

### **Chapter 691: Realm Of Control**

Everyone knew that this fellow could not unlock any more sourceboxes, but now, he was not letting anyone else continue their lockbreaking attempts either.

Deng Pu spat out a mouthful of blood, and his face went pale. That scoundrel!

Serpent Queen paused in her lockbreaking and looked up into the sky as a flash of fear flickered through her eyes. This person was terrifyingly powerful.

Ku Wei's lockbreaking was also interrupted, and he was even ruthlessly attacked by the formless danger of his sourcebox. He grimaced in pain and looked upwards in anger.

Everyone's attention was drawn to Cai Jianqiang, no matter if they were one of the Lockbreakers competing within the mountain range, an audience member outside, someone inside the Hall of Insight, or an Outerverse denizen who was watching the broadcast. Everyone was focused on Cai Jianqiang.

Lu Yin casually sat down. Now this was an interesting development, and no one had anything that they could do about it. He had planned to look around for two more sourceboxes to unlock, but that seemed unnecessary now.

"Seventh Bro, this guy's a real man! One against all the other competitors," the monkey marveled.

Lu Yin smiled. "He certainly has the ability to do so."

Cai Jianqiang swept out in all directions with his strength in the Hunter realm, and not a single Lockbreaker dared to stand up against him. The entire mountain range trembled continuously as all of the available star energy was forcefully seized by him, making it difficult for anyone to try to lockbreak.

Deng Pu shouted in anger, "Cai Jianqiang, this is the Lockbreaker Competition! We are competing in unlocking sourceboxes, not in our combat ability!"

Cai Jianqiang did not pay Deng Pu the slightest bit of attention, and the mountain range seemed to boil.

Countless people in the outside world were excited by this development, as this would become a major talking point. Things might turn explosive if all of the other competitors united to challenge Cai Jianqiang. Untold numbers of people were waiting for that moment to occur.

Xi Qi helplessly walked out of her cave, as she also could not continue lockbreaking.

The fish swatted its tail. "This is the way, that's right. Lord Fish appreciates that one, that two-legged beast. Go and make friends with him."

Xi Qi rolled her eyes. She would rather not, as that person was obviously not someone to be pushed around.

A Lockbreaker's perception of star energy was much clearer than a regular cultivator's, and so, they were naturally more accurate in perceiving other people's strength. Cai Jianqiang's strength made the Lockbreakers unable to even think of resisting.

Within the Hall of Insight, Saul trembled in anger, and he suddenly stood up as if he wanted to forcefully intervene. However, he was stopped by Fiend Li. "This person hasn't harmed anyone. You have no authority to meddle in this matter."

Saul replied in a deep voice, "So are we just going to let him ruin this competition? Will we allow this season to become a joke?"

Fiend Li answered solemnly, "So what if he does? That's allowed so long as it's within the permissible scope of the rules."

"We can only blame the quality of this season's Lockbreakers as there's no one who can stand up against him. In previous seasons, there would always be more than one Hunter participating, and they were able to restrain each other. But in this competition, even all of the other competitors combined can't match up to a single Hunter. Thus, there's no choice," Yi Feng observed coldly.

Felynn smiled bitterly. "With Cai Jianqiang's strength, it would be hard to resist him even for previous seasons. He's someone who's invincible within his generation, and he still hasn't revealed his true strength yet. Once he gets serious, even our combined might may not be able to resist him."

Yi Feng could not retort, as this was indeed the truth. A serious Cai Jianqiang was something truly scary.

Saul endured his rage and sat back down.

Felynn glanced over at him. Who was to blame for this? The truth was that there had been several other Hunter realm Lockbreakers who had intended to join the competition, but they had been prevented from participating by Saul's dishonest methods intended to allow his disciple, Deng Pu, to win. This was just him reaping what he had sown.

Felynn looked at Cai Jianqiang, as this person was also a variable. But fortunately for her, he was not someone on Saul's side.

In the Wei family's manor, Wei Rong bent over to study Cai Jianqiang's information on his gadget. Suddenly, he frowned and looked up. There was actually someone so troublesome here, and the Inniverse had appraised this person as a Realmbreaker. He was a Hunter, an actual peak Hunter, and being a Realmbreaker meant that he could fight against Enlighteners.

This person had terrifying strength, which was disturbing.

In outer space, above the planet, an elder looked down at Sourcepeak Planet with a serious gaze.

To Cai Jianqiang, forget a mountain range—even if it was the entirety of Sourcepeak Planet or even this entire region of space, he could crush it easily. There was nobody present who could resist his strength.

If he wanted to render everyone unable to lockbreak, then no one would be able to do so. This was the confidence that he had in his own strength.

When it came to lockbreaking, he was no one's match, but when it came to cultivating, no one was his match.

The final day of the Lockbreaker Competition's first stage had completely shifted in tone from the previous two days, and it had actually become nothing more than Cai Jianqiang's personal show.

Deng Pu, Ku Wei, and those who had saved up sourceboxes to lockbreak on the last day of this first stage were unlucky. The rest of the contestants were still alright, as the results had already been finalized, though it was more as if the stage had finished a day early.

The last day quickly passed by, and at the critical moment right before the stage ended, Deng Pu reluctantly threw away the three sourceboxes that he still had on him, as did both Ku Wei and Xi Qi. Keeping them would only decrease their score.

Lu Yin was fine, as he did not have any extra sourceboxes.

The stage ended, and with Felynn's announcement, fewer than fifty Lockbreakers ended up passing this first round. Many Lockbreakers protested the results, as they had used the first two days to look for sourceboxes, planning on unlocking them on the final day, but they had been prevented from doing so.

Unfortunately, their protests proved ineffective.

Cai Jianqiang passed, as he had unlocked two sourceboxes, which was a decent result.

Out of everyone, Deng Pu had the best results with seven unlocked sourceboxes, followed by Lu Yin and Ku Wei with five. Next was Xi Qi, Serpent Queen, and two other Discerning Elementary Lockbreakers who each had four. Most of the remaining people who had passed the first stage had only completed one.

With his tyrannical strength, Cai Jianqiang had managed to raise his results to be above average, and he was quite satisfied with these results, despite drawing quite a bit of resentment.

The second stage of the Lockbreaker Competition would also be held in the mountain range.

The eliminated Lockbreakers left the region, causing the mountain range to tremble. The middle portion of the mountain range caved in, and those who had passed stood around and watched on curiously.

Inside the Hall of Insight, Saul glanced around. "The second round is meant to compare their ability to evade and defend against sourceboxes' danger. Everyone knows that Lockbreakers face much harsher dangers than what normal cultivators encounter. Any given sourcebox carries the risk of death, and the ability to avoid or defend against such dangers is especially important for us Lockbreakers. So, who's willing to act for the second round?"

The crowd exchanged glances, but no one spoke up.

Mr. Jun suggested, "I think that it'd be better if the vice president acted himself."

Saul shook his head and smiled. "I did my part in the last Lockbreaker Competition that was held in the Innverse, so now, it's someone else's turn." He looked at Fiend Li. "Brother Li, do you wish to go?"

Fiend Li replied, "There's no need."

Saul looked at Mr. Jun. "How about Mr. Jun? Do you wish to try?"

Mr. Jun pondered the question, but then, Yi Feng suddenly spoke up. "This season's Lockbreaker Competition has had a great deal of color added to it, and the atmosphere has become more on edge. I think that it'd be most suitable for Felynn to go."

The others also approved.

Felynn was the only female among them, and her mien emulated the gentleness of water, so the masses generally had a good impression of her.

Saul's face changed, but then he looked at Felynn and smiled. "Executive Felynn, would you like to go?"

Felynn smiled. "Since Executive Yi Feng has suggested it, then there's no harm in me trying."

Saul forced out a smile. "Please."

Felynn stood up and stepped forward, her body vanishing. She soon appeared over the mountain range, where she glanced over at the remaining few dozen competitors. She spoke with a gentle voice. "The second round of the competition will test whether or not you can avoid and defend against the formless dangers of sourceboxes. I ask that all competitors enter the pit, after which I will unleash attacks. Those who cannot endure the attacks must step out of the pit, being eliminated."

When the remaining people saw that it was Executive Felynn, they all relaxed, as Felynn's reputation was indeed good in the society.

Tong Mi'er was the first to jump in the pit, followed by Deng Pu, and Cai Jianqiang. Soon everyone had leaped into the pit. Lu Yin and Felynn exchanged glances before he stepped in as well.

The pit was massive, but it felt rather small once dozens of cultivators were all standing inside it.

Felynn towered above them in the sky. "Is everyone prepared? I'm going to begin."

The crowd focused their energies and intently watched Felynn in the air.

Suddenly, there was a howl of grief as one of the Lockbreakers' face received a vicious laceration. He covered his face and crouched down on the ground. Fresh blood flowed down from the wound, and blood-curdling cries followed closely. Felynn's domain had long since enveloped the entire region, and she created formless attacks that swept around to attack all of the competitors.

Not only was she a three star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, but she was also a Hunter. This was different from Cai Jianqiang's star energy which had caused the mountain range to quake endlessly; her fine control of star energy allowed her to soundlessly launch attacks in such a way that even Lockbreakers found it hard to see her attacks.

Lu Yin's gaze grew solemn, as this degree of star energy control had already surpassed the Cloudwalk realm, and it might have even reached the Skywise realm. If he could not see the rune lines, then he would only discover these attacks right when they were about to strike him unless he supplemented his domain with the Cosmic Art and improved his perception.

Felynn's attacks were randomly scattered about the pit. Although the intensity was not very high, the attacks were formless and frequent, and they caused many of the competitors to quickly leave the pit with parted flesh.

“The dangers that Lockbreakers face should be familiar to everyone. If I show mercy, then you all might end up misjudging the danger posed by sourceboxes, and you might even die as a result. Hence, in this round, I will not show any mercy. May everyone take care of yourselves.” Felynn’s gentle voice sounded in all their ears.

Within the pit, Lu Yin was having a relatively easy time. He could see the attack’s rune lines, and so, none of the attacks were able to approach him as he fluidly dodged them all.

Xi Qi also evaded them all with ease. She, Ku Wei, and many other Lockbreakers relied on their keen perception of star energy to discover the danger in advance, and of course, many of them had lockbreaking tools as well.

Cai Jianqiang stood in place and did not move at all. Felynn’s attacks were of no threat to him.

As for Deng Pu, few of the attacks targeted him. He was almost like someone outside the pit. Quite a few people noticed this and discussed it spiritedly, and many of them commented that Felynn was being biased.

Saul frowned, as while he had been hoping that Deng Pu would become the champion, he had not requested for Felynn to act this brazenly biased. Since when had Felynn been so tactful?

Deng Pu was in a daze as well. Was his luck really that good?

“Everyone, be careful. I’m going to get serious now,” Felynn’s voice called out, and in the next moment, a formless pressure enveloped them all. This was her domain, and in just an instant, a few competitors were overwhelmed. The void warped as traces of spatial cracks extended outwards; soon, everyone in the pit was within Felynn’s realm of control.

Lu Yin could feel the pressure from Felynn’s domain. He had relied on his universal armor to face off against Hunters in the past, and although he could use his own abilities to fight against them, doing so was not that simple, especially against a powerful Lockbreaker like Felynn. This was the same as fighting against Mr. Jun, where any attack that used star energy would be quickly dissolved.

One competitor fell after another, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say that they had exited the pit. In any case, there were only a bit more than ten people remaining in the pit now, and even worse of them was a four star Discerning Elementary Lockbreaker.

It had taken less than two rounds of the competition to whittle the numbers down from more than a thousand to barely over ten.

### **Chapter 692: Do You Like Chilli Powder?**

This was the Lockbreaker Competition, and even if the Inniverse and Outerverse were separated, any Lockbreaker with stars would be a distinguished guest of the numerous powers. However, so many of them had been eliminated in just an instant.

Before too much more time passed, Lu Yin saw Felynn’s rune lines gradually dissipate. The second round had ended. It had been quick yet cruel, and many people had been eliminated. Only sixteen competitors remained.

The one who had had the easiest time had not been Cai Jianqiang but rather Deng Pu. He had almost never been targeted throughout the whole process, causing many of the audience to be disgruntled. Rumors even began spreading that it had already been internally decided that Deng Pu would be this season's champion.

The people in the Hall of Insight also heard of such rumors, and Saul's face turned ugly.

Evidently, someone had purposely planted such rumors, or else they would not have spread all the way to Hall of Insight in such a short amount of time.

After Felynn returned to the Hall of Insight, Saul wanted to say something, but he could not speak up. After all, Felynn had seemingly helped him on the surface, and he could not offend too many Lockbreakers if he wanted to eventually hold the position of president.

Mr. Jun felt strange; was Felynn also working for Saul? If so, that move just now was a bit too stupid.

The venue for the competition's third round was an altar tens of thousands of kilometers away from the Hall of Insight. For each massive event, countless people from Sourcepeak Planet would assemble at this altar. Since ancient times, Sourcepeak Planet had been the Lockbreaker Society's Outerverse headquarters; nobody knew when this tradition started, but many Lockbreakers would pray and offer sacrifices at this place before making their Lockbreaking attempts.

At this time, there were already sixteen cases placed atop the altar, each containing its own sourcebox. There were both large and small ones, and countless people filled the area below the altar as they waited in excitement.

This was the location for the Lockbreaking Competition's third round, and this stage was the one that would truly evaluate their lockbreaking abilities. The sixteen finalists would draw lots that corresponded to the sourceboxes on the altar, which were of varying grades. There could even be Perceptive Intermediate sourceboxes here, but there were also Discerning Elementary sourceboxes, and even possibly Boundless Advanced sourceboxes.

Luck was a prerequisite that Lockbreakers could not be lacking in, and there were even some people in the higher levels of the Lockbreaker Society who valued luck over personal talent.

The third round would evaluate their lockbreaking ability as well as their luck.

Saul and the others all arrived at the altar while Lu Yin and the others were waiting below it.

Not long after the elders arrived, Yi Feng descended and raised a hand, causing sixteen bamboo sticks to fly into the air. "Each of you may choose one."

The contestants casually chose a stick, as they simply had no way of knowing what sourceboxes the cases contained. And so, they had no way to contest over anything.

Lu Yin received the stick with the number five. When he looked at the altar, the sourcebox case that was labelled "5" was neither large nor small.

The other contestants all looked at the altar as well.

One's face went dark, as he had picked "12," whose corresponding sourcebox case was dozens of meters high, and it was rather impressive looking.

Although sourceboxes were not classified by size, it was certain that larger sourceboxes would have correspondingly more energy. Comparing similarly graded sourceboxes, a larger one would be more exhausting to unlock than a smaller one.

Many rejoiced in this person's misfortune.

Ku Wei laughed out loud, and the Lockbreaker turned to glare at Ku Wei before his expression became that of apprehension. He could only hope that the sourcebox within this chest was a Discerning Elementary one.

"Ha, unlucky bugger!" the fish shouted as it swatted its tail.

Xi Qi hurriedly apologized to the person.

The fish was dissatisfied with her attitude. "Why apologize? He's unlucky, and he'll one day die while lockbreaking."

That person grew furious. "Shut up!"

The fish stood up and arrogantly lifted a fin. "What? Do you want to fight me? Bring it on! That fellow taught me all these words, so just fight him if you are capable." The fish then pointed towards Ku Wei.

Ku Wei blinked; what did any of this have to do with him? That fish really knew how to hold a grudge!

The person snorted and stopped speaking.

Lu Yin pursed his lips. This fish was still so coarse.

"Seventh Bro, this monkey wants to drink fish soup," the monkey said in a sinister tone. If he could take action on his own, then Lu Yin did not doubt that the monkey would try to stew the fish.

"What are you looking at? Haven't you all ever seen such a handsome fish before? Bunch of ugly, two-legged beasts." The fish atop Xi Qi's head leaped into the air and seemed to pass judgement on everyone present.

Xi Qi was helpless, but she had long since become accustomed to this fish's behavior.

"Oh, there's another familiar person—that two-legged beast over there. Why didn't you greet Lord Fish when you saw me?" The fish stared at Lu Yin and continuously swatted its tail about.

Lu Yin's lips twisted, as he had been recognized.

"Seventh Bro, let me go over there and stew it! I want to drink some fish soup." The Ghost Monkey was furious. Every time he encountered this fish, he just could not control his temper.

Above the altar, Felynn's eyes flashed, and she immediately stood up. "Alright, stop bickering. Get into your respective positions based off of your drawn lots. You will be allowed to rest until tomorrow morning to recover your spirits. You will then have twenty four hours to unlock your respective

sourceboxes. Of course, you can also begin lockbreaking right now, in which case the twenty four hour time limit will start tomorrow morning.”

Lu Yin immediately rushed over and stood next to the fifth sourcebox case, and the others also ascended the altar as well.

Xi Qi was quite a distance from Lu Yin on the altar, and since there were people who quickly opened their cases, the fish had no more time to bother with Lu Yin.

Lu Yin relaxed. He had used his domain to alter his appearance, so not even Saul could see through his disguise, but that fish had. That fish was really strange, and it was no wonder why Xi Qi had been able to reach the level of a Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker with its help.

Lu Yin had not even opened his case yet when the Lockbreaker on his right suddenly wailed. The Lockbreaker’s case split into pieces as the surging sound of multiple astral beasts shook the altar and a harsh aura appeared. Everyone looked over to see the phantom image of a strange astral beast that had one body but ten heads. All ten of its heads rose high to roar.

Yi Feng immediately appeared on the altar and stretched out a hand. The phantom image of the beast cried out even louder, but then it dissipated with a thump. Yi Feng took out another case to seal the sourcebox and then announced that the Lockbreaker had been eliminated before leaving the stage.

Lu Yin shifted his gaze, as that sourcebox’s danger had not been too strong, roughly reaching the same level as a Cruiser’s attack. However, that Lockbreaker was just an Explorer, and they also lacked battle experience, which meant that they had been easily eliminated. If Lu Yin had been the one to open that case, he would have been able to easily dispel that danger. It was a pity, as that sourcebox was just at the four star Discerning Elementary level, so it was not too difficult.

Lu Yin looked at the others, and saw that quite a few people had already opened their cases. Apart from the unlucky fellow to his right, the rest were fine, and there was only one Discerning Elementary Lockbreaker who had encountered a Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox. Fortunately, there was no danger in that sourcebox, so that person could try lockbreaking it.

Further away, the man who had drawn the largest sourcebox case hesitated nervously, but then he accepted his fate and opened it. Countless were drawn to his actions, as his chest was way too large, and it made even the spectators feel nervous for the man.

Xi Qi also stared at him.

As the chest opened, the sourcebox was revealed, and many watched on with bated breath. Surprisingly, they did not see the expected enormous sourcebox, but instead, there was a strange, rock-looking sourcebox that was only the size of one’s palm.

The crowd was stunned.

The Lockbreaker was stunned as well.

What was this? The difference was just too great. If the crowd did not look carefully, they might not even be able to see the sourcebox, which was just too small! Who would place such a tiny sourcebox in such a huge case?

In the distance, one Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker indifferently asked, "Are we so lacking in Spiritual Thread cases that we can only pack them like this?"

Those who heard him had an impulse to beat the man. They would gladly swap a smaller case for a larger one, as some of the cases were barely able to contain their sourceboxes. Such a puny sourcebox had been placed inside such a huge case that could contain a few hundred more sourceboxes of the same size.

That competing Lockbreaker nearly fainted, as he had almost given up, but fortunately, he hadn't. At a glance, such a small sourcebox would be easily unlocked, and the rollercoaster ride of emotions that he had just gone through was so intense that he did not carefully observe this sourcebox. In his ecstasy, he leaped into the case to retrieve the sourcebox, only to be sent flying away by a hurricane that had appeared inside of the case. Although the range of the hurricane was small, it was intense enough to tear the void apart, and it even surpassed a Hunter's strength.

Once again, Yi Feng raised a hand to close the case. "Eliminated."

The crowd was stumped, what had just happened? Many people still had not been able to react.

Lu Yin sympathized with the disqualified Lockbreaker, as that fellow had been toyed with. That hurricane had the strength of a predecessor, and although that sourcebox was small in size, it was definitely an extremely difficult one to unlock as any sourcebox that carried the strength of the predecessors was not simple.

The fish atop Xi Qi's head waved its tail happily. "Idiot, idiot, hahaha!"

Deng Pu indifferently observed the incident, as that Lockbreaker had just been a piece of trash who could not even recognize a five star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox.

That fellow had definitely been toyed with, and many looked at him in sympathy, but he had already fainted long ago and even sustained some injuries.

On the other side of the altar, Tong Mi'er waved his hand to open his case, and the crowd watched him act. A vast fluctuation swept out across the altar that caused the void to distort, and it even produced an illusion.

Upon seeing this scene, Tong Mi'er jumped off the altar without any hesitation, as this was a Boundless Advanced sourcebox.

Fiend Li nodded in satisfaction. "He was able to discover the level of the sourcebox instantly and made the correct judgement. Felynn, your disciple is pretty decent."

Felynn smiled. "Thank you for the compliments, Senior."

Lu Yin looked at the case in front of himself, but he did not rush to open it himself. Half of the people on the altar had not opened their chests. It was not because they didn't dare to, but rather because there was no need to do so. To these people, it would not take them twenty hours to successfully unlock a sourcebox, and those who did need more than twenty hours would not be able to successfully finish unlocking their sourcebox. Thus, there was no need to start lockbreaking already.

These people had a clear understanding of their own abilities.

Of course, there were also those who were in more of a rush, such as Tong Mi'er. However, Lu Yin felt that the man had done so in order to give up earlier.

The crowd that had gathered around the altar looked at the sourceboxes. Four of the finalists had already been eliminated with only twelve remaining. Of those twelve, five had already started lockbreaking. The other seven had not started yet and were more calm, though this did not include the fish.

Xi Qi had not opened her case, and the fish atop her head urged her constantly to do so.

"There's no rush—twenty hours is plenty. I'm tired and I want to rest," Xi Qi said.

"Hurry up and open it for Lord Fish! Lord Fish is very curious."

"No, I want to rest."

"You can still rest. You can just open it and not lockbreak it."

"No, that would be tempting myself."

"Two-legged beast, you must have not tasted Lord Fish's awesomeness in a long time."

"I'm truly tired," Xi Qi grudgingly responded.

On the other side of Xi Qi, Ku Wei beamed and beckoned to the fish. "Hey fish, come over here to Brother Wei. Brother Wei will open mine for you."

The fish glared at him in fury. "Two-legged beast, just you wait! Lord Fish has not settled things with you yet. We're eternal enemies."

Ku Wei smiled happily. "Alright. Ah, right. Let me ask you, do you like chilli powder?"

The fish grew angry, and it swatted its tail around even stronger, which annoyed Xi Qi. She looked over at Ku Wei with a miserable expression on her face. "Stop talking."

Ku Wei laughed.

In the distance, Deng Pu frowned. What a bunch of idiots.

### **Chapter 693: Mutual Harm**

Cai Jianqiang looked at his sourcebox case with a very serious expression. He glanced over at Deng Pu and the others and then took a deep breath. He was different from the other competitors since he normally needed a long time to lockbreak, and it was an extremely enormous amount of time at that. He could not wait any longer, and after thinking about it, he waved his hand and opened the case.

Everyone looked on with expectant eyes, and many even inwardly cursed and hoped that Cai Jianqiang would also obtain a Boundless Advanced sourcebox.

As the case opened, Cai Jianqiang looked in and relaxed. It was a one star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox, so his luck was not too bad.

Many felt that it was a pity, as Cai Jianqiang was a one star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, and he had coincidentally drawn a matching sourcebox. This was nothing less than good luck.

Saul and the others did not care. Given Cai Jianqiang's lockbreaking ability, even if he got a Discerning Elementary sourcebox, he would still take more than twenty four hours to succeed, let alone a Perceptive Intermediate one. This person was no threat at all.

Deng Pu did not even spare a glance for Cai Jianqiang, as he had never seen this Hunter as a worthy opponent.

Cai Jianqiang began to lockbreak. His lockbreaking style was very simple and crude, just like his battles. It was almost as if he was forcefully dissolving the condensed energies of the sourcebox. His actions were crude, and it stumped many. Could this still be considered lockbreaking?

Lu Yin was also stumped, as this method was akin to an uneducated brute holding a pen. This person's lockbreaking ability was unique; was this actually his true method, or was he merely acting? Lu Yin's eyes narrowed; had Cai Jianqiang's lockbreaking style reverted to its natural state?

As the crowd discussed the events on the altar, Lu Yin's face grew more colorful. So it's like this—lockbreaking trash, cultivation genius. That's the kind of person he is.

He turned around and stopped watching, as this person was of no threat to his plans at all.

At this time, there were still six participants who had not opened their cases.

The night quickly passed, and when the following day dawned, two Lockbreakers opened their cases simultaneously. Both were unlucky enough to receive sourceboxes that were beyond their abilities, so they both immediately gave up. One of the two was the Serpent Queen, as she had unfortunately uncovered a Boundless Advanced sourcebox.

Xi Qi finally opened her chest under the fish's constant urging, and she found a two star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox.

Xi Qi's face soured, as this was as far as she could go. She had never successfully unlocked a two star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox before.

"Come on, lockbreak it! Lord Fish will teach you. Hurry, two-legged beast!" The fish was eager for her to begin.

Xi Qi acknowledged it and then began attempting to unlock the sourcebox. In a moment, she unleashed her domain as star energy flowed out like water. Her control had reached the Cloudwalk realm. Seeing this made Lu Yin envious, as he was still in the Intricacy realm.

Upon seeing the difference between them, he decided to stop waiting, and he opened his case as well. Inside, he saw a one star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox. Many were thrilled at his misfortune, as a five star Discerning Elementary Lockbreaker receiving a one star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox was an event that would almost always result in their elimination.

However, Lu Yin himself relaxed. It was not like he had never unlocked a one star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox before.

“Bro, just give up. You’ll only end up doing free work by lockbreaking for the Society,” Ku Wei’s voice called out from behind him. He was looking at Lu Yin with clear glee on his face. Ku Wei had always been paying special attention to Lu Yin, as he had caught Ku Wei’s attention after blocking Ku Wei’s attacks; after all, very few people could block Ku Wei’s attacks within the same realm as him.

Lu Yin smiled back at him. “Take care of yourself first and open your case for a look. Perhaps you’ll get a Boundless Advanced sourcebox.”

Ku Wei pursed his lip and opened his case. The crowd was stumped, as he also received a one star Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox.

Lu Yin smiled. “You seem like you’re in the same predicament as me.”

Ku Wei’s lips curled upwards. “Then let’s compete to see who can succeed and become the champion as well as be promoted to a Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker at the same time.”

“Sure,” Lu Yin responded.

In the distance, Deng Pu did not bother with them, and he simply opened his own chest. He already knew what sourcebox his chest held, and as expected, it was also a one star Perceptive Intermediate. He himself was a one star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, so the difficulty was not too great, and he was basically guaranteed to win this competition.

Straight Metallic Man directly walked off of the altar. He had also opened his case, and it contained a weapon-looking sourcebox. He would only unlock sourceboxes that were naturally found within metal, and since this sourcebox did not have any metallic aura, he simply walked away.

With this, there were only nine competitors left atop the altar.

The nine Lockbreakers began to lockbreak. Each one of them had their own distinctive methods, including Xi Qi and Deng Pu, who retrieved their lockbreaking tools. Cai Jianqiang also took one out, which were a pair of glasses that looked rather similar to Casanova’s sunglasses.

Lu Yin also retrieved his own lockbreaking tool, and since he had entered the Intricacy realm, he was able to use his improved star energy control to continuously break down the condensed energies.

Before, Lu Yin had spent thirty two hours to unlock a Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox, and he had collapsed into a deep sleep immediately after succeeding. That had been an arduous experience, and after thinking back to it, Lu Yin was clear on how much effort it had taken him. However, that experience had drastically improved his lockbreaking ability, and now, he was about to unlock another Perceptive Intermediate sourcebox. This sourcebox did have some danger to it, but it was not overly threatening. By his estimations, it would take Lu Yin around fifteen hours to finish lockbreaking this sourcebox.

Everyone on Sourcepeak Planet stared at the altar. The Wei family, Angie, Aegis, and people of Endless Borders were all very silent. They were all waiting for the final moment, which was now getting quite close.

Five hours passed, after which all nine were still lockbreaking. Some of them appeared calm while others looked like they were suffering.

Cai Jianqiang was undoubtedly the one who was suffering the most, as he had started lockbreaking much earlier than the others, though his speed was clearly slower as well. Due to the difference in speed, he had taken out a second lockbreaking tool, which was an antenna-like item, and placed it on his head, stumping quite a few onlookers.

Lu Yin subconsciously glanced over at it and was similarly struck speechless. However, this person was definitely worthy of being Master Wusheng's younger brother, as he actually owned two lockbreaking tools; even Lu Yin himself only possessed one.

But Lu Yin's thoughts proved to be too simple, as Cai Jianqiang slowly took out a third lockbreaking tool under everyone's astounded gazes. At this moment, even Saul, Fiend Li, and the others inside the Hall of Insight were surprised, as three lockbreaking tools was rather excessive.

"This person is actually so passionate towards lockbreaking that he actually has three lockbreaking tools." The crowd below the altar discussed this scene.

"Could it have been given to him by Master Wusheng?"

"Impossible, I heard that even Master Wusheng himself only has one."

"That's crazy, yet he's not afraid of being robbed."

"Don't think about that too much, as nobody would dare to rob him unless an Enlightener acts. Also, don't forget, he's still a Lockbreaker, so touching him is the same as messing with the entire Lockbreaker Society."

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With the assistance of his three lockbreaking tools, Cai Jianqiang's speed increased a bit, but only by a small amount.

Lu Yin felt that it was not worthwhile for the Hunter to use those three lockbreaking tools.

Two hours passed quickly, and Lu Yin glanced over at Deng Pu. He looked to be delighted, and the rune lines around his sourcebox had decreased a great deal, which indicated that he was about to succeed.

This would not do. The original plan was indeed to let Deng Pu win, but since Lu Yin did not plan to step forward and accuse Saul, it would be better for him to take the championship title himself. Otherwise, he would not be able to easily get his hands on the True Insight. Since this was the final round, he had no worries of being targeted by Saul.

As he thought about it, Lu Yin suddenly unleashed his domain and pressed down upon Deng Pu with it. It was as if a tornado was sweeping towards the Lockbreaker, and it almost sent the unprepared Deng Pu tumbling off of the altar.

Deng Pu was furious, and he glared at Lu Yin. "Despicable!"

In the distance, Saul leaped to his feet. "Despicable! Immediately disqualify him."

Felynn's brows rose, as she had not expected Lu Yin to do such a thing. Hadn't they agreed to let Deng Pu win?

"Saul, there's no rush. The third round's rules do not stipulate that the contestants cannot interfere with the other competitors. When we lockbreak, do we expect everyone in the universe to leave us alone? This is a difficulty that a Lockbreaker must be able to overcome," Fiend Li said.

Saul's expression grew ugly, as he obviously knew that this was true. In previous competitions, scenes like this often appeared during the third stage as the participants would interrupt the people lockbreaking beside them. But this season was different, simply because Deng Pu was his own disciple. This random person dared to cause such a disturbance, and he was simply courting death.

Deng Pu angrily glared at Lu Yin. "Don't make a mistake, or else I won't let you step off of Sourcepeak Planet."

Lu Yin sneered, "You've almost finished lockbreaking, so it'll be too late if I don't act now."

"What, almost finished? That won't do!" Ku Wei broke in, and he also suddenly unleashed his domain to crush down upon Deng Pu.

Deng Pu almost spat out a mouthful of blood. These two bastards.

A storm seemed to surge around the three Lockbreakers, and the star energy in the area suddenly went berserk. This felt oddly familiar, and the crowd looked at Cai Jianqiang and found that he was also looking towards Deng Pu in a very unfriendly manner.

Lu Yin's heart skipped a beat. Could this guy also be hoping to eliminate Deng Pu? That wouldn't do, as if Deng Pu were eliminated, then nobody would cause trouble for Saul. As Lu Yin thought about this, his lips moved, and Ku Wei's expression also changed from across the altar. They exchanged glances, and the two smiled. They then simultaneously unleashed their forcefields, causing a Towering Tree and a Finger Tap to crash down towards Cai Jianqiang at the same time.

Cai Jianqiang was shocked, as he had not expected for these two people to team up to deal with him. He would not care if they were just average Explorers, but both Lu Yin and Ku Wei had the strength to match up to a Hunter. Even if Cai Jianqiang was powerful, since he was in the middle of lockbreaking, he did not have the opportunity to resist the forcefields' attack. Not only was his lockbreaking interrupted, but his entire body was flung off of the altar by the two forcefields.

The situation had changed too quickly, and the audience had not expected that these two Explorers would be able to eliminate Cai Jianqiang through their teamwork.

Deng Pu had not expected it either, as he had believed that he was finished.

Saul relaxed. Although Cai Jianqiang was of no threat when it came to his lockbreaking ability, if he decided to shamelessly interfere with others' lockbreaking sessions, then the outcome would become completely unpredictable. His elimination was a lucky break for them.

Cai Jianqiang stood beneath the altar and looked up at Lu Yin and then at Ku Wei. He did not make a scene. He merely silently put his three lockbreaking tools away, then leaped up, and then tore through the void to leave Sourcepeak Planet.

Lu Yin and Ku Wei relaxed. Cai Jianqiang had been the biggest threat to them, and without him, the rest would be handled much more easily. The two of them then simultaneously acted against the rest of the competitors on the altar, using the bombardment of their forcefields to knock the Lockbreakers off of the stage one after another. Even Xi Qi gave up and was eliminated, though Lu Yin was surprised to see that Deng Pu was able to withstand their forcefields' attacks.

Deng Pu's face was dark. Even though he didn't have a forcefield, his domain was very sturdy. His star energy control had also reached the Cloudwalk realm, and under these circumstances, he was able to combine his Cruiser realm strength with his domain to forcibly withstand Lu Yin's and Ku Wei's forcefield attacks while continuing to lockbreak.

"If you eliminate me, then which of you two are confident in succeeding?" Deng Pu asked with difficulty, as he had almost reached his breaking point.

Lu Yin and Ku Wei hesitated. That was right—if Deng Pu was eliminated, then the two of them would have to face off against each other.

Lu Yin looked at Ku Wei's sourcebox and then at his own. The two had a similar lockbreaking speed, but he felt strange. Not only did he have his domain and his lockbreaking tool, but he also had the Cosmic Art and his altered eyes. Despite all of these abilities, he was not able to surpass Ku Wei. Was this person truly someone from the Seven Courts? If so, then he would not be easily dealt with.

Lu Yin was apprehensive of Ku Wei, but Ku Wei was similarly cautious of Lu Yin. The two had no plans to face off against each other, so in the end, they did not knock Deng Pu away for the moment.

Felynn continuously sent her voice to Lu Yin, telling him not to deal with Deng Pu and that he had to allow Deng Pu win.

#### **Chapter 694: Taking Action**

Lu Yin did not plan to take any actions against Deng Pu before he was confident of dealing with Ku Wei. Otherwise, if took care of Deng Pu too early, he himself would not be able to win, which would be suffering for nothing.

Deng Pu was finally able to relax. These two freaks were just Explorers, but they were much stronger than he was, and their forcefields had completely suppressed him.

Although Deng Pu had not been blasted off of the altar, he still was not able to peacefully lockbreak, as the trio mutually restricted one another. Whoever was faster would be dealt with by the other two. Thus, nobody needed to think of finishing unlocking their sourcebox first.

Finally, the trio spent a total of nineteen hours before they all completed their lockbreaking simultaneously.

Lu Yin obtained a piece of metal from his sourcebox, which neither he nor the Ghost Monkey were able to recognize.

Deng Pu's sourcebox contained nothing.

Ku Wei obtained a broken weapon from his sourcebox, but it disintegrated into ash the moment it came into contact with the air.

Out of the sixteen competitors, only three of them had managed to succeed, though a huge portion of them had been chased away by Lu Yin and Ku Wei working together.

Lu Yin had actually wanted to win himself, but he was not confident that he could overcome Ku Wei by himself. With the cumulative results from each stage, the final champion was definitely Deng Pu because he had successfully unlocked seven sourceboxes during the first stage.

Lu Yin felt that it was alright, as he could still accept this outcome.

Deng Pu relaxed, as this was fortunate for him.

Ku Wei was in a bad mood. If not for Lu Yin, he definitely would have won.

Saul completely relaxed. Although this Lockbreaker Competition had been full of twists and turns, the outcome was still good, and he beamed at the sky. "I, Saul, as the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's Vice President, hereby declare that, out of the three rounds of this competition, the overall champion is Deng Pu. The champion of this season's Lockbreaker Competition is thus Deng Pu."

Many on Sourcepeak Planet cheered, as Deng Pu resided on Sourcepeak Planet most of the time, and so, he could be considered as one of them.

Deng Pu was excited, and he gleefully glanced over at Lu Yin and Ku Wei before looking expectantly towards Saul.

Fiend Li and the others had no objections to the announcement.

In the Wei family's manor, Wei Rong stood up, his expression grave. "Prepare to move out."

At the Forest Hotel, Angie gave the same order, "Prepare to move out."

Sourcepeak Planet's space station suddenly was locked down, and the people there lost contact with the Lockbreaker Society.

At the same time, all of the screens outside of Sourcepeak Planet failed, as the signal had been blocked off.

Saul did not know about any of this, and he excitedly stood at the center of the altar. He then did something that caused a piece of stone to rise up from the ground. There was a box within the stone, and Saul excitedly looked in as he slowly opened it, causing his figure to be illuminated by a golden radiance that shone out from inside the box.

He then raised the box into the air. "In this are three pages of the True Insight. It's the reward for this season's Lockbreaker Competition champion. And now, I will bestow this to Deng Pu. Deng Pu, come up."

Deng Pu breathed heavily, and he slowly walked over towards Saul, looking as though he had been waiting for this moment for a long time.

Saul had a similar look of anticipation, as he had long since wanted to obtain True Insight.

Lu Yin stood silently below the altar and watched the scene with Xi Qi beside him.

“So the prize is just True Insight. What a huge fuss,” the fish said in disdain.

Lu Yin was astonished, and he looked at the fish. “You’ve seen it before?”

The fish responded arrogantly, “Of course, two-legged beast. If you wish, you can become Lord Fish’s mount, and then Lord Fish can then teach you.”

Xi Qi immediately apologized to Lu Yin. “Brother Lu, please don’t listen to it. It’s lying to you.”

The fish was angered. “When does Lord Fish ever lie? Stop spouting nonsense and preventing Lord Fish from collecting mounts.”

Xi Qi mumbled, “You bluffed me just like this, saying that you even knew the entire True Insight. However, you can’t even recite a little bit of it.”

“Of course it can’t be recited! True Insight’s words can only be comprehended—they cannot be recited, written, or even passed down. Otherwise, the older generation of Lockbreakers would have already distributed True Insight throughout the universe. You two-legged beast, you don’t know anything!” the fish retorted.

Xi Qi softly answered, “How can there be words that can’t be recited? You’re lying.”

Lu Yin looked at the fish, “You really know True Insight?”

“Of course! So how about it, two-legged beast? Become a mount for Lord Fish, and Lord Fish will not treat you unfairly.” It was pleased by the attention.

The Ghost Monkey shouted in Lu Yin’s brain, “Seventh Bro, don’t trust it! It must be lying! That swindler, this monkey will stew it!”

Lu Yin was getting a headache from the monkey’s commotion, and he was about to screen it off when Felynn’s voice transmitted to him again. “Lu Yin, it’s your turn. Execute the plan.”

“Two-legged beast, how about it? Be a mount for Lord Fish.”

“Seventh Bro, this monkey is going to stew it.”

“Lu Yin, it’s your turn.”

“Sorry, Brother Lu. This fish is lying to you.”

At that moment, Lu Yin heard all sorts of voices, and he frowned as he could not take it anymore.

“Lu Yin, hurry up and carry out the plan, or you won’t be able to obtain True Insight either,” Felynn urged as she stared at Lu Yin from a distance.

On the altar, Deng Pu reached out with his hand as Saul smiled and slowly gave True Insight to his disciple, nodding in satisfaction.

Felynn frowned, and she incessantly transmitted her voice to Lu Yin, but he remained indifferent.

Felynn’s gaze grew cold, and she took several steps back. It looked like she then sent a message to someone through her gadget.

In the distance, Wei Rong glanced at his gadget. “Unreliable, as expected. Begin the operation.”

“Deng Pu, receiving True Insight means that you will be able to enter the Lockbreaker Society’s Neoverse headquarters in the future. There will be a day when the connection between the Inneverse and Outerverse is restored, and I hope that you won’t betray the expectations of your seniors,” Saul spoke gently even as he stared fervently at the box in Deng Pu’s hands.

Deng Pu hurriedly nodded and acknowledged his master.

Suddenly, the screens in the sky that had been broadcasting live suddenly changed, and images of different Lockbreakers appeared on the displays, including Mr. Jun, Deng Pu, and Saul.

Saul looked up in shock, as the screens were actually broadcasting the images of the Lockbreakers that he had ordered to be eradicated, the ones who would have presented a threat to Deng Pu.

Felynn was delighted. Although Lu Yin had ended up not cooperating, the plan had still continued, and the difference was not too great.

Everyone looked up at the screens. “No wonder Lord Qin didn’t participate. He’s a two star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker. It looks like he was chased into the Astral Wilderness and killed.”

“Grandma Lan didn’t come, either. Looks like she’s also dead.”

“So this was all arranged by Vice President Saul. He eliminated all of the threatening Lockbreakers, and then arranged it so that his disciple Deng Pu would win, all for the sake of obtaining the True Insight.”

“It’s no wonder why, during the second round, Executive Felynn seemed so biased towards Deng Pu. There was an inside arrangement.”

“Saul is too despicable!.”

“Saul is despicable.”

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On the altar, Saul was so furious that his entire body started trembling. He waved his hand and distorted the void, causing the sky to roil and destroy all of the screens. “Who dares to besmirch my name?”

“Saul, as the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society’s Vice President, not only did you fail to be impartial during the competition to give all Lockbreakers a fair contest, but you also used vile methods to suppress other Lockbreakers in the dark and threaten us. Your crimes have been exposed, so there’s no need to try and justify yourself,” Felynn suddenly shouted, her voice transmitting throughout all of Sourcepeak Planet.

Everyone looked on with wide eyes. Even if the content of the screens that they had just seen was false, Felynn’s words could not be falsified. She was one of three executives of the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society as well as a three star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker. She was an existence that stood among the top ten of all Outerverse Lockbreakers.

Saul’s eyes went wide. “So it’s you, Felynn.”

Felynn said in a righteous tone, "Saul, with the contributions you have made towards the society over so many years, you can still be forgiven if you admit your guilt now."

"Felynn, shut up! You colluded with others to frame your vice president, and to what end?" Mr. Jun shouted.

Fiend Li suddenly spoke up, "Let her continue."

Saul's eyes narrowed, and an overflowing killing intent appeared in his eyes.

Felynn appeared to be in misery at the words that she spoke. "Vice President Saul's conduct has brought shame upon the society. Rather than have an outsider prove his crimes, it would be better for someone within to expose them, as that would benefit the society more."

"Hahaha, what a righteous Executive Felynn. I've misjudged you. It seems that you are actually the biggest threat." Saul laughed, and then he suddenly moved against Felynn. As soon as the Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker moved, it made everyone present feel numb. Star energy was drawn over from all across Sourcepeak Planet, forming a visible hurricane that converged into a terrifying strike against Felynn.

The void completely shattered, and the enormous collision felt like the planet's doomsday had come.

Lu Yin's heart skipped a beat when he saw Saul's rune lines increase rapidly; the area of his influence had already spread out and covered an unknown distance of space away from the planet. Even more terrifyingly, he had even stripped away the star energy from within everyone's bodies. This move had surpassed Lu Yin's understanding of what star energy control could achieve, as this move surpassed that of any powerhouse he had met before, including even Elder Lohar.

This was the ability of a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker. Although Saul was just a peak Hunter, his true strength could not be estimated. His title as the top Lockbreaker of his generation was not just empty boasting. It was not unusual for a genius Lockbreaker to also be a Realmbreaker who could challenge higher realms. The fact that Saul had been able to become the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's Vice President meant that, in his youth, he had definitely been at the same level as Casanova of the Distinguished Five. Once he made a move, it would be groundbreaking news.

Felynn's pupils shrank, and she felt an indescribable suppression seize her. Her face turned deathly pale, as she could not block this attack, nor could she hide from it.

Suddenly, a figure appeared between the two of them; it was Fiend Li. "Saul, explain yourself before you act."

"Fiend Li, there's no point to talking anymore. Since Felynn dares to act at a time like this, then she must have made sufficient preparations. Haven't you noticed? Sourcepeak Planet has many uninvited guests right now!" Saul barked as he mercilessly unleashed his attack to crush them.

Fiend Li frowned and raised a hand, his move actually restraining the powerful star energy crashing down. He demonstrated a similar realm of control of star energy as Saul, and only Fiend Li was the vice president's opponent.

"Fiend Li, do you really wish to oppose me?" Saul asked sternly.

Fiend Li raised his head. “You’ve already made a huge mistake. Based on your many years of contribution, at worst, you’ll be stripped of your position as vice president. However, if you kill an executive, you will never be able to turn back. Saul, think about this carefully.”

Saul remained arrogant. “Geoffrey is no longer around, and nobody in the Outerverse is my opponent! Wherever I am will be where the Lockbreaker Society is. Besides me, nobody is qualified to become the president. At worst, I’ll dispatch of you rebels and reorganize the society.” His body then vanished, and Fiend Li’s expression fell before he also disappeared. The next moment, the star energy in the heavens and earth were forcefully seized by the two Lockbreakers.

A battle between Lockbreakers did not involve any battle techniques, as the battle instead focused on their control of star energy. All battle techniques required the support of star energy, and this battle was at the most fundamental level. Any cultivator who fought against a Lockbreaker would be at a disadvantage. Lu Yin had a deep understanding of this concept, as it was pointless to use a battle technique against a Lockbreaker no matter how strong it was. Once a cultivator was stripped of their star energy, they could only wait to be killed by a Lockbreaker.

### **Chapter 695: Ambition And The Beginning**

This battle between Lockbreakers had opened up a new window of understanding for Lu Yin. If he could improve his star energy control to the same level as these two, then even Hunters would no longer be his opponents. Those with impregnable defenses like Aden would also have all of their star energy stripped away from them and be forced into a disadvantage.

As the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society’s Vice President, Saul had nurtured many Lockbreakers throughout the years, and he also had many aides. The fact that he was adamant in taking action suggested that the society would fracture, and a battle between Lockbreakers erupted.

Felynn was first attacked by Mr. Jun, but Yi Feng helped Felynn block the attack. Multiple Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers joined the fray at that point as a chaotic battle between Lockbreakers unfolded on Sourcepeak Planet.

Saul was not a fool either. Although he still did not know that Felynn had plotted with other groups such as the Wei family, he had definitely made preparations beforehand since he wanted to become the president. This could be seen by how he had dealt with the Lockbreakers that could have threatened Deng Pu’s victory in the Lockbreaker Competition. He also had quite a considerable number of Lockbreakers and cultivators on his side, and it would not be easy to wear him down.

From a distance, Wei Rong saw Sourcepeak Planet quivering, and he exclaimed, “So this is a battle between Lockbreakers—even Enlighteners would be at a disadvantage against them.”

At this moment, Angie approached, and she looked at Wei Rong. “Begin.”

Wei Rong nodded. Then, he issued an order into his gadget, “Begin immediately.”

In the sky, cultivators walked out of the numerous spacecraft that belonged to Endless Borders. They then exited the space station and flew towards the Hall of Insight.

At the same time, a batch of cultivators with unknown origins appeared on Sourcepeak Planet, and they also all surged towards the Hall of Insight.

Beneath the altar, all Lu Yin could see was a chaotic battle. Saul only had a few people on his side, so they quickly fell to a disadvantage. However, Saul himself was too powerful. In Lu Yin's eyes, Fiend Li's rune lines were quite lacking compared to Saul's. The older man could hold off his opponent for a short period of time, but not for long.

Aden appeared beside Lu Yin. "Let's go, it's too dangerous here. This planet might even collapse soon."

Lu Yin's eyes flickered, but then he suddenly recalled something. He looked around for Deng Pu. True Insight was still in Deng Pu's possession.

Suddenly, Lu Yin's scalp went numb and a chill enveloped him that caused his hair to stand on end. He subconsciously used Secret Sidestep and shifted his body, and a thin strand of radiance streaked by him to tear through the void. It shot through many cultivators and Lockbreakers some distance away, and they vanished from sight.

Lu Yin suddenly turned to look at his right, where he saw a Lockbreaker coldly staring at him. Lu Yin recognized this person, as he had been one of the sixteen finalists in the Lockbreaker Competition. He had been eliminated long ago, but now, he was acting against Lu Yin. Also, the sharpness of his attack caused Lu Yin to feel a chill. That thin strand of radiance's rune lines were not much inferior to an average Enlighter's, and the attack had come from the Lockbreaker's left eye.

Aden did not have a chance to react yet when the Lockbreaker's right eye changed as well. Lu Yin's pupils shrank. Not good, the second attack's about to come.

As the thought flashed through Lu Yin's mind, that thin radiance once again tore through the void and shot towards him. He waved a hand, activating the Yu Secret Art to divert the radiance into the planet's atmosphere, where it left a black spatial streaking across the sky.

Aden was shocked, and he immediately released his thunder shield to protect Lu Yin. "Who's attacking?"

Lu Yin pushed the Hunter aside and walked towards the Lockbreaker. This person had already died, as his rune lines had completely vanished. Lu Yin saw dark eyeholes where the man's eyes should have been. He pressed a hand against the skull, but then his expression changed. When Lu Yin exerted a bit more force, a sharp crack rang out as the skull shattered. There was no fresh blood; instead, a shattered chip fell out, which disintegrated into powder in mere seconds as it spilled all over the ground.

Lu Yin's gaze grew solemn, and he looked at the powder without understanding what had just happened.

"What's going on?" Aden asked.

Lu Yin shook his head as he did not know either. This person had inexplicably tried to assassinate him, and he had actually unleashed an attack that could rival an Enlighter's. He hadn't even been at the Hunter realm, and just how many Enlighters were there in the Outerverse? Despite that, this person had been able to unleash such a deadly attack. Also, the man's brain had been replaced with a chip. Were these methods actually something from the Technocracy?

While Lu Yin was studying the corpse of the Lockbreaker who had tried to assassinate him, Ku Wei was staring at him from a distance. His eyes lit up when he saw Lu Yin's move. "The Yu Secret Art, the Yu Secret Art! I found it! It looks like those old fogeys did not guess wrong, and the Yu bloodline really is

hiding in the Outerverse. It's too bad that the Outerverse is isolated from the Innerverse. This guy won't be easy to deal with."

There was a rumbling as the ground of Sourcepeak Planet began to split apart, the epicenter still in the distance.

Countless people turned around, as the rumbling was coming from the direction of the Hall of Insight.

In the sky, Saul and Fiend Li turned around as one. "The Hall of Insight is being attacked. Someone wants to take advantage of this chaos to touch it!" Fiend Li barked.

Saul's face turned ugly. "Fiend Li, there are treasures within the Hall of Insight that have been gathered over countless years. Nothing can be allowed to happen to it!"

Fiend Li looked down. "Yi Feng, go and protect the Hall of Insight!"

Yi Feng flew away without any hesitation.

Felynn looked towards the Hall of Insight as her expression changed several times, though it was always very unsightly. She knew that she had been tricked; the ultimate goal of her supposed allies like the Wei family was not to promote her to the position of president. Instead, they were focused on looting the accumulations that the Lockbreaker Society had gathered over countless years and use them to create another society.

But knowing their goal was just one aspect, and she could not give up on the current situation. Saul had to die, and only by sitting in the president's seat would she then be able to slowly settle the debts with the Wei family and the others.

"Fiend Li, why don't we take care of the outsiders first? Nothing can be allowed to happen to the Hall of Insight." Saul was flustered.

Fiend Li coldly replied, "With the sourcebox array's protection and Yi Feng's support, nothing will happen to Hall of Insight. Saul, the greatest threat at this moment is still you. Admit to your crimes and resign from your position as vice president. Only then can you still remain on Sourcepeak Planet. Stop being lost in your fantasies."

"How brazen, just by yourself?" Saul remained indignant as he continued to fight.

Below them, Xi Qi was hiding in a corner and looking around apprehensively. "What should we do?"

"Find that familiar two-legged beast and get him to protect you." The fish swatted its tail and pointed its fin towards Lu Yin.

Xi Qi was lost. "Familiar? Who?"

"How can Lord Fish remember the code names that you two-legged beasts use? Just find him!" the fish shouted.

Xi Qi acknowledged his orders, and she then charged towards Lu Yin.

Near them, Straight Metallic Man, Serpent Queen, and Tong Mi'er had surrounded a Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker. Deng Pu had long since disappeared, and Cai Jianqiang had left the planet the moment he had been eliminated during the third stage of the competition.

In the distance, a group of cultivators appeared inside the Hall of Insight, and a battle erupted as soon as they set foot inside.

The Hall of Insight had the protection of the sourcebox array, which meant that its star energy was fixed and that these cultivators had to seize any star energy they wanted to use in battle. Any cultivators that entered the Hall of Insight would immediately be thrown into a disadvantage as they would not be able to overcome a Lockbreaker in terms of seizing star energy. However, these cultivators did not rely on battle techniques or arts; instead, they took out firearms and relied upon physical strength. They fought like maniacs, and they were from Aegis.

To a mercenary organization like Aegis, there were too many places in the universe where star energy could not be used, and so, they had long since made preparations for such situations. They did not lack for freaks who cultivated their physical bodies or specialized in firearms.

"Call for more Lockbreakers to defend the Hall of Insight!" called out a two star Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker who was guarding the Hall of Insight. He was President Geoffrey's trusted aide, and he had not left the Hall of Insight at all during this period, as he had been specially tasked to protect this place. At this time, his hands were stained with the fresh blood of dozens of people, but more Aegis mercenaries were charging over by the second. Of course, the Lockbreakers were unaware that these people were from Aegis.

Aside from Aegis, there were naturally also attackers from the Wei family, some from the Umbral Butterfly Tribe, as well as an individual from Suna Weave's Shadowsword Sect.

The Shadowsword Sect was a sword sect that was equally as famous as the Moke Sword Sect in Suna Weave. The sect's sword techniques were strange and unpredictable, and the members of the sect seemed eerily reminiscent of ghost-like shadows. They were very difficult to fight against, especially since many of the sect's sword techniques did not require star energy. The sect was known even in the surrounding weaves.

This time, the Shadowsword Sect was cooperating with the Wei family and the Umbral Butterfly Tribe, and they had plotted together to seize the Lockbreaker Society's treasury with relics accumulated over countless years.

That Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker placed five fingers together, and his star energy suddenly formed a gale that tore through the air and shredded dozens of mercenaries in front of him, sending a gruesome spray of blood splattering across the ground.

Above the battle, a cultivator descended. A shadow spun out of his palm, but it was repelled by the Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker. The attackers' star energy had already been weakened, and all of their battle techniques were proving ineffective against this Lockbreaker. "Who are you people? Aren't you afraid of death? How dare you act against the Lockbreaker Society?!"

Nobody answered the man. Now that the Innerverse and Outerverse had been separated from each other, regardless of if it was the Lockbreaker Society or the Outerverse Youth Council, neither one of

them had any support. Approximately two years had passed since then, and now, all of their former prestige had disappeared only to be replaced by the image of a giant cash cow in the eyes of countless Outerverse powers.

Not too far away from the Hall of Insight, Wei Rong smiled. "Previously enormous organizations will be felled by time. What a magnificent sight. Miss Angie, did you ever think that you would one day see Sourcepeak Planet crumble from this close a vantage?"

Angie's face was solemn, as this was the Lockbreaker Society's Outerverse headquarters, and in the past, none of them would have dared to offend even a single Lockbreaker out of fear of retaliation. Now, they were brazenly attacking the society's headquarters, which was something that had been unimaginable just two years prior, but they were actually doing it today.

"Nobody expected that the grand Lockbreaker Society would face such an imminent collapse," Angie said.

Wei Rong smiled. "This is just the beginning."

Angie was lost. "The beginning?"

Wei Rong's lips rose. "Have you ever thought about how many of the Outerverse's enormous organizations rely on their relationships with the Innerverse and Neoverse powers to act tyrannically? They have accumulated too many resources and hold too many secrets. These organizations have become colossal creatures that the Outerverse's seventy two weaves don't dare to offend, but we have crushed the Lockbreaker Society's Outerverse headquarters today. Do you think that everyone will still be apprehensive of the remaining organizations after this?"

Angie's face changed. "So this was your objective all along."

Wei Rong laughed. "Shamrock Enterprise, Mavis Bank, the Outerverse Youth Council, and Aurora Enterprises. All of these mammoths have exploited the Outerverse for countless years, and their tentacles extend into every corner of the Outerverse. Even children who were only recently born will know of them, and now, we want to break them down and take their resources to strengthen ourselves. In the future, the connection between the Innerverse and Outerverse will recover, but by then, the Outerverse will no longer need to fear the Innerverse powers. Instead, we will stand on equal footing with them."

Angie stared at Wei Rong in shock. The extent of a person's ambition showed the potential of their future. At this time, Angie was able to acutely feel Wei Rong's boundless ambition, and ripples fluctuated through her heart as the way she looked at Wei Rong changed.

Wei Rong smiled and looked over at Angie. He reached out to cup her chin. "Tell me, if we can crush all of these organizations, how strong can we become? Do you think we can unify the Outerverse?"

### **Chapter 696: An Era's Pioneer**

Angie's eyes grew misty, as she was gradually being attracted to Wei Rong. This man held an indescribable charisma, and the two gradually moved closer to each other.

From behind Angie, Ah Mu barked, "Let go of her," ready to act at any time.

Wei Rong's subordinates immediately stopped him.

Angie recovered herself, and her face flushed red as she stared at Wei Rong with a rebuking expression. "You've gone overboard."

Wei Rong laughed. "Miss Angie, has anyone chased after you before?"

Angie pursed her lips, but then she nodded. "Of course."

"What's the most romantic action one of those people ever did for you?" Wei Rong asked, his voice loud enough for many of the people around them to hear his words.

Angie blushed as she stared at him. "What are you trying to say?"

Wei Rong pointed at the Hall of Insight. "The most romantic action I can think of is overthrowing the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society that has been oppressing us for countless years. Aside from me, who else can do that?"

Angie blushed, and her eyes shifted back and forth before finally fixating on Wei Rong with adoration and admiration.

This was the best era in history, but it was also the worst one. Only villains could seize such eras, and Wei Rong was one such person. This battle on Sourcepeak Planet, and even looting the Lockbreaker Society's treasury was not his main objective. He wanted to start a new, nasty era, one in which the Outerverse counter-devoured the Innerverse.

Within the Hall of Insight, the two Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers had massacred many of the attackers, and all of the fresh blood had merged together into a scarlet stream that slowly flowed beneath their feet. Even so, the other areas inside the Hall of Insight were still bustling with battles, and the corpses of Lockbreakers occasionally fell to the floor. This was a day of grieving for Lockbreakers.

"Whoever you are, wherever you hail from, you will pay the price for your evil deeds today!" the Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker screamed. His voice had long since gone hoarse, and the muscles of his body twitched from the exertion of the intense battle, and his reflexes had also slowed.

Ahead, an intense light flickered, and not even Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers in the Hunter realm could avoid it. Suddenly, the Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker felt a chill run down his spine; someone had launched an attack against him. He instinctively seized control of the star energy in the area and broke down his opponent's battle techniques. The process was smooth, but he still felt as if his abdomen had been covered in ice.

Two swords slowly emerged as twin conjoined black shadows appeared behind the Lockbreaker. The dark figure attacked without making any sounds, and it even approached him from an unknown direction, evading the Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker's star energy perception. Shockingly, even with his lockbreaking tool, the Lockbreaker could not sense his attacker. This was a perfect ambush.

The Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker looked behind himself in disbelief, and he felt the cold sword qi rampage through his body. His organs were severed, and his heart was shattered. In his death throes, his eyes flickered. "I remember now—you're Twin Daemons."

With a whoosh, the Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker was sliced apart by the sword qi, and his blood rained down upon the floor.

The Shadowsword Sect's Twin Daemons had been born with a conjoined body, and they had successfully cultivated the Daemon Slash, which was something that nobody else had ever done. It was a multi-purpose technique, and it could be displayed with or without star energy without being affected.

Twin Daemons was also a Hunter like the Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker, and all of the troops sent there before had been sacrificed just to create an opportunity for this sword.

If the Lockbreaker had just been a regular Hunter, then Twin Daemons would not have been forced to exert so much effort, even if the person was a peak Hunter. However, this Lockbreaker was different, as a Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker was skilled enough to discover traces of the Daemon Slash's movements.

The only Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreaker defending the Hall of Insight had perished, and Twin Daemons then began a massacre, bathing the Hall of Insight with blood.

In the distance, beneath the altar, Xi Qi found Lu Yin, and the two looked at each other.

"Is something the matter?" Lu Yin asked.

Xi Qi looked at him. "Who are you?"

Lu Yin was speechless. "Why did you even bother looking for me if you don't know who I am?"

Xi Qi apologetically explained, "The fish told me that you're someone familiar."

"Hey, familiar two-legged beast. Do you want to become Lord Fish's mount? It'll be beneficial for you," the fish said as it greeted Lu Yin.

"Bro, shall we move together to get through this danger?" Ku Wei also came looking for Lu Yin. There was probably a screw loose in this person's head.

The fish became furious as soon as it saw Ku Wei. "This two-legged beast! Get your ancestor to climb out from their grave and pay their respects to Lord Fish!"

Ku Wei rolled his eyes. "You can go there yourself. I can send you, and I can add in some cumin at the same time."

"How dare you! Two-legged beast, you're nothing but a mount!"

"Go and sit on a fish like yourself."

"You're infuriating Lord Fish! Familiar two-legged beast, beat him up, and Lord Fish will teach you True Insight."

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Lu Yin pursed his lips and signaled Aden with his eyes. He then walked to the side and activated his gadget, only to discover that the signal was being blocked. He immediately used the privilege he had been bestowed by his Honor Points to contact Wang Wen, as nobody would block a signal that had the

Hall of Honor's mark on it. An important place like Sourcepeak Planet would definitely have some secret channels for the Hall of Honor to use.

As expected, his call connected, and Wang Wen's voice came out. "How are things going?"

Lu Yin informed him of all the happenings, including Fiend Li holding back Saul, Mr. Jun's battle with Felynn, and the great battle in the distant Hall of Insight.

"The Hall of Insight? Is that what Wei Rong's aiming for?" Wang Wen felt that something was strange, as he could not instantly see through Wei Rong's plot, even with his intelligence.

Lu Yin frowned. "The Lockbreaker Society has accumulated countless treasures through the years, so this is a plausible assumption."

"Impossible. You commoners can't understand how we smart people think. If Wei Rong was that superficial, then he would not be deserving of my attention," Wang Wen replied.

Lu Yin had recently realized that many of the people he knew spoke in rather annoying fashions, but there was nothing he could do about it.

"So what does this smart person think I should do now?" Lu Yin fell into a bad mood.

Wang Wen paused to think, and then he asked, "Have you heard of the law of timely advantage?"

"No."

"The so-called 'timely advantage' is to, based on the current situation and your current identity, do what is most beneficial for yourself. Right now, there's only one thing that you can do: reveal your true identity and make use of your identity as the future leader of the Great Eastern Alliance, your connection with the Hall of Honor, and your identity as a five star Discerning Elementary Lockbreaker to lead the Lockbreakers to protect the Hall of Insight, if only for the reputation that you'll gain."

"Is there any purpose in this?" Lu Yin asked.

Wang Wen replied, "Regardless of whether or not there's any use in doing this, it's what you must do. Otherwise, you can simply keep your identity hidden and plunder some resources from the Hall of Insight. It's your decision."

Lu Yin did not hesitate, as he was now able to obtain resources at any time, but building his reputation was different. His vision was not restricted to just the Eastern Weaves. If he wished to advance beyond them, then it was inevitable that he would have to gain the Lockbreaker Society's support. He initially had not wanted to stick his neck out for Felynn because he did not want to offend the entire Lockbreaker Society, but on the other hand, if the Lockbreaker Society supported him, then he would gain immense benefits.

He would not throw away his reputation for mere resources.

"I'll keep you updated on the situation, so don't disconnect," Lu Yin said. Then, under Ku Wei and Xi Qi's gazes, his appearance changed as he leaped into the sky. A tremendous voice boomed across the entire

Sourcepeak Planet, saying, "I am Lu Yin. All Lockbreakers, listen up! The Hall of Insight is in danger. Everyone, please protect the Hall of Insight with me and guard the foundation that the Lockbreaker Society has built up over countless years.

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The voice reverberated across Sourcepeak Planet, and it caused a great deal of astonishment.

Felynn's face grew ugly, as Lu Yin had finally acted at this moment, but of all things to do, he was acting against her people. She found Lu Yin to be extremely detestable.

Mr. Jun's face changed. Lu Yin had actually come, but when had he arrived?

In the distance, Wei Rong's brows furrowed. Lu Yin? That was troubling. This person was someone who stood against him. Fortunately, the moment Wei Rong had learned that Lu Yin was on Sourcepeak Planet, he had already made certain preparations. Wei Rong was not like Felynn who did things without thinking, and he knew that this Lu Yin was no ordinary person.

Angie's brows also furrowed. She had a small understanding of Lu Yin, as he had recklessly driven the Daynight clan out of the Trial Zones when he was still in the Astral Combat Academy and emerged from his actions unscathed. He was a very smart person who was also unruly, and the fact that he dared to act at this time showed his level of confidence. Unconsciously, Angie looked over at Wei Rong for support, and upon seeing his confident expression, her emotions stabilized. As long as Wei Rong was around, Lu Yin would not be able to do too much.

Behind Angie, Ah Mu's expression became complex, as Seventh Bro had still acted in the end.

"So it's Brother Lu—that's great!" Xi Qi was delighted to see Lu Yin.

The fish looked at her condescendingly. "You only know how to count on others. For a mount, you're pretty unreliable."

Ku Wei looked at Lu Yin in shock, as this person was actually the Royal Regent of Frostwave Weave's Great Yu Empire. Ku Wei had roamed Frostwave Weave with a low profile for some time as he had been under orders to verify that the Yushan bloodline was not part of the Yu family, and so, he had seen Lu Yin before. But before the Inniverse and Outerverse had been separated, a clan elder had told him that the Yushan bloodline was not the Yu family. Thus, he had left Frostwave Weave to roam about the universe.

But this person had clearly just used the Yu Secret Art.

Could the elder's report have been wrong, or was there another reason behind this? The Yushan bloodline had to be from the Yu family.

Regardless of whether Lu Yin's luck was good or not, after he spoke, Fiend Li's voice echoed through the sky as well, telling the Lockbreakers to protect the Hall of Insight.

With just Lu Yin's reputation alone, he would, at best, only be able to recruit a few Lockbreakers to support him, and he had not expected to gather too many. After all, this was just a ploy to gain some fame. However, Fiend Li's words caused many Lockbreakers to imperceptibly view Lu Yin as a spokesperson for the society's upper echelon. Immediately, a group of Lockbreakers converged upon the Hall of Insight, including some who were at the same level as Straight Metallic Man and Serpent Queen. All of these Lockbreakers headed towards the Hall of Insight after eliminating their current opponents.

Lu Yin also flew towards the Hall of Insight, and Ku Wei and Xi Qi closely followed behind him.

It was a fair distance from the altar to the Hall of Insight, but it was covered in the blink of an eye by Lu Yin and the others.

The battle inside the Hall of Insight was very intense, and there were all sorts of severed limbs haphazardly scattered about the floor. When Lu Yin led the Lockbreakers in, they were faced with a bombardment of powerful beams from countless firearms.

In the sky above Sourcepeak Planet, Fiend Li and Saul's battle had reached its final juncture. Fiend Li had finally reached the point where he could not hold out anymore, especially since he had distracted himself by ordering the Lockbreakers to protect the Hall of Insight, which had led to him suffering a sneak attack from Saul. There were traces of blood on Fiend Li's mouth, and his movements had become more sluggish compared to earlier. Saul had been more powerful to begin with, and as such, Fiend Li was eventually defeated by Saul.

Saul pressed down with a single hand, causing the star energy in the entire Sourcepeak Planet to visibly converge and form a whirlpool that engulfed the planet and swept across the altar. Saul's star energy control was on complete display here, as the Lockbreakers on his side were completely fine while the other Lockbreakers were swept away by the star energy with some even severely injured. Felynn suffered the heaviest injuries, and she was almost crushed by the wave of star energy.

### **Chapter 697: Daemon Slash**

"Who dares to oppose me? I'm the Society's vice president—do you guys want to rebel?" Saul shouted, his voice resounding throughout Sourcepeak Planet and causing many people to become alarmed.

In the distance, Wei Rong exclaimed, "It's no wonder why he's the vice president. His power is enough to rival or even surpass an average Enlighter."

Angie replied, "Lockbreakers have always had the ability to surpass their cultivation peers, and it can just be thought of as them having superior talent."

Wei Rong smiled. "So what? The brainless ones are still brainless."

Outside of the Hall of Insight, Aden raised his thunder shield and bore the brunt of the firearm attacks from the area in front of them. This allowed Lockbreakers like Straight Metallic Man to seize this opportunity and charge into the Hall of Insight.

Lu Yin turned around to look back at the altar. Fiend Li had actually been defeated quickly, and Saul's rune lines had increased once again. If that was the case, then Wei Rong's true trump cards should appear soon.

Above the planet, an elder tore through the void, stopping right in front of Sourcepeak Planet before stepping out. His body appeared directly above the altar on Sourcepeak Planet, about a thousand meters away from Saul.

Saul stared gloomily at the elder, as he knew that this matter was not as simple as he had initially thought. Everybody knew that Fiend Li was not his match, and he had guessed that other experts would appear later, but he had never expected that this person would appear. Lord Egret was an Enlightener whose power level was over 250,000, and he was also an elite Enlightener.

"Vice President Saul, it's been a while," Lord Egret sighed as he looked at Saul.

Saul's gaze became icy. "Lord Egret, you dare to plot against my Lockbreaker Society?"

Lord Egret smiled. "If the Innerverse and Outerverse were not separated, then I wouldn't dare. But given the current circumstances, why not give it a try?"

"What price have those people offered for you to act? I can pay double," Saul coldly told the Enlightener.

Lord Egret shook his head. "At our realm, we won't be moved by normal prices, so there's no need to waste your efforts."

"Since that's so, then the Outerverse will lose an Enlightener today," Saul said before one of his hands shot out towards Lord Egret. The Enlightener's eyes flashed, as he had been waiting for this moment for a long time. He had long since wanted to duel against Saul in order to prove that the concept of a so-called "Realmbreaker Lockbreaker" was just a joke, and his opportunity had finally arrived.

Lord Egret attacked. An Enlightener's might was not something that could compare to that of an ordinary cultivator, as any simple movement of his could cause the skies to flip over.

Just a single attack was enough to show Saul how terrifyingly powerful Lord Egret was, but the Enlightener was also able to sense some danger from Saul. More importantly, all of Sourcepeak Planet started to fracture apart.

Although Saul had schemed against many Lockbreakers, it had all been with the goal of becoming the society's president, and he had never hoped to destroy Sourcepeak Planet. He was actually quite attached to this planet. For him, Sourcepeak Planet could not be destroyed, or else the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society would lose all of its prestige.

Saul thought for a moment and then sped up into space. Lord Egret smiled, as the location did not matter to him. He simply wanted to fight.

Saul and Lord Egret's battle had caused the battlefield to escalate wildly. As soon as an Enlightener joined any fray, it had ceased to be an ordinary battle. Many people would not even have the chance to witness an Enlightener's battle throughout their entire lives.

Only a minority like Lu Yin would not find such a thing strange, as there had been too many battles between Enlighteners during the defense of Ironblood Weave.

No matter how world-shaking Saul's battle with Lord Egret may be, it would not affect Sourcepeak Planet as they had moved quite some distance away.

There was another rumble, and huge cracks began to appear on the floor of the Hall of Insight.

Xi Qi's expression warped. "Brother Lu, these people are destroying the Hall of Insight!"

Lu Yin ferociously charged forward as his forcefield took on the form of the Towering Tree, its countless branches shooting out to wrap around the many mercenaries. Quite a few cultivators suddenly appeared from all directions, and the most familiar ones to Lu Yin were those from the Umbral Butterfly Tribe, as they were able to absorb the strength of nearby plants. There was also another group that was quite sneaky. They almost looked like demons, and it was quite difficult to discern their physical form.

"I never thought that the Shadowsword Sect would also join in." Ku Wei leaped away from where he was standing and raised a finger to point towards an area that was void of people. There was evidently nothing but air, but fresh blood dripped down from his fingertip. The blood did not belong to him, as it was actually from a sword-wielding cultivator.

Xi Qi was at a loss. "Shadowsword Sect?"

Ku Wei smiled. "They're a very famous sword sect from Suna Weave. They're just as famous as the Moke Sword Sect."

Lu Yin's heart sank, as yet another power had appeared. How many powers had Wei Rong actually joined with?

Suddenly, his pupils shrank, as he saw a terrifying amount of rune lines appear in the sky. This amount was not less than Aden's, which meant that this new arrival was a peak realm Hunter.

Lu Yin wanted to call for Aden, but Aden was currently the vanguard covering for everyone, and even worse, the owner of these rune lines was already nearing Lu Yin.

He didn't dare be careless, but just as he was about to don his universal armor, he ultimately decided against it. Lu Yin would dodge if he faced a dangerous attack, as he could not rely on the universal armor to protect him for the rest of his life.

"Brother Lu, let's head in," Xi Qi spoke.

Lu Yin did not reply, and the fish atop Xi Qi's head continuously slapped its tail. "Mount, hurry up and enter. Quickly! Just ignore him."

"Why?" Xi Qi was perplexed.

She turned to look at Ku Wei, but he had already vanished.

This fellow's sensitivity towards danger was not one bit inferior to Lu Yin's. Although Ku Wei might not be able to see rune lines, he definitely had his own methods, and he had even cast a sympathetic glance at Lu Yin before leaving.

Lu Yin's face turned solemn as a bead of sweat rolled down his forehead. "Xi Qi, you head in first. Hurry!"

Xi Qi acknowledged his words and headed into the Hall of Insight. Before she took more than a few steps in, the rune lines suddenly changed directions to charge towards her, prompting the fish to shout, "Hurry! There's danger!"

Xi Qi's face went white, and she felt as if her entire body had been dunked in an ice bath, her body so cold and numb that she could not even move. It was as if she had been wrapped up by an invisible formless danger and thrown into an inescapable pit of death.

A longsword extended out from the void in front of Xi Qi, aimed straight at her forehead.

The fish's entire body went erect, and nobody knew what it intended to do.

At that moment, Lu Yin grabbed Xi Qi and flung her far away as the sword streaked past his cheek. He used the Secret Sidestep Technique to avoid the tip, and then he raised a finger and his eyes slackened: Dream Finger.

The void congealed as the Dream Finger transcended space to strike an empty spot. In that place, a shadow suddenly appeared, or at least it was something that Lu Yin assumed was a single shadow. Strangely, a second shadow appeared at almost the same time, and the two shadows merged before appearing simultaneously. There were also two longswords, and they were both pointed at Lu Yin. This person's primary target was in fact Lu Yin.

Twin Daemons was one of Wei Rong's backup pieces, as the Shadowsword Sect was worthy of its name as a sect with top-notch experts; it had people who could accomplish feats that not even Enlighters could. The Daemon Slash was a multifaceted battle technique, and while the Dream Finger could deflect one of the swords, the other would definitely take Lu Yin's life.

Ever since Wei Rong had found out that Lu Yin was headed towards Sourcepeak Planet, he had studied Lu Yin. From his understanding of Lu Yin, it was uncertain whether or not Twin Daemons would be able to kill Lu Yin since the young cultivator possessed powerful external items that allowed him to fight against Enlighters. But regardless of the ultimate winner, Twin Daemons would definitely at least be able to stall Lu Yin. However, who could have known that Lu Yin would purposefully choose not to rely on his items, which had prompted Twin Daemons into trying to kill this person right now.

However, both Twin Daemons and Wei Rong had underestimated Lu Yin. They knew that Lu Yin had a secret technique that could divert attacks as well as powerful defensive items to help him withstand attacks, but they did not know about the existence of an attack like the Dream Finger. Lu Yin was not relying on any external objects, which had baited Twin Daemons into carelessness and to mistake the finger as Lu Yin's secret technique. Also, the twins had no way to dodge the finger, so they had made the decision to endure it and trade attacks since they were confident that their second sword would kill Lu Yin. However, Lu Yin then activated his Yu Secret Art, diverting Twin Daemons' second sword the moment his Dream Finger struck, causing the sword to merely brush past Lu Yin.

The Dream Finger forced Twin Daemons to retreat, and half of their body turned numb, and they even began to split apart as blood stained their clothing.

The twins spat out mouthfuls of blood and then vanished by escaping into the void. They had been severely injured, as this finger had been much more terrifying than what they could have ever imagined, as it contained an inexplicable might and an incomprehensible destructive power.

Nearby, Xi Qi watched the Hunter flee, dumbfounded.

Some distance away, Ku Wei frowned; that had been an extremely terrifying attack. This fellow's strength was scary, and it looked like it would be quite difficult if he wanted to seize the Yu Secret Art.

Rejoicing, Lu Yin exhaled and surveyed his surroundings. The Dream Finger was his trump card, and he had not wanted to reveal it just yet, as it would cause him to be targeted, just like when he still had the gun. The news would make it difficult for him to defeat powerhouses in future. However, he felt like an idiot when he realized that quite a few people had just witnessed his Dream Finger, including Xi Qi and Ku Wei. He also felt a little helpless, as he could not always silence everybody who witnessed his fights.

Although Twin Daemons had only been severely injured by his Dream Finger, the twins' rune lines had not decreased by much, and the Hunter was still lingering in the area.

They had thought that, by turning themselves into a demon, nobody would be able to see them. However, Lu Yin knew the twins' position—it was just that he could not strike at them.

Just like back in Ironblood Weave, those Enlighter realm beasts had been able to preserve their lives by escaping into the void. Even though Lu Yin's gun had been able to kill Enlighter realm beasts, it had been useless when it could not hit them.

At that moment, a Lockbreaker ran out from the Hall of Insight and shouted in a daze, "The treasury's been looted! The Society's treasures that have been protected for countless years are gone!"

"Be careful!" Xi Qi shouted.

That Lockbreaker stood there, frozen in place, as a powerful beam pierced through his body. From behind him, dozens of mercenaries charged out of the Hall of Insight together.

Lu Yin's heart sank, as he had still arrived too late. These people had made prior arrangements, and they had definitely been planning to loot the society's collection from the very beginning. The only plan that Lu Yin could come up with was to seal off the entire Hall of Insight, but that was not very realistic. There were annoying enemies in front of him as well as Enlighters above the planet. No matter what, the opponents would be able to safely retreat.

With a loud crack, a corner of the Hall of Insight began to crumble.

From a distance, numerous people watched on as the Hall of Insight trembled and started to collapse. Wei Rong placed his right hand around Angie's waist. "Isn't it beautiful?"

Angie could feel Wei Rong's masculine aura, and her heart warmed as she nodded. "Yes, it is."

Wei Rong smiled. "There will be many more such beautiful scenes in the future. You will never feel lonely for your entire life."

Angie's gaze became splendid, and she glanced at Wei Rong as she quietly acknowledged his comment.

Wei Rong's lips quirked up. Angie was the Umbral Butterfly Tribe's young mistress, and the Umbral Butterfly Tribe was very important for his plans since they had unified all of Umbral Butterfly Weave.

Behind them, Ah Mu's expression turned complicated. Seventh Bro had already entered the Hall of Insight to reinforce it, but this outcome had still occurred. Everything was being controlled by the man in front of Ah Mu, and they all could only surrender to their fate of being manipulated by this person. His intelligence was truly fearsome.

The Hall of Insight started collapsing even faster, despite the many Lockbreakers fighting to preserve it. In spite of their efforts, it completely collapsed under countless grieving eyes, and the four great trees that had held up the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society for countless years crumpled to the ground.

### **Chapter 698: Era Of Great Changes**

Outside the Hall of Insight, countless people across Sourcepeak Planet watched as it collapsed, all of them with sorrowful expressions.

The Hall of Insight was Sourcepeak Planet's holy land, and it also formed the core of their beliefs. It had allowed Sourcepeak Planet to become famous throughout the universe, and the Lockbreaker Society had also relied upon it. The Hall of Insight represented the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, but now, it had completely disappeared.

The collapse of the Hall of Insight signified the end of an era; the end of these enormous organizations monopolizing the universe's power. What would follow was a cleansing of the Outerverse, which was Wei Rong's true goal. Only by obliterating the original structure would they be able to build a new one upon its ashes.

The people all watched on as the Hall of Insight was completely reduced to nothing more than ruins that crumpled into the mountain range below.

Wei Rong smiled brightly. "This is the first, but not the last to fall. Let's go." He then leaped up towards outer space.

The others followed Wei Rong away from the planet.

With the collapse of the Hall of Insight, many Lockbreakers went crazy. They were also afraid of being implicated in this matter. Due to the people behind the scenes, they would face injustice and death if they ended up being affected by this event.

As the Hall of Insight's ruins crashed down into the mountain range below, Twin Daemons decided to seize this opportunity to sneak attack Lu Yin and the others once again. They had learned their lesson; this time, the twins no longer used just two swords, but rather four. Lu Yin might have a way to block one sword and divert another, but he could not possibly block four swords. After all, he was just an Explorer, and such an absolute difference in strength could not be overcome.

Lu Yin had not planned on letting the Hall of Insight be destroyed, but he felt a surge of liberation as he witnessed its collapse. He then raised a hand, and a pike appeared in it that released a spiritual force attack that wantonly swept out in all directions. The various people who had not reacted to the collapse of the Hall of Insight yet hurriedly tried to retreat, and the independent cultivators were instantly knocked unconscious by the spiritual force.

The Lockbreakers were still alright, as their spiritual force was stronger than the average cultivator's.

The worst off were the mercenaries, who had tough physical bodies to deal with environments where star energy was sparse, which meant that their resistance towards spiritual force attacks was practically zero.

When the pike was pulled out, the mercenaries were finished.

Twin Daemons were also overwhelmed, and they backed away as fast as they could. Their resistance to spiritual force was also very poor, and it might not be much stronger than the mercenaries' as they were conjoined twins that shared one heart. This was equivalent to one person's spiritual force resistance being spread out between two individuals. Even as a Hunter, their resistance to spiritual force was only about equivalent to a Cruiser's.

Lu Yin held the pike tightly as his majestic aura spread out, accompanied by the unrestrained pressure of the pike's spiritual force. Everyone who saw this felt a sense of awe.

With a whoosh, the pike stabbed straight towards Twin Daemons.

Twin Daemons was shocked; they had hidden themselves within the void, so how had Lu Yin found them?

Spiritual force swept through the void, and Twin Daemons dodged aside once again.

Lu Yin had discovered that this person seemed to be very afraid of spiritual force attacks, so he thrust the pike forward once again. This time, he did not target Twin Daemons, but rather a cultivator from the Umbral Butterfly Tribe. As the pike neared them, the cultivator couldn't even react as her body was pierced through. Her cosmic ring vanished from her finger along with a drop of fresh blood, both falling into Lu Yin's hands. The next moment, Lu Yin changed targets; all of the cultivators and mercenaries who had invaded the Hall of Insight died one after another while Lu Yin kept collecting their blood and cosmic rings.

He did not know who had taken what from the Lockbreaker Society's treasury or whether the attackers had already transported it out. He did not need to know, as he just had to kill all of them.

Twin Daemons no longer dared to approach Lu Yin any longer, and the rest of the mercenaries were even less of a match for Lu Yin.

Wei Rong quickly learned of the circumstances in the Hall of Insight's ruins as he had already returned to one of Endless Borders' vessels. He looked at a screen with an unsightly expression.

Angie frowned as well, and she closely watched a screen as Lu Yin massacred everyone who came near him. Since their last meeting, this person had become even more terrifying.

When they had both been in the Astral Combat Academy, Lu Yin had just broken through to the Limiteer realm, and he had relied on just that strength to act lawlessly. No, even when he had been just a Melder, he had dared to provoke an Area Master. Afterwards, he suppressed the Daynight clan and offended many of the Inverse's powers that belonged to the eight great Flowzones.

Lu Yin had even become more famous after leaving the Astral Combat Academy with his results at the Sea King's Son Selection within the Starfall Sea. He had defeated Mu Rong, Ling Que, and had then become the indisputable top Limiteer in the universe.

During the battles on Planet Pyrolyte, he had relied almost entirely on himself to seize control of the greatest pyrolyte mine. After the Innerverse and Outerverse had been cut off from each other, Lu Yin had flown to yet greater heights, killing Enlighters while being no more than a Limiteer and shocking the universe.

Due to the changes that had come with the Outerverse being isolated from the Innerverse, the central weaves had found it difficult to get news of the Eastern Weaves, but Angie had never stopped looking for news related to Lu Yin, as this person gave her a feeling that he was practically the son of heaven.

And now, Lu Yin had become even more terrifying. Without relying on any external items, he had actually blocked Twin Daemons' assault and even counterattacked. He was just an Explorer, so how had he been able to do it?

If Wei Rong gave Angie the impression that his intelligence was inhuman, then Lu Yin's battle power gave her the same impression.

"Our objective has been achieved. Everyone, withdraw. Do not bother with Lu Yin," Wei Rong ordered. He had realized that Lu Yin could be a serious annoyance as he watched more and more of Lu Yin's trump cards be revealed. Wei Rong dared to guarantee that Lu Yin still had other hidden abilities, as he was an Explorer who dared to step foot on a battlefield with Enlighters. At this time, Lu Yin had not put on his universal armor, nor had he taken out any of his other external objects. It would simply be asking for trouble to tangle with such a person.

Angie sighed, as even Wei Rong did not dare to provoke Lu Yin. This person truly stood at the peak.

Ah Mu stared at the screen showing Lu Yin and slightly relaxed. Seventh Bro was indeed worthy of being Seventh Bro, and he was still amazingly powerful. Wei Rong had been able to force even Saul into a difficult position, but he could not deal with Seventh Bro.

After hearing Wei Rong's orders, Twin Daemons were the first to retreat, and the others quickly dispersed and withdrew as well.

There were too many cultivators who had invaded the Hall of Insight, as there were thousands of them. Even with Lu Yin's pike and the assistance of the other Lockbreakers, he was not able to block everyone's retreat. They were only able to keep a portion of the attackers from escaping.

Lu Yin noticed Twin Daemons' rune lines moving away, but he did not give chase as doing so would be pointless.

The space around the planet constantly trembled as star energy abnormally converged in a certain region. It was Saul and Lord Egret's battlefield.

Fiend Li had been severely injured by Saul and had crashed down onto the planet as a result of his injuries. He had only awakened when the Hall of Insight started collapsing, but it was already too late. He stared into the distance at where the Hall of Insight had once stood, and he grieved.

Over the course of so many years, ever since the Lockbreaker Society had first been established, it had never suffered such an intense shame. Now, the Hall of Insight had been destroyed, and its treasury was empty. The impact that this would have on the remaining Lockbreakers would be considerable.

“I have let Geoffrey down, as well as all Lockbreakers,” Fiend Li sighed as he looked up.

Beneath the altar, Mr. Jun tried to escape, and Felynn clenched her fists in anger. The Wei family, the Umbral Butterfly Tribe, the Shadowsword Sect, Aegis, and Endless Borders—all of these people had betrayed her. She had wanted to seize the president’s seat, not destroy the Society. What had they done?

She clearly knew that everything had been done by them, but she could not expose them. The sullenness and indignation currently raging within her heart could not be explained.

No, there could not be any greater losses. True Insight—as long as they still had True Insight, the heart of the Lockbreaker Society would not be lost. As for the Hall of Insight, she could simply rebuild it after becoming the president. The roots of those four trees had not been damaged, and the sourcebox array still stood strong. Those were the most important things.

Felynn began to search for Deng Pu, but Deng Pu had long since vanished. Lu Yin had also searched for him when Saul and Fiend Li’s fight had first started, but he had not been able to find him either.

Fiend Li leaped up and away from the planet, as those murderers who had destroyed the Hall of Insight were still nearby. He could not accept this outcome. The Hall of Insight might have already been destroyed, and there was nothing he could do about it now, but the items from the treasury had to be reclaimed.

In outer space, within an Endless Borders’ spacecraft, the news of Fiend Li chasing after them was received, though Wei Rong just simply smiled. “As expected, that old fart is looking to die.”

Fiend Li raised a hand and swatted at the vessel, but at that moment, the void suddenly fluctuated as Twin Daemons appeared. They used their sword technique that could cross realms and rival Enlighters to leave several sword scars on Fiend Li’s body. After receiving a vicious blow, Fiend Li collapsed back onto the surface of Sourcepeak Planet.

“These old bastards still think that it’s their era. They don’t even know that the times have changed.” Wei Rong smiled.

Angie commented, “It changed when the Outerverse was cut off from the Innerverse.”

“Wrong.” Wei Rong gave Angie a serious look. “It changed when the Ten Arbiters were born. From that moment on, the universe has moved in the direction of the younger generation.”

Angie did not understand what he meant.

Wei Rong turned back to look at the screen, and Lu Yin’s figure suddenly reappeared as the scene shifted. “The Ten Arbiters are the result of this era’s great changes, as are Lu Yin and I myself. I don’t know who will ultimately stand as the trailblazer of this era, but I will work hard to pave the way for the

newer generation to steer through these troublesome times. It just depends on if these people are willing to hop onto my ship.”

Angie heard Wei Rong muttering to himself, but she could not understand a single bit of what he was saying.

However, Ah Mu, who was standing behind her, fell deep into thought.

“Tell Lord Egret not to play around with Saul any longer. Let Saul’s fate be decided by the Lockbreaker Society. It’ll give them some trouble and prevent them from looking for us,” Wei Rong ordered.

On Sourcepeak Planet, beside the ruins of the Hall of Insight, Lu Yin stopped, completely exhausted. There were Lockbreakers surrounding him, and Aden approached Lu Yin to say, “The enemies have been taken care of.”

Lu Yin nodded, but then he suddenly thought of something. “Did you grab their cosmic rings?”

Aden was stumped. “Their cosmic rings?”

“Of course. These people stole the treasures that were accumulated by the Society through countless years, which means that there must be untold treasures in their cosmic rings! Of course we must take them back,” Lu Yin stated matter-of-factly.

“Take them? And then what? Hand them over to the Society?” Aden asked in a gruff voice.

Lu Yin rolled his eyes.

“Seventh Bro, this fellow has become stupid from his time in prison. His brain no longer works as fast,” the Ghost Monkey ridiculed.

Lu Yin did not bother answering Aden, as it would not be too suitable for the Hunter to do such things. However, there were so many cosmic rings laying about, as well as so many eyes watching. Lu Yin could not brazenly take anything, which was such a pity.

The sky trembled, and Lu Yin looked up. He saw the boundless rune lines that represented the Enlighter move away, leaving Saul’s rune lines as the only ones above the planet. The battle was ending.

Nobody had expected that the magnificent Outerverse Lockbreaker Society, a colossal giant of the universe, would actually be the victim of a plot by a few Outerverse weaves and corporations, not to mention how the event had unfolded. Wei Rong’s methods had been simple yet clean, and he had taken advantage of many people within the society. So many had ultimately become his pawns, including even Fiend Li and Felynn. But what was this youth’s final objective?

“With Wei Rong’s personality, he would not offend the Lockbreaker Society this badly just for some treasures. That’s not his style.” Wang Wen also felt that things were strange. He was extraordinarily intelligent, but even he could not see through Wei Rong’s motives. The two young men were similar creatures, and they both had methods to bury their schemes extremely deeply.

No matter what Wei Rong’s objectives were, Sourcepeak Planet was currently a disaster.

Saul returned to Sourcepeak Planet, and he quickly noticed that the Hall of Insight was in ruins, as well as countless indignant looks that were directed towards him.

### **Chapter 699: Wei Rong's Name**

Fiend Li had not died yet, but his injuries were quite severe, and several Lockbreakers helped him as he sat down in his bloodstained clothes. He then stood up and stared towards the sky before directing a rather blank look at Saul. "Is this what you wanted?"

Saul's gaze twisted as he looked at Fiend Li. He finally answered in a low voice, "This is not my fault."

Felynn denounced him furiously, saying, "Saul, if not for you playing tricks in the dark and preventing several Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers from coming for the competition, these thieves would not have gotten away! Because you fought against Senior Li, you allowed the Hall of Insight to collapse. Not only are you a sinner of Sourcepeak Planet, but you are a sinner of the entire Lockbreaker Society."

"That's right, a sinner!" one red-eyed Lockbreaker cursed, not caring about Saul's identity at all.

"Sinner!"

"Sinner!"

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Many echoed the sentiment.

Sometimes, a person would need to take responsibility for an incident, and at other times, people simply needed to vent their emotions. At this moment, under Felynn's guidance, Saul had become the scapegoat for all of these people. Even if he was certain that Felynn was the one actually behind this unfortunate disaster, he had no way to defend himself.

Lu Yin stared at Saul's lost expression. This old man had his own methods, and he may be adept in lockbreaking and cultivating, but he did not have the ability to take control of the present situation. He had been played by this woman, and this so-called "vice president" was finished.

Saul's entire body trembled in the sky, and he gave Felynn a death glare. "I knew that it was you. I never thought that the one hidden the deepest would actually be you."

Felynn barked, "Saul, stop trying to quibble! Everyone has already seen your actions. As the former vice president, you should actually assume responsibility instead of trying to push it away."

Saul's eyes narrowed and flashed with killing intent as he scanned through the crowd below him. Many Lockbreakers stared at him in indignation, looking as though they wanted to devour him whole.

Saul wanted to take action, but his entire being felt like a deflated balloon. He merely closed his eyes and unleashed his domain to look for Deng Pu. He could not continue acting as the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's Vice President any longer, but he still had a path forward with Deng Pu. If he could obtain the pages of True Insight and comprehend them, then he might be able to rely on his powerful abilities to enter the Lockbreaker Society's Inniverse or even the Neoverse headquarters in the future, where he would then start anew.

However, he found that, strangely, Deng Pu had vanished.

Many others were also searching for Deng Pu, as he held three pages of True Insight, which was a priceless treasure. However, Deng Pu had seemingly vanished the moment Saul had started moving against Felynn. Not even a trace of his shadow had been seen throughout the course of the entire battle.

More and more criticisms entered Saul's ears, and he wished that he could butcher Felynn right now. However, if he really did such a thing, then he would completely ruin his relationship with the society, and it would also sever any possibility of him reentering the society in the future.

Helpless, Saul could only leave, taking his grief, bewilderment, and a sharp killing intent with him.

Fiend Li's expression was complex, and he sighed as he looked at the ruins of the Hall of Insight. It had only been a day, but the once overpowering Lockbreaker Society's Outerverse headquarters had been completely destroyed, to the extent where even the symbolic Hall of Insight had been eradicated. He did not know what he should do at this moment.

Felynn saw that Saul was departing, and delight flashed through her eyes. If Saul left, then only Mr. Jun and Yi Feng would remain as people who could contest her for the position of president. Fiend Li was only an honorary vice president, so he did not qualify for the position.

As for Mr. Jun, he was still by Saul's side and had already left. Meanwhile, Yi Feng—Hang on. Felynn suddenly thought of something. Where is Yi Feng?

"Senior, where has Yi Feng gone?" Felynn asked Fiend Li.

Fiend Li's expression changed; that's right, where was Yi Feng? When Fiend Li had been fighting against Saul, he had sent Yi Feng to reinforce the defenses at the Hall of Insight. With Yi Feng's strength, he could not have been soundlessly eliminated even if he faced off against powerful opponents. But if that was the case, then where was he?

At this moment, someone gasped in surprise. "It's Executive Yi Feng. He sent me a message."

Quite a few people turned around to look, and even Fiend Li and Felynn glanced over.

"Executive Yi Feng said that since Sourcepeak Planet has been ruined and is no longer suitable for Lockbreakers to live, he has found a suitable planet for us in Armament Weave. There's a radiance on that planet originating from a single sourcebox, and he has asked all Lockbreakers to head over there and check it out for themselves," shared the Lockbreaker who had received Yi Feng's notification. He was a two star Discerning Elementary Lockbreaker himself.

Beep beep beep!

Soon after that, others received the same message one after another. The contents of each message were identical, with Yi Feng asking Lockbreakers to head to Armament Weave to investigate this planet with a sourcebox.

Fiend Li and Felynn exchanged glances, and they each saw the puzzlement in the other's eyes.

“Executive Yi Feng just sent another message. As long as one is a Lockbreaker and settles down on that planet, they’ll receive Armament Weave’s full support! At the same time, he has selflessly offered to share his many years of lockbreaking experience and will allow Lockbreakers to learn from him. He’s willing to forsake the previously conservative views!” one Lockbreaker said excitedly.

The various Lockbreakers hurriedly converged in groups to discuss this matter, though they did not actually care much about any kind of support. Ever since they had become Lockbreakers, their needs had been well-provided for, and they had practically no want for money. However, Executive Yi Feng’s many years of lockbreaking experience was invaluable, and it created an allure that these Lockbreakers could not resist.

More and more Lockbreakers received the messages, and they were soon back in high spirits. After all, not that many Lockbreakers had been born on Sourcepeak Planet itself, and most of them were not from Sourcepeak Planet or even Sourcepeak Weave. These people came from both the Innerverse and Outerverse, and to most of them, it made no difference where they settled down. Only a portion of the Lockbreakers were steadfast in their view that Sourcepeak Planet was the Lockbreaker Society’s Outerverse headquarters and that abandoning Sourcepeak Planet would be akin to renouncing the society.

In a short period of time, the two sides started to debate, and the arguments quickly grew intense.

Fiend Li quickly tried to contact Yi Feng, as he wanted to question what the man was doing, but Yi Feng did not answer the call.

Felynn also tried to contact Yi Feng, but to no avail either.

They had a bad feeling about these messages.

In outer space, on a certain spacecraft, Wei Rong stood beside the transparent metal window and stared out at the passing planets. The dark heavens were very beautiful, just like the future. Some futures were bright, but few could forcefully seize such a thing. He saw the brightest star as one representing himself, and he was working hard to seize it.

“I’ve done what you have told me to,” an indifferent voice said from behind Wei Rong.

Wei Rong’s lips curled up, and he slowly turned around and replied with a smile, “The Wei family welcomes you back, Executive Yi Feng.”

The person who had appeared behind Wei Rong was shockingly Yi Feng, who had mysteriously vanished after Fiend Li had sent him to guard the Hall of Insight.

When he saw Wei Rong’s smile, Yi Feng’s face became emotionless. “Your smile is just as detestable as his.”

Wei Rong’s eyes flashed. “Are you referring to my granduncle or to your foster father?”

Yi Feng’s voice turned cold. “He’s already dead, but you received his second-hand inheritance, and you even dare to deal with the Lockbreaker Society. Back then, he only allowed me to enter the society to help the Wei family attract some Lockbreakers. You’re more savage and outstanding than he ever was.”

Wei Rong beamed. “The times have changed, Executive Yi Feng. No, Uncle Wei Yi.”

Yi Feng frowned. "Call me Yi Feng. I stopped using that name long ago."

"But you're still listed in the Wei family's records," Wei Rong countered.

Yi Feng's body trembled, and his expression turned a bit softer. "Do you know what you are doing? You're playing with fire, and there's a high chance that you will burn yourself, and possibly even the entire Wei family."

Wei Rong shrugged. "If we're playing, then we must do it to our hearts' content. Still, I never thought that you would actually agree to work with me. It looks like Granduncle had a tremendous influence on you."

A touch of reminiscence appeared on Yi Feng's face. "Don't mention him to me again."

"Alright, let's talk about some proper business. How many Lockbreakers do you think will come to Armament Weave?" Wei Rong asked.

Yi Feng casually replied, "Many. My lockbreaking experience is priceless. To be able to learn from me free-of-charge is a dream come true for almost every Lockbreaker."

"That's great. It wouldn't have been worth it for me to scheme against Sourcepeak Planet this much if I only managed to get ahold of some treasures."

Yi Feng looked at the younger man. "What price did you pay to form this alliance that Umbral Butterfly Weave, Suna Weave, Endless Borders, and Aegis are a part of? Even Lord Egret made an appearance."

Wei Rong smiled. "They're all humans. Every human has their own dreams and weaknesses, so it wasn't too hard."

Yi Feng indifferently replied, "Originally, Sourcepeak Planet would not have easily uncovered the truth of you being the mastermind controlling everything from the shadows, but you had me send that message to everyone, basically declaring to everyone that you're the one who acted against Sourcepeak Planet. Aren't you afraid?"

Wei Rong smiled and walked along the transparent metal hallway. "There'll always be someone who acts as the trailblazer of an era. The further ahead they tread, the rougher the waves they'll have to face. However, that also comes with the chance to obtain even more. Of course, it's possible to be swept away by the waves and annihilated, but it's also possible..." He paused as he pointedly looked at Yi Feng. "To control the path."

Yi Feng's pupils shrank, and he looked out at outer space. "You're more daring than him, but you also don't understand Lockbreakers. It's possible that you'll die a horrific death and even implicate the Wei family in your death."

"Perhaps, and yet, you still came, haha!" Wei Rong was not worried in the slightest.

There was a thump as Angie suddenly charged over. She was just about to speak when she saw Yi Feng behind Wei Rong. Her expression changed as she looked at Wei Rong. "So it's really him. Why did you just do that? Didn't you originally agree to divide the Hall of Insight's treasury among us before we all

went into hiding? But you just had Executive Yi Feng send out such a message. Aren't you openly telling them that we're responsible for what just happened?"

Wei Rong smiled. "Not us, just me. Relax, nobody can blame anything on you guys."

Angie frowned. "Do you really think that they won't be able to find us if they start investigating your involvement? Can your Wei family really withstand tens of thousands of Lockbreakers all on its own?"

Wei Rong had a hint of a smile. "Before I answer this question of yours, let me introduce someone." He pointed towards Yi Feng. "This is Master Yi Feng. His original name is Wei Yi, and he's a senior of our Wei family."

Angie was surprised. "Master Yi Feng is someone from your Wei family?"

Wei Rong nodded. "Sourcepeak Planet is no longer suitable for habitation after that great battle. Is there anything wrong with our Wei family asking our senior to return to Armament Weave? Is there anything wrong with our senior selflessly offering his lockbreaking experience?"

Angie coldly replied, "Don't play around with semantics with me! We aren't all fools. You've been too precise with your timings, and you'll easily be connected to these events. Once they think about all the people who entered the Hall of Insight, combined with all the other various clues, they'll also be able to connect you to us. Then, they will come to dig all of us out."

Wei Rong did not seem bothered by such a thing. "So what, Angie? Have you forgotten what I told you before?"

Angie's eyes flickered, and she looked at the self-confident expression on Wei Rong's face. Subconsciously, she became involuntarily attracted to him once again.

"The times have changed. The Lockbreaker Society is merely the first to suffer from this change, but it certainly won't be the last. If we dare to make such a move, then we have to let everyone know about the trailblazer's attitude," Wei Rong proclaimed.

"But doing so will cause thousands of Lockbreakers to view us as their enemy," Angie said.

Wei Rong smiled. "Thousands? You overestimate Sourcepeak Planet. Out of all the Lockbreakers there, how many of them are from the Innerverse and were left stranded in the Outerverse? How many of them actually care about Sourcepeak Planet? Besides, there's already a considerable number of Lockbreakers who want to come to Armament Weave to follow Master Yi Feng. This colossal giant has already fallen, so there's no need for you to be afraid of it any longer."

## **Chapter 700: Green Eyes' Second Transformation**

Angie still wanted to say something and argue back, but everything she wanted to say had already been countered by Wei Rong.

Yi Feng coldly observed the exchange. This girl was greatly lacking compared to Wei Rong. Wei Rong had been planning to drag all of them down from the very start. Anyone who had participated in the attack on the Hall of Insight shouldn't even think of running anymore. Wei Rong wanted to become a trailblazer, but everyone would have to pay the price alongside him.

More importantly, the people involved had not known about Wei Rong's true objectives initially. They had falsely believed that he merely wanted to seize the countless treasures stored in the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society's treasury that had been gathered over the course of countless years, but that had just been one of his goals.

Frankly, the events that had unfolded on Sourcepeak Planet had been a show orchestrated by Wei Rong alone: seizing the treasury, assembling Lockbreakers, and establishing a new era.

This was the Wei family's trailblazer.

The Wei family had always produced clever people since ancient times. This was also the reason why, despite the fact that the Wei family having never birthed a single Enlightener, they had nonetheless been able to maintain control of the Armament Weave. This particular generation's sage was even more terrifying than his predecessors, and his ambition was also larger.

Ah Mu stood behind Angie and looked at Wei Rong with surprise. This man had played everyone, but he had still achieved his objectives while simultaneously fulfilling his promises to his collaborators. Thus, the others were unable to say much about what he had done. If they continued to cooperate with him, then they might actually taste success in the future.

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On Sourcepeak Planet, quite a few Lockbreakers were busy placating the others, but the overall effect was not great. Yi Feng's announcements had enticed many into following him to Armament Weave, and Fiend Li and Felynn could not stop them either.

Within the ruins of the Hall of Insight, Lu Yin stood alone while he spoke with Wang Wen. "I should try to rope in the Lockbreakers?"

Wang Wen nodded and then exclaimed, "It has to be said that Wei Rong played his cards beautifully! Not only did he obtain countless treasures from the Lockbreaker Society, but he even swindled many Lockbreakers away from their headquarters. On top of that, several weaves have to share joint responsibility for this affair alongside him, but he is the one who has seized the greatest benefits. No wonder he deserves my attention—there are very few people who are this intelligent. Not bad, not bad."

"Wei Rong used Yi Feng to lure away some Lockbreakers, and now you want me to take some too?" Lu Yin asked.

Wang Wen answered, "Of course! Wei Rong has already paved the path for you, so you can't let him enjoy all of the fruits by himself. Just a bit ago, I told you to gather the Lockbreakers to defend the Hall of Insight. That accomplishment, combined with your reputation in the Outerverse, means that you should have enough prestige to swindle a whole bunch of Lockbreakers over to your side."

"Wei Rong was able to lure some Lockbreakers mostly because of Yi Feng's promise," Lu Yin said.

Wang Wen pursed his lips. "Don't you have Felynn as well?"

“Felynn?” Lu Yin’s eyes lit up. That was right; Felynn and Yi Feng were both Outerverse Lockbreaker Society Executives, and they both held similar statuses. If Yi Feng was able to take away some of the Lockbreakers, then Felynn could do so as well.

“Hehe, Felynn has always wanted to become the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society’s President, so you can just give her what she desires and support her becoming the president and have her help you take some Lockbreakers back to the Frostwave Weave. If she isn’t willing, then you should know what to do. You’ve used similar methods before.” Wang Wen smiled, quite pleased with himself.

Lu Yin’s eyes flickered, and he looked at the ruins of the Hall of Insight as well as the dejected Lockbreakers mingling about. Since Wei Rong had been able to take away a group of these people, then so could he.

“Pawn Bro, the Outerverse is going to become quite exciting in the coming days. Use this opportunity to strengthen yourself. Otherwise, you won’t be able to enjoy certain benefits,” Wang Wen said casually before disconnecting the call. There were some things that he would not say too clearly, but Lu Yin still understood the underlying meaning. He did not need Wang Wen to spell everything out for him, as he had already considered some of these matters when the Hall of Insight had first collapsed.

There were a few enormous organizations in the Outerverse, and though the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society was one of them, there were still Shamrock Enterprises, Mavis Bank, and Aurora Enterprises as other examples. These colossal giants had towered over the rest of the Outerverse for countless years, and they wouldn’t suffer much even if entire weaves were destroyed. Since the Outerverse Lockbreaker Society was the first of these mammoths to collapse, then it would definitely lead to a series of similar events in the future. Which giant would be next?

Wei Rong had truly opened the start to a disastrous series of events, but it caused Lu Yin to smile. He liked it. If they did not resolve these enormous, rotten organizations, then they would not be able to establish a new universe order. Wei Rong had already paved the way, but he definitely would not walk this path alone. It still remained to be seen who would tread this path the fastest, and at the moment, Lu Yin was actually one of the ones leading the way, as he had already tied most of the eastern weaves together.

“Eh, why is there a hidden room here?” someone cried out, causing the crowd to look over.

Lu Yin was about to go look for Felynn and have a chat, but he also looked over when he heard those words. Among the ruins of the Hall of Insight, he could see a single, hidden room that was still intact. The cultivators and thieves had not opened this room, but it was evident that the entrance had been slightly damaged. It was not that the thieves did not want to access this room, but rather that they could not.

Lu Yin stepped forward to take a better look, but then he suddenly turned back around in amazement. He watched as a terrifying amount of rune lines appeared and drew close from the west at an amazing speed. These rune lines had appeared very suddenly and exaggeratedly, almost as if they had multiplied ten times in the blink of an eye. There had only been some rune lines at the level of a Cruiser in that direction previously.

Bang bang bang!

Dozens of Lockbreakers exploded, and a figure covered in black armor streaked through the void to appear in front of the secret room before attacking the door. There was a loud thump as a terrifying shockwave swept out in all directions, sending dozens of Lockbreakers who had gathered near the secret room flying away. Even the void warped and began to tear as thunderous sounds burst forth.

Lu Yin's expression changed. This was a terrifyingly powerful physical body.

Unfortunately, even this punch could not blast the secret room's door open, and it could only add the faintest trace of a crack.

The black-armored person continued, unleashing a second and third punch, one quickly following after another as the person attempted to force the door open.

In the distance, Fiend Li was overwhelmed by this turn of events. "Somebody stop him! That's President Geoffrey's secret room, and there's some top secret information related to the society inside. Quickly, stop him!"

Quite a few Lockbreakers charged towards the black-armored man. All of these Lockbreakers were Cruisers, and some were even peak Cruisers; however, they were all repelled by a casual gust from the attacker's hand. These were the ruins of the Hall of Insight, and star energy was still restricted in this place, preventing any battle techniques from displaying their full might. However, physical strength was excluded from such restrictions. That black-armored man's physical strength was horrifying.

Fiend Li also took action, and the star energy in that area formed into a visible vortex that attempted to force the black-armored man away. Lu Yin's eyes shone with a radiance as he observed Fiend Li's incredible star energy control—he was constantly strengthening the destructive power of the gathered star energy. This level of control meant that Fiend Li's attack was in no way inferior to a top-notch battle technique while still being a fundamental star energy attack.

Felynn and two other Perceptive Intermediate Lockbreakers also acted at the same time.

Even Saul had to be vigilant against the joined forces of these elite Lockbreakers. The black-armored person was restricted by the pure star energy, and their powerful body was unable to withstand the pressure as they were forced underground.

The next moment, Lu Yin shouted, "Watch out!"

He had been watching the rune lines, and they increased by tenfold once again. A cold and sinister aura spread out, and it was one that Lu Yin was intimately familiar with. It was the aura of a Neohuman Alliance Corpse King. This person was a Corpse King.

To be able to increase their power level by tenfold and then by tenfold yet again, there was only one possibility: Corpse King Transformation.

There was a deep growl as a terrifying fluctuation spread out from beneath the surface. A violent gale tore through the void with enough force to push even Fiend Li back. This intense and ferocious wind caused the elite Lockbreakers next to it to all spit out a mouthful of blood. The black-armored man then leaped up from beneath the surface and unleashed another punch into the void. A horrifying strength

shot through the void as spatial cracks extended out like black streaks of lightning, swallowing a few Lockbreakers.

This oppressive pressure felt as if another planet had collided with Sourcepeak Planet, and it caused many people to vomit blood and fall unconscious. Then, that pressure was accompanied by a pair of green eyes, icy and emotionless.

“Green eyes! It’s a Corpse King! One that’s reached its Second Transformation! Seventh Bro, RUN!” the Ghost Monkey screamed frantically.

Nearby, Ku Wei’s pupils shrank. A Cruiser realm Corpse King that could actually display the Second Transformation had appeared. What was the Neohuman Alliance trying to do with this? This Corpse King must have remained hidden on Sourcepeak Planet for a long time. Ku Wei looked at Geoffrey’s secret room. There must be something hidden inside that caused the Corpse King to be unable to wait any longer.

The Corpse King released only a single punch, but just that was enough to severely injure even the strongest Lockbreakers opposing it. Fiend Li had already been injured to begin with, and this attack nearly crippled him.

With a thump, the Corpse King turned back around and continued to attack the secret room. Its power was ten times stronger than before, and a giant crack appeared on the door.

Lu Yin donned his universal armor and charged towards the Corpse King. “Don’t touch the president’s secret room!”

He released a punch of his own. At this time, only he could use his physical strength to contest the Corpse King.

The Corpse King turned around, raised its fist, and similarly struck out. There were no fancy battle techniques, and the two fought purely with their physical strength.

There was a thump as the void shattered, accompanied by a massive spatial crack that shot high into the sky and split it in half. Violent winds swept out in all directions, and everyone was blown back.

Serpent Queen, Straight Metallic Man, Xi Qi, and the others were all unable to resist the gale and were flung away. Only Aden, Ku Wei, and a few others managed to remain in place.

Lu Yin took several steps back, and he felt pain radiate out from his fist. Enough of the Corpse King’s strength had passed through his universal armor that he was able to feel it. This Corpse King had reached an exceptionally abnormal level with its physical strength.

The first time Lu Yin had bumped into a Transformed Corpse King, he had realized that their transformation-based battle technique was terrifying in its ability to enhance their physical body, and it allowed a Corpse King to greatly surpass those in the same realm. The First Transformation where the Corpse King’s eyes turned grey would increase its physical strength tenfold, and the Second Transformation with green eyes would increase its physical strength by yet another tenfold. This level was enough to cast one into despair.

This physical strength could already shatter the bodies of multiple Enlighters whose power levels had each exceeded 200,000. If not for his universal armor, Lu Yin would not have dared to charge over to this creature.

Now, he was actually worried that his universal armor would not be able to defend him against the Corpse King's strength.

"Seventh Bro, you're crazy! This is a Green Eyes Second Transformation! This Corpse King is a hundred times stronger than it was originally! This Corpse King wouldn't have been much worse than you to begin with, and now that it has transformed, you're basically seeking death by charging over! RUN! Nobody will blame you," the monkey was screaming, as it was completely terrified of the Corpse King.

Lu Yin gritted his teeth. "Shut up!" He dashed forward and punched at the Corpse King. He had already unsealed all three grains of Fatesand, unleashing his most powerful physical strength.

The Corpse King's green eyes were cold, and it similarly released a punch.

This was a very primitive confrontation, but the level of each impact was enough to make everyone nearby feel numb. The sound waves reminiscent of rumbling thunder constantly exploded, and almost the entire sky had been torn apart. The entire planet had been thrust into the scene of a doomsday.

The mountains and forests collapsed as magma flew into the air from deep underground. Lu Yin and the Corpse King were both thrust beneath the ground, and the ruins of the Hall of Insight were reduced to powder. Only Geoffrey's secret room sank down with the two combatants.

The giant crack spread across the ground and swallowed the distant mountain range.

Lu Yin's eyes went wide, and he exchanged glances with the green eyes. Both of his fists were powerless for a moment. In front of him, the Corpse King punched at him again, and Lu Yin endured the pain in his arms as he continued to attack the creature. The dozens of exchanged punches had left the entire underground area in bits and pieces as the land collapsed. The entirety of Sourcepeak Planet trembled.