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Worried that Lu Yin would not believe him, Qian Zou quickly shared the tale of how he had been chased by someone, hidden in an auction house, and then picked up Inverse Step.

However, Lu Yin did not believe the story. If this Inverse Step that Qian Zou used was the same as what Progenitor Chen's clone had used, then it was as priceless as a secret technique. Naturally, it would also be difficult to learn. Lu Yin had learned Extremes Must Be Reversed from a jade slip as well, and he was similarly unable to teach anyone else the technique.

However, just because Lu Yin could not learn the technique from Qian Zou did not mean that he would give up on obtaining the movement technique. One of Progenitor Chen's clones had only used this movement technique, but it had been able to bypass Lu Yin's Knowing realm of Truesight by creating a chaotic area of time and space with the technique. The application of a movement technique in this manner had stunned Lu Yin, and he would not abandon his attempts to learn it.

"Take me to that auction house," Lu Yin ordered.

Qian Zou was caught off guard. "Seventh Bro, Inverse Step really isn't anything special. It just looks weird while allowing a user to move faster. Is that really worth going all the way to the Neoverse?"

There was no way that Lu Yin would answer truthfully. "There are some other things that I need to take care of in the Neoverse, so this just happens to coincide with my plans."

Lu Yin suddenly glanced over at Sapling. There was no way he could take the tree with him. Maybe it would be best to send it back to the big tree, as the big tree could at least keep Sapling safe.

It was not long before Lu Yin and Qian Zou were on their way towards the Cosmic Sea while being escorted by the Second Nightking. As for Sapling, Lu Yin had put it back in the big tree's canopy before leaving.

Only Semi-Progenitors were more powerful than the Second Nightking, so the trio flashed through space with a speed that left Qian Zou doubting himself.

Back when Lu Yin had been taken across the Cosmic Sea by Highsage Shenwei, he had had the same reaction.

This was the strength of a top powerhouse, and distance lost all meaning to such experts.

Mister Mu had instantly sent Lu Yin from Tempest Flowzone to Zhengyang Flowzone, which was a distance that spanned half of the Innerverse. Such an accomplishment was mind-blowing to ordinary cultivators.

Qian Zou's understanding of the universe was being rewritten as they traveled.

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There was a roaming city in the Neoverse that was known as Skyraiser City, and it was home to thousands of auction houses, which made the city famous throughout the Neoverse.

Skyraiser City was the metropolis with the most auction houses in the entire Fifth Mainland. Every day, countless people brought items to the city to be auctioned off. Regardless of whether one was trying to sell items openly or on the black market, anything could be sold. Additionally, the prices there were also the highest while the commissions were absurdly low. This was because of the fierce competition between the numerous auction houses.

At the moment, Lu Yin and Qian Zou were wandering about Skyraiser City, taking in the city's unique atmosphere.

Skyraiser City was bigger than any of the other drifting cities that Lu Yin had seen before, filled with densely packed buildings, and also had an impressive population. When Lu Yin first arrived, he had discovered that there were no less than twenty Enlighteners present with most of them in the tallest buildings in the city. On top of that, in the city's center, there was actually an Envoy.

Envoys were rare powerhouses even in the Neoverse. While this particular Envoy did not appear to be overly powerful by the runes that Lu Yin saw, they were still an Envoy. Given that such a powerhouse was in charge, Skyraiser City absolutely qualified to rank among the top few drifting cities in the Neoverse.

Countless people were on the streets trying to hawk something or other, and it was not long before a small auction was being held. It was quite normal to see this happen in the streets of Skyraiser City, as the city had a unique affinity for auctions.

"The largest auction house in the city is known as Gazemore Auction House. The owner is City Master Qing, who's also the city master. It's said that City Master Qing's extremely powerful and that even the masters of the 3,000 hidden worlds in the Honor Zone view him with a great deal of respect. Any powerhouse who visits Skyraiser City makes sure to show him respect and visit him personally." Qian Zou gave an introduction to the city, as he was quite familiar with the place.

"Look, Seventh Bro, that's Gazemore Auction House, the tallest building in Skyraiser City!"

"Seventh Bro, that's Skyraiser City's restaurant alley. You can find countless, unimaginable ingredients there, many of which have been bought from soldiers who fight at the border warfront against the Astral Beast Domain."

"Seventh Bro! Seventh Bro! Look quick! An Azure Mansion!" Qian Zou excitedly shouted.

Lu Yin was surprised. What? Azure Mansion?

Off in the distance, a building constructed in an antique style descended from outer space. It was an Azure Mansion. These buildings drifted through the Neoverse were another major attraction, and each one of them drew in countless stares wherever they went. The most attractive feature of each building was their Flower Queen.

Lu Yin had not expected an Azure Mansion to appear at Skyraiser City.

There were only six Azure Mansions in the entire Neoverse, and this one should be the building that roamed about the Neoverse's northern regions since Skyraiser City also belonged to the northern regions.

The Azure Mansion's arrival instantly caught the attention of countless people who turned to watch. In particular, they were hoping to see the Flower Queen appear. The sudden commotion that broke out was so intense that the city guards appeared in order to maintain a sense of order.

"We're so lucky, Seventh Bro! Why don't we go visit the Azure Mansion?" Qian Zou looked quite eager. If he was on his own, the best that he could manage was sneaking into an Azure Mansion to obtain a bit of information, but he would never try anything in one of those places. Someone like him could not afford to offend such a powerful organization in the Neoverse. However, at the moment, an incredibly influential person was standing next to Qian Zou. Forget Azure Mansion—if Lu Yin revealed himself, even the master of Skyraiser City would make a personal appearance to greet Lu Yin. How could the Flower Queen herself not appear to wait on Lu Yin if he visited the Azure Mansion?

Qian Zou grew more and more excited the longer he thought about this. He really wanted to convince Lu Yin to make the visit.

Lu Yin pursed his lips. Azure Mansion actually belonged to him, and Ming Yan already passed all of the profits from all six buildings onto Lu Yin. "I'm not going."

Qian Zou was crestfallen. "Seventh Bro, Azure Mansion's not a filthy establishment. They're actually quite virtuous! Visiting that place can cleanse the soul and improve one's morality. It's also possible to meet with many influential people in there."

"Are you saying that you can run into Envoys there?" Lu Yin asked.

Qian Zou was left speechless.

"Hurry up and find the auction house. I don't have much time to waste on this," Lu Yin urged.

Qian Zou shrugged. "The auction house has already closed down, and I have no idea who bought it, so I need to go check into that."

"Hurry up!" Lu Yin was getting annoyed.

Azure Mansion's arrival at Skyraiser City drew even more visitors than normal to the drifting city. The arrival of an Azure Mansion could lure people anywhere, let alone a popular destination like Skyraiser City.

At the center of Skyraiser City stood two large buildings that occupied a massive portion of the city. One was the city master's estate while the other was the Gazemore Auction House. They both belonged to the same person.

There was one person in the city master's estate who was absolutely ecstatic at this moment. "The northern Azure Mansion is here? That's great! Help change this young master's clothes! I haven't seen the northern Azure Mansion's Flower Queen Luo Mei for a long time. I must have her serve this young master today, hahahaha!"

The person speaking was a pale young man who looked exceptionally excited. There were five girls nearby who were waiting upon him, though each one appeared to be quite anxious. It looked as if they were all afraid of offending the young man. His name was Qing Yu, and he was the son of the city master, City Master Qing.

Suddenly, the door was thrown open and a strong wind blew in. A furious looking woman stood at the door. Although she had a beautiful face, her expression made her look evil and vicious.

Qing Yu's expression changed completely the moment he saw the woman. "Hong-Hong'er! You- why are you back?"

The five girls who had been attending Qing Yu all grew terrified, and they dropped to their knees. Their eyes turned bloodshot, and not one of them dared to look up.

The woman's eyes narrowed as she took in the room and glared at Qing Yu. Then, she lifted a hand, causing five red flowers to magically appear in her palm. She waved that

hand, and the necks of all five girls were sliced open. Before long, the scent of blood filled the room.

Qing Yu's legs grew weak, and he nearly collapsed to the floor.

"I've only been gone for a few days, and yet you already have the balls to fool around? Have you already forgotten what I told you?" the woman snapped.

Qing Yu swallowed and then cautiously approached the woman while smiling in a flattering manner as he embraced the woman's shoulders and spoke to her softly. "Hong'er, I didn't do anything. I just had them wait on me and take care of dressing me. You shouldn't get jealous of something like that, but you've already killed them all."

The woman glared at Qing Yu, and when she spoke, her voice was cold. "I already heard that you're heading to Azure Mansion to see that bitch Luo Mei."

"Nope. Absolutely not, Hong'er." Qing Yu was startled, and his face grew pale.

Space then twisted in the room, and a middle-aged man appeared. He was City Master Qing, Skyraiser City's master. This man was the Envoy that Lu Yin had noticed earlier.

As soon as they noticed City Master Qing, the woman and Qing Yu both quickly bowed. "Father."

City Master Qing let out a small sigh, and a small frown appeared after he glanced at the room, and he looked over at Qing Yu. "Have you been playing around again? I told you that you are not allowed to touch any woman aside from Hong'er! Did you not hear me?"

The woman snorted and glared at Qing Yu.

Qing Yu bowed again. "Father, I didn't! I just had them here to wait on me and dress me. I didn't do a thing!"

City Master Qing then looked over at the woman, and his tone instantly softened as he smiled. "Hong'er, there's no need to worry. Father will keep an eye out for you. He won't do anything."

The woman nodded. "Thank you, Father. I came back because I forgot something, so I need to leave again. I'll have to ask you to look after him for me."

City Master Qing nodded.

The woman soon left.

After Hong'er was gone, Qing Yu heaved a sigh of relief, though his expression fell. He turned to his father, and rage blossomed in the young man's eyes. "I'm going to kill that bitch sooner or later!"

"Shut up!" City Master Qing shouted as he glared at Qing Yu. "As long as Gods' Origin exists, she will remain your wife! If you dare to do anything to her at all, I will kill you myself."

Qing Yu became upset. "There's something wrong with that woman! How many powerful men don't have a few extra women? She's too possessive! Not even the maids are allowed to touch me! Father, I've had it with living like this."

City Master Qing's eyes remained locked onto Qing Yu, and the Envoy coldly stated, "You agreed to this marriage, and you were even the one who first pursued her. You need to treat her well, unless you want to see Skyraiser City to be wiped out by Gods' Origin. If you do anything at all, you will have no chance of surviving. Remember that she is one of Gods' Origin's eighteen gods. She holds a high status there, so you need to remember that."

"I understand, Father." Qing Yu had no choice. Compared to a monster like Gods' Origin, Skyraiser City was simply a bigger ant.

Qing Yu had only chased after Yao Hong because he had wanted to get the protection of Gods' Origin, but who could have known that the woman would be so unreasonable?

Whenever Qing Yu wanted to have a bit of fun, he needed to wait for his fiancée to leave. There were times when he felt the woman would actually kill him.

Still, that did not matter at the moment. The crazy broad was gone, so Qing Yu would be able to go out to play for a bit. He needed to use these days to win over Luo Mei as he was determined to get a taste of the northern Flower Queen.

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Elsewhere in Skyraiser City, Qian Zou had spent half a day before finally finding who was behind the auction house that he had acquired Inverse Step from.

"Yadoor Auction House is where I picked up Inverse Step. It was bought by Silverjoss Auction House more than a decade ago, but the address is the same. In fact, the owner of Atour Action House stayed with it after it was bought, and he now works for the owner of Silverjoss Auction House for some reason. He's in a meeting with the current owners, and it'll be a few days before he gets back." Qian Zou reported the results of his investigation to Lu Yin.

"So, in a few days, we'll be able to meet the previous owner of Yadoor Auction House?" Lu Yin confirmed.

Qian Zou nodded. "That's the plan. However, Seventh Bro, you need to remember that these auction houses handle a few hundred items every single day, and some of the larger ones can go through tens of thousands of items. The fact that they didn't come after me shows that they didn't care about the technique that I picked up, so it's unlikely that they'll know anything about where the Inverse Step came from."

Lu Yin already knew all of this, but he was determined to do whatever it took to track down this particular movement technique. This was not a task that he could leave to anyone else. If Inverse Step was found, but someone else learned it instead, Lu Yin would suffer a terrible loss.

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After Lu Yin faced Progenitor Chen's Inverse Step, he did not want to miss out on the opportunity to learn the movement technique, no matter what it took.

At the moment, Lu Yin's only movement techniques were his original technique that relied on his physical strength and the Ce Secret Art. He really was lacking a movement technique, and Inverse Step fit his needs perfectly despite the slim chance of finding it.

There was a bang as a small, nearby auction house exploded. Several figures flew out and landed on the street. A fight instantly erupted after they landed.

Qian Zou was surprised. "Is someone really daring enough to start a fight in the middle of the street in Skyraiser City? They must have some impressive backing."

Lu Yin glanced at the people fighting in the street. There were two distinctive groups: one of three people and the other of six. While the numbers were not equal, the two groups' strengths were evenly matched. The smaller group consisted of older cultivators.

"Beat him! I'll take responsibility if you kill him!" A young man with a beautiful face and jade-like skin emerged from the broken remains of the auction house. Actually, although the youth was dressed as a man, a discerning eye would easily see that she was a woman, and an attractive one at that.

A man who was part of the smaller group pushed his two companions aside as seven-lined battle force shrouded his body. He threw a punch at the crossdressing woman. The woman remained indifferent to the attack, as someone eagerly blocked the attack, and more than one at that.

Boom!

A young man who had moved to protect the youth was blasted away by a single punch. It was unusual for any member of the younger generation to have mastered seven lines of battle force. One of the people spat out blood and lost consciousness after taking just one punch, and another pulled the disguised youth back before turning to glare at the attacker. "Do you know who she is? If you hurt her, even ten of your lives wouldn't be enough to pay for it!"

The attacker sneered. "In that case, do you know who I am? I'm not ashamed to say it."

The fighting was fierce, but no one fled from the area. Instead, they gathered around and excitedly commented on the fight while watching. It was highly unusual for such a fight to break out in Skyraiser City, as fighting was banned. The city guards were already on their way.

In fact, the guards had arrived while the two sides were talking, proving their quick response time. They were led by a man with a scarred face with deep lines on it, though his eyes were even fiercer. Still, there was no sign of any anger. "Skyraiser City does not allow any fighting! Don't you know the rules?"

As he spoke, the guard captain glared at everyone involved in the scuffle.

Qian Zou spoke up, "Seventh Bro, that man's the captain of Skyraiser City's guards. He's known as Uncle Cut, and the rumors say that the knife scar on his face was left by City Master Qing. The city master didn't kill Uncle Cut after beating him, but instead forced him to serve Skyraiser City."

Lu Yin took a sip of tea. This man had a power level of over 400,000, which would have made him a nearly invincible powerhouse in the Outerverse. Even in the Innerverse, he could have become the top expert of a minor flowzone, much like Northgate Taisui. In fact, Uncle Cut's strength was very similar to Northgate Taisu's.

One of the men involved in the fight spoke up, "We know the rules. The fine is 200 times the cost of the damage incurred. We are willing to pay half of that fee."

"You'll pay it all," the young woman disguised as a man stated flatly.

The man became furious and shot a glare at the youth. "You're the ones who attacked first! We're only willing to bear half the fine because we don't want to cause any trouble. Don't try to make things difficult! My Red Prism World is not an easy target!"

Many people started talking. The Red Prism World?

Lu Yin was also surprised. The Red Prism World? That was one of the 3,000 hidden worlds located on Mt. Microcosms. Lu Yin had heard of it before. There were only a few hidden worlds that were powerful enough to have Envoys, but the Light World, Jasper

World, and Red Prism World were three that did. They were strong enough that even Lu Yin had taken note of them.

Lu Yin had long since been wary of the Honor Zone's 3,000 hidden worlds. Of them, there were some that were very weak and could be completely wiped out by a single drop of Vitality Poison, but there were others that were terrifyingly powerful. For example, when Lu Yin had been escorted across the Honor Zone by Judicial Commissioner Mu En, they had stumbled upon a hidden world that not even Mu En dared to touch. Lu Yin had looked into the matter a bit after that, but there were absolutely no records of that hidden world.

While the 3,000 hidden worlds were located within the Honor Zone, it seemed like their people could act independently outside.

After becoming an overseer, Lu Yin had investigated the 3,000 hidden worlds once more, but he had discovered that some of the information was incredibly dated. It had quickly become clear to him that even the Hall of Honor struggled to fully account for the situation in the 3,000 hidden worlds.

Some of the hidden worlds had been gradually growing weaker and weaker, but others might have grown powerful beyond anyone's expectations.

Still, regardless of any of the changes that may have occurred, from what could be gleaned from the Hall of Honor's records, there were no more than ten Envoys within the 3,000 hidden worlds.

"Are you followers of Master Yan from the Red Prism World?" Uncle Cut was also surprised at where the men came from, and he regarded them a bit more seriously despite their unimpressive strength.

The man answered politely, "We are disciples of Master Yan. We are here in Skyraiser City to find some defensive power vessels for our master."

Someone sneered. "So you're Master Chen's minions. No wonder you're so arrogant."

It was the youth disguised as a man who had spoken up.

All three of Master Yan's disciples' expressions changed when they heard this comment. She clearly knew who Master Yan was, yet she still spoke in such a manner. Clearly, her background was not simple. "And you are?"

An injured person quickly spoke up. "She is Miss Xi Shuang."

Uncle Cut and Master Yan's disciples were all stunned. "Xi Shuang? The granddaughter of the general of the Hall of Honor's Expeditionary Forces?"

Some distance away, Qian Zou sneered. "They're all big shots. Given the size of the universe, there aren't many places where all of these people can meet, but Skyraiser City is certainly one of them."

Lu Yin stared at Xi Shuang. So she was Xi Gu's granddaughter? That was interesting.

Both parties had clearly identified themselves, and it was impossible for them to continue fighting. Skyraiser City, Red Prism World, and the Expeditionary Forces all had their own powerful Envoys supporting them. It was not long before the entire matter would dissipate.

Lu Yin stood up. "Let's go."

"Where are we going?" Qian Zou was curious.

"Follow me," Lu Yin indifferently ordered. His eyes never left Xi Shuang once.

The Hall of Honor's Expeditionary Forces had once helped Cong Ying when he tried to deal with the colossal giants who followed Lu Yin. If not for the fact that Chen Huang had experienced a breakthrough to become an Envoy, the colossal giants would have been completely exterminated, which would have been a tragic loss for Lu Yin. Even though the matter had led to Cong Ying losing his seat as an overseer, Xi Gu had faced no consequences at all. Lu Yin had always remembered this matter, and now, he had just run into Xu Gu's granddaughter. Lu Yin was determined to speak to the girl no matter what.

Skyraiser City had many interesting sights, and despite the crowds, it was a scenic place.

Lu Yin and Qian Zou followed Xi Shuang and her group for a long time as they toured the scenic hotspots of Skyraiser City. When it finally fell dark, they followed Xi Shuang to Azure Mansion.

Lu Yin was left speechless as he stared at the Azure Mansion in front of him. Why had the woman stopped at this place?

Qian Zou's eyes were positively blazing. His opinion of Xi Shuang had soared. This woman was really elegant!

"Seventh Bro, they're going in," Qian Zou spoke up to remind Lu Yin and urge him forward.

Lu Yin looked calm as he slowly walked into Azure Mansion.

Azure Mansion was not a place that sold physical pleasures, but was rather a place of mental relaxation. This was the reason why countless people visited the place.

In addition to countless other attractions, the women working at Azure Mansion were all extraordinary beauties. Even the lowest maid was a rare beauty whom people would stare at.

Xi Shuang was greeted by the branch's madam the moment she entered. Xi Shuang's identity had already been made public, and this news had naturally spread to Azure Mansion as well. Actually, it was possible that Azure Mansion had known who she was before anything had even happened.

"Young Master Xi, I've heard of you for a long time." The madam treated Xi Shuang no differently than she would a man. There was no trace of surprise at seeing a woman visit Azure Mansion.

Xi Shuang was very satisfied with such treatment. "You are?"

"This lowly one is Qing Yun, the madam of the Azure Mansion's northern branch. I came out to greet Young Master Xi. I wonder, have any of our girls taken your fancy? I would be happy to make any arrangements necessary." Qing Yun laughed softly. She was also a beautiful woman, and although the years were starting to show, she retained a certain charm. Many people would actually find the madam more appealing than some of the younger women.

Xi Shuang raised her head high. "When visiting Azure Mansion, everyone naturally hopes to see the Flower Queen. She's the only one this young master is interested in seeing."

Qing Yun faced a dilemma. "Young Master Xi, our Flower Queen is currently attending to Young Master Qing Yu, and I really can't interfere. Why don't I make an appointment for you tomorrow? She will be reserved exclusively for you tomorrow."

Xi Shuang remained unfazed. "I'm not interested in having her attend to me—I just want to see how beautiful this Flower Queen is. Let her come out for this young master to see."

Qing Yun was truly struggling. "Young Master Xi, this—"

Suddenly a woman quickly approached Qing Yun and whispered a message to her. Qing Yun was shocked, and anger flickered across her eyes. She immediately ignored Xi Shuang and quickly turned to walk deeper into Azure Mansion.

Xi Shuang was quite intrigued, and she followed along. Of course, Lu Yin was right behind them all.

They soon arrived in one of Azure Mansion's courtyards, and they could hear a panicked voice shout from within, "Young Master Qing, I do not sell my body here in Azure Mansion! Please, don't do this!"

"You only sell your craft and not your body? Bah! You skank! You pretend to be all innocent to this young master, but your eyes light up whenever someone like Lu Yin or Shang Qing is mentioned. If they were here, you'd have already stripped and served yourself to them! Are you saying that this young master is any worse than them? Get over here!"

Madam Qing Yun angrily charged into the courtyard and locked Qing Yu down with a wave of her hand as she glared at him. "Young Master Qing, you should be well aware of my Azure Mansion's rules! I can respect your position, so I can send her with you if you pay her redemption fee and marry her, but if you intend to use force, you will have to leave!"

Quite a bit of noise had been made, which had drawn the attention of many people to the courtyard.

Qing Yu had clearly drunk too much, and he answered with a sneer, "What of your Azure Mansion's girls? They're just a bunch of sluts. Since you've come to Skyraiser City today, you can forget about leaving! If you want to leave, everyone in your Azure Mansion can come serve me! I'll strip you all naked, hahahaha!"

Qing Yun was enraged, and she clenched her fists. "Young Master Qing, you've had too much to drink."

Qing Yu taunted the madam, "What? Are you able to get that Envoy supporting you to come out? Don't think that I don't know that Bu Laoweng is the one controlling Azure Mansion. Right now, that old fart's so scared of Lu Yin that he doesn't dare to let out a single fart! Your Azure Mansion doesn't even have any Envoys supporting it! You're nothing but a bunch of sluts who want to act as refined and pure as before, but if I tell you to strip, then you don't have a choice!"

Xi Shuang frowned as she stared at Qing Yu. "Your mouth is so revolting. Just like all other men. Disgusting."

Flower Queen Luo Mei raced behind Qing Yun and then glared at Qing Yu.

Many people had heard the young man's words, and suddenly, the eyes that looked at Azure Mansion's girls had a different glint to them. In the past, Azure Mansion had been considered a relatively powerful force in the Neoverse. This was because Bu Laoweng had been a very influential overseer whom no one had dared to offend. This was why, regardless of the number of guests, their strength, or background, no one dared to act up in an Azure Mansion.

However, things had changed. Bu Laoweng's influence had been stripped away, and the Envoy who worked with him had not appeared in a long time, which meant that he must have been killed by Lu Yin. This meant that there was no longer any reason to act restrained around Azure Mansion.

"Everyone, Azure Mansion's rules are going to change, starting today! It's bullshit for a brothel to not sell flesh, so in the future, all the women in Azure Mansion will be stripped by this young master. Don't you agree?" Qing Yu shouted. He was feeling incredibly empowered and greedy at this moment.

Many people began to laugh wildly. "That's right, the young master is right! We should strip upon entering this place from now on."

"Strip before reception, hahaha!"

[1] Here was have both Qing Yu (擎钰), who's the son of the city master, and Qing Yun (晴云), who's the madam of the northern Azure Mansion. Though both are "Qing," they are not the same characters in Chinese. 📖

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Qing Yu cackled wildly, "In Skyraiser City, I have the final say! Your Azure Mansion can forget about leaving before every single man in Skyraiser City has been served and satisfied, hahahaha!"

Madam Qing Yun's face grew pale. This situation had already gotten out of control. She had unexpectedly run into a madman!

Xi Shuang's expression was also not good. No matter what, she was still a woman, and being around disgusting men like this sickened her. She could not stop herself from stepping forward. "Shut up! Men like you should be damned! You're all beasts!"

Qing Yu swayed on his feet as he turned to stare at Xi Shuang with big eyes. He suddenly started to tease her, "Woah, a tranny! I'm going to strip you as well and have you take care of me along with Luo Mei."

He suddenly started charging at Xi Shuang.

The young woman was shocked, and her guardians all shot forward. "Qing Yu, she is the granddaughter of Xi Gu, the Expeditionary Forces' general! You're going too far!"

Qing Yu sneered as several people had already stepped forward to stop the men with Xi Shuang. "Xi Gu? Never heard of him! We're in Azure Mansion right now! How many girls are here? I want a count! I'm going to strip them all and let all of you brothers see a treat!"

"Okay, thank you, Young Master Qing."

"Thank you, Young Master Qing."

Qian Zou raged, "He's an animal! Seventh Bro, this Qing Yu is really trash!"

Despite his words, Qian Zou's eyes were sparkling. He thought that he was about to see a rather exciting turn of events.

Lu Yin's eyes had grown cold, and a dangerous light flickered in them. Azure Mansion belonged to him!

Suddenly, a distant voice shouted, "Qing Yu, how dare you act like this despite your talent?"

The voice was thin, clear, and it obviously belonged to a woman, but to Qing Yu's ears, it sounded a death knell.

His entire body trembled, and all the blood drained from his face. "Xiao- Xiao Hong?"

Space distorted and a woman stepped out. She coldly glared at Qing Yu. "As soon as Azure Mansion arrived, I knew that you would come here! I even went home to warn you, but I didn't expect you to remain so stubborn! I heard everything that you just said! Are the women here enough for you? Do you want me to go grab the other girls from the other brothels for you to play with?"

Qing Yu was panicking. The smell of alcohol evaporated from him as his face twitched. "Xiao- Xiao Hong, I'm drunk! I'm just drunk."

Yao Hong sneered. "I'll settle things with you after we get home!"

She then glanced around the courtyard. Eventually, her eyes settled onto Luo Mei. "You really are quite beautiful. No wonder you cause men to get so excited. I wonder what it would feel like to ruin such a beautiful face..."

A flower suddenly appeared in Yao Hong's hands.

Actually, it merely looked like a flower, but it was an extremely sharp blade. Yao Hong slowly spun the flower-blade around, and the edge sliced through the void.

Many people present were horrified by this, especially the women from Azure Mansion. This was not because of the strength Yao Hong had demonstrated, but rather because of the words she had spoken.

Qing Yun quickly stepped forward and respectfully said, "Young Mistress, please take the young master back. He is drunk."

Yao Hong shot Qing Yun a cold glare. "He is drunk, but he was right about one thing: you're all just a bunch of sluts pretending to be refined while dancing around in a brothel."

Anger flashed across Qing Yun's face, but she suppressed her rage. "Please take the young master back."

A smile crept across Yao Hong's face, and a dangerous light ignited in her eyes. She lifted a hand and pointed at Luo Mei. "Come here."

Luo Mei's heart dropped. She gazed at Yao Hong with nervousness and fear, particularly wary of the flower in the young woman's hand.

Qing Yun stared at Yao Hong. "What does Young Mistress wish to do?"

Yao Hong smiled. "It's a pity for such a beautiful face to be cheapened as a display piece for those men. I want to change her appearance to see if any of them will still like it afterwards."

These words instantly terrified Luo Mei.

Qing Yun's pupils shrank, but her eyes never left Yao Hong. "Young Mistress, my Azure Mansion has built up many relationships over the years, so even if we have been a bit weakened, you still need to give us a bit of face."

Yao Hong was unconcerned. "You're just a bunch of sluts who spend your time seducing men. Give you some face? Do you really think that you deserve that? When Bu Laoweng still wielded power, you could command some measure of respect, but who will show you any now? Do you really think that those sluts you sold off to be married think well of you? Not only am I going to alter her face, but I'm also going to fulfill my husband's wish. I'm going to strip all of you and have you serve all of the men in Skyraiser City. Let's see who will show you any face after that!"

Qing Yun and the other women were both enraged and scared. There were Enlighters in Azure Mansion who acted as protectors for the women, but how could they stand up to the power of Skyraiser City?

These people were mad! Qing Yu was insane, but this woman was even crazier.

"Get over here!" Yao Hong ordered as she stared at Luo Mei. She was determined to humiliate both Luo Mei and Azure Mansion.

Xi Shuang frowned. This woman was absolutely insane, but Xi Shuang was incapable of stopping her.

Many of the nearby men who were guests of Azure Mansion started getting excited. These flowers were about to be plucked.

"All these women in Azure Mansion are nothing more than sluts. From now on, the rules of Azure Mansion need to be changed." A smile appeared on Yao Hong's cold face. She had held a grudge against Azure Mansion for a long time.

Qing Yu's eyes had regained their clarity, and he was staring straight at Luo Mei. If he could not have her, then it was better to destroy her so that she no longer had any value. "Xiao Hong, let me cut her face to vent your anger for you."

Yao Hong glanced over. "Have you sobered up?"

"I'm awake, but I don't know how I got here." He plastered a flattering smile on his face as he spoke. "Xiao Hong, I'll cut her face for you if it will make you happy."

He then immediately turned to glare at Luo Mei. "Bitch, you certainly know how to seduce a man! Get over here!"

Qing Yun's entire body was trembling. This couple was completely shameless!

Yao Hong decided to accept this option. She arrogantly lifted her head and handed the flower-like blade to Qing Yu. "I'll be watching you, but I don't want to get my hands dirty."

Qing Yu began to cheer up. "Don't worry about it."

Luo Mei lost all hope. She had never imagined that one of Azure Mansion's famed Flower Queens would one day be reduced to such a state.

There was no one who could stop Qing Yu or Yao Hong, as they were in Skyraiser City.

Luo Mei was terrified, but she had no choice other than to walk towards Qing Yu, step by step. If she did not go to him, all of Azure Mansion would be met with disaster.

Qing Yu licked his lips as he thought, You bitch! It's too bad that you didn't listen earlier, as it would have been better to cut you up after playing with you. Well, if I can't have you, no one else can either!

Luo Mei stopped less than three meters in front of Qing Yu and Yao Hong.

Qing Yu frowned and his eyes turned dark. "Bitch, I told you to come here! Didn't you hear me?"

Luo Mei let out a long breath and looked behind herself. "Madam, Azure Mansion has suffered a catastrophe this day, but I would rather die than suffer such insults."

She then raised a hand to slap herself in the forehead.

Yao Hong's pupils transformed into runes as she stared at Luo Mei's hand, weakening the force of the attack. Luo Mei's palm struck her head, but there was no force in it, which left her confused.

Yao Hong sneered. "You want to die? You can forget that option with me here! I'll give you a life worse than death."

Qing Yu suddenly moved for Luo Mei. "I'm going to disfigure you!"

Right when he was about to touch Luo Mei, a light slapping noise rang out. It seemed like Qing Yu had been slapped, as he was suddenly tumbling through the air. He crashed onto the ground.

No one had seen what had just happened.

Yao Hong stared as Qing Yu fell to the ground, and her expression completely changed. She ran over to pick him up, and when she turned him over, she saw a handprint on his face. Nearly half of his head had been crushed, and there was not a single tooth left in his mouth. Still, he had not lost consciousness and had merely been dazed.

Yao Hong was furious, and she whirled around to glare at Qing Yun and the other women from Azure Mansion. "Who was that? Show yourself!"

Slap!

There was another sound, but this time, Yao Hong was struck. However, this blow was much more gentle, and she was merely forced to kneel onto the ground. Half of her face swelled up as well, and she also did not faint.

Qing Yu regained his senses, and he rose to his feet, muttering, "Who is it?"

Slap!

There was another impact, and Qing Yu was slapped on the other side of the face. He wobbled on his feet and nearly collapsed.

Yao Hong was holding the half of her face that had been struck. She was about to lose her mind from the overwhelming rage. "Who the hell is it? Show yourself, if you have the balls!"

Slap!

Slap!

Slap!

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Dozens of slaps were heard, though each sound was quite gentle. Each one struck Qing Yu and Yao Hong's faces, and they dropped to their knees in embarrassment.

Qing Yu was beaten until he was overcome with fear. The people who protected them couldn't move at all.

Yao Hong's eyes were merely slits by now, and she was utterly terrified. She and Qing Yu were being beaten like this in Skyraiser City, and yet City Master Qing had done nothing at all. The only explanation was that the city master was ignorant of what was happening. Someone had sealed off Azure Mansion.

Who was it? Could it be some powerhouse who was supporting Azure Mansion? It was said that Bu Laoweng had abandoned Azure Mansion. Was there still someone else supporting it?

Xi Shuang was similarly puzzled. She looked around. There was a true powerhouse present.

Qing Yun's breath was ragged. She had no idea who had attacked the young couple. Who was protecting them?

Yao Hong had been absolutely correct with her comments. Ever since Bu Laoweng had been suppressed by Lu Yin, the lives of the women who had been married off by Azure Mansion had become difficult. At Azure Mansion's peak, any woman who was married off was seen as a marriage to Azure Mansion as well. So, anyone who tried to move against Azure Mansion would be offending a power supported by countless people. Unfortunately, everything was built off of the basis of Bu Laoweng's power and influence. With that gone, was there anyone left to support Azure Mansion?

In the crowd of onlookers, Qian Zou blinked. "Seventh Bro, was that you?"

Naturally, Lu Yin was the person who had slapped the couple. Insulting Azure Mansion was almost the same as insulting Ming Yan, who ran it.

"Is your Azure Mansion declaring war on Skyraiser City and my Gods' Origin?" Yao Hong screamed.

Qing Yun's face grew pale. Skyraiser City was not a big deal, but Gods' Origin was an absolute monster. Even in Azure Mansion's heyday, Bu Laoweng had never dared offend Gods' Origin, and Yao Hong came from that place.

Slap!

Another slap struck Yao Hong's face.

This slap drew City Master Qing's attention, as Lu Yin had stopped isolating Azure Mansion; he wanted City Master Qing to learn of what had happened.

City Master Qing heard the slap from within the city master's estate. He froze for a moment and then entered the true universe. He raced over to Azure Mansion and saw Yao Hong and Qing Yu's pathetic state as soon as he arrived. A single twitch of the man's finger caused an overbearing pressure to descend upon all of Skyraiser City.

Everyone inside of Azure Mansion was suppressed, and they found it difficult to even breathe.

The sky above Skyraiser City changed.

Everyone turned to look towards Azure Mansion when they felt the pressure and saw space change above the city. Space started twisting and warping around the city, and spacecraft even exploded.

"Father! Father!" Qing Yu wailed.

Yao Hong's eyes darted about wildly. "Who is it? Father, find that man! Skin him alive! I'm going to torture him to death!"

City Master Qing frowned. He had just examined the entire area, but he had not sensed the person who had attacked his son. That should be impossible. Any Enlighter would leave behind traces that City Master Qing would be able to sense. As for an Envoy, that was impossible. How could there be an Envoy secretly protecting Azure Mansion? City Master Qing spoke up, "Who just attacked these juniors? Come out and show yourself!"

He was completely ignored.

City Master Qing's eyes narrowed. "You're shameless enough to attack two children, but too embarrassed to show yourself?"

Yao Hong glanced around, resentment filling her eyes. Suddenly, they locked onto Luo Mei and grew wide. Yao Hong frantically screamed, "It's that woman! Qing Yu was just about to cut her face when we were both suddenly beaten! Someone's protecting that woman!"

Yao Hong was assuming that their attacker was too scared to show themselves with City Master Qing present. After all, he was an Envoy.

How many Envoys were there even in the Neoverse? How could one of those rare powerhouses be secretly protecting Azure Mansion?

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Upon hearing Yao Hong's words, City Master Qing gazed at Luo Mei with a somber expression. "You, come here."

Luo Mei trembled as she stared at City Master Qing in fear.

City Master Qing's eyes flared. "I said, come here!"

Luo Mei was terrified. City Master Qing's face seemed to fill her entire vision. This man could kill her effortlessly, and she was too scared to even move.

City Master Qing looked up. "Are you not going to show yourself? Very well!"

As he spoke, he raised a hand to seize Luo Mei. He was thinking the same as Yao Hong, and he was naturally worried about the hidden attacker who had not shown themselves. City Master Qing had no idea how the hidden attacker was remaining undetected, but since they had deliberately protected this particular woman, City Master Qing would use her to force the attacker into making a move.

Could an Envoy be secretly protecting Azure Mansion? That was impossible. Neither Yao Hong nor City Master Qing even considered such a possibility.

Right when City Master Qing was about to grab hold of Luo Mei, a palm appeared in front of him, shooting out from the true universe. City Master Qing was able to see it clearly.

The Envoy's expression changed drastically, and a long knife appeared in his hand. He slashed the knife upwards, but there was a sudden bang as the knife shattered. The hand that had appeared then shot forward and slapped City Master Qing's face before the man could react. He was struck to the ground and sank deep beneath the surface.

Everyone fell silent and stared blankly at the hole in the ground.

City Master Qing had just been slapped, not Qing Yu. City Master Qing, an Envoy, had actually just been slapped into the ground!

Yao Hong stared blankly at the hole in the ground. It was at this moment that she finally felt a flicker of fear. There was a powerhouse present. What sort of strength was needed to strike down City Master Qing with a single slap? The city master had a power level of a bit more than 700,000! Just who was secretly protecting Azure Mansion?

Not a single person dared to breathe loudly as they all stared at the ground.

Deep underground, City Master Qing managed to slow his momentum and prevent himself from being blasted through the landmass and into outer space. The moment he had been struck, he had sensed an irresistible power. That slap had not only smacked him into the ground, but it had also woken him up. City Master Qing was a powerful cultivator, and yet he had not been able to react or resist that slap.

The city master was an intelligent person. He had established Skyraiser City, built it up, and also owned Gazemore Auction House. He was normally a calm and domineering person, but he also needed to maintain the saviness of a successful businessman. This slap had clearly shown him the gap between him and his hidden opponent.

No dignity or respect was as important as staying alive.

Was it difficult to suffer being slapped? No, not for City Master Qing. If his opponent had used a little more strength, City Master Qing knew that he would have been struck dead. Knowing this, he valued his life more than suffering a bit of humiliation.

This thought caused him to emerge from the hole in the ground and face Qing Yun, Luo Mei, and the other women of Azure Mansion. He bowed low. "I've offended you all, so I will offer a suitable explanation and recompense to Azure Mansion for today's events."

The Envoy then grabbed Yao Hong and Qing Yu and silently left. Only after the three were already gone did anyone notice their sudden departure.

Everyone remained utterly silent.

The various men who had gathered quickly left. They had been encouraging Qing Yu just a moment before.

Lu Yin also left.

Qian Zou stared at Lu Yin in utter shock. "Seventh Bro, that was City Master Qing! Did you just slap him?"

"What else?" Lu Yin said lightly.

Qian Zou swallowed. Was it really that simple? That man was City Master Qing! He was someone who did not need to show any respect to even the Expeditionary Forces! He was famous throughout the entire Neoverse, and yet he did not dare to retaliate in the slightest after being slapped? Just how strong had Lu Yin become?

Back in Azure Mansion, Xi Shuang was also left stunned. She was familiar with City Master Qing's strength, as before this trip, her grandfather had mentioned that he and City Master Qing possessed a similar level of strength. Despite that, Xi Shuang had just

watched City Master Qing be slapped. Just how many powerhouses in the universe were capable of doing that?

She turned back to stare at Azure Mansion after walking away. How strong was the powerhouse protecting Azure Mansion? Was there someone other than Bu Laoweng behind Azure Mansion? Despite that person's strength, Bu Laoweng had still been completely suppressed by Lu Yin. In that case, just how strong was Lu Yin and his Great Eastern Alliance?

There were rumors that claimed that dozens of Envoys had appeared during the Outerverse war between the Great Eastern Alliance and the Astral Beast Domain. It suddenly looked like there might be a bit of truth to those rumors.

That final slap had not only woken up City Master Qing and the others present, but also many of the Neoverse's powerful organizations. The universe was not as simple as they had believed it to be, and even a fallen Azure Mansion still had powerhouses hidden in its shadows.

The arrogant behavior of Qing Yu and his fiancée had exposed the dark side of many people, but the revelation that a powerhouse was still supporting Azure Mansion had forced them all to give up on their former intentions.

As for Qing Yun and the other women of Azure Mansion, none of them were surprised by these people's behaviors or dark sides. The women had all seen too much evil, and things had gotten much, much worse for them in recent years. In fact, while they had been able to publicly maintain their virtue, they had not been able to do so behind the closed doors of Azure Mansion.

These women had already seen the ugly side of humanity.

Xi Shuang sat in a bar near Azure Mansion, and she had made sure to take a seat that allowed her to have a full view of Azure Mansion, including the courtyard where everything had just taken place.

This bar was not small, but it looked tiny compared to the size of Azure Mansion. It was a popular place for people attending the city's auctions to grab a bite to eat. There was no dining room in the bar, only private rooms, which made it more convenient for people to conduct their negotiations.

"Sister Shuang, it's nearly time to go back," one of Xi Shuang's protectors said.

As soon as the man spoke up, another of them became upset. "Why are you pushing her? Sister Shuang has her own plans."

"Don't forget what the general ordered on this trip," the first protector growled.

The second man said, "Even if you don't head back yet, you should still make sure that you stay far away from Azure Mansion. Anyone who can slap City Master Qing and scare him into such a passive state is extremely powerful and cannot be antagonized. I have no idea who that person might be or where they might be from, but if they learn of Sister Shuang's identity, they might do something."

These words left all of the protectors quiet. The Expeditionary Forces had offended too many people over the years. Of the Hall of Honor's three armed forces, the Beast Extermination Force fought the Astral Beast Domain at the border at all times, and the Guardian Force did nothing other than protect Mt. Microcosms. The Expeditionary Forces was the military that maintained the Fifth Mainland's peace, and there was no way to determine just how many families and powers they had wiped out over the years.

No one believed that Azure Mansion was capable of supporting such a powerhouse, so there had to be some other reason for such a person to be protecting Azure Mansion. If this expert had any grudges against the Expeditionary Forces, things could get complicated.

These protectors were not Xi Shuang's bodyguards, but rather her suitors. Over the years, they had each encountered far too many people who hated the Expeditionary Forces. In fact, it could even be said that one out of every ten powerhouses hated the Expeditionary Forces. The probability of encountering such a person was just too high.

Xi Shuang impatiently ordered, "Leave for now."

"Sister Shuang-" They wanted to say something more.

Xi Shuang angrily demanded, "Get out!"

Her escorts had no choice but to leave the private room with only Xi Shuang remaining behind. She continued to drink her wine while staring out at Azure Mansion.

She had once believed herself to be someone important in the vast universe. She was like a princess to the Expeditionary Forces as everyone there pampered and protected her. She felt that such a treatment meant that no one in the entire universe would dare to go against her, which was why she had been so arrogant and domineering. Her suitors had all been men from powerful backgrounds, but she looked down on all of them, believing herself to be superior to them all.

However, she had met multiple people on this trip who did not fear the Expeditionary Forces, and then she had met Qing Yu. He was a completely unhinged person who had shown the dark side of humanity to Xi Shuang.

Still, the most shocking thing that she had seen so far had been that final slap.

Her grandpa had mentioned that City Master Qing possessed about the same level of strength as him, and yet City Master Qing had been slapped on the face. This meant that whoever had attacked the city master could do the same to Xi Shuang's grandfather.

Xi Shuang was not one to brood over matters, but she had still been badly startled by that slap. She had realized that her grandfather was not invincible.

"It's boring to drink alone, so I'll join you," a voice spoke from across the table.

Xi Shuang was startled to hear someone speak to her, and when she turned to look, she saw an average looking young man sitting at her table. There was a smile on his face, and an unseen sense of dignity that he radiated. There was something about him that seemed a bit villainous, but there was also something charming about him. In particular, his eyes were captivating. They gave off the impression that they could stare into the depths of people's hearts and see through all their thoughts.

The man poured himself a glass of wine and then poured another for Xi Shuang. "This seems to be a pretty good wine."

The jug thumped onto the table, causing Xi Shuang to jump, and she warily stared at the young man across from her. "Who are you?"

Even as she spoke, she pulled out a glowing, pale yellow power vessel from her cosmic ring.

One side of the man's curled up into a smirk. "You don't recognize me? Look again."

He then took a drink from his glass of wine.

Xi Shuang stared intently at the man and studied his eyes that felt quite familiar. Suddenly, the image of a certain face overlapped with that of the young man before her, and she blurted out, "Lu Yin?"

Lu Yin smiled and then raised the jug of wine to pour himself another glass. "And here I thought that you didn't recognize me."

Xi Shuang was shocked. Lu Yin? It was him? She had heard about him far too many times, both from others and from her own grandfather. This person was brought up much too frequently to forget.

Lu Yin was considered an enemy of the Expeditionary Forces, and also her grandpa's enemy. However, despite being an enemy, Lu Yin was an invincible existence.

In Xi Shuang's limited understanding of the universe, the Expeditionary Forces and her grandpa were very powerful, but Lu Yin was someone they were both incredibly wary of

and did not dare to cross. This had caused Xi Shuang to be very attentive to any news regarding Lu Yin.

She had seen the reports claiming that dozens of Envoys had participated in the Outerverse war between the Great Eastern Alliance and the Astral Beast Domain, but Xi Shuang had not believed it. She was aware of how powerful her grandfather was, so how could it be possible for dozens of people at his strength to appear on a single battlefield?

However, she had started to think that the reports could be true after leaving Azure Mansion. She had already realized that her grandpa was not invincible after seeing City Master Qing be slapped by someone and then not daring to retaliate.

"Was that you? Did you throw that slap?" Xi Shuang asked as she stared at Lu Yin.

He only responded with a slight smile.

Xi Shuang instantly denied such a possibility. "It couldn't have been you. That should have been one of the elders who supports you. I heard that you managed to get more than ten Envoys to participate in the Outerverse war."

Lu Yin found her reaction rather amusing. "You were right on your first guess. Don't second guess yourself."

His reaction caught Xi Shuang off guard. "It was actually you?"

Lu Yin nodded. "That was me."

Xi Shuang could not believe it. "Impossible! You're only a bit older than me! How could City Master Qing not dare to take any action after being slapped by you? That's impossible! Grandpa told me you're strong, but you can't be that strong."

Lu Yin lowered his glass. "Maybe. Why don't you go ask Xi Gu if it's possible or not. Or maybe I can take you back to meet him. Then, I can slap him myself, and we can see if he can avoid it."

Xi Shuang's expression changed and she shot to her feet and stepped back, knocking her stool over in the process. "Lu Yin, what do you want?"

Lu Yin just looked at the young woman. "As soon as you recognized me, there was hatred in your eyes. It looks like those are the feelings of the Expeditionary Forces, which is a disturbing thought. I've never been merciful to my enemies."

Xi Shuang was instantly terrified. Her movements in the private room alerted the men waiting for her outside, and they all charged in. As soon as they saw Lu Yin, one of them demanded, "Who are you? What did you do to Sister Shuang?"

Lu Yin did not even look at the men. "Get out."

The man who had spoken was about to reply, but he was stopped by two others. These two instead bowed low. "Overseer Lu, we've offended you."

They then quickly dragged their companion out of the room and closed the door.

What of Xi Shuang? What of the Expeditionary Forces? Neither of them were as ruthless or terrifying as Lu Yin. He was someone who was capable of doing anything, and the men knew that this person was not someone whom they could afford to cross.

When she saw the men who professed to love her and had declared their willingness to die for her flee without any hesitation, Xi Shuang's expression repeatedly changed. She did not feel safe even with the power vessel that her grandfather had given her.

Lu Yin pointed at the table. "Sit down."

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Xi Shuang gritted her teeth. "Lu Yin, what do you want?"

Lu Yin looked up at her. "I already said. Sit. Down."

Xi Shuang's expression changed yet again. Finally, she deflated, picked up the overturned stool, and sat down.

If this was back when she had first left the Expeditionary Forces, she would have never been so accommodating given her arrogant nature. But seeing City Master Qing be slapped had been like seeing her own grandfather be slapped. City Master Qing had not had the courage or strength to do anything after being slapped, which meant that her grandfather would be no different.

That scene had been so shocking to Xi Shuang that it had forced her down from floating in the clouds to walking on the earth with mortals once again.

Lu Yin had no interest in bullying a young woman, but there was someone who made Xi Shuang special.

"Where is Xi Gu?" Lu Yin asked.

Xi Shuang answered softly, "He's been sent to the pass in the Starfall Sea."

"So even the Expeditionary Forces were sent there?" Lu Yin was surprised to learn of this. "What sort of attitude does the Expeditionary Forces hold towards me?"

Xi Shuang did not know how to answer this question. It was impossible to lie, as she would never be able to deceive Lu Yin, but if she told the truth, how would he react?

Xi Shuang's face grew pale, and she looked completely helpless.

Lu Yin just laughed. "Forget it. I didn't mean to pick on you. Call Xi Gu."

Xi Shuang pursed her lips. "What do you want?"

"I want to talk. What? Are you worried that I'll reach through the screen and slap him too?"

Puff. Xi Shuang could not help letting out a laugh at Lu Yin's question, but then she caught herself and immediately glared at Lu Yin. How could she laugh? He was an enemy who was talking about her grandpa! Xi Shuang felt ashamed that she had laughed.

Lu Yin picked up the jug, poured himself another glass of wine, and then poured another one for Xi Shuang. "You aren't bad. You tried to protect the people of Azure Mansion. Also, you don't need to worry. I'm not in the habit of bullying girls."

These words finally caused Xi Shuang to relax a bit. She boldly reached out and took a drink of her wine before glaring at Lu Yin. "My grandpa's a good man!"

Lu Yin found this an odd reaction. "You should try saying that to the people who hate him, like the technological giants or those orphaned by the slaughters carried out by the Expeditionary Forces."

"Those people deserve to die," Xi Shuang retorted. "The Expeditionary Forces uphold the peace of the Human Domain! Grandpa represents the Hall of Honor's justice."

Lu Yin lowered his glass. "I'm not idle enough to debate the topic of justice with you. Please just call Xi Gu."

"Do you hate my grandpa?" Xi Shuang asked as she lifted her gadget.

Lu Yin shook his head. "Of course not."

This answer surprised Xi Shuang. "Aren't you enemies?"

Lu Yin grew more serious as he looked at Xi Shuang. "He doesn't qualify."

These words made Xi Shuang furious, and she bit her lips hard. She did not want to call her grandfather, but she was intimidated when she saw the steel in Lu Yin's eyes. She finally let out a snort and called Xi Gu.

A bit of time passed, but eventually, a display appeared and showed a tired looking man. There was a desolate planet behind him in the background. "Little Shuang, why did you call me? Are you already on your way back? What did you buy?"

Xi Gu spoke very gently to his granddaughter. The man was clearly exhausted, but he put on a show of being relaxed. The man did not appear old at all. At worst, he appeared to be a middle-aged man. Despite that, given the number of years he had lived, not only could he be a grandfather, but he could also be the ancestor of an entire clan.

Xi Shuang's face was pale, and there was helplessness in her voice as she hesitantly replied, "Grandpa."

Xi Gu really looked at Xi Shuang, and his expression quickly changed. He let out a roar, "Little Shuang, what happened? Who bullied you? Tell me! Your grandpa will kill them now!"

"Can the Expeditionary Forces leave the pass in the Starfall Sea without permission? It seems that General Xi Gu is quite relaxed."

As this new voice spoke up, Xi Shuang shifted her display to show Lu Yin, who raised a hand and waved. "It's been a long time, General Xi Gu."

The general's pupils instantly constricted when he saw Lu Yin. "Lu Yin?"

A smile appeared on the younger man's face. "Surprised?"

Xi Gu leaned forward and stared at Lu Yin. "Lu Yin, why are you with Little Shuang? What have you done to her?"

Lu Yin maintained his innocence. "I just happened to run into her and joined her for a drink."

As he spoke, he poured another glass of wine for both himself and Xi Shuang.

"Little Shuang, don't drink it!" Xi Gu was incredibly nervous.

Xi Shuang pursed her lips. "Grandpa, it's my wine."

Xi Gu was taken aback, and he turned back to look at Lu Yin. "Lu Yin, what do you want? Don't drag a child into our matters."

Lu Yin laughed. "She just said that she's not much younger than me."

Lu Yin suddenly turned towards Xi Shuang. "Actually, how old are you?"

Xi Shuang dropped her head. She did not want to speak to Lu Yin.

Xi Gu spoke up quietly, "Lu Yin, just what is it that you want?"

Lu Yin stood. "Honestly, nothing. We just happened to run into each other and were just chatting a bit. I simply wanted to find out what's been happening with you, General Xi Gu, and the Expeditionary Forces. I can see that you're in good health and will live for a long time. Not bad, not bad."

He then walked over next to Xi Shuang, and as Xi Gu watched in horror, Lu Yin patted the girl on the head and smiled at the general. "Your granddaughter's very cute. I'll make a point to see you again when I have the time."

Lu Yin then vanished from sight.

"Lu Yin, stop! What did you do?" Xi Gu roared angrily, but Lu Yin was already long gone.

Xi Gu quickly focused on Xi Shuang and anxiously asked, "Little Shuang, did anything in your body change? Do you have any pain? What happened? Quickly, tell me!"

The man was truly worried.

Xi Shuang touched her head, a bit dazed at her grandfather's reaction. "Grandpa, I'm fine."

Xi Gu was still in a rush. How could Xi Shuang be perfectly fine? How could she have coincidentally run into Lu Yin? Every action that young man took had multiple intentions behind it, and he had deliberately patted Xi Shuang on the head. How could he not have done anything at all during that time?

"Xiao Shuang, what's going on? Tell me quickly!" Xi Gu anxiously demanded. He was about to rush over to the Neoverse. Lu Yin had to have done something, and a mere Cruiser like his granddaughter could not sense anything that an Envoy had done.

There were times when people would overestimate their value. Xi Shuang saw Lu Yin and Xi Gu as enemies, and Xu Gi could only see that Lu Yin had deliberately hunted down Xi Shuang and done something to her to get to Xi Gu himself.

However, Lu Yin really had not done anything at all. If he was forced to explain his actions, he would say that he had delivered a warning.

Xi Gu was simply not worth Lu Yin violating his principles to do anything to Xi Shuang, but a small warning could be enough to intimidate Xi Gu into losing the courage to treat Lu Yin as an enemy.

This was Lu Yin's level of confidence.

The Outerverse war had revealed Lu Yin's influence and the strength of the Great Eastern Alliance to the entire Fifth Mainland. He possessed the ability to wage a war on absolutely anyone, and the Expeditionary Forces were too small to count as an opponent.

Qian Zou stepped behind Lu Yin as soon as he left the bar. "Seventh Bro, did you intimidate that chick?"

Lu Yin ignored the question. "Find that auction house. There are other things I need to deal with."

He then disappeared.

This time, Lu Yin went to the city master's estate. He had not originally had any intention of having any dealings with City Master Qing, as Lu Yin had not anticipated slapping the Envoy. After news of that slap spread out, no one would dare touch Azure Mansion, as no one knew who was protecting the place.

However, Yao Hong had not given up on getting revenge. She had returned to Gods' Origin to gather reinforcements, and she was threatening to completely destroy Azure Mansion.

This was not something that Lu Yin could let slide. He wanted to see who would step out from Gods' Origin to deal with this matter.

In the city master's estate, City Master Qing was feeling anxious.

"Don't worry, Father. Gods' Origin is a monster on the same level as the Cosmic Sect and the Mavis family. Forget Azure Mansion as they are now—not even at Bu Laoweng's peak would Azure Mansion have dared to offend Gods' Origin," Qing Yu said in a vicious tone.

City Master Qing's eyes flickered. It was natural that he was unwilling to simply accept being slapped, and Yao Hong was even more enraged by what had happened. That was why she had returned to Gods' Origin to gather reinforcements.

However, could even Gods' Origin deal with the powerhouse who had protected Azure Mansion? The most important detail was that the person's identity was a complete mystery. It was a terrible taboo to try to deal with someone without even knowing who they were. How should you go about handling such a person?

Unfortunately, the matter was no longer in City Master Qing's hands. Yao Hong was one of Gods' Origin's Eighteen Gods, and yet she had been slapped so many times while in Azure Mansion. This had not only insulted Yao Hong, but also Gods' Origin.

Whenever the youths from the Neoverse's top powers went roaming about the universe, the forces behind them would never interfere in matters involving members of the same generation, but it was a completely different matter the moment someone from a senior generation made a move. Gods' Origin had to move out and force Azure Mansion to pay a sufficient price for this matter.

Originally, Azure Mansion did not have any powerhouses strong enough to handle this situation.

"Leave," City Master Qing softly said.

Qing Yu was caught completely off guard. "What did you say, Father?"

City Master Qing continued in the same soft voice. "Leave. Go now. You can't stay here."

Qing Yu asked, "How can I leave? Father, if the experts from Gods' Origin show up and find out that I've left, what will they think? Stop worrying, Father. How many people in the entire universe can stand up to Gods' Origin? It's better to stand with them against a place like Azure Mansion."

Of course, City Master Qing understood this, but he was still nervous. He was well aware of the strength of Gods' Origin, as there was no other reason why he would allow Yao Hong to bully Qing Yu so much. However, City Master Qing was also aware that Gods' Origin was not invincible. He remembered the recent fight between the Seven Courts' Xia family and the Cosmic Sect and Eversky Island. That conflict had been planned for countless years, and everything had been instigated by various small matters.

Could this entire situation be orchestrated by someone who wanted to deal with Gods' Origin? That was not impossible, and if true, City Master Qing wanted nothing to do with the matter at all.

After thinking of this, the city master grabbed hold of his son and prepared to leave. Regardless of how things developed, he needed to disappear. If Gods' Origin managed to stomp on the person who was protecting Azure Mansion, then City Master Qing would return to make amends. After all, Yao Hong was his daughter-in-law. Still, if things developed as City Master Qing feared, this would turn into a war between top powers, and he would be done for if he got mixed up in it.

He only had one life.

Just as City Master Qing was about to leave, a hand appeared upon his shoulder and pressed him back down.

The Envoy's expression completely changed. Someone's here? Since when!

City Master Qing held onto Qing Yu with one hand and slowly turned his head to see who was restricting him. He saw a young man gazing at him with cold eyes. "Where do you think you're going?"

This youth immediately looked familiar to City Master Qing, and his pupils shrank the moment he made the connection. "Lu- Alliance Leader Lu!"

Lu Yin casually forced City Master Qing into the floor with a hand that rested on the city master's shoulder. There was a boom, and the entire building collapsed. The overbearing force shoved half of City Master Qing's body into the floor.

The pain came, and City Master Qing spat out a mouthful of blood. He did not dare to put up the slightest hint of resistance, and he even bit his tongue to stop himself from screaming. He let go of his son and threw Qing Yu away to prevent the youth from being dragged into the chaos.

At the moment, half of City Master Qing's body had been shoved into the floor, and Lu Yin's arm had been lowered, as it was still resting on City Master Qing's shoulder. From a distance, it looked as though City Master Qing was kneeling before Lu Yin.

Qing Yu got to his feet and turned around to see what was happening. Fear painted his face, and he lost all hope as the blood drained from his face. He did not dare to make a single sound, as he was terrified of drawing Lu Yin's attention.

Lu Yin finally moved his hand and looked down at City Master Qing. "Are you trying to die?"

City Master Qing coughed up blood. His internal organs had been shattered by Lu Yin's overwhelming strength. "Overseer Lu, please forgive me for this matter."

Lu Yin glanced over at Qing Yu. "Your son shouldn't be left alive."

City Master Qing coughed up more blood, and his face fell. "Overseer Lu, I will shatter his limbs and ensure that he never leaves my home so that he can never harm anyone else again. I beg you, Overseer Lu, to let this go this one time. Please!"

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Chapter 1916: Reasonable Madmen

City Master Qing had not expected Lu Yin to be the person who was protecting Azure Mansion. This was not an opponent that even Gods' Origin could deal with. Even if his status as one of the Hall of Honor's overseers was ignored, the Great Eastern Alliance already had more Envoys than Gods' Origin, let alone a lone powerhouse like City Master Qing. On top of that, Lu Yin was supported by the Cosmic Sect, Eversky Island, and the Hall of Honor. Dozens of Envoys had fought in the Outerverse war, and there had even been six monsters with power levels of over a million. Even the Neoverse had been shaken when they had learned of Lu Yin's influence.

Gods' Origin was powerful, and it was a giant even in the Neoverse, but they could not compare to the Great Eastern Alliance any longer. There were even rumors that Semi-Progenitors had appeared during the Outerverse war, and if those rumors were true, Lu Yin's power was beyond what anyone had previously imagined.

If City Master Qing had known that Lu Yin was the one who had slapped him in Azure Mansion, he would have stopped Yao Hong even if he had killed him in an attempt to thwart future problems. At this moment, City Master Qing was not facing a mere problem, but a hopeless situation.

Lu Yin retracted his hand. "Did that woman go to ask Gods' Origin for help?"

City Master Qing was startled by the question. "Overseer Lu, I have nothing to do with that! She is God of Magnificence, one of the Eighteen Gods in Gods' Origin. Even in that place, she holds a high status and enjoys a tremendous amount of support, which is why she acts so fearlessly in my Skyraiser City. Not even I dare to reprimand her, as she is one of God of Mirrors' followers."

Lu Yin arched a brow. "God of Mirrors?"

City Master Qing forcefully endured his pain to answer. "God of Mirrors is one of Gods' Origin's powerhouses, and he is second only to God of Flames. Seeing as how God of Flames is always training in seclusion, God of Mirrors is the one who oversees Gods' Origin. Nearly half of the Eighteen Gods are her disciples, and there will be a strong reaction to what happened here, as offending Yao Hong is essentially the same as offending half of Gods' Origin. That's why no one ever dares to cross her."

"What was Jin Mie's position back when he was in Gods' Origin?" Lu Yin asked.

City Master Qing became confused. "Jin Mie?"

Lu Yin casually replied, "The leader of one of the Cosmic Sea's Four Pirate Crews. He was the leader of the Ignition Crew. Jin Mie."

City Master Qing answered, "I'm not very familiar with the Cosmic Sea, let alone Jin Mie, but there were once rumors of a traitor who betrayed Gods' Origin and who was being pursued by both God of Mirrors and God of Magenta,¹ forcing the traitor to flee

from the Neoverse. It's possible that person was Jin Mie. I remember that they were known as God of Embers.

"That traitor is considered a forbidden topic in Gods' Origin, as no one is allowed to speak of them. Even Yao Hong is unwilling to mention such things, so we really don't know much of the matter. But wasn't the Ignition Crew destroyed by Leon's Armada?"

"I- I know a bit," Qing Yu spoke up from a little ways away with a voice that trembled. He was still staring at Lu Yin in terror.

Lu Yin glanced over. "You do? Tell me something worthwhile, and then maybe I'll consider letting you go."

City Master Qing quickly encouraged his son, "Little Yu, share everything you know! Everything! Don't try to leave anything out."

Qing Yu stammered, "I- I don't know much. Yao Hong once spoke a bit about it when she got drunk. She said that the reason why God of Embers was considered a traitor to Gods' Origin was because he stole something from some Rune Technology ruins, and that was why God of Mirrors and God of Magenta tried to hunt God of Embers down. All she knew of that matter was that despite so many years passing, God of Mirrors and God of Magenta have never given up on capturing the traitor, and they still occasionally make long trips to try to capture God of Embers."

"Anything else?" City Master Qing pressed.

Qing Yu shook his head. "No, nothing- Wait, there is something else! Yao Hong once said that when God of Magenta left a little while ago, he had gone out to find and kill Jin Mie, but during the war in the Cosmic Sea, Jin Mie escaped."

City Master Qing stared at Lu Yin in a pleading manner as he awaited his fate to be decided.

Lu Yin started thinking. What Qing Yu had just said added up. Jin Mie had indeed escaped from that battlefield, and it did not seem normal for Gods' Origin to continue chasing after someone so relentlessly. Where could Jin Mie have hidden whatever it was that he had stolen? Was it possible that Leon's Armada had picked it up after the Ignition Crew had been destroyed?

Although it was unlikely, Lu Yin still sent Big Sis a message to make sure.

She soon answered, and Lu Yin was disappointed to see it was exactly as he had expected.

Everything that Leon's Armada had picked up from the destroyed Ignition Crew had been accounted for, and there was nothing worth paying any special attention to, let alone something like an ancient relic from the Rune Civilization.

Big Sis would not lie to Lu Yin, and there was no one in Leon's Armada who cultivated Truesight, so it was useless for them to keep such a thing a secret.

That meant that Jin Mie had likely kept whatever he had stolen with him at all times. Whatever it was, it was so important that he could not risk losing it.

Where was Jin Mie at the moment? Lu Yin stared out into outer space. The universe was truly vast, and given Jin Mie's strength, he could flee to anywhere. Gods' Origin was the most reliable means of tracking Jin Mie down, though it might also be possible for Lu Yin to use the Starsibyl Sect.

Skyraiser City drifted about the northern reaches of the Neoverse, and Gods' Origin was located in the same area. It would only take a powerhouse a single day to get from Gods' Origin to Skyraiser City.

The next day, City Master Qing was still half buried in the ground, and Qing Yu was lying on the ground nearby. Yao Hong returned, and she had brought an entire group of cultivators with her from Gods' Origin. Their arrival caused Skyraiser City to tremble.

They were accompanied by an old woman who was an Envoy. Her power level was greater than City Master Qing's, but even though they were both Envoys, they were not even close to equal. Someone who could use Truesight was incomparable to an ordinary Envoy like City Master Qing.

Yao Hong did not immediately move to help City Master Qing and Qing Yu when she saw their miserable state. Instead, she turned to respectfully address the old woman who had accompanied the group to Skyraiser City. "This must have been done by the person who attacked us in Azure Mansion. Despite knowing that I am a disciple of Gods' Origin, they still dared to act so arrogantly! They clearly are not showing my Gods' Origin the respect we are due!"

The old woman's pupils transformed into runes, and she glanced around the city master's estate before staring in one particular direction. As soon as she noticed something, her expression changed drastically.

She was looking at Lu Yin, who was sitting calmly in place, clearly waiting for the people from Gods' Origin.

The old woman instantly recognized Lu Yin, as this was not the first time that the two had met each other.

Lu Yin also recognized the old woman. She was the Envoy who had shown up when Lu Yin had been chasing after some members of the Ignition Crew.

"Senior, we must destroy Azure Mansion! We need to find the bastard supporting them who dares to go against our Gods' Origin." Yao Hong kept ranting. She had not even noticed Lu Yin's presence.

She was not alone, as none of the other people from Gods' Origin had seen Lu Yin. Only the old woman was looking at him.

"Shut up!" the old woman shouted.

Yao Hong was stunned, and she stared at the old woman in confusion. "Senior?"

She realized the old woman was not looking at anyone nearby, but rather staring into the distance. Following the old woman's eyes, Yao Hong finally noticed a young man who was staring back at them with a small smile on his face.

The young man looked perfectly average. There was nothing at all about him that stood out or seemed at all special. Still, Yao Hong was no idiot. She was one of the elite Eighteen Gods from Gods' Origin.

They were standing in the place where the city master's estate had once stood, and the more common a person appeared to be in this place, the more extraordinary they most likely were. In particular, this young man looked incredibly familiar.

The old woman approached Lu Yin and slowly bowed to him. "Gods' Origin's God of Wind greets Alliance Leader Lu."

This was a completely different attitude than the one the woman had shown when she first met Lu Yin. Back then, she had been startled by the strength demonstrated by Liu Ye and Fei Hua, but she had not been concerned by Lu Yin himself. She had even felt that Lu Yin should have worked to gain a better relationship with Gods' Origin, even if Lu Yin had helped to catch some members of the Ignition Crew. She was an Envoy, and thus she felt that such assistance was only natural for a junior to offer.

However, the old woman's attitude had completely changed. A better relationship with Gods' Origin? Others might be eager for such a thing, but Lu Yin would not be swayed. On the contrary, Gods' Origin was eager to gain Lu Yin's friendship.

Many people were still ignorant of the details of what had happened during the war in the Outerverse, but Gods' Origin was aware that Lu Yin had mobilized six old freaks with power levels of over a million, and on top of that, not only had several Semi-Progenitors taken action, but the Progenitor of Bloodlines had also appeared for Lu Yin's stellar tribulation.

Lu Yin's stellar tribulation had brought out a manifestation of Progenitor Chen as a peak Enlightener, and yet Lu Yin had been victorious. Although only a select few people were aware of this, the shock that it had brought to all of them was unprecedented.

On top of that, the turmoil that had disrupted the true universe had also been triggered by Lu Yin. This youth was truly able to upend the entire Fifth Mainland, and his current influence was enough to change the balance of power even in the Neoverse.

When it came to both status and pure strength, the old woman could not measure up to Lu Yin. She had no choice but to greet the young man with near reverential respect when seeing him.

Gods' Origin was a power that had always been synonymous in the Fifth Mainland with unparalleled arrogance. Outsiders saw members of Gods' Origin as madmen. After all, each person from Gods' Origin declared themselves to be a god! Still, what was a madman? Even insane people could be reasonable about certain things.

They were indeed arrogant individuals, but they knew that they could not act like that before Lu Yin.

After the old woman bowed to Lu Yin, all of the other people from Gods' Origin behind her bowed in unison.

Alliance Leader Lu? There was only one person in the entire universe with that particular title, and it was the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance, one of the Hall of Honor's overseers, and the individual who was truly without equal among his peers: Lu Yin.

Everything suddenly clicked for Yao Hong when she heard this name. Yes, this was Lu Yin. He was the one who had attacked them in Azure Mansion. It was no wonder why he was in the city master's estate. Everything made sense with Lu Yin being the hidden powerhouse.

"I greet Overseer Lu," Yao Hong bowed extremely low.

City Master Qing was still half buried in the ground, and bitterness filled his eyes as he watched the arrogant and insane cultivators from Gods' Origin bow to a youth. Still, he also found the entire matter somewhat amusing, as this was a perfect example of the difference between people.

Yao Hong was qualified to be rude and arrogant even to an Envoy, but to Lu Yin, who was also an Envoy, all of these people could only lower their heads. After thinking of this, City Master Qing stared at Lu Yin. Just how had the young man accomplished so much? How many years had he spent to reach his current cultivation realm? This was a legend in the making. This was someone who would surpass even legends like Progenitor Chen and the Rune Progenitor.

Lu Yin looked up and quietly gazed at the old woman, but he said nothing.

As long as Lu Yin remained silent, the old woman and everyone else could only continue bowing.

A long time later, Lu Yin finally spoke up, "I am neither your friend nor your enemy, but this time, you've gone too far."

The old woman rose back up and answered in an extremely respectful manner, "Alliance Leader Lu, this is all just a misunderstanding. Yao Hong did not know that Azure Mansion now belongs to you."

Lu Yin raised his hand to stop the woman. "Don't go around spreading nonsense. It doesn't belong to me."

Everyone from Gods' Origin felt confused.

Lu Yin continued in an indifferent tone, "You may not know this, but Bu Laoweng has become my friend. Azure Mansion still belongs to him, but I had no choice but to step in when I saw my friend's business being abused. That's all that this was."

The old woman nodded. "That's perfectly understandable, Alliance Leader Lu."

Some distance away, Qing Yu was still lying on the ground. The young man could not decide whether to laugh or cry. What was this? Since when did anyone from Gods' Origin act so reasonably?

"Since Alliance Leader Lu has stepped out, this matter will end here. I would also like to thank you, Alliance Leader, for showing mercy and sparing Yao Hong's life," the old woman continued in a low voice.

Yao Hong was standing behind the old woman, and she felt truly wronged. Despite being slapped so many times, this matter was ending with her being forced to thank her attacker for showing mercy. Yao Hong was one of the Eighteen Gods from Gods' Origin. She held a status that was lofty enough to ignore most Envoys. When had she ever been forced to suffer such injustice?

However, Yao Hong did not dare say a word. Gods' Origin was led by God of Mirrors, but that was merely in name. The truth was that God of Mirrors was constantly in secluded training, and Gods' Origin was actually run by God of Wind, and this old woman could act however she wished.

Lu Yin stared at the old woman for a long moment. He knew that the people from Gods' Origin were not actually insane. They knew to lower their heads when necessary, and they were actually quicker than almost anyone to submit when needed.

"I believe you, but I don't believe her," Lu Yin replied as he looked over at Yao Hong.

The old woman looked back, and she just happened to see the clear resentment and the unwillingness to accept this outcome in Yao Hong's eyes. God of Wind waved a hand, slapping Yao Hong across the face, sending the young woman flying.

Yao Hong was stunned. She had never expected to be struck, so she was not able to react for quite some time.

[1] Previously translated as Purple God, but changed to allow for consistency among all of the Eighteen Gods. ㊦

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The old woman turned back to face Lu Yin. "Alliance Leader Lu, will you be satisfied with this?"

Lu Yin arched a brow. This woman was too ruthless and was being too sincere in her regard for Lu Yin. Her behavior made Lu Yin feel too embarrassed to stir up any more trouble.

"God of Wind, you hit me?" Yao Hong screamed. Her eyes were filled with a crazed light. She was furious and resentful. This slap had completely ignited her full hatred.

The old woman turned back and locked a vicious glare onto Yao Hong. "Silence!"

Yao Hong started shrieking, "Why would you strike me? I am God of Mirrors' disciple while you are a disciple of God of Magenta. You are merely the administrator of Gods' Origin, and yet you are not supporting your own people, but rather an outsider! I won't let this go! I'll report this matter to God of Mirrors!"

The old woman became quite angry, and she lifted a hand and slapped Yao Hong's face even harder than before, leaving the girl unconscious.

No one else from Gods' Origin dared to speak a word.

The old woman then turned back to Lu Yin and respectfully said, "Alliance Leader Lu, I will take all of my disciples back to Gods' Origin now. I hope that you will not hold a grudge against us over this matter."

Lu Yin's expression suddenly became far more focused. This old woman was not acting as normal. While it was true that Lu Yin's current status and strength were quite

impressive, it should not be to such an extreme level that Gods' Origin would feel forced to bow their heads and act so cowardly. This old woman seemed genuinely afraid that Lu Yin would pursue this matter, which did not make much sense. In fact, Lu Yin found Yao Hong's reaction to be much more reasonable for these people.

An Envoy from Gods' Origin was not supporting her own people, but rather an outsider. If one viewed this matter kindly, the old woman was seeing the larger picture, but if one wanted to be blunt, she was betraying her own people.

Why was this old woman acting so humbly towards Lu Yin? He was not arrogant enough to believe that he could consider himself a powerhouse in the Neoverse. The entire reason why he had managed to gather so many experts during the Outerverse war was because many of the most powerful people had actually come from the Neoverse, and many of them did not actually follow Lu Yin, but there was also the Hall of Honor's silence, which indicated their approval.

"Is she truly a disciple of God of Mirrors?" Lu Yin asked.

The old woman replied, "She merely received some lessons from God of Mirrors, so Alliance Leader Lu doesn't need to worry about that."

Lu Yin sneered. "Not worry? How is it possible? I've heard God of Mirrors is extremely powerful, and it's quite clear that this woman does not intend to let this matter end here."

The old woman's face twisted. "Overseer Lu, my Gods' Origin has no desire to become your enemy. You have a quite good relationship with God Taiyi, and we are very willing to establish a friendly relationship with you. We readily acknowledge our mistake in this matter, so I beg you to not press this matter any further, Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin tapped the void with a finger, which caused ripples to spread out that quickly reached the old woman and then passed by her.

The old woman swayed on her feet and nearly fell down. Her expression grew worse by the moment. She had not been able to resist the ripples that had spread out from a single tap of Lu Yin's finger. This was a demonstration of his strength, the power of someone who was peerless within his own cultivation realm. This was the strength of one who had managed to defeat Progenitor Chen at the same cultivation realm.

"You aren't someone who can decide the position of Gods' Origin. Have God of Mirrors speak with me personally. I want him to personally promise that this matter will not go any further, or else I won't be able to rest peacefully. I'll constantly be on edge, worried about being attacked by your people," Lu Yin said casually.

The old woman grew anxious, "Alliance Leader Lu, I promise you that everything will end here and be forgotten!"

Lu Yin suddenly tapped the air again, this time with much greater force. The old woman was unable to stop herself from taking several steps back when the ripples passed over her. She felt the pressure squeeze her internal organs, and she barely managed to stop herself from spitting out blood.

"Have God of Mirrors speak to me," Lu Yin's tone remained casual. "Or, I can also make a trip to Gods' Origin."

This was his actual intention, as he had always wanted to visit Gods' Origin. It was possible that he might be able to improve Truesight to the next level of mastery, which would be the Infinity realm.

He was absolutely certain that Gods' Origin had powerhouses who had already reached the Infinity realm of Truesight, and God of Mirrors was likely one of them. Lu Yin was quite curious about the possibilities that the Infinity realm of Truesight might hold.

The old woman's eyes flickered. Finally, feeling she had no other options available, she called God of Mirrors.

Shortly after that, Yao Hong awoke. She was still in a bit of a daze, and half of her face was badly swollen, though she could not even feel it. She only managed to move slightly before losing consciousness again. The old woman had struck the girl quite hard, and she would be lucky to not suffer permanent brain damage.

Lu Yin actually felt a bit sorry for the girl.

Everyone quietly waited. Lu Yin was not in any hurry. He simply closed his eyes, and his body faded like a shadow as he slowly began to absorb stellar energy.

This was how Envoys cultivated; they absorbed stellar energy from the true universe and added it to the stellar energy vortex that had formed within their body. Once the vortex reached a certain level of strength, the Envoy would trigger a stellar tribulation, and after surviving that tribulation, they would be able to resume absorbing more stellar energy into their vortex. This was the essence of an Envoy's cultivation method, and the Perennial World actually used the number of tribulations that one had survived as their way of differentiating between Envoys' cultivation levels.

The Fifth Mainland did not use this method of measuring an Envoy's strength, but if the Fifth Mainland's power levels were used, Lu Yin believed that he currently possessed a power level of about 800,000 despite having only recently become an Envoy.

His true cultivation level was a one-tribulation Envoy.

Still, his only stellar tribulation had been rather odd, as Lu Yin possessed four stellar energy vortices.

Remembering this fact instantly gave Lu Yin a headache.

Envoys needed to be careful when cultivating and absorbing stellar energy, as a single mistake could pull the true universe's attention to the Envoy. It would take a long time for most Envoys to trigger their second tribulation after surviving their first one, and it was important for Envoys to slowly train one step at a time. If everything proceeded smoothly, an Envoy would be able to reach their seventh or even eighth stellar tribulation.

However, that was only when considering normal cultivators. Lu Yin's stellar energy vortices were each much larger than the average one, as the energy contained within an Envoy's vortex was determined by the amount of star energy that they had possessed as a peak Enlighter. At that time, Lu Yin's star energy reserves had been roughly 200 times that of an average Enlighter's.

However, this meant that Lu Yin needed to also absorb multiple times more stellar energy as an Envoy, and to do so safely, he would need to take much, much longer to reach each of his breakthroughs.

This was also not even considering the fact that Lu Yin had four stellar energy vortices, which meant that he required four times as much stellar energy than what anyone knew about. This was yet another reason for Lu Yin to feel frustrated by his future prospects.

Lu Yin observed the true universe. It would be amazing if the true universe was not hostile to him. That would allow him to absorb stellar energy without reservations or fear, and that would mean that he could soon reach the requirements to trigger his second stellar tribulation!

Just as Lu Yin was growing excited, he froze for a moment and turned to look towards the old woman. He watched as someone emerged from the true universe at the old woman's side. The man who appeared had gray hair, but a very youthful face. Still, it was possible to see the man's age in his eyes, and he radiated a certain dignity.

The man's runes were only a bit less than the Sea King's, and Lu Yin felt that this man should be God of Mirrors.

God of Flames was the strongest powerhouse from Gods' Origin, but God of Flames had not emerged from seclusion in many years. There were people who believed that God of Flames had actually died long ago while others believed that the powerhouse was in the process of breaking through to become a Semi-Progenitor. No one knew anything definitive regarding God of Flames aside from the second most powerful expert from Gods' Origin, God of Magenta.

God of Mirrors arrived in the ruins of the city master's estate, and he glanced around. His eyes lingered on City Master Qing for a moment before he calmly focused on Lu Yin. "Overseer Lu, I have heard of you for a long time."

A smile appeared on Lu Yin's face. "Are you God of Mirrors?"

God of Mirrors carefully observed Lu Yin, and horror bubbled up in the man's heart. How could this child's runes be even more numerous than his own? How was that even possible? Had Lu Yin not only recently become an Envoy?

At this moment, Lu Yin was not trying to hide his power at all, and he was blatantly revealing his strength. The old woman was also able to see Lu Yin's runes, and she could not help feeling even greater shock than before. This youth was truly peerless.

The other people from Gods' Origin felt their eyes sting when they observed Lu Yin's runes.

Lu Yin was accustomed to being the one observing others' runes, but at this moment, he was the one being studied by people from Gods' Origin, and what they saw left them completely stunned.

The person who was the most shocked was actually God of Mirrors. He had cultivated for countless years, and yet he was actually weaker than this child who had only cultivated for a few decades. The old man felt unspeakably depressed at this realization.

"I am God of Mirrors. I've heard about what happened in Azure Mansion. What does Alliance Leader Lu wish to hear?" God of Mirrors asked. The man's initial calmness had vanished, and a powerful fear had blossomed in the depths of his eyes when he looked at Lu Yin.

God of Mirrors had previously believed that, of the Great Eastern Alliance's powerhouses, only the Second Nightking could overpower him. He had not expected Lu Yin to actually surpass his own number of runes. Even though God of Mirrors was confident in his mastery of Truesight, he was also uncertain as to Lu Yin's background and backing. This young man was terrifying and unfathomable.

Lu Yin gave a small smile. "Honestly, there's no need for any further explanation. She's received the punishment warranted by her actions, and I only asked for you to step out to confirm that Gods' Origin has no intention of taking revenge for this matter, God of Mirrors."

The gray-haired man nodded. "There's no need to worry about that, Overseer Lu. Yao Hong was ruthless in her actions, and she will be dealt with strictly. Naturally, we will not allow any acts of retaliation for this matter, though I do ask that you don't slander my Gods' Origin to others. We do not teach our youths to act like villains."

This was the proper attitude that Gods' Origin should demonstrate. This was neither trying to offend anyone nor revealing any intimidation.

Lu Yin smiled. "Senior God of Mirrors, I wonder, what level have you reached in your mastery of Truesight?"

The expressions of everyone from Gods' Origin changed a bit at this question, including even God of Mirrors. Asking about the details of another's cultivation was exceptionally rude.

God of Mirrors frowned. "What are you trying to say, Alliance Leader Lu?"

"I'm simply curious, and there's nothing more to it than that. You must understand that this junior has reached the Knowing realm of mastery, but I'm at a loss as to how to proceed further with Truesight," Lu Yin explained.

Most of the people from Gods' Origin stared at Lu Yin as though seeing a monster, though the old woman and God of Mirrors were already aware of Lu Yin's realm of mastery of Truesight.

Lu Yin's breakthrough to the Envoy realm had already spread, as his stellar tribulation had been a manifestation of Progenitor Chen. Thus, many of Lu Yin's trump cards had been exposed, such as his Knowing realm of mastery of Truesight, which had been a truly shocking for Gods' Origin to learn of.

They had never expected Lu Yin, who had never trained within Gods' Origin, to have managed to achieve the Knowing realm. When they had learned of this, they had wanted to reach out to Lu Yin to ask if he had managed to find any of the Rune Civilization's ruins, as what else could explain his expertise?

With Lu Yin himself bringing up this topic, God of Mirrors' eyes flickered, and he waved a hand. "All of you, leave."

The old woman respectfully acknowledged the orders, and she led everyone from Gods' Origin away, also making sure to take the unconscious Yao Hong with them.

Lu Yin also asked them to take City Master Qing and his son away, leaving only God of Mirrors and Lu Yin behind.

"Alliance Leader Lu, did you find some ruins from the Rune Civilization?" God of Mirrors got straight to the point.

Lu Yin's eyes lit up. "Have you reached the Infinity realm, God of Mirrors?"

God of Mirrors was momentarily stunned by the question, but he quickly nodded. "It appears that you have indeed stumbled upon some ruins, as it is otherwise impossible

for any outsider to know about the Infinity realm of Truesight. There are not many who have heard of that realm of mastery even within Gods' Origin."

"I did indeed find some ruins, and not only that, but I also trained there, and it's where I managed to reach the Knowing realm of mastery." Lu Yin made no attempts to hide anything.

God of Mirrors became increasingly excited. "Alliance Leader Lu, let's make a deal: give those ruins to my Gods' Origin, and I will take you to a unique place in my Gods' Origin where you can train in the methods of Rune Technology. What do you say?"

Lu Yin shook his head. "I can't give you those ruins, as I can't move them. Especially that statue. From a distance, it seems easy to see the details, but everything becomes less distinct the closer you move. The runes become more difficult to observe."

God of Mirrors' eyes went wide, and he could not stop himself from taking several steps and moving right up to Lu Yin. The man anxiously demanded, "A statue? What statue?"

"It's a statue that an entire group of people were praying to on their knees," Lu Yin recalled.

God of Mirrors' breathing grew ragged, and his eyes became bloodshot. "Overseer Lu, where are these ruins? Can you tell me?"

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Lu Yin stared at God of Mirrors for some time without saying a word.

The gray-haired man was not stupid, and he quickly said, "We can offer you something in exchange. We have several ruins in my Gods' Origin where we all train. I will tell you that I have indeed reached the Infinity realm of Truesight, and I have done so with the ruins that we possess. Regardless of what level your cultivation has reached, it is practically impossible for any outsiders to reach the Infinity realm of Truesight. You must already understand the miraculous nature of Rune Technology and the civilization that was built upon it. Their cultivation method is impossible for others to grasp no matter how desperately they may wish to.

"If you want to reach the Infinity realm of Truesight, you will need to train in Gods' Origin."

Lu Yin considered this proposal. "What does the Infinity realm allow one to do?"

He had learned of the Infinity realm's existence from the Rune Technology ruins that he had found in Burial Garden, but reaching that level would be as difficult as ascending to the heavens without further assistance. This was the reason why Lu Yin had wanted to speak to God of Mirrors. Lu Yin hoped to learn what Gods' Origin relied upon to train in Truesight, and if possible, Lu Yin wanted to visit Gods' Origin and train there as well.

God of Mirrors stared intently at Lu Yin, fanaticism blazing in the older man's eyes. "The Infinity realm follows the Knowing realm. At the Infinity realm, all battle techniques, skills, secret techniques, and innate gifts can be seen as runes with Truesight. Not only that, but Truesight allows one to do more than merely observe and weaken the runes at this level—it can also force runes to change on the finest, most detailed level, which allows one to change the observed battle techniques and more.

"Essentially, the Infinity realm of mastery is a transformative level for Truesight where the practitioner is able alter the most primitive observable state to nullify an opponent's attack. Not only can a person create something out of nothing, but they will essentially become omnipotent."

Lu Yin became incredibly excited by this explanation. "Please allow me to experience this myself."

Even as Lu Yin spoke, he raised a hand and released a Hollow Palm, though he deliberately slowed the palm strike so that God of Mirrors would have no difficulty in seeing the invisible attack.

God of Mirrors's face twitched upon seeing this palm strike. This was a peerlessly powerful attack, and it incorporated Lu Yin's domain, spiritual force, and more. If any part of this attack struck home, God of Mirrors would suffer terrible injuries. The worst part of all was the sheer power behind this attack.

The man continued to stare at Lu Yin, and the Hollow Palm completely dissipated when it was less than one meter from the older man.

This would not be unexpected in the past, as it was no different than if someone had weakened Lu Yin's attack completely. However, God of Mirrors was not stronger than Lu Yin, and yet the man had been able to erase Lu Yin's Hollow Palm. This was the power of the Infinity realm of Truesight.

Lu Yin did not release another attack as God of Mirrors had already revealed enough. Given Lu Yin's current level of strength, who could easily handle his Hollow Palm? However, God of Mirrors had simply erased the attack, which was quite terrifying.

"When it comes to the Infinity realm of Truesight, I've only managed to scratch the surface. If God of Flames makes a move, the miraculousness of Truesight can truly be seen. He can cause planets to disintegrate and be reassembled. He can transform someone else's battle technique into his own, or even copy an opponent's battle

technique. He can even copy an innate gift. That is the level of true mastery of the Infinity realm," God of Mirrors explained.

Lu Yin eagerly anticipated reaching such a level of mastery. "I'll visit your Gods' Origin as soon as possible to observe your Rune Technology ruins, and when I arrive, I'll tell you where that statue can be found."

God of Mirrors was also excited. "You can tell me now. Gods' Origin will always be happy to welcome you."

Lu Yin shook his head. "I'll tell you in Gods' Origin. It's still too soon."

God of Mirrors shrugged. Gods' Origin yearned for any ruins of the Rune Civilization. They had sent out people across all parts of the Fifth Mainland long ago to help search for more ruins. The Outerverse's Amethyst Exchange was one such group, and there were many others who had been sent to scour the Inniverse and the Cosmic Sea. There was no one more eager to master Truesight than these people.

If anyone else tried to withhold such information, God of Mirrors would have already taken them away and interrogated them, but he did not have the courage or the strength to do so to Lu Yin.

"Overseer Lu, I truly hope that you will come to visit my Gods' Origin as soon as possible. No matter when you visit, Gods' Origin will welcome you." God of Mirrors could not hide his eagerness.

Lu Yin could plainly feel the man's sincerity. This was no different from when he had dealt with the Wen family. Actually, Lu Yin realized that he had quite a few people eager to appease him. First the Wen family and the Ku family, and more recently, Gods' Origin. Actually, there was also the Sword Sect, as Lu Yin had already agreed to give them Liu Hao. He would negotiate that exchange when he returned to the Inniverse.

"Don't worry, I will come by as soon as possible," Lu Yin politely said to the older man.

Before leaving, God of Mirrors could not resist saying, "Overseer Lu, you must take care of yourself. Your safety must remain your top priority."

The man's words left the old woman and everyone else from Gods' Origin dumbfounded, and they all gave God of Mirrors odd looks.

City Master Qing and his son were also stunned. Since when were people from Gods' Origin so kind?

Yao Hong had only just woken up, but she passed out yet again after hearing God of Mirrors' words.

Lu Yin sighed. So many powerful people in the Neoverse were desperate to keep him safe, including the Cosmic Sect. With this, Gods' Origin had joined that group.

Everyone from Gods' Origin left, and they took Yao Hong with them, assuring Lu Yin that they would discipline her upon returning to Gods' Origin.

Lu Yin remained where he was, as he was still waiting for Qian Zou's word.

Since Lu Yin was staying in Skyraiser City, it was only natural for City Master Qing to play the host. Despite being badly abused by Lu Yin, since City Master Qing was not dead, he needed to personally entertain Lu Yin, and Qing Yu accompanied his father to serve their "guest."

The recent events had completely transformed Qing Yu's entire life. Although there was fear in his eyes when he looked at Lu Yin, there was also longing. For the first time in his life, Qing Yu desired to become a powerhouse. He had always been protected by his father, but even City Master Qing had to lower himself before Lu Yin. Qing Yu recognized that he needed to move forward with his own power.

Lu Yin had not expected to have such an influence on Qing Yu, as the youth was not worthy of Lu Yin's concern or attention.

A few days passed, and Qian Zou found Lu Yin. "I'm back."

Lu Yin nodded and bade his farewells to City Master Qing.

The Envoy let out a sigh of relief when he saw Lu Yin leave. He had been quite worried that Lu Yin would kill him upon leaving. There were many ruthless people in the universe, and such people were even more common among those at Lu Yin's level of strength.

However, this was not a bad outcome.

"Father, what about Yao Hong?" Qing Yu asked.

City Master Qing gritted his teeth, becoming angry upon hearing the question.

"Everything happened because that bitch provoked Lu Yin! If not for her, the two of us would have never been put in such a tight situation. Forget about her. It doesn't matter if she returns or not."

After speaking, City Master Qing held himself. His injuries were truly severe, and he had forcefully endured them for several days in order to wait upon Lu Yin. It was vital that City Master Qing retreat into seclusion as soon as possible to recuperate.

"Be straight with me and don't make any trouble while I'm gone. The universe is not as simple as you believe," City Master Qing warned his son before ordering someone to

keep an eye on Qing Yu and not allowing him to leave. That done, the Envoy isolated himself to heal his injuries.

Elsewhere in the city, Lu Yin and Qian Zou met with the owner of Silverjoss Auction House.

When it came to such a minor character, anything could be pulled out with just a little bit of effort.

The owner of Silverjoss Auction House did not try to keep any secrets. Even if he had any, they would only be about his wealth.

However, the former Yadoor Auction House had been caught with a huge secret. That person had found and taken control of a pocket dimension, similar to the space that concealed the Bizarre Sect. Inverse Step had come from this pocket dimension.

There was an asteroid field a short distance away from Skyraiser City. This was the northern region's asteroid field, and Lu Yin and his little group appeared on one of the asteroids in this place.

The group consisted of Lu Yin, Qian Zou, and a little old man.

"Is this it?" Qian Zou asked.

The little old man was panicking. "Yes, this is it!"

Lu Yin observed the asteroid that they were standing upon. It was massive and about the same size as a normal planet. They followed the little old man's lead and approached a certain location on the asteroid. After taking one more step, all three of them disappeared.

This was not a particularly large pocket space, though that was only from Lu Yin's perspective; it actually encompassed an area much greater than most planets. The entire place was covered with a mist and a drizzle, and all of the mountains and fields in the space were covered with flowers.

The flowers were everywhere, but Lu Yin trembled when he saw them, and his eyes glowed with excitement. This was the flower that appeared on Progenitor Chen's emblem!

"Where is it?" Lu Yin asked eagerly. When he looked out at the endless fields of flowers, he felt quite close to Progenitor Chen. In fact, he had not felt this close to the Progenitor even when exploring his tomb.

The little old man pointed in a particular direction. "We spent a few months exploring this place before we found it. It's in the middle of a field of flowers near a small river."

Lu Yin grabbed both Qian Zou and the little old man before disappearing.

The next instant, the three of them were standing next to the small river, and Lu Yin saw a small ruin nearly buried under some rocks.

"This place should be truly ancient, and the rocks have all collapsed. When we first arrived, there was a wooden house here with rotten furniture and other sundries inside. We checked it all out, but other than the stone table, everything turned to dust when touched. All of it was completely useless, so we haven't returned to this place in quite some time," the little old man respectfully explained.

Lu Yin's eyes were drawn to the stone table after he heard the man's words, and he stepped over next to the table to study it.

It had originally been buried under the collapsed rocks before being dug out by the auction house's people. Fortunately, they had not used much force, as they could have easily destroyed the table.

It was actually a perfectly ordinary stone table, but they had made a point to preserve it because of a line of text on it. The language had been used during the Daosource Sect's era, and although Lu Yin could not read it, he could recognize a few of the characters from the text he had seen in the ruins inside the giant centipede's corpse from all those years ago. It was the same language that had been written by the man who had been pinned to the ground by five spears.

Lu Yin remembered the Ghost Monkey had translated the text as 'My regret is not being able to protect our master awaiting for the rain to end! Hate! Hate! Hate!!'¹

The writing on this table had most likely been left behind by Progenitor Chen, and Lu Yin was able to recognize three of the characters since he had seen them before. They meant "awaiting for the rain to end."

Seeing this, Lu Yin looked up at the sky. Rain was falling in this entire pocket dimension. The whole place was covered with rain and mist, which gave the entire place an indescribable beauty. Was there some connection between the weather and this text?

Qian Zou grew curious. "Seventh Bro, what does this say?"

The little old man also looked at Lu Yin with curiosity, but Lu Yin shook his head. "I don't know."

Qian Zou felt disappointed. "This is a very old language, and after so many years, writing has changed so much that it will be difficult to translate this."

"Was there anything else that you found in this place? Where did you find the piece of jade?" Lu Yin turned to the old man and asked.

The little old man was respectful as he replied, "Right here. It was right next to the stone table. We searched this entire place for a long time and were very careful. Aside from the jade slip, there was nothing at all in this place."

Lu Yin frowned. Why would a place where Progenitor Chen had possibly stayed be so ordinary? Logically speaking, any place that a Progenitor stayed at should have been difficult for even someone like Lu Yin to enter, let alone a tiny auction house. A perfect example of this was Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum. This pocket dimension was simply too ordinary. Lu Yin had even observed the place with Truesight upon entering, but there was nothing to be seen even when observing the runes.

There was no intelligent life in the pocket dimension. There were some fish in the little river and some bugs in the fields of flowers. It was enough life to form a stable ecosystem, but there was nothing here that could cultivate or even had any connection to such.

If there was no connection to cultivation, then why leave that jade slip? The Inverse Step recorded in the jade had clearly been left behind as an inheritance, but this place was so mundane that it was hard to make sense of.

Qian Zou touched one of the white flowers. "These flowers are ordinary, but I must admit that they have a very pure appearance."

Lu Yin looked out at the sea of flowers. The small blossoms shook when struck by raindrops, and they looked quite weak. Progenitor Chen's emblem was of nine stars surrounding one of these white flowers. What did it mean? Did he want to protect these flowers?

[1] This popped up in Chapter 461, and has since been somewhat reworded given new context and such to be more accurate. 📖

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Lu Yin had once witnessed many of Progenitor Chen's memories. Of them, the one that stood out the most was one where Progenitor Chen was staring out at a sea of flowers in a daze. That place held a strong resemblance to this pocket dimension. Could it be?

"Seventh Bro, do you want to look around?" Qian Zou asked. He had no idea what the origins of his Inverse Step was, so naturally, he was also clueless as to who this pocket dimension used to belong to.

Lu Yin took Qian Zou and the little old man out of the pocket space and back to the asteroid, and then returned there on his own. He completely released his domain as he indeed wanted to search through the entire place.

The range of Lu Yin's domain had increased dramatically with his newly increased strength, and he quickly swept through the entire pocket dimension. In the end, the riverbed drew his attention, as he had found something there.

The water in the river was cool as Lu Yin descended to the bottom. Once there, he squatted down and blew out, removing the sediment covering the riverbed and revealing ancient footprints. They were so old that they had fossilized. Could they be Progenitor Chen's footprints?

There was more than just a single footprint, but they seemed rather chaotic. Still, there was some hidden order that could be observed. Could it be...?

A possibility occurred to Lu Yin, and he tentatively stepped out and followed the footprints. Each step forward merged with another footprint, but there was no reaction. There were more than ten footprints, and when the possibility that they might need to be taken while walking backwards was also taken into account, then there were numerous possible paths to take.

After testing out just a few options, Lu Yin gave up. He had no idea how long it would take to test out every single option, and he had Qian Zou. So, Lu Yin went out to fetch the young man. Qian Zou was completely confused as to what was happening.

"Look at these footprints. Is this Inverse Step?" Lu Yin asked as he pointed at the footprints embedded on the riverbed.

Qian Zou blinked and began to study the footprints. Finally, he nodded. "Yes, that's it."

"Show me the correct order to take," Lu Yin said.

Qian Zou carefully observed the footprints before marking out the proper path for Lu Yin. After that, Qian Zou commented, "Seventh Bro, even though this is the proper path to take when using Inverse Step, comprehending the technique is more important than the order of the steps. Otherwise, you could have learned it by simply looking at it. Still, the initial mastery can only be gained by using that path. Are you still going to try to learn Inverse Step?"

"Cut the crap," Lu Yin replied.

Qian Zou pursed his lips as he stared at the footprints on the bottom of the river. He wondered just how long Lu Yin would need to learn this movement technique.

Qian Zou had managed to almost instantly learn the technique as he had obtained it from a jade slip that he had picked up in that auction house. However, he felt like he had only comprehended the first bit of the first level of Inverse Step. The movement technique certainly increased Qian Zou's speed substantially, but he still felt like he was missing the essence of the technique. Was Lu Yin going to stay here to study Inverse Step? Did that mean that Qian Zou would have to wait in this asteroid field for a long time?

"Seventh Bro, can I go now? You've found the place and even the method to start learning Inverse Step," Qian Zou hesitantly asked.

Lu Yin took Qian Zou back out to the asteroid. "Just wait here a bit longer."

With that, Lu Yin returned to the pocket dimension.

He had no worries that Qian Zou would try to leave. The man lacked the necessary courage.

Sure enough, Qian Zou did not dare to disobey Lu Yin's orders. Even though Qian Zou was constantly being chased, that was simply because of who was chasing after him. The thought of being pursued by Lu Yin made Qian Zou's scalp tingle. That would be no different than having the entire Fifth Mainland after him.

Lu Yin returned to the river, and he began following the footprints in the order that Qian Zou had marked out. Lu Yin was not walking forward, but rather backwards. He was learning Inverse Step, so clearly, he needed to move backwards and step back through wherever he wished to go.

After completing the path, there was a momentary disturbance in the air around Lu Yin. Although it was incredibly subtle, it encouraged him to continue practicing.

The reaction increased Lu Yin's excitement. He had been missing a movement technique in combat, and Inverse Step could not have fit his needs more perfectly. This was a technique that Progenitor Chen had dedicated a single clone to mastering.

A few days later, Lu Yin had become very proficient in following the steps. All that he was missing now was the necessary understanding of the technique. If he kept training in this fashion, he should be able to slowly comprehend the technique from what he had observed in Qian Zou's movements. While Qian Zou had gained his comprehension from the jade slip, Lu Yin could only improve his understanding in a slower, more thorough exploration of the movement technique.

This would take a great deal of time.

Lu Yin exited the pocket dimension, stepped back onto the asteroid, and was greeted by Qian Zou's expectant gaze. "You can leave."

Qian Zou was thrilled. "Thank you, Seventh Bro!"

"Take him with you. Don't let him say anything stupid," Lu Yin ordered, indicating towards the little old man.

The old man quickly spoke up. "My lord, this lowly one would never dare to say a thing. After all these years, if my lord had not brought this matter up to me, I would have already forgotten all about it. Huh? Where am I? What am I doing here? Who are you!"

Lu Yin arched a brow. This man was quite sharp.

Qian Zou led the old man away while warning the old man that if he did not wish to die, he had to keep his mouth shut. The universe was a very cruel place.

"If you don't want him to talk, I can take care of that," the Second Nightking offered. He had always been present, merely keeping himself hidden the entire time.

"That's not necessary." Lu Yin was not a murderer.

As Lu Yin rejected the Second Nightking's suggestion, a display appeared with a bit of text on it. "What does this say?"

The Second Nightking was someone from the era of Daosource Sect, so he should be able to read the ancient characters.

The old man was surprised by what he observed in the image. "Ancient characters?"

"Are these not from your era?" Lu Yin was puzzled.

The Second Nightking shook his head. "No, this manner of writing far outdates me and my era. I'll need to study this for a moment."

Lu Yin nodded and waited quietly.

Even though the Daynight clan had been slaves of the Celestial Frost Sect's Bai family, the Daynight clan still boasted a long history, and they had also managed to acquire a portion of the Bai family's inheritance. Despite that, the Second Nightking was able to unravel the meaning of the ancient text.

"Even if the heavens and the earth are destroyed, even if the infamy is left forever, I only want to wait for you after the rain ends," the Second Nightking slowly read out, "This is what the text says."

Wait for you after the rain ends? Was it really that simple? Who had Progenitor Chen been waiting for? Did it refer to the white flowers? Lu Yin suddenly thought of Forgotten Ruins God and of how she had Progenitor Chen's emblem upon her face. Could this be referring to her?

That was not very likely. Forgotten Ruins God was much, much older than even Progenitor Chen.

"It's a love poem," the Second Nightking commented.

Lu Yin was taken aback for a moment, but then he remembered that Ku Wei had mentioned stumbling across some writings when he had been alone in Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum. Although they had doubts back then, it was evident that those writings were nothing more than love poems.

Lu Yin soon returned to the pocket dimension and revisited the riverbed. He saw no reason to get caught up in Progenitor Chen's personal affairs. Any one of those matters would be ancient, and Lu Yin needed to focus on practicing Inverse Step.

Cultivating was a terribly time-consuming endeavor, but that was exactly what Lu Yin feared the least. He lifted a hand and brought out his die. After he tapped it, it slowly stopped on four pips. His luck was incredible this time.

His die innate gift was truly miraculous, and Timestop had provided Lu Yin with a means of cultivating at a freakish speed. Even without the Timestop Space, Lu Yin's cultivation speed was abnormal, and with it, he defied all understanding. But the only shortcoming was that he was able to absorb neither star energy nor stellar energy. Otherwise he could cultivate in the space for as long as he liked.

Feeling a little regretful regarding this flaw, Lu Yin started training Inverse Step.

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Elsewhere in the Neoverse, just outside of Mt. Microcosms, a strong wind blew as a cniu rushed by. As it passed through, yellow sand hid its passage.

There was a figure within the powerful wind before the cniu, and the beast slowed to a stop, crushing the ground with each step.

"My lord, I brought him," an old woman spoke from atop the cniu's back.

The figure leaped onto the cniu and gazed upon a boy who was also there. When the figure lifted their head, they revealed themselves to be Nan Yuan.

"Child, what's your name?" Nan Yuan asked softly.

The boy warily looked at Nan Yuan. "Bo."

"Bo? That's a very good name. Who else is in your family?" Nan Yuan continued asking questions.

Bo dropped his head. He was not sure how to answer this question.

Nan Yuan squatted down and smiled at Bo. "What's your connection to old man San Shang?"

Bo's eyes moved over to Nan Yuan, and the boy gathered his courage. "He is my grandfather."

Nan Yuan was caught off guard. "Your grandfather? Then why aren't you living with him?"

Bo's eyes flushed red when he heard this question. "Because of him! That person named Lu Yin! He captured me in order to control Grandpa!"

"How do you know this?" Nan Yuan pressed.

Bo replied, "He didn't even try to hide it! He threatened Grandpa right in front of me!"

Nan Yuan smiled as he looked at the vicious glint in Bo's eyes. The old man was quite satisfied with what he was hearing. "In that case, do you want to see your grandpa?"

Bo leaned closer to Nan Yuan. "Can you take me to him?"

"Of course, child. You're the grandson of one of the Hall of Honor's overseers who's one of the most respected people in the entire universe. How can you remain separated from him and allow him to be controlled by others? Don't worry, I will help you." Nan Yuan was growing increasingly excited.

The old woman stood nearby, and a smile spread across her face as heard Nan Yuan's words.

A short while later, the cniu continued on towards Mt. Microcosms.

The sand drifting about in the sky grew still, and Mt. Microcosms became clear on the horizon. Bo's eyes lit up as he recognized this sight. It was Mt. Microcosms, his birthplace and where he had grown up. It was also where he had been captured, and it was about to be where he reunited with his grandpa.

Nan Yuan sat atop the cniu, his back to Bo. There was a complacent expression on the old man's face. With Bo in hand, old man San Shang would completely be in Nan Yuan's pocket. Even though this was not comparable to Lu Yin's influence among the

overseers, it would still be incredibly useful in critical moments. After all, San Shang was an overseer.

Nan Yuan felt incredibly lucky that his people had accidentally discovered this child and secretly brought him to Nan Yuan. Lu Yin's carelessness would cost him dearly.

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In the Perennial World's Higher Realm, there was a mountain valley that was shaped like it had been formed by a massive hand. At this moment, it was densely packed with cultivators. They numbered at least a million, and more cultivators were on their way.

"Brother Rong, are you here too?" A person racing through a forest called out in a tone of surprise to someone nearby.

The second figure stopped. They were a young man, and he looked towards the person who had called out to him as joy quickly covered his face. "Brother Wei?"

"Haha, Brother Rong, I knew that you'd come, but I didn't expect to meet you so quickly!" Brother Wei answered excitedly.

"Of course! How could I fail to show up for something like eliminating the last bastard of the Lu family? Long ago, one of my Rong family's most talented ancestors was anointed as a Champion by someone from the Lu family, which humiliated my Rong family. I must avenge that humiliation!" Brother Rong gritted his teeth as he spoke.

Brother Wei sighed. "It's true, the Lu family offended too many people. The four ruling powers took advantage of the White Dragon Rolls Over to exile the Lu family, but no one expected that bastard Lu Xiaoxuan to still be alive. He even managed to stir up the entire universe! He has to be chopped into a thousand pieces in order to appease our ancestors."

"The Lu family has committed too many sins. Of the millions of cultivators in this valley, who doesn't hate the Lu family? Who doesn't want to personally kill Lu Xiaoxuan?" Brother Rong asked excitedly.

As the two spoke, Brother Rong was dazed by someone stepping on his head. They forced half of his body into the ground, and he was unable to react at all.

Only the word "Sorry" was shouted behind, as the culprit was already long gone.

Brother Rong was left stunned, and his eyes had glazed over. It took him a bit to recover. "Wei- Brother Wei, what just happened?"

Brother Wei's cheek twitched. "Um... someone just stepped on you."

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Brother Rong became furious, and he leaped out of the ground. "Who was it? Who dared to step on me?"

"I'm pretty sure that that was Xia Taili," Brother Wei hesitantly replied.

Brother Rong was taken aback. "Xia Taili? The Xia family's little princess?"

Brother Wei nodded.

Brother Rong felt helpless. There was absolutely nothing that he could do if Xia Taili had really stepped on him. He could only accept that he had been stepped on. After all, when it came to Xia Taili, even if he ignored her background, he was no match for her personal strength, and he really could do nothing about getting revenge.

"Brother Rong, look! Isn't that Xia Shenfei, one of the four Junior Progenitors?" Brother Wei exclaimed.

Brother Rong quickly looked over, and he was far from the only one who looked up. Millions of others did the same thing as three people appeared overhead. They were Xia Shenfei, Wang Su, and Long Tian. Junior Progenitor Bai Shaohong had died, but the other three had been rescued, and they had all arrived.

"Rumors claim that Lu Xiaoxuan, under the alias of Long Qi, ruthlessly suppressed all four of the Junior Progenitors in the Dominion Realm. Not only did he kill Bai Shaohong, but he also stripped all four of them and stole a lot of treasures. He really is brutal," someone commented.

"Yeah, even though I hate the Lu family, I have to admit that Lu Xiaoxuan was certainly powerful enough. Even the four Junior Progenitors were like little kids when facing him."

"He was so young back then, but Lu Xiaoxuan was still much older than the Junior Progenitors. He was one of the Seven Heroes, who were from the same generation as the Celestial Frost Sect's fairy, Bai Xian'er. I have no idea what happened for him to become like he is now."

"For the four Junior Progenitors to show up here and now, they must want to get revenge."

"By the way, who just said that those four got stripped? Does that mean that even Wang Su was stripped?"

"Shhh! You're asking to die!"

In the sky above, there was a stern expression on Long Tian's face. Xia Shenfei was swinging a gourd full of wine around while looking around for a place to land. As for Wang Su, she looked calm, and it was impossible to know what was on her mind.

A group of people appeared outside the mountain valley. They were led by Elder Luo Zhong, and there was also a large number of the Celestial Frost Sect's disciples following him, including both Yu Chen and Liu Shaoge.

Liu Shaoge looked down at the valley. Were they about to go back? The war's about to begin, Brother Lu, and we'll meet each other once more.

Yu Chen's eyes were terribly cold. After Bai Shaohong had died, her status within the Celestial Frost Sect had plummeted. Now, she was nothing more than a mere maid.

Further up, Bai Laogui met with Wang Si.

"At first, our Progenitor intended to make a move, but when that little bastard broke through to become an Envoy and caused space to overlap, we all saw that he was being supported by a Progenitor. So, our ancestor had no choice but to abandon that plan. Instead, we will conquer the Forsaken Land and force them to hand that little beast over. This is not some simple idle talk, so your Wang family needs to be ready to take action," Bai Laogui said.

Wang Si's eyes flickered with a cold light. "I want that bastard dead even more than you, but his death is not our only goal. A place called Burial Garden opened, and that place contains ancient inheritances. That place is also another goal."

"I never expected the Forsaken Land to possess a bit of a background. Even inheritances of the legendary Ancient Progenitors showed up! Still, we need to crush that little bastard before all else."

"Naturally."

Elsewhere in the mountain valley, Wang Dashuai was surrounded by numerous guards and felt quite miserable.

He felt that his life was too pitiful, especially after he ran into Long Qi. It was almost as if he had fallen into a cesspit. It would have been much better for him if he had just stayed in the Yinshan District and bickered with Mo Gaohe. Ah, those times had been wonderful. Wang Dashuai missed Mo Gaohe...

Was the ancestors' tomb perhaps dug up? Wang Dashuai had an evil thought that his Wang family's tomb had been ransacked.

There was a slap as Wang Yun smacked Wang Dashuai on the head. "What are you looking at, traitor?"

Wang Dashuai pulled his head back, and he did not dare to say anything at all in reply. When had he even looked at her? What horseshit!

Wang Yun snorted and looked around the valley. "There are people from the Nong and Liu families here. Some of them have to be secretly helping that Lu Xiaoxuan. I have no idea if anyone from Specter Abyss has managed to sneak in either."

"They must have," Wang Su replied.

Wang Yun was startled to hear the response, and she excitedly turned to see Wang Su. "Sister Su!"

Wang Su nodded. "There are definitely people from the Nong family keeping an eye on things, but we can also use them to determine Lu Xiaoxuan's whereabouts."

She then glanced over at Wang Dashuai. "You also have a chance to redeem yourself here. You never helped Lu Xiaoxuan after he was exposed and everyone started to curse and condemn him. If you manage to accomplish something worthwhile, you can even earn your freedom back."

Wang Dashuai became ecstatic at this news. "Really? Junior Progenitor Su, you don't need to worry! I'll definitely find that Long Qi!"

Wang Yun hated this fatty...

In the Neoverse, Lu Yin suddenly appeared at the bottom of a river.

He had spent nearly a year training in the Timestop Space, though only a single second had passed in the outside world.

Inverse Step was not an easy technique to train, and Lu Yin had no idea how long Progenitor Chen must have trained to reach such an impressive level of mastery. Lu Yin had not made much progress over the course of the last year, but he had at least surpassed Qian Zou.

Merely achieving the same level as Qian Zou would not make Inverse Step worthy of Lu Yin's time and efforts. No, his goal was to recreate the chaotic time and space in his surroundings, just as Progenitor Chen's clone had done. Lu Yin's Knowing realm of Truesight had been bypassed with Inverse Step while Progenitor Chen had merely been an Enlighter.

He needed to keep going. Lu Yin looked up and raised a hand. His die slowly stopped spinning, and it landed six pips.

His eyes lit up. He had not removed his cosmic ring and set it aside before rolling his die this time as he had no qualms about rolling Possession.

He entered that strange, dark space filled with the numerous glowing balls at varying levels of brightness. He immediately chose the brightest orb and merged with it.

He opened his eyes. Where was he? In the Astral River on the ark?

"This Astral River is quite impressive. It doesn't even fall behind the middle ocean," an emotional voice commented.

Lu Yin was stunned. The Middle Ocean? He turned and looked into a familiar face. Sister Fei Hua? I actually Possessed Liu Ye!

"What's wrong?" Sister Fei Hua stretched out a hand to gently caress "Liu Ye's" face.

"Liu Ye" twitched when he saw the affectionate look on Fei Hua's face, and it took Lu Yin a moment to accept what he was looking at. Was this woman really the fierce Fei Hua that he had once known?

"It's nothing. I'm just a bit tired," "Liu Ye" replied.

Fei Hua agreed. "It was indeed quite exhausting to fight against that massive praying mantis a bit ago, but we didn't have any choice. We have to follow the conditions that we agreed to before leaving Mt. Microcosms, or else we would have never been allowed to go free. I just never expected the Great Eastern Alliance to actually endure. I still find it hard to believe that they managed to push the Astral Beast Domain's invasion back."

"Liu Ye" said nothing as Lu Yin was currently processing a flood of memories, all of which belonged to Liu Ye. Lu Yin caught some glimpses of what Liu Ye had experienced throughout his life, experienced the man's feelings, and even gained some insight into the man's relationship with Fei Hua. Lu Yin instantly grew uncomfortable. There were some memories that were very unsuitable for any outsiders to see.

Hurry up! Lu Yin did not want Fei Hua to get bored or impatient with his lack of response.

"Honestly, I feel like Lu Yin's rather impressive. What do you think?" "Liu Ye" asked Fei Hua.

The woman was taken aback for a moment, and she replied, "Him? Rather impressive?"

"Liu Ye" became very serious as he explained, "Even if you look everywhere in this place, or even across the entire universe, who else is as talented and impressive? Who else has a bright future? You also saw how dozens of Envoys appeared on the Astral Beast Domain's side when they tried to invade the Outerverse, but despite having several monsters with power levels of over a million, they were still repelled by the Great Eastern Alliance that Lu Yin leads. Honestly, there's no one who can compare to the youth even from where we're from."

"The four Junior Progenitors each relied on the powers behind them to reach their level of strength, but Lu Yin rose up to surpass them despite starting on an ordinary planet and only cultivating for a few decades. Even I can't help but have some respect for him."

Fei Hua gave Liu Ye an odd look and could not help herself from reaching out and pressing a hand to her partner's forehead. "Are you sure that you're feeling alright? That kid's sneaky and manipulative, not to mention Kui Luo's heir. How much has that old man done to us? It's not easy to get rid of that kid, but you're not saying that you want to continue relying on him, are you?"

"Liu Ye" set a hand on Fei Hua's shoulder and somberly replied, "It's better to follow someone who has a bright future. Huahua, we both know that we can't go back, and our only way forward in this Fifth Mainland is by following Lu Yin. Otherwise, our only option will be to constantly be watched by that Hall of Honor, and any mistakes that we make will incur consequences countless times more severe than they should be."

"Why must we follow him? Given our strength, we can definitely live in hiding. No one would be able to disturb us." Fei Hua was very unhappy with the direction of this conversation, and she felt that Liu Ye's behavior was very unusual, and he was also looking at her oddly.

"Liu Ye" frowned. Was there something wrong with what he had said?

"Regardless, I've decided to follow Lu Yin. Only by doing so can we return to the Perennial World. Don't you want to go back home?"

"I do, but no matter how powerful he becomes, he will never have the courage to go near the Perennial World again. The four ruling powers will absolutely kill him, which means that it's impossible for us to ever return."

"Alright, that's enough! I've already made the decision!" "Liu Ye" shouted as he shot a fierce stare at Fei Hua. Suddenly, Lu Yin lost consciousness and then returned to the strange, dark space for a moment before returning to his own body.

Lu Yin opened his eyes and blew out a long breath. How much weight would the words that he had spoken from Liu Ye's mouth be? He won't get his ass kicked by Sister Fei Hua, will he? Eh, it doesn't matter. It's got nothing to do with me, and I can also count this as a win for Liu Ye.

From the memories that Lu Yin had seen, Liu Ye normally followed Fei Hua's desires in most matters.

However, the memories that Lu Yin had accessed had also given him information about one place that he was quite concerned about: Specter Abyss.

Specter Abyss was the Perennial World's equivalent of the Specter clan. Their exact location was a secret in the Perennial World, and only some of the most powerful groups were aware of that information. Most cultivators were not qualified to know where Specter Abyss lay hidden.

However, Liu Ye and Fei Hua had been to Specter Abyss and even escaped from there.

Lu Yin raised his hand and brought his die back out. He put the previous matter out of mind as he needed to continue his own training. He tapped the die, and it slowly stopped. Six pips.

Lu Yin was stunned. Back-to-back Possessions? That almost never happened!

His consciousness returned to the dark space, and he did not hesitate at all to choose the closest and brightest orb that he could see. When his vision cleared, he found himself next to a pond.

This place looked rather familiar... Wait, isn't this the pond in the Sword Sect?

Memories poured into Lu Yin's mind, and he was left speechless when he realized that he had Possessed Liu Qianjue.

However, after a moment's thought, Lu Yin realized that Liu Qianjue had a very similar power level to Liu Ye and Fei Hua. Given Lu Yin's increase in strength from his recent breakthrough, these powerhouses really were the most suited targets for his Possession ability.

The fishing rod in his hands twitched, and "Liu Qianjue" instinctively reeled in what had been caught. He ended up pulling in a strange, green-eyed creature that resembled a frog that was very aggressive.

"Sect Master, our sect's reputation has increased greatly after joining the Great Eastern Alliance. While many of our disciples died during the Outerverse war, many others have experienced breakthroughs. Even Elder Lianxin is seeing signs of a breakthrough, and she reports that she will likely face her second stellar tribulation soon." Elder Li stood behind Liu Qianjue as he respectfully delivered a report on the Sword Sect's affairs.

"Liu Qianjue" replied, "A battlefield where people risk their lives is the best place to rapidly advance one's strength and comprehension. There's nothing wrong with acknowledging our place within the Great Eastern Alliance."

Elder Li was taken aback at this response, and he gazed at Liu Qianjue's back in confusion. Hasn't Sect Master always held a grudge against the Great Eastern Alliance? Why is he saying that it's not bad to recognize our position?