

Chapter 431: Awakened

Lu Yin silently recited the Stonewall Scriptures in his mind. There were only about ten hours left before they arrived at the Starfall Sea. It was a short amount of time, and he actually wanted to take a nap, but he got the same overall result from reciting the Stonewall Scriptures.

However, Lu Yin never expected that the moment he started reciting the Stonewall Scriptures, his heart, left arm, and right leg suddenly became hot. It was so intense that the three areas felt like they were being seared by a high temperature flame. The heat did not affect anything outside of his body, but he felt like he had been tossed onto a stovetop. He couldn't endure the painful heat for more than a moment.

Lu Yin immediately stopped reciting, panting heavily as sweat beaded on his forehead. What's going on? Can the Stonewall Scriptures influence Fatesand too? That's so ridiculous!

Lu Yin muttered to himself for a moment before he heard the Ghost Monkey start inquiring about what had happened, but he quickly screened his right arm off. It was precisely because of this monkey that he had fused the Fatesand in his left arm, as he feared that screening his right arm might affect the Fatesand's fusion with his body.

No, he had to try again. Lu Yin's gaze firmed. It would be ideal if the Stonewall Scriptures could speed up the integration process between his body and the Fatesand grains.

As he continued to recite the Stonewall Scriptures, Lu Yin was once again thrown into the suffering feeling of being cooked alive. With his physical strength, he should be fine even if he was thrown into a star, but at this moment, he felt like he was melting. No, he was actually melting. The Fatesand grains were fusing into his body, which meant that it had not integrated at all before.

The three grains of Fatesand were like three locks that had sealed away his physical strength, and they had not begun truly fusing with him yet. Without taking this next step, they would not awaken.

Lu Yin rejoiced that he had decided to recite the Stonewall Scriptures and that the Fatesand grains were finally beginning to integrate into his body. Otherwise, his future might have really been destroyed by them. The three grains of Fatesand were enough to eternally trap Lu Yin within the Limiteer realm.

The painful integration continued as Lu Yin endured the scorching heat and tuned his senses inwards, towards the Fatesand. At this time, he could acutely sense that the grain of Fatesand in his heart was gradually morphing into a new shape. Once it finished, it would fully awaken. He was excited to discover what form it would take. A powerful weapon? A psychic treasure? A cryptic ancient piece of art?

Lu Yin could feel that the Fatesand in his heart was changing the fastest. No matter how many grains of Fatesand one fused into their body, they could all only take one form. This meant that, when the Fatesand around his heart completely awakened, the remaining two grains of Fatesand would only increase its bulk or strengthen its power. They would not become new awakened forms.

After some time, Coco's excited voice rang from outside his door. "Brother Lu, we've made it to the Starfall Sea! Come take a look, it's amazing!"

Lu Yin's ears moved when he heard her voice, but he did not respond since he felt that his Fatesand was finally about to awaken.

Unconsciously, Lu Yin's domain spread out further and further, until he could perceive the entire spacecraft. Aside from Xia Luo sensing Lu Yin's domain, no one else felt anything, and they all excitedly looked outside the spacecraft.

The Starfall Sea was famed throughout the entire universe, and there were too many legends about this place. The region's entrance was very unique: there was an enormous piece of seaweed growing there that was so large that words could not describe its size. It was like a continent floating in space, and it covered an endless area in front of the group. Past the seaweed was the Starfall Sea, which took on the appearance of a fissure with an endless amount of surging water.

No one knew where the Starfall Sea's water came from, and no one knew where it went either. The water flowed from a waterfall in an unknown part of the universe, and it all eventually drained out into a reverse waterfall that went to another unknown space. It was a mysterious location to the extreme.

A powerhouse had once searched for the origin and the end, but they had achieved no results.

The entire Starfall Sea was essentially a valley in space, similar to a gigantic lake connected to two unexplorable waterfalls that were its beginning and end.

To those who arrived at the Starfall Sea for the first time, it was a rather magnificent sight due to the constant flow of water that engulfed everything and even covered the stars.

Within the spacecraft, Hui Daynight grew excited. "For us to enter the Starfall Sea, we should put on a coating with that giant seaweed, or else the spacecraft might be easily destroyed by a random current."

Lulu proudly raised her head and stepped forward. They had discussed this matter before, and it had fallen to her since she was wealthy.

Aside from the students' spacecraft, there were quite a few other vessels sailing around the entrance. The closer they came to the seaweed, the slower they flew as they prepared to land on it.

Suddenly, an endless pressure swept out like an astral storm, causing all the nearby spacecraft to shudder.

The crowd's faces changed as they looked behind them to see a radiant-grade Aurora speed over without slowing down at all. Atop the spacecraft stood a man with killing intent nakedly displayed on his face as he stared at Lu Yin's spacecraft. There was even a trace of a sneer on his lips.

Xia Luo's pupils constricted. "Hurry over to the seaweed! It's Feng Mo!"

There was actually no need for Xia Luo to say anything since Meng Yue had already raised the vessel's acceleration to the limit. However, it was going to be very difficult for them to stay out of Feng Mo's reach even if they had almost reached the seaweed already.

Feng Mo raised a hand, and a stifling feeling of danger pervaded the entire space before the spacecraft closest to him actually exploded. This was the strength of a Hunter, and it was enough to shock the heavens.

Xia Luo and the rest felt their scalps go numb, and Big Pao and Little Pao exchanged glances and tore through the void to stand atop the spacecraft. "Feng Mo, Deep Crimson Hall only wants us. If you want to kill, then just kill us. There's a Daynight clan member in there. Do you really dare to attack them?"

Feng Mo coldly replied, "I can refrain from attacking the ship, but aside from you two, there's one more person I have to take away." He waved a hand, and an image of Lu Yin appeared before him.

It had been extremely simple for Deep Crimson Hall to investigate Lu Yin, precisely because there had been no one other than Lu Yin who had entered Deep Crimson Planet in the time period between his rendezvousing with Xia Luo and the rest and the breakout.

"Feng Mo, do you know who that is?" Little Pao barked, but he was paralyzed by Feng Mo's star energy before he could finish speaking.

"I was hired to do a job. I don't need to know who he is," Feng Mo replied indifferently. Abruptly, a ray of light shot out from the spacecraft. It was from a Money Bomb.

The emotion in Feng Mo's eyes changed slightly, but he just shifted to the side, easily evading the ray. He then looked at the spacecraft. "That's a familiar weapon."

Inside the spacecraft, Lulu distributed one Money Bomb to each person and then waved her small hand. "Fire away!"

The next moment, light rays shot out one after another, filling the heavens. Two of them were even aimed directly at Feng Mo's spacecraft.

Feng Mo became furious, and a blood-colored knife appeared in front of him that sliced through all of the light beams before continuing on towards the youths' spacecraft, its power undiminished.

The group went numb, as this was Feng Mo's innate gift. A Hunter's attack was something that they were unable to resist.

Lulu gritted her teeth and hardened her gaze. It seemed like she was preparing something.

Xia Luo's face sank, and his eyes were as dark as the abyss.

The rest were overwhelmed with horror, and they could feel death approaching them.

At that moment, there was a loud sound from within the spacecraft as Lu Yin directly burst through the transparent metal and stood in front of his comrades. He reached out with both hands, and a special light sparkled before him. This was his Fatesand; it had awakened and consolidated its shape. The awakening of the Fatesand had not only changed the Fatesand itself, but it had also partially restored Lu Yin's physical strength. The muscles throughout his entire body swelled as he grabbed the morphed Fatesand and slammed it towards Feng Mo's blood-colored knife.

Under everyone's attention, that glimmering light morphed into... a clump of soil.

For an instance, Lu Yin was caught off guard, and the rest were astonished as well. Even Feng Mo was flabbergasted at what he saw. He wants to use a clod of dirt to block my innate gift? Is he trying to humiliate me?

Lu Yin did not think that his own Fatesand would awaken into a clump of dirt. What is this?!

Lu Yin had sensed Feng Mo's blood-colored knife through his domain long before it had approached the spacecraft. He had used his perception and mutated eyes that could see rune lines to gauge its strength, and he was certain that his Fatesand could withstand this attack. Moreover, this was just a casual strike from Feng Mo with his innate gift.

Being able to withstand the knife was one matter, but the how was another one entirely. Lu Yin himself was embarrassed that he had used a clump of soil to block the attack.

His awakened Fatesand had formed a clod of soil? Lu Yin still hadn't properly reacted to this sight.

The blood-colored knife collided with the soil, and a strange scene unfolded. Even if it was a casual strike from Feng Mo, it was still an attack from a Hunter, but it was completely resisted by that dirt pile. The blood-colored knife gradually vanished, and it released an unusual energy as it disappeared. Even Lu Yin could not sense this powerful energy, but it had happened once before during the Tournament of the Strongest; Yun had released a similar energy when she had attacked Han Chong in the trial zones.

This powerful energy clearly existed, but at the same time, it was something that no one could sense. It almost seemed as if the two groups were isolated from each other.

Feng Mo stared at Lu Yin in shock. This person was clearly just a Limiteer, but he had blocked one of his attacks. Impossible! Even the top fifty on the Top 100 Rankings would have a tough time blocking such an attack. The pressure of a Hunter's star energy should have been enough to shatter this brat into pieces long before the knife even reached him. How had he done it? It was too absurd, and the scene had toppled Feng Mo's understanding of the cultivation system.

Lu Yin coughed up a mouthful of blood. The Fatesand lived up to its reputation of being an apex treasure since it had actually been able to block that attack. However, the aftershocks from the collision were still enough to make Lu Yin spit out blood. Fortunately, by borrowing the momentum from Feng Mo's blow, the spacecraft had successfully arrived at the seaweed.

The Starfall Sea had a rule that no one was to battle upon the seaweed. Even an almighty Enlighter would not dare to break this rule, so Lu Yin's group was considered safe as soon as they landed upon the seaweed.

Feng Mo could only stare blankly as their spacecraft was pushed onto the seaweed by his attack, but he had no other choice. His expression was cold, but there was an indescribable glimmer of apprehension within his eyes. A Limiteer had actually managed to block his attack, and even if the kid had relied on that clump of dirt, he had still survived the aftershock of the attack. That kid was an absolute freak, and he had to be killed. Otherwise, he would have no end of troubles in the future.

Bang!

A corner of the students' spacecraft exploded, and they were thrown out of the ship onto the seaweed.

The clump of soil transformed back into a flowing light and reentered Lu Yin's body.

Lu Yin spat out another mouthful of blood and then looked up with bloodshot eyes to see Feng Mo above the seaweed. He grinned. He had managed to stop a Hunter's attack; even if it had just been a casual strike, and even if he had relied on the Fatesand, so what? He, Lu Yin, had blocked it! What other Limiteer could match such a feat? Could Ye Xingchen, Mu Rong, or Ling Que do so?

"Brother Lu, how are you?" Coco asked in a concerned voice as she rushed over to help Lu Yin.

Zora, Meng Yue and the rest stared at Lu Yin in shock. He had actually just blocked a Hunter's strike! It was too difficult for them to wrap their minds around what they had just witnessed. It should not have been possible. Had even the Ten Arbiters been capable of such a feat when they were Limiteers? Lu Yin's comrades could no longer see the Ten Arbiters as the supreme standard of strength within a realm since Lu Yin's performance just now had been too outstanding.

Compared to the shock of Zora and the rest, Xia Luo and Lulu's astonishment was completely different, and that was because they had recognized that the clump of dirt was actually Fatesand.

"I'll be damned, Seventh Bro. You really do have Fatesand!" the monkey cried out in disbelief.

At this point, Feng Mo maneuvered his spacecraft onto the seaweed as well. He arrived right after Lu Yin and the others touched down, and he stared at them with cold eyes from nearby.

Xia Luo and the others could not control their shock even as they vigilantly kept an eye on Feng Mo. Lulu pulled out two Money Bombs, ready to attack him at any time.

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But their worries were unfounded, as not even Feng Mo dared to act at this place. Chaos Flowzone was adjacent to the Starfall Sea, and so the people from there were well aware of the Starfall Sea's might. The ban on battling on the seaweed was a rule set in place by the Starfall Sea's ruler, the Sea King, and no one dared to violate it.

When they saw that Feng Mo did not continue attacking them, the group relaxed.

"He doesn't dare to attack. If he does, the Sea King will teach him the meaning of regret," Hui Daynight said in a deep voice.

Lu Yin relaxed, but then, the pain in his abdomen overcame him once again. He looked down and saw that the aftershock from the earlier impact had actually torn his skin open, and there was a bloody wound on his chest.

"Ah, Brother Lu, you're injured! Coco will give you a jab," Coco quickly offered as she whipped out her giant syringe. Her face had a very worried expression.

Lu Yin immediately turned her down. "I have some medicine."

He hurriedly retrieved some of Shamrock Enterprises' special medicine and consumed them, leaving Coco disappointed.

Lu Yin stood up with Coco's support. They then walked out of the spacecraft and stepped down onto the giant seaweed, discovering that it was very soft.

As they exited the vessel, there were many bystanders staring at them in amazement.

This strand of seaweed was beyond enormous, and it was not that much different from a city, as countless buildings had been constructed atop the giant plant.

At this time, a man wearing an azure ring armor descended. His bearing was proud, and he directly approached Lu Yin's group. "You've damaged the seaweed. Either pay restitution or accept the appropriate punishment for fighting on the seaweed."

Lulu casually tossed out a Mavis Bank card. "Swipe it as you wish."

Such a dominating behavior stunned even the armored man for a bit, but then he tossed the card back to Lulu. "No swiping."

"How much is the fine?" Xia Luo asked.

"Seaweed maintenance costs five star essence."

The youths were shocked. "Why is this thing so expensive? That's 500,000 star crystals!"

The man remained arrogant. "This was raised by the Sea King's Dome, and it can be found nowhere else in the universe, only here, outside of the Starfall Sea."

The rarity of the object determined its value.

Lulu's lips twitched, but she still casually tossed the man five star essence.

The man put the money away, ignoring them as he quickly left. From start to finish, he had behaved arrogantly.

"That bastard's looking down on us," Meng Yue was irritated.

Hui Daynight felt nervous. "He's qualified to since he's from the Sea King's Dome."

"The Sea King's Dome?" Meng Yue was puzzled. Like Lu Yin, he was someone from the Outerverse, so he was not very familiar with the Starfall Sea. The average person would not be able to access any information related to the Sea King's Dome on the network.

"The Sea King's Dome is the seat of the Starfall Sea's ruler, and it governs the entire Starfall Sea. The master of the Sea King's Dome is the Sea King, and his word is like the heavenly law within the Starfall Sea, to the extent where no one dares to disobey him even outside of the Starfall Sea. It's rumored that the Sea King's power level is over 500,000," Xia Luo explained.

The group was immediately horrified; the strongest among them were Big Pao and Little Pao, who had just broken through, becoming Explorers with power levels of just over 10,000. What did "over 500,000" mean?

Lu Yin's heart skipped; 500,000 was the threshold of an Envoy.

“Alright, we need to move the spacecraft to another docking location and then get someone to give it a coating before we can enter the Starfall Sea. We are only allowed to stay on the seaweed for three days maximum, which means that, after this time, we need to either enter the Starfall Sea or leave,” Michelle informed the others since she had some understanding of the Starfall Sea.

In the end, Hui Daynight, Meng Yue, and Zhao Yilong went to take care of the vessel while Coco helped Lu Yin to a building that looked like a bar along with the others. Upon entering, it seemed that this building was a place for newcomers to gather information.

Coco did not forget to offer Lu Yin an injection, but Lu Yin had only been superficially wounded. His injuries were relatively minor, so he would not agree to her offer no matter what, leaving Coco very disappointed.

Feng Mo stared at them from a distance, his gaze a perpetual thorn in their backs.

There were many people on the seaweed, and the bar had been established by some permanent residents. Becoming a permanent resident on the seaweed involved an arduous application process. However, once one successfully passed through the process, they would be able to discard any worries about any previous enemies they might have had since they would have the protection of the Sea King from then on. No one dared to act violently on the seaweed.

The Starfall Sea’s entrance could be said to be one of the more blessed places in the Inniverse, because it was one of the few places where people did not need to worry about the law of the jungle.

Lu Yin and the rest sat down in three groups at the bar. The lights inside the building were kept dim, and there was no clamorous music. Everyone in the building tried to stay quiet, which was not quite the same atmosphere the group expected from a bar.

After they sat down, Lulu impatiently asked, “Lu Yin, where did you get Fatesand?!”

On the other side, Xia Luo also looked at him curiously.

Michelle, Coco and Zora did not understand the question since they had never even heard of Fatesand before.

“Right, Seventh Bro, where did you get that Fatesand?” The monkey was also curious.

Lu Yin swirled his wine around in his glass. “Someone gave it to me.”

Lulu exclaimed, “Who’s so generous that they would give you Fatesand? That’s Fatesand! A precious treasure of the universe!”

“Sister Lulu, what’s Fatesand?” Coco asked.

Xia Luo spoke up to explain. “It’s a sort of treasure that can fuse with one’s body. It can also awaken into a form that’s the most suitable for the individual. It’s very mysterious.”

“Fatesand might as well not even exist in the Outerverse, and there’s very little of it even in the Inniverse. It’s a coin toss as to whether even the Ten Arbiters have some,” Lulu said gravely.

The others were shocked, as this was something that not even the Ten Arbiters might have. This showed how rare and precious it was. Where had Lu Yin gotten some?

Michelle stared closely at Lu Yin, as she knew a bit more than the others and was aware that Lu Yin had possibly been colluding with pirates. Although it was true that the Blackbeard Pirates had been lured out one way or another this time, that did not completely eliminate Lu Yin's possible connection to pirates. The Outerverse's Darkstar Gorge had actually been split open by one slice from a super powerhouse's attack. Michelle had heard about the matter from her sister, and she knew that Lu Yin's background was not as simple as it appeared to be.

Lu Yin rolled his eyes. "Don't try to exaggerate things. How could the Ten Arbiters not have it? Even if they really don't, it would only be because they don't want to use it."

Lulu retorted, "It's no exaggeration! Even my Mavis Family only has a few grains of Fatesand, and we've never stopped searching for more throughout the years. Despite that, we've only managed to get a hold of those few grains. Do you really think that what I just said is exaggerated?"

Lu Yin's heart leaped; it seemed that this thing was even more valuable than he had originally been led on to believe. It was no wonder why the monkey had not believed him in the slightest when he had told the beast that he had Fatesand. It also started to make sense why not even his two Honor Points were enough for him to grant him access to any information on Fatesand through the network.

"Seventh Bro, I already told you that Tian Hou is the strongest person in the Spiritual Academy, as well as Skymender's disciple, but even he doesn't have any Fatesand. You should realize how precious it is! I only learned of it from a powerhouse's records. I can tell you this—not even that Hunter who attacked you recognized that thing as Fatesand. Speaking of which, it's not really a surprise that the Mavis girl can identify it, but why does that Xia Luo know about it as well?" the monkey said.

Lu Yin's thoughts were the complete opposite of the Ghost Monkey's, as he was certain that Xia Luo knew way more than Lu Yin did himself. This person had concealed himself rather deeply, but fortunately, he held no hostility towards Lu Yin.

And Lu Yin had also noticed an important detail right before he had repulsed the Hunter's attack: both Lulu's and Xia Luo's bodies had converged with an exceptional number of rune lines, and this abnormality only had one explanation. They had been prepared to defend against the Hunter's blow.

Lu Yin could still believe it if Lulu used the Mavis family's innate gift to withstand the Hunter's strike, but what about Xia Luo? Lu Yin was rather interested in his comrade's secret, especially since they both had primeval surnames.

"Brother Lu, your Fatesand's awakened form is rather unique. Congratulations." Xia Luo suddenly smiled as he looked at Lu Yin.

On the other side, Lulu blinked and recalled that clump of dirt. Then, she laughed impudently and in an extremely taunting manner.

Lu Yin felt helpless. It was indeed true that his Fatesand's awakened form truly was just a clump of dirt. Real, authentic dirt. There were no marks or anything on it at all, which caused him to be rather speechless.

"Alright, stop laughing. At least it has a strong defense," Lu Yin said with a sigh.

Xia Luo had a serious look. "Brother Lu, I didn't mean to ridicule you. Fatesand may be a precious treasure, but it still isn't enough to make up for the disparity between a Limiteer and a Hunter. Moreover, he's a Hunter with a power level of over 150,000. Your Fatesand's awakened form was able to block Feng Mo's strike, which is unprecedented. Perhaps what we saw isn't accurate, and we just weren't able to fully comprehend it."

Lu Yin thought about it and ultimately agreed. If everybody with awakened Fatesand were able to withstand a Hunter's attack, then common knowledge would be completely ripped apart, so it should be impossible. So, why was his Fatesand able to do so?

Although Feng Mo's casual strike could be thought of as an attack with a lower power level, and its force might not have surpassed 70,000, it still carried the might of a Hunter with it. It did not make sense for Lu Yin to have charged forth without thinking, and even he himself was in disbelief at his former actions, and even more so at the fact that he had been able to withstand the attack. Thinking back on it, the reason why he had charged out so boldly had been because Feng Mo's strike had not consisted of an excessive amount of rune lines, so Lu Yin had assumed that he could block it. However, could that have partly been due to the Fatesand affecting him?

Lu Yin thought about it some more.

He urgently wanted to speak with some other people who had fused with Fatesand and see if it was possible that it had influenced his subconscious. Or perhaps there had been some other ability that had shielded him from the pressure of a powerhouse's might. Otherwise, he could not explain why he had hot-headedly charged out, as he had not been able to feel that pressure at all.

"Alright, it's time to think about what's next. Feng Mo will not let us go, so he will definitely chase us into the Starfall Sea, and killing is not prohibited there. On the contrary, murders happen in there all the time, and we'll never be able to escape from him," Michelle said gravely.

Lu Yin looked up. "There's a simple method. Feng Mo's target is me, Big Pao, and Little Pao. The three of us can each head out on our own, and he'll only be able to chase after one of us."

"He'll probably chase after you," Michelle said.

Lu Yin fell silent, since that was very likely to be the case. Feng Mo had to capture Lu Yin alive, as his main objective was to hand Lu Yin over to the Blackbeard Pirates. The Bo Duo was not foolish, either, and it was very likely that they had also investigated the matter of the Blackbeard Pirates being plundered. Of course, they could not be completely certain, which was why they had paid such a high price for Feng Mo to capture Lu Yin alive. The most important target was definitely Lu Yin himself.

The gloomy gaze from the Hunter could still be felt. Feng Mo had not even bothered to conceal himself, and he had sat down in the same bar, about ten meters away from Lu Yin's group. He was entirely focused on Lu Yin.

Lu Yin felt a headache coming on; if he had known what would happen, he would have changed his appearance when he had arrived at Deep Crimson Planet.

His back went cold from Feng Mo's constant staring. He called the bartender over, pointed at Feng Mo, and said, "Give that brother a drink as well."

Feng Mo sneered, "You can't escape. Just follow me obediently, and I can still spare your life."

Lu Yin smiled amicably, but he felt a headache creep up on him again.

He wondered if there were any experts from the Lockbreaker Society or the Ten Arbiters Council on the seaweed.

If he was left with no other choice, then Lu Yin could still reveal his relationship with Highsage Leon. Given the intimidation from the Pirate King, the Relentless Slayers definitely would not dare to touch Lu Yin. After all, Highsage Leon was not the Daynight clan—he was the Pirate King. Such a person would have plenty of methods. But that was his last option.

He downed a mouthful of wine. At that moment, Big Pao ran over and sat down besides Lu Yin. He excitedly whispered, "I've come up with a way where Feng Mo definitely will not dare to attack us, even if his courage is multiplied by ten!"

The crowd felt strange upon hearing Big Pao's words. "How?"

Big Pao's lips curled up. "Have you heard of the Sea King's search for a son-in-law?"

"The Sea King's looking for a son-in-law?" Lu Yin and the rest were at a loss, as they had not heard about this.

Little Pao, Meng Yue, and the rest also moved over to listen.

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Big Pao smiled mysteriously, and then he continued in a softer voice. "I went out to gather some information just now, and recently, there's been a big commotion in the Starfall Sea. It turns out that the Sea King is looking to select a son-in-law. He wants his beloved daughter to get married, so this has turned into a huge matter. Powerful organizations from all over the Innerverse have sent young men to participate, hoping for them to marry the Sea King's daughter and build a relationship with the Sea King."

"What's this got to do with us?" Coco was bewildered.

Big Pao grinned. "Do you think that the Sea King would let anything happen to his daughter's fiancé?"

"Are you saying that you want to participate in the selection?" Lu Yin was shocked.

Big Pao nodded. "I've heard that there'll be people conducting selection tests at fixed distances along the Starfall Sea's entrance. As long as a person qualifies, they'll receive the Sea King's protection and be taken to the Sea King's Dome. This is our chance to escape! With the Sea King's protection, forget Feng Mo—even if the entirety of the Relentless Slayers come after us, they won't dare to try anything."

The group muttered amongst themselves; this was a good idea.

“However, there’s one bit that’s rather troublesome,” Big Pao continued in a low tone.

They all looked at him.

Big Pao adjusted his hair and explained in a melancholic fashion, “The Sea King is selecting a son-in-law, which means that whoever is selected will become a member of his family and will have to stay at the Sea King’s Dome from then on. I can’t accept such a thing, but you guys do need to be safe. So I have to come up with a way to qualify to participate in the selection while not actually being selected as the Sea King’s son-in-law. It’s tough.”

Little Pao smacked his forehead. How embarrassing.

Coco widened her eyes, appearing very innocent. “Senior Big Pao, your confidence caught us unprepared.”

Lu Yin was amused, as he remembered that Big Pao had been like this from the very first time they had met.

Michelle’s tone turned cold. “You don’t have to worry. You won’t even qualify.”

Big Pao’s mouth twisted. “Stop joking, I’m so handsome! How could I not qualify? I need to tell you guys something: there are two ways of qualifying, and you just need to pass one.” He paused for a moment before continuing, saying, “The first criteria is strength, as the Sea King doesn’t like weaklings. Furthermore, the applicants need to be twenty five years old or younger, and their strength has to be close to that of a Cruiser.”

The students were shocked.

Zora could not help herself from saying, “There’s barely anyone who meets those qualifications in the entire universe! Brother Lu is the only one out of all of us who satisfies those qualifications.”

Big Pao replied, “Don’t worry, that’s why there’s still a second method.” His lips perked up at this point. “The second is to be handsome! The Sea King has declared that good looks can make up for all other shortcomings.”

The crowd was stunned. Such a thing was possible? Physical attractiveness? That was important in a normal family, but this was the Sea King’s family!

“Is the Sea King that superficial?” Lu Yin was astonished.

“That’s just how it is! As long as you’re handsome enough, you can be qualified to participate in the Sea King’s son-in-law selection even if you have practically no strength. Now you guys should understand why I’m so confident. No one can compare to my looks!”

Coco blinked. “Brother Big Pao, don’t worry. There’s absolutely no way that you’ll qualify.”

Big Pao rolled his eyes. “Little brat, you’ve got no taste.”

“Based on those criteria, I’m also very confident,” Little Pao said seriously.

“Blind confidence,” Zora mocked ruthlessly.

“That’s still self-confidence.” Little Pao’s expression grew even more serious.

Meng Yue and Zhao Yilong could not help but look at each other; were they good-looking?

Lu Yin did not like discussing such things. He was a bit above average, but he was definitely nowhere close to Xia Luo’s looks. A large number of people could beat him by a mile in terms of physical appearance. “Let’s investigate again. If the Sea King’s really looking for a son-in-law, then this could indeed be one path for us forward.”

“Brother Lu, aren’t you confident? You’re very handsome.” Coco looked at Lu Yin.

Michelle scoffed. She would never forget Lu Yin’s words when he had said that she could not compare to her sister. That was unforgivable.

A harsh sound stung Lu Yin’s ears. “That- Wha- everyone appreciates beauty differently. Some prefer refined looks, and some like burly muscles. Perhaps the Sea King’s daughter has unconventional tastes. It’s best if we find out more first.”

“Right, let’s go. The closest selection site is on the neighboring seaweed strand. With our speed, we can get there in half an hour. In the meantime, let’s leave our spacecraft here to get the coating put on,” Big Pao suggested.

The group stood up and glanced at Feng Mo before heading straight for the nearby seaweed strand that Big Pao had mentioned.

Feng Mo sneered, as it was impossible for these youths to escape from his clutches. He immediately followed after them, but his path was blocked before he had walked for more than a few steps. It was the bartender. “Sir, please pay your bill.”

Feng Mo pointed at Lu Yin’s group. “They ordered this drink for me. I didn’t even touch it!”

The bartender’s face sank. “Please pay up, and also pay for your friends’ portion.”

Feng Mo was enraged. It was no wonder why that brat had ordered a glass of wine for him and why they had waited for him at the bar. Their group even dared to leave without paying, all so that he was forced to foot their bill.

Feng Mo thought of just leaving, but this was the entrance of the Starfall Sea, and he knew the consequences of such an action. Although he was a Hunter, that was not considered very powerful within the Sea King’s Dome. He was left with no choice but to pay the bill before rushing after the youths. He could not let this bunch of brats escape.

Cultivators were allowed to fly above the seaweed, as it was not prohibited. The seaweed covered a large area, but only took Lu Yin’s group about ten minutes to arrive at the other strand of seaweed with their speed. The selection site for the Sea King’s son-in-law selection was located about ten minutes away once they arrived at the correct seaweed strand.

Lu Yin looked at the surrounding buildings and sighed emotionally. Anything could exist in the universe. There were so many buildings around that, if one did not look at the ground, it would be impossible to tell that everything had been built atop seaweed.

He was suddenly curious about what lay beneath the seaweed.

Feng Mo leisurely followed behind the group, not even bothering to conceal his killing intent.

Lu Yin turned around and coincidentally exchanged glances with Feng Mo. “Did Deep Crimson Hall commission you to waste your time here? If you can’t complete the mission, then you will lose everything.”

Feng Mo sneered. “You can’t escape.”

Lu Yin’s eyes narrowed. “I can guarantee you this. If you capture me, a great catastrophe will befall your Relentless Slayers.”

“No matter—that can be discussed after you’ve been captured.” Feng Mo did not feel threatened. If the Relentless Slayers could be intimidated, they would have been disbanded long ago.

Lulu looked at Feng Mo. “How much did the Deep Crimson Hall commission you for? I’ll pay double.”

Feng Mo looked at her with disdain, clearly not believing her.

Lulu grew annoyed. “Hey, beggar, I’m talking to you!”

Feng Mo got angry. “Brat, watch your tongue!”

“You dare to provoke me? I’m Lulu Mavis!” Lulu was proud.

Feng Mo was at a loss for a moment, and then he looked at her in astonishment. “You’re from the Mavis family?”

Lulu raised her head proudly. “Speak, how much is the commission? I’ll pay double.”

Feng Mo no longer dared to underestimate Lulu. He suddenly remembered that this girl had paid for the coating for the group’s small Aurora while they had escaped from Deep Crimson Planet in just a regular spacecraft. That meant that they had upgraded to a radiant-grade Aurora while fleeing. If they could change to such an expensive spacecraft at whim, especially at such a young age, then it was indeed very likely that one of them was a Mavis.

He definitely could not offend the Mavis family. They Relentless Slayers might not care about the Daynight clan, as they could hide from them, but there was no way that they could ignore the Mavis family. After all, that family owned the universe’s banks, and a large amount of the Relentless Slayers’ wealth was held in Mavis Bank accounts. Although the bank could not freeze their accounts, they could absolutely track whenever the accounts were accessed.

Feng Mo decided that he could not touch this girl, so he instead decided to ignore her. The Relentless Slayers had their own rules, and their members would not be so easily swayed by a target.

Lulu snorted when she saw Feng Mo ignore her. “Beggar.”

Feng Mo's eyes narrowed in fury, but he did not reveal his emotions. Compared to the Mavis family, the Relentless Slayers, even in its entirety, could only be considered as poor. Although it was unfair, that was life.

"Feng Mo, it wasn't smart to finish this mission. You'll offend both the Mavis family and the Daynight clan at the same time," Michelle commented indifferently.

Feng Mo's eyes turned cold. "And who are you again?"

Michelle did not bother replying, but Coco leaped at the chance. "She's Michelle, from the Ten Arbiters Council. She's the younger sister of the Red Lotus, Witchbow Mira."

Feng Mo's eyelids twitched once again, as there was another kid here who he could not afford to provoke. Mira was still within reason. He had heard of this woman who had been on the Top 100 Rankings before and knew that she had a powerful innate gift. However, it wasn't enough to threaten him. However, behind Mira stood the Ten Arbiters. Although it was unknown which one was her backer, each one of the Ten Arbiters represented incomparably enormous powers. As soon as they approached the Chaos Flowzone, he would be out of luck.

Like the Daynight clan, the Relentless Slayers might not be afraid of such a group, but they also knew that if a power like the Daynight clan was determined enough to seek out the Relentless Slayers, their assassination group would suffer heavy losses. It was best to just avoid provoking such enemies whenever possible.

Alright, I won't touch this brat either.

Michelle then said, "Feng Mo, it's best to be clear about who you're dealing with."

Feng Mo grew sullen, and he looked at Lu Yin. He had already looked up all the information he could about Lu Yin while chasing the brats through space, and Lu Yin's many titles and status were the biggest reason why it was important to capture him alive. Such a person could not be killed by Feng Mo, or else things would become very complicated.

"There's no need to say anything more. Those two have to die, and I am going to take this person away." Feng Mo did not want to exchange any more nonsense with these youngsters. The more he listened, the more he realized that these kids had incredible backgrounds.

Lu Yin stopped Michelle from speaking further and he then looked at Feng Mo. "I must warn you: each and every one of us in this group is not simple, even including the two that you want to kill—they have Astral-10 behind them. Think about things for yourself, just for that insignificant Deep Crimson Hall's commission, you'll offend the Mavis family, Daynight clan, Astral Combat Academy, Lockbreaker Society, Ten Arbiters Council, Windrift Hall, Myriad Swords Peak, Vastdearth Sect, Shamrock Enterprises, ancient Xia family, and ancient Lu family. Think about whether it's truly worth it."

Lu Yin's words stunned not only Feng Mo, but also Michelle and the others. They had not realized that their group represented so many powers, and each one sounded rather terrifying. Hold on, what were the ancient Xia and Lu families?

Feng Mo's eyelids twitched. "Brat, don't think that you can defend yourself just by making up a few names."

Lu Yin sneered and replied, "Think about it." He then turned to leave so that no one would question him any further.

At that moment, Feng Mo truly hesitated. He had not heard of the ancient Xia and Lu families before, but they sounded rather grand, as if they possessed some kind of ancient inheritance. It was very possible that they were families with legal primeval surnames, just like the Sword Sect's Liu family. Feng Mo had heard of all the others, but what did Shamrock Enterprises, Myriad Swords Peak, Windrift Hall, and the Vastdearth Sect have to do with these kids? Why were there so many organizations all of a sudden?

If these people really had backgrounds that involved so many powers, then Feng Mo truly felt like the commission wouldn't be worth all this trouble. However, he had also never considered killing all of these people; he was only focused on three of them.

Right, it would be fine as long as the others were unharmed. Who cares about how many powers they represent.

He steeled himself about rethinking things in such a manner, but he still felt nervous. These kids really did have too many powers behind them, and it left him feeling slightly numb.

Chapter 434: A Vicious Tongue

Up in front, Coco quietly asked, "Brother Lu, what are the ancient Xia family and the ancient Lu family?"

Zora, Michelle, and Meng Yue also looked over, curious.

Lu Yin answered matter-of-factly, "Just random names to deceive him."

Coco blinked. "They sound real."

On the other side, Xia Luo laughed. "That's because 'Xia' and 'Lu' are both primeval surnames. Since we are accustomed to hearing those names, at first glance, they naturally sound like powers that truly exist."

"Brother Lu, he's still following us. It looks like he hasn't given up." Coco looked back.

Lu Yin snorted. "Just ignore him. Let's go check out the Sea King's son-in-law selection."

After receiving such a fright, it was virtually guaranteed that Feng Mo would not kill everyone in their group. This was a positive outcome, and if luck was on their side, the Sea King's son-in-law selection would give them the opportunity to escape. Although the Bo Duo would still give them trouble since they were being pressured by the Blackbeard Pirates, it was starting to look like they would be forced to come to the Starfall Sea themselves. They were not like Feng Mo, who could pull back and leave at any moment, but they would definitely not allow the youths to escape. Hence, the group had to participate in the selection until the tracking devices in the seniors' bodies were removed.

More and more people gathered nearby, as the seaweed strands were not arranged in straight lines; rather, they spread out in all directions. This meant that those on the surrounding strands of seaweed had also gathered at this place to join in on the excitement.

Even if they could not qualify for the selection, they still wanted to watch.

In the distance, there was a rather magnificent ship anchored nearby. This was not a spacecraft, but a true ship that gave off a stern aura. A powerful strength seemed to spread out from it that caused those who approached to go silent.

Countless people gathered around the ship and even more continued to converge around the area. The entire area was filled with cultivators outfitted in blue ring armors. These people were soldiers of the Sea King's Dome, and they were the soldiers of the Sea King.

The Sea King was the Starfall Sea's most dominant overlord, but these troops were almost entirely composed of mere Limiteers and Explorers, which was puzzling.

However, Hui Daynight simply explained, "No one dares to go against the Sea King's soldiers."

Countless people gathered beside the ship. Soon, Lu Yin and the others discovered that their group was too large. Even if one of them qualified, each person was only allowed to bring along no more than four others. The group therefore split into three groups of four: Lu Yin, Lulu, Michelle, and Big Pao; Xia Luo, Darkvoid, Meng Yue, and Coco; and finally, Hui Daynight, Zhao Yilong, Little Pao, and Zora.

They walked into the crowd and overheard numerous discussions about the selection process for the Sea King's son-in-law.

"Did you hear that? An expert from the Top 100 Rankings has appeared at another selection site."

Lu Yin and the rest stopped to listen attentively, as every expert in the Top 100 Rankings would receive attention wherever they went.

"I heard that it's Qin Chen, ranked eighty eighth on the list. Some call him 'the Trapper.'"

"It's not just him who came. It's rumored that Northgate Lie is here as well. Two experts from the Top 100 Rankings have suddenly appeared."

"Not only did experts from the Top 100 Rankings come here, but even the unequaled Limiteer, Ling Que, came. He came here to challenge someone, but he managed to rush here in time for the selection."

"Those people are just the obvious ones. Who knows how many more hidden experts have arrived. There's also the various heirs of the great powers. If not for all the stringent criteria that the Sea King put forth for this son-in-law selection, the number of experts coming would be many times what will actually show up."

"Right, there's one that says that you have to approach the strength of a Cruiser by age twenty five at the latest. It's extremely rare to come by someone who matches those criteria."

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Lu Yin had not thought that Northgate Lie and Qin Chen would both come to participate in this selection, not to mention Ling Que. This selection had attracted quite a number of powerhouses, though Northgate Lie should have already surpassed the age limit.

It could be said that Lu Yin had perfectly fulfilled the Sea King's criteria. Truthfully, since he had lost his memory, he was not certain of his exact age, but he should be under twenty five. Big Pao and Little Pao also appeared to be about twenty five. While their true strength surpassed many Explorers and they

could barely hold their own against a Cruiser, they were definitely not Realmbreakers who could defeat a Cruiser. This meant that the two could not qualify by merit of their strength; only people whose talent were at the same level as the Astral Combat Academy's student leaders could qualify after breaking through to the Explorer realm.

There was only one kind of person who could reach that level, which were the top-level disciples from great powers, such as Liu Shaoqiu. It was very normal for the strength of these youths to approach that of a Cruiser while still in the Explorer realm.

The next level after that was the experts on the Top Hundred Ranking.

The Sea King was very picky, as those who could qualify for the selection through their own power were all extremely powerful.

Starfall Sea was in a remote location, so it was unknown how many experts would attend this selection event. But despite that, two experts from the Top 100 Rankings had already appeared.

And there was also Ling Que. His strength as a Limiteer was actually comparable to an expert at the tail-end of the Top 100 Rankings. He was just a Limiteer like Lu Yin, but he would be considerably difficult to deal with.

"Hurry up! The representative is on that ship!" Big Pao was extremely excited, and he pushed people in the crowd aside as he made a beeline towards the ship.

Lu Yin and the others followed after him, and it didn't take them long to reach the front of the crowd.

A squad of soldiers from the Sea King's Dome appeared as one young man stood in front of the ship with an ugly expression on his face. Additionally, there was a pretty girl dressed in a youthful style aboard the ship, and her haughty demeanor carried an innate air of pride and contempt.

"You look like that, but you still dared to come out? You're not just throwing your own face away, but also that of your parents and your unborn child as well. No, you won't even be able to find a wife with those looks, what's more a child. Hurry up and get lost! Don't ruin my eyes."

Lu Yin's group had just arrived at the front when they heard those scathing words, leaving them staring at the girl on the ship in shock.

Someone beside them whispered, "This maid has a vicious tongue. These people are rather good-looking, or else they wouldn't have dared to go up there in the first place."

"Shh! Speak softer! That's the maid of the Sea King's daughter. She represents her mistress, so their tastes should be pretty similar."

"But what a venomous mouth! Listen to her—she's ripped quite a few young men apart during this time, but she hasn't repeated herself once. Each and every one of those men is an heir to various powerful organizations too."

"There's no choice. When it's the Sea King's Dome, what needs to be tolerated will be tolerated."

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At this point, another man walked forward with confidence. He placed his hands behind his back as he bowed towards the beautiful girl. "Miss, it's nice to meet you."

"It's not nice to look at you. You make me nauseous," the girl replied unenthusiastically.

The man was stumped for a moment, and then he left in embarrassment.

Quite quickly, someone else walked out. But before they could even speak, the pretty girl covered her eyes. "My eyes hurt."

That person pouted and left.

One after another, young men stepped forward, but no one managed to win the girl's approval. Each and every one of them was roasted to the point where they started doubting their life. Amazingly, no two insults were the same.

Lulu looked at Big Pao. "Senior, it's your turn. Go on!"

Big Pao's face twisted, and he coughed awkwardly. "Actually, I feel like I should mull over this decision a bit more, since this is related to one's personality--"

Before he could finish speaking, Lulu had already pushed him in front of the crowd, only for Big Pao to be greeted by a ruthless yet eloquent verbal attack. Big Pao returned with a pale face. "It's my own fault for being born in this universe."

Lulu laughed.

On the other side, Michelle smiled, and she then looked at Lu Yin. "It's your turn."

Lu Yin felt his teeth ache. "I want to qualify through my strength."

"You can try. Maybe they prefer that method," Lulu urged.

Big Pao tried to push Lu Yin forward, but he couldn't make him budge an inch. "Go on, Junior. Senior feels optimistic about your chances."

Lu Yin smiled grimly, as he would not go even if he was beaten.

The atmosphere suddenly grew heavy, as no one dared to go up.

The pretty girl looked down contemptuously from the ship. "Just a bunch of clowns."

Lu Yin felt like this provocative girl deserved to be spanked.

Suddenly, there was a commotion in the crowd as a man walked out and gently smiled up at the beautiful girl.

Lu Yin and the rest were stunned, as the man was simply too handsome.

If a woman could be beautiful to a certain degree, then so too could a man be handsome to the same extent. Beauty was relative, but there was a certain level of handsomeness that could attract other

males and even turn them gay. Such a person had just appeared, and when he boarded the ship, the smitten girl turned to keep watching his back.

The crowd suddenly erupted in various discussions. "Even a trashy Sentinel can board the ship? That's just disgusting. Isn't the Sea King's daughter afraid that she'll be humiliated to death?"

"Rumor has it that she's very ugly, which is why she needs to find a handsome man."

"I've heard that as well. Apparently, the Sea King wants to improve the gene pool for the next generation and has been looking for a handsome man for a long time."

"No, I want to change my appearance. I want to be the Sea King's son-in-law."

"Are you looking for death? Do you think that they can't tell? A few days ago, someone was discovered to have changed his appearance. He was beaten half to death for that! He was an Explorer too, but he didn't dare to retaliate, and he ended up disfigured."

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One super-handsome man had boarded the ship, which caused a hubbub in the crowd below. However, it made them even more hesitant to step forward since the standards had become even more apparent.

It took half an hour before a newcomer arrived and went forward.

"I'm very curious about your parents; how is it that they have the confidence to allow you to go outside and scare people?"

"You look alright. At least I didn't vomit."

"Your face is a biological weapon."

"What are you smiling for? You look just like a fat buddha. Our Sea King's Dome isn't short on money."

"I'll trouble you to turn around in a circle and depart, just like how your face is round."

"Did a cucumber come alive?"

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Lu Yin admired the girl, as she had truly not repeated a single insult even after going on for several hours.

Strange, why haven't Hui Daynight and the rest appeared yet?

Right as Lu Yin thought about Hui Daynight, he stepped forward. Lu Yin looked over and saw that the Daynight youth seemed a little apprehensive.

In fact, Hui Daynight was decent as far as his looks were concerned. After all, the Daynight clan members all had good genes. That, combined with their distinctive black-and-white long hair, meant that they had an unconventional charm about them that many girls were fond of. This was the reason why they had divided into groups, so that Hui Daynight could qualify and take a group in with him. Now, he stared nervously at the beautiful girl, his expression looking like he was waiting for his trial to begin.

The crowd broke into an uproar again. Someone from the Daynight clan had actually come.

Everyone knew that the Daynight clan did not marry externally. Becoming the Sea King's son-in-law meant that one had to become a member of the Sea King's Dome. But despite such restrictions, a Daynight clan member had actually appeared. This was too brazen; was he intending to betray his clan for love?

The charming girl was stumped as well, as she had not expected a Daynight clan member to appear. She looked at Hui Daynight in shock. "Your bravery is commendable."

Hui Daynight relaxed inwardly. Fortunately, he had not been insulted, and her tone towards him had even been rather gentle.

"But bravery cannot replace looks. Here's a suggestion: in the future, use a mirror before you leave home," the girl lashed out with her caustic words once again, even though her tone remained gentle.

Hui Daynight wanted to retort, but he found that he could not utter a single word. More importantly, he was afraid of being insulted again, so he simply turned around and left.

Lu Yin and the rest watched him with sympathetic expressions. How cruel.

Suddenly, a giant force struck Lu Yin from behind, and he was pushed in front of the crowd since he had been caught off guard. It was Lulu; that brat would do anything to watch Lu Yin be humiliated.

The pretty girl turned her gaze towards Lu Yin.

Chapter 435: A Woman Dressed As A Man

Lu Yin's heart dropped as he could sense the disdain and mocking in the maid's eyes. So before she could say anything, he quickly spoke up in a loud voice. "I wish to qualify through my strength."

The beautiful female had opened her mouth as soon as she had seen Lu Yin step forward, ready to throw out a new bevy of insults. Doing so delighted her, but just as she was about to speak up, she was cut off by Lu Yin. She looked at him in astonishment and said, "Qualify through your strength? You're just a Limiteer, but you dare to compare yourself to a Cruiser? Is something wrong with your brain? Or are you drunk?"

Lu Yin raised a brow; this woman's words were caustic to the extreme. "I'm confident, so hurry up."

The beautiful woman narrowed her eyes as she stared at Lu Yin. "Alright then, wait there."

Just then, one of the Sea King Dome's soldiers walked over to the beautiful woman's side and spoke softly. The woman's eyes were filled with shock after hearing the message, and her attention soon shifted back to Lu Yin. "Are you Lu Yin? The one who's hailed as an unequalled Limiteer?"

Everyone stared at Lu Yin, flabbergasted. The title of "unequaled Limiteer" was not one that could be lightly thrown around. Ling Que's arrival had already sent shockwaves throughout the Sea King's domain, but now that Lu Yin appeared as well, everyone was shocked once again. Wasn't it rumored that he had died?

Lu Yin nodded his head and let out a sigh of relief. It would be easier to discuss matters now that she knew who he was.

The beautiful woman sized Lu Yin up, and her voice became much gentler, though her gaze was still as fierce as before. This contrasted greatly with her display from earlier. "Alright then, you qualify." With that, she tossed a medallion to Lu Yin. "With this medallion, you can board the ship at any time in the next five days."

"Thank you." Lu Yin accepted the medallion. He was unable to board the ship at the same time as the unbelievably handsome man; instead, he had to return to the crowd. On his way back, he glared at Lulu.

Lulu stuck out her tongue at him, but she thought to herself that things had turned out well.

Michelle also felt that they had been lucky.

Even Big Pao felt the same.

From a distance, Hui Daynight and the rest also felt that they had encountered a stroke of luck.

However, Feng Mo felt that it was unfortunate.

After Lu Yin left, many others went forward as well. They were roasted in an unbridled fashion one after another before turning around and leaving. Everyone there could tell that the woman had become even more scathing with her insults.

In the crowd, Coco's eyes went wide as she looked at Xia Luo. "Big brother Xia, aren't you going to go forward?"

Xia Luo gave her a faint smile and nodded. He then stepped forward and walked out of the crowd.

Everyone was ready to watch a good show at Xia Luo's expense. In other words, the woman's words were very entertaining to the crowd, as long as they weren't the ones being roasted.

However, everyone was let down this time. As soon as the woman laid eyes on Xia Luo, she was smitten by his gentle smile. She raised a medallion in her hand and handed it to him as she said in a gentle voice, "With this medallion, you can board the ship at any time over the next five days."

Xia Luo faintly smiled back and nodded. "Thank you."

And with that, he returned back to the crowd.

Countless people looked at him with admiration; why was this guy so handsome? Or did he have some other redeeming qualities as well?

Coco was simply in absolute adoration of him.

Lu Yin and the others felt slightly resentful as they felt things were unfair. This was especially the case for Hui Daynight and Big Pao. They were now starting to look at Xia Luo with unfriendly expressions.

"If Hui Daynight fails, then there will be four people in our party who won't be able to board the ship. Feng Mo is still watching from the back. This won't do," Lu Yin said solemnly.

Big Pao lowered his head, blaming himself for his ugly looks.

“What about the others?” Lulu asked.

Lu Yin felt helpless. The others? Little Pao? Darkvoid? Meng Yue? Zhao Yilong? Not one of them was as good looking as Hui Daynight; at the least, he had the benefit of having a trendy hair color.

“Let me try,” Lulu said with an excited glint in her eye as she stared at the beautiful woman on the ship in the distance.

Lu Yin was taken aback. “Don’t try anything funny.”

Lulu raised her head high, snorted, and walked away.

Lu Yin was worried, but Michelle just indifferently told him, “Let her try. She might succeed.”

“She’s a woman,” Lu Yin replied in an unconvinced tone.

Michelle calmly answered, “And how do you know that this maid, who represents the Sea King’s daughter, doesn’t like women?”

Lu Yin was stunned into silence as he found himself unable to retort.

Forget it, he thought to himself. He would let Lulu try since she was so eager. In any event, it would not put her life in any danger. Besides, those from the Mavis clan had mystical innate gifts, so perhaps she could pull off a miracle.

“With your looks, you are indeed pioneering uncharted territory for humanity. A new race of human-looking beasts.”

“Are you twenty five years old, or are you really fifty two? Even if you are fifty two, you would still bring shame to those of that age group.”

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All of a sudden, the beautiful woman fell silent. The person standing below her now was a person with bright red lips and perfect white teeth. This individual was indescribably wonderful to look upon. It was Lulu, a woman dressed up as a man.

Everyone looked on distractedly as Lulu stepped forth. This was a woman! Could a woman also get a medallion?

Lulu’s appearance stunned the beautiful women into silence. Before she could speak, a jade green glow emanated from Lulu’s eyes, and with a smile on her face, she said, “Big sister, am I right to say that love has no boundaries?”

The beautiful woman nodded with a blank look on her face. “Yes, love has no boundaries.”

After she spoke, she raised her hand to give Lulu a medallion.

“Thank you, big sister.” Lulu giggled naughtily as she walked away.

From start to end, everyone was bewildered at what they had just seen. Did that really just happen?

The beautiful woman shook herself out of her daze and gathered herself. She felt her face burning red in embarrassment; why had she just given the medallion to a woman? That had been a mistake, and she felt as though her integrity had been compromised.

“Alright, that’s all for today. We will continue tomorrow.” And with those words, the beautiful woman retreated inside the ship.

Below, the crowd was stunned for a moment, but their silence was quickly followed by a raucous chorus of voices spiritedly discussing what had just said. All kinds of things were being said, ranging from discussions about the maid being a lesbian to her possible bisexuality. It didn’t take long for all kinds of rumors to start spreading.

In the back of the crowd, Feng Mo was shocked at what he had just seen. He had obviously heard of what criteria a person had to meet to board the ship. Since the group of youths he was chasing had managed to obtain three medallions, he felt as though he had made a wasted trip. There was no one who would dare to mess with a ship of the Sea King's Dome.

As Lulu passed by Feng Mo, she intentionally laughed sarcastically and mockingly said, “Pathetic fool.”

Feng Mo clenched his fists tightly. If not for the fact that they were at the entrance of the Starfall Sea and that the wretched woman was from the Mavis clan, he would have killed her right there and then.

There was a strange atmosphere inside the bar. Lulu had already changed back into her regular clothes and was happily drinking some fruit juice.

Hui Daynight frequently shot dirty looks at her. He was still unresigned to the fact that he had lost to a woman.

On the other hand, Big Pao was magnanimous, praising Lulu from time to time.

“We have five more days until the ship sets off for the Sea King's Dome. We can only stay here for a maximum of two more days, so we need to board the ship within two days. What will happen to our spacecraft during this time?” Meng Yue asked.

Lulu waved her arm, signifying her wish to just abandon the ship.

Lu Yin was troubled by this. He had spent some of his money to purchase the spacecraft, but there seemed to be no way to take it along. They could just abandon the spacecraft, but would the others be agreeable to that?

A thought suddenly popped up in his mind, Lu Yin turned around to look at Lulu. Xia Luo, who had seemingly thought of something as well, also looked at Lulu.

Lulu’s filled with caution as she slowly blinked. “What do the two of you want?”

“We need your help to tell that woman that we want to bring our spacecraft along,” Lu Yin told her.

Lulu frowned. “No, I’m tired.”

“The Sea King's Dome isn't going to send us back, so if we don't take the spacecraft along, Feng Mo could trap us within the Starfall Sea,” Lu Yin explained.

Lulu had no choice but to agree with what Lu Yin had said. Given the speed of a radiant-grade spacecraft, it would not be easy to catch up to them if they managed to get enough of a head-start. If they could not obtain the protection of the Sea King's Dome, then it was almost certain that Feng Mo would catch up with them. Additionally, they were not actually trying to participate in the Sea King's son-in-law selection; instead, they were just trying to take advantage of his protection.

“Fine, I'll try. However, let me be clear that I might not succeed,” Lulu replied lifelessly. The innate gift of the Mavis clan was not that easy to use.

“Try your best. If we fail, we might really have to sacrifice someone to become the Sea King's son-in-law,” Xia Luo jokingly added on.

Lulu rolled her eyes.

Lu Yin was not too bothered either. Even though he was very confident in his abilities, he was not arrogant enough to believe that he could defeat those who ranked towards the top of the Top 100 Rankings. The competition to become the Sea King's son-in-law would definitely feature individuals who ranked in the top eighty of that list. Such individuals would probably be more powerful than Lu Yin, given that he didn't use his Fatesand.

However, if he used his Fatesand, then Lu Yin was confident that he could defend himself from the attacks of even those who were ranked at the very top of the ranking list. After all, it had blocked an attack from Feng Mo. Alas, the Fatesand could only block such attacks, so it could not guarantee victory. Lu Yin could not count on a clump of dirt to defeat such powerful experts.

Half a day later, Lulu returned with disappointing news. She had failed in her mission since the servant girl had become cautious towards her.

Their actions could not escape Feng Mo's attention. They could not hide what they were attempting even if they wanted to. Even though the Hunter had not comprehended a domain, his star energy could cover too large of a region. As long as a Hunter wished it, they could even envelope an entire planet with their senses. However, that was not something that a Hunter would do under normal circumstances. Still, with Feng Mo's abilities, it was impossible for the youths to hide their conversations from him.

He walked out of the bar and opened his personal gadget to get in touch with the Bo Duo.

For a Hunter whose power level was at 150,000, it was humiliating for him to be unable to capture the people who were right in front of him. All he needed was a single moment to subdue all of them, but it was something that he dared not to do in this place.

Physical attraction was an extremely subjective ideal that varied from person to person. And yet, be that as it may, Lu Yin and the others felt that the servant girl from the Sea King's Dome had very high standards when it came to determining beauty.

Men with power and wealth always pursued beautiful women. With a beautiful woman by their side, even if she had relatively weak genes, their offspring would at least be not bad-looking. This trend would

improve over successive generations, and typically, the number of potential beautiful partners for each generation would not diminish. As such, all of the influential powerhouses who were qualified enough to come to the Starfall Sea were young and good-looking.

However, in the mouth of the servant girl, the word “ugly” had been transcended. Her eloquent remarks made it clear how utterly revolting an individual was to her, and it was as though there was no one attractive in her eyes.

It was a different feeling altogether when the group saw those on board the ship.

As Lu Yin leaned against the side of the ship and watched the beautiful servant girl dole out her caustic judgments, he felt a certain sense of inexplicable happiness.

The ship was very tall, and from the deck it was possible to see far into the distance. Big Pao came up to Lu Yin’s side and looked into the distant horizon. “It looks like Feng Mo isn’t going to give up.”

Lu Yin nodded his head, and they both looked over at Feng Mo, who had made no attempts to conceal himself. He coldly stared at them, certain that no one within their group would become the Sea King’s son-in-law. Therefore, all he had to do was to wait for the selection process to end. Then, he would be able to capture whoever he needed to.

However, something was still puzzling Lu Yin. “As a Hunter with a power level of 150,000, why is Feng Mo still so loyal as to keep working for Deep Crimson Hall? Can Deep Crimson Hall pay such a price?”

“It’s very strange indeed,” Big Pao said with a frown.

The snide comments from nearby stopped momentarily, as the beautiful servant girl had become thirsty. She ordered someone to fetch her water, and a very handsome man respectfully walked to her side, bringing her a drink with a smile on his face.

There was an extraordinary splendor in the servant girl’s eyes as she happily took a sip. “Thank you.”

The handsome man smiled as he shot a pompous look at the crowd while flashing them a smile once again. In all fairness, the man was extraordinarily handsome, and his appearance caused a group of girls to scream in joy.

“I really feel like kicking him off,” Big Pao said as he ground his teeth. He had been acting bitter since he had always believed that he wasn’t actually bad looking and that beauty was somewhat subjective.

Lu Yin let out a short laugh. “Don’t bother with him.”

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At this point, the handsome man turned towards the two of them and chuckled contemptuously. As he slowly walked past the two of them, he said, “Stop dreaming and just leave. You guys are nothing more than a part of the show. What the Sea King is really looking for is a handsome person like me!”

Big Pao’s eyes looked like fire was about to pour out of them. “I can’t stand him any longer! I’m going to beat his ass!”

Lu Yin grabbed the older youth. "If you do that, you'll be going against the rules set in place by the Sea King. That guy's just deliberately trying to provoke us and reduce the number of competitors he'll need to face."

"Are we just going to let him go?" Big Pao was enraged.

Lu Yin smiled and pointed ahead. Lulu appeared in her men's clothing and stood right in front of the hot guy.

When he turned to the north, she would as well. When he turned to the south, she would follow.

"Oi, are you blind or what? Even a piece of trash wouldn't block my way like this!" Lulu shouted.

The handsome man grew furious. "You!"

"What? You're so ugly. What makes you think that you can come here? Where do you think this is? The ugly guy club?" Lulu yelled.

The handsome man's eyes widened like saucers, and he pointed to himself in disbelief. "Me? Ugly?"

Lulu snorted and pointed at Feng Mo, who was in the crowd of onlookers. "Even that guy's hotter than you!"

Everybody turned towards Feng Mo, and his expression immediately turned sour.

The handsome man started raging, and he pointed at Feng Mo. "How can that ugly guy even compare to me? You're just trying to insult me!"

Feng Mo's eyes flashed with bloodlust, and he fixed an intense glare onto the handsome man.

Lulu looked over. "He has a mature charm that you lack."

"An old geezer like him already has one foot in the grave! Charm? Pfft. He's only waiting to die!" the handsome man shouted.

Feng Mo clenched his fists, unable to restrain his bloodlust.

"That makes sense," Lulu suddenly acknowledged. She then simply nodded and left.

The handsome man snorted and returned to the ship without giving Feng Mo another glance.

Below the spacecraft, everyone looked at Feng Mo with pity. He'd been cursed at out of nowhere, and his situation was rather pitiful.

Meanwhile, Feng Mo had already added the handsome man to his list of people who he intended to kill. As long as that kid didn't become the Sea King's son-in-law, Feng Mo would definitely kill him.

Two days later, the Sea King's large ship set off, leaving the entrance of Starfall Sea and heading towards the Sea King's Dome.

As it left, quite a few vessels closely followed behind it. Staying close to the Sea King's Dome's ship would give them some measure of safety, and Feng Mo also joined the crowd.

Over the past few days, the pretty maidservant had given out about ten medallions. Besides the one that Lu Yin had obtained by his strength, the rest had been given to handsome men. Of course, Lulu was another exception.

This was just one of the many ways to enter the Starfall Sea. There were numerous other ways inside, and many medallions had been given out. This was not the first batch of candidates, and all of the ships for the selection event had set off for the Sea King's headquarters at around the same time.

Hearing about the Starfall Sea was one thing but actually experiencing it was another thing altogether, which was why everyone became astonished.

The Starfall Sea was located in a separate layer of space. After traveling for half a day, the ship arrived at the entrance to the layer. Far off in the distance, there was a gigantic, lowered region that looked like a part of space had sunk into itself. Even further out was the Starfall Sea. Water filled the space, and this was the area that had given rise to numerous legends: the Starfall Sea.

It made sense why there was the word "fall" in its name. The ship plummeted down into the spatial layer for five whole minutes before landing on the sea's surface. Lu Yin had no idea how such a place could exist. Who could have imagined that there truly was a sea in outer space? There was water here, which made this place completely different from the Cosmic Sea.

The Cosmic Sea was filled with liquidized energy that was composed of a mix of various energies. If someone fell into it, they would very likely die. On the other hand, the Starfall Sea was a real sea filled with all kinds of unique fish. Above it was a boundless dark space, and below it was more space. Within the sea itself, there were planets.

Besides the employees and soldiers of the Sea King's Dome, the rest of the people on the ship stood on the deck and stared at the wondrous view. For most of them, this was their first time visiting the Starfall Sea, and they were awed by the scenery.

The water roared, and something dripped onto Lu Yin's hand. He rubbed his fingers together, surprised to find that it was water.

"Ladies and gentlemen, it will take us around thirteen days to arrive at our destination. During these thirteen days, you will come to understand what exactly the Starfall Sea is, how amazing it is, and how amazing the Sea King is. Do your best, and who knows—the Sea King's future son-in-law might be amongst you." The maidservant stood on the deck and spoke arrogantly. She then added, "Though that doesn't seem possible."

Everyone had already experienced her venomous tongue and thought nothing of her comment.

Lu Yin scanned his surroundings. There were quite a few people standing on the deck as well as quite a few to the back. There were also dozens of people in the midsection of the deck, but only around a dozen of them had actually obtained a medallion. He was the rare one to do so amongst them, for he was the only one to have obtained it through his strength.

"Um, if I become the son-in-law of the Sea King, will you, as his daughter's servant, follow her?" somebody suddenly asked.

Everyone froze, and even the soldiers from the Sea King's Dome looked over at the man.

The pretty maidservant immediately blushed and glared at the man on the deck.

Big Pao, Little Pao, Zhao Yilong, Lulu, Coco, and Zora all looked at the guy in shock. Big Pao, in particular, even gave him a thumbs up. "You've got balls, dude. I'm surprised that you like her."

Everybody stared at the man.

The man was incredibly confused, but after seeing that the maid didn't seem quite keen about what he had said, he hastily added on, "I didn't say that."

Big Pao patted him on the shoulder and spoke in an awestruck voice. "Bro, a guy needs to be able to own up to what he says. It's normal to like a girl like her, just like how you told me earlier that that girl in red has a very perky ass. You're a real man."

Up on the deck, the girl Big Pao referenced immediately glared hard at him in embarrassment. In front of her, an incredibly handsome man who had also received a medallion had a look of pure murder.

The poor person who had misspoke was on the verge of tears, and he desperately wanted to explain himself. However, he was just a mere Sentinel, and there was nothing he could do to Big Pao. He looked even worse than if he just burst out crying.

The pretty maidservant snorted and left. She had had a good impression of this person before, so she was incredibly surprised to discover that he was such a frivolous person.

The man stretched out a hand, wanting to stop her, but Big Pao prevented him from doing so. Big Pao was all smiles and appeared affable, but in this man's eyes, Big Pao was incredibly annoying. At that moment, he decided that, if he managed to become the Sea King's son-in-law, this guy would be the first person he took care of.

The fiasco ended quickly enough with the handsome man fleeing from the deck. He didn't dare to make another appearance.

The pretty maidservant disappeared as well.

Lu Yin found this a huge pity. He had wanted to ask her about the legends related to the Starfall Sea, specifically about the Undying Manual, but whatever. He would be spending thirteen days on the ship, which was more than enough time.

There were quite a few vessels following behind the large one that they were on. Just like the large ship, each one of them floated atop the surface of the sea. Not one of them dared to pass the large ship and risk losing their way, not even Feng Mo.

"When are you guys going to get here?" Feng Mo's voice was incredibly cold, and he was obviously in a bad mood. During his entire time in the Starfall Sea, everything had been miserable.

Bo Senior's voice replied from the gadget. "We just arrived at the entrance. We'll need two more days to get the coating on our vessel before we can enter the sea."

“Alright. Don’t forget what you promised me. Each one of these brats has strong connections, and I’m still not sure if this is worth it,” he said in a low voice.

“You’ll need to decide that for yourself, Mr. Feng. However, since you’ve entered the Starfall Sea, I’m sure that you’ve already made up your mind. Don’t worry, that thing will be in your possession no matter what,” Bo Senior reassured the assassin.

Feng Mo cut the connection and stared at the large ship in front of him with icy eyes. The journey to the Sea King’s Dome would take thirteen days, and the selection process itself would take at most half a month to complete. Then, that item would finally be his! Just the thought of it alone was enough to excite him.

The Starfall Sea had a unique scenery. While standing on the deck of a ship, one could look down and see more than one spacecraft flying by. Also, there was more than one way to travel through the Starfall Sea; for example, ships could sail on the surface or dive beneath it.

“Look! There’s a huge planet at the bottom of the sea!” someone shouted. It was the girl in red.

Everyone looked down and saw the faint outline of a huge planet.

The handsome guy that the girl was following casually explained, “There aren’t a lot of planets in the Starfall Sea, but any planet that can survive here definitely has ultra powerhouses on it with power levels of over 300,000.”

Quite a few were shocked, including Lu Yin. He had no idea that such a thing existed here. A power level of 300,000? That was rare even within the entire Innerverse. Even an Enlighter with a power level of 200,000 was a rare sight. Were such beings common in the Starfall Sea?

Upon seeing quite a few people look over, the guy became cocky. “Every once in a while, the waters in the Starfall Sea become quite violent. Spacecraft without the special coating will be destroyed, and similarly, planets within the sea will be struck by powerful rogue waves. Only those with power levels of over 300,000 are able to block the waves and protect a planet. Otherwise, they’ll be destroyed just like the spacecraft.”

“That makes sense. Does that mean that there are ultra-powerhouses with power levels of over 300,000 on that planet?” Little Pao asked.

The guy nodded. “Of course.”

Lu Yin and the rest glanced down at the planet. 300,000? That kind of existence stood at the peak of the universe.

“I wonder how high the Sea King’s power level is,” Lu Yin muttered to himself, feeling slightly unsettled.

The maid of the Sea King’s daughter, walked by at that moment. After hearing Lu Yin’s question, she arrogantly responded, “Don’t even try to guess how powerful he is. It’s something that you’ll never be able to understand!”

“Does that mean that you can understand his power?” Lu Yin was confused.

The pretty maidservant paused, but then she rolled her eyes. “Weren’t there rumors saying that you died? How are you still alive?”

Lu Yin pursed his lips. “Did you watch me die?”

She was stumped once more, which caused her to frown. “You’re pretty good at aggravating people.”

“I’d say that you’re even better when it comes to cursing at people.” Lu Yin grinned. He didn’t mind offending this girl since he wasn’t planning on becoming the Sea King’s son-in-law. He still had Ming Yan waiting for him!

The pretty maidservant snorted. “Out of the four most powerful Limiteers in the universe, two of them are in the Starfall Sea. I’m quite curious as to who’s stronger—you or Ling Que.”

Lu Yin was confused. “A lot of people would say that Ling Que is stronger since he’s from the Lingling family. Isn’t that what you think as well?”

“So what? Being from a good family isn’t a sign of one’s strength,” she said as she eyed him, looking slightly disappointed. “It’s a pity that there’s no need to even check. It’s obvious that you’re no match for him.”

“Why not?” Lu Yin was curious.

“Because he’s hot,” she answered without skipping a beat.

Lu Yin was speechless. In the end, he still hadn’t managed to escape his fate of being mocked.

“How badly is this place lacking in hot guys?” Lu Yin couldn’t help but ask.

The pretty maidservant looked up and seriously considered his question.

Lu Yin hastily tried to stop her. “Stop! Don’t bother thinking about it since I actually don’t want to know anyways. However, I do have a question for you. Have you heard of the Undying Manual before?”

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The pretty maidservant was not thrown off guard by Lu Yin’s question, as this was not the first time she had been asked that question. “Of course, it’s a technique that’s well known in the Starfall Sea’s legends, but no one has ever obtained it.”

“Not even the Sea King?” Lu Yin was astonished.

She rolled her eyes at Lu Yin. “Hold on, let me just ask the Sea King for you.”

Her voice was dripping with sarcasm, and Lu Yin choked again. He was irritated with the woman.

“Thanks, please help me ask him to lend me some money as well.”

She stared at Lu Yin, and Lu Yin stared back. After a moment, the two laughed together.

“You’re very interesting. The other people participating in the selection are either feigning nobility or trying to get off of their high horse to flatter us. You’re pretty good—you even dare to annoy me.” She pursed her lips.

Lu Yin replied, "Marriage is something that's determined by fate. What's destined for you will be yours, and what isn't can't be forced."

She snorted. "It just sounds like you have no confidence, so you gave up. Or perhaps you're here hiding from an enemy?"

Lu Yin's heart stopped for a moment, and he subconsciously glanced towards Feng Mo's personal spacecraft behind them. This brat was rather sharp.

"Looks like I guessed right. You are hiding from an enemy." The pretty maidservant was pleased with herself.

"So what? I'm still qualified."

She nodded. "That's right. You are indeed qualified, and I personally verified it. To prove that my insight is correct, you'll have to give your all during this selection process. Don't let yourself be easily defeated by those from the other qualification sites, or else I'll lose face."

"Based on what?" Lu Yin rolled his eyes.

Her lips perked up. "I can tell you about what you want to know, such as information about the Undying Manual."

"Didn't you just say that you don't know anything?"

"I lied. I know some."

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "Fine, I'll do my best."

She replied, "That's better. Alright, I'll tell you now: the Undying Manual does indeed exist, but, unfortunately, it was most likely taken away."

"Why are you so certain?" Lu Yin was flabbergasted.

The beautiful maid replied, "There are many legends about the Starfall Sea, and though some are baseless, a few are based in reality and were not randomly concocted. The Undying Manual is no different. There is indeed some basis for the legends regarding that manual, but such legends have vanished in recent years, so the Sea King came to the conclusion that it was taken by someone."

"When did that happen?"

"How would I know? Such rumors aren't based on anything substantial, and no one knows how they come to be or why they go away, so no one knows when it might have been taken away. The Undying Manual supposedly disappeared a long time ago, and the Sea King believes that it wasn't taken away recently, but rather a few centuries ago."

Lu Yin fell silent. The Undying Duo had been roaming the Starfall Sea a few centuries ago. Could Undying Yushan really have taken it? But that wasn't very likely since the old emperor would have passed the manual down before his death. This was further supported by the fact that he had left the Yu Secret Art behind, so there was no reason why he would have destroyed the Undying Manual. Thus, the most logical conclusion was that it had actually been taken away by someone else.

“Of course, it’s also possible that it wasn’t taken away. Perhaps one day, one year, or one century later, the original source of the legends about the Undying Manual will reappear.”

“You’ll be old by then,” Lu Yin remarked with a sigh.

The pretty maidservant became furious, and her eyes seemed to send out endless flames.

Lu Yin smiled and waved his hands as he backed away from her.

She was furious. “Ugly, disgusting ghost, blockhead, idiot...”

Many looked at Lu Yin from a distance with reverence on their faces. This guy was amazing; he had actually angered this girl in such a way. There were many back at the entrance of the Starfall Sea who would celebrate if they heard about this incident.

Over the next few days, Lu Yin’s group only saw one underwater planet as they sailed across the sea. It was just like what the handsome man had said; there were very few planets in the Starfall Sea, and there were no uninhabited planets. Those had been destroyed by rogue waves long ago.

Atop the deck, Lu Yin was enjoying the sea breeze when an alarm sounded from the ship. Everyone was ordered to return below decks since a rogue wave had appeared.

In the distance, the soaring sea reached towards the sky, snarling towards them like a heaven-devouring beast.

The passengers seeing a rogue wave of the Starfall Sea for the first time paled. They felt a despair akin to when regular humans faced a thousand meters tall tsunami; there was a feeling of helplessness and despair that could not be suppressed, and even the handsome man was trembling in fear.

Lu Yin stood in the hold and watched on in shock as the towering rogue wave rushed over. His eyes were filled with star energy, and he saw an unimaginable number of rune lines. Blood dripped down from both of his eyes, and Coco screamed from beside him.

Lu Yin hurriedly lowered his head and let the star energy flow out of his eyes. When he wiped the blood away, he saw the same scene as everyone else: the rogue wave had arrived.

When Lu Yin looked at mountains, rivers, or buildings, he had noticed that they all possessed a limited number of rune lines. This was because these things could not really exert any influence on the universe with just their own power. But when Lu Yin had looked at this raging rogue wave, the force that it produced was just too incredible. Just like how a normal tsunami could tear a steel ship apart, the rogue wave before their eyes could rip an entire planet apart.

It was no wonder why each planet had to have a powerhouse with a power level of over 300,000 to protect it. Only a person with such strength would be able to withstand the scouring power of such a rogue wave.

The boat from the Sea King's Dome bobbed up and down among the waves as it was buffeted by the rogue wave. Everyone inside grabbed a hold of something that was fastened down in order to stabilize themselves. Many people trembled in terror; could the ship withstand such a powerful force?

Outside of the boat, a transparent membrane warped under the heavy pressure, but strangely enough, even though the membrane did not have a powerful defense, it was able to withstand the rogue wave's strength. The whole thing was very mysterious.

It was not only the large ship that was struck by the rogue wave, but many of the spacecraft behind it were also hit hard by it. Fortunately, every one of them had received a special coating at the entrance to the Starfall Sea, so they all safely survived the rogue wave.

It took a full hour for the rogue waves to subside, and afterwards, people could see that the sea level itself had changed. The ship from the Sea King's Dome no longer floated atop the surface of the water. Instead, it was now sailing within the sea, just above the seabed.

Everyone relaxed at this time since it was clear that they were now safe.

A pale-faced Coco patted her chest. "That was so scary! I thought that I was going to die."

Zora hugged Coco's shoulders to comfort her.

Michelle looked out and her eyes lit up. Her sister had passed through this place before, and now it was her turn.

"This is a no man's land, but people can actually survive in this wretched place. How impressive," Big Pao remarked with a sigh.

Little Pao immediately motioned for his brother to shut up, but the pretty maid was already glaring at Big Pao.

He smiled in embarrassment and turned to leave.

Bleargh~

Suddenly, a strange yet familiar sound was heard by everyone: someone had vomited.

The beautiful maid's face changed. "Quickly get out! No one's allowed to vomit in the hold."

The person in question had gone completely limp and could not move. So, he was carried away by some of the soldiers from the Sea King's Dome.

The crowd was surprised; a cultivator could become seasick?

The pretty maid was grossed out and quickly left.

Not only could the membrane withstand the violent rogue waves, but it could also prevent the seawater from flooding in, which let the passengers still go up to the deck of the ship and enjoy the scenery of the Starfall Sea even though they had dove underwater.

Lu Yin went to the deck, but he saw the same person still vomiting frantically there. He then silently turned around and headed to the ship's stern.

There were quite a few people already there. When Lu Yin arrived, he brushed past a man. Then, he suddenly reached out and tapped on the man's shoulder. The man whipped around in irritation, but his face changed as soon as he saw Lu Yin. "Lu Yin?"

Lu Yin pulled his hand back. He had not expected to bump into an old acquaintance on this voyage. "I seem to recall that you're Xun Jiong."

In the past, in the Shenwu Continent, Lu Yin had forced a group of trial takers to write promissory notes, and this Xun Jiong had been one of those people. However, Xun Jiong's note had been torn up long ago, as the Xun family had helped the Great Yu Empire by denouncing the Ross Empire for instigating a war. Thus, Xun Jiong no longer owed Lu Yin anything.

In fact, Lu Yin had just been thinking of how he could obtain more of such contracts when he had coincidentally bumped into Xun Jiong.

Xun Jiong was not at all happy to see Lu Yin. The scenes from the Shenwu Continent still occasionally surfaced in his mind, and he knew that this person was not easy to deal with. "Brother Lu, I never thought that I would bump into you here."

Lu Yin smiled. "I've been on the ship for a few days. Why haven't I seen Brother Xun during this time? Have you been in the hold?"

He nodded coldly. "Yes, I've been to the Starfall Sea before, so this isn't a new experience for me. I was staying within the hold to cultivate. Why is Brother Lu here in the Starfall Sea? Also, I heard that you got swallowed by a storm. However, it appears that you didn't die."

Lu Yin squinted. "Those are rumors, just rumors put together to deceive others."

"Since that's so, why did Brother Lu not attend the Daynight Feast?" Xun Jiong asked. He then sneered slightly before saying, "Oh, Ling Que was there, so it's understandable why Brother Lu didn't attend. I have something else to take care of, so I'll take my leave first." He then walked away without looking back.

Lu Yin's brow rose as he watched Xun Jiong leave. This person had a vile attitude, and it was a pity that his promissory note had already been used. This person had not held back in the slightest just now.

"Seventh Bro, that bastard needs a beating! When that group was forced to write those contracts, An Shaohua and Yue Xianzi didn't kick up a fuss, but this brat had a problematic attitude. Even now, he was extremely sarcastic towards you!" The Ghost Monkey was quite annoyed.

Lu Yin felt no resentment, as everyone had different views on various matters. He activated his gadget to look up some information about the Xun family.

He was rather surprised after taking just one glance. The Xun family was based in the Ascension Flowzone, which he already knew. However, he had not known about their most famous, and peculiar, battle technique. It was known as the Gear Construction Technique.

This so-called Gear Construction Technique was different from technology, since technology held boundless possibilities through its never ending development, though everything still relied on external energy. Even the Technocracy that had access to ancient technology and countless advanced

technologies could not replace the cultivation process that all living creatures went through. Becoming stronger necessarily required one to undergo transformations.

The Gear Construction Technique was different, as it focused on building up one's strength from small components. The technique used star energy to create refined mechanical parts, which the user would then assemble into complex devices.

Simply put, most used star energy to battle by using their star energy to simulate other forms, such as wind or fire. The Xun family used their star energy to simulate refined mechanical parts. The theory was similar, but their battle style was completely different from that of most cultivators.

And this was just one use of their Gear Construction Technique. The Xun family's Gear Construction Technique was famous throughout the universe, as not only could they battle with it, but they could also construct other things such as defensive mechanisms or even traps like the ones found in tombs meant for raiders. Their technique could be applied extensively in all kinds of situations, and it was completely different from technology.

This Gear Construction Technique piqued Lu Yin's interest, but unfortunately, in order to keep this Gear Construction Technique safe, the Xun family minimized all of their contact with the outside world, and they rarely sent their members out. They were not interested in the conflicts of other universal powers, either, which was something that Lu Yin could not really understand.

So why was Xun Jiong trying to participate in this selection process for the Sea King's son-in-law? Lu Yin had taken particular note that Xun Jiong was very handsome, so he definitely had received a token.

Thirteen days quickly passed by. During this period, two more rogue waves appeared, and the ship had passed by three planets. When they passed by the third planet, they had coincidentally encountered a rogue wave, which gave the crowd a chance to see a powerhouse whose power level surpassed 300,000 in action.

That boundlessly terrifying wave had shocked Big Pao, Meng Yue, and the rest, rendering them all and had rendered them speechless.

It was not Lu Yin's first time encountering such a powerhouse, and he had even experienced being killed by an elder from the Seven Courts once, so he had a rather deep impression of such power.

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When Lu Yin thought of that elder from the Court of Seven Names, he suddenly remembered that there was a hidden base of the Neohuman Alliance hidden within the Starfall Sea.

He requested a star chart of the Starfall Sea from the pretty maid to study.

"Brother Lu, come and take a look. It's amazing!" Coco called out to him from the deck.

Lu Yin walked out of the hold and looked into the distance. Before them was a region where the sky was no longer dark. Instead, there was a blue radiance encompassing the entire area, and beneath the blue sky was a towering, majestic mountain. There were multiple layers of white clouds circling around the mountain like streamers, while a faint trace of a seven-colored radiance could be seen in between the cloud layers.

The mountain was conical, narrowing as one approached the peak. A warm patch of sunlight from some unknown origin illuminated the mountain, and it was adorned with large green patches filled with vivacity.

As the ship quickly neared the mountain, the crowd was gradually able to make the mountain out more clearly.

The fog lifted, and it felt like they had arrived at paradise. A white ribbon spilled down from above, which was actually a stream of water. Every so often on its way down the mountain, the cascading river would split apart and start flowing across the mountain, separating into various mountain streams.

Behind the mountain, the void rippled, spreading out in layers, almost as if someone was beating the void like a drum.

The mountain was extremely massive and wide. After getting their first glimpse of the mountain, it took them half an hour to actually reach the area illuminated by sunlight, and even then, it still felt like they were a fair ways away from the mountain.

“Ladies and gentlemen, congratulations on arriving at—the Sea King's Dome,” the beautiful maid loftily announced, her face veritably shining with pride. It wasn't just her; all the soldiers on the ship from the Sea King's Dome had proud expressions, as this was their home base. The master of the Starfall Sea resided here, and even though there was only a single mountain, it still was able to suppress the entirety of the Starfall Sea.

Everyone stood on the deck of the ship and stared at the mountain excitedly. A glance was all it took to know that this was no ordinary mountain, but a sacred one.

Lu Yin gradually filled his eyes with star energy, trying to look at the Sea King's Dome, but it took less than a moment for his eyes to start aching, dissuading him from trying any further. The influence that the Sea King's Dome had on the universe was too strong, and it had even reached a similar level as the mountain where Lu Yin had met Mister Mu; Lu Yin was similarly unable to observe the Sea King's Dome.

The closer the ship came to the mountain, the more clearly the passengers were able to sense its boundless strength. It was gentle, yet extremely dignified. It gave the impression of a true deity.

In fact, the Sea King was basically a deity to the people on the ship as even Enlighteners would view the Sea King as a deity.

Quite a few spacecraft followed behind the ship, as many of them were similarly from the Sea King's Dome.

The Sea King's Dome did not prohibit outsiders from entering, but of course, they could only ascend a limited height on the mountain.

Feng Mo sat in his spacecraft and stared at the Sea King's Dome in shock. He had come here before in his youth, and he had never forgotten the feeling since. He had assumed that, with his current power level of 150,000, he would feel something different upon returning. However, he quickly realized that he had been gravely mistaken. The sensation that he currently felt from this mountain was no different than in his youth. It wouldn't matter if he were young or old; even hundreds or thousands of years in the future, he would always face the Sea King's Dome with the same feeling of reverence and terror.

The Sea King's power was enough to shock the universe. He was an absolute powerhouse, and people such as Feng Mo would never be able to comprehend such strength.

The seawater around the Sea King's Dome was different from the rest of the Starfall Sea. Here, there was a touch of golden sunlight.

Only those who arrived at the foot of the mountain could vividly experience the enormity of the mountain. As they looked up, they couldn't even see the peak. From their perspective, it didn't look like a mountain, but more like a vertical continent.

On the mountain, the waterfall crashed down with a thundering roar.

The pretty maid stood in a high area, overlooking the crowd. "These are the Sea King's orders: three days from now, the selection will officially begin. During these three days, you can go sightseeing around the Sea King's Dome. With the tokens that you've been given, all of your expenses will be reimbursed by the Sea King's Dome."

Lu Yin suddenly looked up, his eyes burning with a fervent radiance. Reimbursed? He had clearly heard that word.

The others did not really care about being reimbursed since they had come here to actually attempt becoming the Sea King's son-in-law; none of them had the nerve to ask the Sea King to foot their bills. Also, they were planning on mostly resting so as to preserve their energy in order to deliver their best possible performance. They wanted to at least appear to be generous and high class.

However, Lu Yin was different, and the way he looked at the Sea King's Dome had changed. Him coming here had turned out to be a great fortune, as he would have missed out on a golden opportunity otherwise.

Lu Yin's reaction gave the pretty maid quite a fright, and she shot him a fierce look. She then escorted all of the people who had received tokens due to their looks off of the ship and told them that they could head straight for the upper levels of the Sea King's Dome.

Such discrimination felt unjustified to Lu Yin. There were definitely better things in the higher levels, but he could do nothing about that since he could not change anything.

There were many ports at the base of the mountain that made up the Sea King's Dome, and they provided docking for both spacecraft and ships that had sailed across the Starfall Sea. As soon as everyone set foot in the port where they had docked, they were astounded by the bustling scene that greeted them.

There were not many planets within the Starfall Sea, which would lead one to assume that the trade here would not be very prosperous. However, what appeared before their eyes was an incomparably booming port, and there was one building in particular was extremely eye-grabbing: Shamrock Enterprises' local branch. A bit further from them were branches of other well-known organizations from various parts of the universe.

"Most of those who come to the Starfall Sea are adventurers. There are too many legends about the Starfall Sea, and many people come here to try their luck at chasing those legends. Actually, there aren't that many people here at the Sea King's Dome. Grayweed Continent is actually much more crowded.

Countless powerhouses from all over the universe gather there, and mercenaries..." someone nearby introduced the place to the newcomers.

Lu Yin walked into the port alone and gazed up. He was planning on entering the port when Lulu caught up to him.

Lu Yin was taken aback by her arrival. "You didn't follow the maid?"

"Do you think that she would dare to take me along?" Lulu retorted.

Lu Yin agreed, as their objective was to safely arrive at the Sea King's Dome, not to actually become someone's son-in-law. No matter how bold Lulu might be, she wouldn't dare to challenge the Sea King's dignity, and the maid was even more fearful of doing so.

"There's a prohibition in the Sea King's Dome prohibiting fighting here, so we're very safe," Lulu said.

Lu Yin looked back, but he didn't see Feng Mo. However, he was confident that Feng Mo would not let them off that easily. The Hunter had probably hidden himself.

Lu Yin's plan was to roll his die during these three days and to use the star essence in his possession to upgrade himself to a peak Limiteer. However, there was an important decision he had to make first: should he go shopping?

Finally, Lu Yin decided to go on a shopping spree to prevent any accidents, since he only had three days.

"Lulu, what are you intending to buy?" Lu Yin asked as his eyes swept around frantically. His greedy expression betrayed his calm tone.

Lulu paused. "The Sea King will reimburse us, so not buying anything would be wasteful. Let's go to an auction!"

Lu Yin's eyes lit up as he looked at Lulu, his face clearly showing his admiration towards her. Going to an auction was a great idea.

The two hurriedly made some enquiries, and then, they headed for the largest auction house, located halfway up the mountain.

"Pick one," Lu Yin said. When the duo arrived, they looked up to see two giant auction houses on either side of the street.

Lulu chose the one to the west, while Lu Yin went to the east. They had no intention of fighting against each other in the auction houses.

The scenery around the Sea King's Dome was beautiful, and the people there lived simple lives. At least, that was what Lu Yin had observed on his way up the mountain while picking up whatever caught his eye along the way. As long as he showed the token, everyone had been very cordial, so he felt that the inhabitants here were rather guileless.

However, the most vexing concern for Lu Yin at this moment was that his cosmic ring was not large enough, even though he had obtained an upgraded one from Northgate Lie that had originally come from the Starfall Sea.

He bit down on a piece of local fruit and flashed his token to effortlessly enter the auction house.

Due to the Sea King searching for a son-in-law, a great many disciples of great powers in the universe had gathered at the Sea King's Dome. They might not be the most powerful, but they did not lack money. The auction master did not even need to fan their emotions, and any item being auctioned off was fought over.

Those who could open auction houses on the Sea King's Dome were not simple, which meant that the goods they dealt with were naturally not inferior. Lu Yin saw something good the very moment he stepped inside.

"One harmless Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox. The seller has personally tested it, and it's definitely harmless. The auction begins now, with a starting price of... three hundred star essence!" the auctioneer shouted.

The people below him started to compete, and each time that they raised their tiles, the price would increase by another ten star essence.

With the Sea King's token, Lu Yin was guided to a room within the auction house that was reserved for distinguished guests. It was much more luxurious than the hall below. He did not even need to raise a tile to bid. Instead, there was a button beside the seat that let him enter a bid.

There were more than ten types of fruit juice in front of him, and there were also beautiful women in the room to accompany him, but Lu Yin declined everything. Although he did not care about the Sea King's son-in-law selection, there was no way he would fool around with women while seeking safe harbor in this territory. No matter what, such behavior would basically be an insult to the Sea King, whom Lu Yin didn't dare to offend.

With the press of the button, Lu Yin joined the auction.

In just a short while, the price rose to 500 star essence.

There was no fixed value to a Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox. Some could reach sky-high prices while others might have low value. It depended solely on whether or not anyone here needed one, as no one could put a price on such an object.

Lu Yin did not bother paying attention to the price. He pressed the button incessantly, until the auction house's personnel actually had to approach him. They respectfully informed him, "Sir, no one below is competing with you anymore. You can stop pressing the button."

Lu Yin grunted, as it didn't matter to him since he wouldn't be the one paying for it anyways. As for what the price had reached, did he have to know? The auction house just needed to tell the Sea King.

The next item to be auctioned was a universal armor, and not just a normal set of armor at that. A metal from the Cosmic Sea had been fused into it, making it exceptionally sturdy, to the point where it could even defend against a Hunter's attacks.

Lu Yin did not truly believe this information, as it was the same as a blackhole-grade Aurora. Such a spacecraft could indeed withstand an attack from someone with a power level of 100,000, but Hunters were not idiots. They all had battle techniques and innate gifts, and such things could easily raise a cultivator's attack power beyond what a gadget showed. It was just like that armless Hunter who had attacked Lu Yin in the past. Still, a universal armor that could withstand an attack of 100,000 was pretty decent, and Lu Yin ended up casually bidding on it.

Lu Yin continued to bid on quite a few items. Although they were likely not to be too useful, only the Sea King could be blamed for being too rich.

However, the frequency of Lu Yin's bids were quickly noticed by the auction house. They specially dispatched someone to verify his assets, but that person was sent away by the Sea King's token.

This matter served as a reminder for Lu Yin. What if the Sea King did not fulfill his offer of reimbursing the selection participants after learning of Lu Yin's situation? That would be unacceptable! Lu Yin immediately decided to behave a bit more low key, promising himself that he would not bid on any more useless items. With that, the auction soon returned to normalcy.

On the other side of the street, Lulu behaved in the opposite manner, and she was even more unrestrained than Lu Yin. She did not even bother with pressing the button, and she simply shouted out a number, generally doubling the most recent bid, allowing her to frequently succeed. This scared the auction house, and they immediately sent someone to inquire about her financial status, but the person only received a rhetorical question in response: "Do you think that the Mavis family lacks money?"

The sentence caused those from the auction house to be speechless. The Mavis name was synonymous with money, and they became even more excited after they learned that Lulu was from the Mavis family. This was an excellent opportunity for them to get rich.

Lulu was pleased with herself, as she would not even end up using her own money since she had the Sea King's token! The Sea King should be pretty loaded.

The Sea King himself did not know that, at this juncture of the selection, some people participating in the selection were simply aiming to spend as much money as they could, and they were enjoying themselves immensely as they did so.

Chapter 439: Insane Expenses

Compared to Lu Yin and Lulu, Big Pao and Little Pao behaved themselves quite well. Also, they had not received a token, so they would have to pay themselves if they wanted to buy anything, and their financial situation forced them to carefully consider any such expenditures.

"Next, ladies and gentlemen, you can decide for yourselves what this next item is worth, because no one knows what it might be used for. All that I can reveal is that this next item comes from the Astral Beast Domain." The auctioneer waved a hand as a beautiful, slender woman with a pale face walked out while carrying a black box that was covered with a white cloth.

The auctioneer walked over and immediately removed the white cloth.

A very disgusting-looking piece of flesh was revealed to the crowd, and it even had traces of blood on it. Also, the occasional bit of electricity could be seen on the flesh.

The crowd was bewildered; what was that?

The auctioneer covered the flesh once more with the white cloth. "The bidding begins: a piece of flesh that holds lightning. The price begins at a hundred star essence."

Someone below shouted, "Hey, do you think that you can sell just any random thing? No one knows what that thing can be used for, but you're setting the price at a hundred essence? Only an idiot would buy it! Does anyone else agree with me?"

"That's right! How can you put such a high starting price on an unknown object? Take it away!"

"Take it away!"

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The auctioneer was helpless. "Everyone, the owner of this piece of lightning-imbued flesh requested us to auction it here. We can't refuse them, either, since they are a powerhouse with a power level over 200,000."

The crowd was shocked, but they did not heckle the auctioneer anymore. An almighty Enlighter with a power level of 200,000 was indeed a powerhouse in the universe. Such people rarely appeared in public, and they should be accorded the appropriate respect.

At this moment, someone in a guest room placed a bid, and the auction began.

The others exchanged glances, caught off guard that someone could ignore the hundred star essence price and bid in such a cavalier matter. After all, the item being sold came from an Enlighter.

There were too many wealthy people in the universe, and anyone who could visit the Sea King's Dome was someone rich. Everyone present was willing to spend a hundred star essence to take the piece of flesh back to study.

The auctioneer relaxed, as this was at least better than having no bids.

A new round of bidding began, and the flesh was finally won by the person in the guest room. Some in the crowd had recognized that the person in that room had bought quite a few items already, and they were curious as to who was inside.

Not much time passed before Lu Yin received that piece of lightning flesh; he was naturally the one who had bid first on the item. He had placed that bid because the Ghost Monkey had told him to.

"Tell me, what is this thing?" Lu Yin asked as he looked at the lightning-imbued piece of flesh within the box. It seemed rather disgusting.

The monkey, however, was excited. "Seventh Bro, you're pretty lucky! This thing carries a Void Thunderbeast's innate gift of lightning."

Lu Yin was astounded. "A Void Thunderbeast's innate gift of lightning?"

"That's right! It's precisely this strand of lightning that gives a Void Thunderbeast the ability to shuttle through the void and escape. The person who provided this thing is not simple, since they were able to

kill a Void Thunderbeast and even cut off this piece of flesh. It's just like what the auctioneer said: only an almighty Enlighter could've done such a thing."

"What can I use this for?" Lu Yin asked.

The monkey rolled his eyes. "Idiot! To escape, of course! If you release the lightning, then you can escape just like a Void Thunderbeast. Of course, the distance that you travel depends on how powerful this Void Thunderbeast was when it was alive."

Lu Yin was delighted. "Are you saying that I can use it's innate gift too?"

"Of course! Having this is the same as having an extra life! Your luck is just too good! Now, even if that Feng Mo catches up to you again, you can effortlessly leave him in the dust." The monkey smiled.

Lu Yin was stunned, as this piece of flesh was very valuable indeed. Even if its price was increased twofold, it would have been worth it.

Before too long, the auction took a midway intermission. All the items that Lu Yin had successfully bid on were sent to him. He flashed the Sea King's token at them, and everything was quickly delivered to him.

Lu Yin did not pause and left the auction house. He immediately headed for the next one so as not to gather too much attention on him.

Inside the auction house on the west side of the street, Lulu acted in the same manner as Lu Yin. She confidently flashed the Sea King's token, stuffed a pile of items into her cosmic ring, and then strutted off.

"Manager, don't we have to report this to our superiors?"

"There's no need. Every month, all of the shops will send their bills to Lord Sea King at the peak of the Dome."

"But that Mavis girl bought too much, I'm afraid that the Sea King will blame us."

"You think too much. The Sea King is loaded."

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If one looked down from the middle of the Sea King's Dome' mountain, everything was clearly visible. There were countless buildings arranged in a terraced formation as well as trees and forests, and waterfalls and fields. It was extremely picturesque, making for an idyllic scenery.

Lu Yin wondered if, after he resolved his personal matters, if he could even settle down here with Ming Yan.

No, if he wanted to stay here in the future, then he could not stand out too much, nor could he offend the Sea King. In that case, he needed to make sure that his purchases amounted to a reasonable sum since he could not afford to draw the Sea King's attention.

Coincidentally, at that moment, Lulu happily walked over, looking quite pleased.

Lu Yin's eyes lit up when he saw her, and he rushed up to welcome her. "Lulu, did you buy a bunch of good items?"

Lulu became guarded. "Why? They're mine!"

"I know! I bought quite a few things too. I bought everything from that auction house!" Lu Yin bristled with pride.

Lulu was shocked! "Everything? Are you crazy? Aren't you afraid of offending the Sea King?"

Lu Yin laughed. "The Sea King is a super powerhouse and has unlimited resources. Why would he care about this little bit of money? It's even possible that the more you spend, the happier that senior will become."

"Are you sure?" Lulu asked suspiciously.

Lu Yin replied, "Of course. Think about it. The richer one becomes, the better they understand how to spend their money."

Lulu thought about it, but Lu Yin's words were right. Did that mean that she had spent too little? No, she could not lose face for the Mavis family! She raised her head and looked towards the other side of the mountain, where there was another auction house. She immediately came to a decision. "I'm leaving. I'll see you in three days."

Lu Yin beamed and waved a hand, bidding goodbye. Perfect. With Lulu tanking from the front, the Sea King would definitely not notice Lu Yin's spending. That brat was from the Mavis family, and the Sea King would be able to demand repayment from them. Lu Yin would spend much less than her and thus not attract too much attention.

As he thought things over, he looked into the distance. Since Lulu had headed towards that direction, Lu Yin decided to head in the opposite direction.

The Sea King's Dome was shaped like a conical mountain, so it had ports in all directions. Not long after Lu Yin's ship had arrived, another ship arrived from a slightly different direction. Given the Sea King's Dome's size, such a slight deviation had amounted to a vast distance.

There were five waterfalls that fell down the Sea King's Dome, and they were known as the Skyfall Cascades. There were five Skyfall Cascades, each of which lay in one of the five main directions. They were also the destination for five large ships.

Lu Yin's ship had arrived from the southeast of the Sea King's Dome, and the second ship arrived from the southwest.

Just like Lu Yin's ship, when the second one anchored, the ushering maid escorted ten handsome men to the upper regions of the Sea King's Dome. Even more noteworthy was that there were actually three people aboard the second ship who had qualified for the selection through their own strength.

One carried a simple wooden flute, and he stepped into the port with a calm and tranquil expression, while the other two were obviously traveling together.

There were few people under the age of twenty five who could rival the strength of a Cruiser, and it was possible to not find even one within an entire Weave. But now, two such people had arrived together, which attracted a great deal of commotion and spawned numerous conversations concerning the duo's identities.

It didn't take long for one of the two to be recognized: Lan Yu, the top expert of the Boundless Continent's younger generation, was someone qualified to challenge the Top 100 Rankings. He was an influential figure in the Starfall Sea, but he also had another identity as the Ten Arbiters' Divine Fist's younger brother.

Lan Yu's appearance was not entirely unexpected, as there had already been rumors that the Boundless Continent wanted to establish marital relations with the Sea King's Dome, but they had never been agreed to by the Sea King. Now, it seemed that Lan Yu wanted to use his own strength to wed the Sea King's daughter.

However, although Lan Yu was strong, he was not actually in the Top 100 Rankings. From the perspective of many, the only ones who could reach the end of the selection process were the experts truly on the Top 100 Rankings, such as Qin Chen.

The other person who had arrived with Lan Yu was also quickly recognized: Lan Dao. He was a genius who had been roped in by the Arbiter Divine Fist to support the Lan Family, and he was always following behind Lan Yu. He enjoyed some fame in the Boundless Continent, but more importantly, he was still only a Limiteer, which was something that shocked many people.

In this selection, many could see that their odds of victory were higher when these two youths joined forces. No one, aside from the experts in the Top 100 Rankings, could challenge these two together.

Lan Yu brought Lan Dao to the Sea King's Dome. They were also informed that all of their expenses would be reimbursed, but the two did not pay any attention to that bit since they were not lacking in money.

Not long after the two arrived, another ship stopped at the northwest Skyfall Cascade, and the surface of the sea quickly froze. A cold-looking man with a long weapon on his back walked up, and he did not look back.

Few would leave their weapons exposed, as such items were usually carried in cosmic rings. This man's strange appearance attracted a lot of attention and murmurs.

Fortunately for him, too many strange people had arrived recently, and this was also not the first batch to arrive. Another batch had arrived before them, and they had experienced much worse luck than the current group; they had been waiting in the Sea King's Dome for three months already, but the most recent arrivals only needed to wait for three days before the selection process began.

On the ship, the ushering maid escorted a few handsome men away before Qin Chen appeared on the deck.

His appearance attracted a great deal of excitement: the reputation of any expert on the Top 100 Rankings was just too impressive. The Sea King had specified that, to qualify to participate in the son-in-law selection, one could not be more than twenty five years old, and since most of the experts on the

Top 100 Rankings were over twenty five, it meant that Qin Chen could practically be considered to be the strongest participant.

Outside the port, many excited looks were thrown his way. "Trapper Qin Chen! I'll defeat you during this selection and step onto the Top 100 Rankings!"

The appearance of a Top Hundred expert caused many to become competitive, but they also knew they could not attack at will. After all, the Top 100 Rankings was a merit-based appraisal system, and one's standing could not be faked.

Ling Que had also arrived on the northeastern ship.

He was blessed, as he qualified not only through power, but also through his looks. The Lingling Clan's innate gift was too unique, and regardless of if it was their looks or battle prowess, both were outstanding. Ling Que in particular was even more exceptional.

On the way, the escorting maid's gaze never really drifted away from him. He was like a bright light in the darkness, and he was the center of attention wherever he went.

The Daynight Feast had raised his reputation to the peak, as he had increased his standing by using Lu Yin's name as a footstool. He had come to the Starfall Sea this time with the intention of challenging an expert on the Top 100 Rankings. Coincidentally, he had arrived in time to participate in the selection. Since Qin Chen and Northgate Lie were also participating, he had rushed over. He wanted to step foot in the Top 100 Rankings, and he was not satisfied with just having Lu Yin alone as a stepping stone.

Experts from all walks of life had gathered at the Sea King's Dome, and the selection process had caused countless people to rush over. They were all expectantly waiting to enjoy this grand event that would decide the future of the entire Starfall Sea.

There was only one day left before the start of the selection process, and many screens appeared in the sky around the Sea King's Dome. They all displayed scenes of the Skyfall Cascades, and many people guessed that the waterfalls would have something to do with the selection process.

Chapter 440: Various Upgrades

At this time, Lu Yin looked at all the items stored in his cosmic ring, feeling a bit stressed out. There were too many items available, and his cosmic ring could not store them all. It seemed like it was finally time to break through and become a peak Limiteer.

As he thought of that, he turned around to see an extremely stylish villa. It was the most expensive residence in this region of the mountain. Since he had not rested the day before when sweeping up the various items that had caught his eye, he decided to enjoy himself for the last day before the selection process began.

On the other side of the villa, a party walked over, and their leader was one of Lu Yin's old acquaintances: Hart Phoenix.

As a member of the Phoenix family, he was blessed in the aesthetics department, and he could be considered to be quite handsome since he easily won over the escorting maid.

He should have been in the upper regions of the Sea King's Dome, but those areas were not as lively as the lower levels. Hart could not stand the boredom there, so he had come to the middle part of the mountain. He was currently looking for a place to rest since it was getting late, and in this area, this was the only dwelling that, in his opinion, could barely match up to his status.

Hart Phoenix had just entered the villa when he was taken aback; he instantly recognized Lu Yin.

At that moment, Hart Phoenix's face turned ugly, as he hated this person. In the past, the supreme Sentinel mission that had been posted by the Astral Combat Academy had been stolen by Lu Yin, and Hart had also fought against him after discovering that Lu Yin had taken advantage of Xi Yue. After he had been defeated, Hart had gone to his family's most dangerous training ground. Even though he had successfully returned, his power had only been elevated to the standard of an Area Master, but Lu Yin had already surpassed the strength of a Realm Master by that time.

Hart could not get this person out of his mind; he desperately wanted to defeat Lu Yin, but he also knew that such a thing was not possible.

This dichotomy had intensified after watching the Tournament of the Strongest. Hart clearly knew that he would never be able to defeat Lu Yin, and even his elder brother had said as much. Hart had recently been maintaining a low profile and kept his arrogance in check at the academy. He had decided to head to the Starfall Sea to participate in this selection for the Sea King's son-in-law, but who would have thought that he would run into this person here.

As he watched Lu Yin enter the manor, Hart's face shifted, and he immediately decided to leave. He truly did not want to interact with this person, as Lu Yin could make himself appear cordial on the surface, but he would definitely not allow anyone to take advantage of him, and he could even be a bit two-faced at times. Hart felt that nothing good would come of interacting with Lu Yin.

Lu Yin did not even know that he had scared away Hart Phoenix, as he was still admiring the villa's extravagant decor.

The villa occupied a large section of land, and behind it lay the mountainside. The grounds were filled with all kinds of beautiful plants, and a soft fog floated out from within the villa. At the perimeter of the grounds, there were people employed to regularly crush star crystals so that the star energy concentration within the villa would be much higher than the surrounding area's.

Just this detail alone showed that the price he had paid was high, and Lu Yin had never witnessed this method of luxury before. He believed that it had to be quite pricey to stay here even for just one night, but that was not his business since the Sea King could afford it.

He chose the best courtyard in the entire villa, and it had a pavilion that was modeled in the style of an ancient era, and it held an interesting charm. There were even Explorers standing guard outside the courtyard with several high-tech machines inside. The style and decor perfectly weaved antiquity and modern technology together in a manner that was very pleasing to the eye.

"So this is how rich people live!" Lu Yin remarked with a sigh.

"Seventh Bro, you're also very wealthy now. If you sell what you obtained yesterday, you'll be able to multiply your wealth several times over," the monkey commented.

Lu Yin's lips perked up, as he liked what the monkey had said. He originally had 800 star essence on him, but the value of items that he had bought the previous day should exceed 5,000 star essence, which was an enormous number. This amount was unbeatable, as even robbing the Blackbeard Pirates' tributes for a second time would not match this amount.

"Don't be so happy. Monkey, have you translated those words from the centipede's body yet?"

The monkey grudgingly replied, "Nope, it's too hard."

Lu Yin's expression sank. "You haven't translated anymore even after such a long time. I see that you must be slacking, so you should be appropriately punished." And with that, he screened his right arm off.

At that moment, the Ghost Monkey's heart was on the verge of collapsing.

After he screened the monkey off, Lu Yin instructed the Explorers outside to not let anybody disturb him. He raised a hand, and his die appeared. It was time to roll again.

It had been some time since he had last rolled the die, and Lu Yin did not intend to be careless today, so he placed his cosmic ring to the side before he started rolling. He was hoping to roll four pips instead of six this time. After all, he could not afford to squander his money even if he was rich since it would all vanish in an instant if he rolled a six.

He tapped on the die, and watched it slowly spin before it finally stopped on... three pips.

He was excited; his luck was just too good today. His first roll was three pips: Enhance, and it was a very good roll. 800 star essence was more than enough for him to spend it lavishly.

The two screens of light appeared before him, and Lu Yin casually threw the piece of white fruit on top. He calculated based on his previous experience, remembering that it had taken him about thirty five star essence to upgrade the strengthening fruit to the extent of showing signs of life. This piece of fruit should require about the same amount.

He generously threw thirty star essence into the screen, and the white fruit became visibly more substantial. It continued to morph as its radiance became more gentle. A fragrance unexpectedly appeared, and suddenly, and the grass beneath Lu Yin's feet started to grow wildly while the fish in the stream that flowed through the courtyard gathered to stare at the white fruit.

Lu Yin was taken aback, and immediately sealed his surroundings with star energy before looking at the screen again.

When all thirty star essence were completely depleted, the white fruit appeared to be just a ball of liquid, and Lu Yin could even see the pulsating flow of life inside of it. All he wanted to do right now was take a bite.

This was what the Trialmaster had referenced, where the fruit contained the vitality of life. This white fruit was definitely extremely valuable now, and by conventional measurements, it was equivalent to one that had lived for over 10,000 years.

Lu Yin hesitated as he considered whether or not he should continue upgrading the fruit, but in the end, he finally decided to continue and tossed out another ten star essence.

This was untrodden territory, as he had already surpassed the degree that he had upgraded the strengthening fruit to, but he could tell that this white fruit had not reached its limit yet since it had not developed any instincts of fleeing from danger like the strengthening fruit had.

Only after awakening that instinct could the fruit be considered top-notch. In fact, Lu Yin wouldn't even consider that top-notch. He had a feeling that a fruit would only truly become top-notch after it actually came alive.

After the light screens consumed sixty star essence, the white fruit suddenly unleashed a soft light that distorted the void as its fragrance became even richer. Lu Yin took a deep breath, and he felt completely refreshed, as if he had taken a stimulant. There was a strange ringing sound in his ears, but he could not identify what it was. Could it be the rhythm of life?

He had a sort of feeling that this fruit was about to try to evade danger.

Sixty star essence had been used so far, which meant that the next upgrade would take at least forty more star essence to complete. All in all, it would cost at least a hundred star essence to upgrade this white fruit to the level where it would instinctively avoid danger, which was three times the amount that the strengthening fruit had needed. This proved that this white fruit was much more valuable than the strengthening fruits.

Lu Yin gritted his teeth, but he went ahead with it since he had the money. He did not know if the Sea King's token allowed him to take out a loan from the Mavis Bank and borrow a few million star essence, but he was certain that if he attempted to do such a thing, the Sea King would personally appear to kill him.

Suddenly, there was a whoosh as the upgraded white fruit attempted to escape by tearing through the void. Lu Yin was prepared for this and easily caught it in his hand since it was not his first time encountering such a situation. He watched the fruit struggle in his hand and quickly stored it away in his cosmic ring.

This upgrade had only been completed after depleting a hundred star essence, and he did not know how great its effect would be once he ate the fruit. Even if it could not resurrect him like what the Trialmaster had mentioned, it shouldn't be too far off from that! At the very least, it could save his life once.

He had 700 star essence left, and he expected it to take about a billion star crystals for him to reach the peak Limiteer state, which was the equivalent of about a hundred star essence. The energy conversion between the two currencies was not the same, so a conservative estimate would be 150 star essence, which meant that he could act as if he had about 500 star essence left to use.

He thought about what else he should upgrade next.

Right, the Money Bomb. Lu Yin wasn't even certain that the devices could be upgraded, but he was looking forward to finding out.

Since he had thought of it, he would go ahead and try it out. He immediately placed a Money Bomb on top of the light screens and threw out a single star essence. He watched expectantly and saw that it

dropped down slightly, leaving Lu Yin delighted to discover that it was indeed possible to upgrade these toys.

Each Money Bomb was originally able to kill an expert with a power level of 100,000. Lu Yin was looking forward to seeing the amount of power it would possess after going through a round of upgrading.

He took out more star essence and watched as the Money Bomb dropped to the bottom layer after it was repeatedly upgraded.

There were not many changes on the surface of the cube, but Lu Yin could feel that the metal ball inside it had changed, and that its color had deepened even more, reminiscent of the heavens. He felt numb when he saw the cube. It had been upgraded five consecutive times, and he had gone through dozens of star essence before he had stopped upgrading the Money Bomb. When he touched the current Money Bomb, he felt uneasy. An overly powerful weapon was not good news for the wielder either, as it was important to reach a prerequisite level before one could safely use powerful weapons.

He did not know how destructive this upgraded bomb would be, but he really wanted to try it out.

He had six Money Bombs, and he upgraded three and left the other three alone, just in case the upgraded ones were somehow useless.

Upgrading three Money Bombs took close to another 200 star essence, and Lu Yin was left with about 500. He had used up quite a lot, but it was well worth it. Each upgraded item could easily fetch extraordinary prices.

What else can I upgrade? Lu Yin looked through his cosmic ring. There were way too many items in the ring, but there was one that stood out in importance: the universal armor.

There were many enemies such as Feng Mo waiting for him outside of this place, and he needed an appropriate method to preserve his own life. His thoughts had been too simplistic in the past, when he had assumed that his multiple titles and status were enough to make others afraid of killing him. However, the truth was that there was more than one way to kill someone, and there were many people who did not have any misgivings about killing others. In the end, Lu Yin could only rely on himself.

He pulled out the universal armor that he had bought from the auction house. It was tough enough to withstand an attack from a powerhouse with a power level of 100,000, and it was plenty strong enough for a Limiteer. However, Lu Yin had offended just too many people, which meant that this level of protection was still insufficient. He dreamed of being able of withstanding attacks with a power level of a million, but that was not realistic.

A set of universal armor was different from ring armor, as the latter had strength requirements for the wearer. If one did not have the sufficient strength, then they would only face disaster when they tried to put one on. However, the same was not the case for a set of universal armor. In some sense, they could be considered vessels for traversing outer space, similar to a spacecraft.

Lu Yin placed the armor on the upper screen and generously threw a hundred star essence onto it. He would spare no cost when it came to preserving his life.

He watched as the universal armor was upgraded multiple times; a hundred star essence were only enough for him to upgrade it twice. It was not quite enough to upgrade it a third time. This armor required even more star essence than the Money Bombs or the white fruit to be upgraded, which made sense since it had originally been able to defend against attacks with a power level of 100,000.

Lu Yin threw out yet another hundred star essence, upgrading the armor two more times.