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"You seem to be familiar with the details of the Mother Tree's canopy, Senior." Lu Yin was intrigued by this.

Ku Rong replied, "I've been there myself, and I've also heard about it."

Lu Yin understood. This man had also been a trespasser in the Perennial World as had the Chief Justice. Lu Yin was not sure how many of the Fifth Mainland's Semi-Progenitors had been to the Perennial World, but it was possible that all of them had made the trip in the past.

"When this junior first arrived in the Withered Glory Region, the Junior Progenitors from the Celestial Frost Sect and the Wang family both mentioned that Progenitor Ku had been one of the weakest Progenitors and that his secret technique is one of merely healing. They even said that that aspect of the secret technique is inferior to what one of Progenitor Chen's clones was capable of doing," Lu Yin spoke with strong emotion.

Ku Rong was actually amused by Lu Yin's words. "Alliance Leader Lu, I'm old and no longer so excitable. Your words aren't enough to get me to argue with you."

Lu Yin pursed his lips. Such old men were a pain to deal with, as their mentality was too stable.

"I already know what you want to know. Honestly, no one has truly wanted to learn about our ancestor. Since you are interested, I won't hide anything from you, Alliance Leader Lu," Ku Rong continued.

Lu Yin's eyes lit up. "Senior, please tell me."

Ku Rong clasped his hands behind his back. Lightning once again fell from the clear sky, sparking a fire on the mountain down below. "Our ancestor was actually desiccated from birth, and he was discriminated against so badly that even his own parents did not want to touch him. That was why he was named 'Ku.' As for his talent for cultivation..." A wry smile suddenly appeared on the old man's face at this moment. "It was pretty terrible."

This surprised Lu Yin. Had Progenitor Ku possessed poor talent for cultivation? This was something that Lu Yin had never heard of before. Progenitors were always considered to be synonymous with peerless talent.

"However, despite his poor talent, our ancestor never gave up. Even if his path of cultivation was full of ups and downs, he never gave up and never accepted his fate. His transformation all began when he started training Waning Zen.

"Our ancestor did not create Waning Zen himself, but rather acquired it from an ancient inheritance. It was not some powerful battle technique, but it did match our ancestor's state of mind most perfectly. It was entirely because he trained Waning Zen that our ancestor was eventually able to sit down and create Extremes Must Be Reversed. Without that, our ancestor would have fossilized at that time."

Lu Yin was shocked. He could not even imagine the determination that a person needed to train a technique to the point where they were about to turn to stone.

The world of cultivation was ruled by the law of the jungle where the strong preyed upon the weak. Thievery and death could be found everywhere.

When Lu Yin had used Extremes Must Be Reversed to change the appearance of his body and look withered, many people had been wary or even outright hostile towards him. Given the information that Progenitor Ku had possessed such an appearance from birth led Lu Yin to believe that the Progenitor's perseverance had far exceeded what most people could even imagine.

Lu Yin felt like he could see a shriveled young man stumbling his way forward year after year with nothing more than his own determination.

"Extremes Must Be Reversed was an unprecedented technique that allowed our ancestor to obtain a normal appearance for the first time in his life. Finally, he was able to blend in when walking down the street, and he could openly show himself. From that point forward, our ancestor maintained a low profile and essentially disappeared.

"During that same era, Progenitor Chen was seen as invincible, and his fame spread throughout the universe. The Daosource Sect was still the ruler of all of humanity while the Rune Progenitor, Progenitor Wushang, as well as the Progenitors from the Lu, Wang, Bai families and more had not yet become Progenitors, though they were all already on their way towards becoming well known. Only our ancestor remained unknown."

At this point in his story, Ku Rong's voice grew much more passionate. "It was never that our ancestor was unable to compare to his peers, but rather that he did not wish to do so. Given our ancestor's personality, he was more than happy to maintain a low profile.

"Progenitor Chen remained invincible and the Rune Progenitor mysterious. One after another, our ancestor's peers became Progenitors, and they even gained control of the Nine Mountains and Eight Seas. All of the major families were eager to see who would be the next to become a Progenitor, but no one even considered that Progenitor Ku,

who was completely unknown, would be a contender. However, our ancestor managed to surpass all other creatures and become a Progenitor, and he was able to do so entirely because of Extremes Must Be Reversed."

Ku Rong stared at Lu Yin. "Extremes Must Be Reversed not only provided the opportunity that our ancestor needed to become a Progenitor, but it was also the reason why my Ku family was able to exist in the first place. Without it, our ancestor would have died long before finding our family."

"Alliance Leader Lu, this is the story of our ancestor. It is not an exciting story, instead being as nondescript as our ancestor himself. He maintained a low profile, but his contributions to humanity are in no way inferior to those of any other Progenitor. During the war between the Fifth and Sixth Mainlands, my ancestor did not participate, but it was because he went out alone to slaughter the Aeternals."

This information left Lu Yin shocked. "The Aeternals?"

Ku Rong closed his eyes, pain appearing on his face. "That's right. Our ancestor went to confront the Aeternals alone, and he never returned. Of everyone alive back then, only the Aeternals know just how powerful our ancestor was back then because he never revealed his power before humanity. Still, he was far from weak, as he fought against all Seven Skygods, as they were the only powerhouses from Aeternus that had the strength to stand up to our ancestor."

Lu Yin had never imagined that Progenitor Ku would have disappeared in such a manner. "Then what about the Voidsoul Palace in the Dominion Realm? It's said that Progenitor Ku died there."

Ku Rong shook his head. "Our ancestor never even went there. It's possible that one of his disciples died there, but our ancestor went to attack the Aeternals, and his fate remains a mystery."

"Why did Progenitor Ku go attack the Aeternals?" Lu Yin found this to be puzzling, as not even Progenitor Chen, the Rune Progenitor, or the Progenitors from the Lu, Wang, and Bai families had done such a thing. Why had Progenitor Ku made such a choice?

"That I don't know. His descendants are all useless, and we haven't even been able to determine whether our ancestor is dead or alive," Ku Rong answered in a bitter tone.

As Ku Rong had just said, Progenitor Ku had kept himself too far under the radar. Not even the Progenitors of his era had possessed any understanding of his strength, and if not for the fact that Xin Nü had told Lu Yin that Progenitor Ku had controlled one of the Nine Mountains and Eight Seas, Lu Yin would have never known about that detail.

What did the Nine Mountains and Eight Seas represent? Only the most powerful experts had been able to control them, and only a few Progenitors had qualified.

During the Daosource Sect's era, the Fifth Mainland had always had more than just a single Progenitor at any given time, but there had been many times when not a single one of the Nine Mountains and Eight Seas had been controlled. Only during Progenitor Chen's time had all of them had a master.

Lu Yin could only imagine how surprised both the Fifth and Sixth Mainlands must have been when Progenitor Ku had first become a Progenitor, let alone the shock that must have rippled out when he had managed to take control of one of the Nine Mountains and Eight Seas. People must have questioned reality itself.

The fact that Progenitor Ku had controlled one of the Nine Mountains and Eight Seas indicated that the man had indeed been extremely outstanding amongst his peers, but he had done so in his own subdued manner.

It defied imagination that anyone would keep such a low profile after becoming a Progenitor, but Progenitor Ku had managed to accomplish just that. If Ku Rong's story was accurate, then Progenitor Ku had gone to attack the Aeternals on his own, and his contributions to humanity were in no way inferior to what Progenitor Chen or other such powerhouses had accomplished. In fact, Progenitor Ku was even more admirable.

Ku Rong grew solemn as he turned to face Lu Yin. "Alliance Leader Lu, I'm well aware that my family has no manner of friendship with you, and from what I hear from Ku Pu, there seems to be a bit of history between the two of you. And yet, he still is shameless enough to ask you for a favor. Regardless of what conditions you may put forth, as long as it is within our means, our Ku family will pay any price you ask. I'm not a shrewd negotiator, so all I can do is express my sincerity to you."

Lu Yin was facing a dilemma. This old man was indeed being sincere, and it was not easy to deal with such a person.

Hui Zhi had kept the fact that his family still had Roots of Intelligence a secret from even Hui Kong, but Lu Yin was able to negotiate with people like that, and he felt no guilt about presenting offensive terms and saying all kinds of things to tempt the other party into agreeing to a deal. However, Lu Yin found it difficult to deal with an open and honest person, especially after hearing the story of Progenitor Ku and feeling genuine admiration for the man.

It was no wonder why Ku Pu had not tried to stay close to Lu Yin. The Ku patriarch was aware of the bad blood between himself and Lu Yin, and if he had participated in the negotiations with Lu Yin, the Ku family was destined to suffer an unending barrage of temptation and exploitation while Lu Yin offered them their Progenitor's technique that they desired so badly.

"Senior, I would like to ask you a question: how am I supposed to teach this technique to your family?" Lu Yin asked.

Ku Rong was taken aback. "Just tell me how you train in the technique."

"But I don't know that myself," Lu Yin helplessly explained.

Ku Rong stared into Lu Yin's eyes, but Lu Yin did not look away at all and willingly met the old man's gaze.

"Alliance Leader Lu, do you really not know how to teach us Extremes Must Be Reversed?" Ku Rong did not quite believe this, but he was not entirely certain.

Lu Yin shook his head. "This junior already shared how I found and learned Extremes Must Be Reversed. I obtained the technique from a piece of jade, and it was directly transferred into my mind. It's essentially an instinct, and I don't understand how to share it with anyone else. How else can I explain it?"

"Senior, you should understand that the Yōu Secret Art is something that can only be passed onto a single person, and there are other secret techniques that cannot be shared with more than a single person. What I received is essentially the same." As Lu Yin spoke, he brought out a Blazing Sun.

"This is a battle technique that was very easy for me to learn, but no one else can learn it because of a special energy that's needed to learn or use this particular battle technique."

Ku Rong frowned. Given the amount of time that he had cultivated for, how could he not be familiar with such situations? He had actually already considered that this exact situation might apply to the Extremes Must Be Reversed that Lu Yin had learned, but it did not matter. Regardless of anything else, they needed to approach Lu Yin about this battle technique. Still, reality had proven that the worst case scenario was indeed the case.

"Alliance Leader Lu, I have already heard about the Wen family's circumstances," Ku Rong flatly stated.

Lu Yin arched a brow.

"If you wish to lead my Ku family along with Extremes Must Be Reversed as you did to the Wen family with their Literary Prison, there's no point. My Ku family can only offer you so much," Ku Rong softly explained.

Lu Yin shrugged. "Senior, do you want this junior to swear an oath to speak the truth?"

Ku Rong stared at Lu Yin for a long moment, but then he helplessly shook his head. "I'm just an old man, and I'm not qualified to demand that you swear anything, Alliance Leader Lu. There's no need for you to do such a thing for my Ku family."

There was nothing that Lu Yin could do to clear up the situation; he genuinely did not have any way to teach Extremes Must Be Reversed to anyone else. Before meeting with the Ku family, Lu Yin had indeed just wanted to string them along just as he had done with the Wen family, but when dealing with someone like Ku Rong, Lu Yin could not do anything aside from be truthful. More importantly, Lu Yin felt true admiration for Progenitor Ku.

If Ku Rong's story was accurate, then Progenitor Ku was an unsung hero, a nameless powerhouse who had given everything for humanity while receiving nothing in return, not even recognition or a place in history.

Lu Yin could not bring himself to be as ruthless as normal when dealing with the descendants of such an admirable figure.

Ku Rong sighed. "Alliance Leader Lu, I just want to say one more thing."

He stared off into the distance as a fire slowly died on a mountain. "Earlier, you asked me where this lightning comes from. I can tell you."

Lu Yin's eyes lit up.

"The lightning that you see here all comes from Withered Bark," Ku Rong said.

"Withered Bark?" Lu Yin was confused for a moment, but then he remembered that Withered Bark was the unique power vessel of the Ku family. When an Enlightener from the Daynight clan had launched a sneak attack on Lu Yin and Ku Wei in the Outerverse, Ku Wei had used Withered Bark to protect himself. Ku Lei had done the same thing in Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum in order to survive an attack from the Giant Emperor.

Each of the families that made up the Seven Courts had their own unique power vessels, and the Ku family's was Withered Bark.

"This lightning all comes from the Withered Bark that was left by our ancestor, and it actually contains the power of Progenitor Ku," Ku Rong solemnly declared.

Lu Yin was stunned. "Progenitor Ku's power?"

Ku Rong nodded. "You should be aware of the strength of a Progenitor, Alliance Leader Lu. I was thinking that our ancestor's Withered Bark might be able to help you understand how to teach us Extremes Must Be Reversed. This is the most that my family can offer in order to show you our sincerity."

Lu Yin was truly moved. The power of a Progenitor was unfathomable, let alone the power of someone like Progenitor Ku who had controlled one of the Nine Mountains and Eight Seas and been an exceptional powerhouse even among Progenitors. Even a

remnant of Progenitor Ku's strength would be enough for Lu Yin to protect himself from even Semi-Progenitors without a problem.

"I'd be lying if I told you that I don't want the Withered Bark, but I really don't know how to teach anyone Extremes Must Be Reversed," Lu Yin replied in a bitter voice. His resignation to losing out this opportunity was readily apparent in his voice.

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Lu Yin's answer caused Ku Rong's heart to drop. Even something as rare and exceptional as a treasure left behind by Progenitor Ku was not enough to impress this youth! Lu Yin must either want to take more than what the Ku family could even offer or he truly had no idea how to teach Extremes Must Be Reversed to another person.

Of the two options, Ku Rong believed the second to be true. If it was a simple matter to pass Extremes Must Be Reversed to another person, Progenitor Ku would have left the battle technique with the Ku family, and it would have been impossible for not even his disciples to have learned the technique.

This was such a pity!

"Senior, could you sell me the Withered Bark that Progenitor Ku left behind?" Lu Yin suddenly asked. "I can offer you some very good things."

Ku Rong's mood had already been ruined. "Alliance Leader Lu, I need to get some rest, so I'll head back first. As for the treasures left for us by our ancestor, there's no way that we would ever sell them."

As the man spoke, he turned back to look at Lu Yin once more. "While it might be impossible for you to pass on Extremes Must Be Reversed to anyone else given your current strength, that doesn't mean that it will remain impossible in the future. I hope that you will allow my Ku family this bit of hope, and we will continue to be open and forthright with you, Alliance Leader Lu."

The old man then stepped through the sky to leave.

Lu Yin pursed his lips. It was pretty clear that the old man was in a rotten mood.

After Ku Rong left, Ku Pu approached. After all, Lu Yin was a guest of the Ku family, so it made sense for Ku Pu to play host for him.

Ku Pu had already been informed that Lu Yin could not or would not pass the Ku family Extremes Must Be Reversed, but despite that, the patriarch remained welcoming and polite to Lu Yin. The Ku family needed a bit of hope, and Lu Yin was happy to offer them that much.

This was completely different from how Lu Yin had strung the Wen family along. After all, the advanced method of using Literary Prison was real and in Lu Yin's possession whereas the Ku family really did have nothing more than a simple hope of acquiring their ancestor's technique.

Ku Pu had completely forgotten about his grudge against Lu Yin, and the man led Lu Yin around the Voidsoul Region. As they moved around, the patriarch shared what he knew about Progenitor Ku with Lu Yin, and even Ku Wei was occasionally mentioned in the two men's conversation.

Ku Wei was the only link that existed between the Ku family and Lu Yin. Aside from him, the only thing that the two parties shared were some common interests.

Ku Pu had never dreamed that he would one day be forced to take advantage of Ku Wei's existence in order to strengthen a relationship with someone.

Fortunately, the Ku family had agreed to release Ku Wei into Lu Yin's care in the past, as if they had not, the family's relationship with Lu Yin would likely be similar to his relationship with the Xia family. Then, it would be nearly impossible for them to recover from such a situation.

Lu Yin and the Second Nightking spent some time in the Voidsoul Region, as Lu Yin was quite interested in the lightning that fell upon the land.

This lightning came from the Withered Bark that had been left behind by a Progenitor, and while the lightning was not very powerful, the Withered Bark produced an endless amount of the lightning, and the lightning strikes produced treasured materials for the Ku family.

One day, Lu Yin politely refused Ku Pu's offer to show him around the Voidsoul region again, as Lu Yin wanted to wander about on his own.

Lightning fell from the sky, and it struck a river down below.

Lu Yin suddenly appeared at the location, and he squatted down to stick a hand in the river. He felt a slight numbness but nothing very strong. The lightning was not even as powerful as an attack from an Enlighter, and he could not sense anything unique about the lightning either.

Another bolt of lightning fell in the distance.

Lu Yin entered the void and disappeared.

Lu Yin's activities could not be hidden from Ku Rong. Ku Pu stood behind the elder in a respectful manner, and they both stared out towards Lu Yin.

"Elder, is it really impossible for him to teach us Extremes Must Be Reversed?" Ku Pu could not resist asking.

Ku Rong shrugged. "I can't say. I can't get a read on the child."

Ku Pu frowned. Even one of the families that made up the powerful and majestic Seven Courts was unable to handle a single youth. This was truly frustrating.

"It doesn't matter whether or not he can teach others the technique right now. As long as he continues to gain strength, the day when he will be able to teach us Extremes Must Be Reversed will eventually come. It's highly likely that he will eventually reach the same level as Progenitor Ku, so we must make sure that we maintain a friendly relationship with him," Ku Rong stated solemnly.

Ku Pu was caught off guard. "Can he really become a Progenitor?"

Ku Rong glanced over at Ku Pu. "That child defeated a manifestation of Progenitor Chen at the same level of cultivation as him in order to pass his first stellar tribulation. Regardless of how strong any Progenitor might have been, Progenitor Chen was always recognized as being invincible. When this boy becomes a Progenitor, it's highly likely that he will reach the same level of strength as Progenitor Chen, and there's no way that he will still be unable to give us Extremes Must Be Reversed at that time. We need to play the long game here. The reason why Lu Yin is constantly protected by the Hall of Honor is because they can see his future potential."

"The Seven Courts is not some permanent organization, and we are only working together because of Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, though the same things might tear us apart. It's impossible to know the future, but we need options to ensure a path forward for our family."

"Understood," Ku Pu said respectfully.

Ku Rong casually ordered, "Give him one of the five Withered Barks from the ancestor."

Ku Pu's expression completely changed, and his reluctance was quite clear. Still, he answered, "Understood."

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The story of Progenitor Ku had piqued Lu Yin's interest in the Voidsoul Region, but while he wanted to uncover more regarding Progenitor Ku's past, Lu Yin could not remain in the Voidsoul Region forever.

Also, the members of the Ku family were very respectful towards Lu Yin, and Ku Lei even bowed every time he saw Lu Yin.

Lu Yin raised his gadget to make a call. He was reaching out to Madam Yōu.

The Yōu clan was actually one of Lu Yin's strongest motivations for visiting the Seven Courts. Running into Undying Yushan in Aeternus Nation had been quite upsetting to Lu Yin, and he had already been told that there was a connection between Undying Yushan and a certain person: Progenitor Yōu Ming.

The Ancient Progenitor was in the Yōu clan's ancestry, and so the only way to learn about Yōu Ming was through the Yōu clan.

The Yōu clan had already split apart, and the Yōu Secret Art had been hidden in the Inniverse. There had to be some reason for this move, though the Sword Sect had failed to find it. Lu Yin had to uncover the reason quickly.

Madam Yōu had joined the Great Eastern Alliance in the war against the Astral Beast Domain, and she had done well during the fighting. This meant that the Sword Sect could not do anything to the Yōu family for the time being, which had given the Yōu family a bit of peace, though they knew that such peace would not last very long.

Madam Yōu had already felt an increasing change in the Sword Sect's attitude towards her family.

The most obvious indication was how the Sword Sect's Elder Li came and went through the Yōu family's territory as though it was an uninhabited land. He clearly did not care about the existence of an Envoy like Madam Yōu at all, which left the woman with a bad premonition.

When such actions were combined with what was happening to the Yōu clan, Madam Yōu was very worried.

"Mother, has there been any word from the main house?" Yōu Ye'er visited Madam Yōu and anxiously probed.

Madam Yōu's expression grew ugly. "Go focus on your training. That's none of your concern!"

"If the main house is in trouble, we're losing our foundation. The Sword Sect's treatment of us has only gotten increasingly worse. Mother, you just fought in the war against the

astral beasts, and yet they're already treating us so badly. They're being too overbearing," Yōu Ye'er angrily complained.

Madam Yōu's eyes turned cold. The Sword Sect's treatment of the Yōu family was an indication of the Great Eastern Alliance's attitude, or more precisely, Lu Yin's attitude.

Madam Yōu had tried speaking with Lu Yin on multiple occasions, but he had never once agreed to support the Yōu family. All of her previous attempts had failed, and there was no chance of success without revealing everything to the young man.

But could she take that risk? Madam Yōu grew increasingly anxious and worried. Lu Yin had gained a completely different status from when she had first spoken to him. Originally, she had only wished to join the Great Eastern Alliance to take advantage of Lu Yin's impressive influence and background, but the youth himself had posed no threat to Madam Yōu. He had been a safer option than the Sword Sect, but that had since changed. At the moment, Lu Yin was far, far more dangerous than the Sword Sect had ever been.

If the Yōu family was in the same position as it had been in the past, not even the threat of the Sword Sect would be enough for Madam Yōu to risk telling Lu Yin anything sensitive, but everything had changed. At the moment, the Yōu family was under the complete control of the Sword Sect, and Yōu Ye'er was even being monitored at all times by them. If not for Madam Yōu's participation in the war against the Astral Beast Domain, Yōu Ye'er would never have been released.

The Yōu family no longer needed simple protection, but a chance to simply survive. Their situation had changed so quickly that Madam Yōu had no idea how to proceed.

At this moment, her gadget beeped, and Madam Yōu was stunned when she looked down to see who was calling: Lu Yin?

Yōu Ye'er also saw the caller ID. "Mother, it's Lu Yin!"

Madam Yōu gestured for her daughter to stay silent, and then took a deep breath before answering the call. "Alliance Leader Lu, what can I do for you?"

Lu Yin was wandering about the Voidsoul Region, observing the dead trees that were strewn about. He calmly replied, "How have things been for you lately? Is the Sword Sect still making things difficult for you?"

Madam Yōu had no idea why Lu Yin would ask such a thing. It was impossible for him to be ignorant of what the Sword Sect was doing. What did this young man want?

"Things are still the same as before," Madam Yōu replied. She found Lu Yin to be far more terrifying than the Sword Sect. She was subconsciously on edge, but her

circumstances did not allow her to simply avoid Lu Yin, which complicated the situation and left her uncertain as to how she should speak to Lu Yin.

Lu Yin heard the stiffness in Madam Yōu's response. "Alright, I understand. That's all."

With that, he simply ended the call.

He wanted information about Progenitor Yōu Ming, but it was possible that Madam Yōu would not be honest with him. The wariness that he had just heard in her voice told Lu Yin it would be difficult to get any of the information he wanted from the woman, so the best choice was to have the Sword Sect handle the dirty work for him.

Lu Yin was about to send Liu Qianjue a message, asking the Sword Sect to make things more difficult for the Yōu family, but he almost instantly received a call request from Madam Yōu. "Alliance Leader Lu, can you help us?"

Madam Yōu's face was pale, and she looked completely out of options as she spoke to Lu Yin. Yōu Yu'er stood just behind her mother, her fists clenched. The young woman looked as upset as her mother. Things were not going well for their Yōu family, and if they were not careful, they might soon follow in the Yu family's footsteps.

Lu Yin was surprised by the sudden call. "Didn't you just tell me that things are no different from before? You should still be fine."

Madam Yōu quietly answered, "I'm not asking for the Yōu family, but for the Yōu clan."

Lu Yin felt puzzled. "You're going to have to explain that."

Madam Yōu fell silent for a while. "Before the Astral Beast Domain invaded the Outerverse, something was discovered in Burial Garden. Reports claim that the Seven Skygods attacked Burial Garden and that attack was even what led to the Progenitor of Secret Arts to betray humanity. The Seven Skygods were able to enter Burial Garden by following Yōu Qi."

"Yōu Qi?" Lu Yin was momentarily confused, but then he quickly remembered. "Isn't he the younger brother of the Yōu clan's Yōu Qin? The dark knight-looking guy who was able to summon the Sword Sect's Thirteen Swords when he fought me in the Mountains and Seas Zone?"

"That's right." Madam Yōu was not surprised to learn that Lu Yin was already aware of what had happened in Burial Garden. His current status allowed him access to too much information. "His body acted as a beacon for the Seven Skygods. After Burial Garden was sealed, the Hall of Honor launched an investigation into the Yōu clan, and the Interstellar Supreme Court has sealed them off completely. It's possible that the Yōu clan is in serious trouble right now. Alliance Leader Lu, I don't know if the Yōu clan really did cooperate with the Neohuman Alliance, and I can only hope that it's not true."

It's possible that Yōu Qi acted entirely alone, but I simply hope that this matter won't destroy the Yōu clan, let alone my Yōu family."

Lu Yin had known almost nothing about the incident regarding Burial Garden after the place had been closed off, as he had not been paying attention to it. Learning that Yōu Qi had been the key to the Neohuman Alliance gaining entrance was a surprise to him.

"There have already been rumors of a traitor to humanity in the Seven Courts. Does this mean that it was Yōu Qi?" Lu Yin asked.

Madam Yōu's voice grew bitter. "I don't know, but that's not very likely. The Neohuman Alliance was able to enter Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum even before Yōu Qi was born, so he should not be the traitor from those rumors."

"But he's the reason why the Interstellar Supreme Court is investigating the Yōu clan." Lu Yin understood that Yōu Qi might be a traitor, but there was no way that he was the only traitor within the Seven Courts. In that case, who was the person behind Yōu Qi?

When Lu Yin had exited Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, the Seven Courts had already guessed that the Neohuman Alliance had been given the coordinates for the tomb by an inside traitor. This was also the reason why Lu Yin had first butted heads with Xia Yi.

When Lu Yin thought back to that time, the matriarch of the Yōu clan, Yōu Kexin, had spoken up to defend him. She had done so because Lu Yin had already been a five star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, and Lockbreakers were notorious for protecting each other.

If it turned out that there were no traitors within the Yōu clan, then Lu Yin needed to repay that favor.

Just a reminder, but in order to keep things as clear and understandable as possible, the Yōu clan is the group that remained behind in the Neoverse, while the Yōu family is the group that broke away and fled to the Innerverse.

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"Why should I help the Yōu clan?" Lu Yin asked bluntly. He already knew that he wanted to try to help Yōu Kexin, but he would never admit that to Madam Yōu.

The woman bitterly responded, "I don't know what my Yōu family can offer you for this, Alliance Leader Lu."

The Sword Sect was keeping the Yōu family contained and suppressed, but regardless of how it might have happened, the Sword Sect and the Yōu family were both members of the Great Eastern Alliance, and they both needed to listen to Lu Yin. Madam Yōu really could not think of anything she could offer for Lu Yin's help.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "I want to know why your Yōu family split away from the Yōu clan, as well as more information about the Yōu Secret Art."

Madam Yōu was not surprised by this demand, as this was the only thing that both Lu Yin and the Sword Sect might be interested in that her Yōu family possessed.

Yōu Ye'er pursed her lips and glanced at Madam Yōu. There was only one path that they could take moving forward. Without this, there was no telling if the Yōu family would even be able to survive this disaster. There were no other options before them.

Madam Yōu thought for a moment before letting out a long breath. "Alliance Leader Lu, my Yōu family broke away from the Yōu clan because of the Yōu Secret Art.

"The Yōu Secret Art is something that only a single person can possess at a time. While it's called a secret technique, it's actually-" Madam Yōu suddenly fell silent for a long time. She really did not want to share this information, but would they be able to survive if she continued to protect this secret? They had begged Lu Yin for his help multiple times, but he had never agreed to help them. This might be their last chance. Without Lu Yin's aid, not to mention the Yōu clan, but even the Yōu Secret Art might disappear. What would be the purpose in trying to protect this secret then?

They had broken away from the Yōu clan because they had feared that this secret would be leaked, but letting just Lu Yin know would not make much of a difference.

"The truth is that the Yōu Secret art is not merely a secret technique, but also a treasure of time." Each word was slowly enunciated by Madam Yōu, and her expression was solemn as she spoke. However, she found herself relaxing after she unveiled this secret.

Yōu Ye'er closed her eyes. Her family's deepest secret was about to be exposed.

Back in the Voidsoul Region, Lu Yin's head snapped up. "What? What do you mean by a treasure of time?"

Madam Yōu continued, "The Yōu Secret Art was created by Ancient Progenitor Yōu Ming, who is my Yōu clan's ancestor. It's a secret technique with no ability to attack, defend, or even heal. While it's a secret technique, it has absolutely no use in a fight, and at best, it can be used to keep the user hidden. Yōu Ye'er's strength hasn't risen over the years because of the Yōu Secret Art. Instead, it rose naturally and was simply kept hidden by the Yōu Secret Art.

"While this secret technique has no use in battle, it's actually because it's not a true secret technique, but rather a treasure. Those who practice the secret art might occasionally gain something from it, possibly due to simple coincidence or because of the passage of time. Battle techniques can be acquired, and they are the battle techniques of Progenitor Yōu Ming, such as the Heart-killer Lotus that Ye'er used during ZENITH."

Lu Yin was stunned. So this was the truth behind the Yōu Secret Art. It was no wonder why not a single person in the entire Fifth Mainland had ever heard of the Heart-killer Lotus before, including even the members of the Yōu clan. It ended up being something that Yōu Ye'er had picked up from the Yōu Secret Art that had been created by Progenitor Yōu Ming. The battle technique had to be extremely ancient and powerful, or else it would not have been created by an Ancient Progenitor.

Progenitor Yōu Ming had been an Ancient Progenitor, and Lu Yin had no idea how she measured up to the God of Death or Destiny.

"The Yōu Secret Art is also why my Yōu clan has always been on thin ice throughout the years. We have always sensed someone observing us, no matter if it was during the Daosource Sect's era, or more recently when the Hall of Honor has come to power. Every generation, someone from my Yōu clan has inherited this secret technique, and every single leader of our family has felt these eyes on us. We have no idea who is watching us or where they are, but that cold gaze has never left us." Madam Yōu's voice was trembling as she spoke. "This gaze is also why we were left with no choice but to separate ourselves from the Yōu clan and take the secret technique away."

"How did that work out for you?" Lu Yin asked.

Madam Yōu hesitated for a moment. "It seems to have worked, but we can't be certain. We no longer sense those eyes on us, but we aren't really sure that it's gone."

"You never considered that it might have been safer for you to stay within the Seven Courts? There you would have had Xia Ji, who's a Semi-Progenitor," Lu Yin was puzzled.

Madam Yōu grew bitter. "Xia Ji? He's the Xia family's Semi-Progenitor, which means nothing to my Yōu clan. If the secret of Yōu Secret Art was ever exposed, Xia Ji could very well be the first to come after us."

Lu Yin nodded, as this was not in any way inaccurate. Xia Ji was an unscrupulous person, and it was highly likely that he would attack the Yōu family if there was anything to be gained from it.

"In that case, why are you telling me about this now? Aren't you afraid that I'll come after you?" Lu Yin was curious.

Madam Yōu mournfully replied, "I don't have any choice but to tell you. The Yōu clan is facing a true crisis while my Yōu family is being held captive by the Sword Sect. So what if we share this information with you? What need do you have of the peerless battle techniques that can be acquired from the Yōu Secret Art? You are already peerless and were even able to defeat a manifestation of Progenitor Chen at the same cultivation realm when you passed your stellar tribulation. When you become a Progenitor, you'll be invincible, not even our Progenitor may be able to defeat you, so why would you need our Yōu Secret Art?"

Regardless of how talented a person might be, it was always best to not diversify and learn too many techniques. Madam Yōu found it safer to share the information about the Yōu Secret Art with Lu Yin than the Sword Sect or some other power.

Lu Yin already had too many techniques, and he had even received the legendary God of Death's inheritance. Thus, he would not be as greedy for Progenitor Yōu Ming's battle techniques.

Madam Yōu was quite accurate in her understanding of the situation, as Lu Yin truly was not interested in the Yōu Secret Art, especially since it was something that could only be learned by a single person at a time. He had no idea what risks might be involved in trying to learn the Yōu Secret Art, and he already had too much on his plate. He had the God of Death's inheritance, Progenitor Chen's Inverse Step, the Rune Progenitor's Truesight, and more, such as the Ninesuns Cauldron Transformation, which was said to be an invincible technique. Lu Yin could not afford to try learning anything else.

"I'm not interested in your Yōu Secret Art, but I do want to know more about Progenitor Yōu Ming," Lu Yin said.

Madam Yōu was relieved to hear that Lu Yin had no interest in the Yōu Secret Art, but she became puzzled by his interest in Progenitor Yōu Ming. "Are you curious about our ancestor, Alliance Leader Lu?"

"Tell me everything you know about Progenitor Yōu Ming," Lu Yin said.

After passing his stellar tribulation, Lu Yin had found that he was starting to interact with more information at the Progenitor level rather than Envoy or Semi-Progenitor realms.

He had faced the strength of Progenitor Chen's nine clones, learned the story of Progenitor Ku, and now, he was about to learn about Progenitor Yōu Ming. He was being exposed to more and more regarding Progenitors.

However, this placed Madam Yōu in a difficult position. "Alliance Leader Lu, Progenitor Yōu Ming lived too long ago, when the Six Mainlands had not yet broken apart. We only assume that we are her descendants, as we have no basis for it aside from the Yōu

Secret Art that has been passed down. We really know almost nothing about Progenitor Yōu Ming aside from the fact that she came from the Second Mainland and that she had a title: Everchanging Yōu Ming. There's nothing else that we know."

Everchanging Yōu Ming? Lu Yin had never heard this before. "What about her battle techniques? What were Progenitor Yōu Ming's known battle techniques?"

"I don't know anything about that either," Madam Yōu answered helplessly.

"I do," Yōu Ye'er suddenly spoke up.

Madam Yōu turned to look at her daughter in surprise. She had not expected the girl to interrupt this conversation.

"You do, Yōu Ye'er?" Lu Yin was also surprised.

Madam Yōu stared at Yōu Ye'er with a face that betrayed her confusion and doubt.

Yōu Ye'er walked up next to Madam Yōu and spoke into the gadget. "Progenitor Yōu Ming practiced a technique known as the Impious Sutra, which she created from countless battle techniques. The Heart-killing Lotus I know is a chapter from the Impious Sutra, but I don't know much about the other techniques."

"What about the Undying Manual?" Lu Yin suddenly asked.

Yōu Ye'er became confused. "The Undying Manual? I don't know about that, though I think I've heard of it before."

On the other hand, Madam Yōu was stunned. "The ancient technique rumored to have been found in the Starfall Sea? Supposedly, those who successfully cultivate the Undying Manual can obtain immortality, which is why the Xia family sent people to the Outerverse and the Great Yu Empire. Does our ancestor have some connection to the Undying Manual?"

Hearing the genuine confusion in both women's voices, Lu Yin looked away from the display. Less than ten meters away from him, a bolt of lightning fell, illuminating his face.

"Alliance Leader Lu, we've told you everything we know. Please help the Yōu clan," Madam Yōu begged.

Yōu Ye'er also spoke up, "I also beg you to help the Yōu clan, Alliance Leader Lu. Ye'er promises to tell you if I gain any other battle techniques or any information from the Yōu Secret Art. I won't hide anything from you."

Lu Yin asked, "Does the Yōu clan have any information about Progenitor Yōu Ming? Places connected to her, rumors, or anything she may have left behind?"

Madam Yōu answered, "Our Yōu clan is only seen as Progenitor Yōu Ming's descendents because of the Yōu Secret Art. The only thing we have that is as old as the Yōu Secret Art is the Great Abyss, as it has been around at least since the Daosource Sect's era. Even back then, my Yōu family lived in the middle of that river, and it comes from an even older era than that. For as long as the records of my Yōu clan go back, we have always lived in the Great Abyss. We have never been anywhere else."

"I understand."

Lu Yin then ended the call.

Each of the families that formed the Court of Seven Names had a unique secret technique, and by tracing back those secret techniques, it was possible to determine the Progenitor that was each families' ancestor. So far, Lu Yin had received some information regarding the Yōu clan's ancestor, Progenitor Ku, the Ce family's Progenitor Ce Wangtian, the Hui family's Progenitor Hui, and the Xia family's Progenitor Chen. The only families' ancestors whom Lu Yin still knew nothing about were the ones from the Yu and Xie families.

Lu Yin had already gained more than he had expected from his visit to the Seven Courts, and he had already decided to visit the Yōu clan next. After that, should he go see the Xie or the Ce family?

He was curious about the irreconcilable hatred that existed between the Xie family and the Specter clan. Their territory was known as the Bone Plains, and their battle technique that incorporated bones was quite interesting. Even though the Xie family was considered the weakest of the Seven Courts, they had once fought against the Specter clan, and the family clearly had not been weak in the past. At their peak, it was possible that the Xie family had been second only to the Xia family.

As for the Ce family, Lu Yin was curious about their Combat Doctrine. Back in Millions City, Lu Yin had heard from Qiong Xi'er that Zhu San had tried to copy Qiu Chi's Yinyang Trisage Technique with the Ce family's Combat Doctrine, and he had actually managed to obtain the first portion of the technique. On top of that, Lu Yin would never forget the vision of Ce Wangtian that he had seen when he obtained the Ce family's secret technique.

"Hahahaha, I, Ce Wangtian, have finally created a secret technique: Astral Chessboard. After playing chess for decades. I'm the only person in the universe who can take a move back! Nobody can rewind their life, but if I want to do so, then only I can take my move back! Ce Secret Art: Astral Chessboard."

At the time, Lu Yin had felt that Ce Wangtian's words were indicative of his arrogance and roguish personality, but as time passed, Lu Yin felt that the Progenitor's words were actually representative of his domineeringness. Ce Wangtian could reverse actions not only done by himself, but rather events that had occurred.

This was fundamentally different from what Lu Yin had originally understood.

There was no purpose served by humans regretting something that had already happened, as the moment had already passed. However, Ce Wangtian had felt like he could take back a "move." Did this mean that the man had been able to reverse time?

When Lu Yin used the Ce Secret Art, his surroundings became an astral chessboard while the individuals and objects in the area became chess pieces. The scope of this secret technique surpassed any other that Lu Yin had ever seen, but it was still far from allowing a person to reverse a move that had already occurred. This meant that Lu Yin's comprehension of the Ce Secret Art was still insufficient. If possible, he really wanted to revisit that vision and comprehend the secret technique once more.

Was that possible? Lu Yin was eager to find out.

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The next day, Ku Pu went to find Lu Yin. "Alliance Leader Lu, I won't be able to accompany you for the next while. How would you feel about having Ku Lei keep you company?"

Lu Yin smiled. "If you're going to be busy, Patriarch Ku, there's no need for you to find anyone to accompany me. In fact, I'm about to leave myself."

"Alliance Leader Lu, please don't be bothered. You are welcome to stay a few more days here in the Voidsoul Region, so please feel free to allow my Ku family to host you a bit longer. With Ku Wei as your disciple, we are already family," Ku Pu said with a smile.

Lu Yin found it funny how thick-skinned this man was. If Lu Yin had not utilized the influence of the Lockbreakers Society to pressure the Ku family into allowing Ku Wei to become his disciple, Ku Lei would have killed Ku Wei.

"That's true, but if we're family, then there's no need for you to be so polite, Patriarch Ku," Lu Yin replied. He remained polite to the man and kept a smile on his face.

Ku Pu's smile grew even brighter. "Honestly, if not for what's happening with the Yōu clan, I would love to continue our conversation, Alliance Leader Lu."

"What about the Yōu clan?" Lu Yin's heart skipped a beat, and he quickly asked about the matter. "Did something happen to them?"

Ku Pu instantly grew solemn. "A little while ago, when the Neohuman Alliance's Seven Skygods broke into Burial Garden in the attack that forced the place to close and all the gates to disappear, they gained access to the place through Yōu Qi, who used to be a member of the Yōu clan."

"The boy clearly died some time ago, but Burial Garden held him in high regard, so they resurrected him after he died. Well, that's actually impossible, so it would be better to say that Burial Garden rescued him and then accepted him as a disciple. With what happened, there are now many questions related to his death, as well as who and what allowed him to join Burial Garden. Who knows if the Neohuman Alliance's spies were behind that entire matter. These questions all need to be investigated, and the Yōu clan has become the primary suspect.

"The Yōu clan is about to be questioned and investigated by a tribunal formed by the rest of the Seven Courts and overseen by the Interstellar Supreme Court's Judicial Commissioner Mu Tianlun."

This information quite surprised Lu Yin. "So there's most likely a traitor in the Yōu clan. Back when Shaman God sent me into Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum, the fact that the Neohuman Alliance had the exact coordinates led me to believe that they had a spy within the Seven Courts, and I remember that Patriarch Xia Yi was quite upset when I brought up the possibility and questioned him."

Ku Pu's voice dropped low, "We all had our own doubts, as Xia Yi reacted far too strongly back then, though it now seems that the Yōu clan is the more likely culprit."

"If no evidence supporting the suspicions that the Yōu clan cooperated with the Neohuman Alliance appears, what will happen to them?" Lu Yin asked.

Ku Pu shook his head. "That's hard to say. The entire reason why the Seven Courts have been able to retain control of Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum despite the pressure of the Hall of Honor is not only because they are wary of our strength, but also because the tomb is not worth fighting us over. After all, the tomb should belong to Progenitor Chen's descendants, which are the Xia family. The Hall of Honor is the overlord of the Human Domain, and if they started a war with us over such a matter, it would leave many other forces worried that they might also be targeted one day.

"However, things are completely different now that the Neohuman Alliance is involved. If we make any attempt to try to cover for the Yōu clan, there is no way that the Hall of Honor will not take action. On top of that, it's impossible for my Seven Courts to allow

any of our people to collude with the Neohuman Alliance. The Yōu clan is in deep trouble this time.

"Even if no evidence of collusion can be found, the Yōu clan will still have to pay a steep price. Each member of the clan will be individually investigated, including Matriarch Yōu Kexin, and they might even be taken to the Interstellar Supreme Court to be interrogated, which would destroy the clan."

Lu Yin sighed. "This is what happens when one works with the Neohuman Alliance. Even if it is nothing more than a possibility, any suspicion must be treated seriously. The Divine Venom Dynasty's Qing Shaohuang was also taken to the Arbitration World to be interrogated after one of his subjects cooperated with the Neohuman Alliance."

"It's true, there's no way out of this for Yōu Kexin," Ku Pu said.

"Patriarch Ku Pu, could I accompany you?" Lu Yin asked.

Ku Pu was taken aback, and his eyes flickered as he thought of the Yōu family and how they had split from the Yōu clan. The Yōu family had originally enjoyed a close relationship with the Sword Sect, but the exposure of the Yōu Secret Art had placed the family in a precarious position. By all accounts, the Yōu family should be a part of the Great Eastern Alliance, so what was Lu Yin's goal?

"Would that be inconvenient?" Lu Yin pressed.

Ku Pu quickly answered, "Of course not. If you want to go, then we'll make the trip together, Alliance Leader Lu."

"Thank you."

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Lu Yin and the Second Nightking followed Ku Pu and left the Voidsoul Region, making their way to the Great Abyss.

From a distance, the Great Abyss shone like a mirror that stretched across a region of space. At the center of the river was the Yōu clan's home.

The Ku family's Voidsoul Region was not far from the Great Abyss, so the three men soon arrived.

"Alliance Leader Lu, do you see that boat?" Ku Pu asked. Lu Yin followed the man's gaze and saw a small wooden boat floating on the river by itself. It even had oars, which was rather odd. It looked positively ancient.

"It's a simple wooden boat, though very old," Lu Yin said. For some reason, looking at the boat gave him the impression that there was an old man sitting in it and casually paddling about while singing some nameless tune.

"The Yōu clan's elder used to row everyone across the river with that boat. Everyone always referred to him as Yōu Lao. However, even that old man's been arrested," Ku Pu commented.

He then climbed into the wooden boat. "Alliance Leader Lu, let's go."

Lu Yin nodded and climbed into the boat as well, and the three men started to row across the Great Abyss.

When they drew close to the Yōu clan's home, Ku Pu hesitated for a moment before pulling out a cosmic ring that he handed to Lu Yin. "Alliance Leader Lu, you've traveled a long way to visit my Ku family, and our elder asked me to give you this as a welcome gift. Please accept it."

Lu Yin was caught off guard. "Patriarch, this isn't quite appropriate. Given the fact that Ku Wei is my apprentice, we are essentially family. There's no need for you to offer any welcome gifts for my visit."

Ku Pu smiled. "It's because we can be thought of as family that I wish to give you this. I'll ask you to watch over Ku Wei from now on, Alliance Leader Lu."

Lu Yin accepted the cosmic ring and offered a polite word of thanks.

"It holds a piece of Withered Bark, and it's one of the pieces that was left behind by our ancestor. It's powerful enough to defend against an attack with a power level of over a million, and it also contains the properties of time." Ku Pu stared at the cosmic ring. "To be honest, not even I qualify to use that, even with my position as patriarch."

Lu Yin was ecstatic. He did not even think to question the truth of Ku Pu's words, as what Lu Yin possessed was simply invaluable for the Ku family. It was not unreasonable for them to give him even something as priceless as a piece of their Progenitor's Withered Bark.

"Thank you, Patriarch, and please share my thanks with Elder Ku Rong," Lu Yin said. He was truly grateful for this gift. The Ku family had just given him a piece of their second most valuable treasure.

Ku Pu was actually suffering from giving Lu Yin such a priceless gift, but the man still forced out a smile. "Alliance Leader Lu, you're truly welcome. Remember, we're family."

"True, family." Lu Yin's eyes were practically glowing. The Seven Courts really was a blessed place for him. He had already received a true Root of Intelligence from the Hui

family, and now, he had gotten a piece of ancient Withered Bark from the Ku family as well. At that moment, Lu Yin became determined to visit both the Ce and Xie families. What could he get from them?

If he had tried to visit all of the Seven Courts' families in the past, it was highly possible that he would not have been allowed in, let alone welcomed. However, things had since changed. Lu Yin was determined to gather anything that could benefit him, and he was not willing to allow any opportunities to slip through his fingers.

He found it a true pity that the Xia family was his enemy, as he really wanted to see if there was any way to get the Nine Clones Secret Technique. Unfortunately, there was no way for him to learn it from them. It really was too bad.

Actually, Starsybil had also learned the secret technique. Lu Yin forcefully suppressed his desire for the technique, but he could not deny that he wanted to learn the Nine Clones Secret Technique.

Because he had been playing host to Lu Yin, Ku Pu was the last of the Seven Courts' patriarchs to arrive at the Yōu clan's home.

When they arrived, they found that not only were there thousands of cultivators from the Seven Courts' various families, but also hundreds of cultivators from the Interstellar Supreme Court.

The members of the Yōu clan all looked either sad or angry, and each one was being held separately while being monitored by three to five cultivators each. Not a single person from the Yōu clan had the slightest bit of privacy at this moment.

Their matriarch, Yōu Kexin, her daughter, Yōu Qin, Elder Yōu Ren, and a total of a dozen of the members of the Yōu clan formed a circle with their backs to the center so that none of them could see each other. They were also isolated so that they could not hear each other, but everyone surrounding them was able to observe and hear everything from all twelve people.

Every last person from the Yōu clan had been arrested and was being watched. It was humiliating for the family, but there was no other way to do it. The Hall of Honor was somewhat wary of the Seven Courts; if almost any other family had been implicated in such a manner, the entire clan would have been captured and dragged to the Arbitration World, and who knew what fate might await the prisoners in that place.

Qing Shaohuang had absolutely hated Lu Yin, especially after learning that the Second Nightking had been following Lu Yin even before the ancient powerhouse approached Qing Shaohuang. And yet the former emperor's overwhelming hatred had washed away after his trial in the Arbitration World. He no longer had the courage to do anything at all to Lu Yin, which indicated just how memorable his time with the Interstellar Supreme Court had been.

Ku Pu's arrival meant that all six of the Court of Seven Names' family leaders had reunited. They were also joined by Mu Tianlun and Lu Yin.

No one had expected Lu Yin to appear.

Mu Tianlun's eyes flashed when he noticed Lu Yin, though a faint smile appeared on his face as he spoke up. "What brings Alliance Leader Lu to the Seven Courts? Ah, I had actually forgotten that you entered Progenitor Chen's Mausoleum the last time it opened after you were captured by the Neohuman Alliance."

Lu Yin looked back at Mu Tianlun. Lu Yin was not comfortable with this Judicial Commissioner. The man had previously supported the Daynight clan, and he had even wanted to assist the Daynight clan when Leon's Armada had attacked their flowzone. Later, when Lu Yin had been found to cultivate death energy, Mu Tianlun had repeatedly asked the Chief Justice to condemn Lu Yin. Even after the Chief Justice had ruled that Lu Yin's death energy would not allow him to be controlled by the Specter clan, Mu Tianlun had reported the matter to Arch-Elder Zen, hoping to see the Semi-Progenitor move against Lu Yin.

If not for Mu Tianlun, Lu Yin's first time at Mt. Microcosms would have been much easier. It was clear that this Judicial Commissioner held a strong hatred towards Lu Yin.

"Is there something that you want to say? Just spit it out. I don't want to listen to bullshit," Lu Yin casually retorted.

Hui Zhi and the other Seven Courts' patriarchs were caught off guard by this antagonistic interaction.

Mu Tianlun's brows rose. "Alliance Leader Lu, you seem to be upset with me."

Lu Yin stared back at Mu Tianlun. "I'm not upset, I'm very upset. Honestly, the sight of you revolts me."

Mu Tianlun's expression fell, and his eyes blazed with killing intent.

"Impudent! How dare you insult the Judicial Commissioner?" a middle-aged man shouted at Lu Yin from behind Mu Tianlun.

Lu Yin frowned.

Snap!

There was a crack of noise, and the middle-aged man was instantly sent flying. The Second Nightking had taken action, instantly knocking the man out and shattering the bones in half of his face. He looked completely pathetic.

Mu Tianlun was enraged by the sight. "Lu Yin, how dare you!"

Lu Yin indifferently replied, "I don't like being interrupted when I'm speaking. He was merely taught a small lesson. There are some people who can't understand their position properly, and they won't even be able to regret their actions before they die."

Mu Tianlun's eyes glinted with a cold light as he glared at Lu Yin. "Are you threatening me, Alliance Leader Lu? I am one of the Interstellar Supreme Court's Judicial Commissioners! Do you understand the consequences of threatening a Judicial Commissioner?"

Lu Yin sneered. "Do you know the penalties for slandering an overseer?"

Mu Tianlun's eye twitched, but he said nothing in reply.

Hui Zhi smiled. "You two, we are here right now to investigate the Yōu clan, so please calm yourselves down and have a seat. This entire tribunal would lose all respect if people saw such antics."

Lu Yin merely gave a careless smile, walked over and took his seat.

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