

### Chapter 1231: Teacher Origin and Duan Dong River

“Hit all you want, hit all you want.” Luo Feng was seated comfortably in the control room, watching at ease as the seven universe masters attacked like crazy from the outside. However, the supreme true treasure Star Tower was simply too powerful. It could reduce the impact of their attacks to such a negligible degree that Luo Feng’s godly power hardly felt anything. With Luo Feng’s power, it was possible for him to be free from distraction.

“There is no need for me to go out at all,” he said. “I can use my godly power to penetrate into that crystal pillar to continue with my practice of the Rhinoceros Emperor Game.” Luo Feng smiled. “I do not even need to extend the use of my godly power into studying the endgames!”

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In the virtual universe, on a lone individual surface, fog shrouding the surroundings, and there were numerous stone pillars with three-dimensional virtual shadows. On the left row were 123 stone pillars, and on the right were 10,080 stone pillars.

Luo Feng appeared out of thin air, and parked himself within the stone pillars, and could not help feeling pleased. “This Rhinoceros Emperor Game. To complete decoding the entire game and 10,080 endgames, I will have to simulate it all the way in the virtual universe. I can immerse myself in comprehending without worrying about how the three groups of powers were torturing themselves out there. I have nothing to do with them.”

Decoding the Rhinoceros Emperor Game and all its endgames was not a situation that had been within Luo Feng’s control prior to being besieged. Rather, after Primal Chaos City Leader and Huge Axe Creator learned about the Rhinoceros Emperor Game, they had immediately asked Luo Feng to send a simulation of it back to the virtual universe. Obviously, Primal Chaos City Leader, Huge Axe, and the other great beings of the human race were very curious about the game.

The Rhinoceros Emperor Game had been the most popular game in the days of the ancient great civilization, and it also provided supplementary help for cultivation. How could Huge Axe and Primal Chaos City Leader not be intrigued?

This was why Luo Feng had to simulate the game all the way to the virtual universe. So long as he was able to simulate one version, relying on the power of the virtual universe, more copies could be made so that every universe master of the human race could study the game.

“The Rhinoceros Emperor Game is simply too mysterious,” mused Luo Feng. “I need to continue studying it.”

His consciousness was in the virtual universe, as it was responsible for observing things. The real studying of the game took place in Huge Axe Creator’s miniature universe.

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Time passed like flowing water. In the Universe Boat, at the cabin doors of the Boat of Mausoleum...

“Purple Moon Holy Land and East Emperor Holy Land, the both of you do not need to worry about any impending doomsday. Why do you want to vie for the inheritance too? Just the two of you? Do you think you are enough to stop all of us from the first reincarnation era? Besides, it is not just us from the first reincarnation era. I believe the other two reincarnation eras have plans to enter, too.”

“You two old fellows, scram!”

“Get lost!”

“How dare you sever all hope for my race. I shall not worry whether you are from a holy land or not. Everyone, let’s join forces and attack!”

The situation at the cabin doors was already a state of frenzied killing. The first reincarnation era, who facing an impending doomsday, would no longer be mindful of whether their opponents were from a holy land or not; they were about to meet their doomsday, yet the universe supreme masters from the two holy lands had dared to join forces in blocking the entrance of the cabin doors. Were these great beings from holy lands tired of living?

At that instant, the two universe supreme masters, together with the dozens of universe masters, joined forces in a crazy exchange of attacks. Only universe supreme masters of the two holy lands had supreme true treasures, but they could not seem to use them to attack all at one time.

“You may be able to hinder us this time, but how long can you keep up with the obstruction?”

“When the other groups of powers arrive, you all will not be able to resist any further.”

“Detestable! Loathsome!”

“You idiotic holy land.”

“You deserve to die.”

Great beings from the other groups of powers from the first reincarnation era were getting growing furious because they were blocked and stuck outside. The Divine Eye Clan was merely one of the many groups of powers from the first reincarnation era. One to one, the holy land universes were indeed very powerful. But when compared to an entire reincarnation era—even the weakest primal universe era—both holy lands had to join forces to be comparable in power.

Within the first reincarnation era, universe supreme masters alone numbered in the dozens ! In terms of power, even if the two holy land universes were combined to obtain doubled power, they were still far from that of the first reincarnation era. Not to mention that this time, it was all about the third reincarnation era.

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The two old fellows from Purple Moon Holy Land and East Emperor Holy Land forcibly blocked the entrance for more than a year, thereafter, the seven universe supreme masters brought their teams of universe masters and mightily forced their way in. These seven universe masters were fast and assisted the two holy lands in continuing to block off oncoming great beings. This time round, only half a year passed but the last batch of twenty odd universe supreme masters who had led a large army of universe masters, universe knights and a sea of undying godly spirits, had charged their way in...

Mightily, they charged their way in.

Duan Dong River's selection process this time round was obviously much more aggressive, if the selection process during Luo Feng's batch had eliminated fifty percent of the turnout, then because the number of candidates turning up later was simply overwhelming... the elimination rate of universe masters and universe knights thereafter increased from fifty per cent to eighty percent! And the elimination rate of undying godly spirits reached a new high of ninety-nine percent...

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Within the life and death corridor of the Boat of Mausoleum, elite great beings from the three reincarnation eras and the two holy lands gathered.

From Purple Moon Holy Land, there were eleven universe masters.

From East Emperor Holy Land, there were fourteen universe masters.

From the entire first reincarnation era, there was a total of six universe supreme masters and 126 universe masters.

From the entire second reincarnation era, there was one universe supreme master and 32 universe masters

From the primal universe era, there was 21 universe masters.

Judging from the number of great beings, one could tell... the determination of the first reincarnation era! Almost every group of power had sent their elites, yet before the number and power of the first reincarnation era, groups of powers such as those from the two holy lands could only lower their heads and stand aside as they no longer had any advantages to speak of. The reason why the number of universe supreme masters was not considered many...

More of it was because of the two holy lands.

The two holy lands had arranged for universe masters, universe knights and undyings to be sent over, but they did not send any universe supreme beings in. The three reincarnation eras saw the arrangements and understood right away. In terms of inside information, in terms of number of secrets known, the three reincarnation eras would never be able to hold a candle against the two holy land universes. Since long ago, the two holy land universes had always been aloof and detached, yet this time, they had sent in quite a sizable army of universe masters, making it very apparent that the inheritance this time round, was indeed, very important.

Next important point to take note was that the holy land universes did not deploy any universe supreme masters, which most probably meant that... even if universe supreme masters were to go in, they would not serve much purpose.

Therefore, other than the two universe supreme masters from Divine Eye Clan who had initially charged their way through, the groups of powers were no longer as reckless as before. It was only the first reincarnation era who felt compelled to send six universe supreme masters as they were a little crazy in the face of their impending Doomsday. The second reincarnation era merely sent one, which was also a lone wanderer. The primal universe simply kept its universe supreme masters away from deployment.

“Hong!”

“Hong!”

Around a dozen universe masters were waving their close-range killing true treasures and roaring without inhibitions as they attacked the crimson tower, loud roars sounded time and again, causing the entire life and death corridor to tremble as a result.

“What is going on, who are the lord universe masters attacking?”

“That tower that is under attack belongs to a human from the primal universe —— Milky Way horde leader! It is said that the most possible candidate to receive the inheritance is Milky Way horde leader, that’s why everyone is trying their best to influence and affect him when he is in the process of comprehending the game.” The undying godly spirits were sending messages to one another secretly via voice transmissions as there were simply too many undying godly spirits present.

Just like the first reincarnation era, almost every other group of power had brought millions of undyings! Even Divine Eye Clan sent over a second batch of undying godly spirits!

This resulted in the number of candidates, who were undying godly souls from the three reincarnation eras and the two holy lands, to still be close to a hundred thousand even after the selection process! The total number of universe knights was close to three thousand! The number of universe masters was close to two hundred! At that moment, this was the situation within the life and death corridor.

“Human form Milky Way, what makes you think you can accept that inheritance?”

“Attack.”

“This bastard.”

The various groups of powers had their great beings occasionally attacking, making it seemed as though Luo Feng was their punching bag. Regardless of whoever or whenever, anyone could attack him as and when they pleased!

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Within Star Tower, Luo Feng opened his eyes and snorted as he took one look at the outside situation, “Make all the noise you want, make as many complains as you wish, when I receive the inheritance, you all will receive the greatest shock of your lives. However... it seems like Duan Dong River is bent on choosing a good heir this time, he has gotten so many candidates to step forward to vie for the inheritance, even my Hong Alliance also sent in so many representatives.”

This time round, the weakest group of power, was none other than primal universe era, furthermore, the number of great beings being sent over was few to start with, therefore, the various groups had to act with concerted efforts.

Human race, bugs clan, demon clan, automaton race, crystal clan, prison race, Space Beast Alliance, Ancestral God School... various groups of powers from the primal universe had combined efforts, sending a large army of great beings, with the number of undying godly spirits exceeding one hundred thousand... and all of these charged over with murderous intentions, and all of them were great beings that had passed the selection.

Those who made it into the Rhinoceros Emperor Game was a much smaller number. Among them, Hong Alliance had one universe master 'Peng Gong Master', nine universe knights and 102 undyings.

"How pitiful."

"Milky Way horde leader has become a common enemy that everyone targets to kill."

"What a pity, we are also at our wits end."

21 universe masters from the primal universe had gathered; Peng Gong Master saw how the other reincarnation eras and two holy lands were attacking Luo Feng, and he was so mad that his expression changed into an unpleasant sight. Yet, he was helpless. As for the others like bugs clan, demon clan and prison clan, who might have showed empathy on the surface, might most probably be secretly gloating over Luo Feng's predicament, they would not have wished for the human race to become stronger!

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Regardless of how the outside world was turned upside down, Luo Feng was still quietly studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game.

Time was like flowing water, and the years flew by.

In a blink of the eye, close to 500 years had passed. Originally, everyone had thought the time required to complete the test of this Rhinoceros Emperor Game would not be that long, yet the fact had proven otherwise, and elites from the three reincarnation eras and the two holy lands truly felt the difficulty of the Rhinoceros Emperor Game.

"The 999th stage is successfully decoded."

In the space of an individual plane surface within the virtual universe.

Luo Feng stood before the three-dimensional virtual shadow of the 1000th endgame and studied it thoroughly... Close to 500 years... endgame after endgame had been decoded, yet the time that Luo Feng spend on decoding these endgames was continuously increasing, he was getting slower and slower, and had to spend close to 500 years to perfectly decode the full 999th stage.

"The 1000th stage..."

"How difficult!"

Luo Feng had a feeling, this first 1000 stages, would most probably be a bottleneck.

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"Luo Feng."

In the virtual universe, while Luo Feng was observing the three-dimensional virtual shadow of that 1000th endgame, a man in white robe stood a short distance away and watched him. This man in white robe had eyes like jade stones, which vaguely seemed to contain all the secrets within the universe, there was a faint smile on his face, and he was very at ease and relaxed, as though he was on an outing.

“Luo Feng has proven himself once again.” The man in white robe was observing from afar, and even though Luo Feng could see far into the distance in this direction, it was as though the man in white robe was invisible to him.

Within the virtual universe, not even Huge Axe Creator could do this.

Only the creator of the virtual universe — Teacher Origin! Only Teacher Origin could achieve this... to be before Luo Feng, and yet Luo Feng could feel nothing.

“Such a short cultivation, but extremely strong willpower.” The man in white robe soft sung praises of Luo Feng, “Has chosen to take the path of studying diagrams of secret engravings... it may be possible that studying the diagrams of secret engravings is similar to studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game, if not, it will not be possible that even Huge Axe’s speed can be so far from his.”

The great beings within the human race were also studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game through the virtual universe.

Teacher Origin...

Would certainly know the progress of each and every one.

He was shocked to discover that Luo Feng’s speed of comprehension far surpassed any of the other universe masters, even Huge Axe could not hold a candle to Luo Feng...

“Judging from the inheritance.”

“Undyings, knights, universe masters, universe supreme masters... the four levels have very different foundations of their own, speeds of comprehension are fundamentally different. I suppose the requirements for each level during the selection test will also differ.” The man in white robe gently nodded, “Luo Feng is merely a universe knight, the requirements for him should not be that high, and he himself could comprehend so quickly, no wonder Duan Dong River has set eyes on him.”

“Studying the diagrams of secret engravings...”

The man in white robe shook his head and mused, “Rhinoceros Emperor Game? Interesting!”

“Huge Axe is obviously not as outstanding in his ability to deduce because he is too foolishly rigid, placing all his affections on his axe!” The man in white robe shook his head, “Otherwise, given his foundation of a universe supreme master, his speed of comprehension would not lose to Luo Feng.”

“The Rhinoceros Game is indeed very interesting.”

The man in white robe walked to stand beside Luo Feng, and Luo Feng who was seated cross-legged, was not the least bit aware.

“If I were merely a universe knight, I think I won’t ever be able to match up to Luo Feng.” The man in white robe shook his head.

He himself had an extremely solid foundation.

In terms of ability, even Huge Axe was far from being his equal; after being eternally suppressed for endless time, he grew even stronger and complete; but that was because he could do nothing else when being eternally suppressed.

“This first 2000 stages, how should I decode them?” The man in white robe walked over to the three-dimensional virtual shadow of the 2000th stage with a slight frown. He was a genius gifted with talents, and his talents were all so superior that they were unbelievable; as the virtual universe needed to meet the demands of countless living souls on a daily basis, with respect to deducing secret techniques, he was much more formidable and skillful than any other great beings.

“Rhinoceros Emperor?”

“What kind of an existence this was, to be able to create such an unbelievable object.” The man in white robe was beside Luo Feng as he stood silently to comprehend as thoroughly as he could. The time velocity in his surroundings was maintained at ten thousand times.

As the creator of the virtual universe, he certainly had the ability to bring the rate of light velocity to reach as high as ten thousand times within that extremely small area.

Luo Feng and Teacher Origin were side by side...

Yet Luo Feng was completely unaware of the existence of Teacher Origin who was right beside him.

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In the Boat of Mausoleum, within the life and death corridor, there were thousands of stone pillars with numerous three-dimensional virtual shadows; there was also a tremendous amount of crystal pillars, and every crystal pillar corresponded to one candidate.

The various great beings were comprehending in silence.

Of course, there were a few dozens of universe masters who were attacking that crimson tower, trying to disrupt Luo Feng as he cultivated. Actually, with the passing of time... Luo Feng and the batch of great beings who entered with him might have entered a year or two earlier, but because they had been constantly comprehending the Rhinoceros Emperor Game for more than 500 years, there really was not much of an advantage to speak of any further, and they did not feel that Luo Feng had that much hope, it was just to keep the attacks on him going on... normally, universe masters who got tired of comprehending who start attacking Luo Feng.

“Ding! Dong!”

Sounds as such could always be heard, as though the sounds came from the hearts of every great being;

“Mm?”

“What is happening?”

“Duan Dong River.”

“Look, it’s Duan Dong River.”

Right there, from universe supreme masters to undying godly sprits, close to a hundred thousand candidates looked up into mid-air where light rays converged into a lone figure, giving form to a green-haired man called Duan Dong River. He looked down and his eyes rested on that crimson tower as his voice sounded, "Candidates... Human form Milky Way has achieved the decoding requirements."

"Ah."

"What."

"That human form Milky Way horde leader has met the demands?" Everyone was shocked. Right from the very beginning, if they had seen Luo Feng as a great threat, yet upon comprehending for more than 500 years, they all had shaken off the notion that Luo Feng was a great threat, because they did not believe that out of the countless great beings who joined in later, there was no one who could catch up with Luo Feng's progress.

"Silence." Duan Dong River's gaze swept everyone present.

Silence.

Duan Dong River looked towards the crimson tower.

Milky Way, get out here." Duan Dong River ordered/

Shua, the crimson tower disappeared, donning a silver armor, black-haired Luo Feng stood where the tower was previously, and with a slight bow, he greeted, "My greetings, Lord Duan Dong River."

"That is human form Milky Way horde leader."

"Milky Way horde leader?" Those undying godly spirits' eyes widened as they looked afar, at that dazzling figure before them.

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Luo Feng was aware why Duan Dong River had appeared; not too long ago, he had completed decoding of the first 1000 stages, and the reasons to why he could be the first to succeed... firstly, because he was, indeed, very adept in comprehending, secondly, it might most probably be because he was a universe knight, so he was guessing that there were different expectations of great beings of different level of powers.

"Milky Way." Duan Dong River looked down at Luo Feng.

Luo Feng kept his body inclined in a slight bow, paying no heed to the great beings from the various groups of powers around him, who were all filled with envy and jealousy.

"You may have satisfied the requirements, but this test still takes a long time, continue comprehending." Duan Dong River ordered, "As you comprehend and decode more games, the more beneficial it will be for you in accepting the inheritance in future."

"Noted." Luo Feng replied.

"Just focus on comprehending at ease, no one can hurt you." Duan Dong River pointed into the distance.



Hua!

Beside Luo Feng, that crystal pillar suddenly released a hazy half-sphere of light shadows that resembled a gigantic hazy palace, and right away, it moved over to envelop Luo Feng. The entire light shadow palace was a picture of gold, on its surface were countless secret engravings in disarray, and just the power that the palace faintly exuded, was strong enough to send shivers into the hearts of all the great beings present.

“Whoever dares to attack human form Milky Way...” Duan Dong River’s gaze swept every single being present, “shall be eliminated and annihilated without delay.”

### **Chapter 1232: If Not Me, Then Who?**

Exterminate!

The moment Duan Dong River gave this order, all the great beings from the three reincarnation eras and Two Holy Lands gathered in the life and death corridor felt a tremble in their hearts. Other than the Hong Alliance, all the other great beings felt an upsurge of anxiety, rage, reluctance, and many other emotions. Long years spent studying had brought them to a belief that the mere additional one to two years of studying was not much of an advantage. Thus, Luo Feng would not constitute much of a threat.

What they had not expected was that the first to reach the basic requirement would be Luo Feng!

The great beings were all full of rage and anxiety.

“Big trouble.”

“This is a terrible situation.”

“That loathsome human! Detestable. Teacher Origin has ordered us to seize that inheritance at all cost.”

The universe masters from Purple Moon Holy Land were transmitting voices to one another, And Deer Bug Master wore a deep frown as he transmitted his voice, saying, “I am at my wit’s end. From the very beginning, Duan Dong River has favored Luo Feng, and now, Luo Feng is the first to reach the requirements of Rhinoceros Emperor Game; the fast will only get faster. If this continues, he will be in an even more advantageous position! By that time, no matter how eager we are to obtain that inheritance, our chances will be greatly reduced...”

“Deer Bug Master, how about we kill Luo Feng?”

“Yes, Deer Bug Master, we shall kill him.”

“Even if we were to be annihilated by Duan Dong River... we must also kill Luo Feng and destroy the slightest chance that he and the human race have.”

Deer Bug Master had another take on the matter. “No rush,” he said. “Regarding this matter, we are not the only anxious ones. East Emperor Holy Land is equally uptight about it. The most anxious ones, though, are from the first reincarnation era. With their doomsday drawing near... if Luo Feng manages to seize this inheritance, that would be the same as destroying their chance of transcending their first

reincarnation era. They will act to prevent him from succeeding! Besides, from how I see it, breaking open that shadow palace is no easy feat.”

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All groups of top powers were secretly transmitting while pondering their best course of action.

Duan Dong River showed indifference as he looked down at them, continuing to say, “The human, Milky Way, is now under the guardianship of my secret technique. No matter how you all attack, it will be impossible to break down the protection to hurt him. So it is better not to court your own doom! Comprehending Rhinoceros Emperor game is a long process. Continue to work hard. The more stages you comprehend, the greater your chance of receiving the inheritance. If anyone can decode up to the 6,000th stage... you can receive the inheritance from a pulse on my Duan Dong River right away!”

Duan Dong River scanned everyone beneath him.

Everyone seemed peaceful. This requirement of passing the 6,000th stage was one that Duan Dong River would repeat for every batch of candidates. Newcomers were very passionate when they first arrived, but as they started to comprehend, they realized that the difficulty level of comprehending 6,000 stages was unbelievably difficult; one could only dream.

“6,000 stages?” Second True Master sighed. “How difficult would that be? I have only comprehended up to the 1,005th stage, now. Seventh True Master is still stuck at the bottleneck of the 1,000th stage. Every 1,000 stages is a great leap in level of profundity. This 1,001st to the 2,000th stage would be even more difficult to understand. I don’t know what the lowest baseline is. I have comprehended up to the 1,005th stage, which is already the highest among all of my Divine Eye Clan but still not enough to meet Duan Dong River’s baseline requirement. Yet, Luo Feng has met that demand. Could it be that Luo Feng has comprehended more than I have? Or are the demands different for universe masters and universe supreme masters?”

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Duan Dong River looked towards Luo Feng and said, “Human Milky Way, the number of stages you have decoded so far has barely reached my baseline requirement. Continue working harder! The more you decode, the better it will be for you...”

“Yes, Lord Duan Dong River.” Luo Feng gave a slight bow.

Duan Dong River nodded.

Hua!

Then he vanished right away. Thereafter, there was an uproar within the entire life and death corridor. Everyone started to discuss the situation.

Luo Feng surveyed his surroundings and saw quite a few great beings throwing looks of resentment, enmity, murderous intentions, and the like in his direction. He could not hold back a grin as he said, “Want to kill me? Come on, I will not retaliate! Just like before, I will let you all attack within fighting back at all.”

“Detestable.”

“What arrogance.”

“Bastard.”

Quite a few great beings from the top powers gritted their teeth out of a sense of helplessness. Previously, they still dared to attack, but now... Duan Dong River had made it clear that the moment they attacked, they would be eliminated and then exterminated! Moreover, Duan Dong River had vowed solemnly that, under the guardianship of that shadow, no great being present would be able to break through it.

“Haha...” Luo Feng laughed as his gaze swept over every universe master that had attacked him before. The provocation in his eyes was blatant.

This made the universe masters even more furious. But they knew that Luo Feng was doing all this intentionally. If they really did attack, they would be falling into his trap.

“Previously, they attacked me so brazenly. Now, they are scared.” Luo Feng shook his head. Being under the watchful eyes of close to 10,000 life forms of various clans from the three great reincarnation eras and the two Holy Lands... He sighed. “How ridiculous this is. My time is too precious to waste it on all you. I am going to continue comprehending. This inheritance, I am determined to make it mine.”

With that, Luo Feng sat down cross-legged and resumed his silent comprehension.

The hazy golden shadow palace enshrouded Luo Feng as though it were a gigantic canopy.

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The great beings from various clans, especially the ones from the first reincarnation era and the Two Holy Lands, had moved nearer to the shadow palace to feel it more thoroughly, and they all felt an aura that made them tremble in fright! Unquestionably, this guardianship by a secret technique was so terrifying that universe masters who had yet to act had already lost all confidence.

They were all anxious and furious, but there was nothing they could do. This made them hate Luo Feng even more!

“Depriving our clan of the chance of transcending reincarnation! Detestable!”

“You should go and die.”

One by one, their eyes glared at Luo Feng.

Luo Feng swept his surroundings and grinned and closed his eyes. He could not be bothered with them.

He had become a target of public criticism—nothing new to him!

Since Duan Dong River’s outright display of special attention toward Luo Feng, groups of top powers had been surrounding him with attacks... Since things had already gotten ugly, there would be no need to bother himself with them. The real opportunity was right before him. He had to march fearlessly onward without flinching! There was no need to bother so much...

This inheritance will belong to no one else but me, Luo Feng! Are you all angry? Threatening me? Threaten as you please. I, Luo Feng, fear you not! I shall do my very best to comprehend this Rhinoceros Emperor Game as fast as I can. Then I will get ahold of the inheritance this time!

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In the virtual universe, shrouded by a winding haze, stood many stone pillars with three-dimensional virtual shadows.

Luo Feng stood before the three-dimensional virtual shadow on the 1,001st endgame, pondering. Not too far from him, a man dressed in a white robe was looking at the 2,001st endgame.

“Luo Feng.”

“Luo Feng. Hahaha.”

“Such great news, yet you did not tell us.”

Suddenly, a few figures appeared from not too far away. It was Huge Axe Creator and Primal Chaos City Leader, the leaders of great beings from the human race. There were also Darkness Master, Ice Mountain Master, Remote Lord Master, and Long Yan Master. All of them wore happy expressions.

Luo Feng stood up to welcome them.

“We just heard.” Huge Axe Creator was laughing heartily, and his voice was gleeful. “You actually met Duan Dong River’s expectations! You are the first to achieve this! It is always said that ‘the fast get faster.’ With the passage of time, you will get to an even more advantageous position. You are the most hopeful candidate for the inheritance this time. You should not bother with anything else. Do not fret about the threats from the other groups of powers; at most, we humans can just remain in the primal universe. Haha... With this inheritance, it will be possible for the human race to transcend the two holy lands in the future. Even though I have never heard of this, why else would the two holy lands be so fixated over this inheritance?”

“That’s right.” Primal Chaos City Leader nodded, too. “Let’s not bother ourselves with the rest. We should focus on seizing that inheritance!”

“Yes, Teacher.” Luo Feng also nodded. With a grin, he said, “There is nothing I can do even if they were to create disturbances now.”

“Good, good, good,” Huge Axe said. “We shall not bother you further. Go on with your comprehending!”

“We are just here to congratulate you.” Darkness Master also gave him a rare smile. “This is humanity’s greatest opportunity. Such an opportunity is hard to come by—probably one in several hundreds and thousands of reincarnation eras. It would be a sin to let it pass through our fingers.”

“We shall pin our hopes on you!” Remote Lord Master shouted.

Ice Mountain Master, who stood to the side, also gave words of encouragement.

The group of great beings was talking to Luo Feng... Yet all of them, including Luo Feng, were oblivious to the presence of a man in a white robe, standing a short distance away, watching them in silence.

The man in white robe gently shook his head with a sigh. "They have to fight on for all of humanity, which depended on them for everything, and I could only watch on helplessly."

For countless years, he had observed how humanity had met with various dangers, but there was nothing he could do because he was eternally suppressed. There was no way out for him.

And because of this, he—Teacher Origin—might have gone to various places and even attended the human race's conferences or the Hong Alliance's conferences. Yet not a single being knew he was there!

The virtual universe... He was its owner. In the virtual universe, he was omnipotent.

"Luo Feng, continue to do your best," the man in white robe whispered.

No matter how powerful he was, the fight against the primal universe origin had left him with many afterthoughts; the time that had gone by since he had been eternally suppressed had made him stronger and more powerful. Now, he was even fully confident of being able to break through a reincarnation era. Yet all was too late. Being eternally suppressed, there was nothing more he could do.

"Primal universe, I am not ready to bow my retreat yet. Never! So long as there is a trace of a chance, I will fight to the very end!"

A fearsome glint flashed through his eyes as the man in the white robe redirected his attention to studying and comprehending the Rhinoceros Emperor Game in silence.

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As time passed, things got peaceful and quiet within the life and death corridor of the Boat of Mausoleum. Every group of power gathered to study the Rhinoceros Emperor Game.

Since Luo Feng had met Duan Dong River's expectations, naturally, he was more at ease.

He had decided to change his method of comprehending.

For the past 500 years, he had been comprehending diligently, yet the more he studied, the more he realized that the Rhinoceros Emperor Game and secret techniques had a common point. Previously, Luo Feng had been doing all he could to decode the game. Thus, he did not dare to try, but now... Luo Feng had decided that 80 percent of the time, he would spend on studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game, and the remaining 20 percent would be spent on studying the secret technique hidden within the secret space in the ninth abyss.

Secret technique and Rhinoceros Emperor Game were in contrast with one another.

An important thing to know: Traveling from the Ninth Abyss to the space of the black-striped stone pillars would take a few hundred years! From the space of the black-striped stone pillars to Flame Ice Region would also take a few hundred years!

Especially when the time velocity over at the space of the black-striped stone pillars was 3,000 times, which meant that he had already spent an extremely long time studying the diagram of secret engravings and had long finished cultivation of the seventh stage of Beast God path, even to the extent of nearing completion! Luo Feng had paused his cultivation of the Beast God path because he was nearing complete cultivation.

But the moment he completed it, perhaps he would be able to become a universe master!

The pair of white wings that he badly wanted! He needed to be a universe knight to own it!

He needed to receive Duan Dong River's inheritance! The identity of a universe knight would add to his advantage! As for the laws... Luo Feng had stopped cultivating them.

His achievement in secret techniques had reached the pinnacle level of universe masters where he had created six types of strongest secret techniques. He was near to creating a combination of his strongest secret techniques.

"I will spend 80 percent of my time studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game. I will spend the remaining 20 percent of the time studying secret techniques. Perhaps, when I compare and contrast them both... my speed of comprehension will get much faster. And I can occasionally take some time to continue honing my willpower. Up until today, my willpower is unable to break through the level of a universe supreme master... If my willpower can evolve up to a new level, my studies on secret techniques may get even faster."

### **Chapter 1233: Three Thousand Years**

All the top great beings in Universe Ocean knew how important that powerful inheritance from the ancient civilization was! They were all looking forward to great beings from their side satisfying the requirements for solving the Rhinoceros Emperor Game.

At this moment, the life-or-death corridor inside Universe Boat in the Boat of Mausoleum in Flame Ice Region was the most important silent battlefield in Universe Ocean! The inheritance of Duan Dong River might be able to decide which power was able to transcend incarnations and become another holy land.

"Luo Feng is only at an advantage temporarily! We still have a chance!"

"That's right. As long as we can meet the basic requirement in that certain period of time, we'll have the chance to receive an inheritance."

"We need to grasp the opportunity."

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime."

"We'll risk our lives for it."

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All the powers had gone mad. They didn't think of getting the inheritance immediately in a short period of time. It was unrealistic. Instead, they wanted to meet the basic requirements for Rhinoceros to have a chance of getting an inheritance! As long as there was a chance, there was a possibility.

Ding! Dong!

The familiar voice came in the quiet life-or-death corridor again.

"Huh?"

Everyone—including Luo Feng, who was covered by the palace giving out blurry light—looked up. They saw a figure.

“Duan Dong River!”

“Duan Dong River has shown up again.”

Everyone was excited.

Luo Feng looked at the figure, frowning. He had met the requirements already, so Duan Dong River hadn't shown up for him.

“Blue Blood from Eastern Emperor Holy Land has met the requirements,” Duan Dong River said, looking down at a handsome man from Eastern Emperor Holy Land. There were leaves and vines around his body. He couldn't help being excited. All the great beings looked at him.

Luo Feng also noticed the great being “Blue Blood” from Eastern Emperor Holy Land. He frowned.

Huh? He—he's a universe knight? I'm a universe knight, and the second one who met the basic requirements is also a universe knight...

He could tell the power of this universe knight. Within Eastern Emperor Holy Land, universe masters stood in the front, followed by universe knights, while undying fighters were protected, standing at the back. Besides, Blue Blood didn't have strong godly power. He was only a universe knight with a life gene level of 1,000 times.

“A universe knight?”

“A universe knight meets the requirements after the human Milky Way?”

“There are seven universe supreme masters and almost 200 universe masters here... That Milky Way Horde Leader is a peerless universe master, yet this universe knight is only a mediocre one. Even he succeeded?”

“How so...?”

Everyone was shocked.

Hua!

Duan Dong River pointed to the indistinct figure beside Blue Blood Knight, and the blurry palace covered Blue Blood Knight, too. The palace was golden. It was the same as the one protecting Luo Feng.

“Keep comprehending.” Duan Dong River smiled. “The more you solve the puzzles, the more beneficial it's going to be for you. Keep comprehending and don't worry about others... You have my techniques to protect you, so nobody can hurt you. I've set the rules already.” Duan Dong River glanced around the great beings present. “Everyone who satisfies the requirements will be protected by me. Anyone who dares to make attacks against them will be eliminated and killed.”

“Blue Blood, keep going,” Duan Dong Master encouraged him.

“Okay, Master Duan Dong,” said Blue Blood Knight.

Hua!

Duan Dong River disappeared.

“A universe knight is taking the lead!” Second True Master was furious. “Did he actually solve the puzzles faster than me?”

“A universe knight is taking the lead!”

Many were infuriated. On the contrary, great beings from Eastern Emperor Holy Land were all excited—especially Blue Blood Knight. He even glanced at Luo Feng. Apparently, he wanted to compete with Luo Feng.

Luo Feng took a look and thought, I’m the first one to meet the requirements. However, I’m only at an advantage by a small margin. Duan Dong River will look at lots of other aspects if he wants to find a candidate. I need to solve more puzzles. According to Duan Dong River, the more puzzles someone solves, the more likely they will get an inheritance.

So much pressure... The human race had placed their hope in him. He was already at an advantage, so he couldn’t let up.

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Universe Ocean, Eastern Emperor Holy Land.

“Blue Blood?”

“Blue Blood met the requirements?”

“We sent a large group of universe masters, universe knights, and undying fighters... You Zan should be the one solving the puzzles fastest, as he had solved 1,200 of them, yet he still hasn’t met the requirements. Blue Blood just finished the 1,000th one, but he’s already met the requirements?”

There were hundreds of universe masters and several universe supreme masters in a hall.

Weng!

A blurry green light showed up in the sky above the palace.

“Ancestor.”

“Ancestor.”

All the great beings bowed.

The blurry light looked down and said, “It seems that Duan Dong River has different requirements for great beings of different power levels. Tell the undying fighters and universe knights from our race to work harder so that more of them can meet the requirements.”

“Yes.”

“Yes.”

The green light disappeared.



The great beings looked at each other, and they were all shocked. The ancestor of Eastern Emperor Holy Land rarely showed up, however, not only did he sent a great number of great beings to Duan Dong River, he showed up in the palace, which showed how much Eastern Emperor Ancestor valued the inheritance.

Though Blue Blood Knight was only a universe knight, he was a universe-master-to-be, and his willpower was at universe-supreme master level... He can solve the puzzles very quickly. We should've sent more universe-master-to-be there."

"That's right."

"We should've sent more universe-masters-to-be."

Universe-masters-to-be were special universe knights. Eastern Emperor Holy Land had existed for an infinite amount of time; if there were ten universe masters born in every universe era, there would be more than 10,000 universe masters! Why were there only a few universe masters? Because the holy land couldn't contain that many universe masters, just like a patch of earth could only nurture a certain number of plants. If there were too many plants, the land wouldn't be able to withstand them all.

A miniature universe couldn't nurture universe supreme masters. It could only birth universe masters! Also, a small universe couldn't hold an unlimited number of universe masters... Every universe master was a huge burden to a small universe, and when it hit the limit, the number couldn't increase. Otherwise, it would be harmful to the holy land itself.

Which was why some universe knights—who had already finished law comprehension and could become a universe master at any time—couldn't get any godly power from the holy land universe origin!

When a universe master died, one of the universe-masters-to-be would be selected to become a universe master! They had lived for a long time; some of them had lived for more than 100 universe eras, which was why they had extremely powerful will.

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The 800th year after Luo Feng began studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game.

Ding! Dong!

Duan Dong River showed up again.

"Remote Snow from the second universe era has met the requirement." Duan Dong River looked down and stared at a candidate from bug race.

"What?"

"An undying fighter?"

"Only an undying fighter?"

"Even undying fighters can meet the requirement?"

Everyone was shocked that the third one to meet the requirements was an undying fighter of the bug race from the second universe era.

“Up.” Duan Dong River pointed at Remote Snow, and suddenly, a blurry palace surrounded Remote Snow.

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Time flew.

One candidate after another met the requirements, and soon, the powers understood that there were different levels of requirements for great beings of different power levels, as none of the seven universe supreme masters met the requirements.

The first one was Luo Feng! The second one was a universe knight! The third one was undying! The fourth one was undying!

The fifth one was a universe master: You Zan from Eastern Emperor Holy Land. And up until then, two from Eastern Emperor Holy Land had met the requirements. It'd been 1,100 years since Luo Feng had met the requirements.

The sixth one was a universe knight! The seventh one was a universe master! And he was Luo Feng's acquaintance, Deer Bug Master.

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Almost 3,000 years passed.

In the life-or-death corridor, one blurry palace after another covered the candidates who made the cut. 62 candidates had met the requirements. In fact, from the 2,000th year onward, many candidates met the requirements. For example, Peng Gong Master had met the requirements already. Yet none of the seven universe supreme masters had met the requirements.

Ding! Dong!

Duan Dong Master showed up again.

It was common for Duan Dong Master to show up. Everyone looked up to see which power had met the requirements.

“Tie Bu Demon Master from the first universe era has met the requirements,” said Duan Dong River.

All seven universe supreme masters in the life-or-death corridor shuddered.

“Gosh!”

“Finally, a universe supreme master has met the requirements.”

All the great beings looked to him.

It was too harsh. Finally, a universe supreme master succeeded!

Those universe supreme masters felt both excited and despondent. Nearly 3,000 years! One great being after another who was weaker than them had succeeded, yet none of the seven universe supreme masters had succeeded. They thought there was no hope for universe supreme masters.

Finally, Tie Bu Demon Master had succeeded.

63rd!

“Universe supreme masters need to solve 2,000 puzzles!” Tie Bu Demon Master had strong mixed feelings.

### **Chapter 1234: The Second Bottleneck**

The 64th one!

The 65th one!

The other candidates in the life and death corridor might have been slower in speed of comprehending the Rhinoceros Emperor Game, but with the passing of time, the number of great beings reaching Duan Dong River’s expectation was increasing at an alarming rate. One by one, golden shadow palaces were appearing within the life and death corridor. There were already many of these scattered all over the place.

Candidates within the life and death corridor would occasionally carry out discussions secretly via voice transmissions.

“The time given to decoding the Rhinoceros Emperor Game is unexpectedly long. From the looks of it, Duan Dong River is intent on gathering more candidates for his heir. The number is now close to 70!”

“True. After all, an heir not only requires the ability to comprehend. There are other areas to consider; even if Luo Feng may be at a slight advantage now, it is no cause for worry. Our East Emperor Holy Land already has nine who have met the baseline requirement! Moving forward, we will gain an even greater advantage!”

After all, studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game was an extremely tedious and difficult process. It was almost like a continuous soul attack, which was why, based on the difference in their willpower, most of these great beings would take a break from time to time, although the length of time taken for their breaks varied.

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Within the virtual universe.

“There are 69 who have already met the expectation.” Primal Chaos City Leader, who was seldom worried, started to show traces of anxiety. “And the more time that passes, I believe the number of candidates will also increase! Given this rate of development, Luo Feng’s advantage will gradually shrink.”

“What should we do?”

“We want to get hold of the inheritance, yet our chances are continuously lessening.”

Eight universe masters and Huge Axe Creator had gathered. The eight universe masters were all high-level leading figures of the human race, like Darkness Master, Void Gold Master, Deserted Mirror Master, and Qing Dong Master. Although they were all at different places—be it Tilted Peak Sector or Universe Boat, and not at the Boat of Mausoleum—they were constantly concerned about everything happening at the Boat of Mausoleum.

Everyone knew that this round of inheritance was a silent battle! This battle would determine who could transcend the reincarnation era and determine the owner of the third holy land universe!

“Stop getting frustrated over this.” Huge Axe Creator laughed heartily and added, “It is pointless for us to fret over this. Let Luo Feng comprehend at his leisure! As for us... let’s take our minds off this by going on other adventures and roaming elsewhere. If we simply stare on aimlessly, what if this inheritance lasts for 10,000 years, or even longer?”

“True.”

“But—”

“All right, all right, all of you should get back now,” Huge Axe Creator said with a wave.

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Among the individual planes, with fog winding around them, there were many stone pillars, and every one of them bore a three-dimensional virtual shadow.

Luo Feng and the man in the white robe, Teacher Origin, were in the same space, but of course, Luo Feng was not the least bit aware of Teacher Origin’s presence.

“The first 2,000 stages are so tough.” Luo Feng was standing before the three-dimensional virtual shadow of the 2,000th endgame.

It had been 3,000 years, and during this long period of time, there were other candidates who had subsequently managed to meet the baseline requirements. This had definitely dealt him a certain amount of pressure, and he also started to understand Duan Dong River’s intentions. Apparently, Duan Dong River did not wish to place all his bets on Luo Feng for the time being.

“This round of inheritance! Since I am already in the lead, I must work things to my advantage and make this inheritance mine.” Luo Feng was very resolute. “Since I started studying secret techniques and Rhinoceros Emperor Game through a compare-and-contrast method, my speed of comprehension has obviously become much faster.”

After he had decoded the 1,000th endgame, he had started a new studying method. 80 percent of his time was spent studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game while 20 percent of his time was spent on studying the secret technique of the Ninth Deep Abyss, with occasional sessions put aside for honing his willpower...

Indeed, according to the feeling he had, the secret techniques and the Rhinoceros Emperor Game did share a common point. Upon comparing and contrasting the two, Luo Feng was able to gain more understanding, thus increasing his speed of comprehension. The previous 1,000 stages took him 500

years. If he went by his normal speed, then to successfully decode the first 2,000 stages, he would need a time period that was ten times longer or even more.

Yet now, he only took 500 years, which was five times the original time to quickly succeed in decoding the first 2,000 stages.

“Seems like this Luo Feng...” The man in white robes looked toward Luo Feng from a short distance away, smiling as he nodded in approval. “Soon, he will be able to finish decoding the first 2,000 stages. Given his comprehension, his fundamentals, to be able to create a combination of strongest techniques will not be difficult for him at all. How impressive.”

The man in white robe was full of compliments for Luo Feng.

Probably most of the other candidates within the life and death corridor did not know this, but Teacher Origin, upon spending 3,000 years studying Rhinoceros Emperor Game (after adding on 10,000 times of accelerated time velocity, which would make it 30 million years), had come to know more than them.

Rhinoceros Emperor Game was highly demanding on one’s ability to comprehend! Was highly demanding on one’s ability to deduce! In short, if one was able to understand the Rhinoceros Emperor Game in depth, then the law of comprehension, law of studies, and creating secret techniques and such would no longer be difficult tasks. From the looks of it, most of the candidates had now managed to break through and meet the baseline requirements, but that was merely the first bottleneck.

The bottleneck for undying godly souls—the first 500 stages!

The bottleneck for universe knights—the first 1,000 stages!

The bottleneck for universe masters—the first 1,500 stages!

The bottleneck for universe supreme masters—the first 2,000 stages!

“Great beings with high aptitude would have no difficulty breaking through the first bottleneck if given sufficient time, just like how every universe supreme master is able to find a path that is unique to him, to create his own miniature universe. Universe supreme masters have strangely high abilities to comprehend, so long as enough time is given, every single one of them will be able to decode the first 2,000 stages.” The man in white robe was aware of this point. “Yet that was only the first bottleneck... The second bottleneck requires a length of time that is calculated in multiples of ten; every period of time required would be calculated in terms of ten times. Or when moving forward, it might be impossible to achieve a breakthrough no matter how much time is used up.”

For instance, a universe master who was studying the 1,998th stage... He was unable to decode that stage!

Then given 10,000 years, 100,000 years, one million years... or even to the extent of one reincarnation era, he might never be able to decode that stage! Because he had reached his limit. Unless his basic ability to comprehend underwent a fundamental change.

“This Luo Feng passed the first bottleneck so easily. Now, he has already reached the second bottleneck.” The man in white robe nodded quietly. “And, at such a fast speed, obviously this is still far from his limit. Indeed! Indeed, he is the most hopeful one in becoming the next universe supreme

master. If he manages to get Duan Dong River's inheritance this time, I believe there is a great possibility of him transcending a reincarnation era in the future."

The man in white robe could not hold back a smile. All these years, he had been here studying Rhinoceros Emperor Game, so every move Luo Feng made did not escape his eye. And which virtual shadow Luo Feng often studied was no secret to him either.

He was very clear of the rate at which Luo Feng was improving.

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Luo Feng had accepted the inheritance for over 3,000 years. There was dead silence in the life and death corridor as numerous golden shadow palaces were scattered about randomly. There was also an ocean of candidates surrounding these shadow palaces. These golden shadow palaces represented the great beings who had met the baseline requirements.

Ding! Dong!

A familiar sound rang and resonated deep within every great being.

All the great beings raised their heads.

"Must be the 70th one now."

"The 70th one to meet the expectations. Who can that be? It must be from our primal universe, right? It can't always be the first reincarnation era and two holy lands."

"Must be from our second reincarnation era."

One by one, everyone was silently speculating.

Apparently, great beings from the two holy lands and first reincarnation era had dominated a majority of the candidates who had passed the baseline requirements. The second reincarnation era and primal universe were on the losing end, with fewer representatives.

"I... am delighted." Duan Dong River's voice sounded.

"What?"

Every great being felt a tremor rumbling through their hearts. Even those few who were sidetracked studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game had to stop for the time being to look up. Delighted? Duan Dong River was delighted? Such an event was unprecedented.

Duan Dong River, suspended in midair, was smiling as he looked down at the dense crowd of close to 100,000 great beings from various clans looking up at him expectantly. Duan Dong River announced with a smile, "Human form Milky Way has broken through the second bottleneck... and reached a whole new level."

Hua!

An uproar surged. Everyone turned to look at Milky Way Horde Leader, Luo Feng, who had almost been forgotten throughout the long years.

“Rise!” Duan Dong River pointed afar.

At that moment, a crystal pillar appeared with a kakaka sound from the ground beside Luo Feng. When that crystal pillar had fully emerged, its surface started to radiate a dazzling red light. The hazy red light converged with the golden light-ray palace from before, and then, the entire light-ray palace dazzled with two hues of lights—red and golden.

The golden-red palace enshrouded Luo Feng.

Luo Feng was also slightly taken aback. This was the differential treatment for someone who had met the requirement? Right. He had just decoded the 2,000th stage, but still...

Luo Feng was shocked. The other groups were even more shocked, and all found it hard to understand. Originally, they had thought that even after meeting the requirement, everything would maintain the status quo. But from the looks of it... everything was different.

“I have said before.” Duan Dong River looked at all the shocked expressions of the candidates and said, “The more stages decoded, the more advantages gained, and this will bring more benefits when accepting the inheritance. All of you have passed the first bottleneck and are considered to have met my baseline requirement... Of course, that is merely a baseline requirement. If you can’t even meet that, then you certainly have no right to advance.”

“As for breaking through the second bottleneck, like the human Milky Way,” Duan Dong River started to elaborate, “even for all of you candidates, you all can be categorized into four different levels. Let me come up with four names for these four levels. They will be the peripheral candidates, elite candidates, core candidates, and heirs! Those who have previously met the requirements are merely considered the peripherals. Those like the human Milky Way will be considered as elites. One level up will be the core. And further up by one more level... one becomes an heir. Then there is no further need to compete further. I, Duan Dong River, will hand over my inheritance right away.”

Duan Dong River looked toward the seven universe supreme masters. “The seven of you have long ago bred your own miniature universes. All of you have very strong powers, so naturally, you all have to deal with a higher bottleneck. For you all... so long as you can decode up to the 6,000th stage, you can obtain the inheritance right away. Of course, I guess that the possibility of any one of you who wish to break through and reach the fourth bottleneck to become an heir within my expected timeline, or to directly move on to decoding the 6,000th endgame is extremely, awfully low.

“Which is why you all have to work even harder at decoding. Those who have decoded more... At different levels, the inheritance that you all get in contact with later on will also differ. For instance, now, the chances that human form Milky Way have to obtain the inheritance is greater than you all by ten times or even 100 times. Unless you all achieve your breakthrough to the second bottleneck soon as well. Work hard.”

Silence. Every great being present understood...

So, this was how it would be.

The number of stages decoded, more or less, really did make much of a difference—and a very fundamental one, too. Decoding more would even enable one to directly gain the inheritance without

having to progress through all four levels. And then, all the other great beings would be considered to have failed and be eliminated!

The first bottleneck... the second bottleneck... the third bottleneck... the fourth bottleneck... If one could not even make it past the first bottleneck, then elimination was the only result. Elimination, in other words, meant annihilation!

This sent everyone into a state of discreet anxiety. Especially knowing that Luo Feng had broken through the second bottleneck. They were left in solicitude.

The second bottleneck? Luo Feng quickly quelled his heightened emotions and started to think calmly. The first bottleneck is the first 1,000 stages, the second bottleneck is the first 2,000 stages, could it be the third bottleneck is the first 3,000 stages? That means, breaking through the first 4,000 stages, I can become an heir right away?

### **Chapter 1235: Willpower! Breakthrough!**

“Primal Universe human, Yan Chun. Requirements met.”

“East Emperor Holy Land, Zi Wei Kai. Requirements met.”

Duan Dong River stood at the front of the corridor, where he had, unexpectedly, remained for a long time. The number of those who had reached the first bottleneck had entered a stage of explosive growth—in the blink of an eye, it had shot past 100 and was still soaring.

Seeing how the others were passing the first bottleneck one after another, Luo Feng was not at all bothered. He continued to follow his own method of studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game at his leisure!

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Time passed. In the 3,900th year since Luo Feng had accepted the inheritance, the number of life forms breaking through the first bottleneck grew the fastest. After that, the rate gradually slowed down. At the start of the 5,200th year, there was not a single being who was able to pass the first bottleneck.

“Is this your ultimate limit?” Duan Dong River shook his head and said coldly, “Only 298 of you have managed to break through the first bottleneck?”

Luo Feng, who was being enveloped by the palace radiating red and golden light rays, opened his eyes and nodded discreetly. For the Rhinoceros Emperor Game, it did not necessarily mean that the more time spent decoding, the more stages would be decoded. Many undying godly spirits present at the corridor had limited potential; some universe knights might never be able to achieve a breakthrough in their entire lifetime. Those who just wanted to pass the first bottleneck had certainly found it to be an extremely difficult task.

At that moment, out of the 298 beings who had passed the first bottleneck, the seven universe supreme masters had all met the challenge! All the universe masters had reached the first bottleneck, while a few undying godly spirits and a handful of universe knights had met the requirements. Of course, Luo Feng was the only one who had reached the second bottleneck.



“Huh?” Duan Dong River suddenly looked in a certain direction, then smiled with a nod. “East Emperor Holy Land Blue Blood has passed the second bottleneck. It seems like this time around, the ones with the highest hopes of receiving the inheritance of the pulse of my Duan Dong River will be you and that human Milky Way. You have to try your best. Do not slack off.”

Blue Blood Knight bowed. “Understood, Lord Duan Dong River.”

At the same time, a crystal pillar emerged from the ground of the corridor right beside him. The crystal pillar was bursting with light rays, combining to form a red palace and a golden palace. The red and golden beams radiated, then moved over to enshroud Blue Blood Knight! The combination of red and golden rays was in harmony with Luo Feng’s red and golden palace in the distance.

“Hmm?” Luo Feng gave a slight frown.

“Blue Blood Knight,” Luo Feng softly chanted to himself.

“Blue Blood!”

“Blue Blood Knight... East Emperor Holy Land’s fate is in your hands.”

The universe masters from East Emperor Holy Land were all overjoyed and excited. So long as one of them—no matter who—could get that inheritance, that would almost be the same as the entire holy land owning it.

Blue Blood Knight also smiled at the great beings around him. This inheritance would be the greatest opportunity in his lifetime. It would change his destiny!

Prior to this, he was always considered ordinary among the countless great beings of East Emperor Holy Land; he was only a member of the group of universe masters-to-be. Because there was a limit to the number of universe masters that East Emperor Holy Land Universe could accommodate, when so many universe masters coexisted in a same holy land, those who belonged to the group of universe masters-to-be would never be able to achieve a breakthrough. They would never be able to receive provisions from the holy land universe origin to achieve a breakthrough.

From knight to universe master, the amount of godly power being consumed was alarming. Without the provision from the origin, this transition would not be possible.

He, Blue Blood Knight, had gone from an awkward universe master-to-be to a most sensational, high-positioned status within the whole East Emperor Holy Hand—and all of it had happened in such a short period of time. He had surpassed any other universe master or universe supreme master! Even East Emperor Ancestor had made a personal appearance to meet him to give him words of encouragement.

“The Rhinoceros Emperor Game has already proven your potential. This time around, even if you do not receive the inheritance, in the future, you will still receive the best training from my holy land. Do not feel stressed. Just try your best! If you perform well enough this time around! Your potential is boundless! I shall not hesitate to help you at all costs to help you become a universe supreme master, or even to help you transcend a reincarnation era.”

East Emperor Ancestor's promise had long set Blue Blood Knight's desires ablaze. The burning passion that had lain dormant for so long, was ignited once again. He felt as though he was back in his years as a youth—that period where he could go on battling, filled with that fighting spirit!

"Becoming a universe supreme master? I thought only the primal universe was able to breed universe supreme masters. Could it be that Ancestor had a way, too? That must be it! Duan Dong River left an inheritance of his pulse, so naturally, he wanted his descendants to continue to cultivate and elevate his inheritance. If even a universe supreme master cannot achieve that, it would be ridiculous. If an ancient civilization could have such a technique, then if Ancestor were to pay a higher price, he could probably achieve the same thing."

Blue Blood Knight knew that this was his greatest stroke of luck! His chance for a new life! Even if he were to fail, so long as he could prove his potential—prove how promising his potential was—East Emperor Ancestor would be willing to reverse time and space to resurrect him, train him, and allow him to cultivate anew.

"Success! That Luo Feng means nothing at all. I have kept silent for countless years, for I am not qualified enough to enter Universe Ocean, so I have stayed insignificant and passive... waiting for a chance like this! My one true chance for a new life! I will grasp onto it with dear life!"

Blue Blood Knight seemed indifferent on the surface, but in his heart, he was in a state of craziness. For such a change to appear before him, he had to hold on to it like a drowning man clinging a life preserver! All his passion would be set ablaze!

He would set his whole life ablaze! All his wisdom—all his potential—would burst out at this very moment!

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In the space of the black-striped stone pillars, the towering, black-striped stone pillars pierced all the way to the topmost, deepest end of the clouds. The entire area exuded boundless oppressive willpower, as if billions of blood-stained, black-armored troops were charging forward with murderous intentions amidst loud roars.

This was the place where Luo Feng stayed to hone his willpower. His Moshu body always remained here, in the same spot. The surroundings were free from other great beings, and although the area had 16 black-striped stone pillars, almost every great being would be gathered around the Number 2 pillar. There, they could frequently listen to Bei Chi Star Master's teachings. Luo Feng's location was always desolated and quiet.

A single stone would sometimes leave the gigantic rock to float in midair as it slowly drifted toward the black-striped stone pillar, albeit extremely slowly.

"Kill! Kill! Kill!" Endless roars rang out. The impact of willpower was like a series of tidal waves, exerting oppression over Luo Feng's willpower.

Usually, while studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game and secret techniques, his Moshu body would fly over to a gigantic rock in the distance or even retreat to the borderline region of the gigantic rock. The impact of willpower was smallest there, which would help in blocking out external influences during

training sessions. As for honing his willpower, he would do his best to force himself close to his ultimate limit. Under such an ultimatum, he would hone his willpower. This would enable him to be fully focused, as there was no way he could be distracted during cultivation if he was subjected to such a limit.

“Roar!”

The stone started to wriggle and transform, changing into a naked man whose skin was covered with complex space secret engravings.

Mosha body, if killed under unique circumstances, would reveal its original form, and at this moment, the space secret engravings on the man’s skin were returning to their original form. It was the form in which Mosha body was most at ease, without any burden. At this moment, under the ultimate oppression, he had reached the critical point. Mosha body was no longer able to control himself as he regained his original form.

“Almost.”

“Almost.”

Luo Feng’s willpower was roaring. Roaring with rage! He had a feeling that he was going to break through that ultimate limit. He was so close—so close to a breakthrough that he had never experienced before!

“I want my breakthrough! Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah!”

Luo Feng’s willpower was roaring furiously.

Hong!

Like thunder and lightning strikes! It was as though the endlessly chaotic world had changed into the billions of stars within the universe in an instant, countless living souls.

At that moment, Luo Feng’s willpower was cheering and jumping with joy. He was feeling delightfully satisfied, like a fish flying out of the vast ocean or a bird soaring about in the boundless sky. Or a trapped dragon god who had finally struggled its way out of the shallow shores to fly up to the celestial skies, where it could wander without restraint. This was a bout of willpower that was incomparably powerful, and it was exuded from that naked Mosha body.

“Hahaha...” A black robe was quick to gather and cover the Mosha body as he laughed with great pleasure. “Advance!”

Sou!

Mosha body advanced at high speed and charged toward the black-striped stone pillars as it continuously forced himself to challenge his new limit. The time velocity continuously soared by leaps and bounds, and it got faster and faster!

“12,000 times?”

When Luo Feng felt that time velocity had reached a rate of 12,000 times, he started to feel to feel the toil. He knew then that he was already quite close to his ultimate limit.

“I heard Bei Chi Star Master is strongest when it comes to honing willpower, and where he is, the time velocity rate is actually more than 130,000 times. There is always someone better out there.” Luo Feng smiled.

Thereafter, he backtracked and flew to a place where the time velocity was approximately 6,000 times before he stopped. The oppressive willpower at this place was merely like a gentle breeze blowing to Luo Feng, giving him a sense of comfort. It held no influence over his cultivation.

“My willpower is metamorphosing! With the powerful willpower in control of my consciousness, the speed of my deducing and mental abilities will be greatly increased; studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game will definitely be much faster.”

Luo Feng was secretly rejoicing. Willpower would be the commander in chief! Consciousness would be various generals! Godly power would be the soldiers!

The metamorphosis of willpower, be it for cultivation or for battle, always produced greatly beneficial results.

At least for now, what Luo Feng felt was that if he were to receive the inheritance of the pulse of Duan Dong River. He could greatly benefit from it in two ways. One, after his willpower achieved a breakthrough, would have more clout and therefore gain more confidence in receiving the inheritance. Two, his willpower would finally make it past the level of a universe supreme master, and he would gain more confidence in getting that white pair of wings—which had such formidable power—to recognize him as its master.

“Haha! The breakthrough of my willpower is like a dragon rising up into the sky.” Luo Feng was overjoyed.

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After the breakthrough, Luo Feng shifted all his focus and energy into studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game and secret techniques. He decided to take a break from honing his willpower for the time being!

“What satisfaction.”

It was obvious to him that now, when he was studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game, he could analyze and comprehend from various perspectives instantly. Numerous inspirations and thoughts would surge and gush in his mind! His efficiency was greatly increased, and the more he studied, the more connections he felt he had found between the strongest secret techniques of the Ninth Deep Abyss and the Rhinoceros Emperor Game.

Everything worked in harmony to his favor. Plus, his speed of studying was consistently soaring.

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In the virtual universe.

“Huh?” The man in white robes was surprised as he turned to look at Luo Feng, who was not too far away. “How long has he spent studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game? Spending 3,000 years, he decoded the first 2,000 stages, yet it did not take him another 10,000 or even another 1,000 years, for him to decode the first 3,000 stages.”

Teacher Origin was taken aback. Because every set of 1,000 games was a new threshold, the difficulty level would soar by leaps and bounds. The first 2,000 stages, took him 3,000 years.

According to Teacher Origin's estimation, if Luo Feng could complete studying the first 3,000 stages within 30,000 years, that would already be a great achievement and could show his limitless potential, but who knew?

"The first 3,000 stages."

Luo Feng stood before the virtual shadow of the endgame and watched in silence. In Huge Axe's miniature universe, his Remote Ocean body was trying his best to study and decode. For at that moment, his entire being seemed to enter the absolute peak of his comprehension state, where billions of thoughts were emerging. Various inspirations were colliding, and numerous problems were being decoded.

Even some of the takeaways he gained from studying the strongest secret techniques of the Ninth Deep Abyss could be used as reference. In fact, Luo Feng personally felt that if he were to create a secret technique—given his achievement pertaining to diagrams of secret engravings—if he were to create a combination of secret techniques, it should not be such a great feat. It was just that he did not have any time to spare on creating secret techniques.

"Huh?"

Luo Feng's eyes lit up, and then, he smiled.

### **Chapter 1236: Game Over**

Whenever the number of people exceeded 10,000, it would feel as though there was a sea of people. And yet close to 10,000 great beings of various clans from the Universe Boat had gathered in the life and death corridor. At first glance, it was, indeed, a dense crowd, and at that moment, all of them were in a heated discussion...

"After the human Milky Way Horde Leader and Blue Blood, the next to pass the second bottleneck was, unexpectedly, Water Song Master! This is..."

"An inconspicuous universe master from the second reincarnation era has managed to catch up with the progress."

"Water Song."

"Water Song... has extraordinary potential."

"The first reincarnation era and the two holy lands must be going crazy with rage."

"Especially the first reincarnation era. It would be weird if they did not go mad with rage. Ranked first three are from the primal universe, East Emperor Holy Land Universe, and the second reincarnation era, respectively. There might be the most candidates from the first reincarnation era, yet none have made it to the top three."

The various clans were gasping with admiration.

“Done!”

Luo Feng was smiling as he stood before the crystal pillar. Just a while ago, he had perfectly decoded the 3,000th endgame within that crystal pillar; the moment he had successfully decoded that stage... Luo Feng raised his head to look far away. Duan Dong River should be showing up any moment.

Hua! Hua! Hua!

Countless cyan light spots were consolidating in the air.

The temperature of the surroundings plunged, which faintly caused everyone’s souls to feel a freezing sensation, sending violent shudders to course through every great being present. All raised their heads to look, and what they could see in midair, were countless cyan light spots that looked like snowflakes falling.

“What’s wrong?”

“This...”

“Something big is going to happen!”

These countless cyan light spots that resembled snowflakes suddenly surged towards Luo Feng in a frenzy.

Hong! Long! Long!

The ground behind Luo Feng suddenly split apart, and another crystal pillar appeared. At that moment... Luo Feng had three towering crystal pillars surrounding him, and the countless cyan light spots rapidly consolidated to form another palace that enshrouded him. Golden, red, and cyan—a tri-colored palace that was dazzling beyond comparison.

At that moment, Luo Feng was like a king of an army of close to 10,000 great beings of the Universe Ocean.

“What! No!” Seventh True Master of Divine Eye Clan let out a furious roar right away, his eyes filled with panic. “The chance of transcending reincarnation... belongs to my Divine Eye clan! It belongs to my Divine Eye clan. How detestable, I condemn you!”

“This—this...” An entrenched giant beast from the first reincarnation era cried tears of anguish as it let out a sorrowful roar. “Are you bent on exterminating my entire Yan Beast? Even our very last chance, you must deprive us of it? I can’t bear to see this, I can’t take it lying down!”

Desperation! All the great beings of the first reincarnation era were practically in despair. They were the majority of all the candidates present, and also the ones who desperately wanted to receive the inheritance because their doomsday was drawing near. If even this chance of inheritance was lost, they might be left with the path to annihilation!

They were reluctant to be annihilated—so reluctant for the entire clan to disappear during this reincarnation era. They struggled! They fought! For this, they would do everything and anything, even if

it meant bullying and insulting Luo Feng right from the very beginning. Even if it meant attacking him rampantly so as to affect his progress.

But fate had made a mockery out of them.

The scene before them clearly showed them that Luo Feng had already passed the third bottleneck!

There were four bottlenecks, and if one managed to break through the fourth bottleneck, the inheritance could be claimed right away; there was no further need for competition. One who had obtained the inheritance at the third bottleneck would take the identity of a “core candidate.” Compared to him, the rest were merely peripheral candidates who had passed the first bottleneck. The possibility that they would obtain the inheritance was almost negligible.

“Milky Way!”

A streak of white light appeared in midair, then transformed into the dazzling form of Duan Dong River, clothed in white, elegant armor.

At that moment, Duan Dong River was no longer cold and aloof... On the contrary, he was dazzling.

“An era just passed!” Duan Dong River closed his eyes, but tears were already falling.

There was only silence. Every great being present raised his head to look at Duan Dong River.

“Only one era has passed...” Duan Dong River said softly with a sigh. “Even though time velocity was accelerated within the miniature universe, it was, nonetheless, only limited to 10,000 times. Yet you have managed to break through the third bottleneck! Never in my wildest dreams... On this road to desperation, after being forced to abandonment and finding myself on this road to desperation, I am still able to finally find a descendant like you.”

What!

The expressions of every clan, every great being present, changed drastically. Could it be that Duan Dong River wanted to give Luo Feng the inheritance straightaway?

This... This would not do!

“I have done wrong to generations of ancestors.” Duan Dong River shut his eyes as his body trembled. A look of anguish dominated his face as he slowly opened his eyes and looked at Luo Feng. “I have done them wrong. It was me... who sent all of Duan Dong River’s pulse of bloodline falling into extermination. The pulse of Duan Dong River, which was incomparably noble and powerful, with countless eras of glory and fame, who once stood most dazzlingly on the apex of the world. But I... I have brought my pulse of bloodline into the ultimate severance. I am a sinner. But I had no choice...”

Duan Dong River looked at Luo Feng. “You. You are apt to comprehend, and you are almost my equal in terms of ability. No matter what, at least for this generation of inheritance, I am able to find an heir... who does not pale in comparison to me. You, in only one era, have broken through the third bottleneck.” He gazed at Luo Feng. “Congratulations, Milky Way!”

Luo Feng held his breath.

“If you can move on to reach the fourth bottleneck...” Duan Dong River’s gaze swept over the crowd, “they, one by one, will be eliminated and annihilated in celebration of your claim of the inheritance.”

Close to 10,000 great beings present were shocked. One by one, they would be annihilated?

Previously, did Duan Dong River not say that so long as they met the requirements, they could continue? Now, it seemed that Duan Dong River was obviously not an honest man. Once he found his heir, the other candidates would be rendered useless.

“For three eras.” Duan Dong River looked at Luo Feng. “This time, the time taken to comprehend the Rhinoceros Emperor Game was a total of three eras! Within these three eras, if you can break through to reach the fourth bottleneck, then even if I were to die, I would feel no shame toward generations of ancestors.”

“Remember... within three eras...”

As Duan Dong River said his last line, his figure diminished and vanished. The entire corridor fell into silence again.

Countless great beings looked toward Luo Feng. In their eyes was jealousy, insanity, admiration, shock, malice, hatred...

“For three eras? Is that it?” Luo Feng shut his eyes and continued to put his full efforts into comprehending the Rhinoceros Emperor Game.

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Year after year, time passed.

Every few thousand years within the corridor, there would be one great being who managed to pass the second bottleneck after much difficulty.

As for breaking through the first bottleneck... that was no longer in the picture. Apparently, the great number of undying godly souls and universe knights who were unable to achieve the breakthrough had reached their limits. They would not be able to achieve that breakthrough regardless of how much time they were given.

Blue Blood universe knight! Only second to Luo Feng when he passed the second bottleneck.

Water Song Master! He was ranked third.

Deer Bug Master! His outburst was what Purple Moon Holy Land was secretly looking forward to.

Remote Snow! The only undying...

You Zan Master! East Emperor Holy Land’s only hope.

Sorcerer Sprite Master! She had unexpectedly broken through the second bottleneck, which was indeed a great surprise, as the Divine Eye clan had not expected her to be able to achieve the breakthrough with the deadline of three eras drawing close. It was indeed an unexpected surprise! The whole Divine Eye Clan was so emotional that most were close to tears. Sorcerer Sprite Master, a lady, had accidentally become the greatest hope of their clan.



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Time flew by.

28,000 years, 28,500 years, 29,000 years...

The final boundary of the three eras timeline was drawing near. Everyone was anxious, all feeling worried. They were worried that Luo Feng might really achieve a breakthrough and pass the fourth bottleneck.

“He won’t make it.”

“He definitely won’t make it. If he did, then all hope would be lost. No more hope...”

“He can’t.”

“I would rather die. I would rather Luo Feng be annihilated so that my clan has hope.”

“The last glimmer of hope. Do not cut off my clan’s last bit of hope.”

One by one, they were secretly praying.

There were even universe masters who went crazy and tried to attack Luo Feng. As a result, the tri-colored palace merely gave a brief tremor, and they were immediately annihilated, reduced to dust.

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In the virtual universe, the man in the white robe looked toward Luo Feng. He was truly taken aback. Luo Feng was improving at a terrifying rate.

Throughout the decoding process of Rhinoceros Emperor Game, he had seen Luo Feng’s speed getting faster and faster. His ability to comprehend was continuously on the rise, and his aptitude was also progressing at a terrifying rate! Luo Feng was like a piece of scrap metal evolving into an extremely fine piece of steel.

He found it unbelievable... The evolution of a great being could be that fast, especially towards the final stage, when Luo Feng was decoding stage after stage without a break, like the reincarnation of a Phoenix upon its death. There was no stopping him. Luo Feng’s ability to comprehend alarmed Teacher Origin.

“Previously, he had only cultivated for a short period of time,” mused Teacher Origin, “and this time around, studying for 30,000 years under an acceleration of 10,000 times time velocity, which makes it 30,000 eras... Is it because time is ample this time around?. No, the past generations had seen many great beings cultivating for endless years, but the situation had never become so extreme before. Could it be that the pulse of Earthlings originally possessed something unique within their souls? And Luo Feng happens to be the most dazzling one of them all?”

Teacher Origin thought it through. The pulse on Earth was a very special one, as its state of mind was equipped with an extremely strong willpower; once there was comprehension achieved, breakthrough would be fast.

“Sitting Mountain Guest remodeled Earth, thus bringing about changes to a portion of my human race. This portion of humans now constitutes the pulse of Earthlings.”

With a frown, Teacher Origin thought, Throughout the primal universe, or even throughout the entire Universe Ocean... what I have yet to gain a thorough look of—other than the ancestors of the two holy lands who have yet to show themselves within the Universe Ocean—is this Sitting Mountain Guest.

“Sitting Mountain Guest... What plans did he have? Everything about Luo Feng is related to him. Previously, he took Flame Emperor under his wing, and later, there was also Pu Ti.”

Teacher Origin pondered. He was the creator of the virtual universe. The virtual universe enveloped the entire primal universe. It was magical. It was not as simple as it seemed on the surface. Teacher Origin knew many secrets and mysteries, but there were still many that he could not wrap his mind around. Sitting Mountain Guest was one person he could not fathom.

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Luo Feng was completely immersed in the world filled with Rhinoceros Emperor Game and secret techniques. He had started out studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game as an amateur, but with the passing of time, by honing of willpower, his ability to comprehend was fundamentally improved through all the studying he was engaged in. For various reasons, he was addicted. Now, he was obsessed with studying the Rhinoceros Emperor Game.

The instantaneous interpretation, comprehension, and decoding from a million different perspectives. The exhilaration he got, as though he had figured out the secrets of the universe. As for his potential, under such a honing process... He was like a piece of jade gradually starting to radiate its brilliance.

“The 3,890th stage!” Luo Feng stopped for a breather and a sense of time. With a slight frown, he lamented, “The time limit of three eras is drawing near. Am I able to make it in time? However... So, what if I cannot make it in time? The Rhinoceros Emperor Game benefits me greatly. Even if it I were to really come in contact with the inheritance, I have full confidence that I will be able to seize it.”

Luo Feng had a confidence that came from within. After close to three eras of honing, he had already brought both of his willpower—and that comprehension that was so difficult to detect—to an extremely intimidating level.

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“East Emperor Holy Land’s Blue Blood has broken through the third bottleneck.” Similarly, countless cyan light spots rained down to create an incomparably dazzling scene.

Duan Dong River made his appearance.

“An heir of mine. I’m afraid, only you are able to fight with Milky Way now. The other candidates... unless they undergo repeated evolutions.” Duan Dong River looked at Blue Blood knight and encouraged. “Keep working hard. Do not concede defeat so easily.”

“Yes.” Blue Blood Knight was deferential. He looked toward Luo Feng with an intimidating light in his eyes. That was absolute insanity.

He was fighting on! Fighting on!

The one and only chance of endless time had come. He was grasping onto it with his life. He would hold a tight rein over himself and give it his all. He was burning with passion. Before the limit of three eras arrived, he finally decoded the 3,000th stage.

“Blue Blood?” Luo Feng took one look at Blue Blood Knight. “He wants to fight me?”

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The three eras finally came to an end.

In the end, Luo Feng only managed to decode up to the 3,911th stage. This was already an amazing feat. After all, he had spent slightly more than one era to finally break through the third bottleneck. With just two eras, it would be too difficult to break through the fourth bottleneck.

Duan Dong River looked down at everyone and slowly announced. “At the end of three eras, the selection through Rhinoceros Emperor Game ends. 292 achieved a breakthrough of the first bottleneck. Five achieved a breakthrough of the second bottleneck. Two achieved a breakthrough of the third bottleneck.”

The great beings beneath Duan Dong River started shouting.

“We all arrived later than Milky Way and company. We should be given more time!”

“True, do give us more time.”

Indeed, there were many who had arrived later than Luo Feng by half a year or even one to two years.

Duan Dong River looked down and said coldly, “Even giving you all another era, I’m afraid none of you would have passed the first bottleneck... Even if you managed to pass the first bottleneck, what use would I have for you all? This inheritance, Milky Way and Blue Blood are the most important. The other five who passed the second bottleneck are, theoretically, still possible candidates. The rest of you are merely here to make up the number. As for all of you here, you did not even make it past the first bottleneck. “According to the rules... All of you shall die!”

Duan Dong River made a wave.

Hua!

Golden light rays burst out from the numerous crystal pillars within the life and death corridor. That golden light could give rise to a palace. It could also be used to attack.

Hua!

Countless light spots attacked the great beings. In the blink of an eye, close to 10,000 great beings who were present were annihilated, reduced to dust. In the end, only near to 300 survived.

The survivors, although taken aback by how powerful that force was, were all filled with anticipation.

Rhinoceros Emperor Game had finally come to an end. The next step would be to start getting in contact with the inheritance. This was the legendary inheritance from a pulse of Duan Dong River!

“The rest of you shall continue advancing. Upon reaching the next hall, you may start receiving the inheritance.”

Duan Dong River looked at Luo Feng and the other 299 candidates, then pointed to somewhere far away. A loud rumble sounded, and a faraway floodgate that was originally shut started to rise. Even from where Luo Feng stood, he could faintly see the hall at the other end.

“Go on.”

Duan Dong River transformed into a streak of light, and with a flash, he arrived at the faraway hall.

Luo Feng, Blue Blood Knight, Deer Bug Master, Sorcerer Sprite Master, Water Song Master, Remote Snow, You Zan Master, and the seven universe supreme masters, as well as a large group of candidates who managed to pass the first bottleneck, all flew toward the next hall.

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Virtual universe.

Numerous stone pillars with their three-dimensional virtual shadows could be found.

Luo Feng was seated cross-legged, but he had already stopped comprehending. Because he was about to start getting in contact with the inheritance, he did not dare get distracted

“The three great eras.” The man in white robes stood before a stone pillar. With a smile, he nodded. “At least I made it before the three great eras, I shall stop my decoding here.”

“The 6,002nd stage!”

The man in white robes laughed lightly and shook his head.

### **Chapter 1237: All of You Shall Die**

Inside the dark and ancient palace, there were only nine crystal balls giving out dimming light, illuminating the entire palace. When the 299 great beings flew into the palace, Duan Dong River was already sitting in the throne and looking down with a smile on his face. “You can start to know the real inheritance now that you’ve arrived here,” he said.

“Inheritance?”

“Real inheritance?”

Every power knew that only one could receive the complete inheritance. However, even if one could only receive part of the inheritance and bring back the information, it would be worth it.

“Even part of the inheritance might provide a way to transcend incarnation. Once I find a way, I’ll self-destruct,” said some. “I have other bodies, so I can still live... But if I’m attacked by Duan Dong River, I might die forever.” Many great beings who had overcome the first obstacle thought this way.

There were 299 great beings. Two of them had overcome the third obstacle, and five had overcome the second obstacle. There wouldn't be any chance for those who had only overcome the first obstacle. If they were smart, they should have just gathered some information and left immediately.

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Duan Dong River, seeing those great beings excited, said, "Don't hurry. Theoretically, you can all start the real inheritance. However... I have something to ask."

"Ask?"

Everyone was anxious. They all cursed Duan Dong River for creating so much trouble.

"I'll spare the other candidates, but I do want to ask the seven universe supreme masters..."

Duan Dong River looked down at the seven universe supreme masters. Out of the seven, six were from the first universe era while one was from the second. They were way behind this time, and they had been crushed during the Rhinoceros Game.

"If you don't answer appropriately, you lose your chance to receive inheritance," said Duan Dong River.

The seven universe supreme masters were shocked.

"It's not that I'm not giving you a chance, but Duan Dong River has special requirements for miniature universes," said Duan Dong River. "Once a miniature universe is formed, the path will be restricted. If the structures of your miniature universes cannot meet my requirements, you won't be qualified to receive inheritance."

"Ah!"

"The structures of miniature universes?"

All the universe supreme masters were dazed.

"Universe masters and universe knights are relatively weak and haven't formed miniature universes yet," said Duan Dong River. "They don't have this problem. The one who receives the inheritance from Duan Dong River will be instructed how to structure his miniature universe. However, they are already fixed. Let me ask you this. What are your miniature universes like?"

"Well..."

All the supreme masters were hesitant. They all desired to answer with the kind of miniature universes Duan Dong River wanted, yet they could just invent an answer; Duan Dong River wasn't dumb enough to accept it. At the same time, other 292 great beings were all relieved, as it was the universe supreme masters who had to take the bullet.

No wonder, thought Luo Feng. He understood now. No wonder the two holy lands didn't send any universe supreme masters. It seems that Duan Dong River allows universe supreme masters to become inheritors, but he has set an extremely high threshold, as well as special requirements for the structures of miniature universes. The universe supreme masters don't even have miniature universes anymore, so there aren't any structures. But there are requirements for miniature universes.

The universe masters, universe knights, and undying fighters broadened their horizons. They weren't in any trouble, but they were interested in learning the requirements for the structures of miniature universes.

"Just tell me." Duan Dong River frowned. "What are you waiting for? You, speak first." He pointed at Tie Bu Demon Master.

Tie Bu Demon Master was hesitant, then said, "When I turned into a universe supreme master from a universe master, I created eight dimensions around the miniature universe: gold, wood, water, fire, mud, wind, thunder, and light... They're all connected to the universe origin and stabilizing the small universe."

"Ordinary laws..." Duan Dong River smirked and shook his head. "Next." He looked at Second True Master.

Tie Bu Demon Master shook his head and sighed, as he knew that he had no chance.

Second True Master became anxious. "I..." He began to make things up. "I've created 10,081 miniature dimension spaces, and each of the dimension spaces is connected to the universe origin, leading to an energy space. Besides, the 10,081 spaces formed a space engraving in the shape of a sword."

"Just so?" Duan Dong River looked to Second True Master.

Second True Master kept speaking. "Of course not. I've also created 1,001 small dimensions, forming time engravings, which is also in the shape of a sword. The time engraving and space engraving are intertwined."

"You're just making things up, said Duan Dong River. "Your miniature universe would have been in a mess if that were the case. Next."

"Haha..."

Some great beings couldn't help laughing. Second True Master glanced around, angry. He had, indeed, been making things up, as it was a completely imaginary structure. After all, when he was breeding the universe, he was very careful, and he didn't dare to be bold.

"When I became a universe supreme master, god kingdom became a small universe, which has eight periphery worlds and two core worlds. It's extremely stable."

"Even though it's stable, it's difficult to improve." Duan Dong River shook his head. "Next."

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All the universe supreme masters were trying to make up lies to satisfy the requirements of Duan Dong River, but he was not fooled.

"Next... Haha, interesting. Are you sure your universe is like that...? Mediocre."

After hearing all the answers from the universe supreme masters, he shook his head. "Without the instructions from the more powerful beings," he said, "you can't even think of a more sophisticated way to create universes. None of you seven can inherit Duan Dong River, and you don't have enough

potential. If you can solve 6,000 puzzles, we'll be willing to pay the price. However, you're too underqualified to receive the inheritance from my Duan Dong River."

The seven universe supreme masters looked at each other, discouraged that they had come here trying to receive inheritance... They were at a disadvantage when playing the Rhinoceros Emperor Game, and they were discriminated against because of their miniature universes.

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All the other 292 great beings were calm—even those great beings from the first universe era. After all, it wasn't discrimination against a particular power; instead, none of the universe supreme masters were qualified to enter the next round.

I didn't expect that there were mysteries behind forming miniature universes, Luo Feng thought. That's right. Universe supreme masters are already the top beings in the original universe. As for the universe structures, only the greater beings from the ancient civilization can tell which one is better.

This was what inheritance meant! It was based on the experience of the elder generations, and they found a path to becoming the pinnacle being. The elder generations paid a great price for it, and it was so invaluable that even the two ancestors from holy land longed for it.

"None of you seven are qualified." Duan Dong River looked down. "Aside from you seven, none of the candidates from the Divine Eye clan are qualified, and they're all going to die."

"Divine Eye clan?"

Luo Feng was dazed.

"What?" Deer Bug Master was surprised as well.

"The Divine Eye clan isn't qualified?" Blue Blood Knight was confused.

"Impossible!" Sorcerer Sprite Master said, shocked.

Everyone from the Divine Eye clan was dazed.

Hong!

Seventh True Master took out the supreme true treasure Ice Cliff Fortress. He immediately went into Ice Cliff Fortress, which grew larger. The fortress on the mountain looked elegant and delicate.

Seventh True Master transmitted his voice: "Come in!"

Everyone from the Divine Eye clan entered Ice Cliff Fortress.

All the 28 candidates from the Divine Eye clan entered Ice Cliff Fortress. It landed on the floor, followed by a furious voice saying, "Master Duan Dong River, why aren't we qualified? Why do we all need to die? Why are we discriminated against? If you really don't want us to receive inheritance, why didn't you tell us when we were being inspected just like you did to the Skeleton clan? If you had told us beforehand, we wouldn't have come in."

The candidates from the Divine Eye clan were indeed infuriated. However, they all knew that they needed to have the argument from inside Ice Cliff Fortress. After all, even Duan Dong River couldn't hurt them if they were in a supreme true treasure palace—especially when Duan Dong River was already dead.

“That’s right, why the double standard?”

“You gave us hope, and you let us despair.”

“Why did you only tell us we’re not qualified and we all have to die at this moment?”

Clearly, the Divine Eye clan was infuriated.

Duan Dong River looked down. “It’s a request from my friend. I owe him one, so I said yes.”

### **Chapter 1238: Supreme True Treasure? How Ridiculous!**

“A request?”

All the great beings from the pulse of the Divine Eye Clan—who were within Ice Cliff Fortress at that point in time—were so angry with that friend of Duan Dong River that they wanted to eat his flesh, drink his blood, and gnaw his bones! They loathed him!

The Divine Eye Clan had seven great miniature universes. In the first miniature universe, all seven true masters were gathered together to monitor the progress of this round of inheritance of the pulse of Duan Dong River. They envied Luo Feng and Blue Blood Knight for being so outstanding. They were disheartened because their own clan did not have any good candidate, but they were also relieved and thankful for the fact that Sorcerer Sprite Master had been able to achieve a breakthrough of the second bottleneck at the very last minute.

Just as they were feeling out of sorts regarding this major opportunity of transcending a reincarnation era, an unexpected line came from Duan Dong River: “None from the pulse of the Divine Eye Clan qualify. Thus all must die.”

This immediately caused all seven true masters to blank out. It was as though they had been given a good slap right in the face!

The seven true masters felt a surge of despair and anger. Why must he sever all chances for their Divine Eye Clan to try to transcend reincarnation? Why? Why must it be so unfair? Why?

Now, they all knew why. It was because of a request from a friend of Duan Dong River. Because this friend had made a request, the Divine Eye Clan had lost their chance—to the extent that two great universe supreme masters and numerous elites had to die!

“Who?”

“Who the hell is it?”

“This friend of Duan Dong River! Who the hell is he?” First True Master let out a roar of rage.



At that moment, the entire first miniature universe seemed to undergo a mind-blowing change between heaven and earth. Slight tremors could be felt.

“Who was the one who severed all our chances? Who?”

All the other true masters were similarly in extreme agony and rage.

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Within Ice Cliff Fortress, there were 28 candidates from the pulse of the Divine Eye Clan, and all of them were in despair, anger, grievance, and reluctance.

“Lord Duan Dong River!” Second True Master transmitted his voice, which was filled with anger but still maintaining sanity. “For this round of inheritance, our Divine Eye Clan has abided with all your requirements, warding off that monster Cuello, decoding the Rhinoceros Emperor Game—all of which were done without any acts of sabotage. Now, because of a request from someone whom none of us knows, you are going to exterminate the entire pulse of our Divine Eye Clan?”

Duan Dong River looked down at Ice Cliff Fortress and said a detached tone, “Exterminating you all is a small matter that I happen to have chanced upon.”

“Is there no chance that you could change your mind?” Second True Master was still reluctant to give up.

Duan Dong River merely snorted his reply. “How ridiculous.”

Upon hearing his reply, Second True Master finally gave in to his despair and shouted angrily, “Duan Dong River, you are merely an old fellow who has died umpteen reincarnation eras ago! Just who are you to think of exterminating my entire pulse of Divine Eye Clan? Not so easy! I really will like to see just how great the power of a dead fellow like you can be.”

Seventh True Master’s voice also resounded: “Duan Dong River, just who is that friend of yours? Who would want to exterminate the pulse of my Divine Eye Clan?”

“Who?”

“Who is it?”

Other angry voices shouted. They were all eager to know which bastard would want to cause the entire Divine Eye Clan to fall into such a desperate situation.

“No rush,” said Duan Dong River, looking down at them. “I will let you all know.” Then he pointed somewhere into the distance.

Hua!

One of the walls within the hall suddenly split into two, revealing a passageway. Every great being from the various groups of powers from the Universe Ocean all looked over, as they were all eager to know just who would be able to cause Divine Eye Clan to fall into such a predicament.

“Huh?” Luo Feng also looked toward that passageway. He could vaguely see a blurred figure walking out slowly. He was covered in golden scales and took the form of a human. Behind him, he had a pair of golden wings, and nine pairs of eyes swept the crowd. But no one dared to look him straight in the eyes.

“It’s him?” Luo Feng was shocked when he recognized the great being who had stepped out.

“Thundercoat Devil God?”

Thundercoat Devil God was a lone wandering universe supreme master from the second reincarnation era. Among all the universe supreme masters, he was considered average, and because he did not have a supreme true treasure, the true treasure “Thundercoat” made him a name for himself. It was merely a treasure like Crazy Demon Extermination Godly Armor. Within Universe Ocean, he was one of the universe supreme masters who maintained an extremely low profile.

“Thundercoat?”

“It’s him?”

“Duan Dong River’s friend is Thundercoat Devil God?”

Not only was Luo Feng taken aback, but all the groups of powers from East Emperor Holy Land, Purple Moon Holy Land, and the three reincarnation eras were shocked beyond words. Thundercoat Devil God—who kept such a low profile that there was almost no news about him at all—was unexpectedly associated with the matter of wanting to exterminate the Divine Eye Clan.

Second True Master was still in disbelief. “Thundercoat? Are you the one who requested that Duan Dong River sever the only chance for my Divine Eye Clan? You even want to exterminate the pulse of my Divine Eye Clan?”

“Thundercoat? It’s you?” Seventh True Master also could not believe his eyes.

Thundercoat Devil God was just walking out of the passageway. At times, he would show a hideous expression. At other times, he would be laughing heartily but silently. He seemed to be a little out of control, and the moment he raised his head in soundless laughter, his entire body was slightly trembling. Through gritted teeth, he said, “That’s right. It’s me. It’s me, Thundercoat. I, Thundercoat, am the one manipulating everything behind the scenes! I am the one who broke off all chances for your pulse of the Divine Eye Clan. I am the one who wanted to exterminate you all! Second True Master and Seventh True Master... Haha! Just the dozen of you universe masters... Haha...” Thundercoat Devil God’s voice was trembling.

“You deserve to die!” Seventh True Master bellowed.

“Thundercoat Devil God, you deserve death!” Second True Master also shouted at the top of his lungs.

In the great hall of Ice Cliff Fortress, voices were heard in succession.

Thundercoat Devil God stood at the same spot with an aloof smile as he gazed at Ice Cliff Fortress.

“Deserve to die? I deserve death? You all are the ones who deserve to die! You and all of your Divine Eye Clan ought to die! Death-deserving Divine Eye Clan! When you all were fighting for a supreme true treasure, it was seven true masters joining forces to lay siege on Kong Luo and me. How vicious you all were. Kong Luo died... and I had to flee for dear life...” Thundercoat Devil God gritted his teeth and

continued. "What easy targets for bullies we were, Kong Luo and myself, without being powerful enough, and without any supreme true treasure... Right. We were, indeed, ideal for bullying..."

"You all from Divine Eye Clan are so powerful... Throughout Universe Ocean, you are the only power that is comparable to the two great holy land universes. I am just a nobody with no supreme true treasure at all. How am I going to fight against you? Before you, Divine Eye Clan, I stand alone. And I possess no formidable power. Am I considered anything at all?" Thundercoat shook his head. Then he laughed crazily. "I bet you did not expect this! This time, all of you have fallen for my plot!" Thundercoat Devil God was staring hard at Ice Cliff Fortress, and his eyes seemed to be burning with flames. "Who would have thought that I, Thundercoat Devil God, who stands alone with the weak power I wield, could bring such great loss to you Divine Eye Clan?"

"Why would Duan Dong River listen to you!" A hoarse voice sounded from within Ice Cliff Fortress.

"Because... I am the very first one to enter this Boat of Mausoleum!" Thundercoat Devil God revealed with a cold laugh.

Silence.

Luo Feng and all were in great shock. To learn that... to learn that they were not the first to enter the Boat of Mausoleum after all. It was Thundercoat Devil God? Yet from the looks of it, it seemed that he was speaking the truth. All of the great beings had just arrived at this hall, but Thundercoat Devil God had been here all along and had even made friends with Duan Dong River.

Thundercoat Devil God laughed heartily and said, "Why do you think the Boat of Mausoleum is here? The Boat of Mausoleum should originally appear at the core land of the Universe Boat. The core is where universe supreme masters do not dare to intrude, as they only dare to traverse familiar regions; when the Boat of Mausoleum appeared, not even one of you knew... If I were a universe supreme master—and even until the end, I am unable to receive that inheritance—do you all think you stand a chance for a turn? This is why I struck a deal with Duan Dong River. In fact... All of you should thank me." Thundercoat Devil God's gaze swept through the crowd and stopped when it reached Luo Feng. "Especially you, human Milky Way. All the more, you should thank me."

Luo Feng merely smiled.

Thundercoat Devil God also laughed and said, "I should thank you, too. Thank you for performing so well—for being among those with the greatest potential. And for not letting the Divine Eye Clan snatch the first position away."

There was silence throughout Ice Cliff Fortress.

None of them had expected that Thundercoat Devil God, who seemed so harmless and weak without any supreme true treasure, could bring such a great loss to the Divine Eye Clan! Usually, only universe masters at the level of Five Chaos Master, Shadow Dust Master, and Sorcerer Sprite Master would dare confront Thundercoat in battle, and they would, at most, be able to bring him to a disadvantageous position. At this moment, all of them were aware that they were in a troublesome situation.

Thundercoat Devil God said softly, "I gave you, Divine Eye Clan, a chance to enter. I let you all rejoice and go crazy with joy! And then... at your most exciting moment, I shall drive you all straight to despair!"

Thundercoat Devil God gave a cold smile. "If you Divine Eye Clan had anyone at all, who could possibly emerge as the winner at decoding the Rhinoceros Emperor Game, then I would have something to vex over. After all, Duan Dong River will not allow me to kill the one with the highest potential. But you, Divine Eye Clan are so useless... you are destined for total annihilation!"

"Aren't you afraid of us, the Divine Eye Clan?" Second True Master, who was also in Ice Cliff Fortress, retorted with a cold smile. "Who else could have potential great enough to be ranked number one? Wouldn't it be that instead of putting us in distress, you are actually helping our clan, albeit unknowingly?"

"Haha..." Thundercoat Devil God snorted. "Firstly, I do not trust the three reincarnation eras and two holy land universes. Instead, I allowed your clan to be ranked first. Secondly, I am prepared. If you, Divine Eye Clan, were to be so lucky as to produce a great being of boundless potential... then I would rather face annihilation myself. But I will do it while dragging this great being to death along with me." He turned to look up at Duan Dong River with a slight bow. "Lord Duan Dong River, please pardon my disrespect."

"I can understand." Duan Dong River nodded slightly.

Thundercoat Devil God smiled. It was a relaxed smile. "Lord Duan Dong River, this hatred has been kept in my heart for much too long. I finally have the chance to voice it. Lord Duan Dong River, you may take action now."

"All right." Duan Dong River nodded.

Take action? 28 great beings from the pulse of Divine Eye Clan, who were all within Ice Cliff Fortress, started to panic right away.

"Thundercoat, you want to exterminate us all?" Second True Master roared. "I would like to see how this old fellow, who has been dead for umpteen reincarnation eras, could have the ability to exterminate us all!"

"You will know soon." Thundercoat Devil God's eyes flashed a trace of sympathy, then he snorted, "And after you are all annihilated, your supreme true treasures will belong to me."

"Come, come, let us see how powerful this dead fellow can be!" Second True Master and Seventh True Master bellowed.

Hong!

Ice Cliff Fortress suddenly transformed into light and brought with it an immeasurable power as it crashed right toward Thundercoat Devil God.

"Freeze!" Duan Dong River looked down and pointed into the distance.

Hua!

The surfaces of the walls within the entire hall started to release countless golden secret engravings, which took the form of golden threads that converged in midair, then surged toward Ice Cliff Fortress in a frenzied manner. Like silk over a cocoon, these golden threads wrapped up Ice Cliff Fortress, layer over layer, to completely bind and restrain it.

Hong!

Ice Cliff Fortress struggled with all its might, causing the surrounding void space to tremble. But the countless golden threads restrained Ice Cliff Fortress with such concrete layers that there was no way it could force its way out.

“Only restraining, yet not exterminating.” A voice was heard from within Ice Cliff Fortress. “This supreme true treasure is, after all, truly a supreme true treasure!”

“How ridiculous.”

Duan Dong River looked down and gently pointed to the ground, which instantly split apart to reveal a deep abyss. Within that abyss, bouts of a terrifying aura were spreading out. Ice Cliff Fortress, under the restraint of the countless golden threads, seemed to be forced to move toward the ground with the entrance into the abyss.

“The secret technique left within this hall may not be able to exterminate you all, but the other dangerous lands that I have left within my inheritance will be more than enough to complete the deed. Supreme true treasure? How ridiculous! In my homeland... there is no such thing as a supreme true treasure.” Duan Dong River shook his head with a sneer.

Hua!

Ice Cliff Fortress was struggling like mad. In it, Second True Master and Seventh True Master were bellowing, but they were unable to stand against the countless golden threads pushing them directly into the terrifying abyss. There was a loud crash. Then—

Bang! Pow!

The entrance of the abyss closed, and the area where the ground had split open was returned to its original state. Peace resumed.

### **Chapter 1239: The Resistance of Ice Cliff Fortress**

The aura alone dissipated by the deep abyss that Ice Cliff Fortress was dragged into was enough to instill fear within Luo Feng.

“This ancient civilization that has been dead for umpteen reincarnation eras, truly has very impressive methods. It is, indeed, a civilization worthy of creating the Universe Boat! Just Duan Dong River’s remodeling of the Boat of Mausoleum alone was able to make the Boat of Mausoleum so terrifying.”

Over 200 great beings in the hall were listening intently; they wanted to listen to the voices from within the Ice Cliff Fortress, to judge what the fate of the pulse of Divine Eye clan would be.

“After all, that is a supreme true treasure palace. It would be difficult to die in there.”

“Haven’t you heard? In Duan Dong River’s hometown, that ancient civilization does not have such a thing known as a supreme true treasure.”

“The writings found on countless true treasures belonged to that civilization, so obviously, those countless true treasures were left behind by that ancient civilization... Since Duan Dong River dared to say so, then I’m afraid he really is certain about it.”

“No such thing known as a supreme true treasure? What do you mean?”

Several great beings could not help discussing discreetly.

Similarly, countless thoughts were surging in Luo Feng’s mind.

Right. That ancient civilization was incomparably powerful and had many beings who were more powerful than universe supreme masters. Even the ancestors of the two holy lands might not be a match for the pinnacle existences of that ancient civilization. With such a high field of vision, their way of viewing weapons would naturally be different. Based on his own experience within the space of the wings and various other adventures while roaming about for all these years, he had come to know that supreme true treasures were also different in terms of strength! Some were strong, the others were weak!

In the eyes of the weaker ones, they were unable to unleash the ultimate power of supreme true treasures, so naturally, they were not able to judge which was strong and which was weak. However, to the ancestor of the holy lands—to Duan Dong River—in the hands of a more terrifying existence, the ability to judge the strength of those true treasures came easily.

Therefore, there was no such thing as a true treasure known to that ancient civilization.

As for the so-called supreme true treasures, the ancient civilization had a clearer way to differentiate them. It was just that, that differentiation method was of little significance to him. Because in the current era, the most powerful beings were the universe supreme masters.

As for the ancestors of the two holy lands? They had never stepped out of their holy land universes before! The groups of powers from the outside world were all suspicious of whether these two ancestors were still alive or not.

“Shi Wu Wings was actually composed of six pairs of wings.” Luo Feng nodded silently. “According to the snippets of memories from the spirit of the wings... there must have been two super great beings exchanging blows, and that caused Shi Wu Wings to become damaged. For such an incredible true treasure as Shi Wu Wings could be reduced to such a state, how terrifying could these two super great beings be? The most likely guess would be great beings from an ancient civilization.”

Upon comparison with the ancient civilization, after endless reincarnation eras, the deterioration of power was obviously severe. It would be so inferior that it might be rendered incomparable to that civilization.

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Just as Luo Feng was thinking about that ancient civilization, imagining how impressive it was, speculating why it disappeared with the passing of time—

Hua!

The ground within the hall split apart again, and at the spot where it split, a terrifying aura was exuded.

Xiu! Xiu! Xiu!

Three streaks of light flew out, and then suspended right before Thundercoat Devil God; these three items were, namely, a fist-sized ice jade sculpture of Ice Cliff Fortress, a strange-looking beast statue, and a dazzling tri-color pearl.

“These three treasures,” said Duan Dong River. “Based on your method of categorization, two are supreme true treasures, and the remaining one is more unique. It may not be as powerful as a supreme true treasure, but I find it quite suitable for you.” Duan Dong River looked down and smiled.

“Thundercoat, do accept it.”

Thundercoat Devil God looked blankly at the three treasures before him. His eyes reflected complicated emotions.

“These—these three treasures...”

“Ice Cliff Fortress?”

“Isn’t that True God Sector?”

“Phantom Heart Pearl?”

The 200-plus great beings, especially the five universe supreme masters, could tell at first glance. Jealousy arose within them all, but the next moment, there was an uproar among them!

“Ah, these three treasures. Could it be the pulse of the Divine Eye clan has been annihilated?”

“Second and Seventh True Masters are both within the Ice Cliff Fortress. Could it be they both have died?”

“Those universe masters who are able to self-destruct early enough can rely on their ability to divide their bodies and increase their chances of survival. But Second True Master and Seventh True Master do not have other divided bodies. They could not escape even if they wanted to. These two universe supreme masters have their own supreme true treasures with them. How could they have been killed so easily?”

“Too, too...”

“This—this is simply...”

“That ancient civilization is simply terrifying.”

Over 200 great beings were smacking their tongues disdainfully.

To the great beings, a supreme true treasure palace was an absolute safe place unless one was so reckless as to charge into another miniature universe, try enter a core ground, or tired of living to foolishly try to break through a reincarnation era or doing things that were out of the norm... If not any of these, then it would be impossible to bypass the protection of the supreme true treasure palace to annihilate the existence living within it.

Field of vision! Based on Duan Dong River's field of vision, of course he would know that there was no such thing like an absolutely invincible true treasure. In his eyes, Ice Cliff Fortress... He speedily came to a verdict for the strengths and weaknesses of Ice Cliff Fortress.

Over 200 great beings in the hall were surprised and envious. After all, they were talking about two true treasures and an Illusion Heart Pearl, whereby Illusion Heart Pearl was a unique treasure suitably used for executing illusionary attacks. Also, it had the function of guarding one's soul and was an extremely powerful treasure useful for soul-related areas. Thundercoat Devil God was a born natural in the execution of illusions. Thus, he was a suitable choice to entrust this treasure to.

"Illusion Heart Pearl will easily recognize you as its master." Duan Dong River looked down and said, "As for the remaining two supreme true treasures, if your willpower is strong enough, you can also get Ice Cliff Fortress to recognize you as its master... True God Sector is the only difficult one. Getting it to recognize someone as its master is extremely difficult. You need to go back and ponder deeply. Spend some time with it. Perhaps you may still succeed."

Thundercoat Devil God nodded with great excitement. He was not one to waste time either; on the spot, he quickly got to the task of the recognition of a master. The process of getting Illusion Heart Pearl and Ice Cliff Fortress to recognize him as their master was accomplished in one swift move.

"Haha... I may have various pinnacle true treasures, but the only one that is truly unique is Thundercoat." Thundercoat Devil Master sighed. "Always being close to fighting and killing, but my skill of illusions never did have a good treasure to complement it. Now, with Illusion Heart Pearl, my means of attack are much stronger. Furthermore, with Ice Cliff Fortress as protection, the Divine Eye clan..."

Thundercoat Master's nine pairs of eyes were twinkling but with a murderous shine. This evoked sighs from the other 200-odd great beings. The poor Divine Eye clan. With this great boost in power, would Thundercoat Devil God let them off easily the moment he got out?

"Thank you, Lord Duan Dong River." Thundercoat Devil God was so filled with gratitude that he gave a deep bow.

"We are done here." From where he sat high up in his throne, Duan Dong River gave a slight nod. "You may also take your leave. As for the other candidates..."

Duan Dong River swept his gaze the other 200 odd great beings. "Getting in contact with the inheritance is going to commence right away. Once you get into contact with the inheritance, those who failed must die, and to die means the annihilation of the soul. You various bodies will all perish. All of my pulse must have a soul to be able to start cultivation, so I have chosen only those of you with souls... So, naturally, I have my means of dealing with souls."

Over 200 great beings were present, but every single one was in for a shock.

Yes. Indeed, the magicube instrument had been the key. Rock Giant Master, the Skeleton clan, and a few other life forms had been eliminated because they were soulless. As for the other rock life forms—plant life forms who were able to enter thereafter—were unique and all had souls.

"Only Milky Way and Blue Blood made it past the third bottleneck," Duan Dong River said coldly, looking down. "The two of them are the most hopeful ones. And the four who managed to break through the



second bottleneck... You all also have a trace of hope. As for those who made it past the first bottleneck, unless you display an outburst of potential within a short period of time, you will only be here to make up the numbers.”

“Now,” he continued. “Thundercoat and the other five universe supreme masters... I will send them off. If any of you here decide to give up, you should quickly make your choice now. This is your last chance!”

Duan Dong River’s voice resonated about the entire hall; the entire hall was in dead silence.

From the very beginning, Duan Dong River had given the candidates many chances to give up and back out. So long as they did not get into contact with the inheritance, there was always some leeway, yet if they got in contact with it, that would change. Which was why this was their last chance for survival. Even Second True Master and Seventh True Master, who had hidden in Ice Cliff Fortress, were annihilated. Who else would dare to entertain thoughts of being fortunate enough to escape death?

“I’m out!”

“I’m out!”

“I’m out!”

Quickly, great beings started standing up, one after another, to volunteer their retreat. Peng Gong Master of the human race from the primal universe—who had managed to pass the first bottleneck—another universe knight, and an undying godly soul all chose to back out of the competition.

“Both of you will retreat,” Huge Axe Creator instructed from the virtual universe. “Being able to make it through the first bottleneck, you have already proven that you have extraordinary potential. Going on to vie for the inheritance would only mean courting death... Our race has Luo Feng here. It will be pointless for both of you to go. Peng Gong, you are one of the great beings supporting our race. There is no need for you to meet your end this way.”

“Understood.”

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“You shall back out. As for other great beings from our race, let them try for a breakthrough! Remember, bring as many true treasures back as you can. A loss of so many true treasures will be a great blow to our race.”

“Understood.”

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“Other great beings from our Holy Land will all try to break through the bottlenecks. You must gather enough information about the inheritance. You shall back out, too, and bring the supreme true treasure back.”

“Understood.”

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Various groups of powers were making speedy arrangements.

Due to various reasons—be it to bring back their true treasures, or because the leaders were unwilling to see a certain great being from their clan becoming ashes and dust—regardless of whatever reason, the number of retreating figures in that hall was soaring.

A short moment later, in that faintly hazy hall within the Boat of Mausoleum, the number of great beings who decided to stay and continue to keep in contact with the inheritance dropped to 236. The others had decided to leave.

“All of you quickly leave.” Duan Dong River pointed far away.

Hong! Long!

The floodgate of the corridor opened.

“Exit through the same route you came in by!” Duan Dong River shouted.

Six universe supreme masters (including Thundercoat), several universe masters, and a small number of universe knights and undying godly souls speedily flew through the corridor and quickly disappeared in the distance.

Hong! Long! Long!

The floodgate was lowered to shut the place off again. The remaining 236 great beings in the hall were all resolute.

Even if we die! We must send some information back!

Luo Feng looked around, secretly in deep respect for out of the remaining 236. It was fated for 235 to be annihilated! Only he, Luo Feng, and Blue Blood Knight had the highest hope of survival. The other great beings were there to take a risk, especially those who merely passed the first bottleneck. It was almost as though they were there to meet doomsday.

Every clan could rise and establish its footing in its own reincarnation era. This was because the great beings of that clan were willing to stand out at the zero hour! In fact, all great beings had made their way up from the bottom and had encountered countless life-and-death situations. They had long since looked upon death lightly and expressed more interest in whether their deaths were worthy or worthless.

For their clan to be able to transcend reincarnations to attain eternal existence, dying would be worth the price!

“All of you here are on the path of no return.” Duan Dong River stood up. “It is fate’s calling that only one of you will receive the inheritance from the pulse of Duan Dong River. Follow me.”

Duan Dong River turned back to look at the throne.

Hong!

The throne and stone wall behind it suddenly split apart to reveal a vast and spacious individual space where there were endless splashing sounds of waterfalls. The fragrance of flowers wafted through the air; there was even the faint chirping of birds and the loud roars of beasts.

“This is the space of inheritance of the pulse of my Duan Dong River.” There was a remote quality to Duan Dong River’s eyes, and he slowly said, “Almost every generation of great beings was here in this space to receive the inheritance. It was just the same for me.”

### **Chapter 1240: The Hope of the Race**

At the gate of Boat of Mausoleum, great beings like North True Star Master from Eastern Emperor Holy Land heard a cold voice when seeing candidates like Thundercoat Devil God and Tie Bu Demon Master quit: “All of you, get out of Boat of Mausoleum now. The gate is closing. If you don’t, you won’t have the chance anymore.”

“The gate is closing?”

“Only one who’s exposed to the inheritance can survive, and he’ll be the next Duan Dong River! Others will all have to die.”

“Go!”

North True Star Master and other great beings all started to fly out of the gate. They made it just before it closed. Everyone sighed when they looked back at the gate.

“I really admire you, Thundercoat Devil God.”

“I can’t believe you were the one who planned this inheritance, and you made the Divine Eye clan suffer such a huge loss. The Divine Eye clan must hate your guts now.”

The great beings all watched Thundercoat Devil God, but none of them were hostile toward him. For one thing, he was the reason they had discovered the inheritance of Duan Dong River. For another, Thundercoat Devil God had only made the Divine Eye clan suffer a loss. In a way, he had just helped them eliminate a huge enemy.

Besides, Thundercoat Devil God owned Ice Cliff Fortress now, so it was almost impossible to kill him. With “True God Sector,” he would be one of the toughest universe supreme masters in Universe Ocean. Besides, he was a lone universe supreme master, so lots of powers would long to befriend him.

“I want them to hate me,” Thundercoat Devil God snorted. “The more they hate me, the better. I was already a universe supreme master, yet I was still humiliated by the Divine Eye clan, and my best friend Kong Luo was killed by them... I don’t belong to a particular race, and I don’t ask for anything else. I only want the Divine Eye clan to regret what they did, and I want them all to die!”

All the great beings were dazed. The poor Divine Eye clan! His hostility toward them was so strong!

Sorcerer Sprite Master reported it to the avatars of the five remaining true masters. “True masters, Ice Cliff Fortress was drawn in the abyss, and Second True Master asked those who had multiple bodies to self-destruct to survive! Which is why everyone with multiple bodies blew themselves up and escaped death.”

The survivors all described what they saw.

“That abyss contains unbelievable power, and there must be techniques like illusions.”

“Second and the Seventh True Master couldn’t withstand it.”

The five true masters couldn’t look more upset. They’d already known what had happened. This was the greatest chance for the Divine Eye clan to transcend incarnations, yet that Thundercoat Devil God showed up and not only took away their opportunity but also killed the second and seventh true master. Two universe supreme masters and two important true treasures!

The seven true masters had a combined technique before. However, after the deaths of two of them, their power tumbled.

“Damn it!” Sixth True Master looked belligerent.

“Thundercoat Devil God, goddamn Thundercoat Devil God! You dared to destroy our hope. We should’ve killed you!” Fifth True Master roared.

“Who could’ve expected him to be lucky enough to find that Boat of Mausoleum first?” said Third True Master. “A mediocre universe supreme master who has no supreme true treasures... And he didn’t avenge himself after what happened. He’s just lucky. Otherwise, it wouldn’t have happened. Damn it! He destroyed our biggest chance, and he killed the seventh and second...”

“Second and Seventh brother...” First True Master whispered, looking agonized.

“If we can’t transcend incarnations, we need to at least die with that Thundercoat Devil Master!” said Fifth True Master furiously.

“Calm down.” First True Master opened his eyes and shook his head. “That shouldn’t be our concern. We’re approaching our true death, so we need to fight for a chance to survive. If we can’t transcend incarnation, our glory will go away forever, and nobody will remember who we are after a couple of universe eras.”

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As the Divine Eye clan was grieving, Eastern Emperor Holy Land and the human race from the original universe had their hopes kindled anew. The ancient ancestor from Eastern Emperor Holy Land was talking with Blue Blood Knight and You Zan Master. Apparently, this ancestor had high expectations for the two of them. Huge Axe Creator and Primal Chaos City Leader were talking with Luo Feng while Purple Moon Ancestor was talking with Deer Bug Master.

All the powers looked forward to it, and the burden was borne by those candidates. They had already decided to be exposed to inheritance, which was a path of Extremis. Those who bore the best chance were Luo Feng and Blue Blood Knight, and the others would almost certainly die. What they needed was to pass some information back to their race before they died.

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Huge Axe Creator looked at Luo Feng. “It’s very difficult to transcend incarnations. Even Teacher Origin couldn’t guarantee success. I’m still weaker than Teacher Origin, so I’m still far from incarnation transcendence. There are only two holy lands after all those universe eras, so you can imagine how difficult it is to transcend incarnations. Even though I’m very confident in myself, I can’t guarantee

success in three universe eras. However, this is the best chance that we humans have, and you're the top candidate.

"We humans used to be weak, but under the lead of Teacher Origin, we started to rise and became a pinnacle race among the original universe. We've been through countless wars with other races, and several times, we almost went extinct. Now, we humans are powerful, so countless human descendants can play in the virtual universe without concerns. And we have abundant resources to train ourselves, making many races our subsidiaries. We are the strongest race. We have the most powerful hearts! We're not willing to submit to others... Which is why we won't just wither away."

Huge Axe Creator gazed at Luo Feng. "What we want is to exist forever and to become even more powerful than the two holy lands, rivaling that ancient civilization and creating a better civilization! This is a great chance! Every great being has a turning point before he rises, and the same rules apply to a race... This opportunity you have is a critical turning point, and we're at a crossroads now. Our fate depends on you."

Huge Axe Creator stared at Luo Feng.

Luo Feng nodded. "I'll do everything I can."

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It was a beautiful world with strange beasts flying as if showing off their feathers. Some of them left traces of fiery light while others were gleaming. In the distance, there were shadows of strange beasts, and some showed a part of their bodies in the lakes farther away.

"This is the space of inheritance," Duan Dong River said, standing in the sky. "Every generation of Duan Dong River received their inheritance here."

All the other great beings were standing behind him. The gate was already open, which meant they didn't have a way out. However, the candidates didn't have the mental capacity to care about that, as they were all looking forward to the inheritance wholeheartedly. At the same time, they were also shocked at how the long space of inheritance had existed.

"It's claimed to be space of inheritance!" Duan Dong River exclaimed. "But it can absorb energies—all sorts of power including the chaos airflow in Universe Ocean—so that the space can maintain its stable, and so lives inside the space can prosper."

The candidates were surprised by what Duan Dong River had said, but they accepted it quickly; they were used to it already. Even though great beings couldn't absorb chaos airflow, only miniature universes and the original universe could absorb chaos airflow. This rule didn't apply to the ancient civilization. Just like Universe Boat, and just like the space of inheritance, it had existed for an eternity.

"And now, you'll learn about the inheritance." Duan Dong River pointed to the distance. "Look!"

The candidates all followed.

Gleaming doors showed up on the plain, and there were pictures on the doors. One of the pictures showed a great being controlling tens of thousands of traces of golden light to attack, and there were other scenes on other pictures.

“The inheritors of Duan Dong River were great at all sorts of different skills—close combat, distant combat, weapon making.” Duan Dong River pointed into the distance. “There are 820 entrances in total, and each entrance leads to a different basic inheritance. One entrance only accepts one inheritor. Milky Way, you can choose first, and Blue Blood, you’re the second, and so on and so forth. This is only the basic inheritance to test whether you’re a fit for Duan Dong River. Only one of you will be the real inheritor, and he’s the only one who can get the real core inheritance.”

“Start,” ordered Duan Dong River. He looked at Luo Feng. “Milky Way, you start first.”

“Yes, Master Duan Dong River.” Luo Feng bowed and turned into a beam of light, approaching the 820 spaces.