

Chapter 921: Brought Together By Fate

Innate gifts were quite rare in the Outerverse, and anyone who possessed an innate gift would instantly have the qualifications to join the Outerverse Youth Council under the Ten Arbiters.

As one's cultivation realm increased, their innate gift would grow with it and be immensely useful during battles.

Lu Yin stood in place and silently observed the middle-aged man.

The man looked solemn, and his fists had a golden luster to them that was suddenly covered with six lined battle force right before he fiercely charged at Lu Yin. The man slammed a fist down, and a fist silhouette multiplied in size multiple times until it looked like a mountain crashing down upon Lu Yin.

Lu Yin was surprised, as this person had actually cultivated his battle force to six lines while in the Cruiser realm. Thus, he could be considered to be quite gifted.

There was a loud bang, and the surrounding crowd all stared at the scene, stunned.

At the center of the impact, Lu Yin was grasping the middle-aged man's fist with a single hand, not backing down even a single step. Not only that, but the middle-aged man's battle force also cracked apart before it finally vanished.

Captain Wind and Captain Flower were both astonished. They had already known that Lu Yin was extremely powerful from their initial observations, and they had determined Lu Yin's physical strength to nearly rival an Enlightener's. However, it was one thing to be physically strong, and another matter entirely to use it effectively in a fight. Not only was this kid extremely physically strong, but he was also not lacking in battle experience at all.

The middle-aged man pulled back his fist and bluntly stated, "I lost."

Lu Yin smiled. "Excuse me."

The middle-aged man was both disappointed and frustrated by his own performance.

As the man left, another took his place. This second man had a very frail appearance and drooping eyelids. His hair was somewhat fluffy, and he looked rather young.

Lu Yin's face grew more serious when he saw this person step forward because this man was a Hunter. Furthermore, he was not just any ordinary Hunter. The man's rune lines were roughly equivalent to the rune lines of the calm-looking youth, Vice Captain Mo. This person could be ranked among the top five most powerful people in the entire crew.

"I'm not your opponent when it comes to physical strength, but—" The slender man paused for a moment as he stared at Lu Yin. "I'm very fast."

Right after the man finished speaking, Lu Yin leaned to the side. A cold knife streaked through the void right where Lu Yin had been standing, and afterimages of the blade tore through the void.

The surrounding crowd felt their hair stand on end, and even Vice Captain Mo's expression changed. Even he had not seen when the attack had been launched, so he was dumbfounded to see Lu Yin successfully dodge the knife strike.

Lu Yin's gaze grew sharp when he saw the cold knife slice out at him. He then suddenly raised his hand and firmly grabbed his opponent's pale hand that was clenching the knife's hilt before exerting a bit of force. The Overlaying Stacks Path burst forth, causing the void to tremble and release a dull, drum-like echo. The thin man was dragged out of the void, and he backed up repeatedly as he tried to endure the attack infused with the Overlaying Stacks Path. In the end, the man had to back up a dozen meters before he was caught by Captain Wind and came to a stop.

Captain Wind was astonished. "Fifty Stacks, how impressive."

The surrounding people stared at Lu Yin like he was a monster. It was unprecedented for an Explorer to use Fifty Stacks. Where had he learned such a thing?

Lu Yin showed a faint smile. "Please excuse me."

He did not conceal much about his abilities, as it would not be too difficult for these people to search him up on the network since he had not altered his appearance at all. Besides, did it matter if they found out his identity? Although he had only spent a few days with this crew, Lu Yin understood them quite well. These people were not schemers, and they were unconcerned by status.

Vice Captain Mo slowly stepped forward and removed his outer coat. "It's my turn for a lesson."

Lu Yin's eyes lit up. This person was a peak Hunter, and he was the crewmember who was second only to the two Enlighters, Wind and Flower.

A peak Hunter was a true expert, but in Lu Yin's eyes, such a powerhouse was quite ordinary. During his trip to the Inniverse, Imprinters had been forced to suppress their power level to below 200,000, which was around the same power level as a peak Hunter. However, Lu Yin had managed to fight against these powerhouses, so there was no need to mention this Vice Captain Mo.

The crowd had thought that they would be entertained by a fierce battle, as from their perspectives, it would already be absolutely amazing for Lu Yin to contest Vice Captain Mo in battle. An Explorer who could cross realms and challenge Cruisers was already considered an exceptionally talented individual, much less an Explorer who could challenge Hunters. That would be an absolute genius. Now, Lu Yin was facing off against a peak Hunter, which was far beyond anything that they had expected. Thus, they were simply waiting to see how long Lu Yin could last.

Vice Captain Mo also revealed the attitude of a mentor.

However, he was quickly stumped, and then he even began to doubt himself. He was facing defeat beyond a shadow of a doubt. A single palm from Lu Yin had delivered Eighty Stacks that exploded squarely on the vice captain's chest, resulting in the man being defeated. The overpowering force of that attack had stifled him and had forced him to retreat a dozen steps.

Everyone was dumbfounded.

Vice Captain Mo himself was in disbelief, as he had not held anything back and had even erupted with his full power as a peak Hunter. At this moment, Captain Flower spoke up. "Alright, no more."

Vice Captain Mo stopped and turned to look at Captain Flower, stunned.

Captain Flower looked at Lu Yin. "In the current universe, there is no one else I can think of who has such power at your age aside from one person. Could you be Alliance Leader Lu?"

The crew was dazed for a moment, but then they suddenly seemed to remember something, and they all started to flip through their gadgets.

Lu Yin's appearance could be found on the network, and this was precisely why he had not gone through any effort to hide his identity. It was nothing more than a habit for him to revert to the name of "Seven." Whether or not this group managed to discover his identity did not matter at all.

When they realized that they were facing the legend himself, nearly everyone in the Windflower Crew was strongly affected, as this person was indeed Lu Yin.

Although they typically spent most of their time exploring the Astral Wilderness, they would still occasionally receive a bit of news from the Outerverse, and by now, they had already been back in the Outerverse for a few days. Endless Borders' headquarters had long since sent out a list of names for the expedition crews to be cautious of while in the Outerverse, and Lu Yin's name had been on the top of that list.

Regarding Lu Yin, all of the crewmembers had only one thought: this person could not be provoked.

The Windflower Crew had two Enlighters, and they were definitely a top power in any part of the Outerverse that could talk to any organization that they wished. But Lu Yin was not someone who they could stand up to, not even if they gathered all of the expedition crews that belonged to Endless Borders. This was due to not only the youth's defying strength, but also his background that was even more impressive.

It would still be fine if that was all that there was to this youth, as they would simply view him as someone similar to the Ten Arbiters. However, Lu Yin had a terrible ambition, employed ruthless methods, and was also highly intelligent. This was the true reason why the various great powers of the Outerverse were all nervous about him.

After confirming that this youth was indeed Lu Yin, the expressions of the entire Windflower Crew changed.

Lu Yin slowly bowed. "I am Lu Yin, but I did not intentionally deceive you. Rather, I was afraid of being killed. Seniors, please forgive me."

The two captains looked at Lu Yin in surprise. "It's been several years since we left the Outerverse, and we never thought that someone like you would appear."

Lu Yin smiled at the two old men. "Actually, this wasn't Junior's first time meeting you two seniors."

The two captains exchanged glances, puzzled by Lu Yin's statement. "We've met before?"

Lu Yin nodded. "Some time ago, the two captains were having an astral battle that affected the stars. Do you happen to remember a personal spacecraft that was caught up within the commotion?"

They thought about it, and then Captain Flower cried out. "I remember now! You're that little fellow who was from the Astral Combat Academy."

Captain Wind also recalled the scene. "Our battle at that time unintentionally dragged in a vessel from the Astral Combat Academy, but it managed to escape by itself. So that was you."

Lu Yin smiled. "That was me."

"Hahaha, so we were brought together by fate." Captain Wind smiled.

Captain Flower also spoke up, "Back then, we mentioned that the person was an elite from the Astral Combat Academy. We had actually wanted to watch the Astral Combat Tournament, but we had to quickly head back to the Astral Wilderness. I never thought that, after these few years, we would meet again so soon."

"Junior also only recently put it together." Lu Yin smiled.

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The Windflower Crew's spacecraft was headed towards Southside Weave, and along the way, Lu Yin sent a report to Wang Wen, Wei Rong, En Ya, and the others. He also specifically made it a point to ask Wang Wen about certain details concerning Endless Borders.

Wang Wen replied that he did not know many details about the organization and that he was only concerned about Endless Borders because this organization's philosophy was in line with the desires of many cultivators. In his eyes, having such a philosophy should not be a bad thing. Also, Endless Borders explored interstellar routes, and that knowledge was very valuable.

Lu Yin was looking forward to this trip to Endless Borders' headquarters, and during his discussions with the two captains, he discovered why the crew members had asked to spar with him. They were all preparing for an upcoming tournament that was being internally organized by Endless Borders.

Organizations could not remain still or else they would stagnate like water. Endless Borders already had an innate spirit of exploration and bold ventures with its former status as the Adventurers' Guild. Thus, at regular intervals, they would conduct an internal tournament, and the victor would be given extremely generous rewards. This was a means to stir up and motivate the various expedition crews.

Quite a few individuals that had been victorious in the tournament had subsequently founded their own crews.

To the members of Endless Borders, this tournament was very important.

Although the Windflower Crew was not particularly interested in the prizes, they did not wish to fall behind the other crews, which was what had caused their previous situation. Each crew could only send out one person to participate in the tournament. This meant that the majority of participants were not actually from the expedition crews, but were rather cultivators from the company itself.

This tournament was indeed an opportunity for people to establish their own crews, but only a few cultivators would seize such a chance to do so, as the victors were frequently cultivators who were already in an expedition crew.

For this tournament, the crew had intended to have Vice Captain Mo be their representative, but Lu Yin's unexpected appearance had changed things. Although Vice Captain Mo did not think that he would ultimately lose to Lu Yin, he was not fully confident in his chances. This was because Lu Yin's reputation was too intimidating.

"Seniors, Vice Captain Mo, I wonder, can the opportunity to participate in this tournament be handed over to me? There is something that I desperately wish to obtain," Lu Yin politely requested.

The two captains looked over at Vice Captain Mo.

He smiled. "Of course. We're not too concerned about the tournament, and with our status, there's no need for us to go through this tournament to get what we want. Alliance Leader Lu can participate if you would like."

Lu Yin hurriedly expressed his thanks.

"Alliance Leader Lu, I must warn you of something. Any cultivator participating in this tournament is not an average person, especially if they are from one of the crews that explore the Astral Wilderness. Every one of those people are capable of protecting themselves. Please don't be careless," Vice Captain Mo cautioned Lu Yin. The vice captain had participated in the tournament several times in the past, and he had also won several victories.

"Also, items are not allowed to be used in this internal tournament," Captain Flower mentioned.

Lu Yin smiled slightly. "Thank you for the reminders. I understand."

After he left, the two elders exchanged glances. "How far do you think this kid can make it without using any items?" Captain Wind asked.

Captain Flower shook his head. "It's hard to say. Even with external objects, it's difficult to kill an Enlightener, but this kid was doing that in just the Limiteer realm. This is something that is almost never seen, and it's impossible to estimate his powers. Also, he has a secret technique as well as an unrivaled physical strength. There should be very few Hunters who can fight against him."

As they spoke, they glanced at Vice Captain Mo. "What do you think after exchanging blows with him just now?"

Vice Captain Mo hesitated. "I have a feeling that he didn't give it his all."

The two captains were not surprised.

Lu Yin's reputation had been forged through his fights, and a peak Hunter could no longer qualify as a threat against him.

This encounter happened all the way back at .

Chapter 922: Silentflock System

Southside Weave was not very well known, and it had originally been nothing more than a prop for Endless Weave. However, after the border with the Technocracy had been shifted, Southside Weave had quickly become rather famous in the Outerverse.

The Dark Phoenix family, Endless Borders' headquarters, and other various powers that had once dominated Endless Weave had all been relocated to Southside Weave. That, coupled with the existence of the border defense, meant that Southside Weave had instantly become one of the most important weaves in the Outerverse at the moment.

Endless Borders' headquarters was located within Silentflock System, and Silentflock Planet had twenty two sub-planets revolving around it, each one representing one of the twenty two expedition crews that operated under Endless Borders' banner.

A vessel appeared outside of Silentflock System with Endless Borders' emblem on the hull. Within the spacecraft was Yang Hai's crew, which Lu Yin had met in the past.

Most small crews would appear for the internal tournament whenever they had the opportunity to do so.

Yang Hai looked at Silentflock System, feeling rather emotional. He thought back to the time when he had first joined Endless Borders, as well as each arduous step of progress that he had taken to reach his current position. He had also participated in the internal tournament in the past, and he had performed brilliantly there. He had then been scouted by an expedition crew and had climbed higher step by step after that. Unfortunately, that crew had gone completely missing while they had been exploring a new route, and going missing meant death.

"Captain, who shall we send as our representative for the tournament this time?" a cultivator behind Yang Hai asked.

Yang Hai thought about it and replied, "It doesn't matter, as the border defense pulled quite a few of the expedition crews out of the Astral Wilderness. If they send people over to participate, then even I won't stand a chance. Just choose anyone."

"Yes, captain."

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A similar scene played out within many other expedition crews, as the crews that wandered the Astral Wilderness were on an entirely different level compared to the expedition crews that explored the Outerverse. The Windflower Crew's Vice Captain Mo was a peak Hunter, and he alone already surpassed Yang Hai's strength. This was the level of an expedition crew that explored the Astral Wilderness.

Some people were unwilling to be left out, and they felt as if they had to participate in the tournament. One such person was Captain Shi, who had reinforced the border during the Sixth Mainland's invasion. As his representative, he had chosen a genius who was heralded as someone who would shoulder the mission of an era. People called him Little Stoneman. He was a stoneman who had an innate gift of unlimited recombination. He was not human, though he could also be considered human. He was a very bizarre lifeform.

There were also some other expedition crews who sent out their super experts who had cultivated eight lined battle force, and some of the participants' strengths had nearly reached the peak of the Hunter realm. These people were exceptional, and they even surpassed the power of the Outerverse expedition crews' captains.

Those who did not visit Silentflock System could not fully appreciate the terror of Endless Borders. Although they were the one of the most peaceful organizations since they did not let themselves be caught up in various conflicts and simply earned money through transportation, their hidden strength would shock countless people the moment it was revealed. Not even Aegis at its peak could compare to Endless Borders' power.

Just the Windflower Crew itself had two Enlighters. Captain Shi was also an Enlighter with a power level of 290,000, and that still was not Endless Borders' full strength.

If these people did not desire to risk their lives exploring the unknown, then Endless Borders' strength would be enough to cause even the Outerverse's Hall of Honor to feel nervous.

The Windflower Crew arrived in Silentflock System, and they immediately landed on the sub-planet that belonged to them.

It was just an ordinary sub-planet with typical landscapes, culture, and geography. There was nothing there that was worth Lu Yin's notice, and he simply followed Vice Captain Mo to Silentflock Planet, as that place was the true headquarters of Endless Borders.

Silentflock Planet was a massive and robust planet. In a mere glance, Lu Yin could see quite a few clusters of countless rune lines, and while they did not quite reach the level of an Enlighter's rune lines, there had to be quite a few Hunters on this planet.

Lu Yin could not help but be rendered speechless, as Endless Borders had a terrifying amount of hidden strength. Any random expedition crew that they sent out would have surpassed the full power of the Great Yu Empire back when Lu Yin had first left Earth.

However, the expedition crews could not be considered as Endless Borders' true strength. If Endless Borders ever revealed an intent to fight for power, then it would be difficult to tell how many of their expedition crews would simply leave the organization. These people had gathered under Endless Borders' banner due to their mutual passion for adventure and exploration, and that was why they lent their support to an organization like Endless Borders. Otherwise, they would simply leave whenever they wished.

Vice Captain Mo had an innocent face, but in reality, he liked to bar hop and visit other similar venues, which was something that Lu Yin was unaccustomed to, as he was not interested in such places.

"Alliance Leader Lu, since we're here, you should just relax a bit. The tournament won't be held for a few days." Vice Captain Mo brought two drinks over as he smiled at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin replied, "Calling me Seven is just fine."

Vice Captain Mo laughed. "There are probably very few people in the entire Outerverse who can call you that, so it would be my honor."

Lu Yin shook his head. The bar's atmosphere was very lively, and there were many people around them debating about who would emerge as the tournament's victor. However, in the end, most of them were confident that Little Stoneman would win. His image even appeared on the bar's screens.

Lu Yin glanced at the pictures and was rather surprised. This person could not even be considered human, as he was entirely made of stone!

The Outerverse had all sorts of strange and extreme environments, and with the passage of time, many civilizations that lived in near inhospitable environments would evolve a bit and adapt to their surroundings. Still, this was Lu Yin's first time seeing such a thorough transformation.

"I'm telling you that there's not much point to the tournament this time around. The champion has to be Little Stoneman, as no one can break him down. Even if he's beaten and broken apart, he can just reform himself."

"That's not true. I think that Brother Qiang has a good chance. He's an impressive expert with eight lined battle force, and he's a peak Hunter as well."

"No, no, I think that an Enlighter may join in this time. I heard that the two captains of the Windflower Crew came back, and is there anything that those two shameless old farts won't do?"

"That's true. If they join the fight along with Captain Shi, then the rest of the fighters won't even have a chance. We'll just have to watch those three go at it."

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As he listened to the various conversations, Lu Yin glanced over at Vice Captain Mo, but surprisingly, the man did not seem to be even the slightest bit upset. In fact, he even seemed to be used to hearing this talk. Perhaps those two old men, Wind and Flower, had actually done something similar in the past.

"If Enlighters don't join the tournament, then is there anyone else who you think can really sweep the competition without question?" someone shouted out loudly. "If anyone can answer correctly, I'll buy them a round of drinks."

"Bullshit! Everyone uses their own judgement to determine who's the best. How can anyone be convinced by someone else? You bastard, you always go on about such pointless stuff," someone shouted, and the crowd immediately jeered at the man.

The man waved his hand. "I'm not talking about just Endless Borders, but rather the entire Outerverse. I'll name one person that none of you will be able to deny. If anyone can, then I'll really buy the next round of drinks."

Everyone was drawn in by the man's words, and some people loudly asked for him to give out the name while others mentioned the Ten Arbiters.

That person revealed a gleeful smile. "Aside from the Ten Arbiters..." He paused for effect before dramatically announcing, "Lu Yin."

With that name, the bar fell silent and nobody spoke.

Vice Captain Mo sipped his drink and glanced around, rather speechless as the aforementioned man was actually sitting with them in the bar.

“How’s that? Can’t argue with that, can you? As long as no Enlighters move, Lu Yin would win without any question if he participated in this tournament.” The man continued to talk, quite pleased with himself.

Some people were unconvinced. “Lu Yin doesn’t count, as he’s a freak. Honestly, even if Enlighters did join the tournament, I feel that Lu Yin would still stand a good chance of winning.”

“I reckon so as well. In the current Outerverse, there are two people beneath the Enlighter realm who cannot be provoked. One is that Divine Fist Arbiter and the other is Lu Yin. If either of those people make a move, then there wouldn’t be any suspense at all,” someone else commented.

The crowd’s discussions picked back up, and some people even mentioned Lu Yin’s imminent battle with the Arbiter.

Vice Captain Mo became even more surprised. Although he knew that Lu Yin’s reputation was impressive, he had never expected that just mentioning his name would be enough to leave an entire bar in awe with no one able to argue against the person.

“Seven, how does it feel? Are you proud?” Vice Captain Mo asked as he leaned closer to Lu Yin’s ear.

Lu Yin smiled slightly. “I’m used to it.”

Vice Captain Mo was taken aback; was this humility or arrogance? He could not tell, but this youth seemed drunk!

At this time, Lu Yin’s gadget beeped, and he revealed a small smile after glancing at it. He had done it. He had formally joined Endless Borders under the name of “Seven.”

The two old captains, Wind and Flower, treated Lu Yin quite well. They were well aware that he was Lu Yin, but they had still allowed him to join their crew. Of course, Lu Yin had not ruled out the possibility that these two wanted to foster a better relationship between Endless Borders and the Great Eastern Alliance.

“Let’s go.” Lu Yin set his cup down.

Vice Captain Mo was puzzled. “So soon? You’ve only had one glass. Are you afraid of being recognized?”

Lu Yin nodded and then slowly walked out of the bar.

Vice Captain Mo did not leave, as he wanted to continue drinking.

Lu Yin had seen too much of the universe. Silentflock System was famous due to it being Endless Borders’ headquarters, but by itself, the system was nothing impressive.

With nothing to do, Lu Yin did not roam about. Instead, he directly returned to the Windflower Crew’s sub-planet and waited for the tournament that would begin in a few days.

Endless Borders did not invite any outsiders to witness their internal tournament. Not even the Hall of Honor's Elder Daggs, who was close by at the border, had been invited. Rather, Silentflock System was actually sealed off, and the tournament quietly began just like that.

The tournament venue was Silentflock Planet's Adventure Plaza. The plaza itself was massive, and it even included a dozen mountain ranges within its area. In terms of size, it might have surpassed Earth in its entirety, and it had also been reinforced to the point of being able to withstand battles between Enlighteners.

Countless cultivators from Endless Borders arrived and gathered all around the plaza, and the place became exceptionally noisy.

Each expedition crew had their own hovering platform that was shaped like a spacecraft. These platforms floated all over the plaza, slightly higher than where the rest of the spectators stood. This was just one of the benefits to being an expedition crewmember.

There was such a distinctive difference in treatment that it caused countless cultivators from Endless Borders to start considering the various ways they could establish their own expedition crews.

Lu Yin stood beside Captain Wind and Captain Flower, and behind the three men were the rest of the Windflower Crew's members. As they all stood together, they looked around Adventure Plaza.

The plaza was simply too vast, and it was difficult to see the entire place clearly even with their eyesight. This was why screens had been set up everywhere, and there were enough cameras to capture every corner of the plaza.

"Chairman Yan will arrive soon," Vice Captain Mo said softly.

Lu Yin followed the vice captain's gaze towards the central screen, which was the one displaying the image of another floating platform that already had a crowd of people on it. None of the people on that platform were weak, and Lu Yin's expression became even more serious. The weakest person there had rune lines equivalent to a Hunter's, and there was even an Enlightener on the platform. He was an older man and was sitting in the very center of the platform. In fact, he was Endless Borders' Chairman, Yan Chen.

Many people in the Outerverse did not even know his name. Everyone was aware that Endless Borders was one of the four great conglomerates, but few were aware of Chairman Yan Chen's existence. This was consistent with his low-profile manner of handling things, though it was also possible that the various media outlets had been warned to not publicize anything related to him.

Yan Chen lowered a hand, and the plaza fell silent as everyone stared at the chairman through the central screen .

Yan Chen's face had a strict appearance, and his expression looked dignified. "Does everyone remember what the essence of my Endless Borders is?"

Nobody responded.

"It's risk-taking. It's exploration. It's about discovering new objects that have never been seen before and the spirit of blazing a trail unknown. Recently, due to certain things that were discovered in the

Outerverse, many have forgotten about our core values. Does anyone truly believe that we are actually a corporation whose goal is to make money? Wrong! We are the Adventurers' Guild! We are not a company striving for profit."

Chapter 923: Challenging Everyone

Yan Chen slowly stood up, and he spoke in a deep voice, "During this period of time, I have heard far too many rumors: an invasion at the border, an invasion from the Great Eastern Alliance, or even the events at Amethyst Exchange's headquarters. These rumors have caused many of you to grow restless, and some seem to think that our Endless Borders should reach out to others and establish relationships with them while others think that it would be best for us to join one camp or another. Today, I, the chairman, will tell you all that all of those ideas are wrong!

"Wrong, wrong, wrong. We are the Adventurers' Guild! Our true essence is about adventure and excitement, not war. No matter what happens out there, we have our own position. We have promised to help protect humanity when the borders are invaded, but the internal struggles between the various organizations of the Human Domain have nothing to do with us.

Let me solemnly tell all of you this: our Endless Borders will not participate in any of the current disputes, but similarly, we are not afraid of any threat! This is because nobody can threaten or harm us."

Yan Chen's speech evoked the burning passions of countless cultivators who belonged to Endless Borders. His words were right—they would not participate in any of the conflicts between the Outerverse's various powers. It was none of their business no matter what the outside world was doing. They were simply just adventurers, and they were very pure in the fact that, while they took risks in their exploration, they were not weak.

They gazed at the suspended platforms that were floating all about the plaza. Each of these platforms carried an expedition crew on them, and there were Hunters and even some Enlighters among each crew. It was true that Endless Borders feared no one.

Those in the Windflower Crew felt rather awkward, as they could tell that this speech had been targeted against the Great Eastern Alliance, which meant that it was targeted against Lu Yin. How had Lu Yin become so influential?

The two old captains exchanged glances, and they were already regretting their actions. They had assumed that Lu Yin's influence extended to the central weaves of the Outerverse at most, and they had wanted Lu Yin to join their crew so that they could improve the relationship between the two organizations. After all, having one more friend was better than having another enemy. Also, in the future, they might need some external help if they were ever caught in a dangerous situation. However, what was the current situation they were witnessing? Endless Borders' internal tournament's inspirational opening speech had been specifically targeted against Lu Yin, which left the two old men feeling rather helpless.

Vice Captain Mo looked over at Lu Yin. Just how terrifying was this person? It seemed as if everyone in the Outerverse was talking about him.

Lu Yin himself was left speechless. He readily admitted that his influence had become quite extensive; he had even reached the weaves in the central region after unifying a third of the Outerverse. However,

did this man really need to go so far? Just his opening remarks would cause Lu Yin a great deal of trouble.

Yan Chen was very pleased with his own speech. "Alright, I now formally announce that Endless Borders' internal tournament will immediately begin. Prepare to draw lots."

As the chairman spoke, images of more than 10,000 cultivators appeared on the central-most screen. These pictures were of everyone who had registered for the tournament, and naturally, Lu Yin's image was among them.

Although Lu Yin's name had spread throughout the universe, most people had merely heard of his name and had never seen his picture before. This was similar to how people at the bottom of society often could not even recognize the ruler of their own country. However, those at the same level could naturally recognize each other, such as Chairman Yan.

The chairman had only just sat down when he looked at the profile pictures of the various competitors, intending to see who among the contestants had the most potential. He had previously decided that he would approve of the formation of two new crews after this tournament in order to boost morale.

However, when he glanced over the screen, he was suddenly stumped, and he stared blankly at one of the pictures. He even rubbed his eyes in disbelief.

As an Enlighter, his vision was excellent, and he would normally never do something as crude as rubbing his own eyes. However, he had just done so, as he felt like he was dreaming. Why was that person participating?

"Chair- Chairman, why does that guy look like-?"

Someone next to Yan Chen spoke up in a panic, but they were interrupted by Yan Chen before they could finish their sentence. "Go and pull up that person's profile."

The person quickly nodded, as there was no shortage of look-alikes in the universe. Logically, Lu Yin should not appear here, so the person nervously hurried to investigate.

Before long, the person spoke up in a soft voice. "That person is known as Seven, and he received a recommendation from the Windflower Crew to join Endless Borders, which was submitted just three days ago."

Yan Chen's eyes flashed. The Windflower Crew? Then everything should be fine. The Windflower Crew was always exploring the Astral Wilderness, so this person might just coincidentally look like Lu Yin. After thinking about it, the chairman looked at the screen showing the Windflower Crew, and he saw that Lu Yin was standing next to the two captains. With one glance, the chairman became certain that that person was indeed Lu Yin.

A person's looks could be copied, but one's bearing was something that could not be faked. The young man was standing in a position that indicated that his status surpassed even the two captains of the expedition crew, and he also seemed rather aloof. In the current universe, aside from Lu Yin and a few others, who else could disregard Enlighters?

Yan Chen felt as if he had just swallowed a fly. Why was this person here?

“Eh, Chairman, that person-?” Someone else let out a cry, but they were also cut off by Yan Chen. However, more and more people were starting to recognize Lu Yin.

Yan Chen could only warn them one by one not to spread any news, as otherwise, their tournament would be doomed.

The chairman had referred to Lu Yin in his opening remarks, and thus, the chairman could not afford to lose to this young man.

Everyone who recognized Lu Yin was rendered speechless, as his appearance at this time was simply too coincidental. Also, why had this person even come to the Silentflock System? And why had he joined Endless Borders? Speaking of which, shouldn't he have at least altered his appearance slightly? He was simply disregarding Endless Borders too much!

Yan Chen immediately contacted Captain Wind and Captain Flower, and the chairman was quickly informed about how Lu Yin had joined their crew. He really wanted to scold those two elders, but when he remembered that they were both Enlighters, and extraordinary ones at that, he forcibly suppressed his urge.

The two old men glanced at each other, as this moment had finally caused them to realize the severity of the current situation. They thus obstinately refused to recognize Lu Yin's identity, and instead, they both sang the same tune and insisted that they only knew the youth as Seven and that he was a cultivator with exceptional talent. He was a true genius, but that was all that they knew.

The two captains also ordered everyone in their Windflower Crew to stick to the same story, and the crew was very cooperative.

Lu Yin did not mind their behavior. His eyes swept across the other competitors, and he further increased his estimate of Endless Borders' strength. If Endless Borders mobilized all of these people, their strength would be terrifying. This was a formidable force to be reckoned with.

Military power was something that could intimidate other powers for a period of time, but an ideology was something that could influence an entire generation and even last for countless years.

Endless Borders used the lure of adventure to draw in countless experts, and even the Hall of Honor was drawn to the strength that had gathered there, which was the most terrifying detail of this organization.

Lu Yin's expression was complicated as he looked at Yan Chen on the screen. Up until now, Endless Borders had never shown any indication of wanting to fight for benefits. However, the moment a chairman expressed that desire, there would be a great deal of trouble.

Lu Yin felt that, if possible, it would be better to have some control over Endless Borders, and ideally, not as the chairman. It would be better for the top levels of such an organization to be managers that mutually restricted each other.

Yan Chen and the others were not aware of it, but this tournament had caused Lu Yin to develop some interest in them.

The lots were quickly drawn, and the determined battles broke out all across the plaza.

Most of the competitors were just Limiteers as the Explorers, Cruisers, and Hunters were primarily from the expedition crews. Many of the competitors simply wanted to stand out, catch the eye of the better expedition crews, or make things easier for themselves in the future.

The plaza's battle arenas were split across many districts, and a hundred battles were conducted simultaneously. Some of them ended quickly, but there were some that lasted for a long time.

It did not take long before it was Lu Yin's turn to participate in a battle, but his opponent was just a Limiteer. The man was able to sense that Lu Yin was a space-exploring powerhouse, and his expression immediately revealed his agony. "Bro, could you show some mercy? Just let me show a bit of what I'm capable of."

Lu Yin nodded and then glanced at his surroundings in a very casual manner.

The Limiteer hollered out, but he did not attack Lu Yin. Instead, the man demonstrated his battle techniques while standing in place. His actions were very strange, but this was also a very smart decision. With his strength, the man knew that none of his attacks would have any effect on Lu Yin. Thus, he might as well demonstrate his skills by himself. At least his participation in the tournament would not be a total waste this way.

Yan Chen and those who had recognized Lu Yin were all watching his battle intently, and when they saw this strange scene, they felt rather lost for words.

The Limiteer left the stage after giving a grateful look to Lu Yin, much to his amusement.

For the second round, Lu Yin's opponent was an Explorer who had completed four cultivation cycles, the same as Lu Yin himself.

This person was rather confident, and he was carrying a massive hammer that he swung about casually.

However, Lu Yin raised a single hand and grabbed the hammer head with five fingers. He then gave it a firm squeeze, shattering the weapon.

His opponent was stunned. "That was made with an extremely rare metal, and even Cruisers can't break it! You--"

But before the man could finish speaking, Lu Yin had put his hand on the Explorer's head. "You've lost."

That Explorer was frustrated, but he still turned to leave.

Endless Borders' internal tournament started quickly, and it also proceeded very fast. After all, it was just an internal duel that was used to boost the members' morale.

After just one day, only a few hundred fighters remained from the more than 10,000 contestants who had registered. Although the current matches were still elimination matches, the battles no longer continued a hundred at a time; instead, they were conducted one by one. This was quite similar to how the Astral Combat Tournament had been held.

Lu Yin only intended to go through the motions of this tournament. When he looked up at the central screen, he saw that Yan Chen and a few others were constantly looking at him, and he knew that they had recognized him. He gave them a slight smile.

Yan Chen felt his heart drop.

Another few days passed, and now, there were fewer than twenty people left.

The further the competition proceeded, the more impressive the battles became. Similarly, everyone still competing was investigated thoroughly, especially the representatives of the expedition crews. People were contemplating all sorts of ways to lure in the remaining independent cultivators.

In a small corner outside the plaza, the competitor who Yang Hai had sent to participate in the tournament was lounging about. This person had been eliminated long ago, but he was not overly concerned about this tournament. Only the most outstanding people would be allowed to establish their own crews or join the expedition crews that explored the Astral Wilderness, but that was none of his crew's business. However, of the final twenty people, there was one person who caught Yang Hai's eye, and he was momentarily stunned. "Why is he here?"

Yang Hai was not the only one who noticed this person, as more and more people were starting to recognize Lu Yin.

With only twenty contestants remaining, Lu Yin became more and more conspicuous, and cries could be occasionally heard from outside the plaza as more and more people used their gadgets to investigate his identity.

Yan Chen was left with no other choice as he could no longer hide anything. This person's reputation was too widespread, and there would always be other people who recognized him. As soon as one person did, others would naturally do so as well.

On a platform that was floating outside the plaza, Captain Shi looked at the Windflower Crew's platform in surprise, focusing on the figure of a certain youth. "Why is he here?"

Beside Captain Shi stood the tournament's favorite to win, Little Stoneman. When he heard Captain Shi's comment, he also looked over at the Windflower Crew's platform. "Captain, do you know that person?"

Captain Shi's face grew solemn. "There's no doubt as to the outcome of this tournament anymore."

A similar scene occurred on several of the floating platforms. Although not every expedition crew recognized Lu Yin, the majority certainly did, and the majority of the remaining contestants also happened to be from these crews.

At this moment, everyone realized that there was no more point in continuing with the tournament.

Within the crowd surrounding the plaza, there was one person holding an empty glass as they stared at the central screen in stupefaction. He was the man from the bar who had brought up Lu Yin's name as an example of someone who was capable of removing all suspense from the tournament. He had merely said it as a joke, but his words had somehow come true.

Outside the plaza, all sorts of discussions broke out, as many people were puzzled by Lu Yin's participation. Many of them looked up at Yan Chen and remembered the chairman's speech. They rather admired their leader, as the chairman had clearly known that Lu Yin was present but had still given that speech for Lu Yin to hear, which was a blatant provocation.

"Cough cough, Alliance Leader Lu, it looks like you've been exposed," Captain Wind said.

Lu Yin looked at Yan Chen through the screen and saw that Yan Chen was coincidentally also staring at him. The youth then leaped out, landed in the plaza, raised a hand, and pointed at the pictures of the remaining contestants before gesturing with his finger.

Lu Yin's meaning was clear: he wanted to challenge everyone.

Chapter 924: Lu Yin's Ability

The spectators were all shocked, as nothing like this had ever happened in any of Endless Borders' previous tournaments. Some people felt that Lu Yin was insulting them, but many others grew excited. All of these people were adventurers who enjoyed the thrill of the unknown, and they were not interested in the conflicts between the various powers.

Lu Yin's arrogance excited these people, and cheers rang out from around the plaza.

Yan Chen sighed and asked, "Are you challenging everyone at once?"

Lu Yin nodded and smiled. "Chairman, I hope that you'll give me the opportunity to do so."

Yan Chen's eyes narrowed, and he glanced at the remaining contestants. "You guys can decide this for yourselves. This is now a defensive competition, as whoever is able to defeat him will become the champion. You can either fight him individually or as a team."

Many people cheered.

Little Stoneman grew angry. "He's too arrogant. Captain, I'll deal with him."

Captain Shi calmly ordered, "Team up with someone."

"Captain!" Little Stoneman complained.

Captain Shi coldly looked at the stone man. "I told you to team up with someone."

Little Stoneman lowered his head and reluctantly agreed. He then leaped into the plaza, causing the ground to tremble.

Lu Yin turned to look at Little Stoneman. This person had been the most popular candidate to win this competition.

Little Stoneman was very obedient, and he did not move forward. Instead, he patiently waited right where he had landed.

The remaining contestants also descended into the plaza one after another.

Lu Yin was simply too famous, and most of the contestants intended to fight him in a team. However, there were also some people like Brother Qiang. This person was a Hunter realm powerhouse with eight

lined battle force, and he had no intention of teaming up with anyone as he wanted to preserve Endless Borders' dignity.

"Attack!" someone shouted, prompting everyone to rush at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's eyes gleamed. He had decided to challenge everyone together because he understood the nature of Endless Borders. They worshipped winners and chased after thrill and excitement. He was going to give them a performance that no one in Endless Borders had ever seen before.

Lu Yin dodged the incoming attacks as multiple innate gifts flashed across the plaza, followed by an eruption of terrifying power.

Most of the remaining contestants were Hunter realm powerhouses, and one of them was even a peak Hunter.

These people were all elites of Endless Borders, but even when they worked together, they weren't able to touch Lu Yin at all.

Lu Yin's top speed was simply too fast for these people while his altered eyes allowed him to see their attacks' rune lines. Even Enlighters who had suppressed their power level to under 200,000 might not be able to defeat Lu Yin in solo combat, let alone these people. Lu Yin was someone who had fought against Imprinters in the Inniverse.

The contestants continuously attacked Lu Yin, in teams as cheers erupted from the sidelines.

However, a few moments later, the cheering came to a halt as everyone stared at Lu Yin in surprise.

Not a single person had managed to touch Lu Yin even after all of those attacks.

Yan Chen's heart sank. Although many people claimed that Lu Yin relied on items to establish his powerful reputation, they often forgot that he only used those items when battling against Enlighters. Moreover, even one of the Ten Arbiters wanted to fight against him, which indicated that Lu Yin had nearly reached the same level as the Ten Arbiters.

Thus, the remaining contestants weren't simply fighting an Explorer—they were actually fighting against someone who was comparable to an Enlighter.

Lu Yin kept evading their attacks, which left all of the contestants frustrated as they were unable to even touch him.

Then, Lu Yin smirked at them. He leaped up and raised his right hand as he gathered his star energy there to form the First Sun. He then sent it crashing towards the ground, as if a real sun were colliding with the earth.

The plaza cracked apart with a loud bang as shockwaves pulsed out in all directions.

The people outside the plaza felt a strong gust of wind blow through them as they were pushed back by the blast. They were frightened by the terrible pressure that had descended upon them.

Lu Yin floated into the sky and looked down at everyone. He had used half of his star energy to form the First Sun that he had just unleashed, and that attack had a power level of nearly 200,000. It had used the

equivalent of an Enlighter's total star energy. This attack should have been enough to render most of the remaining contestants incapable of fighting.

Once the dust settled, the spectators were able to see that there were only three people still standing, and two of them could not even stand straight. Little Stoneman did not appear shaken at all, though the shock in his eyes could not be concealed.

A single attack from Lu Yin had defeated most of them.

"You can't defeat me," Little Stoneman rumbled in a deafening voice.

Lu Yin glanced at the stone man. "Unlimited recombination means that there's no upper limit to the attacks that you can withstand, right? Are you sure that you want me to attack? I remember that there's a rule in this competition that life or death don't need to be discussed."

Little Stoneman snorted. "You don't need to try to intimidate me. You won't be able to defeat me."

At that moment, Brother Qiang walked over next to Little Stoneman. He finally realized that he truly was not Lu Yin's opponent in any manner in a one-on-one battle. Lu Yin did not even seem tired despite just using an attack that was comparable to an Enlighter's. Thus, Brother Qiang could only join forces with Little Stoneman.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. "Well then, I'll attack now."

He suddenly disappeared only to instantly reappear right in front of Brother Qiang and Little Stoneman. Eight lined battle force appeared over his body as he attacked.

Brother Qiang's eyes flickered, and eight lined battle force shrouded his body as he attacked in unison with Little Stoneman.

Lu Yin's fist met the other two's attacks, and the ground collapsed.

Brother Qiang had the highest cultivation base out of the three remaining contestants, and Little Stoneman could only stand side by side with Brother Qiang due to his innate gift and powerful physical characteristics.

As for Lu Yin, he was definitely the strongest of the three, and he immediately punched out with Eighty Stacks. Brother Qiang was only able to withstand Sixty Stacks before his battle force was shattered, forcing him to spit out a mouthful of blood as he flew back.

The stones that comprised Little Stoneman's body shattered and fell to the ground.

This attack had been unleashed in an instant, but the effects were shown even quicker.

Lu Yin stood in the plaza as his eyes swept past Brother Qiang before pausing on Little Stoneman. Lu Yin was perplexed as Little Stoneman's rune lines actually had not disappeared.

Everyone looked on nervously. They had heard rumors about Little Stoneman's unlimited recombination, so he couldn't actually be dead, right?

Captain Shi's expression grew serious. He held high hopes for Little Stoneman, though he had never expected the stone man to defeat Lu Yin. Although Captain Shi's subordinate was not able to defeat Lu

Yin at this time, it did not mean that it would still be impossible in the future. Little Stoneman's innate gift had the potential to define an era.

The pieces of stone that were scattered across the ground started vibrating. They then moved together to reform Little Stoneman. "I told you, you can't defeat me."

Lu Yin's gaze showed his curiosity. "What are you?"

"Seventh Bro, he seems more like a monster from the Astral Beast Domain than a human," the Ghost Monkey commented.

"You can't beat me, so just admit defeat," Little Stoneman said while glaring at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin sighed. "It seems like you want to die."

Little Stoneman continued to repeat the same thing. "You can't beat me, so stop trying to intimidate me."

Lu Yin laughed. "Let me take a guess: the number of times that you can perform that recombination is thirteen times."

Little Stoneman's eyes flickered as he stared at Lu Yin in shock. "How- how did you know?"

Lu Yin smiled. He was able to see Little Stoneman's rune lines, and they had decreased slightly after the recombination. After about thirteen recombinations, those runes would completely disappear.

"So what now? Do you want me to attack you thirteen times?" Lu Yin arched his brow.

Little Stoneman was about to say something in response, but in the end, he simply dejectedly said, "I admit defeat."

Brother Qiang wanted to get back up, but his arm was broken. Furthermore, his body had been battered by the Overlaying Stacks Paths attack, and he simply could not pick himself up.

Lu Yin had only attacked twice, but that had been enough to defeat all of the remaining contestants, which shocked the Silentflock System.

After the Outerverse was cut off from the Innaverse, Lu Yin had gone from an unrivalled Limiteer to a powerhouse who was renowned throughout the Outerverse. Information about him was still mixed, and most rumors claimed that he mostly relied on external items and a strong background.

The truth was that some people still looked down on him as they thought that he would not have accomplished all of his achievements without the Hall of Honor's support and his numerous external items.

Despite that, Lu Yin had just defeated the final contestants of this tournament while being nothing more than an Explorer. This even included Little Stoneman, who was hailed as an invincible existence and Brother Qiang, who was a peak Hunter. Lu Yin's true power had completely overwhelmed everyone present.

The people here would never forget what they had just witnessed.

The man from the bar became very excited. He had known that Lu Yin was invincible the moment he attacked. Although some people would agree with that statement, they had still secretly looked down on Lu Yin, but those people were completely delusional.

Chairman Yan Chen started applauding, followed by the two captains of the Windflower Crew, Captain Shi, and Yang Dui. Everyone from Endless Borders eventually started clapping to show their respect.

Lu Yin looked around and smiled. This was just the start. He would even be able to easily defeat Enlighteners in the future, and he would eventually earn the respect of the entire universe.

According to the rules, the tournament champion could request something from the chairman, and as long as the request was not over the top, Endless Borders would have to fulfill the request.

Lu Yin had waited a long time for this moment.

In the past, the chairman would have allowed the victor to make their request publicly in order to encourage the other members of Endless Borders. However, that did not happen this time, as the chairman feared that Lu Yin would make a difficult request.

The chairman asked the others to leave, and thus, Endless Borders' internal competition came to an end.

Only the expedition crews remained behind to bear witness to Lu Yin's conversation with the chairman.

Chairman Yan descended down to the plaza, accompanied by some of Endless Borders' upper management members, which included the captains of the Windflower Crew, Captain Shi, and the other captains.

Lu Yin smiled. "I'm Lu Yin. It's nice to meet you, Chairman Yan."

Chairman Yan smiled bitterly. "Alliance Leader Lu, what made you interested in joining Endless Borders?"

Lu Yin explained, "I was in trouble when the Windflower Crew saved me. I am eternally grateful to them, and so, I joined Endless Borders when the captains of the Windflower Crew invited me to do so."

President Yan laughed in disbelief.

Wind and Flower didn't say anything, and they pretended to be confused.

"Ahem. Alliance Leader Lu, you are the champion, and thus, you can make a request. Tell me, what do you want?" Chairman Lu quickly and nervously added on, "There are some requests that Endless Borders will not agree to."

Lu Yin smiled. "It's not a difficult request: I would like the travel routes leading to the Inniverse."

Chairman Yan was astonished. "How did you find out about that?"

The others were also shocked, and they all turned to look at the two captains of the Windflower Crew.

Wind and Flower remained calm.

Chairman Yan glared at the two old men, but not even he dared to reprimand them. He then turned back around to look at Lu Yin. "Alliance Leader Lu, I'll be honest. These secret routes are very important to Endless Borders, and as such, it wouldn't be very appropriate for us to give them to you."

Lu Yin answered, "Chairman Yan, it's just a star chart. Even if I have it, it doesn't mean that Endless Borders won't. We can simply share it."

Chapter 925: Star Chart

Chairman Yan wanted to refuse, but when he saw the determined look in Lu Yin's eyes, the chairman knew that this person would not let go of this request.

His opening remarks for the tournament had used this person as an example, and the chairman's words had thus inspired everyone in Endless Borders. In reality, Endless Borders was not afraid of Lu Yin or the Great Eastern Alliance, but they were unwilling to create enemies without reason. The young person standing in front of the chairman was a ruthless man who had killed hundreds of the central weaves' Central Coalition's high-ranking officers in a single night, and the powers that this youth controlled in the dark and the open were immeasurable. Such people were very difficult to go against.

"Chairman, since these are the rules, then please act according to them and give it to him." Captain Shi was the first to speak, though in a cold voice.

Yang Hai agreed.

The two old men, Wind and Flower, also murmured their agreement. Soon after, the rest of the people present followed suit as well.

Endless Borders searched for and discovered interstellar routes not to earn money, but rather to simply enjoy the risk and excitement that came with such endeavors. When a route was simply left alone, it would do nothing but collect dust. Besides, nobody from Endless Borders wanted to go to the Inniverse while Lu Yin actually wanted it. They would suffer no loss by giving him such a thing, especially since the Inniverse and Outerverse would eventually reconnect anyways.

When Chairman Yan saw that everyone present had agreed, he also nodded. "Alright, since Alliance Leader Lu is the one asking for it, we'll give it to you."

Lu Yin was delighted. "Thank you, Chairman Yan."

His request for the route back to the Inniverse had two motivations behind it. First, he wanted to prepare for all eventualities, and he could only do that if he had the ability to enter the Inniverse if that ever became necessary. The second reason was so that he could have someone keep an eye on the route. That way, he could prevent the Sixth Mainland from sneakily invading the Outerverse through that route.

For the moment, even with the star chart, Lu Yin would not return to the Inniverse, as that place was currently a miserable battlefield. With his strength, he could not guarantee his survival.

The others all left as Chairman Yan personally led Lu Yin towards Silentflock Planet's Endless Borders' headquarters. Specifically, they were heading to the area where they stored the various secret routes.

Endless Borders had too many spacecraft in its fleet, but Silentflock Planet did not have many at all.

Chairman Yan led Lu Yin to a place outside of their headquarters, and when Lu Yin looked over, he saw multiple rune lines filling the sky. These rune lines did not originate from any single person, but had rather been arranged. Judging from these rune lines, the power of the formation outside was enough to instantly kill Enlighters with power levels of around 300,000 or 400,000.

Lu Yin was rather interested in this, as he hoped to arrange a similar defensive mechanism for Zenyu Star. Otherwise, any random Enlighter would be able to rain chaos upon Zenyu Star.

Suddenly, a thump rang out as a corner of Endless Borders' headquarters suddenly exploded, causing numerous alarms to ring out. Countless people instantly rushed towards the area of the explosion.

Chairman Yan's expression instantly changed. "Not good!"

He then tore through the void and left.

Lu Yin frowned, but he remained standing in place as he stared at the location of the explosion. He could only see that there were multiple rune lines extending outwards along the wall, but the others did not discover anything at all, not even Chairman Yan. The number of rune lines was not high, and they amounted to about an Explorer's. However, they were incredibly well hidden.

Lu Yin's figure flashed, and he instantly appeared at the corner of the wall. He stopped right in front of the creeping rune lines, and there, he saw a pair of deathly cold eyes that peered at him from within the shadow.

It was a corpse king from the Neohuman Alliance.

Lu Yin was shocked, as this organization truly had its fingers everywhere. He reached out, distorting the void as he suppressed the shadow. In response, the corpse king leaped out of the shadow, raised its hand, and swiped a claw at Lu Yin.

He snorted and took advantage of the opportunity to grab a hold of the corpse king's hand and squeeze it tightly. A cracking sound split the air as the corpse king's arm was snapped in half, followed by its entire body being heavily slammed into the ground by Lu Yin.

This commotion he raised drew a bit of attention, and Chairman Yan tore through the void to quickly arrive, whereupon he immediately saw the corpse king.

The corpse king decisively snapped off its own right arm and merged into the shadows once again, intent on escaping. Unfortunately, that was not possible. Lu Yin did not even need to make another move, as Chairman Yan casually reached out and caught the corpse king.

"The Neohuman Alliance." Chairman Yan was stunned.

The corpse king snarled and growled.

Chairman Yan firmly lashed out, and the corpse king was crushed into a bloody pulp by an unstoppable force. Such a thing did not need to be saved, as nobody could extract any information from a corpse king.

The rest of the crowd quickly arrived, but Chairman Yan waved a hand to dismiss them. He looked very solemn.

“Chairman, what did the corpse king do?” Lu Yin frowned.

Chairman Yan solemnly answered, “It destroyed the star chart that had the route to the Innerverse.”

Lu Yin’s gaze trembled. “The star chart is gone?”

Yan Chen sighed, and looked at Lu Yin. “I never thought that there would be a Neohuman Alliance corpse king in Endless Borders’ headquarters. Alliance Leader Lu, it’s fortunate that you discovered it. Otherwise, it would have escaped with its innate gift.”

Lu Yin shook his head. “The corpse king wouldn’t have been able to escape Silentflock Planet. Chairman Yan does not need to thank me.”

Yan Chen did not refute, as Lu Yin’s words were correct. Endless Borders’ headquarters had its own defensive means, and they could detect the presence of the corpse king.

“Chairman, is the star chart with the route back to the Innerverse really gone?” Lu Yin asked. He did not understand why the Neohuman Alliance could possibly want to destroy that star chart.

Yan Chen calmly answered, “The star chart is indeed gone.”

Lu Yin frowned.

“However, someone still knows the way, and they should be able to draft another star chart,” Yan Chen mentioned.

Lu Yin was ecstatic. “Who?”

“The captain of the Mistdrop Crew,” Yan Chen replied.

Lu Yin felt puzzled. “Chairman, you don’t know the route?”

Yan Chen smiled bitterly. “Does Alliance Leader Lu know everything concerning the various powers of the Great Eastern Alliance?”

Lu Yin came to a realization that Yan Chen was simply the company’s chairman, and he only had authority over it. The man did not completely control Endless Borders. The organization was an integrated system, and the captains of the expedition crews were also members of the board of directors. Thus, unless the star chart that they created was sold to Endless Borders, not even the chairman himself qualified to see the star charts.

“The Mistdrop Crew was the one to discover the path to the Innerverse?” Lu Yin was curious.

Chairman Yan shook his head. “That route was discovered many years ago, but the captain of the Mistdrop Crew inherited it since it was not discovered by him. With his strength, he’s still unable to do such a thing.”

“Where’s the Mistdrop Crew?” Lu Yin asked.

Chairman Yan pointed out a sub-planet that orbited Silentflock Planet. That sub-planet was where the Mistdrop Crew was based out of. Lu Yin’s luck was pretty good, as they had also sent someone to

participate in the most recent internal tournament, and a portion of the crew was still cultivating on their sub-planet.

“Alliance Leader Lu, you are the champion of the tournament, but the star chart that you’ve requested is gone. You can change your request,” Chairman Yan said.

Lu Yin thought about it. “Let me think about this.”

Yan Chen was helpless, as he had been hoping that Lu Yin would immediately state his wishes, as that would be better than being left in suspense. This person was not just anyone. “In fact, as one of the four great conglomerates, my Endless Borders has vast financial reserves. You can ask for that as well, if need be.”

Lu Yin replied, “Chairman, please give me some time to consider.”

Yan Chen could only helplessly answer, “Very well.”

Yan Chen had been hoping to use money to distract Lu Yin, but Lu Yin would not be swayed so easily. Money could be earned, but there were certain things that could not be bought for any amount of money, such as secret interstellar routes. He was currently considering how to use the lowest price to obtain the highest number of routes possible.

In the universe, interstellar routes were an extremely precious resource.

Lu Yin bade Yan Chen farewell and then made some inquiries to the two old captains, Wind and Flower, about the Mistdrop Crew’s captain. Unfortunately, the two men did not know much of anything about the man.

Lu Yin then searched for Yang Hai to ask him some questions.

Yang Hai looked at Lu Yin curiously. This person had suddenly asked him about the Mistdrop Crew’s captain. “Captain Mistdrop has a rather eccentric personality, and he is quite stubborn. He’s fundamentally quite extreme, so it’s not very easy to interact with him...”

Lu Yin listened to Yang Hai’s explanation, building up a basic understanding of Captain Mistdrop. He then leaped up, left Silentflock Planet, and headed towards the Mistdrop Crew’s sub-planet.

He was very puzzled about why the Neohuman Alliance would destroy the star chart to the Innerverse. Did they not want people from the Outerverse to travel to the Innerverse? Lu Yin knew that the Neohuman Alliance had always been hatching certain schemes concerning the Outerverse, and this development left him feeling very uneasy.

Even an existence like Blackless God had appeared in the Outerverse, which indicated that the Neohuman Alliance’s scheme must not be something minor.

It did not take long for Lu Yin to arrive at the Mistdrop Crew’s sub-planet. While he was descending, his expression changed drastically. Rune lines were constantly disappearing in the place where the Mistdrop Crew was located.

Lu Yin instantly tore through the void and disappeared.

The area had become filled with a fog of blood, and the rune lines within the entire base were quickly vanishing.

Captain Mistdrop's brow was beaded with sweat, and his face showed his fear. A shadow danced in front of him, and one instance later, another three people died.

The captain did not know what sort of thing this black shadow was, but it had suddenly appeared and started mercilessly killing everyone. It was useless to even attempt to call for help, as not a single person had been able to escape so far. They were basically trapped within a cage, waiting for their deaths.

"Captain, save-" A wailing cry was cut short as a human head was chopped off before bouncing over to the captain's feet.

Captain Mistdrop felt a chill run down his spine, and he gritted his teeth as he looked ahead of himself. The shadow flickered a few times before an icy-cold blade streaked out at him. Even as a Hunter, the captain could not evade this blade. This edge of the blade encompassed a huge area despite having a narrow scope, and it contained an endless destructive power.

Suddenly, Lu Yin appeared in front of Captain Mistdrop, and he tapped out with a finger. The void congealed, and the blade was struck by a solitary finger. At the same time, the tip of the finger struck the shadow and pierced through it, resulting in a shower of blood splattering out.

Captain Mistdrop was finally able to clearly see what that shadow's true appearance: it was a corpse king. The pair of deathly cold eyes instantly gave the creature's identity away.

The Neohuman Alliance had acted very cautiously this time. Since they had been capable of destroying the star chart, they were naturally also able to discover that Captain Mistdrop had inherited the star chart. Thus, their goal had been to destroy both of them at the same time.

Fortunately, Lu Yin had arrived in time. Otherwise, he would not have been able to obtain anything.

The corpse king snarled and went all out as it attacked Lu Yin.

In the end, it was killed by Lu Yin.

A Hunter realm corpse king that could not transform was not able to cause any troubles to Lu Yin.

Captain Mistdrop panted heavily and leaned against a wall. In just a dozen seconds, the Mistdrop Crew had been reduced to only him. He had teetered on the brink of death, and it was only due to good luck that he had survived.

Lu Yin turned around. "Are you Captain Mistdrop?"

Captain Mistdrop looked at Lu Yin, astonished. "Why is Alliance Leader Lu here?"

Lu Yin replied, "I would like to ask you to draw a copy of the star chart that has the route to the Inniverse."

The captain's eyes trembled. He looked down at the fallen corpse king and then back over at Lu Yin once more. "So we were exterminated because of that..."

Lu Yin did not hide anything, and he shared the information of the star chart being destroyed with the captain. Captain Mistdrop was no fool, and such an event could not be hidden from the man anyways. "Draft a copy for me. Then, you won't be targeted by the Neohuman Alliance."

"If Alliance Leader Lu hadn't asked for that star chart, our Mistdrop Crew would have never been struck by this calamity," Captain Mistdrop said sternly and rather resentfully.

Lu Yin frowned. "News of Endless Borders having a star chart with a route to the Inniverse leaked out long before I asked for it. Even if I didn't want it, the Neohuman Alliance would still have moved to silence you, and in that scenario, you guys would not have been able to escape."

"Not necessarily, as others don't care about the star chart," Captain Mistdrop said.

Lu Yin was helpless. This man was just as Yang Hai had said: extremely stubborn. He had an attitude even though Lu Yin had just saved the man's life.

"Then state your conditions, Captain Mistdrop. What would convince you to draft that star chart for me?" Lu Yin asked straightforwardly. This person was a captain in Endless Borders; otherwise, Lu Yin would not have been this courteous.

Captain Mistdrop thought about it and then revealed a firm expression as he clenched his fists. He softly said, "I want to return to the Moke Sword Sect."

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"You're from the Moke Sword Sect?" Lu Yin was surprised.

Captain Mistdrop's expression grew nostalgic. "I was in the past, but I was chased out due to some certain matters. As long as Alliance Leader Lu can help me return to the Moke Sword Sect, I will draw up another star chart for you."

Lu Yin thought about it and quickly activated his gadget to contact Wei Rong. "I want to talk to the Moke Sword Sect."

On the other end of the call, Wei Rong fell deep into thought before replying, "Alright, I'll take care of it."

Lu Yin then ended the call and looked over at Captain Mistdrop. "I'll keep Captain Mistdrop company for the next few days so that no further mishaps will happen. Don't worry, you'll be able to return to the Moke Sword Sect."

Captain Mistdrop looked calm on the outside, but he was absolutely amazed internally. His understanding of Lu Yin's influence was completely rewritten by this interaction. With just one sentence, Lu Yin had delegated this task to someone else. If Captain Mistdrop was truly able to return to the Moke Sword Sect, then he had no intention of staying with Endless Borders any longer. Perhaps it would not be a bad choice to work for this person.

Living a life of risk while exploring the unknown for so many years had left Captain Mistdrop exhausted. In truth, he was not actually drawn to such risks. However, since he had been banished from the Moke Sword Sect, he held some resentment towards them in his heart. He did not want to be looked down

upon by the Moke Sword Sect, so he could only join Endless Borders and earn the right to establish his own expedition crew.

The facts had proven that he had made the correct choice, as Endless Borders was one of the four great conglomerates of the Outerverse, and it was a truly colossal organization. After he became a captain, nobody had dared to look down on him. However, with his stubborn personality, returning to the Moke Sword Sect had become a particularly sore spot for him.

Captain Mistdrop became much more subdued after realizing the extent of Lu Yin's influence. "Alliance Leader Lu, such an assassination attempt most likely will not stop after just the first attempt."

Lu Yin looked outside the room and said, "I've long since heard of the Silentflock System's reputation. I wonder, is Captain Mistdrop willing to take me on a tour?"

Captain Mistdrop nodded, indicating his willingness.

Over the next few days, Captain Mistdrop led Lu Yin on a tour of the Silentflock System. With Captain Mistdrop's position, the two of them were free to visit any of the sub-planets.

Lu Yin treated these few days as leisure time, as the Neohuman Alliance did not make any moves during them.

Although they acted firmly and decisively, their numbers were simply too few. It was already quite impressive for them to have infiltrated Endless Borders, and sending out two corpse kings could even be considered excessive. The Mistdrop Crew's tragic case had caused the Silentflock System to completely seal itself off. Even if more of the Neohuman Alliance's corpse kings wanted to enter to kill Lu Yin and Captain Mistdrop, they could not.

One day, Lu Yin was standing in front of Captain Mistdrop while watching a distant spacecraft descend when his gadget beeped. It was Bei Qing.

Bei Qing was the one who managed the Lu's Grand Auction, and he normally would not take the initiative to contact Lu Yin unless there had been some kind of special development.

Lu Yin calculated the time, but it hadn't even been four months since he had last delivered some goods to Bei Qing. Thus, the six month deadline couldn't have arrived yet.

"What's the matter?" Lu Yin asked.

Bei Qing gravely answered, "Your Highness, the disciple who secretly sold the pyrolyte to us has been revealed, and his own power handed him over to the Daynight clan. He is now in the hands of Shanghuan Daynight, who has brought forth several conditions to us. In addition, he is threatening that, if we don't agree to his conditions, he will expose the Lu's Grand Auction."

Lu Yin faintly replied, "Got it. Get him to wait on Zenyu Star."

Bei Qing was puzzled. "Doesn't Your Highness wish to know his conditions?"

"There's no need," Lu Yin brusquely answered before putting his gadget down. Conditions? In the current Outerverse, how many people were qualified to negotiate conditions with Lu Yin? The few

Daynight clan members who had been left behind in the Outerverse simply could not qualify. Not even their Enlighter, Nightqueen Qiuyu, was qualified to do so anymore.

With Lu Yin's current position, did it even matter if was exposed? His status as an Honor Chosen was enough to settle everything. It would not be a problem if this person proved to be tactful. However, if not, Lu Yin would show this Shanghuan Daynight true desperation.

Off in the distance, the spacecraft soared to life and headed up into space. It was carrying Yang Hai's expedition crew.

Since the internal tournament had finished, all of the expedition crews quickly left one after another.

The Windflower Crew had already left the previous day. The two old captains had treated Lu Yin quite well, so he had seen them off.

Several more days passed.

"Alliance Leader Lu, how much longer are we going to wait?" Captain Mistdrop asked.

Lu Yin was puzzled. "Is Captain Mistdrop in a hurry to leave?"

Captain Mistdrop replied, "I agreed to meet my crew members in three more days."

"Isn't Captain Mistdrop afraid of being killed?" Lu Yin was amused.

Captain Mistdrop's face twisted. "I can't possibly hide here in the Silentflock System for the rest of my life. We've already discussed this, and we'll be heading into the Astral Wilderness this time. Nobody will be able to find us there."

Lu Yin nodded. "You still have crew members?"

Captain Mistdrop explained, "Only a small number of my crew members came to the Silentflock System with me this time. Most of them remained outside to look into some news, which should have been settled about now. Alliance Leader Lu, if there are still no results, I can only leave."

Lu Yin smiled. He did not mind this attitude.

"Leave? Seventh Bro, this person simply doesn't understand you. How can you let go of something that's already caught your attention?" the Ghost Monkey commented with a snigger.

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed. If not for his need to give Endless Borders some face, this captain would not have been able to bear Lu Yin's methods.

One more day passed, and there seemed to be a weight on Captain Mistdrop's mind, as he was constantly checking his gadget and looking at Lu Yin. He clearly wanted to say something, but he hesitated every time.

Suddenly, his gadget beeped, and he looked at it. Once he did, Captain Mistdrop's expression changed to one of ecstasy. "The Moke Sword Sect's Ke Yun has agreed to allow Lan Zhong to return to the sect, and he can once again be listed in the register."

Captain Mistdrop looked up at Lu Yin and spoke in an emotional voice. "A- Alliance Leader Lu, I'm going to return to the Moke Sword Sect."

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "Congratulations."

Captain Mistdrop laughed, and he suddenly seemed a bit insane. Sometimes, the longer one suppressed their emotions and held back, the crazier they would become once they accomplished their goals. Captain Mistdrop was precisely this type of person.

Despite his excitement, Captain Mistdrop did not forget his promise to Lu Yin, and he pulled out a star chart from his cosmic ring and handed it to Lu Yin. "Actually, there's more than just one star chart with the route to the Innerverse. Alliance Leader Lu, this is what you wanted."

Lu Yin took it and opened it to take a look only to be rather astonished. He had assumed that the route to the Innerverse began in the Outerverse, so he had never expected that the path would require one to pass through the Technocracy.

"There's a collapsible channel in an empty region of the Technocracy, and you can pass through that to arrive in the Innerverse. However, freak cosmic phenomena often appear in that passage, and even Hunters can't guarantee their safety when passing through. If Alliance Leader Lu wants to pass through, then you'll have to make the necessary preparations," Captain Mistdrop cautioned. Just as he had thought, Lu Yin had indeed been able to help him rejoin the Moke Sword Sect. Thus, Lan Zhong felt that he should change his attitude and try to get closer to this person.

Lu Yin put the star chart away and looked at Captain Mistdrop. "Since you are returning to the Moke Sword Sect, then are you still planning to return to the Astral Wilderness?"

Captain Mistdrop shook his head. "Forget that, I'm too tired. Alliance Leader Lu has already gotten his star chart, so it's not too likely that the Neohuman Alliance will continue chasing me down. I want to return to the Moke Sword Sect and take back everything that belongs to me."

Lu Yin nodded. "Then I'll congratulate Captain Mistdrop in advance on your success. If you ever need help, then just call out, and the Great Eastern Alliance will not hesitate to move out."

Captain Mistdrop's heart skipped a beat, as Lu Yin was talking about the entire Great Eastern Alliance and not just Lu Yin himself. This meant that if Lan Zhong took the initiative to reach out to Lu Yin, then not only would he be getting closer to Lu Yin, but also the entire Great Eastern Alliance. This statement was a test, and Lu Yin was probing to see if this man wanted to get closer to the Great Eastern Alliance or if he was wholeheartedly determined to help the Moke Sword Sect.

It should be known that the Moke Sword Sect was one of the factions that had helped establish the central weaves' Central Coalition.

Although Captain Mistdrop was extremely stubborn, he was not foolish, and he was able to quickly make decisions once he identified his attitude. "In that case, I may have to trouble the Great Eastern Alliance, and I'll have to beg for Alliance Leader Lu's forgiveness."

Lu Yin smiled, raised a hand, and patted Captain Mistdrop's shoulder.

Lu Yin's gesture to Captain Mistdrop was rather disrespectful given their ages, but the older man did not have the slightest complaint, which was his way of clearly demonstrating his attitude.

Conversations between people did not always require words to be said clearly, as everything would work out just fine as long as the meaning was fully conveyed.

Lu Yin stared at Captain Mistdrop's retreating figure for a moment before contacting Wei Rong. "How did you do it?"

Wei Rong spoke in a relaxed manner. "The Suna Weave has two large sword sects that compete against each other, and they also have a strong dislike for each other. Those two sects are the Moke Sword Sect and the Shadowsword Sect. I simply told Ke Yun that if he disagrees, we would wholeheartedly support the Shadowsword Sect in taking control of the Suna Weave, and we also promised that we wouldn't mobilize any military forces against the Shadowsword Sect. As long as Ke Yun isn't an idiot, he should know how to respond."

Lu Yin's lips curled upwards. "You can use this person, Lan Zhong. Although he's not very capable, he might be the breakthrough needed to pry the Moke Sword Sect open."

"I understand," Wei Rong replied.

Lu Yin lowered his gadget and let out a deep breath. With Wei Rong and Wang Wen both working for Lu Yin, many tasks that had been difficult in the past had become effortless, and they no longer required his time or energy to settle.

Wang Wen was adept at strategizing and planning the overall scenario and had a long-term vision while Wei Rong was adept at scheming and had a strong method of execution. With these two helping him take care of matters, Lu Yin was able to relax much more, and he was able to rest his mind and cultivate or focus on other matters.

Since he had already obtained the star chart, then there was no longer any need for Lu Yin to remain in the Silentflock System.

He traveled back to Silentflock Planet and looked for Chairman Yan. "Chairman, I've thought about what reward I would like, and I hope for an opportunity to conduct a transaction with Endless Borders."

Across from the youth, Chairman Yan's expression changed before he revealed a helpless look once again. "Alliance Leader Lu, your requests are always so unexpected."

Lu Yin smiled. "Endless Borders has discovered too many routes, and you must frequently give them out for others to use. Otherwise, it would let down those who discovered the routes, right?"

Yan Chen smiled bitterly. "That's quite logical. So, does Alliance Leader Lu wish to purchase some routes?"

Lu Yin nodded. "I wish to purchase all of the unknown routes within the territory of the Great Eastern Alliance, and Chairman Yan can state your price!"

Yan Chen's eyes went wide when he heard Lu Yin's words. "All of the routes? Alliance Leader Lu, you must be joking—each route is extremely valuable."

“I’m a member of the Windflower Crew as well as a member of Endless Borders,” Lu Yin emphasized.

Yan Chen’s mouth twitched. “Even if you’re one of us, the price of those routes is still very expensive, and the prices also change depending on the specific astral locations.” The chairman opened his screen and showed that there were multiple route symbols densely packed on it. There were at least twenty routes located within the Great Eastern Alliance. In the entire Outerverse, there seemed to be nearly 100 routes, and there were even some that were connected to parts of the Astral Wilderness and the Innerverse.

Lu Yin’s eyes grew fervent, as this was a display of Endless Borders’ true wealth.

“I want to purchase all the routes within the Great Eastern Alliance,” Lu Yin said dramatically.

Yan Chen looked over the routes on the screen and muttered to himself. “There’s a total of twenty six undiscovered routes throughout the Great Eastern Alliance, and some of them have important astral locations while others are more remote. How about this: sixty natural treasures which have reached the point of evading danger, or 300,000 star essence. Choose, Alliance Leader Lu.”

Without any hesitation, Lu Yin agreed to the price.

Yan Chen agreed. This was actually quite a cheap price for so many routes.

“Chairman Yan, I ask for your promise that, since I’ve bought these routes, they can’t be sold to anyone else,” Lu Yin said.

Yan Chen replied, “Of course. At the very least, nobody will be able to purchase these routes from Endless Borders. However, if someone else coincidentally discovers any of them, then that is out of our hands. Also, Endless Borders cannot possibly escort convoys for Alliance Leader Lu for such an amount.”

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“I know,” Lu Yin replied. He then looked towards the other routes displayed on the chairman’s screen. “Chairman Yan, sell me some of the routes in the other weaves as well.”

Yan Chen immediately refused with a serene expression. “Alliance Leader Lu, you were allowed to purchase the routes just now because you won the tournament and also because you are a member of Endless Borders. Thus, I even gave you an insider’s price. However, concerning the other routes, pardon me if I don’t sell them to you at this time.”

Yan Chen was not foolish. The moment that the affected weaves learned that he had sold the other routes to Lu Yin, it would instigate a war.

Lu Yin did not force the matter, as it would not be worthwhile to spend too much buying outside routes. Although he had also been plotted against by the Neohuman Alliance during this trip, there was still a bit of good that had come from that disaster.

The next day, under the expectant gazes of Yan Chen and the other executives, Lu Yin boarded his spacecraft and left the Silentflock System, returning to Frostwave Weave.

Lu Yin had initially planned on heading straight back to Frostwave Weave, but along the way, he changed directions and headed towards somewhere else. He was going to where the people from the Sea King's Dome had settled down.

Although the people from the Sea King's Dome were just the last remnants of the group that had escaped from the Starfall Sea, they were extremely powerful within the scope of the Outerverse, especially since they had an Envoy among them in the form of Elder He. If the elder could be mobilized at Lu Yin's order, then it would be effortless for him to unify the Outerverse.

Some days later, Lu Yin's spacecraft landed in the middle of the ocean. He stored the collapsible spacecraft away and then surveyed his surroundings. Soon after, his figure flashed as he tore through the void and vanished.

This planet was known as Enron Planet, and it was one of the Sea King's Dome's most important bases in the Outerverse, and this was also where Hai Qiqi was currently staying.

When Lu Yin arrived, Elder He was the first to notice him. The old man did not reveal himself, but he did inform Hai Qiqi.

Hai Qiqi's expression had grown much dimmer compared to when Lu Yin had last seen her. The Outerverse had once again been separated from the Innaverse, and she could not feel the Sea King's strength anymore. Thus, she did not know if he was dead or alive.

Lu Yin emerged from the void and saw Hai Qiqi's thin silhouette. "Don't worry. The Sea King should still be alive."

Hai Qiqi calmly answered, "How do you even have the time to come here?"

Lu Yin walked over to Hai Qiqi. "I was passing through, so I stopped by to see you."

"I know that you want to unify the Outerverse. However, have you ever thought about how once you do, you'll have to bear the brunt of the Sixth Mainland's invasion?" Hai Qiqi asked.

Lu Yin smiled. "A unified Outerverse will still be stronger than a fractured Outerverse, right?"

Hai Qiqi did not reply.

After a brief pause, Lu Yin asked, "Where're Hai Feng and Hai Dashao?"

"I don't know," Hai Qiqi replied.

"I remember that the Sea King's Dome had four elders: Shan, Tong, Ren, and He. Elder He is the strongest, but Elder Tong should be the most cunning."

Hai Qiqi glanced over at Lu Yin. "Don't even think of trying to rope us into being your assistants. That's impossible."

Lu Yin became embarrassed at being caught. "I didn't—I was just asking."

Hai Qiqi stared at Lu Yin with a serious expression. "If you ever find a way back to the Innaverse again, you have to take me, alright?"

Lu Yin's eyes flickered. "Why do you say that?"

Hai Qiqi looked away. "If there's anyone in the Outerverse who has a hope of returning to the Innerverse, it's you, Lu Yin. Although I haven't spent much time with you, I have a very clear idea of how competent you are. As long as nothing unexpected occurs, the Outerverse will eventually be unified, and you are the only one who is able to clearly see the big picture."

Lu Yin was astonished; this brat was rather astute.

Lu Yin left Enron Planet shortly after, as he had already gotten what he was looking for. Although these people from the Sea King's Dome would not help him, they were also hoping that he would take them back to the Innerverse in the future. Thus, he could ask them for help if he faced difficulties.

Elder He was indeed an Envoy realm powerhouse, but strength was only one aspect. Another important detail was whether or not a person could clearly see the Outerverse's future. These people could only rely on Lu Yin to find a path back to the Innerverse.

However, Hai Qiqi would have never even imagined that Lu Yin had already obtained a star chart with a route to the Innerverse.

As the spacecraft rose into space, a figure silently stood in front of it and blocked its path. It was Elder He.

Lu Yin exited the spacecraft and slowly bowed. "Junior pays his respects to Elder He."

Elder He sized Lu Yin up and down with a serious expression. "The legends were right. Little one, you're very outstanding. Not a single bit inferior to the Ten Arbiters."

Lu Yin replied humbly never, "Thank you for your compliments."

Elder He shook his head. "A pity. It's truly a pity that you won't be able to head to the Neoverse to contest for your destiny. With your talent, it's truly a pity."

Lu Yin's eyes flashed. "Is senior referring to the Astral Tower?"

Elder He nodded. "It seems like you already know. That's correct, I was referring to the Astral Tower."

Lu Yin fell silent, and he wracked his brain to remember what he knew about the Astral Tower.

"The Astral Tower contains the inheritance of the Progenitors, and it is the unrivaled, pinnacle inheritance of our Fifth Mainland. Only by obtaining the recognition of the Astral Tower can one come into contact with a Progenitor's strength. If one does so, then they will have a sliver of a chance to become a Progenitor. Over the countless years, the Astral Tower has recognized quite a few brilliant youths, and every generation will have a group of youths who are conferred the title of the Cosmic Five. However, this generation is different." At this moment, Elder He stared at Lu Yin. "Those geniuses of the Neoverse should thank the Sea King, as he broke through the Upper Three Gates, shattered the false sky of the Sixth Mainland, and restored the true heavens of the Fifth Mainland. The Sea King said that only by shattering the Sixth Mainland's false sky can the Fifth Mainland's true inheritance appear. That means that this generation's Cosmic Five are the ones who can truly obtain the Progenitors' inheritance."

Lu Yin's eyes lit up. "Has the contest for this generation's Cosmic Five not begun yet?"

Elder He shook his head. "Not yet, but it will very soon. In the past, the competition for the positions of the Cosmic Five belonged to the Neoverse, but this time, with the invasion of the Sixth Mainland and the cosmic phenomenon caused by the remnant will of a Progenitor, the Innerverse has been given a chance. The Champions' Stage grants titles, and those who receive a title of King or Queen will be able to participate. This is also one of the reasons why the Champions' Stage only grants titles to members of the younger generation. Of course, the premise is that we can survive the Sixth Mainland's invasion."

"Is elder saying that, if the Innerverse withstands the Sixth Mainland's invasion, then those who receive a title of King or Queen from the Champions' Stage will be allowed to compete with the geniuses of the Neoverse for the position of the Cosmic Five?" Lu Yin asked.

Elder He nodded.

Lu Yin was disappointed. If this was how things were, then the advantage that he had gained by becoming an Honor Chosen was not that impressive. Wait, he suddenly remembered that he was still stuck in the Outerverse. Even if his name was on the list of eligible participants, he might not be able to make it.

As Lu Yin thought about it, he glanced towards his cosmic ring. He suddenly felt a vague sense that he had obtained the will of the heavens. Did the appearance of this star chart indicate that he should head to the Innerverse and compete for the Astral Tower's inheritances?

Elder He looked at Lu Yin. "If possible, it would be good to compete. The true skies have already been restored, and the Fifth Mainland can once again produce Progenitors. This generation's Cosmic Five will all have a trace of a chance of becoming a Progenitor in the future, and it will be countless times more difficult for others to become Progenitors."

Lu Yin bowed again. "Thank you, Elder He, for telling junior this. I cannot thank you enough."

Elder He gave Lu Yin a deep look and then vanished.

Lu Yin looked over at Enron Planet. This old man was actually also hoping to return to the Innerverse, and he had intentionally motivated Lu Yin to look for a path there. This man's methods were completely different from Hai Qiqi, but his objective was the same.

However, this old man's words had truly moved Lu Yin's heart.

He possessed a star chart that led back to the Innerverse, so should he head there to compete? Since Endless Borders had expedition crews that were able to back and forth safely, that was already proof that the path was valid. Was struggling to compete worth it if it was just a trace of a possibility to become a Progenitor?

Lu Yin returned to his spacecraft and watched as the stars streaked by. His expression grew firm. It was worth it, but everything depended on the outcome of the war in the Innerverse.

He decided to observe the state of the Innerverse's battle through the Daosource Sect's ruins. If the Innerverse managed to survive, then he would come up with a way to return and compete for a seat among the Cosmic Five.

The Cosmic Five: they were five people who would obtain inheritances, and the people competing for these five positions included the Ten Arbiters, the most elite disciples of various great Innerverse powers, the Cosmic Sea's geniuses, and also the pride of the Neoverse.

There were a thousand checkpoints that needed to be passed, but only five people would be able to complete them all.

Lu Yin was rather excited, as he was unafraid of more competition. He merely hoped that the Innerverse would be able to pull through and survive the Sixth Mainland's invasion.

He silently recited the Stonewall Scriptures, and he soon returned to Zenyu Star.

Bei Qing was already waiting for Lu Yin in King Zishan's palace, and when he saw Lu Yin, he hurriedly moved forward and softly said, "The person called Shanghuan Daynight is in the auction house."

Lu Yin's brows rose, and he put a hand on Bei Qing's shoulder before suddenly vanishing. He then reappeared at Lu's Grand Auction.

Bei Qing then moved forward while Lu Yin sat in the seat of honor in a sitting room, tapping a single finger against the table.

Before long, Bei Qing returned, followed by a man wearing a hat.

The Daynight clan's distinctive traits were very conspicuous, and this person had hidden his identity, clearly not wanting to be recognized.

"Shanghuan Daynight greets Alliance Leader Lu." The Daynight man in front of Lu Yin displayed a casual attitude as he smiled at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin arched a brow. "You've been mining pyrolyte all this time in the Astral Wilderness."

Shanghuan Daynight was puzzled. "How does Alliance Leader Lu know this?"

Lu Yin's lips curled upwards. "Because even Nightqueen Qiuyu has to be polite to me. However, how dare you try to threaten me?"

Shanghuan Daynight grew angry. "Alliance Leader Lu, you had best watch what you say! Elder Qiuyu is not someone who you can casually mention! Or does Alliance Leader Lu think that, just because I came alone, that nobody else knows about this secret? Let me tell you the truth—I've already secretly imprisoned the people who stole the pyrolyte, and the moment anything happens to me, a video of those few people admitting their guilt will be immediately sent to Elder Lohar."

Bei Qing watched calmly from the side.

Lu Yin stared indifferently at Shanghuan Daynight. "Continue."

Shanghuan Daynight grew uneasy, as Lu Yin was entirely too calm in this situation. The Daynight clan member knew about this person's reputation, and thus he was aware that Lu Yin's authority within the

Outerverse was at a pinnacle. However, this man was from the Daynight clan, and their innate sense of superiority coupled with his greed gave him the courage to directly confront and threaten this youth. Shnghuan Daynight did not believe that Lu Yin was afraid of nothing. Even if he was not afraid of the Daynight clan, Lu Yin should still be afraid of the Hall of Honor. Even if Lu Yin had the support of the Hall of Honor, buying pyrolyte in large amounts was still a grave crime.

“Alliance Leader Lu, I only came here to ask for some wealth, and I don’t wish to become enemies with you. As long as Alliance Leader Lu agrees to my request, then not only will I release those people, but I will also allow them to keep mining and will close an eye to what happens. How about that?” Shnghuan Daynight anxiously proposed.

Bei Qing poured Lu Yin a cup of tea. Lu Yin accepted it and casually swirled the tea around. “I heard the Daynight clan’s battle techniques use spiritual force. I wonder, what battle technique does Mister Shnghuan Daynight use? Also, what is the power of the spiritual force that you can display?”

Shnghuan Daynight’s expression suddenly changed. “What does Alliance Leader Lu mean? You can’t be wanting my Daynight clan’s battle techniques, right?”

Lu Yin directly looked at the man. “So what if I am?”

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Shnghuan Daynight sternly responded, “Alliance Leader Lu, you should consider your actions carefully. Nobody even dares to think about coveting my Daynight clan’s battle techniques. Even when my Daynight clan lost our stone of inheritance here in the Outerverse, nobody dared to keep it for themselves, and they ultimately sent it back obediently. This shows the confidence of my Daynight clan. We will not let them go of anyone who dares to touch it, even if it is the Hall of Honor.”

“Back then? Hmm, it’s been about ten years since Qingyu Daynight stole the stone of inheritance and fled to the Outerverse. That should be what you’re referring to,” Lu Yin calmly said.

Shnghuan Daynight stared at Lu Yin for a moment before suddenly remembering. “Back then, Qingyu Daynight fled to Frostwave Weave, and since Alliance Leader Lu is from Frostwave Weave, it wouldn’t be strange for you to know of that incident. Since you do, then you should understand the attitude of my Daynight clan. I’ll warn Alliance Leader Lu—do not have any thoughts regarding my Daynight clan’s battle techniques.”

Lu Yin continued to swirl his cup leisurely, causing a drop of tea to splash out. He then lightly blew on it, shooting it forward and causing it to strike Shnghuan Daynight’s chest before the man could even react. An intense pain exploded in his chest, but right when Shnghuan Daynight was about to retaliate, Lu Yin stepped forward and shoved the man onto the floor. He looked down at the man from the Daynight clan and coldly said, “Let alone someone like you, even if Nightqueen Qiuyu was in front of me today, I would still ask her about the secrets of the Daynight clan’s battle techniques. I’ll give you one last chance to tell me. Otherwise, I’ll let you see just what the outcome will be.”

Shnghuan Daynight was terrified, and he instantly regretted seeking out this person. Lu Yin was a maniac, and he was clearly unafraid of anyone.

Before long, Lu Yin stepped away. “Lock him up.”

“Yes, Your Highness,” Bei Qing answered.

Lu Yin left Lu's Grand Auction with a contemplative look on his face. He had not found anything out about the secrets of the Daynight clan's battle techniques. This was not because Shanghuan Daynight had not said anything, but rather because he did not know himself. The man only knew that all of the battle techniques recorded within the stone of inheritance contained a spiritual force component in its attack, but he did not know any of the principles or cultivation methods for spiritual force.

The stone of inheritance originated from the Daynight clan's ancestors, and reportedly, only Daynight clan members could receive an inheritance from it. However, back during the trial on Earth, Lulu Mavis, Xia Luo, and even Lu Yin had each received an inheritance. Thus, the stone of inheritance's rule was not absolute.

If Lu Yin could obtain the stone of inheritance again, then that would be wonderful. In the past, Lu Yin had only arrived at the entrance of a long corridor, and if he were given another opportunity today, he would be able to walk a great distance into that corridor.

Shanghuan Daynight had come to threaten Lu Yin, but the man had only wanted to obtain cultivation resources.

The people of the Daynight clan all had lofty statuses in the Inverseverse, and they had never had to worry about their cultivation resources before. This meant that their cultivation speed had usually been very fast. Now that they were stranded in the Outerverse, they were unable to obtain that many star energy crystals, let alone star essence. All in all, there was very little for them to collect once everything was distributed. Shanghuan Daynight had schemed against the Lu's Grand Auction, wanting to obtain a sudden windfall, but unfortunately for him, Lu Yin was fearless.

Lu Yin had also managed to find out where those imprisoned disciples were being kept, and Bei Qing would take care of things from here.

“Your Highness, this person will not appear again,” Bei Qing whispered from behind Lu Yin.

Lu Yin replied, “There are two months left before the next premium auction. Are there many top powers of the Great Eastern Alliance that usually participate in the auctions?”

Bei Qing replied, “There aren't many, but at each auction, some people from the various guiding powers will make an appearance.”

“This time, I'll provide you with some new items, and you can target the advertising towards those top powers of the Great Eastern Alliance. They will be the primary targets for this next auction.” After that, Lu Yin passed a few of the secret routes that he had bought from Endless Borders to Bei Qing. Lu Yin had already looked through all of the ones in his possession, and these particular routes were all related to industries such as welfare or transport; they had nothing to do with military affairs.

The appearance of these new routes could save a great deal of time for these organizations, and time was money, which meant lower costs. Lu Yin trusted that these routes would raise quite a commotion among the members of the Great Eastern Alliance.

He had not guessed wrong. When the Lu's Grand Auction announced that it would auction off secret routes in two months' time, the Outerverse was embroiled in an uproar. Countless people kept an eye on the auction, curious to see which new routes would be available.

The powers in the central weaves grew increasingly nervous, as they were afraid that the Great Eastern Alliance would obtain routes that led into their region. If that proved to be true, then not only would the Great Eastern Alliance be able to dispatch troops even faster than before, but they would also be able to hide their armies within enemy territory, which was truly terrifying.

The organizations from the central region put forth their best efforts to learn as much information as they could, but they were unable to discover exactly which routes were available.

In another place, the Hall of Honor had completed its investigation into Amethyst Exchange, and the Zi family was found to not have any relationships with the Neohuman Alliance. Zi Rong had been the only one who had collaborated with the Neohuman Alliance, and his actions had nothing to do with the Zi family.

Once this news was released, countless people from Amethyst Exchange heaved huge sighs of relief.

Ever since Lu Yin had unleashed havoc at Zi Rong's wedding and revealed Zi Rong's true nature, Amethyst Exchange had been subject to the Hall of Honor's investigations. During this time, nearly half of Amethyst Exchange's subdivisions had closed their doors. Additionally, rumors spread everywhere, claiming that Amethyst Exchange was about to collapse.

Amethyst Exchange's stock price went into a freefall, affecting countless people and wiping out countless fortunes in a single night.

The stocks of Zenyu Star's Amethyst Exchange that Lu Yin owned had also become worthless.

Although the Hall of Honor did not continue investigating Amethyst Exchange any further, this incident was not something that could be easily moved past; beyond any doubt, Zi Rong had collaborated with the Neohuman Alliance.

During this time, the Zi family went almost completely silent. All of the competitors that the exchange had once suppressed rose to the surface and ceaselessly attacked the corporate giant while it was down. Amethyst Exchange's intelligence network was continuously poached by others while their supply and production lines met with misfortunes.

The Zi family's reputation declined to a devastating degree. It had once been one of the Outerverse's four great conglomerates and had possessed the greatest intelligence network in the Outerverse. However, it had now fallen from its pedestal.

The company's situation would have still been fine if they had merely lost their status. However, the universe acted according to the laws of the jungle. When the Zi family had been at their peak, they had offended many others and become the mortal enemy of numerous people. Now, all of these old enemies had emerged from the woodwork, and there were quite a few experts among their numbers.

Skylush Planet began to face repeated attacks, and even an Enlighter like Mr. Tradeo could not stop the trend. Everyone was aware that they could only take advantage of this moment to strike at the Zi family,

as they would recover once more time passed. As one of the four great conglomerates of the Outerverse, Amethyst Exchange had deeply concealed powers, and it would not be eliminated so easily.

On Skylush Planet, Mr. Tradeo rose into the sky with an ugly expression on his face.

In the Zi family's ancestral home, Zi Tianchuan's brows were deeply furrowed. He had just received news that another one of their intelligence bases had been destroyed.

"Father, we can't wait anymore. Wake up Ancestor Li. As long as the ancestor steps forward, even the Hall of Honor will be wary, let alone these petty powers." Zi Fang was flustered.

Across from him, Zi Xianxian immediately countered, "No! During the border defense, the Hall of Honor forcibly conscripted all of the experts in the Outerverse and ordered them to appear. We intentionally hid Ancestor Li at that time, so if we call him out now, then even if we resolve this current crisis, the Hall of Honor will remember our deceit. Thus, doing so would only cause terrible problems in the future."

"But if we can't even get out of this crisis, then there'll be nothing left in the future," Zi Fang retorted.

"With Mr. Tradeo around, can anyone in the Outerverse truly wipe out our Zi family? The experts are all still stationed at the border, and these insignificant powers can only mobilize Hunters at best. Our Zi family is still able to protect itself." Zi Xianxian refused to back down.

"Self-preservation—that's all you know! Our Zi family is one of the four great conglomerates, and we have the greatest intelligence network in the entire Outerverse. If we lose all this, then it means losing everything."

"We can still regain everything back. If the Hall of Honor bears a grudge against us, then let alone us in our current state, but even all four great conglomerates combined might not have an easy time."

"The Hall of Honor will not take the initiative to cause trouble for us."

"They have their own spokesperson, and isn't it Lu Yin?" Zi Xianxian shouted.

Zi Tianchuan's body trembled, and Zi Fang's fist involuntarily clenched up before relaxing once more. Hatred was burning in his eyes.

The Zi family had devolved to this pathetic state all because of Lu Yin. If not for his meddling, then the Zi family would not have been struck down.

At this moment, Mr. Tradeo descended and said in an exhausted voice, "Everything is alright for now. With me around, they don't dare to act casually, but I can only protect Skylush Planet. I am powerless with the defense of the other areas."

Zi Fang gritted his teeth. "Our Amethyst Exchange's intelligence bases that are scattered throughout the Outerverse will soon be picked apart. We can only blame that bastard, Lu Yin."

The group fell silent.

Mr. Tradeo started to speak, but he hesitated.

Zi Tianchuan noticed the Enlighter's hesitation, and his heart moved. "Does Mr. Tradeo have something to say?"

Mr. Tradeo sat down. "Actually, the Zi family should not blame Lu Yin. Rather, they should thank him instead."

Zi Fang flew into a rage. "You want us to thank him? If not for him, our Zi family would still be one of the four great conglomerates, and those people outside our doors wouldn't dare to even approach us! No, in the past, before they could even approach us, we would already have discovered them and known their every move before they even made it. But now, we have nothing!"

"Shut up! Let Mr. Tradeo finish speaking!" Zi Tianchuan barked.

Zi Fang unwillingly snorted.

Zi Tianchuan apologized. "Please, forgive him."

Mr. Tradeo shook his head to show he was not bothered. "Have you all actually not realized that Lu Yin merely exposed Zi Rong's identity? Lu Yin was not the one who forced Zi Rong to collaborate with the Neohuman Alliance. If he had not exposed the connection at this time, then when Zi Rong became an Enlighter, I would like to ask you who in the Zi family would be able to stop him? Even if we could, would the Hall of Honor let the Zi family off as easily as they did this time?"

The Enlighter glanced around before continuing. "We are the greatest intelligence network in the entire Outerverse, but right under our own noses, someone from the family actually became a corpse king unnoticed. Would the Hall of Honor ever believe that? Not only would they assume that the Zi family was covering things up, but they would even think that we worked to help hide things. At that point, it would not end at just an investigation. Perhaps the only outcome would have been the Zi family facing Yuan Shi's palm. I don't know what price you paid this time to convince the Hall of Honor of our innocence, but if Zi Rong had become an Enlighter, then no price would be enough. Don't forget about how Lu Yin took care of Darkstar Gorge in the past."

The faces of Zi Tianchuan and the others went pale. What Mr. Tradeo had just said was correct. When it came to the Neohuman Alliance, the Hall of Honor's attitude was that they would rather kill an innocent person than let a member of the Neohuman Alliance go free. At this moment, Yuan Shi was the most terrifying person in the Outerverse, as he was the hidden power that the Hall of Honor had placed in the Outerverse. Nobody doubted the man's strength, and it wouldn't even take one palm from him to destroy them; if he sneezed, the Zi family would be finished.

"Fortunately, Lu Yin exposed Zi Rong's true nature, and in truth, this outcome is actually advantageous for the Zi family. We are not Darkstar Gorge, and the Hall of Honor was still willing to listen to our explanation. However, the longer that secret festered for, the less likely the Hall of Honor would have been to listen to any of our explanations. And if left for too long, we would have likely suffered the same fate as Darkstar Gorge: extermination," Mr. Tradeo explained.

Zi Tianchuan looked at Mr. Tradeo. "So what are you suggesting? There's no harm in speaking up."

Mr. Tradeo thought about it and then seriously answered, "The Zi family is not hopeless, and our chance of survival lies in Lu Yin's hands."

“Please elaborate,” Zi Tianchuan said.

Mr. Tradeo replied, “Lu Yin’s ambition is overwhelming, as he wants to unite the Outerverse. Although his ambitions have been exposed, he has also demonstrated that he will accept old enemies under his banner as well as a far-reaching vision. He needs intelligence. Thus, as long as he’s willing to help Amethyst Exchange, with the Great Eastern Alliance’s influence that extends across a third of the Outerverse as well as Lu Yin’s background with the Hall of Honor, the Zi family will be fine.”

Zi Tianchuan fell silent.

Zi Fang retorted, “If that’s the case, then we might as well directly request assistance from the Hall of Honor.”

Chapter 929: Lu Yin’s Influence

Mr. Tradeo laughed when he heard Zi Fang’s comment. “That would require the Zi family to join the Hall of Honor. Then, we would have to work for them in the future.”

“But wouldn’t it also be bad for us to work with Lu Yin?” Zi Xianxian asked. She knew Lu Yin quite well, and she understood that he would never help Amethyst Exchange unless it could benefit him somehow.

Mr. Tradeo shook his head. “That was just a suggestion, as no one in the Outerverse can help us aside from the Hall of Honor, Shamrock Enterprises, the Mavis Bank, and Lu Yin.

Zi Tianchuan felt a headache appear the moment he thought of Lu Yin. Ever since Lu Yin had first established the Great Eastern Alliance, the Outerverse had never had a moment of peace. Lu Yin’s climb had been very smooth thus far, and he was even the person who had caused the Zi family to fall into their current crisis. However, Mr. Tradeo was also correct; Lu Yin had indeed saved the Zi family. Zi Tianchuan’s emotions vacillated between anger and gratitude when it came to the youth.

Only the absolute top forces in the Outerverse were capable of saving the Zi family at this time, but Zi Tianchuan had no desire to be controlled by the Hall of Honor, and neither did he wish for their family’s company to combine with another force like the Mavis Bank. Thus, his best choice at this time was to ask Lu Yin for assistance.

Although the Zi family wouldn’t be affected if they asked Ancestor Li to help, calling out their old powerhouse would cause the Hall of Honor to blacklist the family. Would that be better or worse than collaborating with Lu Yin? Zi Tianchuan was uncertain.

The family patriarch then looked at Mr. Tradeo. “Mr. Tradeo, could you perform a divination for us?”

Zi Xianxian simply called Lu Yin.

She thought that asking Ancestor Li to help the family was absolutely the wrong choice. Thus, their only option was to ask Lu Yin for help. Although he was a very ambitious person, he still had his own principles, which meant that it would be better for them to work with Lu Yin compared to the Mavis Bank or Shamrock Enterprises.

Zi Tianchuan didn’t stop Zi Xianxian from reaching out to Lu Yin. Instead, he turned to look at the Astral River. If not for the Outerverse being cut off from the Innerverse, the Zi family would have never ended up in this predicament.

Zi Fang asked, "Are we really going to work with him? Aren't you worried that he'll want to take control of the Zi family?"

Zi Xianxian sneered. "If we choose to work with a major force like the Mavis Bank, then you can see if we'll ever be able to break away from them."

Zi Fang stayed quiet after that. Lu Yin was clearly a much better choice compared to those financial titans.

On Zenyu Star, Lu Yin answered Zi Xianxian's unexpected call.

"Alliance Leader Lu, how's Luo Shen doing?" Zi Xianxian asked.

Lu Yin answered, "She's doing fine. She's helping promote the Great Eastern Alliance now."

"Luo Shen is the Jade Goddess of Amethyst Exchange, and she's still under contract with us. I don't think it was good for you to just take her away," Zi Xianxian said.

Lu Yin laughed. "Just be direct and tell me what you want."

Zi Xianxian hesitated. "We need your help."

"Give me some more details," Lu Yin replied while flipping through a dossier on Amethyst Exchange that had been jointly compiled by Aegis, Thousand Eyes, and the Second Imperial Squadron.

The Zi family was not doing very well at the moment. Since they were one of the four great conglomerates of the Outerverse, they were still a major force even after their fall, and they also still had an Enlighter supporting them. Despite all of that, there were still some people who dared to attack the Zi family, which showed how extensive their planning must have been. The Zi family was also exhausted by all of the simultaneous attacks, and their first and foremost priority was to protect Skylush Planet, which had led to most of their intelligence network being destroyed.

What Zi Xianxian told Lu Yin closely matched the information that he had read. However, the girl was far more optimistic than public speculation.

If the situation continued to develop in this direction, then everything that the Zi family possessed would disappear, including Amethyst Exchange. However, Lu Yin was actually surprised that the Zi family had not been destroyed outright by the Hall of Honor. Darkstar Gorge had not even been given a chance to explain themselves in the past while Shenwu Continent had only been saved due to Lu Yin himself. This showed the might of the Zi family.

"Well, Alliance Leader Lu, are you willing to help us?" Zi Xianxian asked.

Zi Tianchuan, Zi Fang, and Mr. Tradeo all turned to look at the screen as they waited for Lu Yin's response.

Lu Yin replied, "It's my fault that the Zi family was forced into this situation, and I'm definitely willing to help. However..." He paused for a moment, causing the hearts of the Zi family members to sink; Lu Yin's help definitely came with a caveat. Zi Xianxian was already aware of what was about to come, as she knew Lu Yin quite well.

“However, I want to join Amethyst Exchange and have the right to access all of Amethyst Exchange’s intelligence,” Lu Yin said seriously.

Zi Xianxian rejected his demand reflexively. “That’s impossible. We can allow you to join, and we can even provide you with free information. However, even I can’t access our classified information.”

Lu Yin calmly responded, “Then you’ll have to find someone else. I won’t be able to help the Zi family in that case.”

“Lu Yin, you were the one who forced us into this mess!” Zi Xianxian started to get anxious.

Lu Yin’s voice turned cold. “Zi Rong colluded with the Neohuman Alliance and could even use the corpse king Transformation. He threatened my friend and even went to my home planet to threaten people there. You should already be thankful that I didn’t make things worse when the Hall of Honor investigated the Zi family. Otherwise, you would have suffered the same fate as Darkstar Gorge.”

Lu Yin hung up after making his stance clear.

He was not worried that the Zi family would refuse his demands, as they were in desperate straits. Unless they had a hidden power that was capable of shocking the entire Outerverse, there was no way they would be able to survive what was facing them. However, if the Zi family did have such a hidden powerhouse, then that would actually cause them even more trouble in the future, as the Hall of Honor would be upset.

The Zi family wouldn’t be able to say no to Lu Yin.

Zi Xianxian stared at her gadget in a daze.

In a low voice, Zi Tianchuan said, “Agree to his condition.”

Zi Fang was surprised. “Father, some of the information that we have is related to our ancestral training, and even we haven’t accessed those records before. How can we allow Lu Yin to access that information?”

Mr. Tradeo smiled. “Only you know what information the Zi family has gathered, and you can simply control what Lu Yin has access to.”

Zi Tianchuan nodded and turned to look at Zi Xianxian. “Take Lu Yin to browse through our information. Don’t worry, we’ll place some of the classified information in a separate, safe place. Lu Yin will never know about it.”

Zi Xianxian responded, “We should remove the information that we have on the Ten Arbiters, as that’s most likely what Lu Yin wants.”

Zi Tianchuan replied. “Although the information concerning the Ten Arbiters is restricted, it doesn’t matter right now since we’re cut off from the Innaverse. Just let him look at that if he wishes.”

The Zi family then agreed to Lu Yin’s condition. As long as he was able to help the Zi family overcome their crisis, he would become a major shareholder of Amethyst Exchange, and his position would stand just below the Zi family. This would not cost him a single cent, and his power would even surpass Zi Xianxian and Zi Fang’s.

Lu Yin was thrilled, as he had been waiting for this day for a long time. The Ten Arbiters had always been a mystery to him, and not even Wendy Yushan knew much about them. Amethyst Exchange definitely had some information regarding the Ten Arbiters, as Lu Yin had once asked Zi Xianxian about them. Even if their information was incomplete, he would still be satisfied with just a general understanding of the Ten Arbiters. Mostly, he wanted to see who had a connection with the Cosmic Sea.

However, before that, he would first have to help the Zi family deal with their struggles.

The people attacking the Zi family were all from intelligence organizations that were second only to Amethyst Exchange in the Outerverse, and they included competitors who had already been defeated by the Zi family. As a result, these people were based all over the Outerverse.

Lu Yin would be able to settle things immediately if these people were located within the Great Eastern Alliance's borders. However, some of them were in the central and western regions, and Lu Yin's influence in those areas was not very strong.

Thus, he reached out to Aegis.

The following day, the Zi family was still waiting for the Great Eastern Alliance to do something when they saw an announcement from Aegis.

Aegis had publicly announced that they were supporting Amethyst Exchange, and they also warned the people of the Outerverse that anyone moving against Amethyst Exchange would also be moving against Aegis.

This announcement shocked the Outerverse. Although Aegis and Amethyst Exchange were both members of the four great conglomerates of the Outerverse, they did not have much of a relationship and rarely collaborated if ever. However, Aegis was actually supporting Amethyst Exchange during their crisis.

Aegis was an overwhelming deterrent to Amethyst Exchange's enemies, as this organization boasted a large number of mercenaries and assassins.

Once the announcement was released, many of the powers that had been attacking Amethyst Exchange immediately halted all of their plans and decided to wait and see how things developed.

The Zi family was confused; why was Aegis helping them?

But before they could even understand what had just happened, the Nalan family also announced that they would be collaborating with Amethyst Exchange and helping them build up trade routes between the various weaves of the Outerverse.

The Nalan family's announcement showed that they were also supporting Amethyst Exchange.

Moments later, Endless Borders also announced their support for Amethyst Exchange. Although the impact from Endless Borders' support was not as impressive as Aegis or the Nalan family's, most people had no desire to offend such a financial giant.

Three of the four great conglomerates of the Outerverse had publicly announced their support for Amethyst Exchange. Thus, the forces that had been attacking Amethyst Exchange immediately cancelled their plans. Not one of them dared to proceed as they had been.

Before Amethyst Exchange had been subjected to the Hall of Honor's investigation, they had successfully suppressed all of these various organizations. And now, with the support of the other three great corporations of the Outerverse, Amethyst Exchange's various enemies retreated into hiding once again.

The Zi family was stunned, as the threat against them had suddenly disappeared.

Zi Tianchuan looked at the positive news coverage regarding Amethyst Exchange on the universal network. This amply showed the influence of the four tycoons.

He was not dumb, and he knew that the reason why Aegis, the Nalan family, and Endless Borders had supported the Zi family was because of a certain person: Lu Yin.

Zi Tianchuan had thought that Lu Yin would voice his support for the Zi family and then use his position as the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance that influenced a third of the Outerverse to assist Amethyst Exchange. The Zi patriarch had never expected that Lu Yin would be able to solve this problem without even relying on the Great Eastern Alliance. Lu Yin's influence in the Outerverse had scared Zi Tianchuan.

Even at Amethyst Exchange's peak, their influence had never been even close to Lu Yin's current influence. Lu Yin was truly a scary person.

Zi Tianchuan suddenly remembered the incident where hundreds of officers in the central weaves' united military had been killed in the span of a single night. He felt a chill run down his spine; he still didn't know how much of Lu Yin's power remained hidden or how much influence the youth was keeping concealed.

This was the scariest aspect of Lu Yin.

After contacting Aegis, the Nalan family, and Endless Borders, Lu Yin immediately headed towards Skylush Planet. He was not worried about not being able to clear up the Zi family's crisis. If the three great corporations were not able to solve the matter after working together, then there was no way the Great Eastern Alliance would be able to do anything about it.

Right now, all he wanted to do was read the information concerning the Ten Arbiters on Skylush Planet.

Lu Yin arrived after a few days of traveling. Its current location was a bit further to the west than before, so the trip this time took slightly longer.

He was once again personally welcomed by Zi Tianchuan. Although the patriarch was smiling like before, his smile looked forced, and his eyes were filled with fear when he saw Lu Yin.

Chapter 930: The Current Ten Arbiters

Lu Yin did not act friendly with Zi Tianchuan, as Lu Yin had directly caused this man's son to die, and Lu Yin held no hopes of Zi Tianchuan actually feeling any gratitude to him. Lu Yin only wanted Amethyst Exchange's information. "Chairman Zi, please lead the way. I wish to check the intelligence database as quickly as possible."

Zi Tianchuan nodded, as he did not wish to remain with Lu Yin any longer either. He quickly gave out some instructions. Then, Zi Xianxian was ultimately the one who led Lu Yin towards Skylush Planet's most heavily guarded area, a valley within the mountains.

Lu Yin had noticed this area during his last visit to the Zi family's planet, as this location had contained a boundless amount of rune lines. Additionally, this was also where Mr. Tradeo spent the majority of his time.

Zi Xianxian led the way, and the two of them moved underground.

Only when he saw the Zi family's intelligence library did Lu Yin realize how vast it actually was.

At just a glance, the large underground area was filled with information that had been separated into different regions by color. This way, the grades of information could be easily differentiated.

"My Zi family's intelligence library is the most comprehensive in the entire Outerverse. At any given moment, new intelligence will enter, and at the same time, useless or outdated information will be constantly removed. However, even if we take something out, we have people making backups of that information. You could even say that my Zi family has been around for too long and that we have accumulated too much information. We have records that are more ancient than most other places' recorded history," Zi Xianxian proudly explained. This place was the pride of her Zi family.

Not just anybody was able to preserve records for such a long time. The forces that had been attacking the Zi family earlier all had their own intelligence networks that had been built up through the ages. However, the competitors that had failed to survive the passage of time had been destroyed.

"If this area was breached, then it would take a very long time to move all of these records," Lu Yin marvelled.

Zi Xianxian was rendered speechless. This person really could not say anything nice.

"Where's the information about the Ten Arbiters?" Lu Yin asked.

Zi Xianxian was not surprised by this question, as she had already anticipated that Lu Yin would be the most interested in this information. Thus, she quickly led him down a path and to a section that protruded out from the floor. The floor radiated a soft light, and this raised floor sped off and carried them away, only stopping after traveling for five minutes.

It had moved a vast distance, and this showed just how enormous the Zi family's database was.

Lu Yin looked at the dark-colored scrolls that were some distance away, and he slowly walked towards them.

Zi Xianxian remained where she was, as she did not have the authority to peruse the information concerning the Ten Arbiters.

The Ten Arbiters' intel was kept separate from the rest, though the Ten Arbiters was simply a title for the ten current councilors of the Universe Youth Council. In the past, the councilors had not always become Arbiters, and this was a change that had occurred in the current generation.

This meant that the Ten Arbiters were the first generation of Arbiters, and they were also possibly the last generation. Nobody could guarantee that there would be someone suitable to take over their positions.

Lu Yin raised a hand and selected a scroll that he slowly opened. A name appeared: Liu Tianmu.

Lu Yin was puzzled, as this was a familiar name.

'Liu Tianmu, female. One of the Ten Arbiters. Known as Arbiter Liu. From the Sword Sect. She possesses an unparalleled sword technique and inherited the Thirteen Swords...'

It was a very simple introduction with no images, and there was not a single word describing the Arbiter's appearance or personality. These records only listed the person's origin and known skills.

As Lu Yin looked at Liu Tianmu's name, he suddenly remembered a conversation that he had had with Madam Nalan. She had told him that her name was Liu Fuxue, and he had interpreted that name in the following manner: clouds in the sky, drifting by like the snow of the four seasons; the world's bitterness condensed in a freshly brewed cup of tea. After that, she had shared another name with him: Liu Tianmu.

Lu Yin racked his brain and did his best to recall how he had answered. Oh, right. The stars in the sky fall like leaves from an autumn tree, cleansing one of impurities. That had been his interpretation of the name "Liu Tianmu."

It was no wonder why Madam Nalan had smiled so happily back then, as if her evil scheme had been successfully accomplished. Apparently, she had been anticipating this exact moment.

It was because he had been interpreting the forbidden name of the Sword Sect's Arbiter.

Lu Yin was left speechless. Madam Nalan had definitely passed Lu Yin's words on to Liu Tianmu, and she had actually shared them with the Arbiter before Lu Yin had even met the girl. Could interpreting her name like this be considered as taking liberties with her?

He nervously set down the scroll and picked up the next. There, he saw the name Wen Sansi.

'Wen Sansi, male. One of the Ten Arbiters. Known as the Scholar and Arbiter Wen. He is the second son of the Erudite Flowzone's Wen family. He suppressed the elder son and inherited the Wen family's battle technique: Literary Prison. Favorite phrase: Think before acting...'

Wen Sansi's introduction contained slightly more information than Liu Tianmu's, as Wen Sansi was indeed more renowned.

Lu Yin picked up the third scroll, and he saw the name Xing Kai written down.

'Xing Kai, male. One of the Ten Arbiters. Known as the War King and Arbiter Xing. His physical body is extremely powerful, and he should not be engaged in close combat. He is three meters tall, has drooping earlobes that reach his shoulders, and hands that are bigger than his head. Unknown origin. Unknown battle techniques...'

Xing Kai's introduction only contained a description of the Arbiter's appearance, and there was absolutely nothing about his background or battle techniques.

Amethyst Exchange was the Outerverse's greatest intelligence organization. Could it be that even they could not discover anything about the War King's origins? Lu Yin did not believe this. They were either afraid and had kept no records, or the War King had purposefully hidden things.

No matter which was true, Lu Yin would not find any answers in this place.

The next scroll he opened was Lan Si's.

'Lan Si, male. One of the Ten Arbiters. Known as the Divine Fist and Arbiter Lan. From Grayweed Continent's Mt. Stacks Dojo in the Starfall Sea. He is adept at the Overlaying Stacks Path and has previously shattered planets with One Hundred Stacks. According to conservative estimates, the Overlaying Stacks Path may be a stepping stone for him to cultivate another battle technique...'

Lu Yin's face grew solemn, as he was quite concerned about this bit of information about the Overlaying Stacks Path being a stepping stone. Amethyst Exchange would not possibly write down such a conjecture without rhyme or reason, and it was likely real since it had been included in the Arbiter's information.

Did Lan Si have another hidden method that he had never revealed? That was right—Zi Xianxian seemed to have mentioned something about this before. She had said that Lan Si might also have other, hidden battle techniques.

Lu Yin lowered the scroll, his heart feeling a little heavy. He had agreed to a duel with Lan Si, and they would definitely have a match in the future. On Grayweed Continent, Lu Yin had assumed that Lan Si had revealed his full strength since he had fought against the Realmking, Bai Ling, as well as other fearsome powerhouses such as Madam Hong. However, it turned out that the Arbiter had managed to keep some things hidden.

What exactly was this person thinking? Did he covet the position of an Honor Chosen that badly? Then did he honestly believe that the Innaverse and Neoverse would survive the Sixth Mainland's invasion? If that was the case, then his methods were understandable.

However, what was the source of his confidence? Lu Yin really wanted to know.

Lu Yin's foundation was in the Outerverse, and he knew too little about the Innaverse and the Neoverse. It was a pity that he couldn't reach out to the Cosmic Sea, as Highsage Leon was definitely well informed.

Lu Yin shook his head. He was overthinking things.

He picked up the next scroll: Ling Gong.

'Ling Gong, gender unknown. One of the Ten Arbiters. Known as White Knight and Arbiter Ling. From the Lingling Clan. Possesses an absolute innate gift. Favorite phrase: This is an order. She is believed to have an obsession with cleanliness...'

Lu Yin was amused by the words "gender unknown" as they showed that Amethyst Exchange was quite prudent. Many believed that Ling Gong was a male, and even the voice that most people heard was masculine. However, all of that was a false pretense. She was indeed a girl, though the intelligence

operatives would not write that down without personally verifying it. It was no wonder why Amethyst Exchange was hailed as the Outerverse's greatest intelligence network.

Since they were so prudent, Lu Yin glanced at the scroll that he had just set down. That bit in the scroll about Lan Si should also be true!

Amethyst Exchange did not have as much information about Ling Gong as Lu Yin himself. After all, they were just one of the four great conglomerates of the Outerverse, and they were not qualified to contact the Ten Arbiters. It was actually quite impressive for them to have learned so much already.

He picked up the next scroll and saw the name, "Nightking Zhenwu."

Lu Yin's expression remained serene as he slowly opened the scroll.

'Nightking Zhenwu, male. One of the Ten Arbiters. Known as Arbiter Zhenwu. From the Daynight clan. He places himself above all living things. Battle techniques: unknown. Innate gifts: unknown. Adept at controlling techniques. Extremely dangerous. Not to be provoked or approached...'

There was not much in the introduction, but the text conveyed an extreme amount of danger from Nightking Zhenwu. The tone was even more cautious than with the previous few Arbiters. With those two unknowns, as well as the warning regarding provoking Nightking Zhenwu, it was clear how apprehensive the person who had drafted this intelligence report felt towards Nightking Zhenwu.

The Daynight clan itself was a powerful clan that was famous throughout the universe, and the Nightking clan was a king amongst powerful clans. It was the kind of clan that allowed its stone of inheritance to go missing without even moving to reclaim it. They possessed an infinite confidence and arrogance.

This was Nightking Zhenwu's background.

Lu Yin put the scroll down. He was already enemies with Nightking Zhenwu, and he slightly exerted some force through his palm, causing the scroll that he had grabbed to deform slightly.

With Lan Si, he had an appointed duel while with Nightking Zhenwu, it might be a battle to the death.

Be it his previous grievances with the Daynight clan, the unfair treatment that he had faced in the Innerverse, or the teary-eyed requests of Hai Qiqi after she read the diary, he was sure that his grudge with the Daynight clan or Nightking Zhenwu could not be resolved by anything except for blood.

He picked up the next scroll, opened it, and saw the name. "Serati Phoenix."

'Serati Phoenix, male. One of the Ten Arbiters. Known as the Undying Bird, is from the Phoenix family. His innate gift is the Undying Bird, and it has evolved to the Undying Phoenix, which has the nirvanic strength of rebirth...'

Lu Yin knew that the Phoenix family had raised one of the Ten Arbiters, and he had also heard of this person before. However, Lu Yin never expected that he would actually have an ability called the nirvanic strength of rebirth. Just what did that mean? Could he not be killed?

He thought no further, and picked up the next scroll, eh? Liquor Hero? Was this also a name?

'Liquor Hero, female. One of the Ten Arbiters. Known as Liquor Hero. Unknown name. Unknown background. She is addicted to alcohol and has an innate gift of water...'

This was considered the most unknown person, as they did not even know her true name.

Lu Yin casually put down the scroll, picked up another one, and was left speechless again. Unseen Light; was this even a name?

'Unseen Light, male. One of the Ten Arbiters. Known as Arbiter of Light. Unknown background. His eyes are always closed tightly. Legend has it that when his eyes open, the sun and moon will lose their light...'

Lu Yin suddenly closed the scroll. Closed eyes, opened eyes...

Lu Yin suddenly remembered the war spirit that he had fought against in the space with the golden ocean. When that spirit had opened its eyes, it had caused day and night to lose their light. Could that war spirit be him?

That person had cultivated his domain to the extreme, and he had been forced to close his eyes to suppress it. It was much like how Mister Mu had helped Lu Yin cultivate his physical strength to the extreme when he had been in the Limiteer realm. Lu Yin had needed to use three grains of Fatesand to suppress his physical strength.

Mister Mu had mentioned the person with the closed eyes and impressive domain to Lu Yin before, and that person should be this Arbiter, Unseen Light. It seemed that he had also visited the space with the golden ocean.

Lu Yin recalled the helplessness that he had felt when he had been suppressed by Unseen Light's domain. It had been so powerful that it could even predict the future, which was too frightening.

Unseen Light had turned out to be one of the Ten Arbiters, which did not surprise Lu Yin in the least. It would have actually been more surprising if Unseen Light was not an Arbiter.

Lu Yin set that scroll down and picked up the final one. Even after gaining a basic knowledge of all of these Arbiters, he had still not found the clue that he was seeking. These records were just too simple, and there were many things that were still unknown.

He slowly opened the scroll and saw the name, "Jin He."

'Jin He, male. One of the Ten Arbiters. Known as Arbiter Jin. From the Cosmic Sea's Ignition Crew. He has a lazy attitude and casual personality, but still acts ruthlessly. Cannot be attacked. Not to be provoked or to become his enemy...'

Lu Yin's expression grew sharp, as he had finally found a connection between an Arbiter and the Cosmic Sea: the Ignition Crew! They were one of the Four Pirate Crews. This was the person, Jin He.

Only people from the Cosmic Sea would have any motives to act against people from Leon's Armada, and this also matched with what Old Gu De had said: someone within the Ten Arbiters had a connection with the Cosmic Sea.

This conversation happened in .

This is a pun on Wen Sansi's name. Can also be translated as "Reconsider your actions."