

## Walker 1561

### [Chapter 1561 A Second Ring](#)

Lin Mu watched the corpse of the Eleventh prince, ensuring that he really was dead and there were no tricks left.

After all, even with the Nascent Soul erased, there were still certain skills or weapons that could attack one's enemies after death. Such items were used for mutual destruction and there was always a chance that the prince might have them.

With his identity and fortune, it wouldn't be difficult for him to obtain them either.

Only after Lin Mu was a hundred percent sure did he release the Great Shield from the man's corpse.

~SHUA~

"The Seven Heavens Divine Armor hasn't disappeared?" Lin Mu was surprised.

He had thought that it should have deactivated automatically after the death of the man, and yet here it was still lingering.

"No wait... it's weaker." Lin Mu could see that the energy fluctuations from it had greatly reduced.

Even the lightning arc circling on the crown and the flames had dimmed down. It looked like the armor would soon disappear.

~hummm~

And sure enough, just a minute later the armor faded away revealing the appearance of the prince's body.

Leaving his head, the rest of his body had basically been flattened. Despite having worn the armor, the effect of the Aspect of Heaviness was still applied equally on him. This had led to his body being crushed with the extra weight from the armor being added.

The Dao Skill was certainly deadly, when used on the right kind of target.

'Though the energy consumption is also higher...' Lin Mu sensed his body, finding it to be at barely 20% stores.

While he still had his Vitality and Immortal Essence, the immortal Qi in his body had greatly fallen. Not to mention, Lin Mu's mind felt rather tired right now, having been exhausted mentally as well.

After all, using two Dao Skills in conjunction while also targeting multiple objects was not easy. With the level of focus it required, many others would have failed a long time ago and collapsed.

"Ugh!" But just as Lin Mu was watching the corpse of the prince, he felt a sharp pain in his head.

He couldn't help but grasp it, finding the pain to be rising.

"What even..." Lin Mu felt like his head was going to explode.

~HUMMM~

But at that moment, the ring on his hand let out a humming sound. The sound entered Lin Mu's ears and made him feel better. The pain disappeared after a few seconds, allowing Lin Mu to calm down.

"What was that..." Lin Mu was at a loss as he looked at the ring in his hand.

What he did not expect was the most shocking moment of his life so far-- The Ring was moving on his hand!

~SHUA~

"NO!" Lin Mu cried out seeing that the ring was actually leaving his finger.

Ever since he had gotten the mysterious ring, it had never left Lin Mu's finger. It had taken a strange form, and Lin Mu couldn't even remove it from his finger if he wanted to. Other than him, only Xukong could see it thus it was difficult to tell the functioning of the ring.

But now after fourteen years of obtaining the ring, it had left his hand!

~HUM~

The grey ring flew off at a great speed, making Lin Mu unable to catch it.

But just as Lin Mu's heart was about to jump out of his chest, he saw the ring stop. It hovered in mid-air and kept on spinning.

~HONG~

A resonant hum was emanated from its body and spread in the area.

'What's happening?' Lin Mu was truly lost now.

Even Xukong who was watching it all was confused. After all, he was inside the ring and it was now separated from Lin Mu.

"Don't worry, the ring is still linked to you." Xukong assured Lin Mu. "If it was not linked, we would not have been able to talk now." He explained.

"It is?" Lin Mu felt a bit relieved, but didn't know if he could fully ease up.

He wouldn't feel calm until the ring was back on his finger.

"Wait for it. I think the ring might be doing something." Xukong said.

As much as Lin Mu wanted to snatch the ring back, he decided to trust Senior Xukong's words and held on.

~HUALA~

Upon doing this, he noticed a cluster of lights flashing at the bottom of his vision.

"Huh?" Lin Mu looked down and saw that the cluster of light was coming from none other than the eleventh prince's hand!

"How is..." Lin Mu had a shocking thought in his mind, but he did not dare think further.

The thought was simply too unbelievable to him after all.

Gone was the rage and burning desire that he had been feeling so far. All that was left in Lin Mu's heart was now confusion and anxiety.

Lin Mu looked closer and saw his thought coming closer to reality.

"No way..." Lin Mu said in an airy voice.

The cluster of lights on the prince's corpse turned into a ring on his finger!

The ring was now resonating along with Lin Mu's own ring and some kind of interaction was happening between them.

Lin Mu watched it all with wide open eyes as the ring on the prince's hand too flew out.

~SHUA~

The ring flew up and hovered next to Lin Mu's ring.

"The two... they are similar." Lin Mu said, his voice shaking.

Just like Lin Mu's ring, the other ring too had multiple spurs on it. There were other differences too though.

The first difference was that the other ring had ten spurs on it instead of five. There were five spurs on each side of the ring, opposite to each other. Then there was the color of the ring itself.

Unlike the grey color of Lin Mu's ring, this ring had multiple colors, seven to be exact.

The ring itself had two colors, with half of it being Azure in color and the other half purple. Then the mirroring spurs were of red, green, brown, yellow and blue colors.

#### [Chapter 1562 Transformation Of The Ring](#)

Looking at the two rings hovering in front of him, Lin Mu almost couldn't believe his eyes.

"How is this possible?" Lin Mu questioned himself.

But at the same time, he knew that the truth was in front of his eyes and all his senses were telling him this was reality.

There were not one but two rings!

"They are certainly linked... they have a similar design scheme." Lin Mu muttered.

"I don't think that's all, Lin Mu." Xukong said, a thought appearing his mind.

And just as Xukong said that, Lin Mu watched the two rings move.

~SHUA~

The two rings moved and became parallel to each other. Then, their spurs aligned before coming close.

Lin Mu's eyes were locked onto them as he watched them join up.

~HONG~

And when the two rings had joined, a wave of energy spread across the entire area. The wave of energy was not oppressive and yet its power was massive. It covered an area of thousands of kilometers in just a few seconds, making all those that felt it shiver unconsciously.

They didn't know what energy they had felt, or where it had come from, but they knew it was something terrifying.

Far from Lin Mu, back in the ruins where the Violet Mystic Life Tree used to be, the people of the Grand Sky Pavilion were stunned.

"The array has collapsed!"

"Elders! The energy compass just broke!"

Chaos soon spread, as many of the people had to stop working.

The head elder who sensed the energy fluctuation though, had a pale face. His body was covered in cold sweat, while his hands trembled.

"We need to leave..." he muttered.

Thousands of kilometers from there, a large man was standing over a tall mountain. Two horns could be seen on his head, while a large Axe hung from his back.

This was none other than the Steel Horned General, Niu Juo!

"That energy..." The giant of a man muttered, goosebumps covering his body.

"Who... or what... My bloodline is... trembling... Absolute fear..." The man found it hard to speak.

Unknowingly, he was already gasping for air.

It wasn't after a couple of minutes did Niu Juo manage to calm down.

He didn't know what had just caused that, but he knew it was nothing simple.

'Could it really be a Transcendent Immortal? But even the Emperor does not have such power.' He wondered.

Back at where Lin Mu was, the two rings had finished their merger and were now a single ring.

The ring had two levels, with the lower being grey and the upper being seven colored. Now the new ring only had five colored spurs that jutted upwards.

Looking at the new ring, Lin Mu didn't know what to think of it. It was simply too overwhelming for him. A foreign thought intruded in his mind, prompting him to raise his hand towards the ring.

Lin Mu didn't even realize when he obeyed this thought, as his body automatically moved.

~SHUA~

The newly transformed ring lowered towards Lin Mu's hand and slid down his right middle finger, taking the original place.

~HAA~

As soon as the ring took its place, Lin Mu felt an incredible wave of relief washing over his body. Before this, it was as if a piece of his soul had been torn away, but now it had returned and the harmony of his mind was returned.

"The ring... it was actually incomplete..." Lin Mu now understood.

It didn't take much to understand this after seeing the shape of the ring as well as its current change. Lin Mu liked it all, together with the burning desire as well as the feeling of loss that he had before.

"The burning desire... it wasn't just mine... it had come from the ring." Lin Mu muttered in realization.

And when Lin Mu understood this, a few old memories reappeared in his mind as well.

He recalled a dream he had a long time ago.

'This... wasn't this when we were hunting the Steel Horned Wolves?' Lin Mu recalled.

In the dream, Lin Mu had seen many multicolored spheres. And now that he had seen them again, Lin Mu identified what they were.

'Aren't these all... planets?' Lin Mu grasped. 'These are all worlds!'

Lin Mu continued through the memory and soon arrived at the grey area. Looking at the area, Lin Mu realized that it was actually an area that he knew about.

"Isn't this the Slate Lands of The Holy Topaz Continent?" Lin Mu identified it.

He had read about it and the location in his memory matched it exactly. The Slate lands were located further south from the entrance of the Desolate blood battlefield. Or more accurately, it was over seven thousand kilometer south from there.

Lin Mu focused on the memory as he saw the seven light orbs appear. They had the same colors as the ring, confirming for him that it was indeed the ring.

"The ring signaled me its location back then..." Lin Mu understood. "Wait... could it be..." he started to figure out more things.

'My reason of arrival in the Rust Sky world... it was predetermined from the start... The ring used the Ancestral Bell's ability and opened a channel to the Rust Sky world due to the second ring!' Lin Mu grasped.

His heart was beating fast at this revelation and was showing no signs of stopping.

Soon the memory of the old dream ended and Lin Mu recalled the intense burning desire from back when he was in the land of exile. The silhouette he had seen was very similar to the prince.

'The Eleventh prince had obtained the second ring, which lead to my ring making me feel the desire. The second ring was supposed to belong to me, but the prince took it before that.' Lin Mu now understood how it all happened.

~HUU~

Lin Mu let out a cold breath, as he felt a bit scared at the series of events that had all happened.

'The ring... it was always the ring...'

### [Chapter 1563 Troubled Longing](#)

Having had the revelation that the Ring was behind his desire, Lin Mu felt conflicted.

On one hand, it had certainly allowed him to get stronger and on the other hand it had made him suffer. Having to live with that desire was not good at all for Lin Mu. Had it not been for his mentality that had grown strong over the year, it might have ended differently for him.

After all, Lin Mu knew that such an intense desire could turn into an obsession, which could further lead to many problems for a cultivator.

Falling into a Qi deviation would be the least of his worries, as there was a high chance that an obsession like that might just end up giving birth to a Heart Demon.

That was something that Lin Mu certainly did not wish for. Living with a Heart Demon was not an easy task, and he knew this very well, having read the memoirs of the lost immortal.

In his memories, the man had always said that one should do everything they could to avoid forming a Heart Demon. While the Head Demon of the Lost immortal had helped him fulfill his goal eventually, it had come at the price of his own life and being.

~huu~

Lin Mu thought over all this for a few minutes, as he directly laid down on the ground. He didn't care for the dirt and rubble that was now covering his body. Not to mention, he was quite tired too.

The way he had managed to stand all this while was simply due to the level of shock he had been feeling.

But now that he had his ring back, that too a transformed one, Lin Mu couldn't help but feel the fatigue fill his body once more.

Tilting his head, Lin Mu gazed at the two layered ring.

'This design... it still has five spurs... it can't be that it's still incomplete, right?' Lin Mu wondered.

That thought alone was terrifying to him.

While he knew, the rings contained a lot of power, using it came at a cost too. After all, it had taken Lin Mu years before he was fully able to utilize the grey ring. And seeing the skills that the Eleventh Prince had used, he was quite sure that they had come from the ring as well.

"Just learning the skills of my first ring took me years... and even then, I wouldn't say I've truly mastered them. Adding the second ring and the skills that might come with that... looks like it's only going to get tougher from here." Lin Mu muttered to himself.

It was a strange feeling that was a mixture of longing and anticipation.

While Lin Mu could guess that the ring would grant him more power, and that excited him, it would also take him a lot long before he would be able to use it to an optimum level. Using it at a low proficiency was not something that Lin Mu liked.

It could lead to mistakes during a battle, not to mention he would need to change the flow of his skills as well.

There were many things for him to consider and he hadn't even gotten the new skills yet.

'The ring seems to be adjusting to me.' Lin Mu guessed, seeing that the transformed ring had not fully calmed down.

It hadn't triggered anything either, which meant that there was more for it to do than just merge together.

'It does make sense if it needs time. Other tools that can merge or ones that have multiple components need time to synchronize too.' Lin Mu had quite a bit of information about this topic due to the documentation and books that Jing Luo and Jing Wei had given him.

There was so much information he had obtained from the libraries that he was yet to finish reading them all. Not to mention, there was additional knowledge that had been added from the library of the Deep Sapphire Island.

Lin Mu had only taken a few looks through it and knew that it was even deeper than he had thought.

He was sure that reading all the books might take him a hundred years or so alone.

~Sigh~

"And this is just the work I have pending... the ring might add more." Lin Mu let out a sigh.

He had a gut feeling that the ring was not complete yet. If its shape was anything to go by, it was highly likely that there was at least one more part left.

'Now the question is if the ring would give me a desire like that again...' Lin Mu wondered to himself.

"That might really be it." Xukong spoke, having seen Lin Mu's thoughts.

He too was in shock, having seen that the ring had another component to it, and had been silent since then. Xukong needed to understand it too and wondered what it all meant. Even with his entire life's experience, he had not seen anything like this.

The energy wave that had been released by the ring during its merger was great too.

Lin Mu might not know its depth, but Xukong surely did.

'An energy that might even catch the attention of those old monsters, if the addition of one component has caused this, what will more do?' Xukong too thought that there were more parts to it.

And his intuition was telling him that there was more than one.

"You think there are more parts to the ring?" Lin Mu asked, his tone a bit tired.

"Yes... perhaps more than one too." Xukong replied.

"That... if I've to search for those too. It might be a long time." Lin Mu muttered.

Xukong could understand the overwhelming feeling that Lin Mu was feeling. It was something that was common in younger cultivators that had gained a high cultivation base. They had a long lifespan ahead of them, and it just seemed big to them.

### [Chapter 1564 The Ring's Change](#)

Cultivators often wondered about time, and how it would pass. As well as the immensity of the tasks they had with them.

The tasks that they had brought them goals, most of which were not short.

"Don't think of this as something you have to do right away Lin Mu. Think of it as a long term goal that is far away from the horizon." Xukong advised. "Besides, the ring hasn't 'asked' you to search for the next part yet. If you consider your past experience, while the ring had signaled for its part in the Rust Sky world, it didn't force you then." He explained.

Lin Mu listened to Xukong's words and realized that he was simply over thinking about it.

"That's right, the ring did inform me about the location of the second ring in advance. It was only when the prince had found it that it urged me to actively go and secure it." Lin Mu said with realization.

"Exactly." Xukong acknowledged.

"So let's say it does tell me about another part of it, it's not necessary that I'll have to rush to it as long as someone else does not find it." Lin Mu repeated it to himself.

It was a kind of self assurance that he needed.

Deep down, Lin Mu also knew that if someone were to find the next ring, he might have to rush for it. But it was not something he needed to worry about now. After all, if he continued to worry about the future, he would forget about the present.

~HUU~

Lin Mu let out a long breath, feeling a lot better than before.

Even if his mind was still tired, it didn't feel as heavy as the start.

"Thank you senior." Lin Mu said with gratitude.

The advice that Xukong provided might seem obvious, but when one is in a flurry of thoughts that keep one on the edge, assurance from a second person helps bring them out of it.



"Mm, you don't need to worry about it at all. Besides, with the kind of progress you've had, I'm sure you will fulfill all your goals." Xukong said with a hint of pride.

"Mhmm, I just have to see how things go then." Lin Mu said and closed his eyes, letting them rest for a bit.

Ten minutes passed like this in silence after which Lin Mu had a thought.

"Senior, you're inside the ring right? Is there any change there?" Lin Mu wondered if the merging of the two rings had brought forth changes inside it too.

"Well... The barrier has turned opaque." Xukong said while looking at the Altar.

"It has?" Lin Mu furrowed his brows.

"Indeed. It did so the moment the rings merged." Xukong replied.

"Then are there any other changes there? Any disturbance?" Lin Mu questioned next.

He found it a bit strange, that it was only the barrier around the altar that had become opaque and not something more radical.

"It is rather calm here." Xukong answered finding it strange too.

"Hmm... perhaps when the two rings have finished their synchronization it might happen." Lin Mu replied after thinking for it.

"Can you sense the other ring?" Xukong asked with curiosity.

Unlike the first ring, Xukong was actually unable to sense the second one.

"Yes... while I can't fully tell what its doing there seems to be some kind of exchange or interaction between the two rings." Lin Mu answered.

"Peculiar..." Xukong muttered.

He moved towards the barrier and observed it closely.

'The Runes used for it are still unrecognizable. But it's certain that the barriers defenses have been raised after the merger of the two rings.' Xukong discovered after observing it.

He didn't dare to touch the barrier in this state either, not knowing if it would cause him or Lin Mu some backlash.

Half an hour passed like this, after which Lin Mu felt a lot better. He took out a few pills to restore his energy stores and quickly assimilated them. And while he did this, he could also sense the rings syncing up.

'I can sense the second ring better with each passing minute... they are certainly linking.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

~HUMM~

And by the time he was finally done assimilating all the Immortal Qi, he sensed the transformed ring tremble on his finger.

A thought rose from the ring and entered Lin Mu's mind, telling him something.

"It's calling me..." Lin Mu closed his eyes and felt his body turn weightless.

In the next second, he was standing inside the ring's space.

~SHUA~

Opening his eyes, Lin Mu sensed the energy waves that were spreading everywhere.

"Senior." Lin Mu called out.

Xukong flew over to him from a distant part of the barrier.

"So it called you in here?" Xukong asked seeing the energy waves that were spreading in the ring.

"Indeed... Looks like its time." Lin Mu said with a serious expression.

"Well then, looks like we'll get a lot to see." Xukong said, sensing the rising intensity of the energy.

~HUALA~

And sure enough, the change happened quick.

Millions upon millions of runes formed all around the barrier, covering the area. Lin Mu looked around and found the runes to be below him, above him and around him. There seemed to be no pattern to the runes and they were spread randomly.

"What runes are these?" Lin Mu could tell that they weren't exactly Dao Script.

Some of the runes seemed close to Dao Script, but a majority were unknown to him.

"Even I don't know. It is probably some long lost script from the ancient times." Xukong replied.

"You don't know either?" Lin Mu raised his brows in surprise.

There was very little that Xukong did not know, or could not make a guess about.

~HONG~

But Lin Mu didn't have long to wonder about it all, as the runes soon brought forth another change.

They started to assemble themselves into an array and not just any array but a True Grand Formation Array!

#### [Chapter 1565 The Ethereal Altar's Transformation](#)

This was the first time Lin Mu was seeing anything this complex.

Lin Mu had the great sword which was formed from countless runes composing its body. Jing Luo had obtained it back in the fragmented plane, and Lin Mu had taken it later on. Studying it had proved to be useless as the runes continued to change and transform.

But even that complexity was several steps below what Lin Mu was now seeing unravel in front of him.

The runes shifted and turned, first assembling into a large circle that easily covered a few tens of kilometers of area. Then with this circle as the center, hundred more concentric rune circles rose, each moving farther and farther from each other.

With each new circle that was added, Lin Mu could tell that their size was increasing by multiples.

"Just how many more will be added? That's already over a hundred..." Lin Mu muttered in shock as he watched it all happen.

Xukong who was observing it all was also at a loss.

"I can't perceive them either now... they've gone beyond my range of sensing." Xukong stated.

~gulp~

Lin Mu swallowed his saliva in astonishment. After all, Xukong had traveled the ring for a long time before just to see if it had limits. And even then he was unable to find its end. Thus him being unable to sense the end of the circles only meant that it was at a size that might be hundreds of thousands of kilometers.

~HONG~

~SHUA~ SHUA~ SHUA~

But that was merely the first step of the entire process.

"More?" Lin Mu next saw the runes assembling into more circles.

But this time these circles were small, being only a few meters in size. After forming, these circles stacked on top of each other, forming tall towers that were hundreds of meters tall.

These formation circle towers kept on growing until they too were beyond the range of Xukong.

Now there were formation constructs in two dimensions. The concentric circles below Lin Mu, and the vertical towers that extended above and below Lin Mu. These two constructs intersected, making it look like a plate that had countless strings hanging from it.

~SCREECH~

After all these had been formed though, Lin Mu heard a screeching sound.

It was as if a bunch of nails were grinding over a plate of metal. The sound was loud and harsh, making Lin Mu clamp his ears.

~KACHA~

"Huh?" But then he heard a sound that was like that of breaking glass.

"It's breaking! The space is breaking!" Xukong exclaimed.

He looked above and below him, finding there to be invisible cracks. These cracks were causing the spatial energy streaks within the ring to circle around them. It was like a vortex that would form in a water bucket when holes were poked into it.

"How can the space here be cracking?!" Lin Mu was stunned.

~SHUA~

But before he could become scared, he saw more runes appearing. These runes were appearing from the cracks, and they were of different colors.

"Wait a minute, these runes..." Lin Mu saw the seven colored runes that matched those that of the second ring.

These runes transformed into long strings that waved around the formation towers that had formed earlier. Soon, the formation towers were all wrapped in seven colored strings, making it look something like a straight candy cane.

Just that it had seven colors instead of just two.

"The two rings are probably doing their final linking." Xukong commented seeing the change.

"Mmhm." Lin Mu nodded his head, as there didn't seem to be any other option.

Once the towers were all wrapped, no new runes or other formation constructs appeared. Silence spread in the area, making one feel unnerved.

~HONG~

A minute later though, the silence was broken as all the formation constructs started to disappear. They faded away into nothingness, and the familiar blank darkness appeared behind them.

"Look! The barrier," Xukong spoke up.

Lin Mu turned his attention to the barrier around the altar and saw it turning translucent again.

"No... its actually opening up." Lin Mu could feel the altar beckoning to him.

He watched as the barrier fully turned translucent before walking closer.

"It's calling me." Lin Mu spoke.

"Go in then." Xukong urged. "I'll wait here."

"Mmmhm," Lin Mu gave a nod and placed his hand over the barrier, causing an opening to appear for him.

Having entered the barrier, he continued on straight until he reached the altar.

~DENG~DENG~DENG~DENG~DENG~DENG~DENG~

And upon reaching there, Lin Mu heard seven sounds.

Each sound was distinct to him, and along with each sound, a pillar rose from the base of the altar. Each altar was of a different color, matching the colors of the second ring. In a few seconds, the original altar was surrounded by seven pillars.

Each of the pillar had different runes on them too that were unreadable to Lin Mu.

'They are similar in style to the runes that appeared before. They must be of the same source.' Lin Mu reckoned.

The Ethereal altar glowed brighter, before seven strings of energy rose from it. Each string attached to the seven pillars and completed its network.

And with that the linking of the two rings had truly finished.

"It's done..." Lin Mu could now feel a close connection with the second ring too. "No, not the second ring... the same ring, they are just connected now. Part of one..." he muttered.

'Come...' with that done, a thought appeared in Lin Mu's mind.

"Huh," Lin Mu gazed at the runes flickering on the altar.

They looked like swimming tadpoles, and yet there was a certain rhythm to them.

Seeing this, Lin Mu knew what was about to come.

"So it finally is ready for it..." Lin Mu took a deep breath and extended his hand.

As soon as he placed his hand on the Altar, a large stream of information poured into his head.

But in all that, a few words stood out.

'Omnicore Ascendancy'

### [Chapter 1566 Omnicore Ascendancy](#)

The two words were entirely new to Lin Mu, and yet he felt an unprecedented familiarity with it.

"Omnicore Ascendancy... Take the very elements as the core of your being and ascend through existence!" Lin Mu chanted the mnemonic that rang within his ears.

Dense amount of information flooded Lin Mu's mind, as the understanding about Omnicore Ascendancy rose.

This was the technique that he had obtained from the altar after its transformation.

And similar to the Nine Divine Sutra's that he had obtained, this wasn't exactly a cultivation technique or even a skill. Rather it was an auxiliary technique that focused on changing one's very being.

'If the Nine Divine Sutra's were an auxiliary to the Qi cultivation, then this Omnicore Ascendancy seems like an auxiliary to body cultivation!' Lin Mu understood.

It was strange to him as the methods prescribed in the technique seemed to be unbelievable, absurd even.

The technique directed one to condense seven elemental cores within one's body with each core having its own location. Some of these locations Lin Mu was familiar with and related them with the Five Treasures realm, but there was more to it than that.

The fire core was located at the position of the heart.

The Water core was positioned between the kidneys.

The Metal core was positioned between the lungs.

The Wood core was located at the position of the liver

The Earth core was located at the position of the Spleen.

Then there was the wind core that was located in one's diaphragm and the lightning core that was located within one's brain!

The successful creation of each core would have a miraculous effect on one's body. With each elemental core that was fully formed, one would be able to get a natural affinity to that element.

'Doesn't this mean... I can basically have an affinity to all these seven elements?' Lin Mu was stunned at the prospect.

After all, having an affinity to seven elements like this was something incredibly rare in the universe.

And this was no normal affinity, but on the level of innate affinity!

It was basically the same as one having an entirely new body!

Which was exactly what the technique said it could do.

Lin Mu couldn't help but feel excited at this, as it only meant that it would raise his potential to a level that was never seen before. But then when he saw the requirements for cultivating the Omnicore Ascendancy technique, it was as if cold water was poured all over him.

'Pure elemental resources... essences... Qis... Dao traces? Dao Insights!? What even...'" Lin Mu was shook at what the technique demanded.

Technically speaking, the technique could make use of any kind of elemental energy whether it be very weak or not. It could even absorb spirit Qi and grow, but the rate of growth would be very slow.

Upto until this point, Lin Mu could still digest it. After all, a great technique like this must have high requirements. But then he saw the other conditions that this technique brought along with it.

"I... can't use any of those energies?" Lin Mu muttered in disbelief.

All the energies and resources that Lin Mu used, whatever form they might be in would be unavailable to him.

According to the Omnicore Ascendancy Technique, all the energies were to be condensed into the core and they were to be left untouched. The accumulation of these energies would bring no direct increase to one's strength either.

It was similar to having a mountain of gold, but being unable to use it,

"Only when the core is fully formed would its true effects be shown. It would bring a transformation of my body, and grant me affinity to that element along with more benefits." Lin Mu muttered to himself.

Now this was a tall order for Lin Mu, as it basically meant he was doing extra cultivation that would be useless for a long time. This would massively raise his need for resources and if he spent them on this, his own cultivation would stagnate.

Lin Mu continued to go through the information and understood further details.

'So I can choose where I direct the energies too... ~pew~ that's better than not growing in strength at all.' Lin Mu felt relieved.

Since he could decide when to cultivate it, Lin Mu reckoned he would have to split his attention between normal cultivation and the cultivation of Omnicore Ascendancy technique.

"I'll have to figure out the schedule for it later." Lin Mu shook his head.

Just as he had thought before, his workload had certainly increased with the addition of the second ring. While it would be ultimately beneficial to him in the end, it was still a daunting task.

It was similar to a student who was in middle school and they were looking at doing a doctorate in the future.

It would take many years and multiple steps in reaching that point, but the benefit it would bring one would be massive.

'At least I can form all the cores at the same time. I don't have to select only one and stick to it. Guess this is similar to the Five Treasures Realm in that aspect.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

He almost felt like this was the improved form of the Five Treasures realm, but at the same time not. After all, this didn't bring any gradual increase to one's strength and neither did it enhance one's toughness.

The Omnicore Ascendancy Technique was a technique that brought forth qualitative change rather than quantitative change.

It might not raise one's cultivation base, but it would improve one's potential exponentially. And if one's potential was better, cultivation would become faster and easier too.

Even if one considered the comprehension of the Dao, having innate affinity to elements would assist in that too.

The Omnicore Ascendancy Technique covered both the absorption of various energies as well as comprehension of the Daos within its scope!

"That... was a lot to grasp." Lin Mu held his head as the information flood finally subsided.

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The feeling of having one's head filled with direct understanding of a complex technique like the Omnicore Ascendancy was certainly not pleasant.

Lin Mu felt like there were miners hammering his head with chisels and sledgehammers; both from the inside and outside.

"Ugh... I'll never get used to this." Lin Mu pressed his head, trying to get over the pain.

Thankfully, it didn't seem like it would last that long, and was soon subsiding.

"Are you okay?" Xukong's voice drifted over from afar.

The spider couldn't get close to the altar, but could still communicate with Lin Mu.

'What was the memory break? It forcefully blocked out link.' Xukong thought to himself. 'Did he finally get something from the ring?' he guessed.

That was the only time when the link between Xukong and Lin Mu had been broken in the past, thus it was what the spider guessed. Still, this time Xukong could tell that something was different.

Since the two were linked and had a shared mind space, Xukong could tell that the 'weight' of the shared mind space had increased. This increase in weight certainly did not come from his side, which meant that it was definitely due to Lin Mu.

'But the mind space has never reacted like that before...' Xukong wondered just what had Lin Mu obtained from the ethereal altar.

If the past skills and techniques were to go by anything, Xukong was sure that it was not going to be simple at all.

"I'm okay, Senior." Lin Mu replied. "Just got a nasty headache."

"It was that bad huh... I'm guessing it was worth it though?" Xukong replied.

"Definitely... even if it was a headache that wouldn't go away for a year, I'd be fine with it. It was a fair price for something like this." Lin Mu stated with a hint of excitement.

"That good?" Xukong was now looking forward to hearing about it too.

"Yes." Lin Mu replied. "I'll come over to you, and explain in detail." He said before standing up.

Lin Mu glanced at the altar, that seemed to have calmed down. The transformed form of the altar was at least twice as big as before, and its complexity had increased as well. Lin Mu could see that the runes on it were communicating with the entire area.

'This kind of Fomentation array... just what level is it at? It's certainly not a Spirit or Immortal grade array... then Celestial grade array?' Lin Mu wondered, but something told him that even a Celestial Grade Array might be nothing in front of this.

Feeling like there might be more he could learn from this place, other than just skills intrigued Lin Mu.



"Just the runes on the array alone are enough for me to learn for hundreds of years, forget the array itself. Perhaps I should come here to ponder on these runes... I might not be able to read them, but I should be able to glance through their patterns." Lin Mu muttered to himself.

One thing was for sure though, the path of formations has truly caught him in its grasp.

Now that he had seen, just what was possible with formations and runes, Lin Mu wondered if he could reach that level too.

Thinking about all this, Lin Mu headed to the barrier of the ethereal altar.

There, Xukong was already waiting for him.

"You look fine on the surface at least." Xukong commented seeing Lin Mu's appearance.

"Yes... though I'm certainly tired from it." Lin Mu nodded his head.

"That much is to be expected." Xukong agreed. "Though, what is it that you got from the ethereal altar?" he questioned.

"What I got from the ethereal altar this time is a technique... another auxiliary cultivation technique..." Lin Mu said before starting to explain about Omnicore Ascendancy Technique.

It took Lin Mu about an hour to explain the gist of the technique. Though this was just the surface level explanation of what the technique could do. Lin Mu actually could not explain how it worked or what its methods were.

They were so profound that Lin Mu could only understand them, but not speak about them. It only showed him just how important the infusion of the information was.

'Perhaps without it, I might not have been able to grasp it at all.' Lin Mu thought.

But while he was thinking about this, Xukong was in shock instead.

'There's no doubt about it... this is not a technique that was made by man.' Xukong thought to himself. 'Even the understanding of those old monsters would be upended if they learned about Omnicore Ascendancy...'

Lin Mu didn't know the true depth behind Omnicore Ascendancy. While he could tell that it was a miraculous technique, he didn't know to what level it was miraculous. In fact, it was already enough to upend the common understanding of the cultivation techniques that was propagated throughout the annals of time.

The experts who had lived since ancient times had spread these concepts and principals, having taken them as absolute. But the Omnicore Ascendancy Technique, violated several of those axioms.

What was once taken as common logic by the world of cultivation had been upended by this one technique.

Xukong grasped this very well.

'If it was only a good technique those old monsters would have actually liked to study this. But with how Omnicore Ascendancy Technique is, it cannot even be understood by anyone other than Lin Mu.' Xukong thought to himself. 'Those old monsters would not let something like this exist... they would rather it be erased from the universe, than let someone practice it.' He knew.

"You cannot talk about this technique." Xukong said in a serious tone. "You should not even utter its name. Never mention it to anyone, not even to the air."

Hearing Xukong's tone Lin Mu's expression turned serious too.

"It's that dangerous?" Lin Mu could somewhat grasp Xukong's concern.

After all, he knew just how dangerous something as simple as knowing a name could be.

'Karma can affect it all...' Lin Mu recalled.

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Having grasped the seriousness of the situation, Lin Mu vowed to never speak about the technique.

"I shall never talk about it then, Senior." Lin Mu stated.

"Good." Xukong spoke, his voice still a bit heavy.

"But... will you be fine knowing this? Didn't you say Karma can affect everything, even you?" Lin Mu asked curiously.

"I'll be fine." Xukong replied. "While Karma can affect me too... those trying to pry into it will only be walking into a trap if they do it with me." He stated.

"A trap?" Lin Mu raised his brows in confusion.

"Let's just say, the cost of doing something like that would be too high for them." Xukong simply said.

"I see..." Lin Mu realized that Xukong might not be able to truly explain to him.

"You should not think about that for now. Just focus on the tasks at hand. You do have a lot of resources to gather, if you are to practice the technique." Xukong said, changing the topic.

"Ah yes!" Lin Mu nodded his head. "Getting that Immortal Stone Mine just became even more important with the Omnicore Ascendancy. I'll need it steady supply of Immortal Qi." He spoke.

"I doubt, it'll be anything more than a drop of water in the ocean. You'll need a lot more than just that. Might be time for some long-term investments." Xukong replied.

"I was thinking the same." Lin Mu agreed. "I'll have to get resource that can provide me a stable source of it all. The Violet Mystic Life Tree will be my first source of it all, but I'll need more things likes it." He spoke.

Lin Mu thought of seeking out more Immortal herbs that could produce elemental Qis or energies.

"Hmm... you might also have to look into Elemental Transformation Formation arrays. These can convert Non-elemental Qi into elemental Qi." Xukong replied. "As well as natural treasures that gather Qi and other elemental energies, not just plants." He suggested.

"Yes, I'll look for all of them." Lin Mu nodded his head. "And I think there's something that might be able to help me with exactly that." A certain grass loving cultivator came to Lin Mu's mind.

"I think you can also start with something you've already obtained." Xukong suddenly spoke.

"Oh? What do you mean Senior?" Lin Mu asked with interest.

"Do you remember the conversation that Eleventh Prince was having with those people?" Xukong reminded.

Lin Mu then recalled the loot that they were talking about.

"Of course!" Lin Mu said out loud. "Their spatial storage tools should have some information in it."

"It's already here." Xukong interrupted.

"Huh? What do you mean Senior?" Lin Mu raised a brow.

"That prince... he probably kept his items in the ring too. And when the two rings merged the items within them did too." Xukong replied. "I sensed a few things appearing here, that certainly weren't here before." He explained.

Hearing this, Lin Mu was surprised. But then excitement took over him.

"That's great then. If the prince was with them, he certainly had a lot of information. Or had at least something substantial." Lin Mu nodded his head.

He then closed his eyes, and sensed all the items that were within the ring's space. It didn't take him long to see the new items that had appeared in a slightly distant part of the ring. They were not kept with the other items and were just floating around randomly.

Lin Mu simply locked onto all of them, and waved his hand, summoning them in front of him.

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In the next second, all the items materialized in front of Lin Mu.

"That's... a lot." Seeing it with his own two eyes, Lin Mu realized just how much the prince had kept within his storage.

There was a significant pile of Immortal stones, as well as immortal essence crystals.

"He's even got quite a lot of Immortal Essence crystals... though they're barely a few percent of the immortal stones. But I guess that's understandable considering how rare they are." Lin Mu said as he checked out the items.

The immortal stones were the majority of the loot, and had thus taken up the front of the pile. Lin Mu moved past them and saw many other items like gold, silver, gems and other such wealth.

Lin Mu had plenty of them too so he didn't pay much attention to them. Rather than that, his attention was caught by the herbs that were present in the pile.

"Oh! Aren't these New Moon Lily Fruits?" Lin Mu recognized some of the Immortal fruits. "And this is a Rage Blood Lingzhi!" he discovered another valuable Immortal herb.

The Rage Blood Lingzhi was something that was unique to the Desolate Blood Battlefield and was used for several kinds of immortal pills.

This was just the start of the resources that were present in the loot. Lin Mu saw several more things like pill bottles, gourds, medicine boxes and entire shelves worth of common Immortal Qi replenishing pills!

He quickly did a count of all these things, before sorting them according to his own system.

"Looks like I won't have to worry the Qi replenishing pills for a while." Lin Mu was pleased with that.

These pills were cheaper, since they couldn't actually be used to raise one's cultivation base. Qi replenishing pills were a class of pills, that could only restore one's Qi to a point where their natural storage was full. It could not increase it beyond that like certain cultivation pills.

Of course, with how large Lin Mu's Qi stores actually were, he always needed more of these.

But after these, he found what he was truly desiring. There were hundreds of books and other documents in the pile too. This was where the true fortune was lying.

"Here it is..." Lin Mu quickly scanned through those documents and found a scroll that was made from beast leather.

It was similar to the map that depicted the location of the Immortal Essence crystal cache and looked old.

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Lin Mu unrolled the beast leather scroll and saw a map that was drawn on it. But unlike the map that Alchemist Ruoxian had, this was in a good condition and every detail was clear to read.

"Hahah!" Lin Mu laughed out loud reading some of the information on it. "Just what I was searching for... no wonder the prince and those people were willing to kill each other."

The map was of equal caliber to the one that Alchemist Ruoxian had, for it depicted not one but two Immortal Stone mines!

The location of these Immortal Stone mines was different from what Lin Mu could tell, though reading it was a bit difficult for him.

"Hmm... I might be able to compare the translation that Alchemist Ruoxian provided. Some of these words seem identical." Lin Mu muttered and took out the other document.

He spent a few minutes comparing them and figured out the location that the map was talking about.

"Hah! Perfect, one of the Immortal Stone Mines is in the Blood Strewn battlefield itself. And it's not that far either." Lin Mu exclaimed.

"That might be why the prince and the others fighting him were here." Xukong replied.

"Indeed." Lin Mu nodded and looked at the map again. "As for the second one, while I can't figure out the location's name I can still tell where it is." He stated and pointed to the map.

The location that Lin Mu was gesturing on the map, was adjacent to the Blood Strewn Plains. And figuring out from that, Lin Mu easily discovered what the words meant.

"The Grey Slate Ravines... that's the location where the prince was before this. The immortals were running from there, due to him too since he was killing them all." Lin Mu said.

"The prince probably mined these Immortal stones from there too." Xukong replied.

"Hmm... now that I look at them again, they do seem a little crudely shaped." Lin Mu saw the Immortal stones and found them to be irregularly carved.

Normal Immortal Stones that were in circulation were of an equal size most of the times. But the ones in the prince's pile were a bit rougher than that. It looked like someone had carved them out in a hurry.

"No wonder he had so many of them. He had just obtained them freshly. He probably intended to go and get more of them later, once the people were afraid of entering the Grey Slate Ravines." Lin Mu inferred.

Having seen the map though, Lin Mu was not done as he looked through the other documents and books too.

"Oh? He actually has several body cultivation techniques." Lin Mu discovered tens of body cultivation manuals in the loot.

He read through them and recognized a few of them.

'I've seen them in the Grand Sky Pavilion before... they were up for sale.' Lin Mu recalled.

But as he continued to read through all the cultivation manuals, his excitement about the died down.

"These... aren't really good." Lin Mu said after going through them.

"Of course they won't be." Xukong replied. "Compared to the Three Apertures Invoking Technique, these are too low."

"Indeed... while they can increase my strength directly which the Three Apertures invoking Technique does not, it's not worth it. The Tyrant Bull Marrow secrets will have a much better effect if I'm just looking for strength." Lin Mu spoke.

"Yes. While these techniques might offer you a short term gain, they would be too bad in the long term. Plus, there is always the issue of incompatibility." Xukong agreed.

"Yeah... all these techniques are exclusive. One cannot cultivate another body cultivation technique if you use them." Lin Mu stated. "No wonder the prince had so many of them. Looks like he was looking for a good technique for himself too."

"He did have a body cultivation though." Xukong spoke.

"Yes, he did... which makes me wonder why is there no body cultivation technique matching that here." Lin Mu replied.

He had memorized the energy signature of the prince, and knew that none of these techniques could compare to that.

"Well, the prince did have the ring with him. Perhaps he received one like you too?" Xukong replied.

"Hmm..." hearing this, Lin Mu furrowed his brows.

It was one of the things that was bugging him.

After all, he had seen the prince use several elemental skills, as well as those pure elemental marbles that he would make. Then there was the Seven Heavens Divine Armor, the strongest of his skills.

None of these were what Lin Mu had obtained from the altar.

"The Prince certainly did not get the Omnicore Ascendancy Technique." Lin Mu was sure. "He got something else... but then why did I get this?" he wondered.

Xukong was intrigued by this too and wondered why it was so.

The two of them went silent and thought for a while before Xukong broke the silence.

"Perhaps... The skills that the ring imparts are unique to each person?" Xukong hypothesized.

"Unique to a person?" Lin Mu thought about the spatial skills he had obtained from the grey ring and how more had been given to him as he improved.

"The altar only gave you skills when you had adapted to the old ones, or were capable of using the new one. It was a similar case with the Nine Divine Heart Sutras too. You only got the next sutra when you fulfilled certain requirements." Xukong explained.

Hearing this, Lin Mu realized that it all made sense.

"We do know that the ring is sentient... and by that extension the altar should be its 'brain'. Then if it can 'think' and pick the right skill for its user, then... I guess it deemed Omnicore Ascendancy right for me?" Lin Mu concluded after thinking for a bit.

"That might really be it." Xukong said.

"But doesn't this also mean... there are more skills and techniques hidden within it? Just the Seven Heavens Divine Armor alone is something that can compare with my skills." Lin Mu stated.

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The revelation that the rings had more skills than known was a mix of surprise and excitement for Lin Mu. After all, it meant that Lin Mu had many more opportunities to grow in the future.

And from what he had seen so far, none of the skills he had obtained from the ring were weak. Each of them was strong, allowing one to gain a lot of power once mastered. Plus the application of the skills was quite varied too, allowing one to mix and match them.

The best demonstration of this was none other than Lin Mu's fight with the Eleventh Prince.

After all, while both of them had the rings even with different powers, their baseline could be said to be similar.

The only reason Lin Mu came out on top was that he had actually diversified his skills and learned a lot more than just relying on the ring's skill. Right now, even without using the ring's spatial skills, Lin Mu still had the boulder collapsing fist, his sword intent, his weapons, and just the raw strength of his body itself.

Not to mention the Dao Skills he had also developed himself.

All of these were powers that belonged to Lin Mu himself and even if the ring was gone, he would still have them.

The main difference between him and the eleventh prince was that Lin Mu simply had a long time to develop after obtaining the ring.

'If I had not gotten the ring then, or perhaps the prince had it for a longer time too, maybe the outcome of the battle might have been different.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

This led Lin Mu to realize that if he were to keep this advantage in the future too, he would have to not be able to slack off.

'The ring hasn't informed me of any other parts of it yet, but it definitely will in the future. And what if it is found by someone right away and it takes me a long time to reach? That person will have a long time to develop as well.' Lin Mu pondered to himself.

The current facts that he knew was that there were other parts of the ring and they had not been found yet.

Even if someone did, as long as Lin Mu kept on growing he would be able to match up against them. Especially now that he had two rings with him.

'They only way they would be able to overwhelm me would be if their cultivation base was simply too high. After all, there is no guarantee the next ring will be in an Immortal world too... what if it's found by a celestial?' Lin Mu understood the starting like for the other people might turn out to be a lot higher than him.

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Letting out a breath, Lin Mu shook his head.

"I just have to keep on growing and improving. As long as I do that, I'll definitely have ways to overcome all that comes my way." Lin Mu muttered to himself.

Xukong heard his words and felt satisfied by Lin Mu's resolve.

Done with this, Lin Mu went through the other documents, finding a lot of interesting information.

"These are... letters?" Lin Mu found a bunch of letters that had been exchanged between the eleventh prince and the people of the Holy Topaz Dynasty's royal family.

All of it was sensitive information and the official stamps of many people could be seen on it, showing that these were all important.

"There's at least three hundred of these letters, the prince kept all of them huh..." Lin Mu was a bit surprised.

He started reading them and learned many things about the Eleventh prince himself as well as the people that were involved with him and the royal family of the Holy Topaz Dynasty.

In most of the letters though, the tone was rather harsh or insulting towards the Eleventh Prince.

It either chided him, or called him useless for being unable to become an immortal despite having so many resources. Some called him cursed for having mutated meridians. No one in the Holy Topaz Dynasty's royal family had them and he was the first.

If it weren't for the fact that the Holy Topaz Emperor would have their heads, the people would have already said that the Eleventh Prince did not belong to the Royal family and was borne from someone else.

There was no lack of people bullying him either, as his siblings and many other nobles did the same.

Despite the support of his mother, the eleventh prince could not do much. After all, his own blood siblings that were born from the same mother were completely fine. He was the only one with the Mutated Meridians.

As Lin Mu kept on reading, he realized that the letters only got harsher. Especially when it was found that the Eleventh Prince had accumulated Pill Toxins in his body.

He had asked his mother as well as many others to grant him a Detoxifying pill, but it was to no avail. To them, the eleventh prince was not worth helping, especially since he had mutated meridians.

Even if he had taken the Detoxifying Pills, it was not assured that they might actually work on him normally.

His mother might have been able to grant him a single Detoxifying pill somehow, but the Eleventh Prince was bound to need more of them. Which was certainly not an option.

Thus he was stuck in a cycle of mediocrity.

This lasted for hundreds of years, and there were a number of people looking down on him only increased. It became the same case for commoners too, as they too found out about their eleventh prince that might not be better than some random beggar of the streets in talent.



"These letters... they were only saved by the prince since they were all talking bad about him." Lin Mu realized why the prince had kept these letters.

They were a remainder.

"Looks like you did not have an easy life either, Huangyu Shiyi..." Lin Mu muttered.