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"Liu Qianjue" tossed the violent frog-like creature back into the pond and calmly said, "Immediately put together a list of our most outstanding disciples and deliver it to the Great Eastern Alliance. This war in the Outerverse not only ended with the Great Eastern Alliance stopping the Astral Beast Domain's invasion, but they also wrested control of the Outerverse's eastern weaves back from the Sixth Mainland. Dozens of Envoys were mobilized for this war, and nothing can stop Lu Yin's progress anymore. Given the situation, my Sword Sect cannot fall behind any others.

"Release an announcement to the entire sect that we will henceforth be known as the Great Eastern Alliance's Sword Sect. The name of the Great Eastern Alliance needs to be added to our own."

Elder Li was truly stunned. "Sect Master, this-"

"Liu Qianjue" turned his head back to stare at Elder Li, and the Envoy's powerful aura instantly overwhelmed Elder Li. "What? Do you not want to do as you're told?"

Elder Li dropped to his knees, sweat beading on his forehead. "I don't dare! This disciple will take care of this immediately."

"Liu Qianjue" nodded with satisfaction. "Also, tell Lianxin that if she insists on not joining the Great Eastern Alliance, then she must remove herself from the Sword Sect. We will not indulge her any longer."

With that, Lu Yin's consciousness separated from the Possession and returned to his own body. He felt quite refreshed by what he had just done.

Elder Li would probably be completely befuddled, and if the elder carried out the orders that Lu Yin had just given, that confusion would be passed on to the entire Sword Sect. No, it would extend to the entire Innerverse. In particular, what Lu Yin had said regarding Elder Lianxin would have serious consequences. The woman was clearly devoted to the Sword Sect, but she would be pushed away from it and forced to become an independent cultivator.

These two Possessions had burned through about 100 million star essence. It was not much for Lu Yin, but both Possessions had been of people within the Innerverse. If Lu Yin had instead Possessed someone from the Perennial World, it would have consumed an astronomical amount of star essence.

Lu Yin was in no rush to roll his die again, and he quietly sat on the riverbed for ten days, resting before he was able to roll his die again.

Timestop was an easy roll to get on Lu Yin's die, as Pilfer was the only result that came up more often.

When Lu Yin returned to the Timestop Space, he did not rush to resume training Inverse Step, but instead continued rolling his die. He had remembered that there was something that he wanted to Enhance: the pill skin that he had received from Herb Immortal. The Semi-Progenitor had mentioned that the pill skin was already able to defend against attacks with power levels of a million, and Lu Yin had recently lost his bodysuit armor. If he ran into a powerful opponent, he would be in danger, especially since only old freaks with power levels of over a million could pose any real threat given his current strength.

Given the fact that Lu Yin was already in the Timestop Space, there was no chance that he would not be able to roll three pips.

His first roll was Gift Copy, which was useless at the moment.

Next, he rolled Pilfer, which was also useless.

The third roll was Blackhole Disassembly, and while Lu Yin did not initially intend to use it, it reminded him of all the items that First Edition City had sent him to be Disassembled.

Then, Lu Yin remembered something else as well: the metal from the Absolute Beast Cage.

The cage had been made from a strange metal that had once nearly destroyed the entire Fourth Mainland, and Lu Yin wondered if the shards that he had gathered could be Disassembled. So, he quickly pulled out a fragment from his cosmic ring.

He had asked the Sixth Mainland to gather a bunch of fragments of the shattered Absolute Beast Cage for him. Of those fragments, he had stored some away in his cosmic ring, sent some to be stored in Frostwave Weave, and then sent another batch to First Edition City, as the Technocracy was very anxious to acquire this particular metal.

Since the cage had been made of metal, it should be possible to Disassemble it. Lu Yin took the piece that he had pulled out and placed it on the vortex in front of him, but the metal simply fell to the ground. It could not be Disassembled after all.

This was the first time that Lu Yin's Blackhole Disassembly had failed, and it indicated that the fragment was either not actually metal or was already in its purest state and could not be Disassembled to a more refined state.

Was it actually metal? Lu Yin stared at the shard in his hand. If it could not be Disassembled, then could it be Enhanced?

He spent ten days in the Timestop Space resting before rolling his die again. His luck was good, and the roll was three pips.

Lu Yin pulled the pill skin back out and set it atop the upper light screen while wondering if the odd substance could be Enhanced. He threw out a massive amount of star essence; he had a feeling that, if the pill skin could be improved, it would cost an absurd amount.

10 million. 50 million. 100 million. Star essence was consumed voraciously before the pill skin finally dropped down slightly. Though it had barely moved, the fact that it had moved at all proved that it could be Enhanced.

Lu Yin did some rough estimates, and based on how far the pill skin had fallen, it would cost him at least 4 billion star essence to finish this first upgrade.

How insane!

The further Lu Yin's strength progressed, the more valuable the items he picked up, and subsequently, the more expensive it became to Enhance those items.

It was not unreasonable for Lu Yin to possess an item that could affect a battle that involved cultivators with power levels of over a million, and paying 4 billion star essence to acquire such an item was not unacceptable. This thought removed Lu Yin's hesitation. Besides, he still had almost 30 billion star essence, and he could get even more from the Mavis Bank, which meant that he was far from being short on funds for the time being.

4 billion star essence was consumed, and the pill skin finally fell down from the two screens of light. Lu Yin picked it up and squeezed it with a great deal of strength, but he was unable to do anything to it at all.

Before being Enhanced, the pill skin had been able to endure attacks with power levels of a million, but afterwards, it was no longer able to even be damaged by such attacks.

A power level of 1 million was a milestone, and breaking past that point was far more difficult than breaking through to the Envoy realm.

It should be possible to Enhance the pill skin yet again, so Lu Yin threw it back out and started dumping more star essence on the screens. This second upgrade cost him more than 7 billion star essence, for a total of almost 12 billion star essence. The pill skin had become thicker, and while it was still quite ugly: it looked like a poncho.

Lu Yin did not know if the pill skin could be upgraded any further, but he put it away for the time being and instead pulled out a shard from the Absolute Beast Cage and started tossing out star essence to improve it. He watched with both curiosity and high expectations.

The metal of the beast cage could indeed be improved, which made Lu Yin's eyes light up. He started to crazily throw out massive amounts of star essence.

200 million. It took a full 200 million star essence to Enhance a single shard of the metal from the Absolute Beast Cage once. The metal showed no real changes aside from becoming a bit bigger.

Lu Yin actually had no idea what he could gain from this metal, and he was merely curious. He wanted to see for himself what sort of thing had once brought a catastrophe upon the Fourth Mainland, as there was no way that the modern Absolute Beast Cage resembled that ancient terror.

He continued to upgrade the metal.

The second upgrade cost him 400 million star essence.

The third, 800 million.

The fourth, 1.5 billion.

The fifth, 3.2 billion.

The metal grew a bit bigger every time it was improved, and after the fifth upgrade, it twisted upon itself to form a ring before beginning to radiate a dim light.

Lu Yin quietly observed the ring, and at this moment, it seemed more like something alive than a piece of metal.

Suddenly, the metal from the Absolute Beast Cage jolted and shot towards Lu Yin. He raised a hand and grabbed it out of the air, only to feel a bit of pain from his palm. After looking, he saw sharp spines protruding from the ring, clearly trying to pierce through his skin. However, Lu Yin's physique was too powerful, and the spines could not break through his skin. All that they could do was induce a bit of pain, though the spines were sharp enough to stab through most Envoys.

Lu Yin remembered that this metal was supposedly able to grow and become stronger by consuming flesh and blood.

The massive Absolute Beast Cage had been tough enough that even Emphyrean Imprinters had struggled to destroy it, and the legends claimed that the piece of metal

that had threatened the Fourth Mainland had been as large as half of the entire Outerverse.

At least, this was what Lu Yin had heard from Ya Mavis, who had obtained the information from the Mavis family's ancient records. Lu Yin did not actually know how true the information was.

As he stared at the piece of metal, Lu Yin could sense that it only desired to consume his flesh and blood.

This thing was a scourge. His eyes turned hard, and he wanted to destroy the bit of metal, but then he remembered something that caused a smile to slowly spread across his face. This metal had been a disaster for the Fourth Mainland, and it could do the same elsewhere. The key aspect was how this scourge was used.

Besides, Lu Yin had just spent around 6 billion star essence upgrading this piece of metal, so simply destroying it would be a waste of his funds.

After putting the ring away, Lu Yin checked his cosmic ring. What he discovered put an ugly expression on his face. Enhancing just two items had burned through more than half of his funds. Although he still had more than 10 billion star essence left, it was insufficient for his current level.

Also, he realized that it was important to find an even larger cosmic ring so that he could store more resources. The bigger, the better.

Despite becoming an Envoy, Lu Yin realized that his need for star essence had not diminished in the slightest. Instead, it had grown even larger than before, which was truly a ridiculous concept.

It was time to train, so Lu Yin returned to practicing Inverse Step.

The feats he had seen Progenitor Chen's clone accomplish with this movement technique had made Lu Yin obsessed with it.

After almost another year of training in the Timestop Space, Lu Yin rolled his die once more and continued training.

Over the next two weeks, Lu Yin rolled his die repeatedly, and he ended up using Timestop five times. He rarely trained this frantically, and all of this time was spent focusing on Inverse Step.

Using Timestop five times meant that Lu Yin had practiced the movement technique for nearly five consecutive years.

After this time, Qian Zou could not compare to Lu Yin's own mastery of Inverse Step, and Lu Yin had actually reached the level of being able to create a small area of chaotic space. He had actually reached the same level of mastery that Progenitor Chen had accomplished as a peak Enlightener. However, everyone comprehended techniques in their own unique way, so Lu Yin had no idea if there was some difference in his use of Inverse Step and what Progenitor Chen had achieved.

Lu Yin started to carefully review what he had seen when Progenitor Chen's clone had used Inverse Step during the stellar tribulation. Right, Lu Yin had also forgotten that he still had some Roots of Intelligence. Even if they were merely rip-offs, they were still able to calm his mind and help him focus.

Lu Yin drank a cup of tea that he prepared from a Root of Intelligence, and he started to review his battle against Progenitor Chen again.

After training in the movement technique and also facing it in battle, Lu Yin's understanding of Inverse Step was lightyears apart compared to when he had first observed the technique.

He closed his eyes and focused on his memories of his stellar tribulation. Specifically, he returned to the first time he had seen Progenitor Chen's clone approach him with Inverse Step. Everything around the clone had grown chaotic and changed, even space itself. Even... time.

Lu Yin's eyes snapped open. Time? Yes, time had also been influenced.

Truesight was a truly miraculous cultivation art, and it was incredibly difficult to overcome it once a practitioner reached the Knowing realm of mastery. And yet, not only had Progenitor Chen's use of Inverse Step affected the nearby space, but he had also managed to reverse time, which had disrupted Lu Yin's use of Truesight, even though it had reached the Knowing realm of mastery.

Time was something that everyone was aware of, but it was also something that no one could influence or even touch. It was a vague and powerful concept. After all, who could control time?

Wendy Yushan's innate gift was Rewind, and it actually rewound time itself.

That was all she did, and yet during ZENITH, Wendy had managed to shatter Zhi Yi's Vitality Qi despite the Daosource Three Skies outclassing Wendy Yushan multiple times over.

Time was also connected to divination. Everyone wished to master the power of time, and Inverse Step could allow one to touch time.

Lu Yin started thinking. For Progenitor Chen to reach such a high level of mastery at the peak of the Enlighter realm, just how long had he trained Inverse Step?

Lu Yin needed to keep practicing. If he was not able to match Progenitor Chen's accomplishment with five years of training, then he would do so with ten years. If that was insufficient, then he would train for twenty years. Lu Yin did not believe that it was impossible for him to achieve the same thing as Progenitor Chen.

Progenitor Chen was extremely talented, but he had also relied on the Nine Clones Secret Technique. One of those nine clones had been completely dedicated to mastering Inverse Step. As such, Lu Yin believed that, without the Nine Clones Secret Technique, Progenitor Chen would not have been able to master Inverse Step so thoroughly as just an Enlighter.

The Nine Clones Secret Technique was almost as much of a cheat tool as Lu Yin's own Timestop.

Lu Yin wanted to keep rolling his die, but he suddenly received a message from the overseers' council. However, since Lu Yin was in a pocket dimension, he was not able to access the contents of the message.

After a moment's thought, Lu Yin left the pocket space and returned to the asteroid field. He accessed his gadget only to find messages and missed calls from many people. Most importantly, Big Sis had met with Nan Yuan.

While Lu Yin had been training in Inverse Step, Lei Qingqing, Big Sis, had arrived at Mt. Microcosms.

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Big Sis had already promised Lu Yin that she would become an overseer. Specifically, the prospect of using that position to fleece people in a manner that surpassed the Pirate King had left Big Sis quite excited about her upcoming time on Mt. Microcosms.

However, she had run into Nan Yuan almost immediately after arriving at Mt. Microcosms.

Lu Yin had already proposed to have Lei Qingqing be given a seat as an overseer, but Nan Yuan had objected before even knowing who Lei Qingqing actually was. However, he had since learned exactly who held that name.

Naturally, Nan Yuan had started mocking Big Sis when he saw her step onto Mt. Microcosms.

Nan Yuan believed that everyone he interacted with had to be someone of status. Even if everyone he knew was constantly plotting and scheming against each other, they all maintained a certain sense of public decorum and kept their skeletons safely hidden from view. However, Nan Yuan had misunderstood Big Sis. She could not compare to the people whom Nan Yuan was used to interacting with. Big Sis was part of Leon's Armada, and she was actually the captain of one of his subordinate crews. In particular, Big Sis was someone who truly idolized the position of the Pirate King. How could anyone who was chasing after the title of Pirate King allow another person to publicly humiliate them?

Thus, Big Sis had retaliated, and she had instantly tried to kill Nan Yuan. In fact, he would have died without question if Mt. Microcosms' protectors had not acted so quickly.

No one had even imagined that Big Sis's temper would be so bad. Even on Mt. Microcosms, she had attacked the moment she had been insulted, and this was despite the fact that she was fully aware that she could not be considered a powerhouse at such a place and was far from untouchable.

Even though Nan Yuan did not end up dying, he was badly wounded. Big Sis had knocked all of the man's teeth out of his head, and he had lost all of his dignity as an overseer. When had he ever met such a lunatic before? Hadn't he only taunted the woman a bit? It had only been a bit of wordplay and posturing, so why had that woman acted so violently?

The incident left Nan Yuan completely furious, and he immediately launched a frenzied mission to get revenge. He even went so far as to immediately send Mt. Microcosms' protectors to arrest Big Sis.

However, Big Sis was not an easy opponent. Not only was she supported by Lu Yin, but she also had Eversky Island behind her. Various overseers stepped forward, and they quickly reached a deadlock on the issue.

Nan Yuan was the overseer who represented the Court of Seven Names. How could he silently accept such an insult? He immediately put forth a proposal to the overseers' council to have Big Sis punished for her actions. After all, Nan Yuan was one of the overseers, and if any one of them was slapped down in such a manner, it would demean the entire council and be a slap in the face to the Hall of Honor itself.

Not even San Liang could deny this logic. It was indisputable that Big Sis had slapped Overseer Nan Yuan in the head, and her attack had even been witnessed by many people.

For this reason, both San Liang and Bu Laoweng called in "sick," and their condition was much worse than before. It was said that the two were but a single breath away from death.

Nan Yuan was enraged at their behavior as it was clear the two were merely employing crude delaying tactics to put off the meeting. Nan Yuan had no other choice but to order Big Sis to be kept under close supervision. At the same time, he said some brazen things, like that if no word was soon given regarding this matter, he would stoop as low as to his overseer's privilege to force Big Sis to receive punishment.

Big Sis had publicly struck Overseer Nan Yuan, and this was an issue that was difficult for her to get out of. After all, if there was no accounting for this blatant show of disrespect, the overseers' council would be demeaned in the public eye.

Zi Jing, Yang Ji, and Si Hong would not help Lu Yin with this matter, as there was too much on the line.

Lu Yin was rather speechless when he received the report. Big Sis's fiery temper was unlike anyone else's, and Nan Yuan had really been unlucky this time. While antagonizing others would not necessarily be a good choice, he had made the grievous mistake of provoking Big Sis. The man was truly lucky to have kept his life.

All of the overseers had tried to call Lu Yin, and Nan Yuan had sent more than ten messages, each one urging Lu Yin to return to Mt. Microcosms to participate in an overseers' meeting.

Lu Yin quickly called San Liang.

"Alliance Leader Lu, I'm glad to finally hear from you." San Liang heaved a sigh of relief.

Lu Yin said, "How are things going? Is Lei Qingqing okay?"

"She's fine. She's being watched by Mt. Microcosms' protectors, and while she has been imprisoned, she's been given excellent treatment and food. But Boss, this Big Sis of yours is too vicious! You haven't seen how badly she beat Nan Yuan! He's truly lucky to be alive." San Liang was scared of Lu Yin, but he was not trying to hide the fact that he was also quite upset with Big Sis's behavior.

Overseers were supposed to be people of high means and dignity, not brutes who dealt out brutal beatings. This woman was clearly unsuited to becoming an overseer.

Lu Yin indifferently responded, "That's none of your concern. She's my senior, and you'll call her Big Sis whenever you meet her in the future."

San Liang was stunned. Big Sis? Was he supposed to call her that even on Mt. Microcosms? He wanted to refuse, but he did not dare to actually speak back to Lu Yin.

Even in the past, San Liang had not had the courage to stand up to Lu Yin, and he had only grown warier of the youth as time passed. The war between the Great Eastern Alliance and the Astral Beast Domain had shocked the entire Fifth Mainland. Lu Yin wielded enough power to challenge even the Astral Beast Domain. Throughout the entire Human Domain, not even monstrous powers like the Cosmic Sect and others in the Neoverse could compare to Lu Yin. His power and influence had climbed too high.

"Understood, Alliance Leader Lu," San Liang replied. "In that case, what are we going to do about Big Sis?"

"I've got this covered," Lu Yin said before ending the call. He thought for a bit and then called Nan Yuan.

At this moment, Nan Yuan was in an excellent mood. While he had initially been furious that he had been attacked by Lei Qingqing, he had eventually realized what an excellent opportunity her actions had given him. After this, how would she ever be able to become an overseer? No matter what sort of pull Lu Yin might possess, it would be impossible for him to thrust the woman into the position of overseer. Not only would Nan Yuan not need to fight against the woman's bid to become an overseer, but he could also use her attack against her. After all, who would ever believe that such a thuggish woman was not a pirate?

As Nan Yuan was thinking of such plans, his gadget beeped. He glanced at it, arched a brow, but then a smug grin spread across his face. "Overseer Lu, it's been quite a while."

"Overseer Nan Yuan, I heard that you got beaten?" Lu Yin said, sounding a bit surprised.

Nan Yuan sneered, "Did you not hear, Overseer Lu? I was attacked by that Lei Qingqing that you recommended to become the final overseer. That woman's a brute! She attacked me as soon as I spoke just a few words! I wonder, what do you think of this?"

Lu Yin blinked. "What else could I think? I find it a true pity."

Nan Yuan showed a small smile. "That's perfectly accurate. It's such a pity that your best candidate to become an overseer turned out to be such a person, Overseer Lu."

A smile appeared on Lu Yin's face as well. "That's not what I meant at all. I meant that it's a pity that you didn't die."

Nan Yuan's expression instantly changed, and his voice dropped low. "Honestly, I also find it quite a pity that you weren't devoured by those beasts when they attacked the Outerverse."

"Too bad for you. You'd better suck up what happened with Lei Qingqing, or else you'll end up completely out of luck," Lu Yin threatened.

Nan Yuan sneered. "Lu Yin, you've become far too arrogant after your fight with the Astral Beast Domain. Do you really think that you can go against my Seven Courts just because you were able to stop the Astral Beast Domain? You received outside support from the Cosmic Sect, the Mavis family, and even the Hall of Honor. Do you actually think that you pulled that off with your own abilities? My Seven Courts couldn't care less about your Great Eastern Alliance!"

"Then go ahead and try. I better hear that Lei Qingqing is safe and sound when I get to Mt. Microcosms, or else you'll have to pay the price." With that, Lu Yin hung up. The smile grew bigger and bigger on his face, as he was absolutely certain that Nan Yuan had to be raging at this moment.

On Mt. Microcosms, Nan Yuan was indeed furious at this moment, and he smashed his table with a hand, anger burning in his eyes. "Lu Yin, you're too hateful! You had me beat in public, and now you're demanding that I silently accept it? Do you really believe that you can cover the sky with one hand? I want to see just how you're going to protect Lei Qingqing!"

He then glanced towards a certain courtyard. It happened to be the place where Bo was currently walking about.

Nan Yuan's expression changed once again, and his smile returned. Lu Yin, you're not the only one manipulating the council!

Given the current situation, San Liang and Bu Laoweng would not be able to keep up the act of being incapacitated for very long, which meant that Lu Yin needed to make his way to Mt. Microcosms as soon as possible.

Not only did he want to deal with the matters regarding the overseers' council, but he also wanted to check on Arch-Elder Zen's attitude towards him.

After Lu Yin had passed his stellar tribulation, space had overlapped, and the Perennial World's desire to kill Lu Yin had increased more than ever. They would soon launch their war on the Fifth Mainland, and that war would be far more dangerous than the one that Lu Yin had waged against the Astral Beast Domain. It was vital that Lu Yin determine Arch-Elder Zen's attitude.

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With the Second Nightking leading him, Lu Yin was able to reach Mt. Microcosms at the fastest speed possible.

Both Bu Laoweng and San Liang were miraculously cured as soon as Lu Yin arrived, and the overseers were able to hold a standard meeting.

This was Lu Yin's second time participating in an overseers' council in person on Mt. Microcosms. His first time had been when Nan Yuan had tried to propose that Leaf King take the empty overseer post as the Inniverse representative, and this second time was also because of Nan Yuan's machinations.

There would not be a third time.

One by one, the overseers took their seats. Lu Yin was the last one to step into the room.

Instantly, the atmosphere in the room became a bit more tense.

Zi Jing was the first to speak. "Alliance Leader Lu, congratulations on your victory in the Outerverse war. Not only did you stop the Astral Beast Domain's invasion, but you also managed to reclaim control of the eastern weaves."

Lu Yin smiled. "Thank you. I also would like to offer my gratitude to your CyNet for all the help during the war."

When the Great Eastern Alliance had stepped out to defend the Outerverse from the Astral Beast Domain's invasion, countless people on the network had started mocking the alliance and Lu Yin. CyNet had blocked many accounts belonging to the naysayers, and those actions had prevented public opinion from completely destroying Lu Yin and the alliance. After the astral beasts had been routed, praise for Lu Yin and the Great Eastern Alliance was all that could be found anywhere on the network, and this was also due to CyNet's efforts.

Zi Jing smiled back. "We only did as we should. The Great Eastern Alliance was out there fighting to the death to defend the people of the Outerverse, and while we did not step onto the battlefield, we still had to do our part."

Lu Yin replied, "CyNet helped us tremendously, and such support was far better than the actions of others who tried to hamstring us."

San Liang dutifully turned to glance at Nan Yuan at this time, and his movement caused the other overseers to turn and look at Nan Yuan as well.

The man's expression twisted; what had he done? He had never tried to make things difficult for the Great Eastern Alliance during the war—even if he had wanted to, he would not have succeeded. He had absolutely no ability to affect the Great Eastern Alliance.

"Alright, that's enough small talk. Let's get to why we're here today."

Nan Yuan opened his mouth to continue, but suddenly, someone else spoke up. "I propose to dismiss Nan Yuan from his position as an overseer."

These unexpected words left Nan Yuan stunned, and Zi Jing, Yang Ji, Si Hong, and the others were no different. None of them had received any warning of this development.

Nan Yuan instantly realized that he was being thwarted once again. Every time he tried to do anything, he would be blocked! He glared at San Liang. "What are you going on about? Dismiss me? San Liang, have you gone mad?"

Old Man San Shang said, "Overseer San Liang, you must have a reason for this proposal, as an overseer cannot be dismissed from their position without just cause. You interrupted Overseer Nan Yuan, and you even want to have him removed from his post. I will not allow such a thing to proceed without a reasonable explanation. You need to account for your words."

Xin Jiao frowned. Why had Old Man San Shang suddenly spoken up in support of Nan Yuan?

San Liang held his head high as he turned to look at Nan Yuan. "Of course there's a reason to dismiss Nan Yuan, and it's even quite simple: Overseer Nan Yuan is suspected of kidnapping Overseer San Shang's grandson in a bid to control Senior Overseer San Shang and gain control of the overseers' council."

Everyone was startled at this accusation.

Lu Yin instantly erupted and shouted, "Nan Yuan, how dare you try to control the overseers' council!"

Nan Yuan's mind was in turmoil. How did anyone know of this matter?

Xin Jiao first looked at Nan Yuan and then at Lu Yin. San Liang was under Lu Yin's control, so everyone immediately understood that Lu Yin was the one who was really instigating this matter. Not to mention, Lu Yin was speaking in such a righteous manner despite personally controlling five of the overseers on the council. It was truly jarring to hear such hypocrisy spoken aloud.

Quickly, Xin Jiao turned to look at Old Man San Shang, and the other overseers all did the same.

San Shang frowned, and he stared at San Liang as though he were both dazed and confused by what had just been said. It looked as though San Shang was curious about how San Liang could have learned of this particular matter.

"San Liang, don't try to slander people!" Nan Yuan shouted in a rage. If such accusations were verified, there was no way he could retain his seat as an overseer.

San Liang casually lifted his gadget and brought out a display to share with everyone else present. Everyone focused on the display in the air.

It did not show anything unusual or unknown, but rather Nan Yuan's home.

Nan Yuan's expression instantly changed drastically, and he leaped to his feet while screaming, "San Liang, you dare to spy on me?"

San Liang smiled. "That's not it at all, but rather that I've been making sure to pay careful attention to you after I learned about Senior San Shang's grandson."

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"This is ridiculous!" Nan Yuan's expression looked terrible after he heard San Liang's words, but just as he was about to continue speaking, the display in the middle of the room changed. Numerous people charged into the originally quiet residence, and a fierce battle broke out between them and the people from the residence. Instantly several of the buildings were completely destroyed.

Nan Yuan's eyes went wide. He was truly furious, but he did nothing. In fact, there was nothing that he could do while in the meeting room.

The attacking cultivators quickly found Bo, and as they did so, Mt. Microcosms' protectors appeared and arrested all of the people who had participated in the attack on Nan Yuan's residence. The man himself had quickly received a report, but he had no time to concern himself with dealing with his home.

"Overseer Nan Yuan, please explain why San Shang's grandson was in your home," San Liang said with a faint smile. Everyone else in the room was also staring at Nan Yuan at this moment.

Old Man San Shang's eyes were bloodshot. In their depths, there was exhaustion and regret. He regretted pursuing the position of overseer for the third time and regretted chasing after power as doing so had led to his family's ruin.

The times had already changed. In the past, no one would ever have dared to offend an overseer. San Shang had been able to alter the path of the entire Human Domain with a single sentence, leaving even Envoys quaking in terror. Whenever he had traveled about the universe, he had been looked at with respect and admiration. These were also what had caused the old man to lose his focus. He had become drunk on that feeling of power and had been unable to accept not being an overseer.

He had used his reputation and dignity to reclaim the seat of an overseer again and again. No one had ever held the position for as many terms as San Shang. He had actually set a record for the overseers' council.

However, the times had changed. First, the Sixth Mainland had sent someone to control the old man, and then he was controlled by Lu Yin, a mere junior. After that, even Nan Yuan had tried to manipulate San Shang in a bid to counter Lu Yin's influence. The old man was exhausted and no longer wished to deal with such things. All that he wanted to do was enjoy his last years in peace while spending time with his grandson.

Facing the accusing eyes of everyone else at the table, Nan Yuan stared straight at San Shang. "I was not the one who kidnapped San Shang's grandson, but rather Lu Yin. He kidnapped that child!"

Nan Yuan suddenly turned to stare at Lu Yin. "That's right, you kidnapped the child in order to control the old man while I rescued him and gave him a better home!"

Lu Yin said nothing. This man was not worth Lu Yin's time.

"Overseer Nan Yuan, you say that Overseer Lu kidnapped the child, but what evidence do you have to prove this? Also, if you rescued the child, why didn't you send him back to me, his grandfather, instead of keeping him in your own home?" San Shang slowly asked.

Nan Yuan softly answered, "Lu Yin is cunning and skilled at playing tricks. I was afraid to send the child home as I was concerned that he would only be captured once again. That was why I had no choice but to keep the child with me. I already spoke to you about this, San Shang."

Everyone turned to look at the old man.

San Shang let out a long breath. His face suddenly looked older and more exhausted than ever, though there was also a flicker of hope that could be seen in his eyes. That hope was because of Bo. As long as Bo was not dead, San Shang had a reason to live. "Overseer Nan Yuan did indeed reach out to me."

Nan Yuan instantly looked relieved.

Lu Yin's expression did not change in the slightest, and he even shifted his attention to his gadget and started checking the breaking news.

"However, he contacted me not because he wanted to protect Bo, as he just claimed, but rather to demand my unconditional support behind all of his proposals to this council," San Shang continued to slowly say.

A smile began to spread across San Liang's face.

Nan Yuan's pupils shrank, and he screamed, "San Shang, what is this nonsense that you're spouting?"

San Shang just sighed. "Nan Yuan, you and I have worked together for many years, but such ploys are unworthy of the Seven Courts. You tried to manipulate me into doing your bidding by capturing Bo, and I was left with no choice but to ask Overseer San Liang to help me rescue my grandchild. You are the one who first captured him!"

Nan Yuan's body swayed, and his vision grew fuzzy.

The display in the air was still showing what was happening at Nan Yuan's home, and Bo was being questioned by Mt. Microcosms' protectors. At this moment, his trembling answer could be heard, "That's right, Overseer Nan Yuan killed my parents and kidnapped me in order to use me to control Grandpa! I beg you, please save me! Save me and save Grandpa!"

Nan Yuan was in a daze as he stared at the display. He watched as Bo burst into tears. Anyone would believe the child's story.

It was over. This was the end of everything. Kidnapping an overseer's family member in order to control the overseer and the council was a terrible crime. Nan Yuan also knew that this matter would not simply end with his dismissal, as the Seven Courts would not let him go. He would be punished for his stupidity.

That was the only way to describe his actions: stupid. All strength left Nan Yuan's body, and all of his followers who had tried to protect his home had broken down the moment he had been sold out.

This entire situation had been a setup from the very beginning.

Some time ago, when Nan Yuan had suddenly received word regarding Bo, the information had been passed along through Nan Yuan's own information network that he had worked to establish. The information had made him very excited, as controlling another overseer would not only increase the weight of his words on the overseers' council and improve his position there, but it would also improve his standing within the Seven Courts. The most important detail was that Nan Yuan merely needed to rescue San Shang's grandson, which meant that there would be no actions taken against the old man at all.

Nan Yuan's plan had been to save Bo, allow the child to meet with his grandfather, and after receiving San Shang's gratitude, Nan Yuan would gain control of the ancient overseer. The entire plan had been so simple.

Nan Yuan had never even considered that he might have fallen into another's trap. Bo had been nothing more than bait, bait that Nan Yuan had eagerly devoured. He had been a fish that had purposely placed itself on the fisherman's hook.

Everything that Nan Yuan had learned regarding Bo had been true, and it had even been true that San Shang was being controlled by the ones who held Bo captive. If the details had not been true, then it would have been impossible to convince Nan Yuan to make a move, but everything had been part of a greater plan. Nan Yuan had only seen the surface layer, and he had failed to see through to the depths of this scheme.

Both Nan Yuan and San Shang were nothing more than pawns to be played with by others. Even if Bo was returned to San Shang, the old overseer would still be under the control of the one who had arranged everything.

Nan Yuan looked over at Lu Yin, but Lu Yin was not paying the slightest attention to the former overseer. As far as Lu Yin was concerned, Nan Yuan no longer even existed.

"Nan Yuan, do you have anything else to say?" San Liang's expression changed as he stared at Nan Yuan with a somber expression and started shouting.

Xin Jiao could not help herself, and she turned to look at Lu Yin. Anyone with a discerning eye would realize that Nan Yuan had been manipulated, but who would help him? There was no way to help the man. The evidence against him was ironclad, and his time as an overseer had already come to an end.

Lu Yin was becoming more and more difficult to see through.

Nan Yuan smiled wryly, and he could not help himself from clapping. "Wonderful. Truly, absolutely wonderful. Such an easy win over a fellow overseer. This is indeed worthy of you, Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin finally lifted his head from his gadget and looked up at Nan Yuan. "What does this have to do with me?"

Nan Yuan looked up and blew out a long breath. "I've lost, and I can only blame myself for being too stupid. However, Alliance Leader Lu, don't forget that, even if I leave, my seat at this table will not go to you. This seat will always be reserved for the Seven Courts, and they will always have a voice here."

As soon as he finished speaking, the door to the room was shoved open, and Mt. Microcosms' protectors flooded in to arrest Nan Yuan and take him away.

The man was not just being removed from his position, as he also needed to be interrogated. Even though his punishment would not be too harsh given his affiliation with the Seven Courts, it was still necessary to follow certain protocols.

"Alliance Leader Lu, if you completely control the overseers' council, aren't you afraid that people will accuse you of being a dictator? Do you really think that the entire Human Domain will fall under your Lu surname?" Nan Yuan's voice slowly faded as he was led away.

Many people heard the former overseer's words, and they all turned to look at Lu Yin with complicated emotions.

Would the Fifth Mainland fall under the Lu surname?

It was something that they had not thought of before, but they suddenly realized that it was very close to happening.

The Great Eastern Alliance had already united both the Innaverse and Outerverse, and it had also led a war against the Astral Beast Domain. Dozens of Envoys had joined that war.

On top of that, Lu Yin himself had become an overseer, and he had seized control of the overseers' council, which allowed him to easily decide the fates of the other overseers. The overseers were the ones responsible for the administration and oversight of the Human Domain. Their decisions were unquestionable and affected the fates of both large and small organizations, altering the path of the entire Human Domain. To a certain degree, they could even sway Arch-Elder Zen's decisions.

The fact that Lu Yin controlled the overseers' council essentially meant that he controlled the means by which the Hall of Honor made decisions concerning the rest of the universe.

Lu Yin had both the position and the actual power needed.

As for the Cosmic Sea, it posed no obstacle to Lu Yin. Once the Great Eastern Alliance finally entered the Neoverse, who would be able to stop them? Was the Fifth Mainland really that close to falling under the Lu surname's control?

There were certain things that were not terrifying to carry out, but rather were terrifying to think about. The more one considered such matters, the more frightening they became.

Lu Yin had not expected Nan Yuan to leave such a comment as he was being dragged off. Given the current situation and the circumstances under which Nan Yuan had been taken down, his final words were easily able to cause many people to start thinking hard.

The room fell completely silent, and the atmosphere grew rather awkward.

At this moment, there was more movement from outside the room, and the door was pushed back open. Big Sis boldly entered the meeting room.

Due to her cultivation art, Big Sis's appearance frequently changed, which caused Lu Yin no end of stress as he never knew what the woman was going to look like.

When he saw her enter the room, Lu Yin let out a sigh of relief. Luckily, Big Sis had a normal appearance this time. Lu Yin quickly stood from his chair and gave Big Sis an ingratiating smile. "Big Sis, you're here."

The other overseers were all taken aback, as they had never seen Lu Yin act so submissively to anyone at all.

Big Sis let out a derisive snort. "Quit putting on a show and acting so dumb in front of me. Where's Nan Yuan?"

"He was just taken away and locked up. He's done for," Lu Yin replied.

Big Sis nodded, her eyes cold. "He got lucky then."

With that, the overseers all stared in astonishment as she kicked Nan Yuan's chair and shattered it. "Get a new one. This one's dirty."

San Liang quickly stood up and called out, "Get us a new chair!"

The man could read the scene.

A short while later, Big Sis deliberately sat down where Nan Yuan had previously sat at the table. She glanced around at everyone else present. "It appears that I'm the new overseer, right? Anyone have any objections?"

Zi Jing pursed her lips and smiled.

Yang Ji and the others were completely speechless at this declaration. The overseers always voted to approve new members of the council, and no one had ever presented themselves in such a manner. This Big Sis was completely overbearing.

Lu Yin smiled. "Of course there aren't any objections. Big Sis, you're an overseer from now on."

Big Sis arched a brow and waved a large hand dismissively. "Alright then, just leave this place to me from now on. You take care of your things, and I'll deal with this place for you."

Lu Yin...

Big Sis's addition to the overseers' council completely changed the council's manner of conducting business. No one could tell if these changes were good or bad, and as for Lu Yin, he did not care. He actually left the council before the meeting was even halfway done, as Big Sis had presented more than eighty different proposals. That development made Lu Yin's heart tremble. He had no idea that Big Sis had been so well prepared.

The other overseers were completely dumbfounded by Big Sis's behavior. Who had ever brought up so many matters at the same time? They would not be able to cover everything even if their meeting went on for three days and three nights!

Lu Yin was automatically assumed to agree with Big Sis's position on every matter, so she simply booted him out the door. When the door closed behind him, the overseers' council was not the same as it had been before.

Lu Yin's breakthrough to the Envoy realm had not only increased his combat strength, but it had also affected his lockbreaking skills. Logically, the ability of Envoys to suppress star energy through their manipulation of stellar energy would allow them the ability to manipulate sourceboxes, but if it were truly that simple, then every Envoy would also be a Lockbreaker.

After Lu Yin left the overseers' council, he headed straight to the Lockbreakers World, as he wanted to find out how lockbreaking changed once one entered the Envoy realm.

However, Lu Yin soon learned that all of the Boundless Advanced Lockbreakers were absent from the Lockbreakers World, and even President Xiu Ming was gone. He had simply left some time before and never returned.

Lu Yin left the Lockbreakers World, and he started making his way to the Arbitration World to meet with his senior brother, hoping that the Chief Justice had not gone into seclusion.

Lu Yin did not make it very far across Mt. Microcosms when the air in front of him warped and a person appeared, surprising Lu Yin. "Arch-Elder Zen?"

"Do you have a moment to speak with me?" Arch-Elder Zen asked Lu Yin.

Lu Yin was very respectful to the old man. "I was actually hoping to speak with you, Senior."

Arch-Elder Zen laughed and then led Lu Yin to the very top of Mt. Microcosms. Lu Yin was unable to see anything when he looked down as they were too high up. All that could be seen was a sea of pure white.

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"If you were the one to decide the fate of the Sixth Mainland, what would you do?" Arch-Elder Zen asked with his back to Lu Yin. The man was staring out at the endless sea of white.

Lu Yin grew puzzled. "This junior doesn't understand."

Arch-Elder Zen returned to himself. Stones suddenly rose up from the ground to form a go board. "Can you play Go?"

"I'm not very good at it," Lu Yin replied. "There's no way that I can compare to you, Senior."

Arch-Elder Zen casually sat down on the ground, cross-legged. He had no sense of dignity as he sat there and pulled out the game pieces and set them on the board. "Then we'll just play casually."

Lu Yin also sat down on the ground cross-legged.

"Long ago, Progenitor Hui made predictions that spanned eons that led to the Sixth Mainland being destroyed by the Aeternals. However, even his perfect calculation had certain flaws. To be more precise, there were certain mistakes and a few details that were missed. Right now, there is a passage in the Starfall Sea that connects my Fifth Mainland to the Sixth Mainland. Their three Progenitors threatened us, and we were forced to hand over possession of our Outerverse. Even thinking about it now, I don't see any alternatives. However, if it had been up to you, what would you have done?" Arch-Elder Zen asked.

In a game of Go, just a few simple moves could allow one to make a decision. Lu Yin was far from being a master of the game, but he was still a cultivator, and it was normal for them to run thousands of mental calculations in a moment. So, playing such strategy games were normally pointless to those who had reached Lu Yin's level of strength. After all, winning was not only determined by one's skills, but also on their mental calculations.

"If it were up to this junior, I would have moved to give the Sixth Mainland control of the Technocracy," Lu Yin replied. This was a matter that he had considered in the past. After all, he had long seen the Outerverse as his own territory, and he had never once abandoned his desire to drive the Sixth Mainland away.

Given that Lu Yin wanted the Sixth Mainland to leave the Outerverse, the Technocracy was naturally his first choice for their destination. In fact, there was not even really a choice in the matter as the Astral Beast Domain was too far away from the Outerverse.

Arch-Elder Zen was not surprised by Lu Yin's response. After all, there were few choices available in the Fifth Mainland. "The Technocracy would not be willing to allow the Sixth Mainland entry, so why should we try to push them there?"

"The Sixth Mainland originally had three Progenitors, so forget about them wanting to take over the Outerverse—they could have easily taken the Outerverse, Innerverse, and even the Cosmic Sea. In that case, why did they agree to only occupy the Outerverse? They must have some hesitation towards us, and since that's the case, it gives us some leeway. The Technocracy and my Human Domain have been at war for many years, and this junior is aware that even Semi-Progenitors are hesitant to enter the Technocracy. Even if all the Sixth Mainland's Semi-Progenitors worked together, they likely wouldn't be able to occupy the entire Technocracy. However, they most likely could have taken control of half of it, which would have been enough," Lu Yin said. He kept his eyes on the game board as he spoke, and he continued to play the game.

"You've witnessed the Technocracy's strength for yourself, and you should know that even if all seven of my Human Domain's Semi-Progenitors had worked together, there would be nothing that we could do against the Technocracy," Arch-Elder Zen admitted with a shrug.

Lu Yin finally looked up at the old man. "Doesn't the Sixth Mainland have three Progenitors?"

Arch-Elder Zen's hand froze as he was about to place a stone, and he glanced up at Lu Yin in shock. "You would try to use even them?"

Lu Yin gave a small smile. "Success is determined by those who can keep calm and those who are more confident."

"That's a risk that we could not afford to take," the old man retorted.

Lu Yin nodded. "Why ask this question to me, Senior?"

Arch-Elder Zen sighed. "It's better to leave the risk-taking to young people after you get old."

Lu Yin grew serious. "It's important to act cautiously when trying to protect humanity. Senior made the best decision."

Arch-Elder Zen stared at the board. It was already covered with pieces, though a winner had not been decided yet. "Right now, the Fifth Mainland is in a similar state as our game here. Things look stable, but in reality, there are too many hidden dangers. The more stable things seem, the more important it is to keep such dangers hidden."

Lu Yin still could not understand Arch-Elder Zen's motivation for this particular conversation. "Senior, do you want this junior to uncover these dangers?"

Arch-Elder Zen shook his head. "We can only patiently wait. Of the Seven Skygods, Whiteless God is still out there, hidden in the Human Domain with the strength of a Semi-Progenitor. We have no idea who or where she might be. All we know is that she

has strange abilities and that she can attack us from unpredictable directions, such as the Astral Beast Domain's invasion of the Outerverse."

Lu Yin's eyes suddenly narrowed. "Does that mean that Qiu Xu from the Sixth Mainland is a traitor to humanity?"

Arch-Elder Zen replied, "That is how Whiteless God works, though she has more than just one method. Lu Yin, as you are now, you qualify to be let in on most of my Human Domain's secrets. Thus, I can tell you that there is a certain danger facing us right now. You just went to visit the Lockbreakers World. Xiu Ming and the other Advanced Lockbreakers all went to the same place. That place was supposed to be secure, but Whiteless God targeted that place as well. If that place is destroyed, the consequences will be catastrophic."

"Xiu Ming's presence there can keep things stable for the time being, but it might be necessary for you to contribute your strength to the cause as well. After all, you are also a Lockbreaker."

"Where is this place?" Lu Yin asked.

Arch-Elder Zen fell into silent contemplation for a moment. "That's not something that I can explain to you clearly. You will only understand after you see it for yourself."

"And it's probably too late for this junior to see it," Lu Yin guessed.

Arch-Elder Zen shrugged. "I am a guardian, but that does not make me humanity's guiding light. Continue to work hard. The Perennial World is also a part of my Fifth Mainland, and you may be the one to show humanity the path forward in the future."

Lu Yin could hear the bitterness and helplessness in the old man's voice. Although Arch-Elder Zen had protected the Human Domain for countless years, he had become more and more lost as time passed. The old man no longer knew whether or not he was making the proper decisions. Lu Yin had not seen an opportunity or even thought about making a different decision when he had taken over the defense of the Outerverse against the astral beasts by waging what was seen as an impossible war. However, in the end, not only had he protected the humans living in the Outerverse, but he had also regained control of the Outerverse's eastern weaves by wresting them away from the Sixth Mainland.

This was something that Arch-Elder Zen had considered impossible before Lu Yin accomplished it.

Lu Yin had established the Great Eastern Alliance, taken complete control of the overseers' council, defeated the Astral Beast Domain, and even forced the Sixth Mainland to take a step back. All of these accomplishments had left Arch-Elder Zen doubting his own decisions.

There was no denying the fact that the old man was qualified to be humanity's guardian and protector, but that did not equate to him being able to lead humanity forward into the future.

This was the old man's real motivation for speaking to Lu Yin; he wanted to understand the difference between the two of them.

He had since learned that there was a big difference.

It was impossible to know who was right and who was wrong, as only time would reveal the truth.

Lu Yin had voluntarily stepped out to take over the defense against the astral beasts' invasion in order to protect the ordinary residents of the Outerverse. This decision had led Arch-Elder Zen to completely change his understanding of the youth, and the old man was no longer fixated on the matter of Lu Yin's identity as Lu Xiaoxuan. While Lu Yin's victory in the war would never be enough for Arch-Elder Zen to fully support Lu Yin, the Semi-Progenitor was willing to wait and watch Lu Yin for a time.

But what Lu Yin lacked the most was time. As long as the youth was given enough time, he would be able to pull the entire Human Domain under his Lu surname.

"Aside from wanting to chat with you for a bit, there's another matter that I wanted to address with you: Aeternus Nation. I've found it," Arch-Elder Zen declared as he placed his stone down with a loud click.

Lu Yin was taken aback. "Aeternus Nation? The one hidden here in the Neoverse?"

Arch-Elder Zen nodded with a small smile. "Interested?"

Lu Yin became very excited. "Where is it?"

"Go see Qing Ping. He'll lead you to the place so that it can be destroyed. There's death energy in Aeternus Nation, so it makes sense for you to go there," Arch-Elder Zen replied.

Lu Yin nodded. "This junior will take his leave."

After watching Lu Yin leave, Arch-Elder Zen looked back at the board. It was covered with stones, but what would the child have done with his next move?

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Lu Yin soon arrived at the entrance to the Arbitration World, where he ran into Da Qiu.

"Alliance Leader Lu? Why are you here?" Da Qiu asked.

"Where is the Chief Justice?" Lu Yin asked.

Da Qiu pointed into the hidden world. Lu Yin thanked the man and then entered the Arbitration World.

The Chief Justice always seemed to be shrouded within an impenetrable darkness. When Lu Yin arrived, he found not only the Chief Justice, but also Judicial Commissioner Shadow of Death as well as five Envoys.

Lu Yin had no idea how many Envoys belonged to the Hall of Honor, but he was certain that there were more than ten, especially if he included the Envoy-strength androids.

The Hall of Honor had also sent some of those powerful androids to support the Great Eastern Alliance during their war against the Astral Beast Domain in the Outerverse.

Given the Hall of Honor's unfathomable background and power, Lu Yin fully believed that they were capable of churning out numerous androids at the Envoy level as long as they were provided with sufficient raw materials.

"Everyone, let's go," the Chief Justice said softly, but Lu Yin was given no opportunity to speak to the man alone before they were all led out of the hidden world and away from Mt. Microcosms. In the blink of an eye, the entire group was gone and headed towards the southern region of the Neoverse.

Lu Yin was not the only one who had been taken along, as the Chief Justice had even dragged the Second Nightking with them.

Fear overcame the Second Nightking when he looked at the Chief Justice. He would never be able to forget being judged. Even though the Chief Justice was not a Semi-Progenitor, he was strong enough to fight against such powerhouses. The Second Nightking had witnessed that for himself in Venom Flowzone.

"You are coming with us." The Chief Justice's statement left no opening for a refusal.

The Second Nightking was confused as to what was happening, so Lu Yin quickly filled the man in on some things. The old man was genuinely surprised. "Aeternus Nation actually exists?"

Lu Yin nodded. "You're not familiar with it?"

The Second Nightking shook his head. "The Neohuman Alliance only popped up after the Daosource Sect's era. By that time, the Celestial Frost Sect had already left the Fifth Mainland, and the Mother Tree had also been taken away. That was also when I started staying in that pocket dimension to cultivate.

"However, I previously heard that the Aeternals wished to establish a kingdom where they can coexist with humans, and the place was referred to as Aeternus Kingdom. I never thought that they would have already succeeded with that project."

Lu Yin's eyes grew incredibly cold. "That evil place needs to be destroyed!"

The Neoverse's southern region was where the Seven Courts were located, and it was also considered the most chaotic region in the entire Neoverse. This was also where Aeternus Nation had been found.

The Neohuman Alliance's Aeternus Nation was the filthiest, cruelest, and darkest place that Lu Yin could ever imagine. The entire place had a facade of happiness and sunshine, but it was all a ploy to hide inhumane atrocities. The humans living in that place had long since given in to despair. Lu Yin still struggled to believe that such a place actually existed.

The most terrible fate was not death itself, but rather to long for death without being able to touch it.

There were many humans who had been captured and sent to Aeternus Nation. However, they were not transformed, but rather forced to live alongside corpse kings. There, they would be eaten alive by the corpse kings and forced to linger on as creatures much like ghosts.

The southern region of the Neoverse was massive, and the Seven Courts merely occupied the northernmost portion of the region. The Chief Justice led everyone to the eastern reaches of the region, almost to the border with the Neoverse's eastern region.

In this area, there only seemed to be a perfectly average-looking planet in front of the group. This planet was known as Peacewater Planet. There were spacecraft taking off and landing, as well as cultivators occasionally appearing in outer space above the planet. No matter how one looked at it, there was nothing special about this planet.

"Let's go," softly said Judicial Commissioner Shadow of Death as he then led the five Envoys down onto the planet. After landing, they all scattered and went in various directions.

"Senior Brother, Aeternus Nation is in a parallel universe that's focused on this planet, right?" Lu Yin asked.

Behind him, the Second Nightking was left in a daze. Senior Brother?

"Pretty much," the Chief Justice casually replied.

The Second Nightking remained stunned. Senior Brother?

He stared at Lu Yin in astonishment. Was the Chief Justice of the Hall of Honor's Interstellar Supreme Court actually Lu Yin's senior brother? Hell, it's no wonder why he kicked my ass so badly back then, and it's also no surprise why he didn't even react when I was exposed. He's actually his senior brother! This kid's background is too freakish.

Lu Yin paid no attention to the Second Nightking's reaction to this new revelation. Regardless of Lu Yin's relationship with the Chief Justice, there was nothing that the Second Nightking could do to Lu Yin.

"Are we not going in yet?" Lu Yin was surprised.

"Just wait."

"What are we waiting for?" Lu Yin was puzzled.

"We can't get in on our own. Aeternus Nation is in a parallel universe, and we haven't been able to determine the exact coordinate. Without that information, it's difficult to pinpoint Aeternus Nation."

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Lu Yin understood what the Chief Justice was talking about, as he had already heard from Jiang Chen that there were many, many parallel universes. A parallel universe might only reflect a given planet, or it could reflect the entire universe. Both time and space could be different in a parallel universe.

This was also why Jiang Chen had struggled to chase down the lightning rabbit so much, as the creature could easily and accurately travel between parallel universes, which was too difficult to deal with.

Pocket dimensions like where the Bizarre Sect's ruins were hidden were somehow different from parallel universes, but Lu Yin did not really understand the details.

As for Jiang Chen, he was not actually able to break through to parallel universes by himself, instead doing so by relying on his father's strength.

"Senior Brother, is it difficult to accurately pinpoint a parallel universe? I mean, I've already visited that place before, and now we just want to return to that place," Lu Yin asked.

The Chief Justice remained silent for a while. "I can't do that."

Lu Yin was curious about this matter. "What level of strength is needed to do that?"

"I don't know."

"Really? Could a Semi-Progenitor do it?" Lu Yin did not relent, and he continued to ask more questions. He was actually trying to understand how strong Jiang Chen's father was. When Lu Yin had last seen Jiang Chen, he had made a comment that indicated that the powerful praying mantis astral beast that Lu Yin had been fighting against was only worthy to be a gardener in Jiang Chen's perspective.

The universe was far from being as straightforward and simple as it initially appeared. They were only able to perceive their own universe, but there were countless parallel universes, not to mention hidden worlds. It was quite possible that many things were not as they first appeared to be.

"I don't know." The Chief Justice merely repeated the same three words.

Lu Yin shrugged.

They needed to wait for a corpse king to emerge from Aeternus Nation. As long as one came out, the Chief Justice would be able to force his way into Aeternus Nation. As for returning, there was no need to worry about such a thing. They were naturally able to return to the universe that was their birthplace. No matter how many parallel universes might exist, the one that gave birth to a person would always be like a brilliant lighthouse to them.

However, how were the corpse kings able to return to Aeternus Nation after they left the parallel universe? This matter seemed quite odd.

Despite the Chief Justice's strength, there was nothing that the man could do at this moment other than patiently wait. None of them had any idea how long they would have to wait for.

Lu Yin began to absorb stellar energy.

Pulling stellar energy out of the true universe was far from easy, as one needed to avoid being detected by the true universe while cultivating. Lu Yin had to enter the true universe in order to slowly absorb stellar energy.

The Second Nightking saw Lu Yin's actions and secretly shook his head. There were people who were talented and who could achieve great things, but Lu Yin's talent was so exceptional that it was actually limiting his progress. There was no way to even estimate how long it would take Lu Yin to absorb enough stellar energy through the standard process to trigger his second stellar tribulation.

Several days later, Lu Yin emerged from the true universe with a bit of a headache from the frustration that he felt due to how slowly he absorbed stellar energy.

He had used cheat-like methods to cultivate from almost the moment he started cultivating, so being forced to train slowly was agonizing for him.

"Senior Brother, is there any more of that stellar liquid?" Lu Yin asked while licking his lips.

The Chief Justice just ignored him.

Lu Yin pursed his lips. "Senior Brother, what did you take from Venom Flowzone?"

The Chief Justice continued to ignore him.

Lu Yin was left speechless. His senior brother was much colder than Mister Mu. Even though Lu Yin rarely saw Mister Mu, each meeting had been incredibly beneficial to Lu Yin.

"Have your people search for as much of that stuff as possible," the Chief Justice finally replied.

Lu Yin quickly asked, "So, what is it?"

"We'll talk about that after you've passed through six tribulations," the Chief Justice said.

Lu Yin arched a brow. This sounded somewhat familiar...

Right, Kui Luo had once said that he would tell Lu Yin more about the Lu family after Lu Yin became an Envoy, but Lu Yin had completely forgotten about that matter. He needed to make sure that he brought this matter up with Kui Luo the next time he saw the old man.

Waiting was boring.

Lu Yin accompanied the Chief Justice for more than ten days as they waited, but Lu Yin could not handle any more than that, so he decided to visit the planet beneath them.

It was true that the quality of cultivators in the Neoverse was substantially higher than those in the Innerverse or the Outerverse. Just this single planet had three Enlighteners and no less than twenty cultivators who were at least Explorers. A solitary planet boasted as much strength as an entire weave in the Outerverse.

Lu Yin wandered about the planet. Suddenly, he saw a familiar pair of cold eyes staring at him from within a crowd along with a foxish grin. It was Silver.

Lu Yin had not expected Silver to be so bold. He had previously approached Lu Yin during the push to destroy the Daynight clan, and he had reappeared when the Chief Justice was observing the planet.

"Captain, are you here to deal with Aeternus Nation?" Silver asked with a smile. The crowd kept moving, but the two young men remained where they were, facing each other. They were separated by a few meters, and the entire situation seemed a bit odd.

Lu Yin stared at Silver. "Aren't you worried that you'll be noticed?"

Silver just shrugged. "I'm just a nobody who was sent here to deliver a message to you, Captain. It doesn't matter if I get found out or not."

"Who sent me a message?"

"Judicial Commissioner Tong Yu."

Lu Yin's eyes flickered. "Let's hear it."

One side of Silver's mouth curled up into a smirk. "Actually, it's not really much of a message. The Judicial Commissioner merely feels that your training time is valuable, Captain, and that it would be a pity to waste your time waiting to complete your current task. So, she sent me here to guide you to Aeternus Nation."

Lu Yin was taken aback. "Aren't you afraid that the Aeternals will learn of this?"

Silver's smile grew brighter than ever. "Six of the Seven Skygods have already died, and while Whiteless God is still around, she's never shown herself in Aeternus Nation. Thus, she won't even know that we've betrayed them. Compared to Aeternus, you're much more important, Captain. You are our future!"

Lu Yin had heard these same words from Tong Yu, and he had even slightly believed her. However, there was absolutely no way Lu Yin would trust Silver at all. While this fellow seemed to hold a much lower status in the Specter Clan than Tong Yu, for some inexplicable reason, Lu Yin simply could not shake the urge to be rid of Silver every time they met.

Lu Yin was able to understand Xia Luo's feelings better each time he saw Silver.

"Captain, you can go in now," Silver stated with a smile.

Lu Yin looked up and saw a familiar figure in outer space above him. It was Corpse Beast. Long ago, Silver had used Beast to hold back all of the Human Domain's most talented youths in the Mountain and Seas Zone. It had been unstoppable at that time.

Beast moved closer to the planet and then suddenly disappeared. At that moment, the Chief Justice made his move, and a blood-red bell disappeared alongside Beast.

Right after that, space warped and shattered. Countless humans on the planet looked up in shock to see the sky break open. Through the massive crack, they saw a city, as well as seven tall, dark towers. There was also a pair of slitted, scarlet eyes, and further in, there was surging death energy. The entire thing looked like a picture from hell.

The blood-red bell shook and released a sharp ringing sound. Every single creature in Aeternus Nation, regardless of whether they were a corpse king or a regular human being held captive, felt as though a massive hand was reaching down to crush them. The people who had traveled with Lu Yin started charging into Aeternus Nation and massacring the corpse kings.

The brightness of the universe swept away the haze that covered Aeternus Nation. The Chief Justice stood alone outside of a city. As he faced the seven towers, he raised a hand high before pressing down.

The towers shattered, and Aeternus Nations was torn apart. Death energy started to rise up.

"Lu Yin!" the Chief Justice shouted.

Lu Yin leaped forward and approached his senior brother's side. He faced the surging death energy and began to absorb it.

Lu Yin had absorbed death energy more than once before, but it had never caused a scene like the current one. The death energy that permeated the earth deep beneath Aeternus Nation had risen up to cover the ground and fill the sky. It snaked about like smoke, gradually merging back together to form a dark river that poured into Lu Yin's body.

There was a bang, and a roar struck Lu Yin's brain. He peered down the long river of time to gaze upon the bleak and lonely back of a person holding a black scythe in hand. Before the figure was an endless horde of astral beasts.

There was a different aura to the figure this time as the God of Death that Lu Yin was looking at had an overbearing demeanor.

Lu Yin wanted to see the Ancient Progenitor's face, but the figure moved further and further away, and the vision grew increasingly blurry.

Lu Yin tried to catch up, and this caused him to unconsciously accelerate the speed at which he absorbed the death energy.

The ground across Aeternus Nation completely shattered, and an endless flood of death energy filled the sky and surged towards Lu Yin, forming a vortex.

The Second Nightking, Judicial Commissioner Shadow of Death, and everyone else present were all completely shocked by this sight. They felt an oppressive pressure from the surging death energy, and an indescribable fear manifested within them. It felt as though death itself had appeared.

Almost instantly, Lu Yin had managed to cover a vast distance within the vision, and he appeared in the God of Death's path. When Lu Yin looked up at the figure, his pupils shrank.

He still could not see the God of Death's face, just a pale and expressionless mask that seemed to belong to a sculpture. Only a single thought entered Lu Yin's mind when he saw this sight: it was the mask of death.

As Lu Yin stared, the God of Death raised his scythe and slashed down with it.

The vision that Lu Yin had fallen into suddenly disappeared. He opened his eyes and saw an endless flood of death energy pouring into his body. The black and white mist in his chest had condensed more than ever before, and it had almost solidified as yet more death energy entered Lu Yin's body. This was the most death energy that he had ever absorbed even when all his previous sessions were combined.

Lu Yin's tolerance for death energy had also greatly increased after he became an Envoy. He could tell that his strength would transform once again when he used the God of Death Transformation.

A question suddenly popped into his head: if the typical cultivation path saw cultivators absorbing star energy first, and then later on stellar energy once they became an Envoy and formed their stellar energy vortex, then was the black and white fog in his chest the death energy equivalent to a stellar energy vortex? Did the cultivation of death energy follow a similar cultivation path of star energy in that it required a vortex to be formed from death energy? If this was accurate, then Lu Yin had already surpassed countless others by reaching the Envoy realm with death energy as well.

From this perspective, it could be said that Lu Yin had five vortices.

As Lu Yin's mind wandered, the rate at which he absorbed death energy started to wane. He looked down below Aeternus Nation. Even though he had just absorbed a tremendous amount of death energy, it was practically nothing compared to what still remained underground.

"Are you done?" the Chief Justice asked.

Lu Yin had already absorbed the maximum amount of death energy that he could handle at his current strength. "I'm done."

The Chief Justice then took action, and the ground shifted to cover up and conceal the remaining death energy.

Arch-Elder Zen had asked Lu Yin to help handle the death energy that was expected to surge when they broke into Aeternus Nation. Given the Chief Justice's strength, death energy was nothing more than another kind of energy. As long as it was not being used by a powerhouse, the Chief Justice could easily subdue such energy.

Aeternus Nation had already been destroyed, and countless corpse kings had been eliminated.

The Second Nightking was currently facing Mr. Feng. The steward of Aeternus Nation had once attempted to make a deal with the Second Nightking. Although the man had protected Lu Yin in the past, Lu Yin had no desire to protect Mr. Feng in return.

Mr. Feng had only protected Lu Yin because of Shaman God's nefarious scheme, and they were clearly on opposing sides and were enemies.

As he looked at the ruins of Aeternus Nation, the tragic fate of the humans living there was once again witnessed by Lu Yin. Some of the people there committed suicide while others lost their minds. All who were in the process of being transformed into corpse kings deep underground were killed without mercy.

Not everyone could be like Lu Yin. Most people were unable to control death energy, and being exposed to it meant that they would inevitably become tools for slaughter. It was only expected that such beings would be eliminated by those from the Interstellar Supreme Court.

Lu Yin moved through Aeternus Nation and arrived at a street with the restaurant that Silver had visited with Lu Yin in the past. Lu Yin could still remember the sight of the woman buying blood. Everything had looked so normal, but in reality, the woman's internal organs had already all been harvested.

This place was hell, and it absolutely had to be destroyed. Lu Yin was completely convinced of this fact.

Mr. Feng was the only true powerhouse in the entire Aeternus Nation, and he was also the only expert with a power level of over a million.

Lu Yin actually wanted to fight against a corpse king, but he never even saw a corpse king with the strength of an Envoy.

Also, where had the Ghost Monkey gone to?

It was not long before Lu Yin approached the seven shattered towers. Each one represented one of the Seven Skygods, and Lu Yin had previously been taken to Shaman God's tower.

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Step by step, Lu Yin approached the dark towers. He wanted to find the Ghost Monkey.

There was a soft sound, and Lu Yin stopped. He slowly turned around to see a person emerge from a portion of the ruins.

Lu Yin's expression instantly changed dramatically as he stared at the figure in surprise. "Undying Yushan."

Sure enough, Undying Yushan had shown himself. The man had long since been considered dead, but Lu Yin had also started suspecting that the man was still alive some time ago.

Once, when Lu Yin had Possessed a corpse king, he had seen Undying Yushan enter one of the seven dark towers, and that had confirmed to Lu Yin that the man was alive. Still, Lu Yin had not expected Undying Yushan to still be in Aeternus Nation.

Undying Yushan slowly walked forward. He sighed as he looked at Lu Yin. "The child has already grown up. How should you refer to me?"

Lu Yin looked at Undying Yushan with a complicated expression on his face. "Imperial Uncle."

Undying Yushan nodded, clearly relieved. "I never expected someone who rose up from a tiny planet in the Outerverse to ever climb so high. Imperial Uncle is very happy with your progress."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. If he was being honest, Undying Yushan had treated him very, very well in the past. Ever since Lu Yin had arrived in the Great Yu Empire from Earth, Undying Yushan had lavished gifts and luxuries upon Lu Yin. While Lu Yin had never quite been able to see the older man as family as he had faked his identity as a member of the Zishan family, Lu Yin had still felt grateful and a good bit of respect for Undying Yushan.

Lu Yin had been both sad and furious when he learned that Undying Yushan had been killed by the Neohuman Alliance, especially after the man passed the Yu Secret Art onto him. Undying Yushan had given Lu Yin a genuine secret technique, and Lu Yin had

been able to feel true generosity and kindness from the man, and he had come to view him as a loved one.

However, as soon as Ku Wei appeared, Undying Yushan's death had suddenly come into question, and Lu Yin's impression of the man had slowly changed. In particular, when Lu Yin had seen Undying Yushan in Aeternus Nation as well as enter one of the Seven Skygods' towers, all respect had been lost for the man. From that point on, it had been replaced with caution and wariness.

"Didn't you die? Why are you here, Imperial Uncle?" Lu Yin asked.

A small smile appeared on Undying Yushan's face as he looked at Lu Yin. "What do you think?"

Lu Yin clenched a fist. "Imperial Uncle, you've betrayed humanity!"

Undying Yushan just laughed. "It's only normal for you to think that, but I can tell you that that's not the case."

Lu Yin arched a brow.

Undying Yushan sincerely implored, "Your Imperial Uncle hasn't betrayed humanity. I never did; not now, and never in the future either."

Lu Yin sneered. "Right. Uncle, quit messing around. If you haven't betrayed humanity, then how could you safely stay here in Aeternus Nation? Don't try to tell me that the Seven Skygods are welcoming hosts."

Undying Yushan answered casually, "Aside from emotional attachments, people can also get along due to aligned interests. I've been able to stay safe here in Aeternus Nation because my interests align with theirs. We are both very interested in you."

Lu Yin lifted his head and said, "Explain."

Undying Yushan stared at Lu Yin, and the man's eyes looked as though he was looking at a peerless treasure. "When speaking of the Fifth Mainland, the most valuable treasure here is not the place itself, the battle techniques that can be found here, or even the various Envoys or Semi-Progenitors, but rather you. You are the most valuable thing here, and I am worthy of the Seven Skygods' attention because of you. From now on, you will become my tool!"

Suddenly, the former emperor's expression changed and became much darker than before.

Lu Yin had no idea what the man did, but he was suddenly struck by a splitting headache. The pain originated from his own spiritual force.

"You absorbed the spiritual force that was within Liuying Zishan, and that made you part of the Undying Manual!" Undying Yushan shouted as he pressed a hand down towards Lu Yin.

Lu Yin suddenly started to recite the Origin Sutra, and the echoes of ancient voices drifted through time. Undying Yushan let out a short scream as his entire body started melting away. He could not believe what had just happened. "How is this possible? How can you resist being enslaved by the Undying Manual?"

Lu Yin stared at the older man. "So is this the Undying Manual? It looks like you really did pick it up. That technique seems to allow you to use your spiritual force to control others. You really were the one in Gaia's Swamp back then, and you used your spiritual force to plan a riot."

Undying Yushan clutched his head as he howled. He gritted his teeth and glared at Lu Yin. "So that was you! You killed my remnant there!"

Lu Yin reached out to grab Undying Yushan's neck, but his hand passed right through the man. Lu Yin's expression changed. "This isn't your real body?"

Undying Yushan gave a bitter smile. "Of course not! How could I be dumb enough to enter Aeternus Nation with my actual body? Boy, don't think that you can remove the Undying Manual—it's impossible! You can never do it. You can't imagine the horror of the Undying Manual, and I will one day enslave you through the technique!"

With that, the body exploded.

There was no flesh or blood, only an explosion of spiritual force.

While Lu Yin was able to absorb this spiritual force, but he did not, as he was very wary of it.

If not for the Origin Progenitor's Sutra, Lu Yin would have truly fallen prey to Undying Yushan.

In the end, Undying Yushan really had acquired the Undying Manual and had successfully practiced the technique.

"Creating a physical body with spiritual force. What a bizarre technique," the Chief Justice spoke up from behind Lu Yin.

The young man turned around to face the Chief Justice, his expression somber. "That man was Undying Yushan. He's managed to cultivate the Undying Manual, and it allows him to control people with his spiritual force. He can separate his consciousness into thousands of people."

The Chief Justice was genuinely surprised by this information. "The mythical art that appeared in the Starfall Sea? That Undying Manual?"

Lu Yin nodded.

"When rumors of the Undying Manual first appeared, the Hall of Honor also sent people to search for the technique, but they were unable to find anything. There were rumors that two men from the Outerverse known as the Undying Duo picked it up. He must have been one of those two," the Chief Justice commented.

Lu Yin had not expected even the Chief Justice to have heard of the Undying Duo. "Senior Brother, is the Undying Manual really that impressive that even you were interested in it?"

"When the Undying Manual first surfaced, it was accompanied by rumors that training in the technique could grant one eternal life," the older man replied.

Lu Yin laughed. "It looks like a bunch of people believed those rumors. There were people from the Mavis family, the Specter clan, and even the Seven Courts who made their way to the Outerverse's Great Yu Empire to search for the Undying Manual, but none of them found it."

"It is indeed a miraculous technique, but gaining immortality from it is too absurd. Not even in our ancestral land was anyone ever able to achieve eternal life," the Chief Justice replied.

Suddenly, the ground beneath the man's feet broke open, and he dropped down.

The more powerful the individual, the less likely they were to believe in something like immortality. If this were not the case, Undying Yushan would have never been able to safely return to the Great Yu Empire.

Lu Yin quickly followed the Chief Justice. It seemed that his senior brother had found something.

The parallel universe that held Aeternus Nation was not a reflection of the entire universe, but rather only the planet that held the kingdom.

The surface of Aeternus Nation continued to shatter as the Chief Justice descended underground. Finally, he arrived at what looked to be a box in the depths of the earth. It seemed to be made of stone or metal, nothing special. Despite that, it could not be destroyed by the Chief Justice's power.

The man continued going further down until all that greeted them was the darkness of outer space. They had arrived at the bottom of Aeternus Nation.

Lu Yin grew curious as he stared at the box floating in the middle of an empty chamber. "Senior Brother, what is that?"

"The foundation."

Lu Yin was taken aback. "This simple looking thing is the foundation of Aeternus Nation?"

"This is what allows the corpse kings to find this parallel universe."

Lu Yin stared at the box. "It looks to be a large seal. What are those characters carved on it? Do you know that language, Senior Brother?"

"I don't."

"You don't even recognize them?" Lu Yin was surprised.

The Chief Justice put the seal away. "Let's go-"

"Wait!" Lu Yin quickly called out. "Senior Brother, if you take that away, doesn't that mean that we won't be able to go back to this place again in the future?"

"Yes."

"Then, what's going to happen to all this death energy?"

The Chief Justice remained silent.

Lu Yin licked his lips and then smiled. "Um... Senior Brother, could you leave it here for a bit longer? It's probably nothing more than an anchor for this place, and it won't be of any use after its taken away. It'd be better to leave it here so that I can come back again in the future to absorb the rest of the death energy. Senior Brother, could you just leave it here until I clear out the death energy and then take it? Would that work?"

Lu Yin anxiously stared at the figure before him that was entirely shrouded in darkness.

The big seal drifted out from the darkness, and Lu Yin took it in surprise.

"Thank you, Senior Brother. By the way, how do I use this to find this Aeternus Nation in the future?"

"Leave a mark of your own on it."

"A mark?"

"Blood, some sort of trace from a battle technique. Something. The stronger the trace that you can leave, the better. It will act as a beacon to this place's location, so as long as you leave some trace of yourself on it, you'll be able to sense this parallel universe. However, before you do that, remove all of the existing marks on it."

"How do I do that?" Lu Yin was puzzled.

The Chief Justice took the box back, and a short while later, it reappeared.

Lu Yin took the box. It barely looked any different from before, and the only change that he could see was that it seemed to be a bit cleaner. When it had been marked before, someone must have used their blood, battle techniques, or other skills. Lu Yin had no idea how to remove those marks, but luckily, his senior brother was present.

The Chief Justice then left. Lu Yin stared at the box in his hand, especially the writing on the bottom. He could not recognize any of the characters, and they looked even older than the ones used by the Wen family's Literary Prison. After all, not even the Chief Justice had recognized this writing. Lu Yin could show it to the Second Nightking, as the man had lived for a very long time, but the man was unlikely to recognize anything that even the Chief Justice was ignorant of.

Mark the foundation, but how? With blood? No, the Lu family's blood was extraordinary, and this foundation was something that the Aeternals had created. Who knew what other functions it might have? The Chief Justice was truly powerful, but at best, he could only compare to a Semi-Progenitor. There were many things the man might not be aware of.

If blood was not an option, then only a battle technique could be used.

Lu Yin thought about his options for a while as he stared at the box. Finally, he raised a hand and sent out a bit of death energy. The death energy roiled about in Lu Yin's hand and then covered his face. This was the Mask of Death. When Lu Yin had absorbed that massive amount of death energy earlier, he had seen the God of Death's face, or rather the Ancient Progenitor's mask. That experience had allowed him to understand the words "Mask of Death," as well as how to use the technique.

The Mask of Death was a technique that covered a person's face with death energy, but beyond that, it also altered a person's appearance.

This was an ability that Lu Yin was excited to use, as it was one of the God of Death's personal battle techniques. Lu Yin was curious to see if anyone would be able to see through it.

This was his first time trying to use the technique, and it was not an easy technique to use or master. After all, this was something from the God of Death, and it naturally

required delicate control of death energy to form the mask that was fixed to Lu Yin's face. After that, no one would be able to see the mask.

Lu Yin spent five entire hours trying to use the technique, but it was difficult for him to complete the mask.

Frustrated, he finally just slapped a hand covered with death energy against the box, intending to use that as his mark. He then left the box in the chamber where it had been found so that it could continue acting as the anchor for Aeternus Nation. This parallel universe would become Lu Yin's private domain.

When Lu Yin returned to the surface, he found that the Chief Justice had already left with the others from the Hall of Honor and that all of the corpse kings had been wiped out. Mr. Feng was gone, and Lu Yin had no idea if the man was dead or alive. As for the ordinary humans who had been living in Aeternus Nation, they had been left alive, but all of them had been taken away.

All of Aeternus Nation was silent and empty of all life.

Deep underground, there remained an entire sea of death energy.

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The Second Nightking was high above in the sky, but he appeared next to Lu Yin as soon as he saw the youth appear.

"Let's go," Lu Yin said.

"What about this place?"

"It has nothing to do with us."

The Second Nightking was taken aback. "You don't want the death energy beneath us?"

Lu Yin shook his head. "No. We won't be able to find this parallel universe again after leaving here."

The Second Nightking was completely puzzled. This did not match with Lu Yin's character at all. Since when would he ever abandon anything that he could benefit from? Did he really not want the death energy? Who would actually believe that!

However, after the Second Nightking saw Lu Yin leave Aeternus Nation and watch the parallel universe vanish from sight, the old man finally accepted that Lu Yin truly did not want the remaining death energy.

After all, it was impossible to return to a parallel universe after it disappeared unless one had the means to pinpoint the location.

"Where are you headed now?" the Second Nightking asked.

"I'm not in any hurry." Lu Yin lifted a hand towards an empty region in space and slashed across it, tearing open the void. He instantly sensed his mark of death energy that he had left behind, and he stepped forward and vanished.

The Second Nightking watched as Lu Yin disappeared, and the old man's eyes flickered. Clearly, Lu Yin had not actually abandoned the death energy, but how had he managed to locate Aeternus Nation again?

Some time later, Lu Yin calmly reappeared. There still was not a single living creature in Aeternus Nation, and Lu Yin was also the only one with a mark on the anchor deep underground. In essence, Aeternus Nation had become Lu Yin's private property. He had sole possession of an entire parallel universe! Although, this parallel universe was not as large as a hidden world.

Lu Yin's original plans were to make a visit to Aurora Enterprises and Gods' Origin, but both of those places were located in the Neoverse's northern region while Lu Yin was currently in the southern region. Perhaps this was a good time to visit the Seven Courts...

At the top of his list was a visit to the Ku family. He was more interested in Progenitor Ku than anyone else at the moment. The low-key but powerful Progenitor had been a master of one of the Mountains and Seas.

Everyone in the entire universe knew of the invincible Progenitor Chen. Similarly, it was also known that the Rune Progenitor had created an entire civilization and that Progenitor Hui had laid out schemes that had unfolded countless years later and that he had been truly peerless in his intelligence. Lu Yin had also heard legends about the God of Death, Wu Tian, and more. But not once had anyone spoken about Progenitor Ku.

It was almost as if Progenitor Ku had never even existed.

Even in the Perennial World's Dominion Realm, Progenitor Ku's territory had been placed close to the center of the Mother Tree, which suggested that the man had been the weakest of the Progenitors.

However, Lu Yin's horizons had since expanded, and as more time passed, he had become increasingly certain that Progenitor Ku had been a terrifyingly powerful person.

Among other things, Extremes Must Be Reverse was a miraculous technique on the same level as the Rune Civilization's Truesight. Lu Yin had used Progenitor Ku's technique to recover from an injury caused by a Semi-Progenitor while only an Enlighter. He had also managed to recover from the Aeternals' poison, and he had even overcome Progenitor Chen's innate gift.

Lu Yin had heard about how, after becoming a Progenitor, Progenitor Chen had used his Heaven's Furnace to obliterate one of the Sixth Mainland's Progenitors. However, from what Lu Yin himself had experienced, it seemed that Progenitor Chen might not have been able to do the same to Progenitor Ku.

Lu Yin had also heard rumors that Progenitor Ku had mastered the power of time, which was something else that he was eager to understand.

Lu Yin looked down at the nearby planet, but Silver had already left, along with the Dark Interstellar Supreme Court's Tong Yu and their mysterious Chief Justice. Lu Yin was certain that he would eventually learn what the Specter clan's true intentions were, and while he did believe that they would not harm him for the time being, he would never actually trust those people.

"Let's head to the Seven Courts," Lu Yin said without any emotion.

The Second Nightking was a bit surprised at this decision, but he said nothing. The only person in the entire Court of Seven Names who could pose any threat to Lu Yin was their Semi-Progenitor, Xia Ji.

However, when Xia Ji had moved against Lu Yin last time, his actions had forced out both Elder Gong and Highsage Grandmaster. Given the fact that Lu Yin's status had risen even higher than before, there was no chance of Xia Ji doing anything to Lu Yin.

Still, regardless of whether or not the man would take action, it was not smart to reach out to a hostile Semi-Progenitor.

Naturally, this was something that Lu Yin was also aware of, so he justified his visit to the Seven Courts with his position as one of the Hall of Honor's overseers, saying that he was visiting to explain Nan Yuan's dismissal from his seat as an overseer to the Seven Courts.

Lu Yin traveled across the southern region of the Neoverse, led by the Second Nightking. Given the powerhouse's speed, it did not take long before they arrived at the Seven Courts.

Long ago, Shaman God had sent Lu Yin directly into Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, and after he emerged, Mu En had taken Lu Yin straight to Mt. Microcosms. Lu Yin had never been able to actually see the Seven Courts, so this was his first time properly observing their territory.

The Seven Courts occupied seven different territories that formed a ring around Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum. There was the Yōu family's Netherworld River, the Ku family's Voidsoul Region, the Ce family's Starpiece Region, the Xia family's mainland that looked like a sword, the Hui family's Nature's Manifestation, and the Xie family's Bone Planes. Only the Yu family was missing from the Seven Courts, and their territory had been taken over by the other six families.

Lu Yin remembered the legends that he had heard before as he stared at the Xia family's mainland. It was said that this sword-like landmass was actually Progenitor Chen's blade.

It was difficult to observe runes in the Neoverse, as everyone had taken precautions against the people from Gods' Origin.

"If you proceed any further, you will be noticed by the Seven Courts," the Second Nightking mentioned.

Lu Yin clasped his hands behind his back. "Then let's knock on the door."

The Second Nightking was taken aback, but then he actually did raise a hand and make the motion of knocking on a door. As his hand moved forward, ripples spread through space and traveled towards the Xia family's mainland.

The Second Nightking's strength was astonishing, as he was second only to a Semi-Progenitor. His power spread out, eventually shaking the entire Seven Courts.

In the depths of the Xia family's mainland, Xia Ji's eyes opened. They were cold, and a fierce killing intent flickered in their depths. "How dare that child come here?"

Lu Yin had passed his stellar tribulation, and in doing so, he had defeated a manifestation of Progenitor Chen at the same cultivation realm as him, which had shattered Progenitor Chen's legend of invincibility. This event had also shaken Xia Ji and caused him to lose his composure. He had then contacted Lu Yin, only to be ridiculed by the youth.

Lu Yin had not only taken control of the greatest inheritance that Progenitor Chen had left with the Cosmic Sect, but he had also created a flawed state of mind in Xia Ji with his stellar tribulation. This had only deepened the Semi-Progenitor's hatred for Lu Yin. If it was ever possible, Xia Ji wished to kill Lu Yin.

However, as a Semi-Progenitor, it was impossible for Xia Ji to openly attack an overseer who was visiting the Xia family. Dealing with one of the Hall of Honor's overseers in such a manner would never be allowed, and Xia Ji could only suppress his desire to attack Lu Yin.

No matter what, Xia Ji was still a Semi-Progenitor, which made him the pillar of the Seven Courts. If he attacked Lu Yin, it would implicate the entire Seven Courts and invite disaster upon them. The Seven Courts could not allow anything to happen to Lu Yin while he was visiting them, since the Hui family and Ku family held very different stances regarding Lu Yin, as compared to the Xia Family.

After a moment's thought, Xia Ji closed his eyes again. He could put up with this situation. He had held himself back and plotted for many years to steal the Skystar Jade Wall, and he had not hesitated to attack even Big Sis's mercenaries. He could endure this current situation as well.

The moment the Second Nightking announced his presence, he had drawn the attention of every last one of the Xia family's powerhouses.

Aside from the patriarch, Xia Yi, there was also Elder Xia Meng.

A glint flickered in Lu Yin's eyes when he saw Xia Yi appear. The patriarch had emerged from Burial Garden through a gate in Blazing Mist Flowzone, and he had destroyed the gate to Burial Garden and even tried to kill Emperor Luo and Chen Huang. His actions had cost the Great Eastern Alliance quite dearly, and the patriarch had subsequently been imprisoned in the Ross Empire's mobile fortress.

While Lu Yin could not be sure who had released Xia Yi, he believed that it must have been Leaf King.

"So it's the Second Nightking and Alliance Leader Lu. What brings you to my Xia family's homeland?" Xia Yi asked. He made no attempt to sound welcoming.

The Second Nightking stepped back, and Lu Yin flashed the patriarch a small smile. "Nan Yuan is someone under your Xia family, correct? He kidnapped an overseer's grandson in an attempt to control San Shang and the overseers' council. While the council has already notified your Xia family of the matter, I've come to offer an explanation."

Xia Yi's face remained calm. "There's no need for that. We already know what we need to do, and we will eventually send someone to replace Nan Yuan. There's no need for you to concern yourself with this matter any further, Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin did not care at all about Xia Yi, as the man was merely the patriarch in name. Instead, Lu Yin turned to Xia Meng, who was gazing back at the young man.

"Senior, it's been a long time," Lu Yin said.

Xia Meng was respectful as she looked at Lu Yin. "You have changed a great deal. You were no more than a part of the junior generation when you schemed against Jiuyou, but you've already achieved such a terrifying level of strength."

Lu Yin was surprised by the woman's response. "How can you say that? I can't come close to comparing to seniors like you."

Xia Meng stared at Lu Yin for an intense moment. "Did you meet him in that place?"

Lu Yin nodded, but just as he was about to continue, he glanced at Xia Yi. "Patriarch Xia Yi, you must be busy, and there's no need for you to stay. I have no intention of visiting your Xia family's homeland without your welcome."

Xia Yi's eyes flared. "Xia Luo is my son. Am I unable to hear word of him?"

"No," Lu Yin stated bluntly. He had gained the confidence to say no to anyone, and there were some people who did not need to be shown any respect.

Xia Yi became furious. "Alliance Leader Lu, please listen to what I'm saying: Xia Luo is my son!"

"Patriarch, please return," Xia Meng said softly.

Xia Yi shot a glare at Xia Meng. "Why can I not hear of my son's situation?"

Xia Meng was disgusted by the man's actions. "Leave. Don't force me to do it for you."

Xia Yi was enraged, but he did not dare try to act against the woman. Xia Meng's strength far surpassed his own, and he knew that he stood no chance against her.

Xia Yi was helpless, and he had no choice but to leave. However, he shot a glare full of resentment at Lu Yin before leaving. He should have killed the kid in Burial Garden.

"Xia Yi is gone. Overseer Lu, please tell me," Xia Meng said as she turned back to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin said, "I did see Xia Luo before returning, and he was doing quite well for himself there. He joined Shenwu's Sky, and he did not seem to have a low position."

Xia Meng nodded, uncertain whether or not to believe Lu Yin's words. "Thank you, Alliance Leader Lu."

In the entire Xia family, Xia Meng was the only person who actually cared for Xia Luo. She was also the only person who had wanted to save Xia Jiuyou, so Lu Yin held no ill will towards the woman despite knowing there was a high probability that they would become enemies.

"Alliance Leader Lu, did you come here for anything else besides providing us with an explanation of what happened with Nan Yuan?" Xia Meng asked.

Lu Yin thought for a while. "I'd also like to leave behind a bit of advice."

"Tell me."

Lu Yin's expression grew more somber. "While there will always be a seat on the overseers' council for the Seven Courts' representative, it's also a position that can be held by anyone, and the representative can be repeatedly replaced. I simply hope that whoever is the next representative to replace Nan Yuan will not try to act against me, as such a headache would be very troublesome for me."

Xia Meng casually replied, "I will pass your message on to the patriarch."

"That's not necessary. Just give it to that old bastard Xia Ji. Xia Yi's nothing more than useless trash." As soon as he mentioned Xia Ji, Lu Yin's entire demeanor changed, and he radiated open hostility.

Xia Meng frowned. "Regardless of what may have happened, Xia Ji is my Xia family's ancestor, so I must ask you to be more polite, Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin smiled. "Very well. For your sake, Senior, I won't insult members of your Xia family."

Xia Meng could not figure out how to interact with Lu Yin. Despite being a mere youth, he was no longer someone whom she could manipulate.

He had to be the only person in history who had openly insulted a Semi-Progenitor from the Xia family right outside of the Xia family's mainland.

"Goodbye, Senior," Lu Yin said.

Xia Meng responded in a rather emotionless voice, "Alliance Leader Lu, regardless of whether you're a friend or an enemy, you did save countless humans in the Outerverse. For that alone, you have my admiration."

With that said, the woman turned around and left.

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Xia Meng's words caught Lu Yin off guard. There were very few people in the Neoverse who cared about the lives and deaths of the people of the Outerverse, and there were even quite a few who actually did not know about the Outerverse's existence. Many

people believed that the Inniverse and Outerverse were the same thing and that such places had nothing to do with experts whose power levels approached a million. Despite that, this woman who was a renowned beauty actually cared.

Not all cultivators were cold-blooded.

After leaving the Xia family's mainland, the Second Nightking took Lu Yin to Nature's Manifestation. How could Lu Yin visit the Seven Courts without paying a visit to Brother Hui Kong?

After the two arrived at the mountain range, Hui Kong's hearty laughter rang out before the Second Nightking could even "knock."

"Brother Lu, I've been waiting a long time for you, hahahaha!"

Lu Yin looked up in surprise, and he immediately saw a large, bald head. He hurried forward. "Brother, I've finally come to visit your home."

Hui Kong patted his chest. "This Nature's Manifestation is also your home, Brother."

Lu Yin laughed.

Hui Kong had not stepped out to greet Lu Yin alone, as he had brought out many people with him.

"Come, let me introduce you around! This kid here is Hui Zhi, the current Hui patriarch," Hui Kong said as he pointed to an elegant-looking man behind him.

Lu Yin smiled. "Patriarch Hui Zhi, we meet again."

When Lu Yin had exited Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, he had met all of the leaders of the Court of Seven Names, and Hui Zhi had been one of them.

The patriarch chuckled, but he was interrupted by Hui Kong just when he was just about to say something. "That kid's Hui Chi, a family elder."

Lu Yin had noticed that Hui Zhi had tried to speak up right when Hui Kong had started introducing the family's elders, and Lu Yin did not know how to react.

Hui Zhi had no choice but to interrupt. "Alliance Leader Lu, Elder Hui Chi had been very curious about you."

Lu Yin was surprised by this comment, and he turned to Hui Chi. "What about me has piqued the elder's curiosity?"

Hui Chi was an old man, and although his appearance was just as dignified as Hui Zhi's, his advanced age gave him a warmer appearance. "I'm the old man responsible for growing the Roots of Intelligence here in Nature's Manifestation. I've heard of your interest in them, Alliance Leader Lu, and so I wanted to ask if you have ever had a true Root of Intelligence."

The Roots of Intelligence were considered the Hui family's greatest treasures, so not only was Hui Chi curious about this matter, but rather all of the members of the family.

Lu Yin hid nothing at all. "I did consume one, and more than once even."

Hui Kong was taken aback, and he patted a hand on Lu Yin's shoulder. "Brother, I knew that you'd had a Root of Intelligence before, but you never mentioned that you'd done so more than once."

Lu Yin spread his hands in a helpless manner. "Brother Hui, you never really pursued the matter, and I forgot to mention it."

Hui Kong just laughed. "Still, Brother Lu, the fact that you've had more than one opportunity to have a Root of Intelligence shows that I was right about you—you really are talented!"

Hui Zhi was left speechless; what did luck have to do with talent?

Hui Chi quickly asked, "Alliance Leader Lu, where did you get your Roots of Intelligence?"

"I got one from opening a sourcebox, and another from another place from someone named Xiao Can." He kept the fact that he had received one from Mister Mu a secret, as there was no way for him to clearly explain just who Mister Mu was.

Hui Zhi was stunned. "Another place? Xiao Can? What was his surname?"

Lu Yin shrugged. "I know that you're wondering if he's a descendant of Progenitor Hui from that place, but unfortunately, I wasn't able to find out."

Hui Zhi found this to be quite a pity.

"Alright, that's enough chit chat. Let's go, Brother Lu! I'm going to show you around Nature's Manifestation!" Hui Kong instantly put a hand on Lu Yin's shoulder and dragged him towards the nearby mountain range.

The two left behind Hui Santong and an entire group of people who were left utterly speechless. Was their ancestor not going to introduce them? Then why the hell had he dragged them all out to greet Lu Yin?

Hui Santong in particular felt quite put out, as he was one of the few people present from the same generation as Lu Yin.

The mountain range that was Nature's Manifestation was massive. Although Nature's Manifestation was supposed to refer to the mountain range, the name had most likely been chosen because of the Hui family's secret technique.

"Brother Lu, I told you before that when I left my family, there was still an old ancestor living here. That old man was actually from the same generation as Xia Ji, and he almost managed to become a Semi-Progenitor, but unfortunately, he died. Right now, your brother is the top person in the entire Hui family.

"Unfortunately, the Hui family has really fallen to a disgraceful level. The current patriarch isn't even an Envoy while our most powerful elder is only a three-tribulation Envoy who can't even stand up to you. Pathetic!

"Brother Lu, just look at our Roots of Intelligence. They're terrible!"

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Lu Yin followed Hui Kong around Nature's Manifestation, and wherever they went, all of the Hui family's cultivators would bow to both of them. As a junior, receiving such treatment was quite embarrassing for Lu Yin.

Still, his greatest interest in the Hui family centered on the Roots of Intelligence.

An enormous stretch of land was dedicated to raising the Roots of Intelligence, but nothing could be seen at a casual glance, as the roots were growing underground. If not for Hui Kong pointing out the location, Lu Yin would never have known what was planted in those fields.

"My Hui family sells a lot of roots every year, but they're really not worth too much. You've used them yourself, and you should have noticed how they're not really useful for much aside from entering a meditative state. Fortunately, there are some cultivators who are unable to calm themselves down, or else my Hui family would have no source of income. We're not like the Mavis family who have star crystal toilets." Hui Kong looked disgusted.

"Brother Kong, is the only way to absorb stellar energy really from the true universe?" Lu Yin suddenly asked as he stared at the impressive fields of Roots of Intelligence.

Hui Kong nodded. "Yeah."

He then turned to look at Lu Yin. "Right, I heard that you had a monstrous stellar tribulation and that even a manifestation of Progenitor Chen showed up?"

Lu Yin smiled wryly and then proceeded to share the details of his tribulation. Naturally, he hid the fact that he had formed four stellar energy vortices, but this was not because Lu Yin did not trust Hui Kong. Instead, it was because there were certain matters that could not be spoken of, and there was also no reason to share such information.

"That sounds like a tribulation powerful enough to scare even a Progenitor. Brother Lu, you're not going to have an easy time of things in the future." Hui Kong let out a sigh.

Lu Yin pursed his lips. "There's no other choice but to slowly move forward."

Hui Kong shrugged. "I can't help you with this, but luckily, you're already very powerful. You were able to handle someone like Hui Chi when you were still an Enlighter, and I'm guessing you should be able to put up a fight against Envoys with power levels of more than 800,000 now, Brother Lu."

"Just about."

Hui Kong smiled. "That's enough. The only truth that your brother's managed to learn over all these years is to be content with the current situation. Don't try to force or chase after things, but rather take them as they come. Fate is destined, and who knows if the path forward will be shrouded in darkness or not. Everything will eventually turn out alright."

Lu Yin gave Hui Kong an odd look. "Brother Hui, your words are very strange."

Hui Kong looked upwards and grew more emotional as he continued. "When I first started cultivating, I thought that Explorers were the most powerful people, but after becoming one myself, I realized that Envoys existed. Eventually, the day when I became an Envoy myself came, and I understood more clearly than ever how far I was from the realm of Progenitors. Who knows, could there even be something beyond the Progenitor realm?"

"It's good enough to live a single lifetime if you can be happy with it. Why try to force things? Are Progenitors happy? Can they live forever? Then why did the Progenitor of Secret Arts betray humanity? Where are Progenitor Chen, the Rune Progenitor, and Progenitor Hui? The longer you cultivate, the more difficult it becomes to see through the depths of the universe. Since that's how things are, I simply abandoned the whole game."

Every member of the Hui family was highly intelligent, but Hui Kong lived a carefree life free of all worries and responsibilities. The truth was that he lived according to a different sort of wisdom. If one was both intelligent and carefree, they would be able to see the truth of their entire lives.

Despite being an expert with a power level of a million, Hui Kong had accepted Lu Yin as his younger brother after meeting him. The powerhouse had broken free from the shackles of social convention. The man did not care about status, seniority, age, or even cultivation strength at all. Hui Kong only cared about a heart-to-heart connection. This was what Hui Kong held to be important.

He may not end up living the longest, but he was determined to live the happiest.

He was someone who had managed to find peace and enjoy himself even in the depths of the Technocracy.

"Brother Hui, if you don't want to force things, then why have you tried so hard to uncover why Progenitor Hui created the Technocracy?"

"Everyone has their own hobbies! Some people like food and others sex. Brother, I just want to learn the truth of this matter, which is what I enjoy, hahahaha!"

Lu Yin stayed in Nature's Manifestation for several days, and during this time, the nearby Ku family became increasingly anxious.

Ku Lei had been rescued from the Starfall Sea by hiding on Lu Yin's Zenith Mountain. After he returned to his family, he had told them about seeing Lu Yin use Extremes Must Be Reversed, and the news had stunned the entire Ku family.

Others were ignorant about Progenitor Ku, so they naturally would not care about Extremes Must Be Reversed, but the Ku family was well aware of the value of the battle technique.

Still, Patriarch Ku Pu was no idiot. He was already aware of how Lu Yin had gained control of the Wen family by stringing them along, and Ku Pu had no desire to be manipulated like the Wen family. Thus, the Ku family had restrained themselves and held back from reaching out to Lu Yin.

Still, they were not able to endure for very long, and they soon called Lu Yin. There was no avoiding the fact that they were in the inferior position in this transaction, and no matter how long they waited to contact Lu Yin, their position in the following negotiations would not change.

However, the connection had already been made, and Lu Yin was in no hurry to reel the Ku family in. He intended to string them along, just as he had done with the Wen family.

Lu Yin was getting better and better at increasing people's desires.

Knowing that Lu Yin was in Nature's Manifestation and so close to the Voidsoul Region, Ku Pu could not stop himself from calling Lu Yin to invite him to visit the Ku family as well.

When Lu Yin saw the call request from Ku Pu, a smile appeared on his face. He had been waiting for this particular call.

"Patriarch Ku Pu, what can I do for you?" Lu Yin asked as he answered the call.

Ku Pu smiled and put on a show of being relaxed. "Overseer Lu, I heard that you are a guest in Nature's Manifestation, right?"

"That's right. Brother Hui Kong invited me to visit him several times, and I happened to be passing through the southern region, so I stopped by," Lu Yin said.

"My Ku family's Voidsoul Region is rather close to Nature's Manifestation. I'd like to formally invite Overseer Lu to visit my family. I wonder, would you be willing to show us some face?" Ku Pu laughed.

Lu Yin replied, "Of course. How could I possibly refuse an invitation from Patriarch Ku Pu? I will head over as soon as possible."

"In that case, I will await your arrival with a welcoming party. We'll start preparing for it."

Ku Pu then ended the call, and Lu Yin let out a long breath.

"Ku Pu? The Ku family's patriarch?" Hui Kong had overheard the conversation. At the moment, he and Lu Yin were enjoying some tea. Naturally, it was made from the Hui family's Roots of Intelligence.

Lu Yin nodded. "That was him."

"Ku Pu invited you to visit the Voidsoul Region? That's out of character for the Ku family." Hui Kong was quite surprised.

Lu Yin proudly stated, "I have something that they need."

Hui Kong immediately understood. "That makes sense then. While the Ku family has always been rather closed off, they are more than simply arrogant. It's incredibly rare for them to invite anyone to be their guest. Brother Lu, you need to be careful with the Ku family."

"Is there something wrong?" Lu Yin felt rather puzzled.

Hui Kong took a moment to reply. "The Ku family is not as simple as they seem. I remember hearing the old man once say that he heard Progenitor Hui mention Progenitor Ku. It was something along the lines that Progenitor Ku was not simple and that whoever underestimated him would suffer. Something like that... I can't quite remember. What's wrong with me? I've forgotten. Let me think about it for a moment."

Lu Yin was in no hurry. "Have some tea, Brother Hui."

Lu Yin had already known that Progenitor Ku had not been as simple as people understood, but Lu Yin also had not expected to find out that Hui Kong knew something about the Progenitor.

"That's it!" Hui Kong suddenly smacked the table. "I remember now! The old man heard Progenitor Hui comment that anyone could die, but that it would be impossible for Progenitor Ku to die."

Lu Yin stared. "What is that supposed to mean?"

Hui Kong shook his head. "I have no idea—that's all that the old man said. I didn't have any interest in Progenitor Ku back then, so I didn't ask any more questions. If not for you planning to go visit the Ku family, I wouldn't have even remembered that conversation."

* This is a Chinese idiom that literally says "a great hero may appear timid, the wise may appear stupid."

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Lu Yin's eyes flickered. With both Extremes Must Be Reversed and the power of time, it would indeed be incredibly difficult for Progenitor Ku to be killed. In fact, Lu Yin himself had already questioned whether the Progenitor might still be alive. Lu Yin had been able to use Extremes Must Be Reversed to overcome Progenitor Chen's innate gift, Heaven's Furnace, and he had used the accumulated power to instantly defeat a fusion of eight of Progenitor Chen's clones with a single attack. Lu Yin really could not imagine what could possibly kill Progenitor Ku, especially since the man had once controlled one of the Nine Mountains and Eight Seas. The power that the Progenitor had to wield was something that Lu Yin could not even imagine.

The next day, Lu Yin met with Hui Zhi on his own.

While Hui Kong was the Hui family's ancestor and held the status of an elder, there were certain things that Lu Yin did not want to share with his sworn brother. After all, elders were different from a family's patriarch, and most families were not like the Xia family where the position of patriarch held no power at all. In the case of the Xia family, Xia Ji was simply too oppressive. Hui Kong did not have a similar personality at all.

"Alliance Leader Lu, if you have anything that you need to say to my Hui family, you can just speak to Elder Hui Kong, and he can make any necessary decisions." Hui Zhi poured a cup of tea for Lu Yin as he politely addressed the young man.

Lu Yin shook his head. "Personal relationships need to be kept clear from business matters. My relationship with Brother Hui doesn't have anything to do with your Hui family."

Hui Zhi smiled. "In that case, what is it that you wish to speak to the Hui family about, Alliance Leader Lu?"

Lu Yin picked up his teacup. "The imitations that you produce are far different from the true Roots of Intelligence."

Hui Zhi shrugged. "I'm sorry, Alliance Leader Lu, but I can't offer you any authentic Roots of Intelligence. If we had any at all, Elder Hui Kong would not hold back with you."

"I know." Lu Yin put his teacup back down. "But does the Hui family really have no true Roots of Intelligence?"

Hui Zhi hesitated as he picked up his own teacup. He took a sip and then indifferently replied, "No."

"Brother Hui Kong mentioned to me that when he left the Hui family many years ago, his family still had some Roots of Intelligence. Years ago, when I first heard of them, I was told that the Hui family should have some real Roots of Intelligence. Your Hui family has the impressive lineage of being the descendants of Progenitor Hui, so is it really possible that you have no Roots of Intelligence?" Lu Yin casually asked.

Hui Zhi laughed and then looked at Lu Yin. "Are you suspecting me or Elder Hui Kong of lying to you, Alliance Leader Lu?"

"There's no way my brother's aware of anything, as he would simply give me a root if there was one," Lu Yin replied.

Hui Zhi twitched. "Still, my Hui family has no true Roots of Intelligence."

Lu Yin let out a long breath. "I'm happy to hear you say that, regardless of whether it's simply because you're worried Brother Hui Kong would simply give me one or because you truly don't have any."

Hui Zhi said nothing, though he also did not deny Lu Yin's suspicions.

No one could blame the man. Hui Kong really was a generous man, and it was absolutely possible for him to simply give Lu Yin a true Root of Intelligence. Such a gift would be a terrible loss for the Hui family, but there was also no way for Hui Zhi to

object to anything that Hui Kong did, so denying the existence of any Roots of Intelligence was really the patriarch's only option.

"Patriarch, have you ever drank tea made with a true Root of Intelligence?" Lu Yin suddenly asked.

Desire flashed across Hui Zhi's eyes, and he mournfully shook his head as he let out a sigh. "Of course I've never had the opportunity."

"Then let me propose a deal to you, Patriarch. I've heard that heart of teardust is needed in order to grow true Roots of Intelligence, and I just happen to have some," Lu Yin casually mentioned as he held his teacup.

Across from him, Hui Zhi was left stunned, and he stared at Lu Yin in disbelief. "What did you just say? You have heart of teardust?"

Lu Yin pulled out the Enhanced teardust from his cosmic ring to show the man.

While Lu Yin was not entirely certain that the Enhanced teardust had actually been upgraded to heart of teardust, it was clearly different from normal teardust.

Hui Zhi looked at the jewel-like teardust that Lu Yin had taken out, and the older man's eyes went wide. Each individual piece looked like a work of art, and each was a perfect sphere. The entire pile together had a beautiful and shimmering appearance. "Yes, this is indeed heart of teardust, but..."

Lu Yin arched a brow. But? Was something wrong?

"But why is there so much of it?" Hui Zhi was in utter disbelief. He looked as if he had just seen a ghost as he blankly stared at Lu Yin. "While I don't know how much heart of teardust Progenitor Hui gathered in the past, from both our records and our own research, it's impossible for so much heart of teardust to appear at once."

Lu Yin indifferently replied, "Someone else gathered this long ago. I just picked it up."

This was the only explanation that he offered.

Hui Zhi stared at Lu Yin intently for a moment as he reviewed everything that his family had learned about Lu Yin.

Rumors had started to circulate about Lu Yin as far back as when the Outerverse and Innerverse had first been separated. At that time, Enlighters had tried to suppress Lu Yin, but he had revealed one treasure after another, whether they were power vessels, natural treasures, or some other valuable item. Everything that Lu Yin had revealed had allowed him to turn certain defeat into victory, and there had been a veritably endless stream of various items. Many people had started to wonder where Lu Yin could have

acquired so many treasures, and many were certain that he must have received the full inheritance of some ancient and very powerful organization.

However, Lu Yin had risen from the Outerverse. What kind of powerful ancient inheritance could he have acquired in such a place?

This had led nearly every organization in the entire universe to send people into the Great Eastern Alliance to try to uncover the truth of the matter, but all of them had failed. According to Hui Zhi's analysis of the matter, this was most likely because the inheritance that Lu Yin had obtained most likely did not come from the Outerverse, but was rather something along the lines of a hidden world.

Regardless of where Lu Yin went, he always had power vessels that allowed him to fight against more powerful opponents. There was no end to the treasures that he had revealed, and the flow had never stopped regardless of where Lu Yin traveled. There was only one possible explanation, and that was that he carried everything that he possessed with him at all times.

It was impossible to do that with a mere cosmic ring, and he had only been given Zenith Mountain after winning ZENITH, which meant that the mountain was not the hidden world that Lu Yin used. The only possibility was that Lu Yin had received a complete inheritance and that it included a massive and powerful hidden world.

It was also highly likely that this hidden world had a connection to Lu Yin's desire for star essence.

It made no sense at all for such a talented cultivator to treat mere wealth as something as important as their life.

This summarized the Hui family's assumptions regarding Lu Yin.

Also, the Hui family had never shared their analysis of Lu Yin with anyone at all.

Still, it was possible that the Hui family was not the only power to have arrived at such conclusions, but it was impossible for any other organization to have verified anything either. Everyone wanted proof, but there was no opportunity to do so.

Lu Yin had climbed too high too fast, and at his current heights, even Semi-Progenitor would find it difficult to deal with the youth.

"Alliance Leader Lu, what sort of deal do you hope to make?" Hui Zhi looked up at Lu Yin as he asked this question. The patriarch forcefully suppressed his desire for the heart of teardust in front of him.

However, regardless of how calmly the man acted, Lu Yin was able to sense his desire. For the Hui family, heart of teardust was as priceless as a secret technique. No, the

material was even more priceless as heart of teardust represented a possibility to grow true Roots of Intelligence. This was the family's greatest wish throughout their entire existence. If they were able to produce authentic Roots of Intelligence, then the Hui family's status would completely transform, and the entire universe would try to ingratiate themselves with the family.

Even a tiny bit of heart of teardust presented infinite possibilities to the Hui family.

The corners of Lu Yin's mouth curled upwards. "I would like to know just what the Hui Family can offer me."

Hui Zhi and Lu Yin stared at each other. The young man was not merely a gifted cultivator, but also someone who stood at the absolute peak of power in the universe. It was possible that the Hui family could not afford what Lu Yin wanted from them.

"What is it that you want, Alliance Leader Lu? A true Root of Intelligence?" Hui Zhi asked.

Lu Yin replied, "That's a given condition to any deal. I'd accept three Roots of Intelligence for half of this heart of teardust."

"Three roots? Alliance Leader Lu, you're overestimating things. If my Hui family actually had three Roots of Intelligence, why would we hide it? Given the friendship between Elder Hui Kong and yourself, why not just offer you a single root?" Hui Zhi retorted.

Lu Yin pursed his lips and then began to go down the emotional path. "Patriarch, there's no need to speak of such things. I'll explain this matter to Brother Hui Kong myself. However, if your Hui family genuinely respected him as you claim, then you won't hide this matter regarding the Roots of Intelligence. You may be willing to lie to him, but I'm not. After we conclude our negotiations, I will speak to him about this matter, but I won't say anything yet, as I don't want my brother to get trapped in the middle."

Hui Zhi's brows rose. "Regardless, three roots is simply too many. Alliance Leader Lu, I'll be blunt. My Hui family does not have three true Roots of Intelligence, and even if we did, you want to offer us only half of the heart of teardust that you brought've out for three of them? Don't you feel that that's a bit too much?"

Lu Yin smiled. "Patriarch, you just mentioned that this is a great amount of heart of teardust, even compared to the amount that Progenitor Hui was able to gather. Tell me, how many Roots of Intelligence did Progenitor Hui leave behind? Ten? Twenty? A hundred? I can only imagine just how many Roots of Intelligence can be grown from this much heart of teardust."

"Earlier, my comment was intended to refer to how it's impossible to acquire so much heart of teardust at a single time. That's simply beyond anyone's control. Still, given Progenitor Hui's abilities, even if he was not able to gather this much at once, he was

still able to find heart of teardust twice, thrice, and possibly even countless times. Progenitor Hui cultivated the Roots of Intelligence, and he possessed an endless amount of teardust and heart of teardust," Hui Zhi countered. He had just realized that Lu Yin was as cunning as a fox, and he would latch on to any flaw, even if it was revealed in a single word.

Lu Yin sneered. "Patriarch, you're wasting your breath, as your earlier reaction confirmed my conjectures. This is a tremendous amount of heart of teardust, which means that it's up to you whether or not you want to make this deal. If you don't want to, then just forget it."

"Alliance Leader Lu, this heart of teardust is useless to you. Do you know how to grow Roots of Intelligence?" Hui Zhi asked softly.

Lu Yin boldly replied, "Brother Hui Kong will teach me."

Hui Zhi was left speechless. Given their ancestor's personality, he would absolutely be willing to share such information with Lu Yin. The entire Hui family had realized that they needed to treat Lu Yin as though he were their ancestor's own son.

"Alliance Leader Lu, three Roots of Intelligence is simply too much. My family really doesn't have that much. I can also tell you in complete honesty that there is no other place in the Fifth Mainland that possesses a true Root of Intelligence, and that includes even the Hall of Honor," Hui Zhi said.

Lu Yin arched a brow. "Patriarch, are you trying to use a Root of Intelligence to threaten me?"

"Aren't you doing the same to me with the heart of teardust?" Hui Zhi shot back.

The two fell silent for a while, but it was not long before Lu Yin's eyes rose back up to stare at Hui Zhi. "Because of Brother Hui Kong, I'll reduce it to two Roots of Intelligence, as well as 20 billion star essence."

Hui Zhi nearly spat out his tea into Lu Yin's face. 20 billion star essence was a tremendous sum. Even though it was an amount that his Hui family could pay, the new terms that Lu Yin was offering was essentially setting the value of a single true Root of Intelligence at 20 billion star essence. Was this a reasonable price? It was impossible to say.

For a normal cultivator, a root would never be worth such a price. Forget 20 billion star essence—a true Root of Intelligence would not even be worth 200 million star essence. After all, the roots were not secret techniques, and they could only be used to make a tea, of which there would only be three sips. This tea could allow a person to comprehend whatever they put their minds to, but that also depended entirely on the person in question. For a genius like Shang Qing, the price might be reasonable. After

all, the deeper a person's foundation was, the greater the value a true Root of Intelligence would hold for them.

This was particularly true for Semi-Progenitors, as they needed to comprehend the path that they needed to take to become a Progenitor. This placed the value of a Root of Intelligence far higher than 20 billion star essence for such people.

However, the Hui family was not being offered the chance to buy Roots of Intelligence, but rather the heart of teardust, and they were also being told to pay two Roots of Intelligence for just half of the heart of teardust in Lu Yin's possession. Hui Zhi did not know how to negotiate with Lu Yin.

Hui Zhi took a sip of his tea and then helplessly said, "Alliance Leader Lu, Elder Hui Kong has a special relationship with you, so I won't beat around the bush anymore."

The man hesitated and looked down at the heart of teardust between them. "This is indeed a tremendous amount of heart of teardust, and I have no idea how you acquired so much. Still, true Roots of Intelligence cannot be grown with this alone. Many other precious materials are needed as well. Even if the heart of teardust alone could allow us to grow Roots of Intelligence, the amount here would only allow us to grow five roots at best. The deal that you're proposing is one that I can't even consider, as even a perfect harvest would incur a loss for my Hui family.

"If you insist on pushing this particular trade, I can only ask you to remain nothing more than our guest." The patriarch continued sipping his tea.

Lu Yin could not determine if Hui Zhi was telling the truth or not. The members of the Hui family were all highly intelligent, and Lu Yin could not get a read on Hui Zhi.

Also, Lu Yin did not actually know what the value of the heart of teardust in his possession was, as it was genuinely useless to him. On the other hand, he desperately needed Roots of Intelligence in order to increase his comprehension of Inverse Step. He wanted to revisit what he had seen when Progenitor Chen's clone had used the technique, so this was extremely tempting for him.

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Also, teardust itself was not that rare, and Lu Yin could simply Enhance some more teardust to get more heart of teardust.

After thinking for a moment, Lu Yin let out a long breath and sincerely said, "I can feel your honesty, Patriarch Hui Zhi. Very well, one Root of Intelligence and 20 billion star essence for all of this heart of teardust."

Hui Zhi was taken aback, and he stared at Lu Yin in surprise. Was that it? Was Lu Yin giving in so easily?

Lu Yin spoke earnestly, "I'm not merely looking to make a deal with you, but also trying to establish a friendly relationship with your Hui family with this transaction. While the Seven Courts are considered one of the Three Dark Hands, you're not guilty of any evil deeds. As for the people who see me as an enemy, it's just the Xia family so far, and I hope that the Hui family won't side against me just because of the Xia family."

Hui Zhi nodded. "There's no need to worry about that, Alliance Leader Lu. While I'm not sure why the Xia family is so hostile towards you, my Hui family is not a part of the Xia family. The only reason why the Court of Seven Names ever united was to protect Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum."

Lu Yin smiled. "Alright then."

He then pushed the pile of heart of teardust over to Hui Zhi.

The patriarch was excited, and he carefully took the pile while staring at the heart of teardust as though seeing a peerless treasure.

The man had not been entirely open with Lu Yin. While it was true that it took a great number of rare substances to grow a true Root of Intelligence, the Hui family had gathered a great deal of the various materials over the years, and they were only missing the heart of teardust. Since they had just obtained that, the Hui family would finally be able to cultivate some true Roots of Intelligence, and while it took a very long time to raise a single root, they could afford to wait. After all, they had already been waiting for so many years.

After collecting the heart of teardust, Hui Zhi left for a bit, but he soon returned and handed Lu Yin an authentic Root of Intelligence.

Lu Yin's eyes lit up, and he quickly put the root away with a very satisfied smile.

"Alliance Leader Lu, here is the 20 billion star essence as well. We've stored it for you." Hui Zhi handed Lu Yin ten cosmic rings as he spoke, agony clearly visible on the man's face.

This was the wealth of the Hui family. While it might be impossible for other families to gather so many funds in an instant, as this was an absurd amount, the Hui family's business was selling Roots of Intelligence. On top of that, the family was known for their intelligence, and they had managed to gather a tremendous amount of resources over

the years. Still, Lu Yin was taking away a large percentage of their accumulated wealth, and Hui Zhi could not help but show an ugly expression.

Lu Yin took the cosmic rings, and he realized that there were ten rings. These cosmic rings were too small, and he actually felt a bit disgusted at their size.

"Alliance Leader Lu, I have an uncomfortable request, though I hope that you will agree," Hui Zhi said.

Lu Yin was in a great mood. "Tell me."

Hui Zhi coughed awkwardly. "I'm hoping that you can keep this matter from Elder Hui Kong, Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin looked back at the man and nodded. "I also don't want to embarrass my brother. This matter is simply between me and the Hui family. It has nothing to do with my brother."

Hui Zhi heaved a sigh of relief. "Thank you, Alliance Leader Lu."

After finishing his negotiations with Hui Zhi, Lu Yin returned to the region of Nature's Manifestation where the Hui family grew their Roots of Intelligence to meet back up with Hui Kong.

Hui Kong was sitting on the ground. He had a straw hat on his head and was sipping on tea made from a Root of Intelligence. He looked incredibly relaxed.

The man patted the ground next to him when he saw Lu Yin approaching.

Lu Yin smiled and sat next to the older man.

"Brother Hui, I'm heading out."

"Off to see the Ku family?"

"That's right."

"Want me to go with you?"

"Worried that I'll be in danger?"

"Not at all. That old man, the Second Nightking, is going with you, so the Ku family won't be able to do a thing. Still, they're a part of the Seven Courts, just like us, and when it comes to matters of seniority, Ku Pu needs to call me ancestor, which can make things easier for you."

"Haha, there's no need for that," Lu Yin laughed. "I don't want to see Ku Pu's mournful expression."

"What are you talking about? What's this bullshit? I'm not going to die soon!" Hui Kong angrily retorted.

Lu Yin suddenly remembered something. "Brother Hui, does your Hui family have any teardust?"

Hui Kong was caught off guard. "Teardust? Why are you asking about that? Do you want some? It's useless, as only heart of teardust is actually useful."

"Bring me some. I'm rather curious about it," Lu Yin said without giving any real explanation.

He had wanted to get more teardust from First Edition City, but it was possible that they would not have any. Even though heart of teardust was the most important substance for growing Roots of Intelligence, normal teardust was still an extremely rare substance. It seemed much more likely for the Hui family to have some, as the family had always been searching for heart of teardust.

Hui Kong did not hesitate at all. He stood up, dusted off the seat of his pants, and simply left. About half an hour later, he returned and tossed Lu Yin a bit of teardust. "Those guys are too fussy. Just take this, as it clearly doesn't have any use."

Lu Yin's eyes lit up, as he had just been given twice as much teardust as he had acquired before. "Thank you, Brother Hui!"

Even as he spoke, Lu Yin pulled out a cosmic ring and tossed it over to Hui Kong, who grabbed it by reflex, but he was puzzled by Lu Yin's actions.

"That should be a bit of help to you, Brother Hui," Lu Yin said.

Hui Kong frowned. "What are you doing? Are you trying to pay me for something between us brothers?"

"Of course not, but isn't it normal for a younger brother to give their older brother a gift?" Lu Yin replied.

Hui Kong rubbed his bald head. "Alright, if it's a gift from you, then I can't say no, Brother Lu."

It was only a short while later that Lu Yin left Nature's Manifestation.

It was only then that Hui Kong checked to see what was in the cosmic ring: heart of teardust.

Lu Yin had not given all the heart of teardust that he had obtained to Hui Zhi during their transaction, instead deliberately saving some for Hui Kong.

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After leaving the Hui family's territory, Lu Yin and the Second Nightking entered the Voidsoul Region.

Ku Pu led an entire group of the Ku family out to welcome Lu Yin.

Back when Lu Yin had emerged from Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, he had been surrounded by people from all of the Seven Courts' families, and they had all stared at him with open suspicion. The way that these people looked at Lu Yin had changed drastically in the present.

Ku Pu had initially been quite hostile towards Lu Yin, but at the moment, the patriarch was being almost overly polite.

"Alliance Leader Lu, welcome to the Voidsoul Region." Ku Pu stepped forward and greeted Lu Yin with a polite smile.

Lu Yin responded with a similar degree of formality. "I, Lu Yin, feel truly honored to visit the home of Progenitor Ku's descendants."

Lu Yin then looked past Ku Pu and at an old man who stood behind the patriarch. The two men looked quite similar to each other, but the older man's aura felt immeasurable. Lu Yin would only get this feeling from experts with power levels of at least a million.

However, this was only to be expected from one of the Seven Courts' families. The Xia family had a Semi-Progenitor while the Hui family had Hui Kong. As for the Ku family, they had this old man. This was the true power of one of the Three Dark Hands.

It was believed that the Seven Courts possessed as many as five old monsters with a power level of at least a million, as well as Semi-Progenitor Xia Ji. As for Envoys, they had to have at least six or seven such powerhouses with the same level of strength as Ling Qiu. This was the level of strength needed to guard Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum.

Despite the Great Eastern Alliance's increased strength, they still could not compare to the Seven Courts when it came to sheer strength. This was even including the absence of the Yu family and after the Yōu clan had split. The power of the Seven Courts at its peak could only be imagined.

Of the Three Dark Hands, the Court of Seven Names possessed a similar level of power to Burial Garden. Burial Garden also had a Semi-Progenitor as well as the four captains of the Dead Regiment, each of whom possessed a power level of over a million.

This was the strength of one of the Neoverse behemoths. In comparison, the Great Eastern Alliance still had a long way to go.

"This is my Ku family's elder, Ku Rong." After seeing Lu Yin observing the old man who was the Ku family's strongest powerhouse, Ku Pu quickly proceeded with the introductions.

Ku Rong continued to simply stare at Lu Yin, but when the old man heard Ku Pu's introduction, he slowly said, "As expected, you are a member of the younger generation whom not even us old men can see through."

Lu Yin showed a slight smile. "Is there something that Senior wanted to see through?"

Ku Rong shook his head as he sighed. "I can't see anything. If my Ku family's juniors had even half of your talent, there would be no worries for us, Alliance Leader Lu."

This compliment to Lu Yin caused Ku Lei to flush bright red from where he stood at the back of the welcoming committee, but there was nothing that he could do or say.

It was undeniable that Lu Yin was already an Envoy. Ku Lei felt something completely different when he looked at Lu Yin at this moment, as though Ku Lei was in the presence of a true powerhouse. Although Lu Yin had been terrifyingly powerful in the past, Ku Lei had never felt such a sensation from Lu Yin before.

They were no longer even close to standing on the same level.

Lu Yin smiled. "Senior, your compliment is too exaggerated. This junior fought with Ku Lei in the past in the Mountain and Seas Zone, and your junior is far from weak. He's also built up quite the reputation in the Neoverse."

Ku Rong shook his head, unwilling to say anything more, though he frowned when he glanced at the Second Nightking standing behind Lu Yin.

The Second Nightking greatly surpassed both Ku Rong and Hui Kong in age and strength, and yet because he stood behind Lu Yin, people unconsciously ignored the old man. This was a terrifying phenomenon, as it indicated that Lu Yin's brilliance was more than able to compensate for his own lacking strength.

This was something far more frightening than mere personal strength.

"Alliance Leader Lu, please introduce us to the gentleman behind you," Ku Rong requested.

The Second Nightking looked up at Ku Rong, and for a moment, the Ku family's elder felt a tremendous amount of pressure that caused his expression to subtly change.

Lu Yin waved a hand dismissively, and the Second Nightking's body suddenly disappeared.

"Introductions are unnecessary, as he's merely a loser who tried to enter the Neoverse but failed," Lu Yin replied. "Senior, this junior is very interested in your Voidsoul Region. Could I ask you to show me around?"

Lu Yin was already ignoring Ku Pu, who was the family's patriarch.

When it came to knowledge regarding Progenitor Ku, who in the Ku family could compare to an old monster like Ku Rong? The only thing of value that the Ku family possessed to Lu Yin was knowledge of Progenitor Ku, which made Ku Pu worthless to Lu Yin.

The Ku family patriarch was unbothered by such treatment, and he quietly stood to the side and watched the interactions unfold.

Ku Rong nodded. "If you're interested, I don't mind escorting you, Alliance Leader Lu, though you'll have to forgive an old man for moving slowly."

"Thank you, Senior."

There was a very high level of star energy in the Voidsoul Region, and it caused everything to grow extravagantly and the entire place to look very beautiful. However, due to constant lightning strikes, dead trees could be seen everywhere. These trees were also not cleared away, but rather left where they stood. The older the tree that was struck by lightning, the more valuable the wood that would be produced. These dead trees were the raw materials used to produce the Ku family's Withered Bark.

There was a crack, and despite the sky being clear and sunny, a bolt of lightning fell down, striking an ancient tree and burning it.

"Ku Wei mentioned that the Voidsoul Region constantly has lightning falling without any warning, and I see that it's true. Senior, where does the lightning come from?" Lu Yin asked as he followed Ku Rong around the Voidsoul Region.

Ku Rong replied, "It's just a natural occurrence. There's nothing mysterious behind it."

"Really?" Lu Yin stared out at the burning tree in the distance. Was this lightning really nothing more than a natural phenomenon? How could that be? The lightning had struck so suddenly that not even Lu Yin had been able to sense it. Given his current might, let alone mere lightning, Lu Yin was able to easily sense astral phenomena and avoid catastrophes in outer space.

However, it was clear that Ku Rong did not want to say anything more, so Lu Yin dropped the matter.

"Alliance Leader Lu, I heard from one of my family's youths that you've learned Extremes Must Be Reversed," Ku Rong bluntly asked.

"That's true. You must already know, Senior, that this junior visited another place, and it was there that I learned Extremes Must Be Reversed. I was even able to visit the Voidsoul Palace where Progenitor Ku himself once lived."

"Could you tell me more about that?" Ku Rong asked. There seemed to be absolutely no change in the man's emotional state.

Lu Yin hid nothing as he spoke of his time in the Perennial World, particularly in the Dominion Realm. He focused on the desiccated army that they had faced, as well as the battles that had taken place in the Voidsoul Palace.

It had not been an overly complicated experience, so it did not take Lu Yin long to tell his story.

Ku Rong laughed. "I didn't expect those people to still believe Progenitor Ku to be the weakest! They actually gave him a position in the center of the Dominion Realm!"