

Complete Martial Arts Attributes

Chapter 1601: Status Rise! (1)

Wang Teng made his decision as to which academy he would join; the Second Prince and the others followed suit.

Everyone chose different academies. It seemed that they had contemplations of their own.

Still, much to our hero's surprise, Yue Qiqiao also chose the Seventh Stellar Academy.

Sikong the Second was elated. One student was already a great boon, and he was graced with two this time. Furthermore, one of them was the unparalleled talent who had his name inscribed on the Star Rankings.

The elder was extremely pleased. Even his back straightened a little when he glanced at the other invigilators.

The young hero smiled and shook his head when he saw the latter's attitude. This invigilator is quite the easy-going type; all his emotions are in the open.

Then, he secretly glanced at Yue Qiqiao. He felt puzzled by her choice, but he didn't give it much thought.

The latter was softly chatting with Leng Qianxue so she didn't notice Wang Teng's gaze.

"You have one month to take care of your personal matters. After that you must report to the stellar academies," Gong Han said.

"One month?" Everyone was stunned. The allotted time was limited; traveling alone would take up some time.

The hero frowned. What could he do in such a short time? He couldn't even go back to the Great Qian Empire.

"After taking care of your personal matters, you can use your wristwatch to contact the academies and we will send spacecrafts to fetch you," the elder continued.

"Yes!" Everyone was surprised, but they soon remembered how mysterious the Seven Stellar Academies were. Without this service, it would probably be impossible to find the academies' locations. Such an arrangement was understandable.

"OK, that is all. We have completed our mission and it's time to leave." Gong Han waved a hand and smiled.

"Why don't you stay for a few more days?" said General Fu Xinglan.

Gong Han shook his head. "It's all right. We need to report back."

"In that case, let us send you off," the former replied.

All the eternal stage warriors had already disappeared in the control room when the last phrase was said. Only a slight space ripple lingered.

Neither the Second Prince nor the others felt the fluctuation. Only Wang Teng had sensed it, since he had the space talent.

Once again, he was amazed by the strength of the eternal stage warriors!

Ji Haochen stretched his back and gave a loud sigh. "I didn't even dare breathe loudly in front of the invigilators."

"Why are you so timid!" said Wang Teng, glancing at the latter from the corner of his eye.

"Me? Timid?" Ji Haochen was furious. "Do you think everyone can get their favor like you? Talk is cheap."

"You're timid. Stop finding excuses," the hero said contemptuously.

"I..." the former felt frustrated.

"Hahaha..." The Second Prince and the others burst out laughing.

"Actually, the invigilators have high hopes for all of us. I'm sure everyone has received messages from the seven academies," said the prince with a meaningful gaze.

"That's right. I received a second message on my wristwatch." Timothy nodded.

"Why didn't I get one?" Wang Teng was stunned. He looked through the contents of his wristwatch. Only the introduction of the Seven Stellar Academies was there.

"They have already asked you in person, what more do you want?" Ji Haochen replied angrily.

"Sigh~" The young hero sighed and shook his head. "Being too outstanding isn't good. I feel so out of place. So stressful."

Everyone was speechless.

You're not too outstanding. You're just bragging!

"There's not much we can do in a single month," said Yue Qiqiao.

The Second Prince replied with a smile, "Don't worry, the military will send us back in eternal-rank ships."

"Eternal-rank ships!" Yue Qiqiao and Ling Yangxu were stunned.

"Don't sell yourselves short. You are among the top ten from the League of Talents. Your statuses have changed," said the prince.

"Even our treatment has improved," Wang Teng lamented. He had just learned about the additional benefits of being a top ten genius of the competition.

"Of course. You are the most precious and talented warriors in all of the Great Qian Empire. Eternal level spacecraft aren't just convenient, it also serves as protection," the prince added.

"Protection?" Wang Teng stared at the Second Prince curiously.

A voice suddenly chimed in, "You'll be entering the Seven Stellar Academies as the top ten performers of the competition. There's a bright future ahead, but there are bound to be people who are jealous of you. Be it someone from the Great Qian Empire, a rival force from another region, or a dark apparition lurking in the universe... any of them could make a move against you."

Everyone was shocked. They quickly turned and saw the three generals stepping out of the void in front of them.

"Have you already sent the invigilators off?" Wang Teng asked.

"Yes, they have left." General Fu Xinglan nodded.

"I didn't realize we'd still be in danger after entering the League of Talents' top ten," Ji Haochen exclaimed. He was a renowned talent from the Ji family, but he wasn't familiar with such matters.

Chapter 1602: Status Rise! (2)

"It's normal. Assassinating geniuses has always been a tactic employed by hostile forces," Timothy lamented.

General Fu Xinglan comforted them. "Don't worry. The military will send warriors to protect you along the way."

The geniuses relaxed a little after hearing that. Anyone would feel worried upon learning they would be targeted by enemies.

They were talents in their own right, but they were indeed wary of assassinations!

They wouldn't fear one versus one battles; however, assassinations were always hard to prevent or guard against.

"Everyone, please have some rest in the battle fortress. Your ranking has already been reported to the higher ups of the empire, and I'm sure the rewards will come soon." General Fu Xinglan smiled.

Wang Teng's eyes lit up when he heard this.

Since the first time he heard about the League of Talents, Round Ball had immediately told him that there would be great rewards if he claimed a spot in the top ten.

Among the prizes was the right to enter the Uncharted. However, he knew this would only be made available once he entered one of the academies, so he wasn't in a hurry.

Aside from this reward, there were still UCs, battle techniques and weapons; these could be received instantly.

Our hero was almost a pauper, so he really looked forward to receiving those things.

Another thing of note, he was the champion, meaning that the rewards would be juicier for him. He was filled with anticipation.

General Fu Xinglan arranged lodgings for the talents and led them so they could rest.

The young warriors had been through many battle rounds, so both their bodies and spirits were exhausted. A good rest was sorely needed.

"Colonel Wang Teng, this is your chamber. You just need to use your ID to open it," said a soldier who guided the hero.

"Thank you!" Wang Teng nodded.

"You're too polite. It's an honor to serve you." The fellow bowed respectfully and left.

Wang Teng watched the soldier leave; then, he opened the door. The room was luxurious, with all kinds of amenities.

Wow, I didn't expect a room in the battle fortress to be so extravagant." The hero was surprised, since the military's style was normally simple and plain. Such lavish arrangements were rare.

What he didn't know was that the room had the highest standard in the military, and was usually designated to welcome people with special identities.

Wang Teng was the overall champion in the League of Talents, as well as an expert listed on the Star Rankings. The military had placed much importance in him for those reasons, giving him the best of the best. Besides, he was one of their own.

Not even the Second Prince or the other finalists receive such a treatment.

Not dwelling much on the subject, the hero landed on the bed and instantly fell asleep.

He felt refreshed the next day. Much of his injuries were healed after consuming a few healing pills he made himself.

That was an advantage of being a grandmaster alchemist... there was no lack of pills!

Since there were no internal injuries, recovery was quick paced.

He went to the bathroom to freshen up and changed his clothes. Right then he received a message from General Fu Xinglan. He wanted to meet him.

He smiled and mumbled, "Looks like the rewards are here."

"I wonder what rewards they'll give you," said Round Ball, speaking into his mind.

"Who knows?" Wang Teng shook his head and walked out of the room. There was already a soldier waiting outside ready to guide him.

"First place holder and Star Ranker. Your rewards will certainly be many." Round Ball felt conflicted.

The little helper didn't believe at first that the hero could defeat all his opponents and claim the top position. Furthermore, he actually entered the Star Rankings.

"I hope so," Wang Teng muttered.

"Come on, you're in the Star Rankings. Do you know how important that is? The Great Qian Empire will certainly take you seriously," Round Ball said.

"Is it that important?" The hero was surprised. He wasn't familiar with the Star Rankings so he thought it was useless. He didn't see it as a cause for tangible benefits.

"Entering the Star Rankings means that the Seven Stellar Academies acknowledge your talent and consider that you're on par with all the other geniuses in the past. Mind you, those are top talents in all of the universe. They've all become formidable figures in their regions, except for the ones who met their demise." The little helper felt emotional.

"Where did you learn all of this?" Wang Teng was surprised.

"I used your security clearance and got it from the military database." Round Ball smiled.

"Looks like the Star Rankings are indeed impressive," the hero exclaimed.

"Why else do you think the invigilators from the Seven Stellar Academies placed such high importance on you?" asked the little helper.

They reached the main control room while they spoke.

"Generals," the hero greeted. Then, he saw Grand Duke Chongshan and was stunned. He quickly bowed. "Grand Duke Chongshan!"

The latter waved a hand. "You may rise."

Wang Teng walked towards the Second Prince and the rest of the geniuses.

"You look rested enough." The prince was amazed by the hero's glowing face. There was no traces of his previous injuries.

"I've almost recovered." The hero nodded. "How long have you been here?"

"Just arrived," the noble replied.

Just then, the grand duke glanced at those present and said, "Since everyone is here, I'll announce the rewards the empire has for you.

"All of you performed extremely well during this League of Talents, especially Wang Teng. I have to thank you for lending a hand with the Crown Prince matter."

"You're too polite. It was what I should have done," the hero quickly replied. He was relieved to see that the imperial family didn't resent him after beating the heir apparent, and even snatching the top position.

Well, one could say that the hero was underestimating their magnanimity, tolerance, and largeness of spirit. They wouldn't bear a grudge because of those actions.

Furthermore, the champion belonged to the Great Qian Empire. Their loss was minimal.

The grand duke nodded upon seeing that Wang Teng remained humble and calm, even after the great recognitions received. Satisfied, he continued, "You have brought great pride and glory to our empire by entering the Star Rankings."

"I am also surprised. I was just performing at my usual level; I didn't know how I managed to enter the Star Rankings, either," said the young hero, laughing in the end.

The Second Prince and the others gave him sidelong glances.

Performing like usual?!

You don't know how you entered the rankings?!

Why didn't we enter the Star Rankings then? This Wang Teng is infuriating.

The grand duke was caught between laughter and tears. "All right, enough fooling around. I have brought the rewards the empire has for you."

His voice suddenly turned serious.

"Baron Wang Teng!"

"Yes!" said the hero with a stern voice, straightened his back.

"Now, on behalf of the empire, I bestow upon you the title of Earl of the Empire!" A square jade box appeared in the grand duke's hand.

Ji Haochen and the others looked back and forth between the high noble and Wang Teng, truly astonished. They could not believe it.

He jumped two ranks!

Wang Teng jumped two ranks and went from a baron to an earl!

The hero was just as startled. His heart pounded furiously.

The empire elevated his status and made him an earl!

He clearly knew how hard it was to climb the ranks. Had he not received Nangong Yue's legacy and passed the trial back then, he wouldn't have gotten his title of baron.

Cao Hongtu spent many years accumulating military achievements in order to obtain this own baron bestowal. However, Wang Teng caught up to him in the end!

All of this proved how tough it was to get a title.

Becoming baron was tedious enough, let alone becoming an earl.

This was a huge reward. It seemed that the empire would spare no expense in order to win him over.

Chapter 1603: Double the Reward, Double the Happiness! (1)

Wang Teng's rise in noble status made everyone fall into shock. It took them a while to recover.

"Wang Teng, please take out your baron seal," said Grand Duke Chongshan in a soft voice.

The young hero regained his senses and took out his token from the space ring. Honestly, the seal had barely been stored there for a short time. Having to give it away saddened him a little.

The grand duke opened the square jade box he was holding, revealing a similarly squarish seal of a different standard.

All of the empire's seals had a Kunwu Beast on them. Depending on the bearer's status, the Kunwu Beast would have a different number of horns. The creature depicted on a baron's seal had one horn while an earl's would have three.

Wang Teng's gaze turned sharp when he saw his earl seal in the grand duke's hand.

The latter clenched his fist and the seal flew over. He tapped on the item and a beam of golden light was shot, entering the earl's seal on his left hand.

Then, he waved a hand and the new seal flew towards Wang Teng.

"Mark it with a drop of your blood," said the high noble.

The young hero complied, pricking his finger and leaving a drop of blood on the seal.

The blood was sucked in the moment it landed on the three-horned Kunwu Beast.

Boom!

Suddenly, the new seal glowed intensely and floated, to then land in the hero's hand.

From then on, he was a low-class baron no more. He became an earl!

"I know that you are pressed for time, and so we won't be holding a conferment ceremony. I hope you don't mind," said the grand duke.

"Why would I?" Wang Teng smiled. "I'm not fond of those things. This arrangement is great."

"It's good that you understand." Grand Duke Chongshan nodded. Then, he smiled and continued, "The entire Great Qian Empire is in shock because you entered one of the Seven Stellar Academies. At the same time, the empire is viewing you with greater significance. We actually wanted to bestow a marquis title but you're too young. That is why you received the earl title first. The empire will elevate you to marquis once you mature further in the academy."

"Another conferment!" Ji Haochen and the others didn't know what to say anymore. They were filled with envy.

Ji Haochen, Timothy, and some of the others were part of dukedom families. They had powerful backgrounds, but they themselves had no titles.

Having titles like Wang Teng would raise their statuses, giving them greater authority in their families.

As for Yue Qiqiao, Su Jianchen, and Leng Qianxue, they were lower born in comparison; their desire for receiving noble titles from the empire was much greater.

"All of you have rewards!" Grand Duke Chongshan smiled when he saw the other geniuses' expressions. "All of you possess great potential since you managed to enter the top ten. Aside from the Second Prince, the rest of you will be given baron titles."

Yue Qiqiao and the others were elated.

We'll become nobles too! It was just a baron title, but it did count as a qualitative leap.

Even Su Jianchen and Leng Qianxue—always clear-minded and calm—were excited because of the news.

The grand duke took out eight baron seals and repeated the bestowal ceremony.

"Once you become barons, you will have your own fiefdoms. More details will be sent to you through your wristwatches; please remember to check them." The high noble then looked at the hero and said, "Your fiefdom will be expanded. Four more galaxies close to the Yulan Galaxy will be added to your fiefdom."

"Four more galaxies!" Wang Teng was dumbfounded. He would now have six galaxies under his command!

"Also, your hometown, the Milky Way, will now be part of the empire. It will also be counted as part of your fiefdom," said the grand duke.

"Thank you!" The young hero was overjoyed and grateful.

The news was amazing. The Milky Way was under his name, but accidents could still happen if there wasn't a strong faction protecting it. After all, he himself destroyed the Olant Federation.

Now, his home galaxy would have an additional layer of protection after being annexed into the empire as part of his fiefdom.

Earthlings in the future could have the chance to explore the Great Qian Empire directly, all without having to worry about becoming slaves.

Grand Duke Chongshan waved a hand and boxes appeared before the geniuses. "These battle armors, weapons, and medicinal darts are also part of your rewards. UCs have been credited directly into your accounts."

Wang Teng's eyes lit up. He didn't rush to open his box; instead, he asked Round Ball to check his account.

"Wang Teng, you have received five trillion UC in your Universe Bank account," Round Ball said.

"Five trillion!" The hero was truly surprised. Not bad, this can solve my urgencies.

"The empire is being extremely generous this time," the little helper lamented, "I think it's because you entered the Star Rankings. Honestly, even after becoming the champion, hundreds of billions would have been enough."

"Yup!" Wang Teng nodded. He finally understood what benefits the Star Rankings could give him.

What a surprise!

A pleasant surprise!

He wasn't lying when he said he didn't know how he got into the Star Rankings.

Back in the first elimination round, he asked his clones to enter four different zones because he merely wanted to collect more attributes!

Chapter 1604: Double the Reward, Double the Happiness! (2)

Wang Teng decided to fight sixteen candidates at once because he wanted to save time!

Finally, the devilization of the Crown Prince was also a matter beyond his control.

To sum it up, he competed as per usual, never sparing a thought about entering the so-called Star Rankings.

The hero finally shifted his attention to the box he received and opened it.

An exquisite silver-white battle armor with purple lightning patterns laid quietly inside the casing. It gave off a powerful and domineering aura.

Beside the battle armor was a long purple sword. It was ancient and unique, radiating a sharp and oppressive vibe.

"A battle armor and a weapon of the lightning element, both of universe-rank!" somebody exclaimed beside the hero.

It was Ji Haochen.

The Second Prince, Timothy, and the rest looked over, bewilderment showing in their eyes.

A universe-level armor!

And a sword of the same rank!

Furthermore, both were of the lightning element!

The items in Wang Teng's box exceeded their expectations.

Ji Haochen and the rest had already checked their own boxes. Their weapons and armor were at the heaven rank and were customized to fit their cultivation path. They were elated.

However, some disappointment set in when they saw the champion's rewards.

Not only did he get the title of earl, his weapon and armor were also a notch higher than theirs.

The price difference between heaven level and universe level items wasn't just two fold. The gap was abismal.

Ling Yangxu was jealous since he also was a lightning element warrior. He didn't feel much for the long sword since he was a spear user, but the lightning armor was extremely tempting. He wished he could snatch it.

To others, a lightning armor of universe rank was merely surprising to others, while it was fatally alluring to him.

Unfortunately, this reward belonged to someone else.

He looked at his heaven-ranked armor and spear, his happiness gone.

Wang Teng glanced at the rest. These people are making a ruckus over nothing. How ignorant!

Only the Second Prince managed to remain composed.

"Do you like them?" asked the grand duke with a smile.

"Yes, I do. But..." The hero paused for a second, then looked at the high noble with a bewildered expression. "Isn't this reward a little heavy?"

In fact, he didn't have many universe-level weapons or armor.

Especially lightning-element armor. He didn't have any before.

It was indeed a grand gift!

"You deserve it," replied Grand Duke Chongshan, smiling once more.

"You granted me an earl title and now this huge reward. I feel overwhelmed." The hero smiled back.

Ji Haochen and the others glanced at the latter, while complaining in their hearts. Damn it, this fellow is just being pretentious.

"Hahaha, as long as you're a citizen of the Great Qian Empire, you have the right to receive these rewards." The grand duke laughed.

"I wouldn't be who I am without the empire. I will always be a part of it." Wang Teng nodded.

He wasn't lying. He met many enemies in the empire, but he also met more friends and benefactors. Even the imperial family had given him plenty of help in secret, so he felt a sense of belonging towards the grand empire.

The grand duke felt relieved after seeing the firm and stern gaze of the hero. He didn't want to groom a white-eyed wolf.

Fortunately, based on the young hero's previous actions, he wasn't that kind of person.

"Keep it," said the high noble.

"It would be ungracious of me to decline these gifts then." Wang Teng nodded and stored the rewards with the wave of a hand.

Ling Yangxu felt disappointed. His heart was bleeding.

Wang Teng noticed the fellow's reaction and chuckled in secret, knowing what the latter was thinking.

"Feeling jealous?" Wang Teng whispered.

Ling Yangxu immediately changed his expression and snorted as he looked over.
"Hmph!"

"Don't be like that. A man should be straightforward. If you say it, I might let you touch it," the hero continued.

"Really?" Ling Yangxu's eyes lit up. He would love to do that, even if he couldn't have it.

"Of course." The former nodded firmly.

"Cough, I am a little envious, just a little. I mean, that's a universe-ranked armor of the lightning element," the warrior said.

"Keep feeling envious then," Wang Teng replied.

Ling Yangxu was stunned.

The Second Prince and the others burst out laughing upon hearing their conversation. They felt sad for the fellow.

Leng Qianxue and Yue Qiqiao's expressions turned strange.

Wang Teng is really evil!

The grand duke laughed and shook his head while glancing at the hero. "All right, stop fooling around. The Seven Stellar Academies didn't leave much time for you. Prepare to head back and settle your personal matters. After that, report directly to your academies. Don't waste any time."

"Yes!" Everyone was quick to reply.

Ling Yangxu wanted to speak, but was cut off by the grand duke's announcement. All he could do was glare at Wang Teng.

Chapter 1605: Double the Reward, Double the Happiness! (3)

"Don't look at me like that; I'll let you touch it next time. I'm not lying," said Wang Teng and turned to leave. He couldn't stand the fellow's bitter expression.

"Wang Teng, stay back for a while," General Fu Xinglan shouted just then.

"Yes!" The hero stopped in his tracks and looked at the high official.

"Wang Teng, are you going back to planet Great Qian?" the Second Prince asked, "If you are, I can wait for you so we can travel together."

The hero declined the offer. "Nope, I'll be heading to planet Yuming."

"All right, see you in the Seven Stellar Academies," said the prince, nodding with a smile. He gave the earthling a meaningful look.

"See you!" The hero nodded back.

After sending off the rest of the geniuses, General Fu Xinglan looked at Wang Teng, feeling contentment. "Looks like you have a good relationship with the other candidates."

He originally thought that their junior would make enemies wherever he went, considering his brutal means, always hitting people's heads.

Honestly, which talent could swallow such humiliation?

But, unexpectedly, the geniuses weren't showing much contempt towards him, and some were quite friendly, even.

Just from their previous interactions, the other talents had voluntarily gathered around Wang Teng. They probably did so unwittingly.

The hero possessed a unique quality, which allowed him to earn the trust and respect of those talents.

Of course, the most important factor was his exceptional talent and ability. Neither the Second Prince nor the rest of the geniuses would treat him like that if he were just an ordinary warrior.

"It's not too bad. We got to know each other better after fighting." Wang Teng didn't realize what the generals saw, so he was a bit surprised.

General Fu Xinglan changed the topic with a smile, "I asked you to stay a bit longer because the military has prepared a reward for you."

"More rewards!" Wang Teng's eyes lit up. He felt incredibly lucky. He was receiving rewards from the empire and the military. His treatment was two times better compared to the rest.

Actually, the others would probably get some rewards from their own factions. However, it wouldn't be as good as what the military would grant.

"Hahaha, I didn't know you were a money grubber." General Habakkuk laughed.

"Who doesn't like rewards?" The hero chuckled.

"You brought glory to the military this time. The higher authorities are overjoyed so they want to reward you," General Fu Xinglan explained.

Wang Teng didn't act politely with the officials, asking directly, "What reward?"

"It's inappropriate to raise your rank now, so your reward will mostly be in the form of resources," General Fu Xinglan answered, "the military has decided to give you the authority of a lieutenant general, so you can buy more resources on our logistics website. You will also receive the associated benefits, as well as a large amount of contribution points. They can be used for your purchases."

"That's great." The young hero was elated. He would get the authority but not the rank of lieutenant general; however, that was good enough already. Come on, it was already in the general rank's range.

"All right, you can go back and check your account. You should get going soon." General Fu Xinglan laughed.

"Yes!" Wang Teng replied. He settled his emotions and saluted the three generals before leaving the control room.

Some time later, an eternal-level spacecraft flew out of the battle fortress, bound for planet Yuming.

Chapter 1606: Return to Planet Yuming! (1)

Yulan Galaxy.

Planet Yuming—spacecraft docking port.

The planet's governor, Zhuang Weize, was patiently waiting at the dock with the other dignitaries.

Wu Xingyun, Old Han, Commander Hong, and the other people from Earth were also waiting by the side.

The appearance of that group was attracting much attention.

"Who are they? Their auras are so powerful!"

"They must be heaven stage warriors."

"I think the man in the lead is planet Yuming's governor... Is that Zhuang Weize?"

"Ah... Governor Zhuang!"

"I once had the honor of meeting the governor. Indeed, that is him; the ones next to him are the higher ups from the planet."

"I see a few family heads from the elite families. Those are all powerful figures!"

"They rarely make public appearances. Why are they all here today?"

"They seemed to be waiting for someone."

"Could it be..."

"Baron Wang Teng!"

"The League of Talents has already ended, so our overlord must be returning!"

"What Baron Wang Teng? He's an earl now!"

"Right, Earl Wang Teng!"

...

Zhuang Weize was planet Yuming's governor and head of the Zhuang family, so almost everyone knew him. Furthermore, the rest of the bigwigs were also present; many recognized him at a glance.

If all of those big names had shown up to greet someone, the latter had to be an important figure.

Such a setting made most of the ones present quickly think of the Yulan Galaxy's overlord.

Many among the citizens had learned who Wang Teng was after the League of Talents ended.

Everyone on planet Yuming, or rather the whole galaxy was familiar with the hero.

After all, he was their overlord, who won first place in the grandest competition and entered the Star Rankings. It was a great honor for the whole Yulan Galaxy.

Everyone felt proud of their sovereign. Whenever they met people from other parts of the universe and talked about the League of Talents, they would feel proud of their own galaxy.

The Great Qian Empire had also announced the rise in Wang Teng's noble status. Thus, many people knew about his change in status.

This news caused a huge uproar.

It had been many years since a baron was directly bestowed the title of earl.

It was impossible to jump two levels, unless there was an accumulation of great military exploits or other achievements in the empire.

However, everyone was convinced by Wang Teng's performance during the competition. Such conferment wasn't excessive.

Besides their overlord, no one was worth such grand reception.

...

Zhuang Weize smiled and consoled the people next to him, "Brother Wu, Brother Han, don't be so impatient. Earl Wang Teng should be here soon."

The governor was a heaven stage warrior, and much older than Wu Xingyun and Old Han.

They could be considered old on Earth, but their age was practically negligible when seen from the scope of the whole universe.

Their lifespans would increase once the planetary stage was reached; a hundred years of age was just a starting point for them.

Zhuang Weize treated them politely because of Wang Teng. Mind you, he was a heaven stage martial warrior.

He treated them with respect since they were from the hero's birth place.

"Look at us. We're a little impatient because we haven't seen him in a while," Old Han replied with a smile.

"I understand." The governor smiled. "You're Wang Teng's elder and had the chance to watch him grow. Of course you'd be excited after knowing of his achievements in the League of Talents."

"You're too polite. We're not his elders; we just came from the same planet and feel proud of everything he has achieved," Old Han said.

"That's right. I didn't expect such talent to emerge from our planet. We feel proud of him," Wu Xingyun added.

Wang Teng's status was now entirely different. None of them dared to act arrogantly, especially when in front of outsiders, as they could unknowingly cause trouble for the hero.

"How enviable. Indeed, your planet is special; not only did it groom a peerless genius like Earl Wang, all of you are talented. Your abilities rose fairly quickly." Zhuang Weize smiled as he gave everyone a meaningful glance.

"You're too kind. Our abilities and talents are insignificant in the overall scope of the universe," Wu Xingyun replied humbly. He was a little stunned.

They had already been extremely careful, hiding their true abilities well. They had gone through many experiences and started their journey with humble beginnings. Naturally, they understood the importance of hiding their strength.

Still, they couldn't escape the eyes of a heaven stage warrior, no matter how they hid.

The governor replied with a smile. He didn't mean any harm, and was only being emotional because he saw how they slowly became more powerful.

He too approved of their cautious attitude. Who knows? Many formidable warriors could emerge from amongst that bunch of earthlings.

They would have more room to grow if the newly appointed earl supported them. They weren't like some of the warriors hailing from underdeveloped planets and had no background, who would find it extremely difficult to step into the universe and possibly even die without knowing what happened.

Chapter 1607: Return to Planet Yuming! (2)

Someone right by the experts shouted all of a sudden, "He's here!"

Zhuang Weize was surprised. Then, he turned serious and raised his head to look at the sky.

A gigantic universe spacecraft entered planet Yuming's atmosphere, traveling fast and growing bigger in everyone's eyes. The craft only took a few breaths to hover right above them and gradually land on the dock.

"Gasp... an eternal-level spacecraft from the military!" Several exclamations were heard non stop.

All the vessels of the military had a special symbol. Their models could be found easily online.

Eternal-rank ships were rare, but there were records with their specs and styles.

This made them easily recognizable.

The incoming ship was enormous. Even though it was a few hundred meters in length it was considered among the small-sized category.

The governor looked bewildered. Even at his level, he had only seen this kind of ship a few times. To think that the military would use such a high-class spacecraft to send Earl Wang Teng back. This was proof that they held the young hero in high regard.

Actually, the planet's overseer had his own guesses when he heard that the empire had conferred Wang Teng the title of earl.

However, he didn't know that the empire valued the hero this much.

However, it wasn't the moment to think about this. He quickly led his men forward.

The cabin door was gradually opened and a bunch of soldiers alighted. They were extremely cautious as they quickly spread out, watching their surroundings with vigilance.

Most of them were at the celestial stage. There were even some that were of cosmos-stage cultivation.

Zhuang Weize and the others were stunned by the arrangement. A tinge of astonishment flashed past their eyes.

Then, they saw a young man walking down the vessel, encircled by a few figures protecting him. They were in military attire and had powerful auras. One look was enough to tell they were beyond the cosmos stage.

One of them in particular. Even the governor felt the pressure from that expert.

Universe stage!

Zhuang Weize was flabbergasted. The military sent a universe stage warrior to protect Earl Wang. What kind of treatment is this?

He took a deep breath to calm down before striding forward to welcome the youth.

"Earl Wang!" The governor bowed with respect, not daring to be negligent about it.

"Governor Zhuang." Wang Teng nodded calmly when he saw them.

"Earl Wang, welcome back," said the former with a smile.

"You're too polite. Why make all this fuss? Others might think that some important character is here," the hero teased.

"You're the overlord of our Yulan Galaxy. It's our job to welcome you back; it would stand as a dereliction of duty if we didn't," Zhuang Weize replied hurriedly.

The young hero smiled. The governor had become even more respectful and careful than before. It seemed that his new noble status had caused many changes.

He exchanged some pleasantries with him before noticing Wu Xingyun and the others. He smiled and said, "It's been a while since we last met."

Wu Xingyun, Old Han, and the others had gradually stepped into the greater universe, so they understood how noble and mighty Wang Teng's status was. None of them dared to be as friendly as before.

They thought they had many things to say to him at first. But, they didn't know where to begin when they saw him.

The hero noticed their expressions and smiled. "This isn't the place to talk. Let's chat when we get home."

"Right, let's head back first," Zhuang Weize agreed.

The immense group exited the space dock with great fanfare and headed to Wang Teng's manor. The soldier detachment stayed closely behind him, scanning their surroundings with zeal.

The hero reached his home after some time passed.

Wang Teng turned to address the universe stage warrior who had been protecting him in silence a few steps behind, "General Wei, thank you for escorting me home. I have arranged your lodging so you can stay here temporarily. I'll head to the academy once I'm done with some personal matters."

That was the person the military had appointed for his protection!

"All right. Call me if you need anything." General Wei nodded and followed the servant to his chamber.

The soldiers scattered across the manor, protecting the inner perimeter.

Zhuang Weize and the others were even more astounded by such deployment.

"Earl Wang, we'll take our leave now."

After making all the necessary arrangements, the governor prepared to leave with his men. He knew that his young superior had many things to say to Wu Xingyun and the elders.

"All right, I will look for you in a while regarding territorial matters," said Wang Teng with a nod.

"Yes!" Zhuang Weize was quick to reply. "Oh right, we have prepared a welcoming banquet for this evening. Do you think..."

"You're too polite." The hero smiled and pointed his finger at them. He was in a dilemma, but after seeing their looks of anticipation, he conceded. "OK, I'll be there."

Those people were the family heads of planet Yuming's elite families; their power stretched far and wide and they were still useful to the young hero. He didn't mind accepting their kind favor and flattery.

Sometimes, accepting your subordinates' kind gestures was a way to get close to them and make them feel at ease.

Their imaginations could run wild if you didn't give them a chance to curry favor with you.

"We'll await your presence." Zhuang Weize heaved a sigh of relief and left with his retinue.

Once they left, Wang Teng was finally able to speak with Wu Xingyun and the rest.

"Don't you recognize me? Why aren't you talking?" He smiled.

"You've changed a lot. We don't dare talk to you anymore." Old Han sighed.

"No matter how much I change, I'm still me." The hero smiled. "We are a family. There's no need for any distance between us."

"Oh right, where's Lin Chuhan and Dan Taixuan? I don't see them."

Wu Xingyun replied, "Lin Chuhan joined a mercenary team and is on a mission right now. Dan Taixuan went out to explore the universe; I don't know where she is at the moment."

Wang Teng nodded. He left a clone with Lin Chuhan but it was dormant; it would only be activated if she met any danger. Hence, he couldn't sense where she was, or what she was going through.

As for Dan Taixuan, he wasn't worried. She was a warrior who had gone through the toughest times on Earth. She was anything but ordinary.

The group warmed up after chatting for some time, finding their sense of familiarity again. Everyone laughed and talked happily.

"I didn't expect you to take the top position in the League of Talents. Earth has just entered the vast universe network and we already have a genius like you. This is incredible. It feels like a dream." Commander Hong felt emotional.

"That's right. We thought that getting one of the top 1000 positions would be good enough, but you defeated everyone and got first place. What's more, you entered the Star Rankings too. We underestimated your talent." Wu Xingyun shook his head.

"Hahaha, I knew that he was different when I met him in Donghai. He dared to face the Windstorm Giant Ape even though he was much weaker." Old Han laughed, feeling that he had great foresight.

Hong Tianshi (Commander Hong's full name) exposed him, "Come on, I heard that you got beaten up badly when you fought with the Windstorm Giant Ape. You didn't have the time to look at Wang Teng."

"F**k, stop framing me. I almost lost my life for the sake of Donghai. Who spread the rumor?" Old Han was furious.

Everyone burst out laughing.

"Wang Teng, given your achievements, the people on Earth will have an easier time in the greater universe," Wu Xingyun said seriously, "Let me thank you on their behalf!"

He bowed at the hero after he finished speaking.

"There's no need for this." Wang Teng hurriedly helped him up and looked him in the eye. He said in earnest, "You don't have to thank me. I'm an earthling, too; I hope the Earth will continue to rise. Don't treat me like an outsider."

Chapter 1608: Arrangement! (1)

Wang Teng chatted with his elders for a long time, getting a better grasp of their current conditions.

At the same time, he understood the current cultivation progress of all the people on Earth.

Wu Xingyun said, "Don't worry. We sent a few more batches of talents into the universe after you left. They're making good progress; I'm sure they can advance to the planetary stage some time soon.

"As for the older generations, most of them reached the planetary stage. We have enough manpower now."

"Using our own people is still the safest." The hero nodded.

"That's right." The elders also nodded in agreement.

None of them was Wang Teng. Their gifted junior had status, identity, ability, and talent. He could suppress others but they couldn't.

Have them tackle a celestial warrior and they could have trouble controlling him.

Only the warriors born on Earth would share the same vision and heart as them, so they could have an easier time completing tasks.

"The younger generations are growing up well, right? How many of them have attained the planetary stage?" the hero asked.

"Ji Xiuming, Han Zhu and some of them have already crossed this threshold. There are twelve in total," Wu Xingyun replied.

"Not bad. They are as talented as the warriors in the greater universe. They just need some time to mature," said the hero with a smile.

"Really?" Hong Tianshi's eyes lit up.

"Of course. I've fought with them already; I know better than anyone."

Commander Yong, who had been quiet all this while, said, "That's great. This means that the only difference between our talents and the ones out there is the resources available. We have the chance to catch up with them."

The bigwig's full name was Yong Lianggong, while Commander Long's full name was Long Changkong, and Old Han's was Han Ping.

They started using their real names when they started interacting with others in the great expanse.

"Speaking of resources, I have an idea," Wang Teng said.

"Oh?" The eyes of the martial warriors lit up. They quickly asked, "What idea is that?"

"We have many masters of alchemy, blacksmithing, runes, and Force chefs, right?" The hero smiled.

"Do you mean..." Han Ping caught the gist of it.

"There's a huge and powerful faction in the universe called the Secondary Career Alliance. Have you heard of it?" The young earl asked.

Wu Xingyun replied after some hesitation, "I did hear about it when I was outside completing my mission. However, I don't know much as I didn't pay much mind."

The hero explained in detail, "The Secondary Career Alliance is an organization with affiliates from all secondary careers. That is how they protect their interests; they are actually among the greatest factions in the universe. They exist in all parts of the universe and are as famous as the Universe Bank and the Mercenaries Alliance..."

"I see. I didn't think such an organization would be as massive and powerful." Han Ping was surprised.

"Are you thinking about our people who excel in those careers to join that faction?" Wu Xingyun and the others guessed Wang Teng's plan.

"That's right. You should know how profitable secondary careers are; they will be more valued in the universe," said the hero.

"This is a good way to solve our resource problem. However, it's not easy to join them, right?" Wu Xingyun had his doubts.

"That's right. I heard that it's difficult to join; you have to pass various tests. There's still a huge gap between our people and those in the rest of the universe. They may not be able to pass," Long Changkong said.

"Don't worry about that. I've already joined and am a three-field grandmaster. I've befriended many grandmasters. Getting our people inside shouldn't be an issue," Wang Teng replied.

"What? you're already a member?" Han Ping and the others were shocked.

"That's right. I needed some external help when I first reached the Great Qian Empire, so I joined the Secondary Career Alliance back then."

"That's great. This will make things easier for us," Yong Lianggong said excitedly.

Hong Tianshi suddenly exclaimed, "Wait, did you say that you're a three-field grandmaster? Did I hear it wrong?"

"You're not wrong. I'm indeed a three-field grandmaster." The hero nodded. "How else could I build a strong network in a short period of time? Many look forward to befriending me because of my identity."

"Gasp!" There was a collective intake of air; all of them stared at the young hero as if he were a ghost.

There was only one thought in their minds at the moment.

How does this guy cultivate?

His martial arts improved at lightning speed, allowing him to get first place in the League of Talents. That alone required much of his time and effort.

And yet, he still had time and energy to improve his secondary skills and attain the grandmaster stage for all of them.

This was madness!

They knew that Wang Teng had practiced alchemy, blacksmithing, and rune inscriptions in the past. His proficiency was at master level.

However, the grandmaster level was entirely different. Such a jump couldn't be achieved in just a day or two.

Chapter 1609: Arrangement! (2)

Wang Teng had managed to become a grandmaster for all three sub-disciplines in a short time. It was unbelievable.

Back when he built the teleportation array, he finished the task along with a group of rune masters, so they didn't know he had already become a grandmaster.

However, they knew that the hero wouldn't lie to them. There was no point.

It had to be true!

For a moment, no one knew what to say. They were in a daze.

Han Ping gave a long sigh after some time and exclaimed, "You're quite remarkable!"

"No wonder you dared to promise that our people could enter the Secondary Career Alliance. It will truly be easier with your connections," Wu Xingyun said with a shimmering gaze.

"I will contact the alliance. You can go ahead and ask the prospects amongst our people to visit planet Yuming soon," Wang Teng said.

"Yes!" Wu Xingyun nodded.

"As for the difference between the earth and the greater universe, we can get our people to finish a few simple missions first and learn along the way. This will help them to grow faster and better integrate into the Secondary Career Alliance," the hero said after some thought.

"This is a good idea. I think they'll be delighted to have such an opportunity," Wu Xingyun said.

After handling some details, Wang Teng looked at Han Ping again and said, "My dan mastery has reached the grandmaster level, so I can help you to solve your hidden health risks."

The expert had been through too many battles on Earth. Due to Earth's medical technology limitations in the past, he left many hidden injuries untreated, which greatly shortened his lifespan.

He almost died during the sea beasts riot. Wang Teng managed to save him in time, but there were still left over health issues.

Based on the hero's estimates, he could help the senior once he attained the grandmaster level.

Since this was already achieved, it was time to properly lend a hand.

"Really?" Han Ping's eyes lit up. He was at the planetary stage and his lifespan was elongated, but sequelae remained, affecting his cultivation greatly; he could feel their effects all the time.

His body would hurt whenever he cultivated; making progress was extremely difficult.

Taking the health issues out of the way, his cultivation speed would be much faster and his potential would also be higher.

The celestial stage would be his limit if things didn't change.

"Of course." Wang Teng nodded. "I'll refine a pill after I've completed all the pressing matters."

"Good! Good!" Han Ping was excited.

The man thought that his life would remain the same, yet he managed to advance to the planetary stage. Now, even his health risks could be cured.

This equated to having greater heights to aspire to.

All this was made possible because of Wang Teng!

"Wang Teng... I don't know how to thank you." The expert stuttered a little.

"It's nothing. Don't mention it," the hero replied.

"It might be nothing to you, but you're giving me a new lease on life," the expert said in earnest.

"All right, this is a good thing. You should be happy." Hong Tianshi laughed.

"Yes, this is a happy occasion." Han Ping nodded fervently.

Wang Teng took a sip of his tea and changed the topic, "Oh right, did you notice anything abnormal about the martial warriors from other countries?"

"Nope. They know they can only rely on you so they have been obedient."

"What's more, you're now an earl of the Great Qian Empire. The people on Earth know this, no one would dare have any other thoughts."

"Two days ago, they reached out to us and said they wanted to have a chat with you when you returned," Wu Xingyun replied with a smile.

"That's good. We were all born on Earth, so we should cooperate and help each other," the hero replied calmly.

Wu Xingyun and the others were startled.

The new earl's tone was calm, but they knew he would be ruthless if anyone dared to play tricks.

Even they felt oppressed by the young hero's aura at the moment.

All of them knew it was a gravitas compounded with his status and position.

Wang Teng was the overlord of multiple galaxies. He held the fate of countless people in his hands.

After a long chat, Wu Xingyun, Han Ping, and the others finally left the manor with smiles on their faces. They went to settle their own matters.

Being among the Earth's leaders, they had many things to oversee.

Their young overlord had brought back many benefits after his status rose. It was natural that the number of tasks to handle had increased.

Fortunately, all those things were beneficial to their planet, so they happily got busy.

Once the elders left, Wu Xingyun sighed and rubbed his forehead. He felt a little tired.

He would rather cultivate, instead taking care of those activities.

Troublesome!

...

At night.

A lively banquet was in full swing at the Zhuang family manor.

As soon as the higher ups on planet Yuming and representatives from the elite families heard about the occasion, they all clamored to get an invitation from Zhuang Weize.

Everyone knew that Wang Teng's status had risen. He was now an earl of the empire.

Besides that, they also valued his extraordinary potential.

The hero's performance during the League of Talents was known to everyone.

Everyone felt that the young earl had a bright future. If they didn't befriend him now, when would they get another chance?

The banquet was extremely lively. Everyone was engaging in conversations and beautiful servants shuttled back and forth amongst the crowd, serving delicious wine and delicacies to the visitors.

This didn't draw the guests' attention. Everyone was craning their necks, being attentive to the entrance.

Even the host, Zhuang Weize, had his eyes glued to the main door, anticipating the appearance of that figure.

"Father, it's rare to see you this anxious," said a young lady of around seventeen years of age. She covered her mouth and chuckled.

"What do you know? Our earl is not an ordinary warrior," the host replied angrily.

"I got sick of hearing his achievements non stop in the past few days." His daughter rolled her eyes.

"Then you should know how amazing his potential is." Zhuang Weize glanced around him and whispered, "Look at the people around you. All of them are like wolves who caught the scent of meat. How aggressive is their stance to get close to the hero."

"Your analogy is on point." The young lady looked around and smiled.

"You need to understand my effort. I brought you out so you can grab this opportunity," said the host, trying his best to persuade the young lady.

He didn't have his daughter attend the previous event because Wang Teng was just a baron. His position wasn't stable at the time, and his future was uncertain.

Things were different now. The young fellow had risen in noble status and entered the Stargot onto the Star Rankings. Not even the Parkers could do anything to him now.

The young lady shook her head. "No, I have someone I like."

"Why are you so stubborn? Your mother spoiled you." Zhuang Weize felt helpless.

He glanced at the young lady and continued, "You kept saying that you have someone you like but you never tell me who it is. How do I know if you're lying?"

"Nevermind, let's not talk about this now; I don't care if you like someone else. Since you're here, try to interact with Wang Teng.

"How can any other man be compared to him?"

The young lady wasn't convinced. "I came because my mom asked me to. I'll leave once I've seen him. I wouldn't be here if you hadn't begged my mom to ask me to come."

"You little rascal!" The host was infuriated. He expected better from her.

The chance was right in front of her, but she didn't know how to treasure it.

Earl Wang Teng had a fiancée, but he was an earl; he wouldn't settle with just one woman.

Being also a man, he knew how his kind were.

The young lady wasn't afraid of her father. She stuck out her tongue and drank her cup of fruit juice nonchalantly. She didn't care about the banquet, at all.

A voice announced by the entrance, "Earl Wang Teng has arrived!"

The entire hall went quiet. Then, everyone immediately turned to look and saw a young man with black hair striding confidently with his head up high.

Chapter 1610: I'm Speechless, Thanks!

The entire hall was brightly lit.

A figure walked into the hall under everyone's gazes.

He immediately became the center of attention.

Zhuang Weize was surprised; he quickly straightened his attire and went to greet the hero along with his daughter.

"Earl Wang!"

His attitude was respectful.

"Governor Zhuang!" The young overlord glanced at the young girl accompanying the official. He then looked back at the host and smiled. "It's quite lively!"

"Everyone is here to greet you," said the man, offering a slight bow.

"Good work!" the hero patted his shoulder.

The planet's overseer was definitely more deferential than before. The contrast was massive.

The fellow was flattered. He then introduced the young girl next to him, "This is my daughter, Zhuang Caixuan. She has heard a lot about your exploits and admires you very much. I took the liberty to bring her to meet you."

The girl rolled her eyes after hearing her father.

The young hero glanced at her and felt a little odd when he clearly caught her reaction.

Her attitude reflected the complete opposite of what the governor said!

As for the admiration part, he didn't believe it, at all.

Most people in the hall had shown up with beautiful girls in tow; all of them looked over towards him.

The young earl could smell their intentions better than anyone.

He had experienced such encounters more than once.

Sometimes he couldn't help being so handsome and outstanding.

However, he didn't expose the governor's intentions and merely smiled. He then reached out for the young girl's hand. "Nice to meet you!"

Zhuang Caixuan looked at the handsome, confident and smiling hero. She unconsciously avoided eye contact and offered her hand. "Earl Wang, nice to meet you."

Their hands parted as soon as they touched.

"Earl Wang, you didn't bring a companion tonight. Why don't you let my daughter keep you company then?" Zhuang Weize smiled.

"If Miss Zhuang doesn't mind," the young hero replied.

"You can just call me by my name." She approached the latter and held onto his arm.

Everyone who saw this was cursing the governor for his shamelessness. They were beaten to the punch.

"Earl Wang, please!" The host ushered them into the hall.

Wang Teng nodded and walked together with Zhuang Caixuan.

Those present regained their composure and greeted their overlord.

"Earl Wang!"

"Earl Wang!"

...

One by one, they greeted and toasted the hero.

"Earl Wang, everyone has prepared gifts to congratulate you for winning first place and being inducted to the Star Rankings," Zhuang Weize said.

"Oh?" The young hero was taken aback.

Gifts!

He loved this.

However, he kept a poker face and said gracefully, "So nice of all of you. Your presence is enough; there's no need for gifts... I can't accept this."

"You have to." The governor smiled. "You are about to enter one of the Seven Stellar Academies and will be pressed to consume a lot of resources. This is why I've prepared thirty billion universe coins for you!"

He then took out a bank card and offered it with both hands.

"Thirty billion!" Wang Teng was startled. It wasn't a small sum for families of their status.

Even Zhuang Caixuan widened her eyes as she stared at her father in disbelief.

He just gave thirty billion like that?

She was knowledgeable in regards to her family's finances. They did have many businesses on planet Yuming, but most of them didn't have much liquidity. Their yearly expenses weren't small, either. Thirty billion UC would definitely make them feel the pinch.

Does he have to sacrifice this much to befriend this Earl?

The governor's daughter wasn't ignorant; she was just having trouble accepting this. Her expression looked troubled, since she understood what the young earl's background implied.

"You have to accept this. This is a token of my appreciation," said the governor in a hurry, noticing the young noble hesitate.

Wang Teng pondered only for a moment.

The amount wasn't much for him.

He would have given it further thought if it were too much. After all, favors weren't that easy to return.

Once the governor started, the rest followed, approaching their overlord with gifts. Everyone handed out money, roughly pooling ten billion. When adding all that by the dozens, it was a considerable amount of money.

Zhuang Caixuan was flabbergasted; Wang Teng's income in one night was almost her entire family's fortune.

The young hero was elated due to such windfall.

Being an overlord, receiving some bribes was commonplace.

He now had six territories. It would be great if he could visit each galaxy and collect. Alas, there was no time.

Wang Teng sighed.

Suddenly, a soft voice was heard close to him, "Earl Wang, you've earned a lot today." His ears were tickled by the fragrant and warm air.

"It's still okay," he replied. He took his seat and sipped some wine. He didn't take the initiative, nor did he refuse the gifts.

Zhuang Caixuan: ...

Earl Wang sure likes to talk big.

However, he looked extremely calm, as if he didn't care about the money in the slightest.

That's several billions of universe coins!

Zhuang Caixuan was exasperated by his attitude.

It would be great if the gifts were hers.

She dreamt of starting her own company ever since she was a child and made a lot of preparations for this, studying various ways of how to run them. On top of that, she had also opened a small company in secret, making good profits.

If she had that money, she was certain it would help her build something even stronger than what her Zhuang family had.

However, her family didn't believe in her, including her own father.

Running a small company was different from running a giant corporation.

They said that she was too naive. Without protection, any company could be swallowed up.

The girl glanced at the young earl discreetly. If she could get his help, wouldn't everything be much easier?

She tried her luck. "The Empire probably gave you a lot of rewards."

The hero glanced back at her and smiled. "If it's about universe coins, I did get a few trillion."

Zhuang Caixuan didn't know what to say. Her mind was abuzz as the 'few trillion' answer kept echoing in her head.

She was amazed. Goodness!

The girl remained in a trance, all the way until the banquet was over.

The governor sent their overlord off and looked at his daughter. "I'm afraid Earl Wang doesn't really care about the money, but he still accepted it. This means that he's still willing to accept us; our roots are here and we'll need to hold on to his leg. Our family can rise higher with his protection."

"He really doesn't care." Zhuang Caixuan felt conflicted. "Father, do you know how much money the Empire gave him as a reward?"

"How much?" Zhuang Weize asked. "It should be at least a few hundred billion. But that's not the point; the point is that he has six territories. That's a constant source of income."

"A few hundred billion?" The girl looked at him oddly.

"Why are you looking at me like that?" The governor frowned.

"The Empire gave him a few trillion as part of his awards," Zhuang Caixuan replied, "Earl Wang said so himself."

"A few... trillion!?" Zhuang Weize's face froze. "Are you sure you heard correctly?"

"Father, do you think there's something wrong with my ears?" She rolled her eyes.

"No, it's just too shocking." The man felt troubled. "The Empire's regard for Wang Teng is beyond our wildest imagination. I should have thought about this... After all, he even became an Earl. He wouldn't have just received a trifling amount of coin."

"But we're talking about trillions. Why would the Empire give him so much?" Zhuang Caixuan couldn't wrap her head around the idea.

"Maybe it's because of the Star Rankings." Zhuang Weize shook his head, then suddenly thought of a possibility. "I'm afraid Earl Wang told you that on purpose."

"On purpose?" The girl was perplexed. "You don't mean he's trying to use this to woo me?"

"You think too much," her father interjected mercilessly, "Given his status, do you think he would need to do that for someone from a small family?"

"Father, am I adopted?" The girl's face turned red as she stomped her foot.

"Hahaha, just helping you to keep your feet on the ground. Earl Wang is not someone you can handle." Her father laughed.

"All right, all right. I know his status is different. You don't have to remind me again." Zhuang Caixuan rolled her eyes and asked, "Then, why would he do that?"

"The message was for me," said the governor with a glint in his eyes.

"A message for you?" The girl wasn't stupid, immediately making guesses about the situation.

"That's right." Zhuang Weize nodded. "He's telling me that he accepted my gift, but he doesn't treat this money too seriously."

"That's going too far. He took the money just to send a message?" The girl was unhappy.

"No, this is actually good. It was a subtle reminder; no one was embarrassed with this method." The governor shook his head and smiled. "Besides, he only said this to you and not to the others. Do you know what this means?"

"This means... he accepts us," the girl murmured.

"That's right." The man nodded and smiled in return. "Looks like my daughter is smarter than the rest."

"This doesn't feel like a compliment." Zhuang Caixuan rolled her eyes again.

"Little Xuan, I hope you can find chances to interact more with Earl Wang. It'll benefit you later," Zhuang Weize said.

"Got it, got it." The girl waved her hand impatiently, running away to prevent her father from prattling on.

"This girl." Zhuang Weize shook his head helplessly. He couldn't have his way with Zhuang Caixuan.

Chapter 1611: Watch It, We're Outside! (1)

Virtual universe, Secondary Career Alliance—

Wang Teng entered the virtual universe shortly after his return from the banquet. He met up with some of the grandmasters from the organization.

The meeting room was spacious, with luxurious furnishings. Even if it was the virtual universe, such a place would require many virtual UC to create.

Fortunately, the Secondary Career Alliance was rich; they didn't mind the spending.

Grandmasters Alfred, Hua Yuan, Mo De and the others were delighted by the hero contacting them.

"Grandmaster Wang Teng, we watched the League of Talents. We almost couldn't believe that the young man on the screen was you!" Grandmaster Alfred exclaimed while looking at the young hero, visibly shaken.

"That's right. We didn't know that your martial arts potential was even more exaggerated than your secondary careers' talents," Grandmaster Hua Yuan lamented.

"Please, enough with the praise. I've heard too much of it these days." Wang Teng waved his hands helplessly.

The grandmasters were stunned for a moment. Then, they burst out laughing.

None of them expected such a reaction.

Anyone else would have publicized to high heaven if they were able to achieve such results!

"Friends, I came to find you because I have a favor to ask." Wang Teng told them about the issue on Earth.

The grandmasters were enlightened. They smiled and said, "You could have just sent a message. There's no need to find us personally for this."

"Thank you," Wang Teng felt truly grateful.

"You're one of our own, there's no need to be so polite. Besides, we're happy to welcome new blood in our Secondary Career Alliance," replied Grandmaster Hua Yuan with a smile.

"That's right. How many master level people do you have?" Grandmaster Alfred asked.

"We have 135 in total. Alchemists, rune masters, blacksmiths and Force chefs," Wang Teng replied.

Wu Xingyun and the rest of the elders compiled the stats for him. The compilation took some time; that was why he only reached out to those experts until the evening of that day.

"135? That's quite a lot!" Grandmaster Alfred and the others were surprised.

"Finding such an amount in an underdeveloped planet is quite unusual," said Grandmaster Hua Yuan.

"This means that my planet is full of talents," Wang Teng smiled.

"Your planet is indeed different. After all, it gave birth to you," Alfred replied with a smile.

The grandmasters laughed and exchanged a few more pleasantries before the hero passed the information about Earth's different masters. Having them enter the Secondary Career Alliance would be a breeze with them as guarantors.

This matter was basically settled!

"Oh right, Grandmaster Hua Yuan, do you know of any grandmaster level dan medicine that is good for healing a person's hidden health risks?" Wang Teng asked.

"Hidden health risks?" Grandmaster Hua Yuan looked at the hero with concern. "Are you injured?"

"Not me. I have an elder back on Earth who got heavily injured in the past. Our medical standards aren't high enough to deal with sequelae, so he still has unresolved issues. I want to help him recover so that it doesn't affect his future cultivation," explained the hero.

"I see." The elder sighed, feeling relieved. After some pondering, he replied, "I do know a few pills that could work. The best one is the Thousand Grass Elixir; it's a seventh-level grandmaster pill which requires more than a thousand herbs to make. Consuming it can repair and nourish the body while also addressing any old injuries."

He paused for a second.

"Oh right, what's your elder's cultivation?"

"Only the planetary stage," Wang Teng replied.

"That's enough." Senior Hua Yuan smiled. "The Thousand Grass Elixir should be enough to heal him completely. It will also bring him lots of benefits."

"I will make this pill then," said the hero right away.

He would probably be capable of refining a grandmaster seventh-level pill after collecting a few more attributes.

Since he was going to do it, he would aim to make the best one. It wouldn't make much of a difference to him anyway.

"You can buy the prescription and the spiritual herbs in our alliance. Although it requires more than a thousand spiritual herbs, they're not hard to find; the alliance's chapter in your region should have them," Grandmaster Hua Yuan said.

"That's great. Thank you," Wang Teng said gratefully.

"You're too polite." Grandmaster Hua Yuan smiled. "It's been a while since you've made pills. Alas, we're in the Great Qian Empire so we can't go there."

"Grandmaster Wang Teng, if you make any extra pills, would you mind selling them to us? The effects will surely be amazing," Grandmaster Harol asked with a smile.

"What do you mean by selling them to you? If there's any, I will definitely give you some," Wang Teng was quick to reply.

"No way. How could we take your things for free? Those would be grandmaster seventh-level pills." Harol shook her head.

"Please don't decline. You'll be helping me a lot by making arrangements for my planet's masters," the hero replied.

He was fully aware of the give and take needed for human relationships; only taking without giving would not work for long lasting bonds.

Since the grandmasters were interested in his pills, he didn't mind giving them some.

They chatted for a while longer before bidding farewell.

Chapter 1612: Watch It, We're Outside! (2)

Wang Teng didn't leave the virtual universe, choosing to pay the Secondary Career Alliance a visit and find the prescription for the Thousand Grass Elixir first.

Back in a bedroom in his manor—the hero gradually opened his eyes. He mentally reviewed the prescription and its introduction before nodding to himself.

He had already collected the relevant herbs from the alliance; they would be sent to him the next day. All he needed to do was wait.

"Round Ball, tell me when the herbs arrive immediately," the hero requested.

"All right!" The little helper showed up and nodded. Then, it smiled and said, "The grandmasters treat you very well. They actually agreed to help without any hesitation."

"They also helped me a lot in the past. I am obliged to accept this kind gesture."

He then sat down cross-legged on the bed and started cultivating. His gains from the competition were many, so he needed some time to digest them properly.

Round Ball smiled again and disappeared.

The following morning.

Wang Teng ended his cultivation session and walked out of the room.

He received a message as soon as he was done with breakfast.

"Wang Teng, your spiritual herbs are here," said the little helper in his mind.

"Okay!"

The hero nodded and walked to the manor's garage. He grabbed a luxurious Force flying car and headed towards the Secondary Career Alliance's chapter on planet Yuming.

Governor Zhuang Weize had given him a few vehicles along with the manor.

They were the newest models of different styles and brands.

Just the rune cars alone were quite expensive.

The young overlord had to admit that the governor had a keen attention to detail. It was awfully convenient to have such an underling.

Those pricey cars were amazing to others, yet the hero saw them as ordinary modes of transportation.

The instant the flying vehicle flew out of the manor—an equally luxurious, pink colored car hovered right beside it.

The car window was lowered, revealing a pretty face. "Earl Wang, are you going out?"

"Zhuang Caixuan!" The hero was stunned. He asked back instead, "Are you looking for me?"

"Yes. My father thinks you would have a hard time finding your way on planet Yuming, so he sent me to act as your guide," she replied, her expression revealing helplessness.

"Well, it's quite thoughtful of him." The hero smiled.

"So, Earl Wang, where are you headed? Why don't I lead the way?" the young girl said.

"Sure." He nodded, not declining the offer.

"Hold on, I'll park my car and ride in yours," Zhuang Caixuan said.

She did as planned and climbed on the hero's vehicle.

"You can go ahead and drive." Wang Teng scooted to the other seat, leaving the driver's seat to her.

"You're making me drive for you?" The girl pouted. She unwillingly complied and started the engine.

"Why not? It's free labor." Wang Teng smiled. "Let's go to the Secondary Career Alliance."

"The Secondary Career Alliance?" The answer stunned her. She led the vehicle to the skies and asked, "Why are you going there? Do you want to purchase weapons or pills? My family has a decent stock. You can ask Father if you need anything."

Wang Teng glanced at her. "I'm going to make pills."

"Make pills?!" The girl was taken aback. "You're an alchemist?"

"Yes." He nodded.

"I didn't know you were an alchemist." Zhuang Caixuan was amazed.

"Your father should know," he said.

"He never told me."

The hero teased, "Didn't your father say you knew many of my achievements? Looks like you haven't covered everything."

She laughed awkwardly. "Haha, I only know about your martial arts achievements."

Wang Teng replied with a smile.

He didn't believe what she was saying, but he didn't care.

"What pill are you planning on making?" she asked.

"Would you understand even if I told you?" he asked back.

"Nope." She stuck out her tongue and cursed the hero in silence for being so blunt. Doesn't he know how to chat properly?

The conversation is too awkward!

The crafts alliance wasn't far from Yuming City's central district. Wang Teng's manor was in the city's best district; the place was nearby.

Thus, they quickly arrived at their destination.

The flying car descended. The governor's daughter landed in the alliance's car park.

There was a huge plaza right in front of their destination. The pair walked through the plaza and entered the alliance's lobby.

The latter was spacious, packed with people. Some were staff members, while there were some experts and others who went there to post missions.

Zhuang Caixuan sized up her surroundings curiously; she rarely visited the place.

A middle aged fellow was waiting by the entrance. His eyes lit up when he noticed the hero's arrival. He moved quickly to greet them.

"Grandmaster Wang Teng?"

"Correct!" Wang Teng nodded.

"Grandmaster!" Zhuang Caixuan was stunned. She stared at the hero with eyes like saucers.

"I'm a manager of planet Yuming's Secondary Career Alliance branch. Grandmaster Hua Yuan from the main branch told us about your request, so we've been waiting for you," said the senior as an introduction.

Chapter 1613: Watch It, We're Outside! (3)

"Thank you," Wang Teng thanked the representative.

"We have prepared the spiritual herbs you need and cleared an alchemy room. Please follow me." The middle aged fellow raised a hand and led the way.

The hero followed and entered the Secondary Career Alliance.

"What are you waiting for? Come on."

"Oh!" Zhuang Caixuan snapped out of her stupor and quickly followed. She whispered, "Are you really a grandmaster?"

"Don't I look like one?" the young hero replied.

Which part of you looks like one? She wanted to complain but she didn't say it aloud. She just rolled her eyes in secret.

She recalled what she said to him with some embarrassment.

Her family didn't have any grandmaster-level pills.

They reached an empty alchemy room a short time later. The senior said, "Here it is."

"Thank you." The hero nodded.

"I'll take my leave first. Call me anytime through the virtual network if you have any questions," said the representative.

The young hero gave some reminders to the governor's daughter and then entered the room.

Zhuang Caixuan blinked, then looked away once his young guest left. She was filled with curiosity and interest.

Wang Teng is indeed different. Not only was he powerful; he was also a grandmaster alchemist. His talent was scary.

She didn't doubt the hero's claims, given the middle aged man's deference. Not everyone could receive such treatment.

Many thoughts went through her mind. She sat on a chair next to the alchemy room's entrance and waited in silence.

The hero saw a large box upon entering the room. He used his account's password to open it and found all the ingredients required to make the Thousand Grass Elixir inside. A thick fragrance wafted over.

"Three sets of herbs. This should be enough to make some pills for Grandmaster Hua Yuan and the rest." Wang Teng nodded, feeling satisfied. He waved a hand and a black furnace emerged, landing above the exhaust port.

The Black Meteorite Furnace!

It was his own go-to artifact for pill making.

He sat cross-legged in front of it and released spiritual power while silently collecting the nearby attribute bubbles.

Alchemy*60

Alchemy*80

Alchemy*50

...

The area was filled with alchemy rooms specially arranged for grandmasters. Hence, there were many bubbles to collect.

Wang Teng's alchemy started to rise quickly as a result.

Alchemy: 6500/10000 (grandmaster)

He previously had five thousand or so points. Now, it was at 6,500, which was enough for him to make a grandmaster sixth-level pill.

Furthermore, his alchemic level was high and was powered with a strong spirit. Adding his divine flames, making the elixir would be a walk in the park.

He blinked, then quickly closed his eyes to recall the steps in the prescription.

His eyes opened abruptly some time later. The Soul of Thousand Beasts Flame came out of his body and burned under the furnace.

The Thousand Grass Elixir required many herbs nourished by star beast blood. Since the flame originated from star beast souls, the latter was beneficial for the pill-making process; it was the best choice to heat up the furnace.

The flame patterns on the Black Meteorite Furnace were lighting up as if alive. The shapes were varied; sometimes a whirlpool while other times a dragon. The imaging seemed divine.

Wang Teng wasn't paying attention to the visuals, though. His gaze remained calm as he waved a hand and pulled a few hundred herbs with spiritual power to send them to the furnace.

There were more than a thousand herbs; the time needed to refine them all would be considerable. However, his spirit was powerful, so he could refine a few hundred at a time. This would save him a lot of time.

The bundle of herbs turned into a few hundred balls of flames, floating inside the artifact.

Ashes kept floating down.

Some time later, the refinement was completed; a few turned into liquid while others changed into powder form and floated inside the furnace.

The young hero released spiritual power again and grabbed another batch to repeat the process.

Time passed slowly...

The entire refining process took three hours!

Actually, he had already shortened the refining process by a large margin. It would have taken a whole day if it were another grandmaster.

Furthermore, succeeding the first time would be difficult to achieve.

The young hero let out a long sigh; the refining process went smoothly. There was a small accident during the process, but this was solved. No ingredient was wasted.

It was worth mentioning that he managed to produce all three sets of ingredients.

Well, he just wanted to save time!

Once everything was done, the hero closed his eyes and rested for a few minutes. Then, he opened them again and started combining the few thousand ingredients according to the sequence in the prescription.

That was the toughest pill making stage. The Thousand Grass Elixir required many spiritual herbs, so the chances of accidents happening during this step increased greatly, too. Any mistake could equate to a complete failure.

Wang Teng turned serious as he carefully combined elements, not daring to be careless in the slightest.

Time flew.

...

Zhuang Caixuan felt bored after waiting outside. She pouted, having thought at first that her visit to the Secondary Career Alliance would be interesting. However, she sat there and waited all day long.

She really wanted to go in and watch how the young hero worked, but he told her to wait outside. Barging in was not something she would dare do.

Furthermore, she knew alchemists detested having others watching them making pills..

Her sole choice at the moment was to wait outside.

"Caixuan?" said a confused voice, somewhere by the corridor nearby.

Zhuang Caixuan was confused for a second, but then felt surprised and elated when she noticed who it was. "Sister Clara!" The young girl ran to hug the lady, rubbing her face against her chest.

Well, considering her height, she could only reach the other lady's chest.

The latter, named Clara, was a tall and shapely woman. Her chest bulged when the young girl stuffed her face between them.

"Watch it. We're outside," Clara whispered as she hurriedly glanced around. She didn't expect Zhuang Caixuan to act so boldly.

Chapter 1614: Does He Not Like... Women? (1)

"There's no one here." Zhuang Caixuan pouted.

However, she still glanced around to confirm this. Then, she secretly heaved a sigh of relief.

"You little girl!" Clara tapped her forehead.

"Sister Clara, why are you here?" The governor's daughter stuck out her tongue.

"I should be the one asking. You've never visited the Secondary Career Alliance before," Clara said.

The former quickly went into detail as to how she was accompanying Wang Teng.

"Earl Wang?" Clara was shocked, then her eyes lit up when she thought of a possibility. "He's a grandmaster alchemist?"

The young lady knew about the young hero. It was hard not to know of the most outstanding talent in the League of Talents.

However, she never expected the hero to have such a lofty supporting profession.

He was too young to be a grandmaster.

However, based on talent alone, it was indeed possible. Besides, her friend had no reason to lie to her.

"Sister Clara, why are you so excited? But before that, why did you come here?" Zhuang Caixuan was puzzled. "Were you looking for someone to make a pill for you?"

The people paying visits to the Secondary Career Alliance either went there to have weapons forged, injuries tended, seek Force chefs, or find alchemists for pill making.

Clara going there to find an alchemist was highly coincidental at the moment.

"Indeed, I came to look for someone to make a grandmaster sixth-level pill," the lady replied. "Unfortunately, none of the grandmasters on planet Yuming Planet have the ability.

"Little Xuan, this pill is very important to me. You must help me." She stared at Zhuang Caixuan with earnest eyes, while hugging her waist with one arm. She even pinched her gently.

Gosh, she was worried that others would see them a moment ago but she's doing it herself now.

The governor's daughter blushed a little and twisted her body awkwardly. "Still, I don't know if he can make one of those pills. Besides, I've only met him two days ago, and the difference in our status is huge; I'm not sure how I should ask him."

Clara knew she was making things difficult for the other so she said, "How about this? You can make the introductions and I'll take over from there."

"All right." Zhuang Caixuan hesitated but still nodded in the end. She couldn't turn the lady down after seeing the anticipation in her eyes.

"Thank you, Little Xuan!" Clara smiled.

Suddenly, there was a loud explosion inside the alchemy room.

"The refinement was successful!" Both girls were in shock. They quickly looked in the alchemy room's general direction.

The dome protecting the Secondary Career Alliance was gradually opened, revealing the outer sky conditions.

Dark clouds had gathered above them. The air grew thick and heavy with their approach, building pressure with each passing moment.

"Which grandmaster was able to make this pill?" The people currently present were stunned by the scenery.

The middle aged man who welcomed the young hero was also seeing this. Wang Teng's extremely young face appeared in his mind for some reason.

That was the youngest grandmaster he had ever met.

However, he remembered that the latter had merely entered the alchemy room for one day so he quickly dismissed the thought.

No matter how fast a grandmaster was, making a grandmaster seventh-level pill in one day was basically impossible. Furthermore, it had to do with the extremely difficult Thousand Grass Elixir.

"Is this a dan calamity?" Zhuang Caixuan looked up at the sky in amazement.

"Have you not seen one before?" Clara was startled.

"Only from afar." The former shook her head. "It looks quite scary. Is the alchemist supposed to withstand the calamity lightning on their own?"

"Some alchemists hire formidable warriors to help them resist the lightning on their stead. However, Wang Teng doesn't need this, he's too powerful anyway," Clara said.

Zhuang Caixuan nodded in deep thought.

Boom!

Thunder rumbled and silver-white sparks of lightning slithered across the sky, akin to deadly pythons.

Boom!

A bolt of green light shot up to the sky. An invisible force was being radiated, along with a thick dan fragrance wafting over.

"The smell is amazing!" Clara was astounded. "This is definitely a grandmaster pill, of fifth-level or higher."

The other girl blinked, equally shocked.

It seemed that the young earl's pill mastery was indeed superior.

She knew that Clara was more experienced; if the latter said it was a grandmasters' fifth-level pill or above, it had to be so.

They exchanged glances before turning to look at the green beam of light.

Multiple green-lit orbs rose within the light beam. They were more than a dozen green colored pills, round and lush.

They twirled and frolicked in light as they soared.

"That many?!" Clara widened her eyes in astonishment.

She had never seen anyone make so many pills in one go, not even those at grandmaster level.

Furthermore, the pill's fragrance alone was enough to tell they weren't ordinary. It attested to their high level.

Chapter 1615: Does He Not Like... Women? (2)

Boom!

A thick lightning bolt fell from above, ready to blast the pills.

The blinding flash looked as if a dragon were about to engulf the dans.

At the same time, the bolt struck the green pillar of light.

However, the latter light released a concentrated burst of Force, which resisted the attack.

Boom!

A second lightning fell, sending sparks flying all over. It was much more horrifying than the first one.

Boom!

A third followed tightly behind, leaving no time for people to react.

The pillar of light produced by the pill refinement started to shake. It would probably be incapable of resisting for much longer.

"That light protection seems to be nearing its limit." Zhuang Caixuan tilted her head and looked at the incoming lightning with a serious expression.

She didn't know much about the process, but she could still feel the ominous might of the tribulation. A cosmos stage expert wasn't capable of withstanding such a move.

"It should hold off to receive another lightning strike!" Clara frowned. "I just don't know the pills' grade he refined. The only thing I know is that the attacks become more dangerous."

"Earl Wang is a celestial warrior... Can he handle such calamity?" The governor's daughter was concerned.

"It's hard to say. But he didn't ask for support; that means he's confident." Clara's eyes flashed.

The young hero looked up at the clouds with a calm expression. He had made many grandmaster level pills before, and was familiar with calamities. He could also tell how many bolts would fall depending on the light pillar's intensity.

The third one had barely fallen, and the pillar formed by the pills was enough to withstand a fourth bolt.

It wasn't that he didn't want to deal with the blasts himself. The more lightning the pills endured, the more beneficial it would be for the end result.

This tempering would bring out the latent medicinal effects and enable them to become... grandmaster seventh-level pills!

Boom!

The fourth lightning struck. It was loud, like the might of the heavens. Its power was already several times stronger than the previous one.

The entire defensive pillar was engulfed by lightning, forming a chain that wrapped itself around the column's surface and caused explosions non stop. The pillar was shaking more violently.

"Earl Wang is really calm. He hasn't made a move yet," said Clara while clenching her fists. She then realized her palms were sweating.

Zhuang Caixuan didn't say anything, only looking at the lightning in the sky. She was extremely worried.

Boom!

The fifth calamity lightning rushed down. The pillar seemed small in comparison. The onlookers' expressions changed.

Right at that moment, a figure appeared in the sky and rushed to meet the ominous bolt.

Boom!

A massive golden fist blasted forth and clashed with the lightning.

The horrifying bolt was stopped midair, unable to continue its descent. Lightning was shot from all directions, enveloping the figure.

Many people below stopped in their tracks, bewildered by the scene.

Boom!

The sixth lightning fell and struck the figure with full force. The energy seemed to be connected to the clouds, as if linked to the skies.

Boom!

A terrifying blade slashed with a yellow-colored glow, destroying the lightning's momentum.

The thick bolt was split in half, and slowly dissipated.

Just as the blade glow was about to slice the clouds, a surge of lightning gathered once more, creating a seventh calamity bolt.

That was the last attack!

And the most terrifying!

This was especially the case since the trial involved multiple seventh-level grandmaster pills; it would obviously be much more powerful than the calamity of a single dan.

Lightning gathered and a dozen bolts darted from the dark clouds. They converged and blasted down to clash with the blade glow.

Crack!

A crisp sound was heard.

Clara and Zhuang Caixuan's expressions changed. They saw the cracks forming on the yellow blade projection; it was about to shatter.

Boom!

Suddenly, there was another explosion, even louder than the calamity itself. It echoed throughout the skies.

"This is..." The two ladies were astounded. They looked towards the source of the sound.

The lightning had actually converged in the person's hand, slowly forming an ancient battle spear.

There was a strange fluctuation. The energy weapon seemed to belong in an ancient battlefield.

"He's stealing the tribulation's power?" Clara was horrified.

Boom!

Just as Clara finished speaking, the lightning spear had already been thrown.

The weapon shot up into the sky with lightning power of its own, charging straight towards the source of the tribulation.

Bang!

At this time, the yellow blade projection gave out, shattering under the force.

The spear continued on its path, clashing with the calamity.

Boom!

Explosions echoed in the sky while lightning blasted in all directions, filling the sky.

The lightning gradually faded away. The final bolt was stopped halfway.

The ominous clouds slowly parted and vanished after a while, as if they had never been there.

Light shined down and everything was calm again!

The light pillar also disappeared shortly after, letting the pill's fragrance waft to the surroundings; the aroma traveled a few kilometers with the Secondary Career Alliance as the center.

"It smells so good!"

"What is that pill?"

Many people looked at the alliance's territory in surprise.

However, both the figure in the sky and the pills were gone. Many of the nearby alchemists wanted to have a look, but they couldn't see what the person looked like; they could only feel disappointed about it.

It was an expert able to make grandmaster seventh-level pills. Meeting the person would be tremendously beneficial.

...

Outside the alchemy room—Zhuang Caixuan and Clara immediately looked at the door.

There was excitement in Clara's eyes.

Grandmaster seventh-level pills!

Seven calamity lightning bolts. They were definitely grandmaster seventh-level pills!

An alchemist able to make such pills would have no trouble making a pill of a lesser grade.

The only problem was convincing him.

The door opened and a figure walked out. He was taken aback when he saw the red-haired lady beside Zhuang Caixuan.

Clara saw the young hero's appearance and was surprised.

Earl Wang is even more outstanding than when I saw him in the live broadcast!

"Earl Wang, you succeeded in making the pills?" The governor's daughter walked over right away. She had already seen the results, yet she couldn't help but ask again.

"Yes." The young hero nodded and looked at the other lady.

"She's my friend. We happened to meet just now," Zhuang Caixuan responded and made introductions.

"Let's go." Wang Teng nodded, not paying much attention to her. He didn't wait for his guide to keep talking; he walked straight towards the other end of the corridor.

Zhuang Caixuan was stunned.

Clara froze as well.

This doesn't look right!

Shouldn't he ask some questions after being introduced to someone?

Besides, Clara was a mature and charming beauty. Any man would ask her a few questions upon meeting her.

Still, the young earl acted like he didn't even see her. Does he not like... women?

