerful Great Eastern Alliance.

When the Sixth Mainland had been given the Outerverse, the Greatsword Dynasty had seen this change as an opportunity. Even though they would still be ruled by someone else, they had already suffered through a worse situation. No matter what happened under the Sixth Mainland, it could not be worse than what the Greatsword Dynasty had already endured. Besides, the Sixth Mainland also needed the Greatsword Dynasty's help.

These were the thoughts of the Greatsword Dynasty, and so their imperial family had not retreated to the Inniverse, and many of the dynasty's cultivators had been forced to stay behind through various means.

Lu Yin had been aware of the situation, but he had not had the time to deal with it.

Are we doing the right thing? Ding Xing stared out at the crowd of people who were currently united as one, all eager to fight against the Astral Beast Domain. Ding Xing let out a helpless sigh. He had previously ventured out into the greater universe, and he had some idea of its vastness. He could only hope that not all of these people would die to the astral beasts.

Right when Ding Xing was thinking this, the capital city was overwhelmed by a horrifying heat as a three-colored flame began to burn the Greatsword Dynasty. "Humans, enjoy your deaths."

Ding Xing was startled, "Your Majesty, RUN!"

All of the gathered people began to scream, but at that time, a sword was unsheathed in a corner of the capital city. A woman emerged from the void to face Fei Yan with a sword held in her upraised hand. "10,000 Swords As One."

The sword cut into Fei Yan's body, and blood appeared. "Who?"

The woman stared at the beast with cold eyes. "The one who will kill you!"

She stepped forward as she spoke, and her sword fell again.

Ding Xing became excited. "Your Majesty, it's Madam He! Rumors claim that she cultivated in the Inniverse's Myriad Swords Peak. She returned long ago, and although many people sought to take her on as their master, none could find her. I never thought that she would still be here in the imperial city."

"Wonderful! With her taking action, this astral beast will certainly die. She's a powerful Hunter who's managed to establish an impressive reputation in the Inniverse!" the emperor of the Greatsword Dynasty grew excited as well.

The three-colored flames clashed with Madam He's sword, and the imperial city was instantly destroyed as flames shot covered the sky.

Madam He was already breathing heavily, and half of her body had caught on fire while her long sword had become twisted. Humans held no advantage when fighting against astral beasts, let alone one whose species ranked within the top ten of the Celestial Beast List.

"Human, go to hell!" Fei Yan raised a paw to grab the woman, and flames that could incinerate even the void swept towards Madam He.

Her eyes began to blaze. "10,000 Swords As One."

As her voice fell, she stepped forward with her sword. The blade pierced through the flames to stab Fei Yan's body. The sword qi shot through the creature's body and erupted into the sky.

The many cultivators in the imperial city became excited. They had won! They had actually won!

Before Madam He, Fei Yan's body was so hot that her skin burnt. When she lifted her head, Fei Yan's massive eyes opened again. The beast opened its mouth and bit down.

This was the day that the Greatsword Dynasty was destroyed. It was Northcastle Weave's saddest day. Countless people throughout the weave died tragic deaths, and

many of them were used as rations for the invading astral beasts. There was no way to even tally the death toll.

More and more astral beasts began to pour into Northcastle Weave, unleashing wanton destruction wherever they went. Northcastle Weave began to break, and with that, the astral beasts looked to the south, towards Frostwave Weave.

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Terrible screams echoed out in every direction. The city had already been destroyed, and a woman clutched her child as she screamed. A shadow covered her, and the body of an enormous astral beast swept by. Its mere passage caused the entire city to disappear.

The city sat at the border between Northcastle and Frostwave Weaves. An astral beast had already pushed this far into the Outerverse. It was the forerunner, and it had destroyed several planets so far. Once it rose from the wreckage, it continued traveling south.

The creature became thrilled when it saw more planets and space stations up ahead. It loved hearing the desperate wails of humans as they died, and it enjoyed seeing blood flow in rivers. The sight always caused the creature's blood to surge and its heart to beat faster. The beast sped up to move forward even quicker. It would be the first astral beast to enter Frostwave Weave.

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Suddenly, the void distorted, and a long arrow sliced through space and stabbed straight into the middle of the astral beast's head before exploding.

Half of the beast's body exploded, and it instantly perished. However, its body continued barreling forward due to its momentum.

Far off in the distance, Gong Ke lowered his hand. His eyes were cold.

Many other astral beasts swarmed towards Frostwave Weave after that, but all of them were killed at the border before they could enter the weave. All of them died to Gong Ke.

Eventually, some of the more powerful creatures who had destroyed Northcastle Weave learned of what was happening, and they started to make their way towards Frostwave Weave one after another.

"Amethyst Beast, are you headed for Frostwave Weave?" An enormous fish swam through Northcastle Weave as it spoke up. It was Loach Monster. It had been staying in the Primal Zone after the Astral Beast Domain's attack on Ironblood Weave, and the fish had not returned to the Astral Beast Domain even when the Sixth Mainland had pushed into the Primal Zone. After Ironblood Weave had fallen, Loach Monster had also moved into Northcastle Weave.

Loach Monster had been speaking to an Amethyst Beast, as the two had been in the Primal Zone at the same time.

"Are you not going?" Amethyst Beast replied.

Loach Monster lazily answered, "I won't go there."

The Amethyst Beast let out a disdainful snort. "If you want to gain any sort of resources from the Empire, you'll need to accomplish something during this invasion. Old Loach Monster, you're too cautious. I'll catch up to you sooner or later."

The Amethyst Beast then took off and headed south.

Loach Monster stared at the disappearing back of the departing Amethyst Beast and then spat out, "Idiot! Frostwave Weave is different from Northcastle Weave. That's the only weave in the eastern Outerverse that belongs to the Great Eastern Alliance. Even the Sixth Mainland doesn't dare to touch that place. There are many powerhouses there, and a lot of others are direct descendants of various powers within the Great Eastern Alliance. Going there is just asking to die."

After finishing its rant, the fish lazily rolled over and fell asleep.

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More than a month had passed since the astral beasts had started invading the Human Domain.

Lu Yin arrived in the Outerverse with the Great Eastern Alliance's Allied Forces, and the various armies surged into Frostwave Weave.

At this moment, Lu Yin was terribly anxious. Northcastle, Eastly, and Forested Weaves had all suffered unprecedented disasters. He wanted to immediately drive the astral beasts in those weaves away, but it was impossible at the moment.

When the Amethyst Beast arrived at the border between Frostwave and Northcastle Weaves, it tried to use its incredible defenses to force its way into Frostwave Weave. However, it was greeted by an illusion of eternally sinking beneath an icy ocean.

Zhuo Daynight had attacked. Even though her actual power level was substantially inferior to the Amethyst Beast's, Night's End, Daybreak was a terrifying enough technique to make up for the difference. When that illusion was combined with Cool Sis' Icy Crystallization, the Amethyst Beast was almost instantly frozen. Finally, the creature died to Smoker, the assassin.

When news of the Amethyst Beast's death returned to the Astral Beast Domain, countless creatures became furious, and many of them made their way towards Frostwave Weave.

The first to arrive was an astral beast that resembled a horse, though it had two legs and four hands. All four of its hands held giant hammers that it swung towards Frostwave Weave.

The monstrous creature had the strength of an Envoy, and in the Primal Zone, it had been second in strength only to the mantis-like astral beast.

The giant mantis had also started moving towards the border of Eastly Weave, and it soon entered Northcastle Weave.

Four hands were raised high as the four warhammers slammed down, shaking Frostwave Weave. The strength of an Envoy was enough to shatter space across all of Frostwave Weave, making the weave look as though it had cracked.

At that moment, a long trident shot out of the true universe and stabbed through the astral beast without slowing down at all. The incredible force behind the weapon not only shoved the creature out of Frostwave Weave, but it even launched the trident deep into Northcastle Weave. Many astral beasts in the path of the weapon were stunned by what they saw, and even Fei Yan's body was shattered by the shockwave.

The Sea King emerged from the void, his face gloomy. He raised a hand, and the trident returned to his grasp.

Loach Monster stared at the corpse of the Envoy-level astral beast, and the massive fish was so startled that it immediately turned around and left Northcastle Weave. The beast had decided to return to the Primal Zone. Apparently, Frostwave Weave would not be the main battlefield, but instead Northcastle Weave. Monster Loach had no desire to remain at the warfront.

The beast had a power level of over 300,000, but that was neither high nor low. If it stepped onto the battlefield, it would easily draw the attention of the humans' powerhouses, and then it could easily die. After all, there was no one protecting Monster Loach, and it needed to save itself.

The Sea King had eliminated the Envoy-level astral beast with a single attack, which thoroughly intimidated the Astral Beasts who had invaded the Human Domain. None of



the beasts dared to set their eyes on Frostwave Weave, and for the moment, Frostwave Weave enjoyed peace once again.

To the east, in Forested Weave, the giant mantis swung its blades about. They sliced through the void, and its attacks swept the entire weave. It was impossible to even estimate just how many planets were destroyed by this one attack.

The knowledge that there was an Envoy protecting Frostwave Weave enraged the mantis-like creature, and it swung its blades furiously. It wanted to destroy the entire Forested Weave.

At that moment, a willow leaf appeared and blocked the mantis's attack.

The astral beast slashed its blades forward, its eyes cold. When it saw a man and a woman appear, it screeched, "Humans, you court death!"

The two who had appeared in Forested Weave were none other than Liu Ye and Fei Hua. They had gone to Mt. Microcosms after parting ways with Lu Yin, but they had only stayed there for a short time before they were allowed to leave. They had coincidentally been in Forested Weave when it had been attacked, and they had no longer been able to endure and do nothing when the mantis had attacked.

Neither Liu Ye nor Fei Hua were the mantis's opponent on their own, but the two were far more powerful when they worked together. Thus, they were able to perfectly counter the mantis and render it harmless.

Back in the Astral Beast Domain, Xu Qing quickly received word of the new developments, and his face fell. "So, there are powerhouses in both Frostwave Weave and Forested Weave? Stand by for now and do nothing in either of those places. We will be there soon."

The creatures in the Astral Beast Domain did not use gadgets, but instead communicated through specially bred Void Wanderers.

Xu Qing's eyes turned grim as he watched the Void Wanderer slip into the void. These people were able to stop the astral beasts that had invaded the Human Domain from the Primal Zone, and they could even stop the giant mantis. This proved that these powerhouses were exceptional. Had the Sixth Mainland actually reacted so quickly? Or could it be that the Human Domain's Hall of Honor had made a move? Xu Qing had heard that the Hall of Honor had stationed some super expert named Yuan Shi in the Outerverse, and the man was reported to have a power level of over a million.

As he considered the recent reports, Xu Qing quickly reached out to the Celestial Beast Empire and asked for more experts to be sent as reinforcements.

Xu Qing had originally thought that the astral beasts' force would not encounter much resistance when invading the Human Domain; at worst, they would run into some resistance from the remnants of the Great Eastern Alliance that remained in the Outerverse. Still, those remnants should have been easily eliminated, so it appeared that there were other forces interfering in the Astral Beast Domain's invasion efforts.

Still, even if that was the case, it did not matter. The request for reinforcements was merely a precaution, but Xu Qing's request was answered by nearly half of the species on the Celestial Beast List. Such numbers were sufficient to not just wreak havoc in the Human Domain, but rather fully occupy the eastern regions of the Outerverse.

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The fighting between Ironblood Weave and the Primal Zone had not stopped in eons, so matters related to those places no longer attracted much attention. Even if some of the Great Eastern Alliance's Allied Forces' divisions moved to the Outerverse, it would not attract much attention.

At the moment, the Sixth Mainland was focused on investigating and purging the Progenitor of Secret Arts' Territory while the Fifth Mainland was rooting out as many of the Neohuman Alliances' strongholds as possible and sending people to defend the pass to the Starfall Sea. The Fifth Mainland was also in no position to pay any attention to the eastern stretches of the Outerverse.

During this period, when the region was being ignored, the biggest war that the Great Eastern Alliance had engaged in since the moment of its founding broke out in the Outerverse's eastern weaves.

It was not long before three divisions of the Allied Forces gathered in Frostwave Weave. Their numbers totaled 30 million Seekers for the ordinary soldiers, and on top of that, there were also more than 1.5 million Sentinels, over 10,000 Limiteers, and more than 2 million soldiers who were Explorers or above. Besides that, there were also 150,000 large spaceships and 6,000 battleships.

This was just the members of the Allied Forces, as the Great Eastern Alliance's three special militaries had also all moved to the Outerverse. The Giants' Army, the Lu Elite Troops, and the Redemption Army were in Frostwave Weave, as well as all the Envoys under Lu Yin. Never before had such a terrifying army and gathering of experts assembled in the weave.

Lu Yin waved a hand, and the three divisions of the Allied Forces moved out from Frostwave Weave and into Northcastle Weave.

Many of the astral beasts gathered in Northcastle Weave stared blankly at the endless battleships that flew towards them from the neighboring weave. They turned and fled, but a sharp sword qi suddenly swept through outer space, and all the fleeing astral

beasts found themselves unable to escape. A volley was fired from the battleships, and after a moment, not even corpses remained.

Due to time constraints, Lu Yin had not been able to gather the strength of the entire Innerverse. If he had, there would be more than a hundred Enlighters at his command rather than just the mere dozens that were present.

All the Enlighters currently in the Outerverse were those directly under Lu Yin's command.

In the entire Innerverse, even the smallest flowzones would have more than a single Enlighter. If Lu Yin had been able to gather all of those Enlighters, he was confident in being able to break into the Astral Beast Domain instead of merely driving the astral beasts out of the Outerverse.

There were numerous astral beasts in Northcastle Weave, and there were even more headed towards Northcastle Weave from the asteroid field.

The arrival of the Great Eastern Alliance's forces pushed the astral beasts back across Northcastle Weave. Within just ten days, nearly half of the astral beasts who had invaded the weave had been exterminated.

The Redemption Army paved the way, and they wiped out most of the creatures that they encountered. If not for the Great Eastern Alliance's slow pace, all of Northcastle Weave would already have been cleared.

Given the new circumstances, the astral beasts in the asteroid field who were not at the Explore realm immediately turned around and retreated back to Ironblood Weave. There were no true powerhouses in command of the beasts, and regardless of their numbers, it was impossible for them to do anything against the Great Eastern Alliance.

In Forested Weave, the giant praying mantis had been fighting against Liu Ye and Fei Hua the entire time, but even after ten days, there was still no conclusive victor. The beast was too fast, and Liu Ye and Fei Hua were unable to do anything to it either. As for the mantis, it was unable to break through the couple's defenses.

There was no way for the mantis to send a message to anyone while it was fighting, so all it could do was retreat back to Ironblood Weave.

In Northcastle Weave, within the fleet's flagship, Lu Yin looked somber. Even though the Allied Forces were making smooth progress through Northcastle Weave at the moment, they were just fighting against the astral beasts who had moved into the Human Domain from the Primal Zone. When it came to the Celestial Beast Empire's actual army, Lu Yin had no doubts that there would be many powerful beasts. Luckily, his Great Eastern Alliance was far from weak themselves.

It looked like, as long as the astral beasts were driven back to the Primal Zone, the Great Eastern Alliance's task would be completed, and the Sixth Mainland would then be able to take over from there on.

However, if that was really how this affair concluded, Lu Yin would lose too much. The Sixth Mainland had been willing to sacrifice all the lives in the eastern weaves, but Lu Yin had not been able to sit back and watch such a slaughter take place. His choice was going to lead to both the Great Eastern Alliance and the Astral Beast Domain suffering terrible losses.

Lu Yin would never allow himself to be the one to suffer losses. Even the most desperate of situations would have an opportunity. Lu Yin just needed to find it, and it was vital that he do so.

Beep beep beep!

There was an alert from his gadget, and Lu Yin froze when he looked down, as it was a call request from Xu Qing.

Xu Qing's voice came through as soon as the call connected. "Alliance Leader Lu, it appears that you've made your decision. If you fight my Astral Beast Domain to the death, do you not fear dragging your entire alliance into a catastrophe?"

Lu Yin answered in a deep voice, "The Great Eastern Alliance was originally founded in order to protect all the alliance members. If any of them are threatened, my only choice is to take action."

Xu Qing's voice grew cold. "Do you understand what you are doing? Do you understand just how determined the Astral Beast Domain is to move into the Outerverse at this moment? Your little Great Eastern Alliance can't do anything to stop us!"

"Even if it's impossible, we will still stop you. Countless people have died in Eastly, Northcastle, and Forested Weaves in just a mere month. I will force you to repay this debt of blood," Lu Yin coldly declared.

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Xu Qing spat back, "Are you insane? Do you really see yourself as some kind of savior? Can you even save those people? I can tell you right now that if a war starts, your Great Eastern Alliance will be finished! How many people are you willing to send to their deaths? All your efforts will be in vain."

"How much do you know about my Great Eastern Alliance?" Lu Yin retorted.

Xu Qing firmly replied, "There's no need to know anything at all! My opponent has always been the entire Human Domain! Regardless of how powerful your Great Eastern Alliance may be, can you summon the strength of the entire Human Domain? The Hall of Honor is in no position to pay attention to you or what you're doing. It's still not too late—give me that technique, and I will order the invading beasts to leave the ordinary humans unharmed as much as possible."

"As much as possible?"

"That is already the limit of my abilities. I did not lie to you before. Astral beasts have bestial instincts. On top of that, it's quite common for planets to be destroyed during battles, and the casualties from such destruction is impossible to even estimate. This is nothing more than a fact of interstellar war. Consider this matter carefully, as this is your last chance! I am already in the Primal Zone, and the only reason why I have not left yet is to give you a chance."

Lu Yin took a deep breath. So Xu Qing had already arrived in the Primal Zone? That meant that the battlefield would be the asteroid field. "There's no need for you to give me anything. The moment you initiated a slaughter in the Human Domain, it's either you or I who will perish first."

"Then you will be crushed!" Xu Qing ended the call.

Lu Yin lowered his hand. Both Liu Huang and the Second Nightking stood behind him.

"Tell me, am I doing the right thing?" Lu Yin asked as he calmly stared out into space.

The Second Nightking's eyes narrowed, but he said nothing. Liu Huang did not have the same reservations. "It is likely that the Great Eastern Alliance will be defeated in this war. Have you thought this all through carefully?"

Lu Yin gave an easy smile. "Of course."

"You are not behaving like a ruler," the Second Nightking stated in an odd tone. His understanding of Lu Yin had constantly shifted and changed. At first, he had found the youth to be a cruel and shameless person, but then he had seen Lu Yin conquer the Inniverse. At that time, the Second Nightking had believed Lu Yin to be ambitious and cunning. He had actually viewed the young man as a heroic figure who was comparable to the First Nightking. However, Lu Yin's decision to wage a war against the Astral Beast Domain had shown the Second Nightking that Lu Yin was not some hero, but simply an idiot.

There were countless deaths during interstellar wars. This was completely normal. If the Second Nightking were in Lu Yin's position, he would not care about the deaths of some

people in the Outerverse at all. There were simply too many people in the universe, and even the countless deaths in the three weaves over the past month were nothing more than a drop in the ocean. The Great Eastern Alliance would suffer greatly from this war, and it was simply not worth the cost.

Still, Lu Yin had gone ahead with the war regardless of the costs. The Second Nightking had literally not believed Lu Yin's decision when he first learned of it. Who would be so stupid as to wage a war against the Astral Beast Domain with their own wealth? Even if Lu Yin won the war, the Sixth Mainland would be the one to reap the benefits. On the other hand, if Lu Yin lost, he would lose absolutely everything while the Sixth Mainland would lose nothing at all. There were no benefits to be had from this decision.

Based on the Second Nightking's understanding of Lu Yin, the youth was not a person to ever put himself at a disadvantage, and yet that was exactly what he had done.

Lu Yin smiled and stretched his waist. "Yeah, I'm not acting like a ruler, but rather like an idiot, haha!"

Liu Huang showed a rare smile. "An admirable idiot."

Lu Yin suddenly turned to look at the Second Nightking. "The Third Nightking's still in the Profound Void Realm. Maybe this war will provide the chance for him to be freed."

The Second Nightking responded in an indifferent tone, "Don't tempt me. The chances of winning this war are minuscule, and both of us might die. What can we even do to rescue him?"

"That might not be the case. What if there's a turning point?" Lu Yin's mouth curled into a smile and his eyes grew bright.

No one could tell what Lu Yin's true thoughts might be. Behind a seemingly impulsive decision lay a set of well-thought-out plans. Regardless of whether this war was won or lost, Lu Yin needed to see it through.

The Envoys who accompanied the Great Eastern Alliance suddenly scattered in all directions.

Liu Qianjue quietly gazed out. He would not benefit from fighting in this war against the Astral Beast Domain. The reason why the sect master was even present was because his Sword Sect had joined the Great Eastern Alliance and therefore needed to participate. On top of that, there was also Liu Hao. Lu Yin had promised to send Liu Hao to the Sword Sect after the war concluded as long as Liu Qianjue participated.

How could Liu Qianjue not be moved by the Perennial World? He was very interested in the Sword Monument, and Liu Qianjue could not allow Liu Hao to slip through his fingers.



Lu Yin had assembled the full power of the Great Eastern Alliance. Even though they were up against the Astral Beast Domain, Liu Qianjue did not think that they were guaranteed to lose.

If loss proved inevitable, then the sect master would simply leave to save himself. There was no way that Liu Qianjue would actually fight to the death for Lu Yin's sake. This was not only Liu Qianjue's intentions, but also those of Ling Qiu, Mountain God, and the other Envoys. None of them had any desire to die for the sake of regular humans in the Outerverse.

A few days later, the Great Eastern Alliance's 150,000 strong spacecraft army entered the asteroid field. At the same time, untold numbers of astral beasts roared at the border between the asteroid field and Ironblood Weave. The war would be waged in the asteroid field.

The asteroids in the region varied greatly. Some were small and around the same size as a spaceship while others were massive and could even outclass planets.

A wisp of white smoke drifted through outer space. It wrapped around an asteroid, and the rock started moving towards the northeast. After it went a certain distance, the smoke dissipated briefly before enveloping another asteroid. That one also moved slightly in the same direction as the previous one.

No one noticed the white smoke drifting along.

This smoke was moving through the southern region of the asteroid field, and it was continuously moving to the northeast. Suddenly, an asteroid froze briefly before shattering.

A bit away from the shards, Smoker's eyes snapped open. "I can't see them. Those Creepers really are hidden beasts—they're already here."

Smoker then turned around and fled.

Space warped as invisible astral beasts landed on the asteroid and quickly spread out. Further to the northeast, countless astral beasts were making their way southwest. Among them were Void Thunderbeasts, Celestial Ice Phoenixes, soaring firebeasts, and Void Wanderers. There were also many other bizarre astral beasts that humanity had no record of. None of the beasts made a sound as they shot through space, but their eyes blazed with excitement and killing intent.

To the southwest, Lu Yin was waiting within the Great Eastern Alliance's Fleet. He received Smoker's report of astral beasts hiding within the asteroid field. "There are creepers, Void Wanderers, and possibly even stranger creatures. Pass down the orders to launch a salvo of attacks."

Since they were facing the Astral Beast Domain and all of their bizarre creatures and abilities, Lu Yin was not willing to gamble with the lives of his troops. His plan was to use the weapons on the battleships to clear a path and to unleash a barrage of endless cannon blasts.

After Lu Yin's order was given, the battleships all moved to arrange themselves in a specific formation that Shui Chuanxiao had trained them in. As soon as they were all in position: "Attack."

The order was spoken, and beams of light lit up the universe as the asteroid field was relentlessly bombarded.

Boom!

Boom!

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The entire region was lit up by the attacks, and numerous asteroids were shattered. The Great Eastern Alliance's fleet started making its way northeast. They spanned a vast area, and they did not allow anything to escape from their assault. Anytime an astral beast approached the fleet, it would be targeted and annihilated by the ships' weapons.

Each round of fire cleared an area, and the fleet would then continue forward, further to the north.

Up ahead of the fleet, but just outside the weapons' range, space twisted to reveal a pair of eyes that overflowed with pure fear. The eyes looked as though they were alone and unconnected to a body. They quickly turned towards the northeast and fled.

The fleet continued moving onward, and every time they covered a certain distance, they would fire off another round of attacks. There were 6,000 battleships, so each volley was the same as 6,000 Explorers attacking, and they also covered a massive area. Using this method to attack with so many battleships was unheard of, and the cost was astronomical. Despite that, Lu Yin continued.

The Great Eastern Alliance's fleet drew closer and closer to the horde of astral beasts. Humans were certainly inferior to astral beasts when it came to things like their senses. For example, Xu Qing knew exactly where the fleet was and their numbers, but the Great Eastern Alliance was ignorant of such information for the astral beasts. Lu Yin knew that the creatures had to be further to the northeast, but anything more precise was impossible.

Space was too vast, and the fleet was only traveling along one of the available paths. If they were forced to cover the entire asteroid belt, the fleet would end up being almost completely scattered.

The lack of intelligence led to the humans being in a passive position.

Xu Qing ordered the astral beasts to stop advancing, as he did not plan to attack the fleet head on.

"Commander Xu Qing, is there any need for us to be so wary of the Great Eastern Alliance? Just a few of us are enough to slaughter the entire fleet," said one of the soaring flamebeasts with the strength of an Envoy. The Celestial Beast Empire was treating this war as a priority, and almost all of the soaring flamebeasts had been sent out, as well as many creepers, sound monsters, and more. Not even Xu Qing knew the full strength of the reinforcements that had been sent to him to conquer the Outerverse, and this was because many hidden powerhouses had been sent out as well.

This was also why he was so confident in his victory.

"Lu Yin is not the real threat. Even though the Great Eastern Alliance is nothing to fear, we still need to test out their strength. What if this is all one of the humans' schemes?" Xu Qing replied.

"A scheme? What did you see to suggest that?" Another voice rose from one of the Celestial Ice Phoenixes. The voice was sweet and clear, though it was also full of arrogance.

Xu Qing replied in a low voice, "Just do as I say."

What had happened in Ironblood Weave was too odd. The person who had poisoned Cemetery Keeper had not done so at the behest of the Astral Beast Domain, so why had he poisoned Cemetery Keeper at such a time? It was impossible to do such a thing over something as petty as a personal grudge, so the Celestial Beast Empire suspected that the Neohuman Alliance had been behind the attack, but there was no certainty. This was Xu Qing's biggest worry.

On top of that, the Great Eastern Alliance had been too decisive in their support for Lu Yin's decision, which also caused Xu Qing to hesitate slightly.

He did not believe that Lu Yin was an idiot, and it was impossible for him to willingly destroy the Great Eastern Alliance that he had struggled so much to establish and grow. So, why had Lu Yin taken the initiative to start this war?

Xu Qing was afraid that the Fifth Mainland's Hall of Honor and the Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect were actually colluding to trap the astral beasts. Thus, he knew that there was a hidden powerhouse among his troops who had been sent by the empire to do their best to minimize the casualties.

"Lu Yin, if you want to play, then I'll play with you! Let's see who can afford to take more risks," Xu Qing muttered to himself as his eyes glittered coldly with killing intent.

The Great Eastern Alliance's fleet advanced to the northeast in an orderly manner, firing a series of attacks every so often to ensure that the astral beasts could not set up any ambushes along the fleet's path.

Lu Yin frowned. From Smoker's report, they should have already reached the area with the hidden astral beasts, so why had they not found any yet? Had Xu Qing pulled his troops back?

Suddenly, an alarm blared, and a display popped up in front of Lu Yin. "Master, the back of the fleet was attacked by a huge white skeleton."

Another display appeared. "Alliance Leader, the fleet's right flank was just attacked."

"Alliance Leader, the left flank was just attacked."

Lu Yin's expression firmed. "Act according to the plan. Let's go!"

He punched the center of the console, and the war officially began.

Behind the fleet, an enormous white skeleton careened towards the humans. It was completely covered with a species of self-exploding bugs. Once the bugs exploded, their blood would also explode, leading to a series of chain explosions. The skeleton had also been covered with poison, so as soon as the bugs exploded, the resulting poison cloud would envelop the entire fleet in a short amount of time.

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Normally, it would be impossible for anyone to detect the poison covering the skeleton until the explosion, but the astral beasts were ignorant of the fact that there were people from Venom Flowzone sprinkled throughout the fleet. No matter what formation the ships took or what direction they faced, there were always some vessels on the outside edge that were equipped with a substance that the Divine Venom Dynasty had specially designed to detect toxins.

As soon as the skeleton drew close to the back of the fleet, King Qing Li appeared from the void. He raised a hand, and space rippled.

The moment the skeleton moved a bit closer, it exploded with a loud boom, which was followed by multiple softer explosions that were not particularly powerful.

There were some astral beasts hidden nearby, and they stared at the explosion, waiting for the toxins to erupt.

However, even after they waited for a good bit of time, nothing happened aside from the explosions. What had happened?

On the fleet's right flank, several Void Thunderbeasts shot out bolts of lightning at the ships, and simultaneously, the soaring flamebeasts shot out flames.

As soon as the lightning and flames began to fall upon the fleet, space froze, and the affected area quickly spread. The Frost Emperor appeared after freezing the lightning and the flames, as well as the space around the attacking creatures.

On the left flank, dozens of creepers charged forward. They were confident in successfully attacking the fleet, but they had underestimated Shui Chuanxiao's understanding of the Astral Beast Domain. The creepers were discovered the moment they made a move, and Mountain God's massive form blocked them from getting close to the fleet as the creepers just slammed into the mountain.

Xu Qing had attempted to attack the fleet from all sides. He had not only wanted to disrupt the humans' formation, but also force their powerhouses out from hiding.

Xu Qing stared at the human fleet and at Mountain God's massive form. He waved a hand. "It's your turn."

Countless astral beasts roared, and the sound caused space itself to tremble.

Lu Yin looked forward and saw a large group of truly enormous beasts rushing towards the front of the fleet. "Attack!"

The battleships fired a barrage of attacks, but they were all useless. The massive astral beasts pulled their legs and feet in, becoming balls that continued to shoot forward. The creatures' defensive were absolutely amazing.

Liu Qianjue stepped forward, and his sword sliced through space, warping the void as it passed. However, all of his attacks were successfully blocked, as the astral beasts were actually able to withstand his powerful attack.

Liu Qianjue was surprised, and he lashed out again, only for all of his sword strikes to be absorbed yet again.

Off in the distance, Xu Qing sneered. How could those beasts be killed so easily?

"There are essence eaters behind them," Shui Chuanxiao spoke up, "They're ranked fourth on the Celestial Beast List, and they can redirect any attack that has a power level of less than 200,000, which is why Liu Qianjue's attacks aren't doing anything to them. He needs to be careful."

Lu Yin quickly passed the message onto Liu Qianjue.

The swordsman clenched the hilt of his sword. No wonder it had looked so familiar. His attack had not been absorbed, but rather diverted.

The astral beasts that had rolled into balls were about to strike the Great Eastern Alliance's fleet. As soon as their attack landed, the entire fleet would be scattered.

The essence eaters continuously diverted attacks that approached the rolled-up astral beasts, but due to the small size of the essence eaters, they could not be found.

"Chen Huang!" Lu Yin called out.

The colossal giants in the middle of the fleet straightened up one after another and moved forward. They stood at the front of the fleet and faced the balled-up astral beasts. Battle force covered the giants' bodies as they roared.

Xu Qing was genuinely surprised. "Those are actual giants!"

When the rolled-up beasts were about to hit the fleet, Chen Huang took the initiative to grab a creature with a hand. Pain blossomed in his shoulder, which was caused by an attack from a hidden essence eater. At the same time, Liu Qianjue attacked with his sword; with both Chen Huang and Liu Qianjue attacking at the same time, even an essence eater could do nothing more than divert Liu Qianjue's sword.

Chen Huang endured the spherical astral beast's impact, but the giant was still knocked back. Even though the living balls did not have the strength of Envoys, their defenses were incredible. The Celestial Beast Empire had specially bred these creatures to shatter the humans' formations.

This was Xu Qing's first move, and he had thought that he would be able to break through, but he had not expected the Great Eastern Alliance to actually include colossal giants in their armed forces. If one giant was unable to withstand an attack, then two would work together. If that was still not enough, yet another would join them.

Chen Huang had blocked one of the living balls on his own, and he let out a roar as he hefted it and threw it back in the direction that it had come from.

The other giants, such as Chen Ling, Chen Jian, and Chen Ji, were not able to throw the creatures back, so they could only push them away.

Xu Qing's expression grew ugly. "Four Envoys have revealed themselves! The Great Eastern Alliance is certainly committed."

He then waved a hand. "That should be pretty much all of them. They might still be hiding one or two Envoys at best, but there's nothing to be afraid of. Also, keep an eye on Lu Yin. Supposedly, he's actually able to fight against Envoys."



"Heh, leave him to me." A shadow twisted and disappeared.

At Xu Qing's order, countless astral beasts charged at the human fleet. Lu Yin stared out at them and simply stated, "Fire."

All the battleships unleashed their attacks at once, and the beams of light filled the area as they bombarded the encroaching horde of astral beasts. However, most of the creatures were stronger than Explorers, which meant that the battleships were unable to do much damage. Before long, the astral beasts collided with the fleet head on.

Boom!

There was a deafening noise as all the vessels trembled. This was the first true clash of the war, and countless astral beasts perished in space. Most were species that were capable of traveling through outer space before reaching the Explorer level due to their special bodies. Just the three special armies ended up slaughtering many of the astral beasts.

The Great Eastern Alliance's fleet also ended up suffering. The horde of astral beasts charged straight into the fleet and damaged over a thousand transport ships. Fortunately, Lu Yin had made sure to provide all soldiers under the Explorer realm with universal armor. Thus, even if they were thrown out of their spaceships, the soldiers could still survive.

An overhead view of the fleet appeared on a display. There was red all around the humans' fleet, and one ship after another was being destroyed. Outer space was filled with an endless sea of astral beast corpses.

Lu Yin clenched his fists. He had already fought in two wars against the astral beasts. The first time had been at the border of Erudite Flowzone, but that had been a relatively small battlefield, and it had been nothing more than a small corner of the border.

The second time had been in Ironblood Weave. There, Lu Yin had seen the tides of the war change and witnessed the true cruelty of the battlefield.

This was his third time, though this was his first time facing the Astral Beast Domain by himself instead of fighting with the rest of the Human Domain. This war would not last for long, but the casualties would exceed anything that the participants had ever seen before.

"Do we not need to step out?" Liu Huang could not stop from checking.

Lu Yin quietly answered, "There's no rush."

The Great Eastern Alliance's fleet was facing off against countless astral beasts. Beasts with the strength of Envoys appeared; there was a soaring flamebeast, a Void

Thunderbeast, and a Celestial Ice Phoenix. Ling Qiu, Abel Phoenix, and Elder He all appeared at the same time.

Every time another Envoy-level astral beast appeared, another Envoy from the Great Eastern Alliance's fleet appeared, which left Xu Qing completely dumbfounded. "How is this possible? How can the Great Eastern Alliance have so many Envoys?"

He had actually expected to shatter the fleet with a single charge, and he had never considered the possibility that so many Envoys would be present on the Great Eastern Alliance's side.

When the next status report was delivered, Xu Qing's expression was ugly as he read it.

Most of the Envoys who had appeared were the leaders of the Inniverse powers that ruled the eight great flowzones. Xu Qing had heard rumors that Lu Yin's Great Eastern Alliance had united both the Inniverse and Outerverse, and surprisingly, those rumors proved to be true. It was incredible that Lu Yin had managed to mobilize so many Envoys.

Xu Qing's eyes blazed as he stared off into the distance. It was no wonder why Lu Yin had been willing to start this war, but did he really think that this number of Envoys would be enough to stop the Astral Beast Domain?

"Kill Lu Yin," Xu Qing ordered.

The sudden outbreak of war in the asteroid field drew the attention of the Hall of Honor and the Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect. The Sixth Mainland was actually the more interested of the two parties, as they did not believe that the Great Eastern Alliance possessed the strength to go up against the Astral Beast Domain.

At best, the Daosource Sect had expected the Astral Beast Domain to send out three or four Envoys and the Great Eastern Alliance to do the same. The entire war was expected to be decided with the participation of no more than eight Envoys.

However, what actually ended up happening was that the very first battle in the asteroid belt saw more than ten Envoys show themselves, which made the Sixth Mainland do a double take. Not only had the Astral Beast Domain revealed greater strength than expected, but the Great Eastern Alliance had also surpassed all expectations.

Enlighters were already considered to be powerhouses in the universe, and yet an organization with less than ten years of establishment had just sent out multiple Envoys to participate in a war. This had defied the Sixth Mainland expectations.

Even many people in the Hall of Honor were surprised by the news, and they realized that the war might be a bigger matter than they had initially believed.

From the very first battle, this was a war on a major scale.

All the humans had underestimated the Astral Beast Domain's desire to conquer the Human Domain, but they had also underestimated Lu Yin's determination to stop the invaders.

The purpose behind the war had changed the moment Lu Yin heard about the countless people who had been slaughtered in Northcastle, Forested, and Eastly Weaves. No longer was Lu Yin content with driving the astral beasts out of the Outerverse—he was out for revenge.

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A massive paw appeared in the asteroid field near the edge of the fleet, and it tore right through a battleship. Two Limiteers who had been inside the vessel glanced at each other before retaliating against the beast. Soon, the creature was dead and floating through outer space, though the ship had also been reduced to scrap. The survivors were floating through outer space, but a strong gust of wind swept through and blew everyone away.

Many of the people were slammed into an asteroid. Some spat out blood while others simply died.

Battles broke out everywhere on the asteroids around the fleet. There were tens of millions of humans and even more astral beasts participating in this war, and all of them were concentrated within this single asteroid field.

There were spatial cracks opening everywhere, and corpses littered the entire battlefield.

Lu Yin stared at a display. Red was spreading across the display, which indicated that the fleet's losses were increasing.

"We have a guest." The Second Nightking looked up.

Lu Yin waved a hand, and both the Second Nightking and Liu Huang stepped back.

Lu Yin was still unfamiliar with the Astral Beast Domain, and no human seemed certain as to just what the astral beasts were capable of. Xu Qing would learn about the two powerhouses' presence the moment they made a move. Even if they did wipe out all the astral beasts in the asteroid field, it was not worth it at this point in time.

This war was about resources, but it was also about trump cards. Liu Huang and the Second Nightking were Lu Yin's hidden reserves, and Lu Yin knew that whoever revealed their reserves first would be in a passive position.

Everyone left the command center.

Lu Yin's hands were clasped behind his back as he stared out at space. He saw runes appear everywhere.

A shadow on the wall twisted and slowly approached Lu Yin without a single sound.

Lu Yin still had not noticed it, as he was focused staring outside the ship.

The shadow suddenly condensed and formed a sharp spike that shot at Lu Yin. The spike struck Lu Yin without any issue, but it only managed to pierce through his clothes. There was not a single drop of blood.

The shadow changed form once again, this time turning into a curtain that covered Lu Yin.

"I've read a lot of reports concerning the Astral Beast Domain, and if I remember correctly, you're called Shadowbeast," Lu Yin casually remarked as the curtain enveloped him.

This attack was somewhat similar to the Black Coffin secret technique that Unseen Light had used, but Black Coffin was a secret technique whereas this was Shadowbeast's natural abilities. Additionally, the creature was barely at the Envoy level, which meant that this attack could not even touch Lu Yin.

Only Shadowbeast knew what happened inside the curtain, but when the shadows faded, Lu Yin was completely uninjured.

This was the Knowing realm of Truesight. Lu Yin had used the floor beneath his feet as the point of reference, and he had declared that no damage could be done in that area. As long as Lu Yin was in that space, he could not be harmed. This cultivation method was completely incomprehensible to anyone who did not practice it themselves.

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Shadowbeast was startled. "Impossible!"

Lu Yin frowned. "Only a power level of 500,000? You only just reached the Envoy level. You're just asking to die."

Shadowbeast could not see what Lu Yin was doing as he spoke, but the creature was suddenly struck by a powerful and invisible palm strike that scattered the beast's shadows.

Suddenly, Lu Yin felt a hint of danger, and he reflexively tried to move, only to discover that Shadowbeast had locked Lu Yin's body down at some point, preventing him from moving. On top of that, the star energy in Lu Yin's body was also suppressed and rendered useless.

"Alliance Leader Lu, our commander tasked me with delivering a message: 'You can't afford this game.'"

After the voice spoke, a black shadow struck at Lu Yin's forehead to pierce through his head.

This black shadow was Shadowbeast's main body. The creature was a shadow, which meant that it could break off portions of itself and recombine with them. The astral beast's full strength had a power level of more than 800,000 while even its fragments had a power level of over 500,000. Additionally, it was impossible for others to distinguish the difference between the two.

This was why Xu Qing had allowed Shadowbeast to attack Lu Yin and assassinate him. It could not be revealed that a being with a power level of more than 800,000 had attacked Lu Yin, and on top of that, Shadowbeast's techniques were truly bizarre.

Just when the spike was about to stab into Lu Yin's forehead, a sword slid out of the void and stopped the spike when it was three inches from Lu Yin's head. The sword trembled, and the vibration caused the shadow to shift, as Shadowbeast found himself unable to control his form.

The creature was shocked. "A powerhouse?"

It unhesitatingly fled. However, since Liu Huang had shown himself, there was no way he would allow the astral beast to escape. The swordsman's strength had already recovered to a power level of over a million, and Shadowbeast was instantly sliced into countless pieces. Every single shadow was destroyed despite the creature attempting to split itself apart and flee in every direction.

Lu Yin's expression was not good at this moment. The Astral Beast Domain's assassination methods were very odd. There were no records of a creature like Shadowbeast, and they even had records of freakish beasts that were living black holes. There was no telling what sort of astral beasts they might encounter over the course of this war. Lu Yin knew that he needed to be more cautious.

Liu Huang soon returned, but he did not look happy.

"You weren't able to finish it off?" Lu Yin asked.

Liu Huang replied, "I don't actually know. All the shadows that I could sense were eliminated, but I have a feeling that the creature is not that easy to eliminate."

"Don't worry about it too much," Lu Yin said.

"I've exposed myself, so do you want me to attack?" Liu Huang asked.

Lu Yin stared off into the distance. "Move out and destroy all the powerful beasts that have appeared as quickly as possible."

Liu Huang disappeared. Since he had revealed himself, there was no reason to bother hiding any longer.

Liu Huang emerged from the void and slowly raised his sword. In that instance, space froze, and countless people felt an indescribable sharpness descend upon them. A cold chill covered their entire bodies.

Xu Qing's expression drastically changed from his distant vantage point. "Not good!"

The Void Thunderbeast vanished.

Liu Huang swept his sword out, and five slashes appeared simultaneously. Each one shot towards a different astral beast that were at the Envoy level.

The essence eater was the first to lose its head. It attempted to divert the sword slash, but Liu Huang's strength far surpassed Liu Qianjue's, and how could the beast divert an attack with a power level of over a million? The second to lose its head was the soaring flamebeast who was fighting against the Frost Emperor. Both it and the Void Thunderbeast had broken free from the Frost Emperor's ice and started fighting him, but Liu Huang's sword severed the beast's head without slowing down.

The third, fourth, and fifth sword slashes were all blocked by a Void Thunderbeast. Xu Qing had returned to his original form, and he personally shot through space towards Liu Huang. "You are courting death!"

Liu Huang's eyes turned cold. There was actually a powerhouse among the astral beasts that had a power level of over a million. He stepped through space to confront the Void Thunderbeast.

The two experts each had a power level of over a million, and Lu Yin immediately ordered the fleet to retreat as the two monsters faced off against each other.

Liu Huang's presence terrified countless astral beasts, and they fled at the same time that the humans' fleet pulled back.



The war underwent a qualitative change the moment that monsters with power levels of over a million entered the fray. The Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect was fully focused on the war at this point, as they had never imagined the Great Eastern Alliance could have such a powerhouse among their forces.

Xu Qing and Liu Huang fought without regard for the consequences of their battle. Liu Huang lashed out at Xu Qing with the Fourteenth Sword, which caused Xu Qing to vomit blood. As for Xu Qing, he left a permanent injury on Liu Huang with his lightning.

The battle came to a temporary halt for the moment. The Great Eastern Alliance's fleet retreated to the southwest, and at the same time, countless astral beasts fled to the northeast. The two sides completely ceased all combat.

Xu Qing had never imagined that Lu Yin's Great Eastern Alliance would actually be this powerful, and this battle had led the Astral Beast Domain to suffer terrible losses. In particular, the presence of a super powerhouse had truly flipped Xu Qing's predictions on their head. He quickly requested an investigation into the Great Eastern Alliance.

He had not cared about the alliance at all in the past, but he had realized that he needed to clearly understand his enemy.

Lu Yin's fleet had also suffered harsh casualties, but fortunately, not a single Envoy had died.

Still, even though no Envoy had died, all of them were terrified, particularly Mountain God. He went to speak with Ling Qiu right after the battle ended.

"You want to leave?" Ling Qiu was taken aback.

Mountain God answered quietly, "You also saw Liu Huang attack and instantly kill those two Envoys! What if that Void Thunderbeast had been the first to attack instead of Liu Huang? Could any of us survive such a thing?"

Ling Qiu considered this.

Mountain God continued, saying, "We shouldn't even be fighting in this war. If the Astral Beast Domain invades the Inniverse, of course we should face them, and if the worst happens, then we die. However, it's not worth risking our lives for this war. The Astral Beast Domain has been fighting against the entire Human Domain for so many years, so there's no way that all of their powerhouses are here. If that were actually the case, then the Neoverse freaks would have wiped the beasts out long ago.

"There's no way you would want to die a miserable death here."

Ling Qiu stared back at Mountain God. "What did Lu Yin offer you when you agreed to fight in this war?"

Mountain God hesitated for a moment, but then he said, "A power vessel. A defensive one that can withstand attacks with power levels of 700,000."

Ling Qiu's eyes flickered. "It looks like he offered the same conditions to everyone."

"Definitely not," Mountain God countered. "The Sword Sect's conditions for fighting here are completely different from what you and I are getting."

At this moment, Mountain God suddenly remembered that the Lingling clan also had Ling Taizu, who was another, even more powerful Envoy. "Actually, you must have also been given something different from me."

Ling Qiu did not answer, instead saying, "If you try to leave now, regardless of whether you can actually escape from this battlefield, how will you face Lu Yin in the future? Do you believe that he's destined to die in this war? Remember that the Second Nightking still has not shown himself, and Yuan Shi is also in the Outerverse. On top of that, no one knows just what kind of support Lu Yin has from the Neoverse, but there's at least one backer that is certain—the Interstellar Supreme Court's Chief Justice."

Mountain God's heart sank a bit further with every name that Ling Qiu mentioned. When he heard the words "Chief Justice," he simply turned around and left. Escape from the war? That was impossible at the moment, and that would only change if they faced a true life-or-death crisis.

At the moment, the humans had gained the upper hand.

Word that Mountain God had met with Ling Qiu quickly reached Lu Yin, but he did not care. He knew that none of the Envoys with him actually wanted to fight in this war, so it was normal for them to want to escape. However, whether they actually did so depended on if they had the courage to do so.

Shui Chuanxiao appeared on Lu Yin's display. The former Grand Marshal had a solemn expression on his face. "Our casualties from this battle were not light: 1.2 million soldiers beneath the Explorer realm, 263 Explorers, 99 Cruisers, 35 Hunters, and 18 Enlighters. These numbers include the losses from the three special armies, with most of those coming from the deaths of cultivators above the Explorer realm. Of the three armies, the Lu Elite Troops suffered the worst, as they lost a great number of Explorer-level androids.

"Additionally, we lost about 12,000 transport ships and 725 battleships..."

Lu Yin listened to Shui Chuanxiao's report in silence, and an idea started to blossom in his mind. When he compared the battle that had just been fought with the battles that he had fought in Ironblood Weave, there was no comparison at all.

In the past, Ironblood Weave had never suffered many casualties among the Enlighters stationed there. This was mostly because none of the fortresses had that many Enlighters defending them.

The most recent battle had included more than a hundred Enlighters.

What did more than a hundred Enlighters mean? It was a force that could easily sweep through both the Outerverse and Innerverse.

Of note was that, as painful as the humans' casualties were, the Astral Beast Domain's losses were absolutely worse. After all, they had lost two Envoy level beasts. If Shadowbeast was actually dead, then they had lost three powerhouses.

These deaths alone far surpassed everything that the Great Eastern Alliance had suffered.

They were at war, and this was not a children's game. This was a level that ordinary people could not even fathom.

Lu Yin's understanding of the aftermath of the battle was fairly accurate. At this moment, Xu Qing's face was ashen. The deaths of the weaker astral beasts was of no consequence, as there were some astral beasts that reproduced much faster than humans, such as the Void Wanderers. In just this battle alone, more than 10 million Void Wanderers had died, but that did not matter at all. What did matter were the deaths of the two Envoy-level astral beasts.

"It's good you made it back. If I had lost you as well, I would not be able to explain myself to the Celestial Beast Emperor," Xu Qing said quietly as he looked at a shadow on the ground.

Shadowbeast's voice was incredibly weak. "I almost couldn't. Xu Qing, you were the greatest mistake in this battle. You didn't understand the strength of the Great Eastern Alliance and launched the war without proper authorization. I will definitely report this matter to the Celestial Beast Emperor."

Xu Qing remained silent. Multiple emotions swirled through his eyes as he stared towards the southwest. "I have fought so many wars in my life, and yet I did not suffer such a humiliating defeat even against the Sixth Mainland. They were able to crush us with pure strength, but they never managed to defeat us through mere strategy. I truly underestimated this Great Eastern Alliance to a tragic degree. I am willing to accept any punishment after I finish this war and return to the Empire."

Shadowbeast disappeared when Xu Qing stopped talking.

The commander remained standing calmly on an asteroid. He was in no hurry to resume fighting the war. He had already suffered a harsh lesson, and he wanted to

understand his opponent before resuming the war. He needed to understand their true strength.

While Xu Qing was in no hurry to resume the conflict, Lu Yin absolutely was. He was aware that, after such a loss, Xu Qing would be trying to gather as much information on the Great Eastern Alliance as fast as possible. Thus, he needed to take advantage of the current opportunity to thin out the astral beasts' numbers as much as possible.

The battleships fired, and the war continued.

Countless astral beasts let out roars of fury.

Liu Qianjue, Ling Qiu, Mountain God, Chen Huang, the Frost Emperor, and all the Envoys appeared one after another as Liu Huang led them to the northeast through the asteroid field. The power of all these Envoys caused the asteroid field to boil.

Xu Qing looked up, anger visible on his face. He leaped out, and three Void Thunderbeasts suddenly appeared alongside him. Xu Qing confronted Liu Huang, but the other two Void Thunderbeasts possessed power levels that barely surpassed 500,000, and they were left to face Mountain God, Chen Huang. The Celestial Ice Phoenix moved to stop Ling Qiu while the hidden essence eater attacked Liu Qianjue.

Xu Qing did his best to position the Envoys' battlefield in the middle of the fleet's path, as he wanted to make it impossible for the Great Eastern Alliance to engage the astral beasts in a direct confrontation.

Lu Yin frowned, and Ling Taizu, Elder He, and Abel Phoenix suddenly appeared. They traveled through the true universe and only emerged once they were in the middle of the horde of astral beasts, where they started wantonly slaughtering all the beasts.

Xu Qing was furious. He had not expected the Great Eastern Alliance to keep three more Envoys in reserve during their last battle. Just how did Lu Yin have command of so many Envoys?

Xu Qing had believed that the seven Envoy-level astral beasts he had brought with him were plenty for this invasion into the Outerverse, especially if he also personally stepped onto the battlefield. According to his initial estimations, unless the Sixth Mainland sent out at least two Cosmic Imprinters, the humans would be rendered completely helpless. He had never expected the Great Eastern Alliance to not only be able to withstand the Astral Beast Domain's invasion force, but also slightly overpower them.

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The Envoys' battle caused the asteroid field to start collapsing, especially the shockwaves that spread out from the battle between Liu Huang and Xu Qing. Their fight not only affected the asteroid field, but also Eastly and Northcastle Weaves.

As long as nothing else happened, Ling Taizu and the other two Envoys would be able to wipe out countless astral beasts.

Lu Yin had been waiting for this opportunity. If the Great Eastern Alliance was going to eke out a victory, then the only way to do so was by using their greater number of Envoys to surprise the Astral Beast Domain.

However, the humans' advantage did not last for very long. A horrendous scream soon echoed through the region. Space was pushed back, and asteroids shattered. The fighting paused everywhere as the various combatants were forced to cover their ears. Not even Liu Huang was exempt from this.

Ripples spread through space, and the soundwaves rose and fell like a tsunami as everyone started to hallucinate. They saw an enormous Celestial Demon descend to crush and subdue everyone. It was trying to leave an imprint on their very souls.

Liu Qianjue, Ling Taizu, and even Liu Huang were unable to endure this terrifying spiritual force.

Lu Yin tightly clenched the console in front of him and began to recite the Origin Sutra. His face grew pale despite reciting the sutra. Most people on the battlefield had already lost consciousness, and those who remained conscious were little better than living corpses.

Celestial Demons were born with the strength of a Hunter, and they devoured spiritual force. They looked like humans, but with bat wings. They were the imperial family of the Celestial Beast Empire.

Throughout the eons, during all the wars between the Human Domain and the Astral Beast Domain, the creature that humans feared encountering on the battlefield the most were Celestial Demons. Their peerless spiritual force had slaughtered countless humans throughout history.

The Second Nightking stepped out. His eyes were cold, but his aura surged as he stared into the distance.

Two spiritual forces clashed, and the impact created a true, physical explosion. A sound like thunder swept out in a shockwave, as if a star had exploded.

Vessels shattered, and cultivators passed out one after another. Astral beasts also lost consciousness, though many wailed as they were knocked out.

These two spiritual forces fought each other for ten breaths' time, but it ended with the defeat of the Celestial Demon.

Even though the Celestial Demon had been defeated, the Second Nightking had not come out unscathed.

The Daynight clan excelled at techniques that required spiritual force, but that did not provide them with any sort of advantage against the Celestial Demons. These creatures fed on spiritual force itself, and if the Second Nightking had not surpassed the Celestial Demon in strength, it would have been difficult to determine who would have won.

"Retreat! Now!" Lu Yin yelled. The fleet quickly pulled back to the southwest, and Liu Qianjue and the other Envoys also retreated. Unfortunately, Ling Taizu, Abel Phoenix, and Elder He were unable to retreat. They had charged into the depths of the Astral Beast Domain's forces, and although they slaughtered countless beasts, the three were eventually caught.

Xu Qing had greatly underestimated Lu Yin, but Lu Yin had also greatly underestimated the Celestial Beast Empire.

Lu Yin had not expected his enemies to just sit back and watch as Liu Huang had attacked and slaughtered two Envoy-level astral beasts. He had also assumed that the astral beasts had kept some powerhouses in reserve, which was why he had sent Ling Taizu and the other two out into the depths of the astral beast horde; Lu Yin wanted to forced out the hidden powerhouses. With the Second Nightking as his own hidden reserve, Lu Yin had been unafraid of anything that the astral beasts might have kept hidden.

Yet, even after so much careful analysis and calculation, Lu Yin had not been able to determine the depths of the astral beasts' hidden strength. Shockingly, it had turned out to be a Celestial Demon. The creature's overwhelming spiritual force meant that Ling Taizu and the other two Envoys had not been able to even mount any resistance before they were stunned and captured.

The human fleet withdrew, but the loss of Ling Taizu and the other two Envoys was a crushing defeat for the Great Eastern Alliance.

If those three Envoys were killed, the alliance's losses would exceed what the Astral Beast Domain had suffered.

Lu Yin's expression grew downcast. Ling Qiu instantly approached, and she nervously asked, "Lu Yin, what happened to my great-grandfather?"



Lu Yin remained silent.

Ling Qiu shouted angrily, "Lu Yin, I asked you a question!"

Lu Yin looked up and quietly replied, "He's been captured, but he's not dead yet."

"Being captured by those animals could be a fate worse than death! We need to resume fighting right now so that we can rescue Grandpa!" Ling Qiu anxiously declared as she glared at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin glanced over. "Even if we resume fighting, we can't save them. I'm more bothered by this than you."

Ling Qiu ground her teeth. She looked positively furious. "We agreed to participate in this war because of you! If my great-grandfather dies, then we, the Lingling clan, will never forgive you!"

Lu Yin turned to look to the northeast. Ling Taizu was not the only one who had been captured, as the same thing had happened to the Phoenix family's Abel Phoenix and the Sea King's Elder He. Every single one of the Envoys was important. No, this battle was far too important.

Lu Yin had been not worried at all as he had thought that keeping the Second Nightking hidden in reserve would be enough. It had been Lu Yin's own mistake to send Ling Taizu and the other Envoys to attack in the middle of the enemy's forces.

Shui Chuanxiao arrived. "Alliance Leader, we need to calculate our wins and losses from this battle as quickly as possible, and the astral beasts will soon contact you. You need to consider what your bottom line will be in negotiating for the three captured Envoys."

Ling Qiu heard his words and snapped, "What bottom line? There isn't a bottom line! We must get my great-grandfather back!"

Shui Chuanxiao calmly stated, "This woman is in no condition to be here right now"

Ling Qiu was enraged by this. "What did you just say?"

Lu Yin frowned and turned to glare at Ling Qiu. "I'm the commander on this battlefield. You did not join this war because you wanted to protect the humans of the Outerverse, but because what I offered to pay you was enticing enough. You're part of a war, and every war will have casualties. Were you treating this as just a game?"

Ling Qiu started breathing heavily. Her fists clenched tightly, and her eyes grew colder and colder.

After staring at the woman for a moment, Lu Yin waved a hand to dismiss her. "Leave now. I promise that I'll deal with this and do my best to save them."

Ling Qiu took a deep breath and then let out a derisive snort before turning and leaving.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. He turned to look at Shui Chuanxiao. "What sort of terms do you think they'll ask for?"

Shui Chuanxiao's voice dropped, "From what I know about Xu Qing, he won't just provide us with terms. Instead, he'll use these negotiations as a weapon against us."

"What do you mean?" This did not make sense to Lu Yin.

Shui Chuanxiao explained, "Xu Qing is the Celestial Beast Empire's General because the empire is constantly at war. In order to completely defeat an opponent, one must be able to defeat them both on and off the battlefield. Xu Qing is someone who uses methods that normal people won't even think of, but they are also very difficult to deal with."

"So what do you think he'll do?" Lu Yin frowned.

Shui Chuanxiao thought for a bit. "You would be better off asking Wei Rong that question."

Lu Yin immediately ended the call with the commander and called Wei Rong instead.

Wei Rong was currently at Zenyu Star. As the Great Eastern Alliance had gathered forces to fight a war, Wei Rong had also traveled back to the Outerverse at this time. "Alliance Leader Lu, do you need me for something?"

Lu Yin shared all that had happened on the battlefield and finished by asking, "If you were Xu Qing, how would you go about taking advantage of the captives when speaking to me? How would you deal with the situation?"

Wei Rong was caught off guard. "Me?"

Lu Yin grew solemn as he explained, "Commander Shui Chuanxiao tells me that Xu Qing is someone similar to you, and he is a scheming individual. So, if you were in Xu Qing's position, what would you do?"

Wei Rong took a moment to consider the matter, and he quickly looked back at Lu Yin and quietly said, "I'd give the three Envoys to the army. First, have them kill the one with the least importance, and then start slowly torturing the others to death. This would instill my army with an understanding of how ruthless I am while also provoking my enemy into trying to rescue the captives."

Cutting flesh with a blunt knife. This was the phrase that popped into Lu Yin's mind at Wei Rong's response. "It's not particularly brilliant, and it's actually a very common response."

It could be said that many people would use this method.

Wei Rong smiled. "True, it is quite common. That's why I would next transmit a video of Ling Taizu being tortured to the Human Domain. I would make sure that it was sent to the Lingling clan and many others. At the same time, I'd start spreading rumors that if the Great Eastern Alliance didn't save the captives, the Lingling clan would get upset with the alliance. I'd even go so far as to spread rumors that the Great Eastern Alliance was doing this in order to eliminate internal instabilities.

"Just think about it: the Great Eastern Alliance has unified the Inniverse, but the Envoys who lead the eight great flowzones are far more powerful than the actual alliance. In fact, why did the Great Eastern Alliance make a move when the Astral Beast Domain invaded the Outerverse? Why is the Inniverse fighting in this war and sacrificing their powerhouses, when it's the Outerverse and not them being invaded?

"Most cultivators are both ruthless and only concerned for themselves. Put bluntly, they're selfish. Who will believe that the Great Eastern Alliance really went out of its way to start this war just to save a bunch of ordinary people living at the fringes of the Human Domain?"

The furrows in Lu Yin's brows grew deeper and deeper. This was playing the hearts of the factions involved. The Great Eastern Alliance had left the Inniverse to protect the eastern weaves of the Outerverse, and many people found this reason both ridiculous and unreasonable. They could not understand why the alliance was fighting against the Astral Beast Domain.

If Xu Qing really did enact Wei Rong's plan, Lu Yin had no idea how things would turn out on the battlefield, but the Inniverse would absolutely erupt. The Lingling clan would be the first to revolt, and even the Hall of Honor would get involved.

Lu Yin would then be forced to fight a very protracted war. Mountain God and the other Envoys had already expressed the desire to leave, so something like this would end up having an adverse effect on the entire army.

Lu Yin's eyes flickered. "Is there any way to counter this?"

Wei Rong's eyes grew hard. "Either find a way to rescue them or find a way to eliminate them. Either way, we can't let Xu Qing use the captives against us, or else we will absolutely be defeated in this war, and our Great Eastern Alliance will even lose the Inniverse and be sent to the absolute bottom."

Wei Rong left the fact that he had never once been optimistic about the Great Eastern Alliance's chances against the Astral Beast Domain unsaid. His pessimism was precisely because it was too easy to shake the alliance's foundation. The Sixth Mainland was in no hurry to occupy the Outerverse, but the Great Eastern Alliance was eager to move into the Innerverse. If Wei Rong were facing the Great Eastern Alliance, he would absolutely make sure to create as much chaos in the alliance's homeland as possible.

The fact that the Astral Beast Domain had captured three of the alliance's Envoys was a heaven sent opportunity. As long as Xu Qing was not an idiot, then the war was already won, as it was simply too easy to take advantage of this situation.

Lu Yin started thinking. Neither saving nor killing the Envoys would be an easy task.

"Alliance Leader, there's actually another way, but it involves a great deal more risk," Wei Rong said.

Lu Yin looked at him. "Tell me."

Wei Rong spoke calmly, "The leaders of most of the eight great flowzones are currently in the asteroid field with you. If you want to take over those flowzones completely, get rid of those people. Capture them, kill them—do whatever it takes to force the great flowzones to silence them. As for what happens in the asteroid field, lock down all news. When the war's over, no one will know how many people were killed during the battle or how many survived. As long as the Innerverse's influence over the fleet is removed, it won't matter what the Astral Beast Domain does, as it will accomplish nothing at all."

Lu Yin immediately hung up. Wei Rong's suggestion was far too ruthless, and it was essentially no different from forcing the Great Eastern Alliance into a dead end. If Ling Qiu and the other Envoys all died, Lu Yin would indeed have total control of the Innerverse and would be able to command it with a simple word. However, was he willing to kill Ling Qiu, Liu Qianjue, and the others to accomplish that? Impossible. While the Astral Beast Domain was an enemy of humanity, Aeternus was an even greater enemy, and Lu Yin had further goals for this war.

"I'm in a completely passive position," Lu Yin muttered to himself as he stared to the northeast. Just what would Xu Qing choose to do? After thinking the matter over a bit more, Lu Yin smiled wryly. Regardless of Xu Qing's decision, Lu Yin had already been given the worst case scenario by Wei Rong. Lu Yin knew his bottom line, so he just had to wait for Xu Qing to contact him.

Lu Yin did not need to wait long. His gadget soon beeped, and Lu Yin looked over to see that Xu Qing was calling.

Lu Yin's face was calm as he accepted the call.

Xu Qing appeared on Lu Yin's display, and he stared at Lu Yin with clear interest. The Void Thunderbeast was in an excellent mood at this moment. He had lost his frustration from his previous loss, and he was even chipper enough to crack a joke when he saw Lu Yin. "Alliance Leader Lu, you don't look so well. Tell me what's wrong."

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Lu Yin felt the need to retaliate the moment he saw Xu Qing's relaxed expression. "General Xu Qing, it looks like you didn't know that an expert from the Celestial Demons was following you. It would appear that the Celestial Beast Empire doesn't trust you very much."

It was important to say a few words before starting the negotiations.

Xu Qing was taken aback, but he quickly let out a laugh. "You are really an interesting person, Alliance Leader Lu. Even in your current situation, you still have the time to try your hand at psychological warfare. There's no reason for me to not tell you that the Emperor was quite clear to me that there would be a hidden powerhouse following me, but I will admit that I did not expect that expert to be a Celestial Demon. It was quite the surprise, no?"

Lu Yin casually replied, "If you say so. Anyways, tell me, what did you call me for, General Xu Qing?"

The general's tone remained light. "It's nothing too important. I just wanted to ask you if you still want those three Envoys. Many of my soldiers are rather gluttonous, and they particularly love the meat of Envoys."

"Of course I do. Let's hear your terms," Lu Yin said directly.

Xu Qing was surprised by this response. "You're certainly direct, Alliance Leader Lu. Very well, I'll state our conditions, though not like this. I want you to come see me. I will tell you in person."

Lu Yin stared at Xu Qing. "What do you mean?"

A smile slowly crept across Xu Qing's face. "I want you to come see me alone, Alliance Leader Lu. Then, I'll tell you my terms. Do you dare? There's no need to worry, as I promise to ensure your safety. I will uphold the practice of not killing the emissary of someone we are at war with."

Lu Yin took a long look at Xu Qing as Shui Chuanxiao's words echoed in his mind. Xu Qing was someone who excelled at scheming, both on and off the battlefield. He was someone who could always suppress his enemy. Clearly, Xu Qing was trying to take advantage of Lu Yin.

Wei Rong had already told Lu Yin the worst case scenario, and yet Xu Qing had made an even more ruthless move. The commander had not forgotten to try to suppress Lu Yin before even offering to negotiate the terms regarding the three captured Envoys. Lu Yin had the choice to go alone or to not meet with Xu Qing. However, if Lu Yin refused, Xu Qing would hold the upper hand in every future interaction. The general wanted to break the Great Eastern Alliance's morale with the three captured Envoys, and on top of that, Xu Qing was trying to make sure that he held the absolute advantage during any and all negotiations.

Lu Yin was the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance, but how would he be able to control the alliance if he was publicly suppressed during this war?

Xu Qing was even more ruthless than Wei Rong. The young man was still too young.

Lu Yin and Xu Qing stared at each other intently for a moment. "Okay, I'll go."

Xu Qing's eyes instantly narrowed, but he exclaimed, "As expected of the person who managed to unite both the Inniverse and Outerverse and is unmatched by any peers. You have your pride. I'll be waiting for you."

Xu Qing immediately ended the call.

Lu Yin lowered his arm. From behind, the Second Nightking expressed his surprise. "Are you actually going?"

Lu Yin answered in an indifferent manner, "I won't be able to do anything if I don't go."

The Second Nightking's eyes flickered. "You're going up against astral beasts, not humans. They don't follow any rules. Are you really certain that you want to go?"

Lu Yin stared into the distance. "If I don't go, Xu Qing will have already won. No one will listen to a leader who doesn't even have the courage to approach the negotiation table."

Lu Yin then looked at the Second Nightking and smiled. "Honestly, I'd prefer to have you go in my place."

The Second Nightking was unconcerned. "It doesn't matter. I can kill them if I go."

"Even if that Celestial Demon is there?" Lu Yin asked.

"That beast can't stop me."

"Alright, that's what I needed to hear," Lu Yin said.

The Second Nightking was left puzzled.

Lu Yin carefully observed the old man. "This time, if I die, so will you."

The Second Nightking's pupils constricted, and a powerful killing intent flickered in the depths of his eyes. "Do you want me to die with you?"

Lu Yin explained, "The only way to come out on top in this situation is to rescue those three Envoys. I'm going to need you to take action, but I'm afraid that you won't try your best. You just told me that the Celestial Demon can't stop you, and you're the only one who can get me back here safely. If I don't come back, then that means that it's because you don't want me to survive. In that case, I'll make sure to take you with me to my grave."

The Second Nightking's cheek twitched, but he stayed where he was. "What do you want to do?"

Lu Yin turned to look towards the northeast. "We have to take our chances."

War was not a game. This was what Lu Yin had told Ling Qiu. Still, even if he felt that he had a deep understanding of warfare, he had never expected to face billions of astral beasts all alone. He was like a lamb walking to the slaughter as he faced all those ferocious and terrifying astral beasts.

Back within the fleet, Ling Qiu looked conflicted. She had not expected Lu Yin to willingly walk into the depths of the enemy army on his own. That was something that few people had the courage to do.

Regardless of whether Ling Taizu could be rescued, Ling Qiu realized that she would not be able to hold a grudge against Lu Yin for this matter. This was because she was staring at his lonely back, as he resolutely strode forward.

Lu Yin passed through outer space along as he made his way towards the horde of countless astral beasts in the northeast. Behind him, the entire Great Eastern Alliance stared at his back as he left them. No matter why any of them had originally joined the Great Eastern Alliance, at this moment, Lu Yin won the hearts of everyone. They could not help but respect his courage.

There was a great distance between the first astral beast that Lu Yin encountered to where Xu Qing was waiting. Lu Yin was not sure if Xu Qing had purposely arranged it, but every single creature in Lu Yin's path was absolutely massive. Some of them even stood directly in his path with their limbs spread apart so that Lu Yin would need to pass beneath them in order to proceed, which was insulting.



Lu Yin looked up. This whole situation felt rather familiar. After all, this was not Lu Yin's first time passing through an enemy army, as he had done the same thing with the Technocracy's Lost Course Army. At this moment, Lu Yin was facing a tremendous amount of hatred, but so what? He had not even arrived at his destination yet.

An astral beast in his path let out a great roar and stepped forward, crushing an asteroid with its four legs. "Human, pass through!"

The countless astral beasts surrounding the area also roared. "Pass through, Human!"

"Pass through!"

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Lu Yin calmly looked at the astral beast blocking his path, but the creature only had the strength of an Enlighter. He continued walking forward, but with every step he took, his domain and spiritual force increased in strength, suppressing the astral beasts surrounding him. In particular, the beast blocking Lu Yin's path felt as though he was being crushed by an invisible power, and its massive eyes began to show terror.

A blast of wind swept through the entire area, and all the astral beasts were blown away. The sole exceptions were two Void Thunderbeasts who stood in front of Lu Yin and stared at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin stepped upon an astral beast as he continued to slowly approach the two Void Thunderbeasts.

He had not even noticed that Yao Gu was watching from a distance, staring at Lu Yin in absolute shock. The human who had once been a bug undeserving of Yao Gu's notice had already reached a level where he was qualified to directly speak with Yao Gu's patriarch. This rate of growth was unbelievable.

Lu Yin stepped onto an asteroid and continued approaching the two Void Thunderbeasts one step at a time.

Those two Void Thunderbeasts stared at Lu Yin with murder in their eyes. If possible, they absolutely wanted to kill this human, but they could only dream of doing such a thing. The more powerful the astral beast species, the more rules they had to follow. There were times when a species' rules would be even stricter than those of humans. On top of that, they viewed themselves as superior to humans, so they would not try to make a move in this situation.

Lu Yin continued to move closer, and when he saw the killing intent in their eyes, he arched a brow and commanded, "Move."

One of the two Void Thunderbeasts took a step forward, lightning flickering around its body. "What did you say, Human?"

Lu Yin ignored the beast and simply continued moving forward as though the Void Thunderbeasts did not even exist.

They remained in his path, and lightning suddenly surged. It was powerful enough to distort space. The creature loomed over Lu Yin and flickered back and forth between the visible universe and the true universe.

Lu Yin walked right up to the Void Thunderbeast and ran into it without any sign of pausing or hesitating.

Lightning exploded, and there was a surge of power, but the Void Thunderbeast was knocked back by Lu Yin. The shockwave from the impact shattered a nearby asteroid and crushed a group of astral beasts.

A roar caused space to tremble, and it was even felt by the distant human fleet. Countless individuals heard it, and their expressions all changed, as none of them knew what Lu Yin was facing at this moment.

The Void Thunderbeast who had been shoved out of the way by Lu Yin could not accept what had happened, and its eyes went wide. Lightning flickered and it moved back, intent on resisting Lu Yin.

Lu Yin sneered. "Trash."

Even as he spoke, he stepped forward without any change in his pace.

There was a click, and then space shattered. The Void Thunderbeast used all of its strength and lightning to resist Lu Yin's power. There was a bang, and another asteroid shattered and exploded. Lu Yin's hair was ruffled, but the Void Thunderbeast was forced back once again. It was pushed back with every step that Lu Yin took, which was completely humiliating to the astral beast.

The other Void Thunderbeast wanted to help, but it held itself back. It could not make a move. If two Void Thunderbeasts at the Envoy level worked together, they would be humiliated regardless of whether they suppressed an Enlightener. If word of such a thing spread, the Void Thunderbeast clan would be mocked relentlessly.

The Astral Beast Domain was not a monolithic force, and there was internal strife there as well. The competition for the Celestial Beast List was also bloody.

Further back, Xu Qing stood atop a mountain on a large asteroid. At the moment, he was staring off into the distance. There was an extremely handsome young man and a noble looking, middle-aged woman standing with the general.

The young man was the Celestial Demon whose spiritual force was strong enough to stand up to even the Second Nightking. He was an expert with a power level that surpassed a million.

The woman was one of the Celestial Ice Phoenixes.

The Celestial Ice Phoenixes ranked seventh on the Celestial Beast List. They controlled both an impervious ice and a tri-colored light that could burn through anything. However, if that was all that the Celestial Ice Phoenixes boasted of, the woman would not be qualified to stand with Xu Qing and the Celestial Demon.

Very few astral beasts were aware of the fact that the Celestial Ice Phoenixes had previously received preferential treatment from Progenitor Wushang. Supposedly, they had been given a mission that they needed to carry out, and this gave the Celestial Ice Phoenixes a very high status within the Astral Beast Domain, though it also exacerbated the Celestial Ice Phoenixes' arrogance.

"This Lu Yin truly is impressive. Even Yao Xuan can't come close to comparing to him." The Celestial Demon admired Lu Yin, though his eyes contained killing intent.

On the other side of Xu Qing, the female Celestial Ice Phoenix coldly declared, "Unless something happens, this child will become a terrible enemy of our Celestial Beast Empire once he becomes an Envoy. If possible, it would be best to kill him now."

Xu Qing shook his head. "Our armies are the ones fighting. We can't kill him unless he attacks us first."

The Celestial Demon sneered. "He's no fool! Why would he try to attack us after coming here? If he did that, then forget about the Great Eastern Alliance's fleet—not even one of the Hall of Honor's Semi-Progenitors would be able to save him!"

Xu Qing glanced at the man who had spoken. This Celestial Demon was far too arrogant. A Semi-Progenitor's strength was something that they could not comprehend, and saying that had only revealed the Celestial Demon's ignorance. Still, a Celestial Demon was a Celestial Demon. Even a fool like this was able to achieve such an impressive level of strength. It truly defied all understanding.

"How is your research going on the Great Eastern Alliance?" the Celestial Demon suddenly asked.

Xu Qing's voice remained indifferent. "The reports that we've received say that the Great Eastern Alliance has united both the Inniverse and the Outerverse. Most of the Envoys we've seen among their forces are the rulers of the Inniverse's eight great flowzones, and that one powerhouse is a genius from the Sword Sect who should have died long ago, Liu Huang. As for the other one..."

The commander hesitated for a moment. He looked far more serious than before. "He's the Second Nightking."

"The Second Nightking?" the Celestial Demon and the Celestial Ice Phoenix both exclaimed.

The Daynight clan was famous throughout the universe, so they both understood exactly what "Second Nightking" meant.

The Celestial Demon quickly sneered. "No wonder he managed to block my spiritual force! So he's the Second Nightking. That old freak isn't dead yet?"