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The carrion beetle had arrived in the Outerverse at the same time as Sword King, but it had always remained hidden in order to carry out an assassination at a critical moment.

Although Xu Qing regretted that he would not be able to obtain Lu Yin's inheritance of the God of Death, the astral beasts' general had no choice but to use this trap to remove Lu Yin and clear a path for their grand plan.

The carrion beetle was ready to attack at any moment. With its speed and Envoy-level strength, there was no possibility of Lu Yin dodging, let alone when the octopus was suppressing all the star energy in the area. It was impossible for Lu Yin to escape.

Just as the carrion beetle was about to charge forward, the giant octopus completely disappeared.

The carrion beetle was startled. Where's the octopus? It disappeared?

The carrion beetle had watched the octopus fall towards the gas planet, but it had never come back out. How could that have happened? It should have been impossible for Lu Yin to kill the octopus.

Just above Jupiter, Lu Yin let out a long breath. He had thrown the octopus into Jupiter, and once someone entered Jupiter, they could forget about ever leaving. Even with Lu Yin's current strength, he did not dare to go into Jupiter, and that was even knowing that it could be a passage to the Perennial World.

Xu Qing had never imagined that such a place could exist so close to Earth. Lu Yin had never actually needed to defeat the giant octopus; he simply needed to use a trick to get rid of it.

The carrion beetle was stunned for a while, but no matter how long it waited, the giant octopus never reappeared.

Lu Yin glanced around. This was just too strange. It was impossible that the only astral beast waiting for him in this trap was the giant octopus, so where were the other astral beasts?

One individual was searching while the other was stunned.

A bit later, Lu Yin shook his head and decided to leave. He reappeared just above Earth. Just as he was about to enter the atmosphere, he felt danger. The carrion beetle slammed into Lu Yin's back and smashed him down to the ground.

There was a boom as he smashed into a high-rise with the speed of a meteor. He shot through the building and pierced deep into the ground. The earth shattered from the impact, and ripples spread out across the city from the building that Lu Yin had struck.

He felt a terrible pain in his back. Lu Yin gritted his teeth as he picked himself up, only for a stone to slam into his head, which caused another bang.

He reached up and touched the back of his head, only to find that he was bleeding as blood dripped down onto his clothes.

Lu Yin looked up and jumped upwards. He shot out of the ground and scanned the sky. Only at this moment did he finally see rune lines that corresponded to an expert with a power level of almost 600,000. Was that a carrion beetle?

A jolt of fear ran through Lu Yin when he saw what he was up against. He was lucky that he had thrown the giant octopus into Jupiter earlier, as he would be in deep trouble if he had to face the two astral beasts at the same time.

Lu Yin's bodysuit armor was broken, so he no longer had anything to protect his body with. Fortunately, the carrion beetle was not capable of unleashing overly powerful attacks; otherwise, the beetle would have pierced straight through Lu Yin's body. Still, despite everything else, the unique abilities of the carrion beetle posed quite a threat to Lu Yin.

Carrion beetles were fast and could ignore their opponent's physical defenses. This was essentially Lu Yin's perfect counter.

Still, it was not a completely hopeless situation.

Lu Yin's pupils transformed into runes. As long as this bug was not overwhelmingly stronger than him, he could handle it.

Suddenly, Lu Yin turned his head to look elsewhere. In that direction, he saw a familiar cluster of runes, though it was also a terrifying number; it was the giant praying mantis.

Lu Yin's pupils shrank as he saw the two blades slash out. This was Xu Qing's real trap for Lu Yin. Earth had clearly been a trap, and the mantis was Xu Qing's guarantee.

The trap laid for Lu Yin at Earth had been too obvious, so Xu Qing had to overprepare.

The giant octopus had lured Lu Yin to Earth, the carrion beetle had sneak attacked him to draw out any hidden trump cards, and the mantis was the final, true killing blow.

The mantis was simply too fast, and Lu Yin could not dodge.

It was the exact same scenario as before, as Lu Yin was completely unable to evade the mantis's attack. He saw the blades swing down, but then the attack mysteriously disappeared. Lu Yin was blown back by the shockwave, but he was completely unharmed.

The mantis's ferocious gaze was once again painted with shock. It looked around and saw that another person was in the sky with them. An old man had appeared, and although there was nothing special to be seen, he had diverted the mantis's attack a moment ago.

He had used the Yu Secret Art: Void Transfer. This old man was Elder Su. He was the old man who had led the Yu family from the Neoverse to the Outerverse while being pursued by one of the Seven Skygods, and he had managed to survive all that as well.

Lu Yin would never charge straight into a trap on his own, so he had first gone to find Elder Su and woken up the old man before traveling to Earth together.

Fortunately, the place where the Yu family lived in isolation was not far from Earth.

Lu Yin gasped for breath, still feeling a flicker of fear. Fortunately, Elder Su had not disappointed Lu Yin. Anyone who could escape from one of the Seven Skygods was truly powerful.

Actually, Lu Yin needed to thank First Edition City for reminding him of Elder Su.

When the Technocracy had worked together with the Sixth Mainland to attack the Outerverse, First Edition City had sent an Envoy-level android through the Astral Wilderness to Frostwave Weave, but Elder Su had driven the android off. First Edition City had always remembered this incident, and they had brought it up to Lu Yin while he had been in the Technocracy. Without that reminder, Lu Yin might not have thought of the old man.

Cough cough!

Elder Su looked terrible. "I can't give you much help. My injury from the Skygod back then is too difficult for me to recover from, so don't expect too much."

Lu Yin pointed at the giant praying mantis. "Can you deal with that one, Senior?"

Elder Su looked at the giant praying mantis and answered, "I can try."

The giant praying mantis let out a piercing whistling sound as it charged towards Lu Yin. The astral beast was so fast that Lu Yin could not even react.

Elder Su was much better qualified to deal with the mantis than the Sea King. He did not even need to match the mantis's speed, just stop its attacks.

The carrion beetle disappeared from sight. When it reappeared, it was already right in front of Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's expression grew serious. Already, he had been attacked by three different astral beasts with the strength of Envoys here. As long as no surprises appeared, they would have been more than enough to deal with Lu Yin. However, Lu Yin was going to take this opportunity to eliminate all three of these astral beasts.

If these three were dealt with, the pressure that Xu Qing's forces could exert on the Great Eastern Alliance would be much less.

Boom!

The carrion beetle violently slammed into Lu Yin's body, and Lu Yin was knocked back without being able to do anything. He had already known that he would not be able to stand up to the carrion beetle's charge.

He was about to retaliate, only to realize that he could not find the carrion beetle.

He was then struck from the side. The carrion beetle was so fast that Lu Yin could not even track its movements. He was unable to use his Hollow Palm, as he simply could not find the bug.

Stars appeared and began to revolve around Lu Yin. There were tens of thousands of stars, and they spread across the entire city. The numerous inhabitants were all fleeing at this moment as they were terrified by the sudden appearance of the stars, and no one dared to touch any of them.

A shadow flickered in the corner of Lu Yin's vision, and he reflexively lashed out with a Hollow Palm. The palm strike brushed past the carrion beetle, shattering space as it passed. Lu Yin was hit once again, but he still could not even catch a glimpse of the carrion beetle.

Lu Yin used everything he could, including both his domain and his spiritual force, but he was still unable to catch a trace of the carrion beetle.

Fortunately, the carrion beetle's attacks were unable to do much to Lu Yin, so it looked as if they had entered a stalemate. Lu Yin was not certain that he could catch the carrion beetle if he used the God of Death Transformation, but he wanted to give it a try.

Suddenly, he heard Elder Su's voice in his ear. "Child, I won't be able to hold out any longer."

Lu Yin was startled, and he looked up into space, only to see that while the mantis was continuously charging towards Earth, it was stopped every single time by Elder Su employing various methods. "Senior, what did you just say?"

"Child, I already told you that I was badly wounded by Shaman God and that I had entered cryostasis in order to recover. This astral beast is incredibly fast and powerful, and it's difficult for an old man like me to stop it," Elder Su explained in a helpless manner.

Lu Yin was suddenly under a great deal of pressure to hurry up. If Elder Su could not stop the mantis, then Lu Yin would die. "Senior, can you find some way to kill it?"

"That's very difficult. At my peak, I could do so easily, but my wounds are too severe," Elder Su helplessly explained.

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "What if you had a Progenitor's item? Something that could force the mantis to instantly freeze."

Elder Su was taken aback. "You have a Progenitor's item? We can certainly try then."

The next time the carrion beetle attacked, Lu Yin took advantage of the opportunity to pull out Progenitor Wushang's hide from this cosmic ring, and he gave it to Elder Su with the Yu Secret Art. "Senior, don't look at it! It's Progenitor Wushang's hide."

Up in outer space, Elder Su made a casual gesture, and Progenitor Wushang's hide appeared in his hand.

The moment the hide appeared, the carrion beetle became unable to move. It was as if it had sensed something dangerous.

The mantis's eyes that had blazed with rage earlier were now showing fear and confusion at this moment. Both astral beasts were innately suppressed by the aura that they felt from Progenitor Wushang's hide.

Elder Su looked at the giant mantis and stepped through outer space. He kept Progenitor Wushang's hide in his hand and aimed directly down at the giant mantis's head. The beast stopped moving for a moment, and then it plummeted down to Earth and landed in mountains and rivers.

Elder Su was exhausted. "Child, that astral beast has been seriously injured, and Progenitor Wushang's hide is covering it so that it cannot pose any threat to you. I'm leaving now. Don't break the promise that you made me."

Elder Su then turned and left.

Lu Yin turned to look at the giant praying mantis lying on the ground. He could see that the creature's runes were rapidly dwindling. It had been badly injured and was unable to move. Thus, Lu Yin just needed to finish up with the carrion beetle.

Wait, where was that bug?

The carrion beetle had stopped attacking ever since Lu Yin took out Progenitor Wushang's hide. Something was wrong.

Suddenly, something occurred to Lu Yin, and he rushed over to where the mantis had fallen.

The carrion beetle looked like a mere bug, but it was a creature that had cultivated for many, many years. It was far from being a mindless animal. Progenitor Wushang's hide had defeated the mantis, but how could the carrion beetle not have seen what had happened? The two were working together, and the carrion beetle could not accomplish the mission on its own.

Lu Yin tore through the void and arrived in the mountains by the river. He looked down just in time to see a pair of blood-thirsty eyes staring up at him and Progenitor Wushang's hide falling to the ground. The carrion beetle was already there.

Elder Su had left too quickly.

Not good! As soon as the thought appeared in his mind, Lu Yin was already being knocked back by a powerful impact. The carrion beetle had struck again. Right then, the mantis's blades appeared above Lu Yin and fell down towards him.

The beast had been seriously injured by Elder Su, and its body had been pierced through, greatly diminishing its strength. However, the mantis was not much slower from before. The blades fell towards Lu Yin, and he instinctively pulled out the corpse from his cosmic ring. There was a bang, but the corpse was unharmed.

Forget when it was badly wounded—the mantis had not been able to leave a mark on the corpse even at its peak strength.

While the corpse was unharmed, Lu Yin was sent flying from the impact, and he landed on an island in the sea.

He spun around and rose to his feet. A black and white mist emanated from his body, and he was soon wrapped within a large cocoon.

The carrion beetle slammed into the cocoon and knocked it into the sea.

Back in Jinling, Zhou Shan had no idea what was happening with Lu Yin. Astral beasts had attacked Earth, and the planet was facing another apocalypse. In outer space, all

the observational equipment and satellites had been destroyed, so Zhou Shan had no idea where Lu Yin was even fighting.

Billions of people all around the planet were panicking.

Down at the bottom of the sea, Lu Yin had completed the God of Death Transformation. Black and white mist twined around his body as he leaped out of the sea and rose to the surface. The endless fear that rose from the astral beasts' souls in the presence of the death energy only lasted for a moment, which was not enough to change the situation of the battle. The mantis's blades fell in front of Lu Yin yet again, but this time, Lu Yin raised his left arm. A shield formed from the white mist, and it blocked the blades. There was a bang as Lu Yin was pushed back.

However, he had just blocked the mantis's attack.

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The mantis had already been seriously injured, which caused its strength to plummet. Otherwise, it would have been impossible for Lu Yin to fight against a being whose power level was so much higher than his own, even with the God of Death Transformation.

The carrion beetle charged at Lu Yin from behind, and he sensed danger. The God of Death Transformation meant that Lu Yin was unable to use the Knowing realm of Truesight, which forced him to physically resist the carrion beetle's body slams.

However, Lu Yin was now able to track the carrion beetle's movements.

The bug had to move into the region around Lu Yin's body that was filled with the black and white mist, and as soon as it entered that area, it would be affected by the death energy, and its speed would drop instantly. This was Lu Yin's only chance to catch the bug.

The first time, Lu Yin used his white shield on his left arm to block the carrion beetle.

The second time, he directly slashed out with his scythe. He struck the bug and sent it flying.

Behind him, the giant mantis's blades slashed down again. Lu Yin had just sent the carrion beetle flying, and before he could defend himself, he was struck by the mantis's blades. The impact sent him tumbling across the ground, and he landed in a city, which incited new waves of panic.

Lu Yin ground his teeth. He was currently facing two extremely fast astral beasts at the same time. While one of them was wounded, its attacks were still incredibly powerful. Also, it was very difficult for Lu Yin to break through the mantis's defenses even though it was wounded. As for the carrion beetle, even though Lu Yin was finally able to track the creature's movements, he was unable to harm the bug at all. The hardness of the carrion beetle's carapace defied his expectations.

The combination of the two astral beasts had rendered Lu Yin unable to do anything at all.

Lu Yin pulled the corpse back out and carried it with him as he attacked with his scythe. There was a bang as he clashed with the giant praying mantis's blades. The carrion beetle struck him from the side, but it ran into the corpse. Still, the impact stunned Lu Yin, and he slashed his scythe to the side, sending the carrion beetle flying from the impact. On Lu Yin's other side, the mantis attacked again, but its blades were blocked by the corpse again.

Lu Yin carried the corpse as he fought, and he entered a bit of a daze, as he was evenly matched with the two astral beasts.

The corpse was large enough to block attacks in a wide area while the shield on Lu Yin's left arm was small and difficult to block the mantis's attacks with.

This battle lasted for half an hour. There was no opportunity for Lu Yin to take a break, and the mantis's eyes only grew more and more angry as time passed.

Finally, Lu Yin had almost depleted his death energy, so he took the initiative to end his God of Death Transformation as he felt that it was important to keep some death energy in reserve as a precaution. The moment Lu Yin ended the transformation, he was sent flying by the carrion beetle.

He smashed into the ground, and a statue tumbled over on top of him. There was a bang as he was struck, and a cloud of dust kicked up.

Even as Lu Yin gasped for breath, the carrion beetle appeared in front of Lu Yin. The bug did not want to give Lu Yin any chance to catch his breath. In this situation, Lu Yin realized that his only hope was to find some way to send another one of the two astral beasts into Jupiter.

His pupils transformed into runes. He did not know if the Knowing realm of Truesight would work against the carrion beetle's attacks, but he intended to find out.

The moment the carrion beetle struck Lu Yin, lightning flickered in the sky as a massive body mysteriously appeared out of nowhere. It stepped on the carrion beetle and shot up into iyster space, carrying an endless amount of lightning with it as it flickered across the sky.

Lu Yin's mouth fell open in shock; was that a rabbit?

Sure enough, a lightning-covered rabbit had appeared, stepped on the carrion beetle, and then charged into space. Before it disappeared, the beast turned around and grinned at Lu Yin, revealing two gleaming front teeth.

This sudden change completely topped Lu Yin's understanding of the universe.

It did not even matter if Lu Yin ever found out how the rabbit had suddenly appeared without any warning, as he would never be able to match the creature's speed. Lu Yin could tell that the rabbit had just as many runes as the mantis had at its peak. But even then, the mantis had never been able to come and go without warning like that rabbit. How had the rabbit suddenly appeared? Had it really appeared out of nowhere?

Also, that rabbit looked familiar. Lu Yin had actually seen it before, as it was the rabbit that had stepped on Elder Lohar, and it had also just stepped on the carrion beetle.

The rabbit's stomp stunned the carrion beetle, which actually helped Lu Yin avoid taking an attack.

The rabbit had just run away into space when a human appeared out of nowhere. "You damn rabbit, how dare you run away! Father's already angry enough as it is, and if you run away again, he'll catch you himself!"

The person screamed out at space the moment he appeared, but he almost instantly felt a bit stunned. Something was clearly wrong, so he slowly looked around. "Why is there so much rubble?"

"Jiang Chen?" Lu Yin asked.

The figure turned his head to look at Lu Yin. The man blinked, but then he quickly smiled. "Yo, my friend! Long time no see!"

"Watch out..." Lu Yin's expression changed, as the giant praying mantis was rushing over, wielding its blades as though it wanted to kill Jiang Chen.

Jiang Chen turned around and saw the mantis's blades approaching, and he let out a strange little scream.

The blades flickered, and Jiang Chen was thrown back. The mantis's blades did not stop or slow as they continued on, also aiming for Lu Yin.

Lu Yin used the corpse to protect his front side as the mantis's blades struck, and he was sent flying again. He ended up landing right next to Jiang Chen.

"Jiang Chen!" Lu Yin yelled. His heart sank. Jiang Chen had been hit head-on by the mantis, and there was no way such a blow would not kill the young man.

"Cough cough!" Jiang Chen coughed twice, rubbed his chest, and then grinned as he looked up and spat some sand out of his mouth. "What the hell was that?"

Lu Yin heaved a sigh of relief, though he was also shocked. He stared at Jiang Chen, only to realize that he could not see any runes at all. How was that possible? Also, how had Jiang Chen not been hurt by the mantis? If he was actually stronger than the mantis, then how had he been hit in the first place? The person was very strange.

Jiang Chen looked up at the giant praying mantis in the distance, still waving its fierce blades around. The young man let out a gasp. "Hey, is that thing your enemy?"

"Watch out!" Lu Yin shouted a second time. He had seen the blur of the carrion beetle in the corner of his eye. At this moment, Lu Yin could not clearly see the bug.

Jiang Chen reflexively curled himself up into a ball. He waited for a while, but surprisingly, nothing struck him. When he looked up, he saw Lu Yin act as though he was struck by something, but Jiang Chen could not make anything out. How was Lu Yin's opponent moving so quickly?

The distant praying mantis approached again, still attacking with its blades.

The Knowing realm of Truesight allowed Lu Yin to withstand the carrion beetle's attacks, but he did not dare to attempt the same thing with the giant mantis. The creature was much stronger than Lu Yin despite its serious injuries. Even if Lu Yin felt like he could probably block the attacks with Truesight, he would not take that risk.

When Lu Yin saw that the mantis was attacking again, his only option was to pull the corpse back out and use it as a shield.

Jiang Chen was stunned by everything he saw, and he simply stared at Lu Yin. This was one against two? No, two against one? Wait, Lu Yin was carrying a corpse, so did that make it two against two? Jiang Chen had never seen anyone fight in such an odd manner.

"Help me!" Lu Yin shouted as he glanced over at Jiang Chen.

Jiang Chen blinked. "How can I help?"

"Deal with one of them!"

Jiang Chen was faced with a dilemma. "That's not easy. They're both too fast. I can't beat either one."

"So you want to just escape by yourself like last time?" Lu Yin shouted. He was referring to when the two of them had been attacked at Jupiter's observatory. At that time, Jiang Chen had mysteriously disappeared while Lu Yin had been sucked into Jupiter and then moved to the Perennial World.

Jiang Chen became upset. "Escape? I'll help you block an attack, so don't make it sound like I'm fleeing for my life!"

Lu Yin pulled his neck back after almost being sliced by the mantis's blades. He rolled his eyes at Jiang Chen's remark. "Bro, I know that you've got a way. Help me out, and I'll give you Luo Shen's contact information later."

Jiang Chen's eyes instantly lit up as the graceful figure of a dancing woman appeared in his mind. He unconsciously swallowed. "Really?"

Lu Yin quickly replied, "Of course! After all, without your help, I'm done for!"

As soon as Lu Yin finished speaking, he was smacked away by a powerful blow.

Jiang Chen wiped the corner of his mouth. "It's impossible for me to fight with you, as I can't beat either of these things. Why don't I take one of them away? My family needs a gardener."

"Kid, you're courting death!" The mantis spoke up for the first time. Its voice was harsh and sharp to listen to.

Jiang Chen was taken aback, and he stared at the giant praying mantis in surprise. "You can talk?"

The mantis glanced at Jiang Chen with its cold eyes. "Leave!"

It spoke while continuing to attack Lu Yin, raining down blows upon the corpse that Lu Yin was using as a shield. Elder Su had left the mantis severely wounded, or else it would have already sliced Lu Yin up long ago.

"That thing's nasty! Hey, buddy! Don't forget to give me Luo Shen's contact details! Father, I'm bringing you a pet! This one can talk!" Jiang Chen yelled as he charged at the mantis in a desperate manner.

Lu Yin was stunned, and he blankly stared at Jiang Chen as he rushed through the sky. "What are you doing?"

The mantis was furious, as Jiang Chen was acting as if the astral beast did not even exist. Its blades flashed towards Jiang Chen, but then the astral beast suddenly disappeared.

Jiang Chen and the giant praying mantis both disappeared at the same time. It was as if neither had ever even existed.

Both Lu Yin and the carrion beetle were completely stunned, and they both stared intently at where the mantis and Jiang Chen had just stood. Where had they gone?

Lu Yin's eyes flickered. A parallel universe. They had definitely gone to a parallel universe. Jiang Chen had previously mentioned that he could freely travel across parallel universes and accurately choose whichever one he wanted to go to. Could he have taken the mantis to another parallel universe?

Father? Pet? Did he take it to his dad? Can his father defeat that mantis? This won't cause problems, will it? Lu Yin had too many questions, but Jiang Chen had indeed taken the giant praying mantis away, which had solved Lu Yin's crisis. The carrion beetle alone could not deal with Lu Yin.

Lu Yin remembered his opponent, and he started looking around for the bug. However, he could not find it.

"I know that you're here, but there's no need to bother looking for the mantis. It won't be coming back," Lu Yin spoke as though to himself. He put the corpse away and started using the Knowing realm of Truesight again. "Leave."

Lu Yin had no idea if the bug had actually left or not. He moved over to where the mantis had landed on the ground after its face was covered with Progenitor Wushang's hide. Lu Yin was relieved to see that the hide was luckily still there.

All of a sudden, the carrion beetle shot forward. It was aiming for Progenitor Wushang's hide as it wanted to steal it.

Lu Yin sneered. He had thought that he was about to die earlier, which was why he had not taken Progenitor Wushang's hide back, but there was no way he would let it go at this point in time.

He immediately stored the hide away, and the carrion beetle smashed into Lu Yin's body. "Aren't you going to leave? You can't do anything to me."

A voice filled the air, "Boy, that's Progenitor Wushang's hide, isn't it?"

"What of it?" Lu Yin denied nothing.

The carrion beetle stayed silent for a moment. "Give it to me."

Lu Yin laughed. "Did you hit your head or something? Why would I give it to you?"

The carrion beetle's voice dropped, "Progenitor Wushang's hide belongs to my carrion beetles. Who else do you think has the ability to tear apart Progenitor Wushang's hide aside from us carrion beetles?"

Lu Yin was caught off guard. This was his first time hearing about where Progenitor Wushang's hide had come from. "So, you carrion beetles know where Progenitor Wushang's body is?"

"Boy, give me Progenitor Wushang's hide! If you don't, I will haunt you forever, and my species' ancestors will also chase you down. They are powerful enough to easily kill you, and no one can stop them, not even a Semi-Progenitor."

Lu Yin's heart skipped a beat. He might not care about threats from others, not even Semi-Progenitors, but the carrion beetles were different. Fighting against one had shown Lu Yin the horror of these bugs. This carrion beetle's power level was not comparable to that of the octopus that Lu Yin had fought against before, but Lu Yin had been smacked around without any ability to retaliate. On top of that, Lu Yin had not been able to pierce the bug's defenses or cause any sort of injuries at all.

Lu Yin had almost never encountered such a situation throughout his entire time cultivating. He had clearly been strong enough to face this particular opponent, but he had not been able to win.

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When Lu Yin thought about it, he realized that Liquor Hero's method of using her Creation level star energy control to defeat the carrion beetle in ZENITH was really the only way to deal with these creatures. Not even Lu Yin's God of Death Transformation could hurt the bugs.

Anyone would be terrified to know that they were being targeted by carrion beetles.

"Boy, I'm not joking! Give me Progenitor Wushang's hide!" the carrion beetle said threateningly.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "Go ahead and try it if you want to make trouble for me. Not even a Semi-Progenitor was able to kill me, so what are you bugs going to do?"

"I hope that you live long enough to leave the battlefield." The carrion beetle's voice turned cold.

Time passed, and Lu Yin could not sense any trace of the astral beast in the area. It should have finally left.

He heaved a sigh of relief and collapsed onto the ground. The trap that Xu Qing had set for Lu Yin had been completely ruthless, and Lu Yin had nearly died. On top of that, Elder Su had not been a reliable ally. If Lu Yin had known how things would turn out with Elder Su, he would have taken the Sea King along to fight against the mantis instead. The weak link in Lu Yin's plan had been Elder Su. Fortunately, Jiang Chen had randomly appeared.

Lu Yin was also surprised to learn that Jiang Chen still had not caught the rabbit after all this time.

Lu Yin lifted his hand and activated his gadget to call Shui Chuanxiao.

"Alliance Leader, how are you?" Shui Chuanxiao asked anxiously.

"I'm fine now. How are things on the battlefield?"

There was only one thing that Shui Chuanxiao could say. "We're still slowly but steadily retreating."

"The giant praying mantis ambushed me here, so you should have the upper hand on the battlefield right now. Why are you still being forced back?"

"The sable escaped."

Lu Yin frowned. If he had known that this would happen, he would have simply killed the Karmic Flame Sable instead of capturing it. "This war should end soon if Xu Qing set a trap for me."

"Alliance Leader, you are too reckless," Shui Chuanxiao said bluntly, "I understand Xu Qing, and his traps almost always succeed. On top of that, the sable's escape was timed too precisely."

Lu Yin started to get nervous. "He really is a terrible threat. We should find a way to eliminate him during this war."

Shui Chuanxiao countered, "But he is also one of the rare few in the Celestial Beast Empire who's capable of logical thought. If he dies, the replacement general may not have that same trait."

Lu Yin realized that this was quite accurate after thinking about it. Xu Qing and Lu Yin had tacitly agreed to minimize the losses on both sides during this war, which had worked very well for the Great Eastern Alliance. If a new general stepped in, the Great Eastern Alliance's fleet might be completely wiped out.

It was not that Xu Qing's tactics were wrong, but rather that he wanted to minimize his own losses in preparation to deal with either the Sixth Mainland or the Hall of Honor's hidden strength next.

The more intelligent the individual was, the warier they would be, and Xu Qing's wariness worked to the Great Eastern Alliance's advantage.

Lu Yin gained a headache as he thought of such matters. "I'll be back soon."

He then hung up.

Lu Yin soon arrived at Jinling and met with Zhou Shan, who was overjoyed to see Lu Yin. "Are you alright?"

Lu Yin nodded, though his face looked solemn. "Earth has suffered because of me, but don't worry. This sort of thing won't happen again."

Zhou Shan shook his head. "If not for you, Earth's population would have been forced to become cannon fodder long ago, so don't overthink things. Everyone here feels grateful to you."

Lu Yin sighed. "I need to leave now, but I'll come back after the war's over."

As he watched Lu Yin leave, Zhou Shan said in a kind yet bitter tone, "I'm sorry I couldn't help you. We keep causing trouble for you."

While a crisis had been dealt with, Lu Yin was not optimistic about the situation. Xu Qing had caught hold of Lu Yin's weakness.

After threatening Lu Yin with Earth once, Xu Qing could certainly do it again.

The fighting stopped on the battlefield, though the Great Eastern Alliance fleet continued to retreat southwards, leaving behind countless corpses littering outer space. Innumerable astral beasts let out roars.

Lu Yin's expression was dark when he returned to the fleet.

His fleet could not endure many more battles. It was time to call in the other divisions of the Allied forces from the Inniverse. This was a war that involved the entire Great Eastern Alliance, and there were still many of the Allied Forces' divisions in the Inniverse.

This would deal with the problems of the weakening fleet, but Lu Yin's biggest problem at this time were the Envoys, especially Mountain God and those like him. Such people had no intention of even fighting, and they simply gave ground the entire time they were on the battlefield.

The more he thought about this, the more annoyed Lu Yin became. He wanted to just kill an Envoy to set an example, but he was worried that doing so would rebound and create even more complications in the Inniverse.

Lu Yin stared at his gadget and could not stop himself from calling Wei Rong. "How long do you need?"

"It'll take another three months, at the earliest."

"I can't wait that long. Pick up the speed," Lu Yin ordered. He had told Wei Rong that there was no real hurry, but Lu Yin had ignored both human nature and the Astral Beast Domain's reinforcements in his previous calculations.

From Lu Yin's original predictions, this part of his plan would only be implemented after the astral beasts' third round of reinforcements arrived. He had not expected to be forced to reveal all of his cards after the first batch of reinforcements. In fact, Xu Qing even had the freedom to set traps for Lu Yin. If the Great Eastern Alliance fell back any further, they would enter Frostwave Weave.

Most of the people living in Northcastle Weave had already been evacuated and sent to Frostwave Weave, but due to the time constraints, there were still many people who had not yet escaped.

This thought caused Lu Yin to worry even more.

"Understood," Wei Rong replied.

Lu Yin ended the call, but as soon as he lowered his hand, the gadget beeped. It was a call from Xu Qing.

"Alliance Leader Lu, congratulations! You've managed to escape a catastrophe." Xu Qing's voice sounded quite relaxed.

Lu Yin sneered. "Commander Xu Qing, why do you sound so happy? Two of your Envoy-level powerhouses have disappeared. I wonder how you'll be able to explain that loss to the Celestial Beast Empire?"

"Simple. It's actually why I reached out to you, Alliance Leader Lu. I heard that you are in possession of a piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide. Give it to me, and I will use that to retreat and offer an explanation," Xu Qing said.

Lu Yin's eyebrows rose. Was the carrion beetle actually that close to Xu Qing? Had that bug actually told the Void Thunderbeast about Progenitor Wushang's hide? That should be impossible!

"The carrion beetle told you?" Lu Yin asked.

Xu Qing was taken aback. "The carrion beetle found out about it? Then it is true. Alliance Leader Lu, you are truly blessed. Progenitor Wushang's hide has always remained within the Celestial Beast Empire, so I wonder, how did you come to possess it?"

"How did you find out that I have it, Commander?" Lu Yin wondered.

"You used it to save yourself on the battlefield, and I saw it then."

Lu Yin immediately understood that he had been spotted when he had blocked the giant praying mantis's attack. At that time, Lu Yin had used the corpse to block the mantis's attack while simultaneously using Progenitor Wushang's hide to stun the astral beast. It turned out that his actions had been seen by Xu Qing, as he was always observing Lu Yin.

"I'm sorry to cause you so much trouble, Commander Xu Qing. You actually have to make time to keep an eye on me even on the battlefield," Lu Yin mocked.

Xu Qing smiled. "Alliance Leader Lu, I'll be straight with you: give me Progenitor Wushang's hide, and I can spare the humans who haven't evacuated from Northcastle Weave yet."

Lu Yin laughed. "Are you threatening me with the lives of those insignificant people?"

"Insignificant? If I remember correctly, the entire reason why you stepped into this war was to save those insignificant people," Xu Qing retorted with a smile.

Lu Yin casually replied, "Yes, it was indeed to save them, but it's impossible for me to sacrifice myself for them. Progenitor Wushang's hide is a Progenitor item, and yet you want me to trade it for their lives? What gave you the confidence that this was a good idea?"

The truth was that Xu Qing was not confident in offering this deal. After all, as far as Xu Qing was concerned, trading Progenitor Wushang's hide for the lives of regular humans was an absurd deal. The universe was a cruel place, and who would sacrifice themselves for others?

"In that case, what about Earth?" Xu Qing pressed.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "What? Do you want to set another trap for me?"

Xu Qing's voice grew cold. "Earth and Zenyu Star are both places in the Outerverse that you care deeply for. Give me Progenitor Wushang's hide, or I'll have the carrion beetle destroy both Earth and Zenyu Star."

Lu Yin had knowingly stepped into an obvious trap without any hesitation for the sake of Earth. Xu Qing had already caught hold of this weakness. Because of this, there was also no reason for Lu Yin to hide anything, as Xu Qing was not foolish enough to believe such lies.

"The carrion beetle is already on Earth. Do you want to test me?" Xu Qing said lightly.

Even an Explorer could destroy a planet like Earth, let alone something as powerful as the carrion beetle.

"One year," Lu Yin stated softly.

Xu Qing grew puzzled. "What?"

Lu Yin answered in a low voice, "My conditions are that you do not resume fighting this war for a year. You must give up on the Outerverse for this time, and you must also stop threatening me with the lives of ordinary humans. Only then will I give you Progenitor Wushang's hide."

"That's impossible. A year is too long. Even if I agreed, the Celestial Demon Emperor will not. A month is the best I can do," Xu Qing replied, "That's the best that I'm authorized to do with my position as the general."

"Half a year," Lu Yin pressed.

Xu Qing shook his head. "I can push it to two months, but you don't seem to understand: this is not a negotiation. You don't have a choice but to agree."

Lu Yin fell silent for a moment. "We will make the trade in ten days as I need that time to recover. We'll make the trade in Flaxen Weave. I'll give you the exact coordinates when it's time."

"Flaxen Weave? Why have the trade there?" Xu Qing wondered.

"How else can I make sure that this isn't just another trap?" Lu Yin asked warily.

Xu Qing stared at a star chart for a moment, but he saw nothing wrong with the border between Flaxen and Northcastle Weaves. "Deal."

Progenitor Wushang's hide was not actually very useful to Lu Yin. If not for the fact that his blood-red bell had been shattered, Lu Yin would have never bothered to use Progenitor Wushang's hide. However, it was completely different for the Astral Beast Domain.

Progenitor Wushang had been the Astral Beast Domain's Progenitor, and the astral beasts practically worshiped the Progenitor in much the same way that the Human

Domain revered Progenitor Chen. Xia Ji had done everything that he could to steal the Skystar Jade Wall, and it was entirely because of Progenitor Chen's inheritance. Progenitor Wushang's hide might have a connection to Progenitor Wushang's inheritance.

The Ghost Monkey had told Lu Yin that Progenitor Wushang's tomb could be found through his hide. Lu Yin had not believed that claim before, and even now, he still did not believe it. However, that did not mean that creatures from the Astral Beast Domain did not believe it.

The fact that Xu Qing had agreed to the deal showed just how important Progenitor Wushang's hide was to the astral beasts.

After Lu Yin finished speaking with Xu Qing, he accessed his gadget again and brought up Qing Hua's contact information.

The man's voice was soon heard. "Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin looked very serious as he looked at the display. "Senior Qing Hua, how have you been recently?"

The man lazily answered, "Not very good. After all, I'm someone from the Progenitor of Secret Arts' Territory."

The Progenitor of Secret Arts had betrayed humanity, and the entire Progenitor of Secret Arts' Territory was being investigated by the Sixth Mainland. Even Master Qing Hua, who was an Emyrean Imprinter, could not escape this investigation, and he had instantly lost his status as one of the Four Emyreans.

Upon hearing this, Lu Yin's first thought was that the Four Emyreans were gone.

Of the Sixth Mainland's Four Emyreans, Bluedome Elder had died, Mr. Lifeview had been trapped inside Burial Garden, and the last two had both been from the Progenitor of Secret Arts' Territory. If Qing Hua had been stripped of his position, there was no way that Herb Immortal had kept his.

At the Sixth Mainland's peak, the Four Emyreans and Ten Venerables had been enough to intimidate the Fifth Mainland, but the Sixth Mainland had fallen greatly since that time.

"Since you were able to answer my call, you must have passed the investigation, Senior," Lu Yin commented.

Qing Hua took a sip of wine. "Doesn't matter. What do you want? Let me tell you, regardless of what you want, I can't help you since I've lost my position."

There was no need for the man to say that he had lost his position, as he would not have been able to help Lu Yin with anything even if he were still one of the Four Emphyreans.

Lu Yin had initially believed that exposing Bluedome Elder's plan to suppress Qing Hua would cause the man to confront Bluedome Elder and incite some conflict in the Sixth Mainland. That way, Lu Yin would have had a bit more leeway to work with. However, Lu Yin had never expected Qing Hua to do nothing at all. The man's image represented him perfectly: a lazy, alcoholic slob.

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If not for the fact that Lu Yin had learned a secret about Qing Hua from Fan Shun while in Burial Garden, Lu Yin would have completely disregarded the Emphyrean Imprinter.

"Senior, this favor is definitely something that you can help me with," Lu Yin said.

However, he was immediately interrupted by Master Qing Hua. "I can't help you, Alliance Leader Lu. We have never had anything to do with each other, so there's no reason you should be thinking of getting any assistance from me. Well, if you catch those two idiots again, that's an entirely different matter."

Lu Yin answered indifferently, "What if it's about a Progenitor item?"

Master Qing Hua fell silent for a while. "I can't help you."

He then instantly ended the call.

Lu Yin's expression stiffened. The old man was certainly decisive enough, but there was no chance of the man refusing since Lu Yin was confident enough to call the Emphyrean Imprinter. Lu Yin immediately tried to call Qing Hua back, but the old man refused to accept any incoming calls. In the end, Lu Yin sent a message that was about a paragraph of text.

Beep beep beep!

Lu Yin's gadget soon beeped, and he was not surprised when he glanced down and saw that Master Qing Hua was calling.

"Senior, this junior thought that your gadget might have been broken. I was about to try to send someone to repair it," Lu Yin mocked.

The old man's tone was completely different from before. "How did you know?"

"It wasn't anything difficult. After all, this junior was the master of the Outerverse, and I know many things regarding the Outerverse, including details that your Sixth Mainland doesn't know about." Lu Yin sounded completely relaxed. He had expected Qing Hua to react like this, but it was even stronger than what Lu Yin had anticipated.

"Who else knows?" Master Qing Hua asked in a low voice.

Lu Yin smiled. "So, is Senior willing to help?"

Qing Hua felt cornered. "Alliance Leader Lu, have you been observing me for a long time?"

"That's not the case. This is nothing more than a coincidence. Having said that, helping me will also help you, Senior. Since there's finally a powerhouse in the Sixth Mainland who's willing to help me, I absolutely won't try to hurt you, understand?"

"What do you need?"

Lu Yin instantly turned serious. "Senior, you should understand what's happening in the war in Northcastle Weave. This junior's made a deal with Xu Qing, and in ten days, I will give him Progenitor Wushang's hide in Flaxen Weave. At that time, I hope that some experts from your Sixth Mainland will appear and eliminate Xu Qing and his forces in one go."

Master Qing Hua was shocked. "Progenitor Wushang's hide? Is that the Progenitor item you were talking about?"

"That's right. Your Sixth Mainland should already understand just how powerful Progenitor Wushang was," Lu Yin replied.

Qing Hua sighed. "Progenitor Wushang was once a practically invincible powerhouse, and he was just as famous as Progenitor Chen and the Rune Progenitor in my Sixth Mainland. Are you offering Progenitor Wushang's hide in exchange for my Sixth Mainland's assistance?"

"This is not assistance. The Outerverse belongs to your Sixth Mainland, and you have the responsibility to fight the Astral Beast Domain. This junior hopes that the Sixth Mainland will completely take over defending the Outerverse. In exchange, I will offer you Progenitor Wushang's hide. There are three Semi-Progenitors in your Daosource Sect, and I believe that they will not be willing to abandon this opportunity. You will have to take over this fight sooner or later, so why not do so now?" Lu Yin said.

Qing Hua said, "I can contact the Semi-Progenitors, but whether they agree will depend on your luck."

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To the north, Xu Qing lowered his gadget. The Celestial Demon who had been sent to participate in the invasion stood next to the astral beasts' commander. "Do you really believe that he will do as he says and give us Progenitor Wushang's hide?"

Xu Qing replied, "I believe that he will, but it won't be a straightforward matter. He was willing to take tremendous risks for that planet, so there's no chance that he'll risk that place in this transaction. That's why he'll definitely give me Progenitor Wushang's hide. However, regarding anything that happens after that, he can claim that it has nothing to do with him."

"The Hall of Honor?" the Celestial Demon guessed.

Xu Qing's eyes flashed. "The Sixth Mainland."

The Celestial Demon frowned. "Would he really cooperate with the Sixth Mainland?"

Xu Qing stared southwards. "The Outerverse was already given to the Sixth Mainland."

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The ten days passed quickly, and on the ninth day, the horde of astral beasts started another battle. This battle was no smaller than any of the previous ones, though there was a hole due to a missing participant.

Lu Yin was not surprised to see Xu Qing start a battle at this time. The astral beast general was using this battle to force out Elder Jiu Shen, the Second Nightking, and the other powerhouses to prevent them from hiding in Lu Yin's Zenith Mountain and launching an ambush in Flaxen Weave. Xu Qing had suffered such a loss once, and he would not allow it to happen a second time.

Dealing with smart people was always troublesome, as not only was it difficult to scheme against them, but one also had to prepare against their schemes.

Liu Huang was the only one to accompany Lu Yin on his way to Flaxen Weave.

As for the Astral Beast Domain, Xu Qing was the only powerhouse missing from the battlefield. All of the known experts were present, including the carrion beetle. The bug's presence on the battlefield had once again tipped the advantage in favor of the astral beasts.

The Flaxen Weave lay just to the west of Northcastle Weave.

With Liu Huang's protection, Lu Yin arrived in the Long Galaxy, which was located in the westernmost region of Flaxen Weave. Any further west and one would reach Armament

Weave. The western border of Armament Weave formed part of the border between the Great Eastern Alliance and the Sixth Mainland. It was the place where Yuan Shi had been standing guard.

"It looks like this weave has been abandoned. There are many empty planets, as well as quite a few damaged spaceships," Liu Huang voiced his suspicions as a reminder to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin grunted and descended towards a gaseous planet.

The planet had no solid ground, but there were many rock fragments orbiting the planet within the layers of gas.

Lu Yin landed on one of the fragments. Above his head was a powerful air current that was actually strong enough to tear a spacecraft apart. From time to time, it would also radiate a high temperature that was hot enough to melt metal, though it had absolutely no effect on the two humans.

They stayed there, waiting quietly.

Half a day later, lightning flickered, and Xu Qing descended. He stopped and showed himself a hundred meters in front of Lu Yin and Liu Huang. Xu Qing's hands were clasped behind his back, and he glanced around. "You didn't set a trap for me, did you Alliance Leader Lu?"

Lu Yin opened his eyes and a smile spread across his face. "Even if I had, you would still come, wouldn't you, Commander Xu Qing?"

Xu Qing and Lu Yin stared at each other. "If there's a trap, then there's no deal."

Lu Yin stared at Xu Qing and smiled at him. "Of course there's no trap. All of my people are fighting on the battlefield right now. You should already know that, Commander."

Xu Qing's eyes flickered, and he stretched out a hand. "Show me."

Lu Yin took out Progenitor Wushang's hide. At this moment, even Liu Huang, who was standing next to Lu Yin, was drawn closer. He had known beforehand that Lu Yin was trading away a Progenitor item, and even Liu Huang was jealous. After all, who did not want to become a Progenitor? With the assistance of a Progenitor item, while they did not guarantee that one could become a Progenitor, they could greatly help one's cultivation and offer a much better chance of becoming a Semi-Progenitor. It was a pity to give such a thing to an astral beast.

Lu Yin waved a hand, and Progenitor Wushang's hide vanished. When it reappeared, it was in Xu Qing's hands.

Xu Qing did not dare stare at Progenitor Wushang's hide, as he feared being stunned and attacked. Still, just touching it roused Xu Qing's excitement. He immediately put the hide away while staring at Lu Yin. "Alliance Leader Lu, shall we return together?"

"There's no need. I'm afraid that you might go back on your promise and send some powerhouse to ambush me on the way, so you can leave first," Lu Yin bluntly refused.

Xu Qing's eyes narrowed as he carefully observed Lu Yin. "It will be very difficult for the two of us to meet again on a battlefield after today. I hope that you live, Alliance Leader Lu, as I really want to crush you on the battlefield one day."

Lightning then flickered, and Xu Qing disappeared.

Liu Huang frowned. "Are you just going to let him go? It's really too bad that we're giving up on a Progenitor item."

Lu Yin looked eastwards. At this point, the matter was out of his hands.

None of the people who had participated in this deal were stupid, and Xu Qing's last words showed that he had already guessed what Lu Yin's plan was. Lu Yin was actually eager to see what the astral beast general had prepared as a backup that had given him the courage to arrive and complete the transaction.

Lightning flickered through space as Xu Qing traveled to the east at his top speed. He knew that there was something wrong, as there was no way that Lu Yin would willingly give up Progenitor Wushang's hide.

The Void Thunderbeast's expression grew more and more serious as time passed. Just when he was about to try to speed up again, a massive wooden stick appeared in front of him whose end he could not even see.

Xu Qing's pupils shrank, and a chill ran down his back. This was dangerous.

The stick suddenly shrank and swept towards the astral beast.

Xu Qing returned to the form of a Void Thunderbeast and slapped the stick away with a paw. There was a loud bang, and ripples swept through space, which soon shattered from the force. An old, unkempt man emerged. He was Master Qing Hua.

Qing Hua calmly stared at Xu Qing. "You cannot leave now."

The wooden staff rose up and swung down at Xu Qing, and lightning erupted from the astral beast. "The Sixth Mainland's Master Qing Hua. You can't stop me!"

Lu Yin and Liu Huang watched the exchange from a distance.

"Master Qing Hua is very powerful, and while he can defeat Xu Qing, it won't be easy for him to stop Xu Qing from leaving. After all, he's a Void Thunderbeast," Liu Huang commented.

"That's up to you," Lu Yin said.

Liu Huang stared, and then a sword formed from stellar energy appeared in his hand.

Master Qing Hua exerted the full strength of an Emyrean Imprinter. Even without the Progenitor of Secret Arts' imprint, the man was still able to overpower Xu Qing. The astral beast soon spat out blood.

Xu Qing let out a roar and activated all of his lightning. He was trying to escape through the void.

Flaxen Weave lay right next to Northcastle Weave, and Xu Qing's top speed meant that he could return to the battlefield in a small amount of time. Not even Qing Hua was capable of catching up to Xu Qing if he slipped away.

But at this moment, Liu Huang's sword swept out: Fourteenth Sword.

There were only two methods to shatter a Void Thunderbeast's lightning. One was to crush it with overwhelming strength, and the other was to prevent the Void Thunderbeast from using its lightning. This was why Liu Huang was Xu Qing's nemesis.

Puff!

Xu Qing spat out blood. He turned to gaze into the distance with his massive eyes that blazed with anger. "Lu Yin, you're despicable!"

Lu Yin stared back. Despicable? Which of the most famous tacticians in the universe were not despicable? Shui Chuanxiao, Wei Rong, Wang Wen, and even Xu Qing himself—who had been clean with the methods they had employed? This was war.

There was always another battlefield beyond the current battlefield.

The wooden staff dropped down from above Xu Qing's head. Without his lightning, Xu Qing could not stop Master Qing Hua.

No battle techniques could be seen in the movements of the staff, though it moved in a way that could not be evaded.

Liu Huang grew nervous, and he carefully watched Qing Hua.

All of a sudden, Lu Yin yelled, "Watch out!"

He was staring at a place behind Qing Hua. A terrifying number of runes had appeared there, so many that they actually replaced space. Suddenly, everything nearby disappeared. Qing Hua, his staff, and even Xu Qing all vanished.

Lu Yin and Liu Huang stared blankly. The place before them looked the same as ever, but it was occupied by an invisible creature: a Void Wanderer.

Void Wanderers were very common astral beasts, and many of them had appeared on the battlefield between the Great Eastern Alliance and the Astral Beast Domain. These astral beasts were able to freely travel through the void, and they saw space as their playground.

However, this was Lu Yin's first time ever seeing such a massive Void Wanderer. In fact, this was the largest one that even Liu Huang had ever seen.

"The Void Wanderer ancestor..." Liu Huang could not believe his eyes.

Lu Yin's expression changed drastically. "Void Wanderer ancestor? Is that the Void Wanderer elder?"

"It must be. Besides the Void Wanderer elder, what other Void Wanderer could be this massive? That creature just swallowed an Empyrean Imprinter with a single bite!" Liu Huang was shocked by what he was seeing. He raised a hand and slashed out with his sword to attack the Void Wanderer.

However, the creature's invisible body suddenly disappeared entirely.

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The Void Wanderer was so large that not even Lu Yin and Liu Huang were able to see the creature's end. It could easily swallow an entire planet, and it could also instantly phase into the void. Liu Huang had no way of injuring the creature.

Liu Huang struck out dozens times in a row with his sword, but not a single attack even touched the Void Wanderer.

Liu Huang was a true expert with a power level of over a million. Even if he was not quite as powerful as one of the Sixth Mainland's Empyrean Imprinters, he could absolutely fight against those powerhouses. Despite that, Liu Huang was unable to touch this Void Wanderer.

The Void Wanderer elder shot through the void and disappeared. When it reappeared, it was already behind Lu Yin and Liu Huang. The astral beast's passage crushed space and shattered planets. It opened its mouth as it faced Lu Yin. Then, lightning flickered as the Void Thunderbeast appeared and let out a roar as his claws fell. "Lu Yin, you can forget about returning alive!"

Liu Huang used his sword to block Xu Qing, but suddenly, the Void Wanderer swept past Xu Qing like a phantom and continued, moving past Liu Huang. The beast swallowed Lu Yin in a single pass and then completely disappeared again.

The creature really could come and go without a trace.

Liu Huang moved his sword to block Xu Qing's claws, but the human's body was suddenly smacked back by an overpowering strength. Liu Huang glanced over at the Void Wanderer elder who had reappeared with a great deal of surprise, as well as other, conflicting emotions.

Xu Qing stared at Liu Huang, who was standing before him. "Lu Yin is already finished. There's no way for him to escape, so he'll be taken back to the Celestial Beast Empire. Once he's gone, you will no longer have any reason to fight this war against my Astral Beast Domain. After all, an Outerverse war is none of your business."

Liu Huang frowned and glanced over at the Void Wanderer before looking back at Xu Qing. "You intend to just let me leave?"

Xu Qing loudly proclaimed, "The Great Eastern Alliance was formed with Lu Yin as its core. While another person could technically be elected as alliance leader, it's impossible for anyone else to take that position as long as he is around. It is his organization, not yours. If Lu Yin disappears, the Great Eastern Alliance will be disbanded, but the Inniverse will remain as the Inniverse. Your Sword Sect will likely become the strongest power in the entire Inniverse due to your existence, and it is not impossible for you to lead them into the Neoverse in the future.

"Isn't that what your Sword Sect has always hoped for? How many humans actually wish to fight this war aside from Lu Yin? If others genuinely wanted to fight against my Astral Beast Domain, then how could you humans have been beaten back again and again?"

Liu Huang stayed silent.

"You are one of the Sword Sect's greatest geniuses. You've created the Fourteenth Sword, and it's not impossible for you to become a Progenitor in the future. Are you really willing to lower yourself to work under Lu Yin? Are you willing to submit to him? Does this follow the teachings of your Sword Sect?" Xu Qing asked.

From Liu Huang's perspective, everything that Xu Qing had said was quite accurate. Regardless of whether or not Lu Yin was the strongest, the Second Nightking, Liu Qianjue, and Ling Taizu all listened to him. Why else would they have joined this war? This was something that Xu Qing had recognized, so as long as Lu Yin was captured, the war would be over.

Xu Qing had already known that the deal that Lu Yin had offered would be a trap, but so what? Xu Qing had been willing to take this risk precisely because this was the quickest way to end this war.

Inside the Void Wanderer's stomach, Lu Yin was unable to hear anything in the outside world. He glanced around the massive space, but he could not find Qing Hua anywhere he looked. Lu Yin was not even able to see the Empyrean Imprinter's runes.

While there was a vast space in the Void Wanderer's stomach, there had to be a limit. Lu Yin stuck out with a Hollow Palm, but there was no reaction aside from a few spatial ripples.

Even Qing Hua had not managed to immediately escape, so what chance did Lu Yin have?

Unexpectedly, Xu Qing had kept the Void Wanderer hidden this entire time. This showed the astral beast general's ruthlessness and patience.

Back in the outside world, Liu Huang was almost convinced. He had initially listened to Lu Yin because he had wanted to repay Lu Yin's kindness for getting him out of Gaia's Swamp, but the Sword Sect had already repaid that debt by joining the Great Eastern Alliance. At the moment, Liu Huang was only participating in this war because he had seen no reason to refuse, and also because he had been confident that he could keep himself safe.

The old swordsman had no confidence that he could rescue Lu Yin. Additionally, this outcome seemed like it would be a better option for the Inniverse. However, Liu Huang had spent a long time with Lu Yin, and after getting to know the youth, Liu Huang questioned whether or not Qing Hua was the only trump card that Lu Yin had kept hidden.

Master Qing Hua was an Empyrean Imprinter, and he was certainly qualified to be Lu Yin's trump card, but Liu Huang had suspected that Lu Yin had something more planned.

"Liu Huang, Lu Yin has been captured, which means that the Great Eastern Alliance will be disbanded. This war has become meaningless, so just step back!" Xu Qing shouted in a stern tone.

Liu Huang stared at the Void Thunderbeast. "Why didn't you have the Void Wanderer elder swallow me as well?"

Xu Qing's pupils flared. "You're courting death!"

Liu Huang clenched the hilt of his sword a bit tighter. "I want to see if this Void Wanderer elder can swallow me as well. I feel that swallowing Master Qing Hua was already the beast's limit."

Liu Huang immediately hefted his sword and attacked the Void Wanderer elder.

Xu Qing became furious, as Liu Huang's guess was quite accurate. The Void Wanderer elder was truly powerful due to how long it had lived for, and it was right at the cusp of becoming a Semi-Progenitor, but it was also a Void Wanderer, which meant that the ancient astral beast had no means of attacking. It was only able to incapacitate super powerhouses, but the Void Wanderer was already at its limit after swallowing an Empyrean Imprinter like Qing Hua. It had also swallowed Lu Yin, but that did not matter as Lu Yin's strength was negligible to the Void Wanderer. However, if it also tried to swallow Liu Huang, the swordsman would be able to cooperate with Master Qing Hua, and the Void Wanderer elder would not be able to keep both humans suppressed.

This was precisely why the Void Wanderer elder had avoided swallowing Liu Huang.

There was a loud bang as Xu Qing collided with Liu Huang. "If you don't let this go, you will die on this battlefield!"

Xu Qing then ordered, "Get back to the Celestial Beast Empire!"

The command was for the Void Wanderer elder. The massive astral beast's body twisted as he prepared to leave.

Liu Huang's eyebrows rose high. He wanted to save Lu Yin, but he also did not. The swordsman was truly conflicted at this moment, but it also did not matter. He was completely incapable of stopping the Void Wanderer from leaving, so it did not really matter even if Liu Huang had decided to rescue Lu Yin.

The Void Wanderer drifted into the void and slipped through it as though it were swimming.

After swimming for a bit, the Void Wanderer emerged at the border between Flaxen Weave and Northcastle Weave. After entering the void and swimming around for a second time, it appeared in the middle of the battlefield.

Sword King had a massive body that towered high above as he crushed a spacecraft like an ant and caused it to explode. However, Sword King was nothing compared to the

massive Void Wanderer elder who suddenly appeared, as its body dwarfed the entire battlefield.

Elder Jiu Shen, the Second Nightking, and all the other powerhouses stared at it in complete shock.

The Void Wanderer elder was about to submerge into the void a third time to swim away, as this would allow it to reach the asteroid field. Then, a fourth trip through the void would bring it through Ironblood Weave and into the Primal Zone, which would mean that it would be back in the Astral Beast Domain.

Suddenly, the Void Wanderer elder froze and let out a pained sound. At the same time, countless Void Wanderers across the battlefield collapsed and were easily crushed to death.

"What just happened?" Elder Jiu Shen was confused. Everyone stared at the Void Wanderer elder and listened to its wails of agony. Suddenly, the astral beast opened its mouth, and a wooden staff was tossed out at Sword King. He swept his sword out, and although he did not manage to smash the staff, he was able to send it flying.

Master Qing Hua charged out of the Void Wanderer's mouth. Right after that, a green light appeared, and Lu Yin was seen being carried out of the Void Wanderer's mouth by a middle-aged woman.

The eyes of Elder Jiu Shen and the others all went wide. "Lu Yin?"

No one had expected Lu Yin to suddenly emerge from the Void Wanderer elder's body.

Lu Yin was carried along by the middle-aged woman, and he was breathing heavily. He had been quite shaken up from being swallowed, but luckily, he had had a backup plan in place. Without that, he would not have been able to escape.

This middle-aged woman was wearing a leaf-green dress. It was a style of clothing that was unique to the Mavis family. Her name was Ya Mavis, a powerhouse only second to Yunying Mavis with a power level of over a million.

The Mavis family had unfathomably deep foundations, but even they did not have many people with power levels of more than a million.

Xu Qing knew how to hide his strength and trump cards, but Lu Yin was capable of doing the same.

Ya Mavis was a powerhouse that Lu Yin had kept hidden. She had arrived shortly after Lu Yin returned to the battlefield from Earth, but she had not made a single move until saving Lu Yin just now.

The Mavis family had allied themselves with Lu Yin, and there was no way he would forget such a thing during this war.

Thus far, Lu Yin had managed to mobilize six experts with power levels of at least a million: the Second Nightking, Liu Huang, Yuan Shi, Jiu Shen, Ya Mavis, and finally, Master Qing Hua.

The Astral Beast Domain's forces were also far from weak. They had the Celestial Demon, Xu Qing, Sword King, the Void Wanderer elder, and more.

There were more than ten individuals participating in this war with power levels in excess of a million. This was a rare occurrence even throughout all of human history.

The fact that there were more than twenty Envoys participating was already enough to draw the attention of the entire Fifth Mainland.

"Alliance Leader Lu, it's no wonder why you asked my Mavis family for help. This war is certainly not a minor scuffle," Ya Mavis commented. She was truly stunned by what she saw as she glanced around at the Second Nightking, Jiu Shen, Sword King, and the Void Wanderer elder. She was secretly amazed at Lu Yin's influence.

Lightning suddenly flickered. Xu Qing had returned. He solemnly stared at Ya Mavis, and his fingers trembled slightly. How had Lu Yin managed to keep such a powerhouse hidden for so long? Xu Qing had felt that he had been truly cunning and thorough in this war, but he had failed time and time again as his opponent outperformed him.

In the future, Lu Yin would become a true catastrophe for the Astral Beast Domain if he were not eliminated.

Liu Huang also arrived, and he immediately stared at Lu Yin for a long moment. He had been right in his judgment of Lu Yin; the youth indeed had more tricks that he had kept hidden.

Master Qing Hua suddenly attacked, and his wooden staff swung at Xu Qing. He needed to get Progenitor Wushang's hide.

Sword King raised his sword and attacked Qing Hua. Elder Jiu Shen also took action, and stars appeared and began to revolve around his body. He used the Celestial Sword Technique to attack, and at the same time, the Second Nightking and the Celestial Demon went after each other.

In a split second, nearly all of the experts with power levels of a million or more took action, and all of Northcastle Weave trembled. Countless planets shattered, and the damage even spread to some of the nearby weaves.

Lu Yin asked Ya Mavis and the others to hold the astral beasts back as he quickly ordered the fleet to flee. A battle at this level was something that none of the weaker humans could hope to survive if they stuck around.

"Xu Qing, do you intend to go back on your word? The fighting should have already stopped!" Lu Yin yelled.

Xu Qing sneered. "I should be the one saying that to you! Qing Hua isn't part of your Great Eastern Alliance, and yet you're helping him, which is deliberately pushing this war to continue. Our deal is invalid!"

Lu Yin shouted back, "Fine, we'll stop! This matter is between you and Master Qing Hua."

Lu Yin then immediately ordered everyone from the Great Eastern Alliance to retreat from the battlefield.

The Second Nightking and everyone else was similarly startled. Were they really supposed to just retreat?

Ya Mavis was also surprised. She had assumed that Lu Yin had invited Qing Hua to help the Great Eastern Alliance fight this war. Was that not the case?

No one could understand Lu Yin's intentions, not even people like Liu Qianjue, who did not want to keep fighting. Everyone was dumbfounded.

Xu Qing was also stunned. Was Lu Yin really going to retreat?

On the other hand, Qing Hua showed no surprise. "Xu Qing, hand over your possessions!"

Even as the man spoke, his staff swung down.

Sword King was instantly enraged. "You old busybody! You dare to attack us on your own? You're stepping into your own grave!"

Xu Qing and the Celestial Demon worked together to attack Qing Hua.

As for the Great Eastern Alliance, countless people turned to look at Lu Yin. Was he really not going to do anything at all?

Lu Yin quietly stared at the north as Qing Hua confronted the Astral Beast Domain's various powerhouses on his own. How was he supposed to make a move, and why? Lu Yin's agreement with Qing Hua had been for the Sixth Mainland to acquire Progenitor Wushang's hide in exchange for them taking over the war with the Astral Beast Domain. As for how they acquired the hide, that was none of Lu Yin's business.

Besides, Qing Hua was no fool. He was notoriously lazy, and despite the fact that he was not particularly interested in Progenitor Wushang's hide, he had taken the initiative to try to take it. Clearly, someone had ordered him to do so.

Lu Yin was not the only one who had realized this, as many of the informed people thought the same, including Xu Qing.

Sword King and the Astral Beast Domain's other powerhouses all ganged up on Qing Hua. Only the Void Wanderer elder stayed out of the fray, lurking in the void, as it kept a wary eye out.

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No one knew when it started; it might have been going on for a long time, or it might have just started. Regardless, everyone's ears picked up the sound of plucked instruments and vague chants. The music slowly started to speed up.

Jiu Shen was the first to notice it, and the Second Nightking, Sword King, and the other top powerhouses all noticed it a moment later. Lu Yin heard the music right after Yuan Shi.

Lu Yin thought that the music sounded quite pleasant, but when had it started?

Boom!

Sword King's massive weapon smashed into the wooden staff, and the two retreated in unison. Surprise decorated Sword King's face, and his head snapped to look to the west.

At that same moment, Elder Jiu Shen, the Second Nightking, the Celestial Demon, and all of the other experts turned to look westward as well.

The sky in that direction was bright.

Outer space was extremely dark, and yet it turned pink at this moment as cherry blossoms drifted through the empty expanse. A woman stepped out. She was wearing a simple, pure-white dress that danced in a breeze. Her bare feet stepped upon the cherry petals, and her long blue hair was tied up in a complicated bun. There was an almost divine quality to her. A delicate cloth wrapped around her upper body, and she was holding a three-stringed music instrument in her hand. She slowly walked through space.

It was impossible to see the woman's face, as the delicate cloth was embroidered with a cat-like pattern. It gave her both a mysterious and an incredibly wild look that somehow resonated with her ethereal aura.

No one could say how long the woman had been there for, just as no one could say how long the music had been playing. It was only when the tune grew more aggressive and cheerful that anyone had noticed it, though no one could understand why that was the case.

Lu Yin watched as the woman transformed space around her. Cherry blossoms started flying everywhere, and Lu Yin felt his scalp go numb as a terrible sense of danger roused him from his daze. His pupils transformed into runes, but his eyes were instantly overcome by a stinging pain, and he quickly covered them up.

The pain came from the overwhelming number of runes that he had just seen. He had felt this sensation before, but given Lu Yin's level of strength, he could even see the runes of Empyrean Imprinters without feeling pain. Despite that, this woman was painful to look at. The only possibility was that this woman was even stronger than an Empyrean Imprinter, which meant that she was a Semi-Progenitor.

"The Sixth Mainland's Lan Xian," Yuan Shi solemnly stated. He looked utterly serious, and both fear and disbelief could be seen on his face. He seemed to feel as if he should not be seeing the woman before him.

Lu Yin was a bit confused. "Lan Xian? One of the Semi-Progenitors who stays in the Daosource Sect?"

Yuan Shi answered quietly. "That's right. When the Neohuman Alliance attacked the Daosource Sect, even Jiu San died, and only three Semi-Progenitors survived. She's one of those survivors, as well as the only woman."

Jiu Shen's eyes narrowed. A Semi-Progenitor was a powerhouse at the same level as his senior brother, and encountering one made him feel a terrible sense of danger. This person was on an entirely different level from him.

Across the battlefield, Sword King fell back while staring at Lan Xian as she approached. The astral beast reflexively clenched the hilt of his sword tighter due to the fear that overwhelmed him. Only a Semi-Progenitor could do this to him. "A Semi-Progenitor."

Xu Qing's expression had grown ugly. "One of the three Semi-Progenitors who has stayed hidden in the Sixth Mainland's Daosource Sect has come out, surprisingly."

He then thought of something and turned to look at Qing Hua. It was no wonder why the Empyrean Imprinter had possessed the courage to face all of the astral beasts; he was

being supported by a Semi-Progenitor. However, when had the Semi-Progenitor arrived?

Everything stopped on the entire battlefield the moment the Semi-Progenitor appeared. Everyone stared at her.

Not even the most unruly and arrogant astral beast dared to make the slightest of sounds at this moment, and all of them warily stared at the west as they were overwhelmed with fear. They all watched as the pink sky gradually overtook them.

Master Qing Hua held his staff in his hand as he stepped forward and moved through the void. He appeared a short distance from Lan Xian, already within her pink realm.

"It's quite rare to see such an impressive battlefield," Lan Xian commented. She had a gentle voice that had a softness to it like a flowing stream. Listening to it would cause anyone to relax and drift off.

Lu Yin was the same. It was his first time hearing such an intoxicating voice, and he instantly wanted to see the hidden face.

This voice caused all of the aggression in the eyes of everyone present to disappear. This simple sentence completely changed the atmosphere of the battlefield, though there was no hint of a battle technique being used. It was nothing more than the woman's voice.

There were times when sound itself could be a weapon.

Lan Xian did not look at anyone, and yet she also seemed to be looking at everyone. "I'll play a song for everyone so that this trip was not made in vain."

As she spoke, her beautiful fingers slid down the strings of her three-stringed instrument, and sound echoed through space once again. It was the same plucking sound that everyone had heard before, but the very first note ignited flames in everyone's hearts. No order was given, and yet the battle instantly commenced once again.

Everyone seemed to be hypnotized. The fighting grew increasingly heated, as everyone seemed intent on either killing their enemy or dragging their enemy down with them.

Lu Yin wanted to stop it, but he was stopped by Jiu Shen. "There's nothing that you can do. This is Lan Xian's power."

The Great Eastern Alliance's fleet started attacking the astral beasts, as only those with the strength of Envoys were able to resist the desire to start fighting.

As the music grew in intensity, Mountain God was finally unable to withstand it, and he charged onto the battlefield. Ling Qiu, the Sea King, Liu Qianjue and the other Envoys also rushed onto the battlefield one after another.

The Envoy-level astral beasts were no different, and they also rushed onto the battlefield.

The fires of war raged within Lu Yin's chest, and he was nearly overcome by the desire to fight. He needed to release this pressure, but he was suppressed by a trace of reasoning that remained. He was actually held back by Elder Jiu Shen. Without the elder, Lu Yin would have also rushed out onto the battlefield.

Lan Xian was providing accompaniment for a war, and each time she plucked the strings, the individuals on the battlefield felt the flames of war mount higher and higher. Countless corpses decorated the region.

Master Qing Hua stared across the battlefield into the distance, and his eyes met Lu Yin's.

Lu Yin just stared at the Empyrean Imprinter and opened his mouth to say something.

Master Qing Hua shrugged and then softly said, "Lan Xian, Progenitor Wushang's hide was offered as a condition for a deal proposed by Lu Yin. In exchange, the Sixth Mainland has to enter the fray with the Astral Beast Domain."

The man's meaning was quite simple: Lan Xian was doing nothing less than using the Great Eastern Alliance as cannon fodder. She was forcing them to fight to the death against the Astral Beast Domain, which was not allowed according to the agreement that had been reached with Lu Yin.

Qing Hua had voiced a reminder, but Lan Xian did not stop. In fact, the music grew louder and louder.

Battleships exploded, and the number of corpses increased.

Lu Yin was beyond furious. If things continue in this manner, the Great Eastern Alliance's fleet would be completely wiped out, and his plan would fail. No, this could not be allowed.

He glanced over at Elder Jiu Shen and the Second Nightking. If the two took action, they might be able to stop Lan Xian's music, but that would be no different from picking a fight with a Semi-Progenitor. That was supposed to be left to the Astral Beast Domain.

Lu Yin stared at Lan Xian as she stood within her pink world that was filled with blooming cherry blossoms while controlling the distant battlefield. Lu Yin gritted his teeth and opened his mouth. He immediately started reciting the Origin Progenitor's Sutra.

"When the Dao of Heavens is bestowed, devour the hundreds of rivers, and the reflection of the ancient lands is the way of the sage. When the Dao of Heavens is not present, gather the energy inwards... Leap into the cosmos and crouch... Harmonious with the common people... Devour the hundreds of rivers... Leap into the boundless skies and crouch..."¹

The sutra cut through the music like a hot knife through butter. Just like how no one had initially noticed Lan Xian's music with it having seemingly always been there, Lu Yin's recitation slowly filled the area. Those who heard it started to feel as though they were being enlightened and their spiritual force was being strengthened by this odd rhythm that sounded like something from ancient times.

The sound was not loud, yet everyone could hear it, including Lan Xian.

The sound of her three-stringed instrument suddenly stopped, and a string broke. Confusion filled her eyes as she glanced around. Just what was that sound? It had actually penetrated her inner world, resonated in her mind, and replaced her thoughts. She had actually been dazed for a moment.

Suddenly, the Void Wanderer elder appeared above her head and slammed straight into her. In the distance, Sword King, the Celestial Demon, and Xu Qing all attacked together.

They had no idea whether or not Lan Xian was an enemy of the Great Eastern Alliance, but she was definitely their enemy.

The Astral Beast Domain had invaded the Outerverse, and once the Great Eastern Alliance withdrew, the Sixth Mainland would take over. Lan Xian had wanted to force the Astral Beast Domain and the Great Eastern Alliance to fight each other to the death, which Lu Yin had been aware of. That was why he had tried to stop Lan Xian. Xu Qing had been aware of the same thing, but he had been helpless to stop the Semi-Progenitor.

The moment that Lan Xian showed an opening, Xu Qing had decisively ordered everyone to attack her. He hoped to use the element of surprise to deal with the woman. Even if they could not kill a Semi-Progenitor, forcing her to retreat would be good enough.

Xu Qing had never thought that a Semi-Progenitor would be drawn into this war.

Lan Xian's arrival on the battlefield had ruined the Astral Beast Domain's strategy, and Xu Qing had to salvage whatever he could.

The pink world that was filled with cherry blossoms was attacked multiple times as the astral beasts tried to shatter the seemingly peaceful fairyland that had reignited the war.

Qing Hua stepped back.

Lan Xian looked up. Her eyes were beautiful and bright, but they were also unspeakably cold.

When she saw the various attacks approaching her, the cherry blossoms shot up from beneath her feet. The pink world continuously expanded until it enveloped the entire battlefield. Everyone was inside it, including Lu Yin and those with him.

Both the sky and the ground were filled with drifting cherry blossoms. It was a truly beautiful sight, but Lu Yin and everyone else found it terrifying. Each petal gave people the impression that it was a sharp blade ready to strike.

This suspended blade did not fall upon Lu Yin and the other humans, instead attacking Sword King and the other astral beast powerhouses.

The Void Wanderer elder, Sword King's blade, and the Celestial Demon's spiritual force were just about to touch Lan Xian, but it seemed as though she was an entire universe away. It was a distance that could not be crossed.

The cherry blossoms tangled around Sword King's massive sword, and he watched as his sword shattered and his body was wrapped up in cherry blossoms. He let out a roar as his blood spilled and stained the area around him. The cheery petals had sliced his body open, and blood was dripping from every inch of his body. He looked absolutely miserable.

The same fate befell the Celestial Demon. His spiritual force and battle techniques were trapped and frozen by the cherry blossoms before they could harm Lan Xian in the slightest. The blossoms rose up from below, slicing everything apart like sharp blades, and the Celestial Demon was nearly bisected.

It only took an instant for two of the astral beasts' top powerhouses to be severely injured.

This showed the difference between a Semi-Progenitor and those beneath them. Regardless of how powerful a cultivator was, they would be helpless when facing a Semi-Progenitor's inner world.

Blood stained the cherry blossoms red.

Lu Yin's eyes flickered, and he was overcome with shock.

This was not his first time seeing a Semi-Progenitor attacking with their inner world, and he had even been attacked by a Semi-Progenitor himself once. He had also seen two inner worlds clash against each other, but this was the first time that Lu Yin had actually

entered a Semi-Progenitor's inner world and experienced the terror of having someone else control his life.

If Lan Xian wished it, a single cherry blossom could destroy Lu Yin.

Elder Jiu Shen's hand clenched into a fist, and he barely managed to resist manifesting his simulated stars. He was also a powerhouse, and he similarly could not accept someone else having control over his life or death.

He was much more familiar with the strength of a Semi-Progenitor, and his senior brother had once said that no matter what, Jiu Shen could never allow himself to enter a Semi-Progenitor's inner world. Once a person entered, their fate would no longer be their own.

Jiu Shen wanted to break free from the inner world and escape, but the fates of Sword King and the Celestial Demon terrified the Cosmic Sect elder. If he reacted at all, he was not certain if Lan Xian would not attack him as well.

However, the chances of her attacking Jiu Shen were very low.

Xu Qing's expression completely changed, and the fluttering cherry blossoms that surrounded him gave him the chills. He looked up and glanced over at the fleeing Void Wanderer elder. "Use it!"

Right as he spoke, a cherry blossom sliced off his arm.

Lan Xian fixed her bewitching eyes onto Xu Qing. She was curious as to what else these astral beasts could have possibly kept hidden. What could they possess that could be useful against her?

Master Qing Hua watched as Lan Xian easily suppressed all of the powerhouses and shook his head in a helpless manner. A Semi-Progenitor was a Semi-Progenitor, and they were beings that stood at another level. It did not matter that Lan Xian was actually much younger than him.

When Qing Hua had first become a Cosmic Imprinter, Lan Xian had just started becoming famous. She had been one of the Daosource Three Skies of her generation. However, when Qing Hua became an Empyrean Imprinter, Lan Xian had reached the same level as him. At present, Qing Hua was still an Empyrean Imprinter, but Lan Xian was already a Semi-Progenitor.

[1] This is the first time that the Origin Progenitor's Sutra has appeared so completely, and this allowed us to finally be able to accurately translate the various disjointed phrases of the Stonewall Scriptures, so all of the bits from the past have been reworked based off of this "completed" section. ☞

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Lan Xian was not the most powerful of the Sixth Mainland's Semi-Progenitors, and neither was she the closest to becoming a Progenitor. However, she was the youngest and most talented.

Even a lazy person like Qing Hua occasionally envied Lan Xian's talent.

She was his junior in the Sixth Mainland, but her cultivation already surpassed countless others. She had risen to become one of the most powerful people in the entire Sixth Mainland and was only under the three Progenitors.

Anyone from Lan Xian's generation in the Sixth Mainland would only have one phrase to describe her with: peerless within her generation.

Her white dress fluttered in a breeze as cherry blossoms filled the sky and painted space red. Meanwhile, her hands plucked at her three-stringed instrument to control an entire battlefield. This was Lan Xian.

Xu Qing half-dropped to his knees. Sweat poured down his face as he stared into the void. The Void Wanderer elder's body twisted, and then, as Xu Qing eagerly watched, the massive astral beast pulled out a piece of leather. It was Progenitor Wushang's hide.

Lu Yin had only possessed a single piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide, but the Progenitor's full hide was absolutely massive, as Progenitor Wushang had been an enormous astral beast.

At this moment, a large piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide covered the entire body of the Void Wanderer elder.

At that instance, everyone looking over was frozen stiff, including Lan Xian. Both the hide and the Void Wanderer elder were too massive, and everyone could clearly see Progenitor Wushang's hide. Even Master Qing Hua, who was the furthest away, saw it and became frozen.

No one had expected the Void Wanderer elder to be in possession of such a massive piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide.

Lu Yin was also frozen and staring blankly at the sight. This was such an enormous piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide, and it was also Xu Qing's last resort. He was using a Progenitor item.

With the Void Wanderer elder donning Progenitor Wushang's hide, the pink world filled with cherry blossoms shook and then cracked.

Lan Xian was frozen stiff as she stared straight at the hide. The Void Wanderer elder barreled into her, and since she was stunned by the massive piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide, Lan Xian made no attempt to dodge. She was struck, and blood stained her veil.

An inner world was not only a Semi-Progenitor's strongest weapon, but it was also their greatest weakness. If their inner world was ever damaged, the Semi-Progenitor would be instantly injured.

Lan Xian had not been injured by being struck by the Void Wanderer, but rather because her inner world had cracked.

The only two people present who were not frozen at this moment were Xu Qing and Sword King.

The moment that Lan Xian's inner world had cracked and her body knocked back, Sword King's wounded body had started to move. He formed a star from star energy and instantly attacked. However, he did not attack Lan Xian, but rather Lu Yin.

No one had expected Sword King to suddenly attack Lu Yin. Not even Lan Xian had expected it. Elder Jiu Shen and others had not expected it either, and not even Lu Yin himself had considered it. This was Xu Qing's entire plan.

He had already known that it would be impossible for them to kill a Semi-Progenitor like Lan Xian, even with Progenitor Wushang's hide. Instead, Progenitor Wushang's hide could allow the Void Wanderer elder to escape and ensure that the hide did not fall into Lan Xian's hands. Additionally, the moment before the Void Wanderer fled, the massive piece of Progenitor Wushang's hide that would shroud the beast's body would freeze everyone on the battlefield, and that moment could let them accomplish many things.

Xu Qing's first priority was to kill Lu Yin.

Throughout the war, Xu Qing had developed a very clear understanding of Lu Yin, and if Lu Yin did not die, the only possibility was for him to become an enemy of the Astral Beast Domain in the future. It was very likely that Lu Yin would become a Progenitor, and once that happened, the Astral Beast Domain would be done for.

Even if he did not obtain the God of Death's inheritance, Lu Yin needed to be eliminated. As long as he died, the Great Eastern Alliance fleet would break apart, and Xu Qing would also not have to fulfill his side of the bargain that he had struck with Lu Yin. In fact, it might even be possible to secure a portion of the Outerverse before the Sixth Mainland took over defending the Outerverse.

This was Xu Qing's plan. The moment that Lan Xian had appeared on the battlefield, the astral beast's general had known that victory was impossible. However, that did not mean that he could not eliminate Lu Yin.

Xu Qing did not believe that a powerful Semi-Progenitor like Lan Xian would remain on the battlefield for long. This was not a place that deserved a Semi-Progenitor's attention.

As long as Lu Yin died and the Void Wanderer elder escaped back to the Astral Beast Domain with Progenitor Wushang's hide, everything would be worth it. Even if Xu Qing himself died, it would be worth it. Besides, after Lan Xian appeared, Xu Qing no longer was the one in control of his own life or death, so the best choice was to eliminate Lu Yin, who presented the biggest threat to the Astral Beast Domain.

Xu Qing was the Astral Beast Domain's General, and he was naturally able to clearly read the situation even under the pressure of a Semi-Progenitor and choose the best option available.

Lu Yin, you have to die! If you want to blame someone, then you can only blame yourself for being too outstanding. Your talent is too terrifying, and you should not exist in this universe!

Elder Jiu Shen, the Second Nightking, and the other human powerhouses were all still frozen due to Progenitor Wushang's hide, and they could only watch as Sword King's sword slashed towards Lu Yin. This was the most powerful attack that Sword King was capable of unleashing at this moment, and this attack surpassed a power level of a million.

A sword slash with a power level of a million shot towards Lu Yin. Even if he still had his bodysuit armor, it would still be useless, as it would not stop an attack this powerful. Besides, Lu Yin did not even have any armor at this moment.

His pupils shrank to pinpricks. He had not anticipated this attack. Was he about to die? He watched as the sword fell. He had no strength to resist and no way to escape.

Master! Master! Master! Lu Yin shouted internally.

Bang!

The sword dropped, and there was a deafening noise. Sword King looked to see what had happened, as his sword had been blocked. It had been stopped by a cherry blossom.

Sword King turned to look to the west. Lan Xian had actually blocked his attack with a cherry blossom, saving Lu Yin's life.

No one had thought that Lan Xian would save Lu Yin.

No one had expected Xu Qing to order Lu Yin's death, and by the same token, Lan Xian protecting Lu Yin was completely unexpected as well.

Naturally, Lan Xian was the first person to recover after being frozen by Progenitor Wushang's hide. She was a Semi-Progenitor afterall.

Xu Qing's eyes blazed with anger when he saw that Sword King's attack had been blocked. Did he really need to use that option? As expected, Skymender had not been mistaken. This thought prompted Xu Qing to pull a book out of his cosmic ring. As he stared at Lu Yin, the astral beast general shouted, "Void Wanderer elder!"

The Void Wanderer elder spun around and slammed its body into Lan Xian again. The astral beast was relying on Progenitor Wushang's hide that covered his body to protect him. Lan Xian was also helpless to deal with it, as her cherry blossoms could not break through the hide, and she also could not even look at it without being momentarily frozen.

At this moment, Sword King lifted his sword once again and slashed down.

Lan Xian frowned, and her fingertips flickered. Sword King's blade was raised high as he brought it down with all his might. Just as he was about to launch another attack at Lu Yin, the cherry blossoms twined around his massive sword, just as before. Then, they continued along to cover his body as well. Blood splattered, and Sword King died.

Blood sprinkled onto Lu Yin, Elder Jiu Shen, and others, painting both them and the battleships behind them red.

Sword King had been a massive astral beast, and his huge body collapsed. A true powerhouse had just perished.

Xu Qing's eyes grew cold. He tossed the book in his hand out, and it moved by itself, opening up to reveal a massive sword on a page. It looked exactly like Sword King's enormous sword.

Lu Yin's entire body was covered with chills when he saw this weapon, and he felt a sense of extreme danger.

At this same moment, the Void Wanderer elder charged into Lan Xian once again, blocking her sight of the book, the sword, and Lu Yin.

The sword in the book came to life, gradually taking form from the book's pages and forming in space. It appeared behind Lu Yin and dropped down. While there was no technique, the attack was just as powerful as Sword King's final attack.

Lu Yin's scalp went numb. His body suddenly moved. He had started reciting the Origin Sutra the moment he was immobilized by Progenitor Wushang's hide. No one else, not even Elder Jiu Shen, could move at this moment, but Lu Yin could.

But what did it matter? Sword King's attack had locked Lu Yin down, so even if he had managed to recover from seeing Progenitor Wushang's hide, he was still locked in place by the sword attack. Lu Yin could not even turn around. He was helpless as the sword fell.

The gap between him and an attack with a power level of a million was just too vast.

Desperate, Lu Yin closed his eyes, and the nearby star energy surged into his body at a shocking rate. The moment the sword dropped down, Lu Yin's internal star energy finished his forty ninth cycle, and he reached the true peak of the Enlighter realm. This triggered his stellar tribulation.

The greatest challenge that Lu Yin faced in surviving his stellar tribulation and becoming an Envoy was the seal that had been placed on him.

While Lu Yin knew that he had been sealed, he did not know how many layers there were to the seal.

When the seal had first appeared, the crazy headmaster of Astral-10 had helped Lu Yin break the seal, which had allowed him to become a Melder. The second time the seal had appeared, a desiccated corpse had been attacking Lu Yin and had broken the seal. This had given Lu Yin the opportunity to become an Explorer. The third layer of the seal had been broken by Progenitor Chen's blood, and Lu Yin had then become a Hunter.

At this moment, it would be the fourth layer of the seal. Each successive layer became increasingly difficult to break.

Lu Yin did not know how strong the globe of Progenitor Chen's blood that had broken the third layer of the seal had been, but he believed that he would need a power level of at least 800,000 or 900,000 to break through the fourth layer of the seal, and possibly even a power level of a million. This seal could act as a shield to protect Lu Yin from Sword King's attack.

Lu Yin wanted to use Sword King's attack the same way he had used the desiccated corpse when he had broken through to the Explorer realm. As for a formcast model, Lu Yin did not have one anymore. He simply did not have the necessary funds to Enhance an eight-stage formcast model.

When Lu Yin reached the true peak of the Enlighter realm, a massive tree appeared in space, and mysterious runes appeared behind him. These runes were his seal, and it was trying to bind Lu Yin and suppress his breakthrough.

The sword fell the same moment the seal appeared. There was a tremendous bang that shook the entire region of space and shattered the void in a wide-spreading crack.

Elder Jiu Shen and the others were all blown away by the shockwave.

The Void Wanderer elder twisted its body around and vanished into the void. It needed to leave quickly as if it dallied for too long, Lan Xian would either become accustomed to the suppression of Progenitor Wushang's hide or find a way to avoid it. If either happened, the Void Wanderer elder would be suppressed, or worse, Progenitor Wushang's hide might be stolen.

Lan Xian was unable to stop the Void Wanderer elder from leaving, and besides that, at this moment, she was staring at Lu Yin with a rare fluctuation of emotion in her eyes.

Xu Qing was also staring at Lu Yin. The Void Thunderbeast had thought that this sword would kill Lu Yin, especially since this was what Skymender had divined. The Celestial Beast Empire's imperial teacher had said that there was a 90% chance that the sword would kill Lu Yin, and yet the attack had failed. Xu Qing had no idea what had appeared behind Lu Yin, but it had stopped the sword.

Lan Xian was also startled to see an Enlightener block an attack with a power level of over a million. Not even Progenitor Chen would have been capable of such a feat when he had been an Enlightener. This was something that was completely unprecedented throughout all of time.

As the Void Wanderer elder left, Elder Jiu Shen, Ya Mavis, and everyone else managed to regain control of their bodies and senses. As soon as they recovered, they all turned to look at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin looked up to see that the space above him had already changed. A massive vortex was gradually growing and spreading out into the distance above his head. This vortex was larger than any that Lu Yin had ever seen before.

Lightning flickered within the dark vortex, and no end could be seen to its depths. The sounds emanating from the vortex were disturbing, and the faces of all those who witnessed this scene grew pale.

"Stellar tribulation! It's a stellar tribulation! He's trying to pass his tribulation! Everyone, get back!" Elder Jiu Shen shouted. He was also the first one to flee the scene.

Regardless of which person a stellar tribulation appeared for, everyone else would be caught up in it as long as they were within a certain range, and that range depended on the person's strength. Jiu Shen had no desire to get caught up in Lu Yin's stellar tribulation, especially after he saw the vortex that had appeared above Lu Yin. This did

not look like what other Enlighters experienced when breaking through to the Envoy realm as it was just too big.

Jiu Shen was not alone, as the Second Nightking, Qing Hua, and everyone else with the necessary knowledge could tell that this stellar tribulation looked far too large for someone breaking through to the Envoy realm.

Even Lan Xian retreated. Forget a Semi-Progenitor—even a Progenitor would suffer if they were dragged into this stellar tribulation.

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At this moment, even the people who genuinely cared about Lu Yin, such as Yuan Shi and Sea King, were forced to retreat. Any attempt on their part to help would only make things worse.

Across the battlefield, Xu Qing and the astral beasts all pulled back as well. Not a single individual dared to get close to Lu Yin at this moment.

As the vortex forming the stellar tribulation grew larger and larger, everyone moved further and further away from Lu Yin.

"Why is it still growing? My stellar tribulation wasn't even half this size!" someone commented in shock.

Elder Jiu Shen's eye twitched, as Lu Yin's tribulation had already reached a size that was three times as large as Jiu Shen's, but Lu Yin's stellar tribulation was still growing larger and larger without any end in sight.

The Celestial Demon was shocked. "This is just too big! How is it still growing?"

Xu Qing answered softly, "This child is beyond talented, and so his stellar tribulation will similarly surpass anything that others might face. We need to leave."

They soon stopped moving back.

Qing Hua was stunned. "This is just too big!"

Lan Xian's eyes flickered as she looked upwards. This tribulation was indeed far too large, and it vastly exceeded the size of her own stellar tribulation. In fact, the only time she had ever seen a comparable stellar tribulation was when one of the three Progenitors had passed their final tribulation.

Lu Yin was not happy when he saw that he was about to face his first stellar tribulation. His seal had not been completely broken by Sword King's attack, but had merely disappeared. This meant that it would definitely reappear later, and Lu Yin was worried that it might even show up in the middle of his tribulation.

Thunder crackled overhead, and countless people were practically in a trance as they watched. Many of the people and astral beasts who were too close passed out. It was a suppression of spiritual force.

"Further back!" the Sea King yelled. Everyone fled further away as spiritual force appeared within the vortex and created a storm that looked to join the universe both above and below Lu Yin. It was like looking at a monster that surpassed the size of even the Void Wanderer elder, and Lu Yin was stuck in the middle of it.

Right after the maelstrom of spiritual force appeared, lightning swept through the entire Northcastle Weave.

The Celestial Demon was shocked yet again. "Physically manifested spiritual force? This is something that we Celestial Demons often face during our stellar tribulations. Why is he facing it?"

Xu Qing was solemn as he answered again, "Lu Yin's spiritual force surpasses all of his peers, and even one of you Celestial Demons might not be his match at the same cultivation level."

The Celestial Demon had nothing to say in response.

On the humans' side, the maelstrom did not surprise the Second Nightking. He had already witnessed Lu Yin withstand a large portion of his spiritual force pressure. Even though the Second Nightking had been putting on an act when attacking the youth in Venom Flowzone, he had still launched a powerful spiritual force attack that should have even incapacitated an Envoy with a power level of 700,000. Despite that, Lu Yin had endured it. The youth's spiritual force was terrifyingly powerful for his cultivation level.

The spiritual force formed a storm that spat out bolts of lightning that rained down upon Lu Yin, and at the same time, the maelstrom raged and tried to tear him apart.

Lu Yin made no attempt to recite the Origin Sutra. This was only the beginning of his stellar tribulation, and this level of spiritual force did not even compare to an attack with a power level of 600,000. Even the lightning had only reached a power level of a maximum of 700,000. This was not enough to threaten Lu Yin at all.

Although Lu Yin's spiritual force was not as powerful as this oncoming storm, his steady practice of the Origin Progenitor's Sutra had transformed his spiritual force. It had

solidified and become as tough as a stone. The storm swept over Lu Yin, and although it jostled him around, it was unable to harm him. He was just like a rock in a flood.

Boom!

There was another explosion, and the lightning above Lu Yin began to coalesce into the shape of a bat, and it quickly released a shrill shriek.

"A Celestial Demon?" This change startled Ling Qiu. She stared into the far away sky as the manifested spiritual force suddenly formed the image of a massive Celestial Demon that completely covered Lu Yin as it stared down at him.

Celestial Demons were considered to be the greatest masters of spiritual force, and their species was the Astral Beast Domain's imperial family. They actually fed upon and devoured spiritual force.

Whenever Celestial Demons were mentioned, everybody would immediately think of spiritual force, as it was publicly acknowledged that nobody could surpass the species' dominance in that particular aspect. By this token, Celestial Demons similarly came to mind whenever spiritual force was mentioned.

The Celestial Demon that had fought on the battlefield was not as powerful as the Second Nightking, and he was closer to Liu Huang's level of strength. However, the astral beast's terrifying spiritual force was more than enough for him to stand up to the Second Nightking and force a stalemate while simultaneously posing a massive threat to the rest of the battlefield. Without the Second Nightking's presence on the battlefield, the Great Eastern Alliance would have struggled to survive this long.

The fact that the spiritual force from Lu Yin's stellar tribulation had taken on the form of a Celestial Demon amply demonstrated the strength of Lu Yin's spiritual force, as the tribulation had clearly taken on the form of the most powerful masters of spiritual force to deal with Lu Yin.

Xu Qing and the other astral beast powerhouses were all shocked, and they reflexively glanced over at the Celestial Demon in their midst.

The Celestial Demon himself frowned. A mere human had forced his stellar tribulation to form a Celestial Demon. This clearly showed just how terrifying Lu Yin was for his level.

A stellar tribulation was not merely based on power level. Otherwise, if every tribulation sent a trial for a power level of over a million, nobody would be able to survive.

The strength of each stellar tribulation was related to the strength of the person who triggered it. Stellar tribulations could almost be considered sapient, but they also

seemed to follow fixed rules. Despite that, no one could guess what form a tribulation would take.

A stellar tribulation could be as simple as a blunt attack of stellar energy, or it could be a battle technique that had once existed in the universe. There was also the possibility of the tribulation manifesting as a replica of a creature or individual who had once lived. This perfect copy would then try to kill the one facing the stellar tribulation.

No one knew what sort of tribulation they would face during their tribulation.

At this moment, Lu Yin clashed with the Celestial Demon. The creature that Lu Yin was fighting against was formed from spiritual force and lightning, but it was absolutely a copy of a creature who had once lived, and it might even be someone who was still alive.

"Human, you should be happy that you're talented enough to have the honor of being killed by one of our Celestial Demons," Feng Lin casually stated.

The real Celestial Demon's expression relaxed a bit at that moment. It was true—even if the fact that a mere human had managed to trigger a tribulation with the form of a Celestial Demon made him uncomfortable, realizing that Lu Yin would die to an image of a Celestial Demon caused the astral beast to relax.

Yuan Shi and the other humans all grew increasingly nervous. Celestial Demons were regarded as invincible among those with the same level of strength. The fact that Lu Yin's stellar tribulation had taken this form indicated that Lu Yin had no path towards survival.

The Celestial Demon above Lu Yin grew more and more substantial. It eventually turned to face Lu Yin and opened its mouth. Space instantly shattered, and countless people started bleeding from their seven orifices and wailing in agony. They had already moved far away from Lu Yin's tribulation, but they were still affected by it. They had no choice but to move even further away.

Lu Yin faced the spiritual force attack of the Celestial Demon with a frown. Sure enough, the strength of his tribulation was determined by his own strength. He set up an Inception Array, as it was a sourcebox array that protected one from spiritual force attacks.

The Inception Array blocked a portion of the Celestial Demon's spiritual force attack, and the part that broke through the sourcebox array was too weak to pose any threat to Lu Yin.

However, the next moment, the spiritual force of the raging storm around Lu Yin started to condense into a visible sphere right above Lu Yin's head.

Lu Yin's complexion changed. This was bad! This was Force Explosion, the signature spiritual force battle technique of the Celestial Demons. Yao Xuan had used this technique during ZENITH, and its power had terrified Lu Yin.

The Celestial Demon sneered as he watched Lu Yin's tribulation. Force Explosion was the Celestial Demons' greatest technique. Lu Yin had only managed to block the spiritual force maelstrom with the use of a sourcebox array, which indicated that it would be impossible for him to block this Force Explosion.

"You can only blame yourself for cultivating spiritual force! Your level of strength has invited a disaster upon yourself due to you thinking that you can compare to the spiritual force tribulations of my Celestial Demons!" It would be impossible for even a Celestial Demon to survive a stellar tribulation that had such a powerful Force Explosion attack. In that case, who could possibly survive? The tribulation had judged Lu Yin's spiritual force to be comparable to that of a Celestial Demon, or even greater than that.

The Celestial Demons could accept defeat, but not when it came to spiritual force. It was impossible for their species to admit that a human could surpass them in this aspect, and that meant that Lu Yin had to die from this Force Explosion.

Lu Yin did not hold back since he was facing the Celestial Demons' greatest battle technique. He immediately started reciting the Origin Sutra. His spiritual force solidified, and Lu Yin became as immovable as a mountain in the face of the Force Explosion.

Boom!

The Force Explosion erupted, and spiritual force swept out in all directions. Space shattered, and ripples swept across all of Northcastle Weave before spreading out even further.

The Second Nightking moved in front of the Great Eastern Alliance's fleet to stop the spiritual force from affecting them. On the other side of the battlefield, the Celestial Demon did the same for the astral beast horde.

This shockwave of spiritual force that had erupted was more than enough to destroy the minds of most individuals on the battlefield. Even for some of the Envoys, such as Elder He, it was too much.

Was this really a stellar tribulation for a breakthrough to the Envoy realm? The Second Nightking could not believe what he was seeing. Who could possibly trigger such a powerful tribulation? There was absolutely no chance of anyone surviving this.

Ya Mavis stared at Lu Yin as she recalled her Mavis family's records. They had records of countless stellar tribulations that humans had faced, and yet not a single one mentioned a person facing this level of power at the beginning of their tribulation, not even in ancient times.

She remembered the last battle of ZENITH and Lu Yin's God of Death Transformation. If this youth had truly received the God of Death's inheritance, then the strength of his stellar tribulation was not actually that surprising.

Peace slowly returned to the spot in the universe that everyone was staring at. The stellar tribulation's vortex was still there, and Lu Yin was standing below it. He looked a bit miserable, but his face was as calm as ever, and he had actually survived the Force Explosion.

Lu Yin had faced a spiritual force attack that should have necessitated him being protected by the Second Nightking or some other powerhouse, and yet he had survived all on his own.

The Celestial Demon's pupils instantly constricted. "Impossible!"

Xu Qing's expression also grew ugly, as he similarly felt like he was witnessing something impossible. How had Lu Yin managed to survive? Even someone like Xu Qing had been shocked by the power of that Force Explosion, as the attack had been strong enough to wound an Envoy with a power level of 800,000. Despite that, it had not been enough to kill a mere Enlightener. How was this possible? It defied all reason.

Lu Yin was not truly strong enough to face an attack with a power level of 800,000, but spiritual force was an exception to this rule. By relying on the Origin Sutra, it was possible for Lu Yin to face even stronger spiritual force attacks and survive.

"Success." Mountain God muttered to himself. He felt quite disappointed that Lu Yin had survived. This meant that the war would resume, and also that the Inniverse would remain under the control of the Great Eastern Alliance.

Close by, Ling Taizu softly said, "It's still not over."

Mountain God was shocked; the tribulation was not over? How could that be? He was certain that he could not survive the Force Explosion they had all just witnessed. How was that not the end of Lu Yin's stellar tribulation?

Lu Yin looked up. This was just the start, so how horrifying would his tribulation become as it continued?

Kui Luo had told Lu Yin that Bai Xian'er's stellar tribulation had shaken the entire Perennial World and that it had drawn the attention of Progenitors while also inciting the Aeternals to attack. In that case, what would Lu Yin's tribulation be like? Would it be weaker than Bai Xian'er's? Or would it be even more impressive? Lu Yin could not even begin to guess.

The vortex looked quite calm, but something was clearly brewing inside. Whatever it was, it caused the hearts of the Sea King and some others dropped. They were all

aware of how stellar tribulations worked, and they knew not to fear when a stellar tribulation surged but instead when it fell silent. This was because the calmer a tribulation became, the more terrifying the next attack would be. It signified that the tribulation was searching for an attack that could kill the individual who had triggered it.

"Look, it's growing again!" someone shouted in a panicked voice.

Everyone looked up at the vortex. Sure enough, it was indeed spreading and growing even larger.

Liu Huang's expression changed drastically. "Fall back! Back further! Move NOW!"

The astral beasts also fled in fear. After all, astral beasts tended to be more sensitive to danger than humans.

Qing Hua was stunned. "I've never heard of a stellar tribulation growing stronger between stages."

Lan Xian replied, "It's happened before, but only very rarely. The Progenitor of Bloodlines' tribulation did this."

Qing Hua was even more startled. "The stellar tribulation grew stronger in the middle for the Progenitor of Bloodlines?"

Lan Xian explained, "That's what he said, but I don't know for certain. We need to move back."

The Semi-Progenitor disappeared as she fled from the growing tribulation.

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Lu Yin could no longer see anyone. His tribulation had grown too large, and it had already crossed the earlier battlefield. The Great Eastern Alliance's fleet had been forced to flee into Frostwave Weave.

At this moment, Lu Yin was all alone as he faced the horrifyingly powerful stellar tribulation. He let out a long breath as he stared upwards. "I can't even fathom how powerful this is going to be."

As soon as he finished speaking, the space above him started to burn, and an unbearable pressure assaulted him. It was so bad that Lu Yin spat out blood.

He was terrified by what he felt: was that aurelian force?

Off in the distance, Chen Huang looked up and loudly commented, "This feels familiar..."

Everyone was able to see the stellar tribulation, and they all saw how space itself was burning and churning. An intense pressure swept out and covered the entire surrounding area.

Liu Huang raised a hand to touch the power that approached them. "Battle force?"

"That's aurelian force!" The Second Nightking's voice was soft, but it betrayed his shock. "It's actually aurelian force, which is only those who have completely mastered battle force can comprehend. This is a truly invincible power."

Chen Huang grew excited. "My bloodline is resonating! This is the strength of our people!"

Ku Wei was on top of the colossal giant's shoulder, and he also felt his blood surge within his body. He stared at the tribulation. "Master, something's wrong! You must endure!"

Across the battlefield, there were also astral beasts who recognized the aurelian force. Even though this power had disappeared from the Fifth Mainland, there were still a few individuals who recognized it, and Feng Lin was one of them. She was stunned by why she felt. "This is aurelian force! There's no way for him to survive this."

Elsewhere Lan Xian was similarly startled. "Aurelian force? The child must have also cultivated battle force. What a pity."

The moment the aurelian force appeared, Lu Yin's heart had dropped to the bottom. There was no one in this place who better understood the horror of aurelian force than him. This was an invincible power that could burn space and shatter the void simply by existing.

A fist appeared above Lu Yin. It was massive enough to replace the universe in his sight, and it dropped down towards him.

Lu Yin was already struggling to endure the pressure of the aurelian force, and he reacted purely out of reflex when he saw the descending fist. He retaliated with his own punch that was reinforced with his golden battle force.

Bang!

A deafening noise shook the area, and Lu Yin's body was smashed down by the fist, and cracks started to spread across his skin. All of Northcastle Weave was shaken by

this blow, and countless people felt their hearts tremble. Many people were even killed by the sudden shock to their hearts.

They stared across the distance at the incomparably massive fist. It was as if they were looking at an ant confronting a tree.

Were humans the masters of the universe? People had believed that to be true in the past, but as they stared at the enormous fist and the oppressive and invincible aurelian force that shattered space, they found themselves unable to even speak. They felt as small as ants.

Countless astral beasts stared at this fist that seemed to suppress the universe itself in terror.

Lan Xian was startled. "That fist?"

Qing Hua looked solemn as he stared at the tribulation. "It's Chen Fan's."

"Chen Fan? The one who crossed realms to kill a Semi-Progenitor?" Lan Xian was shocked. She was the only Semi-Progenitor present, but she was still younger than Qing Hua, and thus there were many things that she did not know.

Master Qing Hua nodded. "He was a colossal giant who was considered a disgrace by the giants, though he still managed to cultivate aurelian force. He challenged a Semi-Progenitor who was as strong as an Emyrean Imprinter and killed the powerhouse, proving himself to be a Realmbreaker. He fought against our Sixth Mainland on behalf of the Fifth Mainland and accomplished great things, but he was eventually killed by a different Semi-Progenitor."

Lan Xian was amazed. It was amazing for anyone to cross realms to kill a Semi-Progenitor. She had casually killed Sword King. But Chen Fan had been someone at the same power level as the astral beast, and yet he had supposedly managed to kill a Semi-Progenitor. This was indeed a feat worthy of being recorded down in history.

"Chen Fan's aurelian force was peerless during his era. He was the only one who was able to break an inner world with aurelian force. It's surprising to see this stellar tribulation manifest his power. That fist does not even seem to be a copy of his strength from when he first became an Envoy, but rather from when he reached a power level of 600,000 or even 700,000. Lu Yin is being forced to cross realms to face Chen Fan's aurelian force. I have no idea how he will handle this," Qing Hua continued.

While the Emyrean Imprinter was dazzled by Lu Yin's talent, the youth was facing off against opponents who were famous throughout history and who had been admired through the ages. Still, Qing Hua could not deny that Lu Yin was qualified to face such opponents. Not even Chen Fan would have been able to go against people with power levels of 700,000 while only an Enlighter.

Chen Fan had become a peerless powerhouse later on in life, which meant that Lu Yin was not facing a completely helpless situation.

Lu Yin was in a terrible situation at this moment. His golden battle force had shattered the moment it met the massive fist, and his body was being continuously pressed down. Fortunately, his physical strength was extremely high, and his mastery of the Overlaying Stacks Path was enough to keep him from being completely overwhelmed.

This was not his first time facing the terror of aurelian force. He had actually faced it multiple times when training with the Warden in Gaia's Swamp. Back then, Lu Yin had been struck numerous times by aurelian force, but if he were to compare the Warden's aurelian force to the fist in his stellar tribulation, the fist's was more condensed and completely unshakeable.

The Immovable Heavenly King Elephant appeared behind Lu Yin as he used his visualization method, and the massive creature appeared before everyone's eyes.

Qing Hua blurted, "An imprint? No... is that? Is that an Immovable Heavenly King Elephant?"

Lan Xian's eyes flickered and lit up as she stared at Lu Yin. "The Immovable Heavenly King Elephant? The technique of the Lu family from back then?"

This comment startled Qing Hua. Lu Yin... Is he from the Lu family?

The appearance of the Immovable Heavenly King Elephant had caught Qing Hua completely off guard, but the appearance also shocked Lu Yin himself.

While this was not Lu Yin's first time using the visualization method, its manifestation was completely different from the previous times. This time, Lu Yin heard a roar echoing from ancient times. It was the roar of the Immovable Heavenly King Elephant, and in that single moment, he felt as though he had traveled to the past; he saw an unfathomable large pillar standing in space. The top could not even be seen, and the pillar seemed to support the entire universe.

There was a man standing in front of the celestial pillar, his back to Lu Yin as he cheered in delight. While Lu Yin could not hear anything that the man said, he could sense the man's happiness and excitement. There was a blood connection between them.

Suddenly, the man leaped up, and Lu Yin saw the lower half of the man's face. The man looked a great deal like Lu Yin.

While Lu Yin was feeling confused, he felt something pull at his body, and he rose up higher along with the man. Suddenly, Lu Yin was able to see more clearly; the pillar was

not a pillar, but rather the leg of an elephant. It was the leg of the Immovable Heavenly King Elephant.

Lu Yin rose up higher, and he saw someone sitting upon the Immovable Heavenly King Elephant. The man had 90% of Lu Yin's facial features, and he patted the elephant excitedly while still chatting. This vision seemed to have allowed Lu Yin to peer into the past, but everything quickly dissipated as though it were nothing more than a dream.

Terrible pain wracked Lu Yin's body as he was struck by a huge fist that pressed down upon him, pushing him further down through the sky.

Everyone was shocked. Lu Yin had failed. He could not endure.

Xu Qing and other astral beasts were all ecstatic. Anyone who failed their stellar tribulation would die.

The Sea King and many humans had ugly expressions on their faces, and Ku Wei looked as though he was staring at his dead father. The Second Nightking and Liu Huang were both calm while Mountain God could not resist growing excited.

Lan Xian and Qing Hua both appeared calm, and it was impossible to know what either was thinking.

Lu Yin stared at his tribulation.

Suddenly, a roar echoed out, powerful enough to cause space to tremble. Everyone stared in shock at the visualized Immovable Heavenly King Elephant. At this moment, it did not resemble an imprint, but rather a genuine, living creature.

It grew larger and larger, and in the blink of an eye, it was already bigger than the fist. It let out a roar, and there was a bang.

The fist was forced back.

Blood covered Lu Yin, his eyes bloodshot. He bit down on his lips and punched back at the enormous fist with all his might. The power of this punch was enough to terrify people, and many of the onlookers felt their hearts begin to race. They watched in horrified fascination as Lu Yin began his counterattack. They stared as the aurelian force was shattered by Lu Yin's punch.

Boom!

Lu Yin's right fist rose to the pinnacle, and his attack blasted out. The shockwave sliced through space, quickly reaching both the Great Eastern Alliance's fleet and the astral beast horde.

The giant fist shattered. Lu Yin had completely unraveled the aurelian force.

The Sea King suddenly shot forward. He stretched out a hand to touch the shockwave as it swept through, and his body was forced back by an overwhelming power. The Envoy looked completely horrified. He had only touched the shockwave, and yet he been forced back. Just how powerful was Lu Yin's punch just now?

The Immovable Heavenly Elephant King was one of the Lu family's visualization methods that had been coveted by countless powers. How could it merely double the power of an attack?

Visualization methods were the Lu family's unique power that had been coveted by the Perennial World's four ruling powers, and each of the family's methods had its own unique aspects.

The true visualization method of the Immovable Heavenly King Elephant when used by someone with the Lu family's bloodline was able to increase the power of an attack by tenfold.

In the past, Lu Yin had only employed the visualization method without stimulating his blood. At this moment, possibly because Sword King's attack had struck Lu Yin's seal or because of the blood that covered his body, Lu Yin was able to utilize the true power of the Immovable Heavenly King Elephant visualization method. Thus, his attack had been amplified ten times over.

After it was magnified tenfold, Lu Yin's punch instantly shattered even aurelian force.

Lu Yin stood alone in space with his arms at his sides. He was working to catch his breath as the Immovable Heavenly King Elephant slowly disappeared from behind him.

He looked up at the vortex that formed his stellar tribulation, and his pupils constricted when he saw that it was still not disappearing. This tribulation really wanted to see him dead!

His body was covered with blood, but the tribulation still was not over.

Xu Qing and the countless spectating astral beasts who all wanted to see Lu Yin fail could not even get excited when they saw that Lu Yin's tribulation was not over. The Celestial Demon's Force Explosion and Chen Fan's aurelian force were each powerful enough to wipe out almost every single individual on the battlefield, and very few of them had the confidence to face these attacks. But despite that, Lu Yin had survived both of them.

And yet, his tribulation continued.

All living creatures were treated equally by stellar tribulations, and all creatures would be forced to face a tribulation when their strength reached the required threshold. At this moment, even Xu Qing felt a sense of sadness.

Cultivating was a matter of going against the universe itself, and once someone surpassed their tribulation, they would become capable of absorbing stellar energy. However, that would also earn them the enmity of the true universe. Cultivators' true enemy was the universe itself, and stellar tribulations meant that they could go against any power, force, or individual who had ever appeared in the true universe.

Across the way, Qing Hua's eyes flickered. "That was the strength of the Immovable Heavenly King Elephant. He used that to shatter aurelian force, and Chen Fan's aurelian force at that."

Lan Xian stared intently at Lu Yin. It was impossible to know what she was thinking.

The entire region fell silent as everyone stared at the vortex of the stellar tribulation. It had not begun to dissipate yet, which meant that Lu Yin still had not finished. What would the tribulation throw at him next?

Lu Yin clenched his fists tightly. He felt that this was going as expected. After all, neither the Celestial Demon nor the aurelian force that he had just faced were enough to reach the same level as Bai Xian'er's tribulation that had drawn the attention of even Progenitors. Lu Yin's tribulation continued to grow, and he intended to see it do so until it drew the attention of Progenitors and the entire Fifth Mainland.

Come on! Lu Yin's eyes blazed as he stared at his stellar tribulation. He was eager to see what would appear next.

Countless individuals watched in silence as a figure formed from the stellar tribulation vortex. The person slowly descended and stood there quietly. This figure did not make any impressive movements, and yet everyone who saw it grew pale.

Lan Xian froze stiff. This was a humanoid tribulation.

Of all of the various forms of stellar tribulations, humanoid ones were the most dangerous. The appearance of such a tribulation indicated that the tribulation was certain of its victory against the challenger, and everyone intuitively sensed this fact.

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Chapter 1880: Invincibility

The faces of the Sea King and the other humans spectating Lu Yin's stellar tribulation were all aghast. Lu Yin was actually facing a humanoid stellar tribulation! Throughout time, whenever a humanoid tribulation appeared, the chances of anybody passing them was less than one in 10,000. The appearance of such a tribulation indicated that the level of talent of the person attempting the breakthrough was unbelievably high, and yet, even then, the survival rate was unbelievably low. It was clear just how horrifying these humanoid tribulations were. Also, no one could tell who this particular humanoid stellar tribulation was copying.

Lu Yin stared at the slowly approaching figure.

The stellar tribulation had manifested this figure, but it had not revealed a face. Lu Yin was very wary, and his battle force instantly covered his body as the Immovable Heavenly King Elephant reappeared behind him. He felt an unprecedented sense of danger. This opponent was incredibly threatening.

This person had been brought into existence by the stellar tribulation, and a bolt of lightning pierced through space to connect the vortex overhead to the humanoid tribulation.

Lu Yin had the Immovable Heavenly King Elephant behind him, and his pupils transformed into runes. However, when he stared at the figure before him, he was confused. Why were there so few runes?

This figure was part of a stellar tribulation, which meant that it was impossible for there to be any curios like cloakstone. The only possibility was that the person whom this figure had copied had been able to conceal their own power level.

A massive asteroid shot through the battlefield and the tribulation region, and it quickly arrived between Lu Yin and the figure.

The moment the asteroid passed by, both Lu Yin and the humanoid tribulation vanished.

Everyone was stunned. Suddenly the asteroid shattered, and Lu Yin and the humanoid figure fell back as one.

Lu Yin was shocked—*aurelian* force?

It had only been an instant, but the figure had used *aurelian* force against Lu Yin's Immovable Heavenly King Elephant.

Across from Lu Yin, space burned and roiled around the humanoid tribulation as the *aurelian* force spread out. Countless onlookers started to react to this sight.

Qing Hua exclaimed, "So it's aurelian force again? I wonder who this humanoid tribulation is copying. Throughout time, very few people have grasped aurelian force and been able to surpass Chen Fan."

Lan Xian's eyes lit up. Aurelian force was a terrifying power, and yet Lu Yin was able to go up against aurelian force despite only cultivating to the level of peak battle force. This just went to show how much more terrifying Lu Yin's potential was.

Lu Yin raised his head high. So what if he was facing aurelian force? The fist from a moment ago had been unable to do anything to Lu Yin, and this person would be no different. Lu Yin moved his hand to attack: Hollow Palm.

With the visualization method of the Immovable Heavenly King Elephant, a tenfold increase in power meant that Lu Yin's Hollow Palm beyond intimidating. In the past, he had been able to make Envoys with power levels of over 600,000 cough up blood and frighten experts with power levels of 700,000. At this moment, a single Hollow Palm was strong enough to cause even an Envoy with a power level of more than 700,000 to spit up blood.

This tenfold increase in power had brought about a qualitative change in Lu Yin's Hollow Palm.

The humanoid tribulation was struck head on by the Hollow Palm, and the body tumbled over. Not even the figure's aurelian force was able to arrest its momentum.

Just as the humanoid tribulation was forced to retreat, its body trembled, and a second figure emerged from the first. The second figure raised a hand, and stars appeared and began to revolve around the figure.

This sight caused Lu Yin's expression to completely change. The Cosmic Art? No, two people who were one person? Was this the Nine Clones Secret Technique?

To the south, Jiu Shen was left dazed. "Progenitor Chen..."

The moment he spoke the name, everyone was startled.

Ya Mavis could not believe her ears. "Elder Jiu Shen, what did you just say?"

Everyone turned to look at the old man.

Jiu Shen gritted his teeth. His eyes blazed with a fanatical light, and his breathing grew ragged as he stared at the humanoid tribulation. "Clones and the Cosmic Art. There has only ever been one person throughout history who has possessed both of those techniques at the same time, and that is Progenitor Chen! Those simulated stars are formed from star energy, not stellar energy. Which other Enlightener in history could be

capable of facing Lu Yin at his level? That humanoid tribulation is a copy of Progenitor Chen!"

On the other side of the tribulation, Xu Qing's pupils fluctuated. "The humans' Nine Clones Secret Technique and the Cosmic Art? Could it be?"

"Progenitor Chen." The Celestial Demon who stood next to Xu Qing looked quite upset at this moment.

Elsewhere, Qing Hua was shocked by what he saw, and Lan Xian's complexion had also changed. From the perspective of those from the Sixth Mainland, Progenitor Chen had not been a hero, but even they were unable to deny his power and invincibility.

Progenitor Chen had been the symbol of his era. At one point, the Ancient Progenitors had become mere legends, and people had started to believe that more recent Progenitors were unable to compare to the Progenitors of the ancient past. It had been believed that humans had regressed. However, Progenitor Chen had been a Progenitor from a more recent era who had lived during the era of the Daosource Sect, and who would claim that Progenitor Chen was an example of humanity's regression?

During his time, Progenitor Chen's name had been synonymous with invincibility. He had slaughtered multiple Progenitors at the same time, and the Sixth Mainland had eventually refused to even write down his name. Progenitor Chen had monopolized two Mountains and one Sea and had been regarded as invincible in the entire universe. Invincibility. It was a word that seemed to have been made specifically for Progenitor Chen.

After winning ZENITH, Lu Yin had been regarded as peerless. After he returned from the Perennial World, he had crossed realms to challenge Envoys. As his cultivation improved, he had eventually reached the point where he could challenge Envoys with power levels of around 700,000. Had anyone else in all of history ever managed to do the same? It was possible, but there were no records of such deeds.

During Lu Yin's stellar tribulation, he had faced both a Celestial Demon and a fist shrouded with aurelian force. Both of those tribulations had been copied from Envoys. However, at the moment, Lu Yin's opponent was very clearly not an Envoy

Throughout all of time, just how many humans had possessed the strength to fight against Lu Yin before becoming an Envoy?

This was something that not even the Sixth Mainland's Progenitor of Combat or Progenitor of Bloodlines could say with confidence, and neither could the Perennial World's Progenitors. Just how strong had those powerhouses been while they were in the Enlighter realm?

Progenitor Chen was able to contend against Lu Yin. The man who had been regarded as invincible across the ages was the only one who could compare to Lu Yin.

It was impossible to say if the stellar tribulation had copied Progenitor Chen, or if Progenitor Chen had taken advantage of the tribulation to challenge Lu Yin across space and time.

The only thing that anyone watching knew was that they were witnessing the battle of the two most powerful Enlighters throughout all of history. Even if one looked back at the ancient era, it would be practically impossible to find any Enlighter comparable to the two who were fighting at this moment.

In the middle of outer space, beneath the vortex that was the stellar tribulation, Lu Yin stood and stared intently at his humanoid tribulation as his breathing grew ragged. He was looking at a figure who was using the Cosmic Art, and it was a clone of the first figure Lu Yin had faced. An uncontrollable arrogance surged up within Lu Yin. "Progenitor Chen! You're Progenitor Chen!"

He looked up at his stellar tribulation and laughed heartily. Aside from Progenitor Chen, who else could stop him?

Lu Yin had heard of Progenitor Chen countless times before, and every time he had heard about the man, he had been referred to as invincible. It seemed that Progenitor Chen's name could never be separated from the concept of invincibility.

Lu Yin had no idea whether or not anyone had ever defeated Progenitor Chen, but Lu Yin had to do just that. Only by defeating Progenitor Chen could Lu Yin complete his breakthrough and become an Envoy.

They were both Enlighters, and eons separated them, and yet this stellar tribulation had brought the two together.

During ZENITH, Lu Yin had only managed to endure and eventually defeat Shang Qing's Tri-Yang Ancestral Qi Technique because of the God of Death Transformation. That was also after considering the fact that Shang Qing had only been able to summon two of Progenitor Chen's clones. For his tribulation, Lu Yin was facing Progenitor Chen at the peak of the Enlighter realm and at full power.

Soon, it would be made clear whether Progenitor Chen was truly invincible or if Lu Yin was indeed peerless.

Boom boom boom...

The stars exploded. Progenitor Chen was the creator of the Cosmic Art, and at this moment, the figure showed his ability to move and control the stars, which meant that Progenitor Chen had already created the Cosmic Art while only an Enlighter. While

there were not as many stars as what Lu Yin was able to simulate, that was only because Lu Yin had used his Timestop ability and the Origin Sutra to accelerate his mastery of the Cosmic Art. Still, Progenitor Chen was the original creator of the Cosmic Art, and naturally, his comprehension of the art vastly outstripped Lu Yin's.

Every single star seemed to be alive.

Elder Jiu Shen exclaimed, "The Cosmic Nature Realm! I only managed to reach this level of mastery after surpassing my fourth tribulation, and yet Progenitor Chen reached this level while only an Enlightener? Amazing!"

"Progenitor Chen was the founder of the technique in the first place," Liu Huang said admiringly.

Progenitor Chen's appearance had completely eclipsed the fact that he was literally Lu Yin's stellar tribulation. Everyone's attention had been diverted from Lu Yin's tribulation to his match with Progenitor Chen.

Even the people that were the most confident in Lu Yin did not believe he could pass his tribulation at this moment, and it was solely because he was facing Progenitor Chen. Progenitor Chen was hailed as invincible throughout his life, and he had never suffered defeat. It was impossible for someone at the same level to defeat Progenitor Chen. Lu Yin simply did not stand a chance.

Lu Yin suddenly started using the Cosmic Art himself. While he was able to simulate a greater number of stars, the strength of Lu Yin's Cosmic Art was only comparable to that of Progenitor Chen's clone.

In the end, Lu Yin's comprehension of the technique could not compare to Progenitor Chen's.

One of the clones used the Cosmic Art, and the stars coalesced to form a sword as the clone used the Celestial Sword Technique to instantly attack.

Simultaneously, Lu Yin used the same Celestial Sword.

The two Celestial Swords struck in the middle of space, twisting the void and causing spatial cracks to spread out from the point of impact. All of a sudden, another clone emerged. It took control of the Celestial Sword Technique and instantly attacked Lu Yin by using the Xia family's Triple Blade Will.

This slash of the Xia family's Triple Blade Will had already been merged into a single attack, and the Celestial Sword swept across the sky. The spectators felt as if they could not look directly at the sharp edge.

Lu Yin raised his sword and retaliated: Fourteenth Sword.

Both sides were using the Celestial Sword as their weapon, but one used the Xia family's Triple Blade Will while reforming the Celestial Sword into the shape of a knife to perfectly utilize the technique. The other side used the Fourteenth Sword, which was an even more advanced sword technique than the Celestial Sword. The blades struck in a contest of swordsmanship, but the spectators could only see space being sliced apart.

Countless mouths fell open. Was this really a fight between Enlighteners?

One of Progenitor Chen's clones appeared above Lu Yin's head, releasing a punch that was strengthened by aurelian force. It was the first clone that had appeared during this tribulation. So far, three of Progenitor Chen's clones had appeared.

Lu Yin released a Hollow Palm when he saw the aurelian force, and the invisible palm sent Progenitor Chen's clone tumbling backwards yet again. No matter if it was the Cosmic Art, swordsmanship, or physical power, Lu Yin was not inferior to Progenitor Chen in any aspect, and he even somewhat surpassed the young Progenitor. This was something that most people had not expected.

Who was it that said that modern cultivators could not compare to ancient powerhouses?

At that moment, Lu Yin felt a sense of crisis from behind, as well as a sharp pain in his back. He then remembered that Progenitor Chen had also had an invisible clone.

At this thought, an astral chessboard appeared beneath Lu Yin's feet, and he moved.

As that happened, the invisible clone chased after Lu Yin, and the clone using the Cosmic Art caused the stars to move and impede Lu Yin's speed.

Lu Yin reappeared a short distance away, and the clone that used aurelian force suddenly started to grow, which caused the aurelian force to spread out, seemingly without end. This clone was the one with the colossal giants' bloodline.

Lu Yin used the Ce Secret Art to escape once again, but this time, it somehow failed. It was the Xia Secret Art: Nullify. It was the secret art that could see through all techniques.

The invisible clone closed in and then fused with one of the other clones before raising a hand to attack with the Triple Blade Will. A fist covered with aurelian force dropped down from above, and it was no weaker than Chen Fan's fist that Lu Yin had faced earlier in his tribulation. In fact, Progenitor Chen's aurelian force was even more powerful than what Lu Yin had faced from Chen Fan.

Lu Yin's expression grew solemn. He was surrounded by four of Progenitor Chen's clones. Lu Yin was actually fighting against the true power of Progenitor Chen. Lu Yin's strength had given him the confidence to fight against any Enlightener, and yet he had

been forced onto the back foot against Progenitor Chen. The invincible powerhouse lived up to his reputation.

A smile tugged at Lu Yin's mouth. This was interesting.

At that moment, he used Truesight and utilized it at the Knowing realm.

Boom!

The fist dropped down at the same time that the Triple Blade Will struck.

However, Lu Yin was perfectly fine, aside from a few wrinkles that had appeared on his clothes.

Countless people stared, wide-eyed and completely confused.

To the south, Elder Jiu Shen's eyebrows rose high. The Knowing realm of Truesight. The Rune Progenitor truly created a miraculous technique.

Lan Xian's eyes flickered. "The method created by another powerhouse who was denied by history despite creating an entire cultivation civilization. The Rune Progenitor against Progenitor Chen. This is wonderful!"

She was a Semi-Progenitor, and she had never expected to be enthralled by a battle between mere Enlighters.