

Complete Martial Arts Attributes

Chapter 2201: A Terrifying Number Of Materials! The Academy Arbitration Association Assessment! (2)

"This is Senior Brother Wu Shen, a sixth-level grandmaster blacksmith! He's a genius from our Smithery Volcano!" Before the burly young man could speak, someone behind him preemptively introduced.

"Sixth-level grandmaster!" Wang Teng looked at the burly young man in astonishment. Despite appearing relatively young, he was a sixth-level grandmaster blacksmith.

"It's Senior Wu Shen!"

"That genius blacksmith, I heard he reached sixth grandmaster level only a few years after entering the grandmaster level."

"Last time, one of our senior sisters on the top 100 universe-stage martial warriors ranking specifically asked for Senior Brother Wu Shen's help in forging a weapon. He ended up crafting a grandmaster seventh-level battle sword and attracted a lightning calamity. The spectacle was truly magnificent!"

"I know about this. At first, that senior sister only wanted a sixth-rank grandmaster-level battle sword. In the end, Senior Brother Wu Shen managed to forge a seventh-rank grandmaster level one. The senior sister was almost moved to tears."

"That's right, moved to tears!"

"Senior Brother Wu Shen's talent in blacksmithing is truly remarkable!"

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The discussions around him heightened Wang Teng's astonishment. The burly young man before him was indeed a genius capable of forging weapons of superior quality, a truly rare find.

"Senior Wu Shen, why are you looking for me?" Wang Teng asked.

"If you're here for weapon forging, I can take care of it for you," Wu Shen said with a smile.

He was present during the Grand Disciple Acceptance Ceremony. A talent like Wang Teng was an excellent candidate for him to pull over.

Hearing that Wu Shen was willingly offering to forge a weapon for Wang Teng, envy filled the hearts of the onlookers.

Even if they were willing to pay a significant price, they might not be able to enlist Wu Shen's services.

Geniuses like him usually only served other exceptional talents or powerful individuals.

"Erm..." Wang Teng found it a bit amusing. Someone was unexpectedly offering to forge a weapon for him. This was a complete misunderstanding.

"What's the matter, junior brother? Is there anything inconvenient for you?" Wu Shen inquired.

"It's not that. I'm here today not for forging. I just want to see if they have some specific materials I need," Wang Teng explained.

"No worries about that. We have all sorts of materials here at the Smithery Volcano. Follow me," Wu Shen said with a hearty laugh. He assumed that Wang Teng wasn't familiar with the Smithery Volcano's resources and the abundance of precious metals available for purchase with sufficient points.

Wang Teng didn't doubt Wang Teng's spending capacity, so he led him into the administrative grand hall.

Wang Teng shook his head and smiled, following the overly enthusiastic senior into the grand hall and approaching the counter.

"Hey, Rugina, I brought a big client for you," Wu Shen lounged on the counter, addressing the curvaceous woman behind it.

"Wu Shen, get as far away from me as you can. I don't have time to entertain you," the voluptuous woman retorted, rolling her eyes without a trace of friendliness.

"Erm..." Wu Shen scratched his head and said, "This time, I'm not joking. This is Wang Teng. You should know him. He's here to exchange materials."

He stepped aside, revealing Wang Teng behind him.

These physique cultivators had incredibly robust bodies, making Wang Teng seem quite petite in comparison. Just now, his figure had been entirely obscured by the towering individuals in front of him, making it impossible for those ahead to see him.

"Junior Wang Teng!" Rugina's eyes lit up when she saw Wang Teng's figure behind her.

She recognized him and finally believed Wu Shen's words. This time, he seemed to have brought someone reliable.

"Hello, senior sister. I'd like to see if you have these materials." Wang Teng handed her a list.

Seeing the dense list of materials, Rugina was momentarily stunned. Her crimson lips slightly parted – this seemed like an excessive amount!

Even Wu Shen, standing nearby, looked stunned. What kind of weapon required such an extensive array of materials?

"Junior Wang Teng, are you planning to forge numerous kinds of weapons?" He inquired.

"No, just one!" Wang Teng replied.

"One weapon requires this many materials?" Wu Shen widened his eyes, wearing an expression that clearly said, 'Are you kidding me?'

Having studied Smithery for many years, he had never seen a weapon requiring such an extensive array of materials. It contradicted the basic principles of forging.

Rugina, equally bewildered, stared with astonishment. Although this was indeed a significant customer, the list was just too extensive. The densely packed materials listed above made her unsure if she could find everything.

"Please help me find them. If some are unavailable, just let me know." Wang Teng nodded at Rugina.

"O-Okay!" Rugina regained her composure, looking at him oddly. She stammered a bit.

"What kind of weapon are you trying to forge? Can you at least give me a hint?" Wu Shen couldn't believe there was a weapon in the universe that required this many materials. He couldn't help but ask out of curiosity.

"It's a secret!" Wang Teng chuckled.

"Alright," Wu Shen shrugged, resigned. "I was considering helping you forge it, but judging by the quantity of materials, I'm afraid I won't be of much help."

"No worries. I just want to take a look at the materials for now. This weapon won't be forged anytime soon," Wang Teng said.

Seeing his serious expression, Wu Shen started to believe him, but curiosity burned even more intensely in his heart.

What kind of weapon required such an abundance of materials?

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"Wang Teng, your required materials have been checked, and we only have about half of them available here," Rugina, looking a bit shocked, reported from behind the counter.

Such a situation had never occurred before. The Smithery Volcano couldn't provide all the necessary materials, and nearly half were unavailable.

"Only half?" Wang Teng frowned, sighing inwardly. He asked, "How many points do I need to exchange for these materials?"

"It will require 1.39 million points," Rugina replied.

"Alright, I'll exchange them," Wang Teng said without much hesitation.

"Just like that?!" Rugina stared at him, amazed.

That was more than a million points. Even universe-stage martial warriors wouldn't be so wealthy.

"Otherwise, should I leave empty-handed after coming all this way?" Wang Teng said casually. "Hurry up."

"Alright, alright!" Rugina nodded hurriedly. However, she hesitated for a moment. What if Wang Teng didn't have enough points? After all, gathering so many materials was no joking matter.

Wang Teng noticed her hesitation and asked with a smile, "Do you want to verify if I have enough points?"

"No need. I believe you wouldn't bluff me," Rugina shook her head immediately. She didn't want to offend him by questioning his points.

"Rugina, you underestimated Wang Teng. He set a record on the Freshmen Leaderboard, and the academy directly rewarded him with a million points. He can afford these 1.29 million points," Wu Shen said, smiling.

Rugina suddenly realized, her eyes sparkling. She nodded and quickly turned to help Wang Teng with the exchange procedure.

She mustn't let go of this big client.

Other staff around were almost turning red with envy.

They couldn't believe such a good opportunity wasn't theirs.

Shortly after, a staff member hurriedly arrived and handed a space equipment to Rugina.

Rugina nodded and quickly walked over to Wang Teng. She said, "Wang Teng, all the materials you need are in here. Please check if you need to count them."

"Sure!" Wang Teng nodded, letting Round Ball help with the inventory while he followed Rugina to pay the points.

A total of 1.39 million points were swiped away. Wang Teng felt a bit reluctant. After purchasing these materials, he was left with only 2.34 million points.

Points were indeed not easy to come by!

"Are you feeling heartache for spending all the points?" Wu Shen teased upon seeing Wang Teng's expression.

"A bit." Wang Teng admitted with a sigh.

"But your generosity is impressive. Spending 1.39 million points for less than half the materials, and there's probably even more needed for the remaining half. I see some main materials are still missing," Wu Shen remarked.

Wang Teng winced. "Senior, didn't you say everything is available here?"

Wu Shen's expression froze. He felt that he was slapped in the face.

He hadn't expected Wang Teng's required materials to be so specialized. They were not common forging materials.

"The rest of the materials may be available, and if Junior Wang Teng needs them, we can exchange contact information. I will notify you as soon as there's any news," Rugina suggested, eagerly looking at Wang Teng.

A good customer like him should be developed into a long-term client, especially considering his exceptional talent.

Wang Teng agreed and exchanged contact information with Rugina. After finishing the transaction, he left.

"Come back anytime, and if you need anything, just let me know," Wu Shen said.

"Thanks, Senior," Wang Teng smiled faintly. Despite the senior's excessive enthusiasm, he seemed like a decent person.

The two of them exchanged contacts.

After exchanging contact information, Wang Teng and Wu Shen parted ways. As Wang Teng was about to board the spacecraft to leave, Round Ball opened a message.

"Wang Teng, the Academy Arbitration Committee sent a message."

"Academy Arbitration Association." Wang Teng was briefly surprised, and as he quickly read the message, a somewhat ambiguous smile appeared on his face. "Did they notify me to participate in the associate council member promotion assessment?"

"Do they not know that I have already rejected this associate council member position?"

"Or are they assuming I'll go?"

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"Are you going?" Round Ball asked curiously.

It knew Wang Teng's temperament, and he was not someone to be bullied. The Academy Arbitration Association's actions clearly indicated they did not take his wishes seriously.

The meaning was clear. Based on the academy's request, they granted him the status of an associate council member, whether he liked it or not.

This attitude revealed the somewhat overbearing nature of the Academy Arbitration Association.

Perhaps over the years, no one had dared to challenge their authority, leading them to assume it was their rightful position.

Unfortunately, Wang Teng was not one to cooperate with others or play along.

Well, unless the person was his friend.

If his friends wanted to show off their power, he didn't mind cooperating with them. If he cooperated now, they would cooperate with him later.

However, for unfriendly individuals, the rule was simple. They should stay as far away from him as possible.

For Wang Teng, joining the Academy Arbitration Association was an option, not a necessity.

After thinking about it, he made a decision.

"Sure, why not!" Wang Teng's eyes twinkled as he smiled. "Joining the Academy Arbitration Association is necessary. I'm interested in the Stellar Arbitration Council. Joining the Academy Arbitration Association is a prerequisite for entering the Stellar Arbitration Council."

"I want to deal with the Parkers Family, and to do that, I must become a formidable force in the universe."

"Though that's the case, last time, didn't you say you didn't want to go? Why the change of heart?" Round Ball asked curiously.

"Look at this message. They notified me to participate in the associate council member promotion assessment. It seems they have two purposes," Wang Teng replied with a smile.

"What's the purpose?" Round Ball frowned. "Isn't it just to make you participate in the assessment?"

"Look at your simple mind. Aren't you an intelligent lifeform," Wang Teng said disdainfully.

"I..." Round Ball felt a bit speechless. This guy criticized it at every turn. It had dignity too!

What's more, as an intelligent lifeform, it was more useful in the virtual world. Understanding the complexities of the human mind was not its strong suit. There was simply no basis for comparison.

After casually teasing Round Ball, Wang Teng explained, "If my guess is correct, one purpose is to attract me and make me willingly accept the status of an associate council member. The other purpose is to show authority and let me know that becoming a councilor is not that easy."

"Yeah, why did I forget about that? Except for you, the other associate council members should be martial warriors above the heaven stage. The difficulty of this assessment is not low, and they must think you can't pass it." Round Ball suddenly realized and exclaimed.

"That's right. They assume I won't pass this assessment," Wang Teng said with a glint in his eyes. He chuckled and continued, "So, I can't let them have their way. However, I won't participate in the assessment. Instead, I'll go directly to demand the position of councilor."

"I want this councilor position!"

"How do you plan to do it?" Round Ball looked at him with curiosity, wondering what his confident plan was.

"Help me contact the president," Wang Teng said without elaborating.

The president and others had left their contact information before, allowing Wang Teng to reach out to them at any time.

Round Ball was puzzled about what Wang Teng was going to do. With a dubious expression, he contacted the president. Soon, the screen lit up, and the figure of the president emerged.

At the moment, he was in a field full of peculiar spirit flowers and plants. The president held a small piece of soil in his hand and casually scattered it across the field.

He had a smile on his face, humming an ancient tune.

It was obvious that he was dealing with the Five-Colored Soil he won from the god-stage fire-element martial warrior. His mood was excellent.

Seeing Wang Teng, he became even more amiable.

What a good kid!

While handling his affairs, he asked with a smile, "Little one, what brings you to me so quickly?"

"President, you have to help me out!" Wang Teng shouted as soon as he saw the president.

Round Ball was a bit stunned. He had just shown a confident demeanor, but now, he could look so distressed. He changed his expression so quickly.

"Uh..." The president looked at him, feeling a bit puzzled at this moment. He asked in surprise, "What happened?"

"President, someone bullied me," Wang Teng said.

"Who can bully you?" The president asked, a bit incredulous. He knew this guy's strength very well. Ordinary people couldn't bully him at all. Moreover, looking at his appearance now, there was no sign of being bullied.

"The Academy Arbitration Association!" Wang Teng replied.

"What's going on? Tell me." The president seemed to think of something. He furrowed his brows as he asked.

"The Academy Arbitration Association has gone too far..." Wang Teng exaggerated the situation, pitifully telling the story. "President, you must be aware of the difficulty of the assessment. I'm just a freshman, a mere cosmos-stage warrior. How could I possibly pass? Aren't they just bullying people?"

The president's frown deepened. The Academy Arbitration Association did seem to have gone too far. It was no wonder this kid came to him to complain.

But then, his expression became a bit strange.

A freshman?

A mere cosmos-stage martial warrior?

How many cosmos-stage warriors are as monstrous as you?

If this little guy really participates in the assessment, he might pass it.

"President, I've made contributions to our stellar academy. I've worked hard, even if I don't have merits, I have my hardships. I absolutely won't endure this humiliation," Wang Teng sneaked a glance at the president as he continued to plead.

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"Alright, alright! I know about this, and I'll make sure you get justice," the president said, smiling and shaking his head.

He was certain that this little guy was completely pretending, but being genuinely aggrieved was also true. Wang Teng's contributions to the academy were enough to warrant a councilor position.

This was just the Academy Arbitration Association, not the Stellar Arbitration Council. If it were the latter, everything would be different.

Now, with Wang Teng being suppressed like this, it was evident that there was something fishy within the Academy Arbitration Association.

"Really?" Wang Teng's eyes lit up, immediately asking.

"Why will I deceive you? Just wait for the message," the president said.

"Haha, president, you're indeed wise and powerful, able to distinguish what's right and wrong." Wang Teng grinned.

"Alright, that's enough. You little rascal." The president chuckled, waving his hand, and the holographic screen disappeared.

"Done!" Wang Teng comfortably sat in the spacecraft's seat, crossing his legs.

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Round Ball was stunned, not yet recovering from the series of actions Wang Teng had just taken.

This... was too shameless!

Wang Teng's shamelessness once again refreshed its understanding.

How could he cry to others without any pressure? Where's his dignity? Where's his dignity?!

"Why, do you think this method is not good?" Wang Teng glanced at it and asked.

"Well... it's fine," Round Ball said.

"Then it's settled," Wang Teng smiled. "Now, I just need to wait for the message."

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Wang Teng returned to his estate on the spacecraft and immediately entered the cultivation chamber to resume his training.

Meanwhile, news about the Arbitration Association's assessment for associate council members spread among the martial warriors.

The Arbitration Association had always been a particularly special entity within the academy, drawing attention with every move it made.

What's more, this was regarding the promotion of associate council members.

The birth of each councilor would result in a power shift, signifying the emergence of a new influential group. It also implies a change in authority, leading to many martial warriors voluntarily attaching themselves to councilors.

This was because becoming a senator within the Arbitration Association opened the gateway to the Stellar Arbitration Council. It was an opportunity to join this prestigious organization.

Simultaneously, the list of candidates eligible for the councilor promotion assessment was revealed, and many were astonished by one particular name.

Wang Teng!

A name that surprised many appeared on the list.

People found it inconceivable because, after all, he was still a freshman. How could he become an associate council member?

"The promotion of the associate council member has started!"

"Wang Teng's name is among them."

After some time, Yue Qiqiao and the others heard the news and wanted to contact Wang Teng.

They knew half a year ago that the Academy Arbitration Association had granted Wang Teng the status of an associate council member. In other words, as long as he acknowledged this identity, he would be qualified to participate in the associate council member's promotion assessment.

But back then, Wang Teng refused!

He didn't even go to report.

Now, would he go?

People like Yue Qiqiao still hoped that Wang Teng would go because once he became a councilor, those who followed him would also receive significant benefits.

Even if it was just acknowledging the identity of an associate council member, it was fine. After all, they were fighting for the future, not the present.

The main members of the Constellation Society gathered to discuss this matter.

"Wang Teng is an associate council member of the Academy Arbitration Association?" Baichuan Liu, Tai Beisha, and the others looked at Yue Qiqiao in astonishment.

Although many insiders knew that Wang Teng had received the notice of appointment as an associate council member from the Academy Arbitration Association six months ago, those were people with connections within the Academy Arbitration Association. Bai Chuan Liu, Tai Beisha, and others didn't know about it, so they were still unaware of this matter.

"Yes," Yue Qiqiao nodded. Many people knew about this, so there was no need to hide it.

Moreover, since it involved Wang Teng, she guessed that it wasn't that simple, which was why she contacted everyone to discuss it together.

"Why did he refuse?" Tai Beisha wondered.

Yue Qiqiao briefly explained the cause and effect of the matter.

"If it were me, even if I experienced some unfair treatment, I'm afraid I would accept it. After all, this is the status of an associate council member. Although it may not be possible to be promoted now, once I reach the heaven stage, there is a good chance of becoming a councilor." Wu Yan smiled bitterly.

"Wang Teng is different from us." Raynolds shook his head.

"People are different, and it's exasperating," Baichuan Liu said indifferently.

"Shall we ask him directly?" Yue Qiqiao asked.

"It's better to ask him directly. Others can't decide for him in this matter," Yu Yunxian spoke up.

"You're right."

Yue Qiqiao sighed. She turned on her wristwatch and contacted Wang Teng.

The communication was quickly established, and Wang Teng appeared on the screen, smiling, "Is it about the Arbitration Association?"

"It seems you already know," Yue Qiqiao said.

"I received the message a long time ago. You don't need to worry about this. I've already resolved it, and there will be news soon."

"It's already resolved!" Yue Qiqiao and the others were stunned. They were still worrying about it, and Wang Teng had already resolved it. This was quite fast.

"Yes, there should be results in a few days," Wang Teng said.

"How did you resolve it?" Yue Qiqiao asked.

"Cough, confidential! Confidential!" Wang Teng cleared his throat and said.

"Why are you being so secretive?" Yue Qiqiao was speechless. Then she asked, "Can you still join the Arbitration Association?"

"Yes!" Wang Teng nodded. "And not just an associate council member."

Yue Qiqiao and the others instantly showed surprise on their faces. If he wasn't an associate council member, he couldn't be an ordinary arbitration association member. There was only one possibility—councilor!!!

They widened their eyes in disbelief. Would he become a councilor?

As everyone knew, becoming a councilor in the Academy Arbitration Association was extremely difficult. It required multiple selections and assessments, with a significant number of candidates failing to pass. Otherwise, the Academy Arbitration Association wouldn't have used this to block Wang Teng's promotion.

Now Wang Teng casually told them that he was about to enter the Academy Arbitration Association, and there was a high possibility of becoming a councilor.

Who could believe that?

"You're going to become a... councilor?" Wu Yan asked.

"You should know in a few days," Wang Teng didn't directly answer.

Wu Yan and the others gritted their teeth. Why are you leaving someone hanging? Couldn't he satisfy their curiosity?

Wang Teng didn't say much more. He exchanged a few words with them and then ended the communication, leaving Yue Qiqiao and the others bewildered. They smiled bitterly.

"This guy is infuriating!" Yue Qiqiao said helplessly.

"Hehe, speaking of it, if the boss becomes a councilor in the Academy Arbitration Association, we can do whatever we want in the academy." Wade suddenly sniggered.

"Come on, even if he becomes a councilor, there will be many constraints, and even more people will be watching him. There's no room for the slightest mistake," Yue Qiqiao retorted with an eye roll.

"I was just talking." Wade scratched his head awkwardly.

"But it's indeed a good thing," Yue Qiqiao smiled again and said, "If he can become a councilor, we can get a lot of conveniences."

"How did he manage to become a councilor so quickly?" Wu Yan asked somewhat enviously.

Everyone teased him. In fact, when it came to envy, they were not exempt.

"Wang Teng actually made it to the assessment list!" Feng Qingyan's expression changed slightly when he heard this news.

"Who knows." Yue Qiqiao shrugged.

"Don't envy him. There's only one Wang Teng in the Seven Stellar Academies for so many years. You can't envy that." Reynolds patted him on the shoulder and laughed.

"I'm not envious," Wu Yan said with a slight pout, but it was evident that he was not sincere.

Everyone teased him. In fact, when it came to envy, they were not exempt.

"Wang Teng actually made it to the assessment list!" Feng Qingyan's expression changed slightly when he heard this news.

The reason he dared to act recklessly against Wang Teng initially was because he believed that Wang Teng had been blacklisted by the Academy Arbitration Association and wasn't favored by the Seven Judges.

But now, seeing Wang Teng appear on the assessment list again, it meant that Wang Teng's associate council member was unchangeable.

Even the Seven Judges had to admit that Wang Teng was an associate council member.

He couldn't accept this.

Back then, he didn't enter the Academy Arbitration Association because he didn't like relying on others, and he eventually founded the Qingyan Society.

Wang Teng founded the Constellation Society himself and made it prominent. Now, he was about to join the Academy Arbitration Association and become an associate council member.

The comparison made him, who was at the peak of the universe stage, a little jealous of Wang Teng.

Chapter 2205: What Do You Want To Do To Councilor Wang Teng? (1)

In the vast cosmos, with billions of trillions of stars.

Here, the existence of any peculiar celestial body was possible. Even eternal-stage martial warriors might not know about it.

In the vast expanse of the universe, in a remote corner, a silver-white star quietly floats in the void.

There are no other stars around, only endless cosmic dust drifting.

This planet hovers alone, radiating light like a lone ranger in the universe.

There was no sign of life on this planet, only some peculiar metals emitting a silver-white glow. The radiance comes from these exotic metals.

If a powerful being were present, they would notice that these peculiar metals emit a special fluctuation as if it were a very unique energy.

What no one knew was that within the stellar core of this planet, a figure with silver-white long hair sits quietly in a cross-legged position, absorbing the peculiar energy from the planet.

This person emitted a faint fluorescence, making his facial features indiscernible. Upon closer observation, one would notice several acupoints on his body emitting dazzling light, and it was through these acupoints that the peculiar energy entered his body.

At a certain moment, the person slowly opened his eyes. The indifferent gaze resembled two celestial bodies, making it impossible for others to look directly at him.

He lowered his head to look at the wristwatch in his hand, where a message was displayed.

Boom!

After reading the message, a terrifying aura suddenly erupted from within him, causing the dense energy in the stellar core to ripple. The entire planet trembled as if it was on the verge of collapse.

After a moment, he sent out a message. His expression remained unchanged as he slowly closed his eyes, seemingly indifferent to external matters. It was as if nothing could disturb his cultivation.

The planet, situated in the depths of the cosmic void, returned to a silent state as though the previous disturbance had never occurred.

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Three days later!

Wang Teng, who was cultivating in the estate, opened his eyes and looked at the wristwatch in his hand.

Round Ball's figure appeared beside him, shocked. "Wang Teng, the Academy Arbitration Association has officially appointed you as a councilor."

"As expected of the president. Even the Academy Arbitration Association has to yield." Wang Teng smiled.

"That's for sure. No matter how powerful the Academy Arbitration Association is, it can't compare to the president," Round Ball said. "However, you're the only one who can get the president to speak up for you personally."

"Hmph," Wang Teng snorted lightly. "It's just that the Academy Arbitration Association doesn't know what's good for them. With my contributions, they should understand how to handle it without the president's intervention."

"It seems that someone doesn't want you to enter the core of the Academy Arbitration Association so quickly," Round Ball nodded, saying.

"Whoever it is, it's just futile," Wang Teng said with a cold smile.

"The Academy Arbitration Association asked you to go over for the handover procedures," Round Ball said.

"Fine, since I'm already a councilor, I'll reluctantly go take a look," Wang Teng stood up, stretched lazily, and said casually.

"Look at how proud you are. Even a universe-stage martial warrior would run over obediently if he knew that he had become a councilor of the Academy Arbitration Association. Yet you're acting so indifferent," Round Ball said with a speechless expression.

"It's not being indifferent, but I simply don't value this councilor status much. It's just a stepping stone," Wang Teng said calmly.

Round Ball didn't know what to say.

Was there anything more pretentious than this?

What an actor!

Wang Teng arrived outside the estate, retrieved his spacecraft, and headed straight to the Academy Arbitration Association.

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The Academy Arbitration Association!

For many students, this place represented the authority of the younger generation, and it was also a place that many aspired to.

Members of the Academy Arbitration Association with the emblem badge on their chests walked in and out of the central building, carrying a faint sense of arrogance. Their gaze toward ordinary students carried a lofty demeanor.

At this moment, a menacing black spacecraft swiftly approached from a distance and finally hovered above the Academy Arbitration Association building.

"Who is this? How dare they hover their spacecraft over the Academy Arbitration Association?"

"Doesn't this person know that only members of the Academy Arbitration Association, ranked councilor and above, can directly fly a spacecraft into this place?"

"He's done for. The Academy Arbitration Association won't easily let anyone challenge its authority."

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The people below were astounded when they saw the spacecraft in the sky. Then, many of them started gloating.

Under everyone's gaze, the cabin door of the spacecraft opened and a figure walked out.

"Wang Teng!"

"That looks like Wang Teng!"

It's him! If it's him, there shouldn't be any problem."

"He's finished. The Academy Arbitration Association won't let off anyone who dares to challenge its authority, even if he's an associate council member. Watch, he's definitely in for trouble."

"Just an associate council member, not even a full councilor. No associate council member has ever dared to be so audacious."

"Moreover, didn't he refuse to become an associate council member of the Academy Arbitration Association?"

"Refuse? Who could reject the position of an associate council member in the Academy Arbitration Association? Wang Teng is already extremely lucky to be able to become an associate council member as a new student. How can he give up?"

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Many people recognized Wang Teng's identity, and their expressions varied, accompanied by numerous discussions.

Three days ago, upon learning that Wang Teng had the status of an associate council member in the Academy Arbitration Association, many felt envy and jealousy.

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So, when many people saw him appear and even violate the authority of the Academy Arbitration Association, there was a touch of mockery. They all halted their departure and prepared to watch the excitement.

Wang Teng was too famous. For new students, he might have become a benchmark, an admired figure, but for the senior students, it was a different story.

Many senior students harbored a kind of hostility toward this excessively outstanding freshman.

Especially after he became an associate council member of the Arbitration Association.

This touched upon the interests of the senior students!

All the seniors were once freshmen. Like other freshmen, they had been suppressed and yielded to the tyranny of the senior students. However, Wang Teng took an unconventional path, climbing directly to the top of these senior students.

Although Wang Teng did not intentionally do this, his actions had already subtly taken on this trend.

"How dare you!"

Suddenly, a cold shout echoed from within the Academy Arbitration Association.

Several figures appeared abruptly in the sky, standing not far from Wang Teng.

Wang Teng furrowed his brow and looked at the figures that had appeared before him. They were all heaven-stage martial warriors and the aura emanating from them was formidable. These were not ordinary heaven-stage martial warriors.

His gaze swept over them, eventually fixing on the leader—a young man with reddish-brown hair. Wang Teng squinted slightly.

"So, you're the 86th senior. I wonder why you're blocking my way?" Wang Teng appeared somewhat enlightened and asked, "Any particular reason, senior?"

Ockham, hearing Wang Teng call him the 86th senior, instantly felt insulted. He felt speechless and his face turned green.

This bastard!

The martial warriors behind him couldn't help but twitch their mouths, their gazes somewhat peculiar.

They were well aware that Ockham was ranked 86th on the top 100 heaven-stage martial warrior ranking. But, what was with this "86th senior" title?

It turned what should have been an honor into something comical, thanks to Wang Teng's mockery.

Wang Teng seemed to be quite sarcastic!

"Wang Teng, do you even know where you are?" Ockham said coldly.

"It's the Academy Arbitration Association. How can I not know about it?" Wang Teng replied calmly.

"Since you know this is the Academy Arbitration Association, why did you hover your spacecraft above the central building of the Academy Arbitration Association? Do you even respect the Academy Arbitration Association?" Ockham questioned loudly.

Wang Teng tilted his head, showing a hint of disdain as he looked at Ockham. "So what?"

"How dare you!" Ockham was infuriated. A cold glint flashed past his eyes as he shouted coldly, "You're so disrespectful to the Arbitration Association. What right do you have to be the associate council member of the Arbitration Association?"

With a swift motion of his hand, he ordered.

"Take him down. I will ask the councilors to make the decision and cancel Wang Teng's associate council member status."

As soon as his words fell, Ockham was already reaching out to grab Wang Teng. Simultaneously, the others behind him vanished instantly from their original positions, rushing toward Wang Teng, sealing off his surroundings.

As one of the top 100 heaven-stage martial warriors, Ockham's ability was naturally at the peak of the heaven stage. Normal heaven-stage martial warriors couldn't be compared to him.

His speed was unimaginably fast, and with a thunderous sound, he almost arrived instantaneously in front of Wang Teng.

Fire Force congregated on his hand as he clawed at Wang Teng's neck.

Among all possible approaches, he chose the most humiliating one. He chose to directly subdue Wang Teng and suppress him.

Moreover, it was all happening in front of so many people.

He wanted to strip Wang Teng of all dignity!

As the distance closed, a trace of disdain finally appeared on Ockham's face. This Wang Teng was just a freshman. Even if he had exceptional talent, what qualifications did he have to contend with him?

Today happened to be the day he would crush Wang Teng. Even heaven was helping him.

Seeing this scene, some shook their heads, some reveled in the misfortune, while others were filled with sympathy.

Had Wang Teng lost his mind?

Otherwise, how could he make such a low-level mistake, allowing others to catch a handle? He would suffer a huge loss today.

A figure flew out from the Academy Arbitration Association's building. His long silver-white hair was quite conspicuous. It was Yuan Mu.

He came with Ockham today to settle the matter of joining the Academy Arbitration Association. Based on his performance during the Grand Disciple Acceptance

Ceremony, he had already qualified to join the Academy Arbitration Association as a member.

However, he didn't expect to run into this situation.

Ockham was eager to subdue Wang Teng to give him a lesson so he threw him aside.

At this moment, Yuan Mu also followed them out. Seeing that Wang Teng was about to be subdued, a glint flashed in his eyes. His expression was indifferent.

The dignity of the Academy Arbitration Association must not be violated. Although Ockham was a bit excessive, this was a lesson that Wang Teng deserved, and there was no one else to blame.

In the sky.

A cold light flashed in Wang Teng's eyes. He sneered. Two different types of divine flames erupted from his body.

The green flame and the crimson flame congregated into dragon scales on his body.

Intense heat radiated in all directions.

At the same time, a rumbling sound of surging blood flowed from his body like thunder. A mysterious golden pattern appeared on his forehead.

Boom!

At the next moment, he raised his fist and punched Ockham.

The void exploded, collapsing directly. Terrifying black cracks spread out in all directions.

Ockham's pupils suddenly contracted as if he had seen something unbelievable. However, at such a close distance, he couldn't retract his attack.

Moreover, he didn't believe that Wang Teng, a cosmos-stage martial warrior, could contend with a powerhouse like him listed on the top 100 heaven-stage martial warrior ranking.

In an instant, the two attacks collided.

Boom!

A terrifying explosion echoed in the air, causing many people to show shock on their faces.

At this moment, a figure was sent flying.

Ockham!

It was Ockham!

Everyone widened their eyes, looking at this scene in disbelief. How could Ockham be the one sent flying?

Yuan Mu's face also revealed a trace of astonishment and shock as if he had seen a ghost.

"You!" Ockham's face was full of shock. His arm was trembling uncontrollably. It seemed like the bones in his hand were broken.

How could Wang Teng's strength be so formidable?

Impossible!

How could the strength of a cosmos-stage martial warrior threaten him?

Ockham couldn't believe the result,

"What right do you have to take me down?" Wang Teng put down his fist casually and looked at Ockham in the distance.

Ockham's face alternated between pale and red. What could be more humiliating than this?

Previously, it was only verbal humiliation, but now Wang Teng used strength to humiliate him. He gave him the illusion that he was facing a top ten powerhouse on the top 100 heaven-stage martial warrior ranking.

Gasp!

The people below finally reacted, and a buzz of discussion erupted. No one could have expected this outcome.

A heaven-stage powerhouse was sent flying by a cosmos-stage martial warrior, and it seemed he had taken quite a beating.

Could these two be cooperating to stage a dramatic scene to boost Wang Teng's reputation?

Many people couldn't help but think so in their hearts.

"Capture him!" Ockham, now ignoring his dignity, immediately shouted to the several heaven-stage martial warriors surrounding them.

Originally, those heaven-stage martial warriors only planned to block the surroundings and didn't intend to take action. They believed Ockham alone would be enough to handle Wang Teng.

However, the reality was different. Ockham had been sent flying.

This stunned them momentarily, but upon hearing Ockham's voice, they snapped back to attention and rushed toward Wang Teng.

"Stop!"

At this moment, a commanding shout echoed from the interior of the Academy Arbitration Association Hall, and a figure burst out.

The heaven-stage martial warriors instinctively halted their movements and looked at the person.

"Councilor Wu De!"

Ockham's expression changed slightly. He heard that Councilor Wu De seemed to hold Wang Teng in high regard and helped him quite a bit in the past.

"Councilor Wu De, Wang Teng has violated the authority of the Academy Arbitration Association. Are you still going to protect him?" Ockham preemptively spoke out loudly.

Councilor Wu De looked at him indifferently and said with a faint smile, "Could you please repeat that? What do you want to do to Councilor Wang Teng? I didn't hear you clearly."

"???" Ockham swallowed hard, looking utterly confused, and said, "What... What are you talking about?"

Chapter 2207: Ockham's Struggle!

"Councilor... Wang Teng?!"

As Wu De's words spread, not only was Ockham stunned, but others also froze. They wore expressions of astonishment.

The heaven-stage martial warriors who initially intended to take action against Wang Teng were now caught in a dilemma. They couldn't proceed with their actions, nor could

they retreat. Glancing between Ockham and Wu De, their gazes eventually settled on Wang Teng, displaying extreme awkwardness.

They were profoundly shocked. What did Councilor Wu De just call him? A councilor?

Seriously?

A freshman becoming a councilor? Could anything be more absurd?

From a distance, Yuan Mu's eyes widened slightly, and his pupils involuntarily contracted.

Councilor!

Wang Teng became a councilor!

He just aimed to become an ordinary member of the Academy Arbitration Association, but Wang Teng had already become a councilor. The gap between them seemed to have widened unconsciously.

He clenched his fists tightly. His heart pounded furiously and he couldn't calm down.

"Councilor!"

After a moment of silence, a thunderous exclamation erupted from the crowd below. Their gazes were filled with disbelief as they looked at the young figure in the sky, their expressions full of shock.

The sudden appearance of a freshly appointed councilor left everyone somewhat incredulous.

Wang Teng was a little surprised. This Senior Brother Wu De was a councilor and he came out to help him. Interesting.

"No, something's not right!" Ockham's expression changed slightly, his face darkened as he said, "Wang Teng is just an associate council member who hasn't undergone the assessment. How could he become a councilor? You must be fooling me."

Everyone was stunned. They were puzzled.

Indeed, Wang Teng had not undergone the assessment. How could he become a councilor?

Initially, they chose to believe it subconsciously because it came from Councilor Wu De's mouth.

But now, prompted by Ockham's words, they felt that something seemed amiss.

If becoming a councilor was that easy, everyone would be a councilor by now.

"Hmph!" Wu De snorted uncontrollably.

"Councilor Wu De, why are you laughing? If you can't provide an explanation for this matter, even if you're a councilor, you might not be able to protect him," Ockham said with a slightly darkened expression.

"I don't need to protect anyone," Wu De glanced at him and calmly said, "The notice appointing Wang Teng as a councilor has already been issued, and any councilor is aware of it. You don't have the qualifications to know about it."

Ockham's face turned green.

He didn't have the qualifications to know!

He was looking down on him.

However, he was unable to retort. He was just an associate council member while Wu De was a genuine councilor. His status was much higher than his.

At the same time, tumultuous waves surged within him. Did Wang Teng really become a councilor?

The crowd below, upon hearing Wu De's words, once again turned their gaze towards Wang Teng, their expressions incredibly complex. They had no choice but to believe Wu De.

He said that all the councilors knew about this matter. There was little room for doubt.

Such lies were easily exposed.

So, what Councilor Wu De said had to be true.

Ockham was still unwilling to believe. he immediately sent a message through his wristwatch.

"It seems you still don't believe it. Let me give you another chance to struggle." Wu De shook his head, crossed his arms, and looked at Ockham mockingly, seemingly indifferent to his attempt to confirm the information.

"86th senior, don't be in a hurry. Take your time to confirm. I can wait," Wang Teng's lips curled into a faint sneer as he said calmly.

Seeing their resolute expressions, Ockham's sense of foreboding grew stronger. At this moment, he felt like he was pushed to the edge of a cliff, with no room for retreat.

Standing in place, he became increasingly restless. The gaze of those around him was like a weight, making him extremely uncomfortable.

He no longer cared about what Wang Teng called him. If Wang Teng had become a councilor, his troubles would be significant.

Yuan Mu sighed. The truth was already certain. If Ockham persisted, he would only bring humiliation upon himself.

He looked at Wang Teng, a hint of unwillingness in his eyes. Why was this person so much more outstanding than him, despite both being freshmen? Was there such a monster in the world?

Even his brother wouldn't be able to reach this stage at his age!

No, this Wang Teng was just luckier. How could he compare to his brother?

After some time, Ockham received a message on his wristwatch. He hurriedly lowered his head to take a look and his expression froze.

"86th senior, what's the result? Is it what you expect? Are you surprised?" Wang Teng asked with a smile.

Ockham: ...

Surprised?

At this moment, the information he received from a certain councilor undoubtedly came as a great shock, leaving him devoid of any chance to struggle.

In an instant, he felt as if he had been plunged into an abyss. His entire body turned cold.

Wu De's facial muscles twitched for a moment. He wanted to laugh but had to forcefully hold back. Wang Teng was truly as cheeky as ever.

"Hmph!"

"Let's go!"

Ockham feigned composure, coldly snorted, and turned around to lead his people away.

Wang Teng's figure suddenly flashed, blocking Ockham's path. He calmly said, "Did I say you could leave?"

"What do you want?" Ockham's eye corner twitched uncontrollably. He glared at Wang Teng warily.

"What do I want? Don't you find it ridiculous that you're asking me that?" Wang Teng replied.

Wu De stood on the side, watching this scene with a smile, showing no intention of intervening.

After Wang Teng's identity was exposed, Ockham and the others couldn't afford to provoke him anymore.

If they dared to make a move again, it would only worsen their situation.

This time, he stepped in to ease the tension between him and Wang Teng.

Earlier, when he learned that Wang Teng had refused the identity of an associate council member and that the Constellation Society was attacked by the Qingyan Society, he didn't lend a helping hand. It had already strained their relationship.

Now that he learned Wang Teng had become a councilor, no matter what, he had to mend their relationship.

"Wang Teng, Senior Ockham didn't know your identity before, leading to this misunderstanding. Why do you have to be so aggressive, clinging stubbornly to this matter?" Yuan Mu walked over from a distance, coming to Ockham's aid.

Wu De, upon seeing Yuan Mu's silvery-white long hair from afar, squinted.

"Isn't this the second one?" Wang Teng looked at Yuan Mu, expressing surprise.

Everyone he defeated seemed to be referred to as the second.

Yuan Mu: ...

"The, the second one?" Wood looked at Wang Teng in astonishment. It took guts to call that person's younger brother the second. Wang Teng was incredibly bold.

Or was he unaware of Yuan Mu's identity?

Considering the latter possibility, Wu De immediately sent a message through a voice transmission, "Wang Teng, Yuan Mu's identity is not simple; he is the younger brother of a Judge."

"Indeed, he's a Judge's younger brother!" Wang Teng's gaze flickered. He had suspected it before, and now he received confirmation from Wu De. However...

So what if he was the younger brother of a Judge?

He didn't even give the Judges any face, let alone his brother.

"You were watching the show from the sidelines and now, you want to intervene?" Wang Teng looked at Yuan Mu and asked.

Yuan Mu's expression changed slightly. Wang Teng clearly wasn't giving him any face. Didn't he know his identity? If it were someone else, even a councilor, they would probably show some respect if they knew his identity.

"If there's nothing else, please step aside. Unless..." Wang Teng paused, a hint of coldness appearing on his face. He continued in a calm tone, "You want to be my enemy?"

"You!" Yuan Mu's pupils contracted. This guy was threatening him!

Wood, on the sidelines, was at a loss for words. Even after learning Yuan Mu's identity, Wang Teng still confronted him in such a manner, clearly showing no regard for Yuan Mu's elder brother.

Wu De couldn't help but feel speechless. How audacious was this guy? He dared to disregard even a Judge.

If it were him, he definitely wouldn't dare to offend a Judge.

"Yuan Mu, this matter has nothing to do with you." Ockham stepped forward, looking at Wang Teng with a cold smile. "Indeed, I misunderstood first, but you didn't reveal your identity, so you can't blame others. If you want to use this to accuse me, then you should check if other councilors agree."

At this moment, Ockham felt a bit more confident. He suddenly realized that, even though Wang Teng had become a councilor, his status was quite awkward.

Firstly, Wang Teng's strength wasn't enough to win everyone's respect.

Secondly, from the communication with the councilor earlier, Ockham learned that Wang Teng's appointment as a councilor wasn't well-received. From the Judges to other councilors, not many sincerely hoped for Wang Teng to join the Academy Arbitration Association.

Of course, there might be some councilors who would support Wang Teng, like the current Councilor Wu De. However, Ockham was confident that the majority of councilors would stand against Wang Teng.

After all, Wang Teng's existence was too unconventional. A freshman becoming a senator was an insult to all councilors.

Those councilors had struggled through hardships, competing with numerous geniuses, and finally passed the assessment to become councilors. In contrast, Wang Teng went from an ordinary student to a regular member of the Arbitration association, then to an associate council member, and finally became a councilor.

It was too easy!

His promotion path turned the efforts of other councilors into a joke.

"Senior Wu De, may I inquire about the Academy Arbitration Association's procedures when an associate council member inexplicably attacks a councilor?" Wang Teng ignored Ockham and turned to Wu De, posing the question.

"Well..." Wu De couldn't help but furrow his brow.

What Ockham had thought of, he had naturally considered as well.

Although Wang Teng had become a councilor, his situation didn't seem favorable.

In such circumstances, persisting in confronting Ockham was not a wise choice.

However, when he saw the calm expression on Wang Teng's face, he realized that the latter had no intention of letting it go.

Having known Wang Teng for a considerable time, Wu De understood that this junior was not someone who would remain silent after being mistreated.

When Feng Qingyan of the Qingyan Society bullied him, Wang Teng had fiercely fought back. It was no different with Ockham.

"Physically assaulting a councilor gives the councilor the right to subdue the aggressor and revoke their associate council member status," Wu De glanced at Ockham, sighed inwardly, and responded.

"Very well! I'm reassured by your words." Wang Teng smiled and nodded.

"You!" Ockham's pupils suddenly contracted.

In the next moment, although a smile lingered on Wang Teng's face, and his gaze turned completely cold. He surged forward, heading straight for Ockham.

Boom!

Chapter 2208: Ruthless And Domineering! (1)

Boom!

A terrifying fist imprint erupted from Wang Teng's fist, flames coalesced and emanated scorching heat.

Wu De was astonished, completely caught off guard by Wang Teng's swift and ruthless response. He decided to strike without any hesitation.

Also, where did he get his confidence to attack a heaven-stage martial warrior on the top 100 heaven-stage martial warrior ranking?

Ockham, equally surprised, reacted swiftly, swiftly retreating with a hint of a cold smile on his face. "I did underestimate you in our previous encounter, but do you think your cosmos-stage strength can contend with me? It's laughable."

A crisp sound echoed as his arm produced a cracking noise, and the previously shattered arm bones instantly healed. He then slammed his palm forcefully towards Wang Teng's fist imprint.

The crimson Force flames condensed into a palm imprint, unmatched in power, emanating a peculiar fluctuation — the power of the domain.

"Oh, really?" Wang Teng sneered coldly, unleashing the power of his physique into the fist imprint.

Sixth Realm Power!

It was an incredibly formidable force. Wang Teng's master hadn't explicitly told him the extent of the Realm Power's strength, but he could sense the terrifying nature of this power.

Even heaven-stage martial warriors might not be able to wield such a potent force.

Furthermore, Wang Teng was currently using the power of his domain — the Sixth-Rank Flame Domain. Without holding back, he directly merged it into the fist imprint, pushing his strength toward the Seventh Realm Power.

Boom!

In the next instant, the collision of their attacks resonated with a dreadful thunderous sound.

The void trembled, revealing rifts in space, and the Force imbued with scorching intent surged outwards, causing the expressions of many to subtly change.

"This temperature!" Ockham's expression changed. Only now did he realize that the temperature of Wang Teng's flaming fist imprint was unusually high. It wasn't ordinary fire.

"Divine flame!"

His gaze fell upon the two types of flames entwined around Wang Teng, quickly deducing what kind of flames they were.

Only divine flames possessed such terrifying temperatures.

Moreover, Wang Teng harbored two types of divine flames, which was simply inconceivable.

Before he could think more, a formidable force swept over him, and his palm imprint instantly crumbled.

Splat!

Ockham was shocked as a mouthful of blood sprayed from his mouth, and his body uncontrollably flew backward.

"How is this possible? How can your strength be so formidable?" He halted his retreat, staring at Wang Teng in disbelief, exclaiming in shock.

"No.86 on the top 100 heaven-stage martial warrior ranking? Is that it?" Wang Teng twisted his fist and looked at his opponent calmly.

Wu De's face was filled with astonishment. How could Wang Teng's strength be so formidable?

He saw Wang Teng and Ockham's exchange of blows. Initially, he thought Ockham was being careless, but now it seemed otherwise.

Wang Teng's strength truly surpassed expectations!

"Come on, let's continue!" Wang Teng shouted and charged forward once again.

"You're just a cosmos-stage martial warrior. I don't believe that you can defeat me." Ockham, infuriated and embarrassed, roared and charged at Wang Teng.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The two clashed in the sky, exchanging attacks that resonated with the power of their domains. Terrifying forces were unleashed.

"Sixth-rank domain!" Wu De looked up at Wang Teng in the sky, his eyes revealing a hint of astonishment. It was truly inconceivable for a cosmos-stage martial warrior to possess a sixth-rank domain.

Yuan Mu's expression also changed. Wang Teng's strength had become even more formidable than when he fought him on the Freshmen Leaderboard. What had he experienced after reaching the summit of the Spiritual Hollow Mountain?

Many speculated about the opportunities Wang Teng might have gained after reaching the summit of the Spiritual Hollow Mountain.

But, no one could guess accurately.

Yuan Mu asked his brother, but even his brother didn't know.

At this moment, everyone was focused on the ongoing battle. They were all shocked, never expecting that a cosmos-stage martial warrior like Wang Teng could directly confront Ockham, who was listed on the top 100 heaven-stage martial warrior ranking.

At the same time, they were curious. Could Wang Teng win Ockham?

If Wang Teng won, wouldn't he be able to directly replace Ockham and become the 86th on the top 100 heaven-stage martial warrior ranking?

But the issue was, Wang Teng was only a cosmos-stage martial warrior.

A cosmos-stage martial warrior entering the top 100 heaven-stage martial warrior ranking was akin to a husky infiltrating a pack of wolves.

Boom!

In the sky, the intensity of the battle escalated.

Ockham's realm had reached the eighth level of the heaven stage so his Force was unquestionably more profound than Wang Teng's. He sneered at Wang Teng, his gaze fixed on him. "To take me down, your strength is still insufficient."

"Let's see how long you can last with your cosmos stage Force."

As his words fell, he appeared above Wang Teng, bringing down a palm with a terrifying flame imprint that seemed to blot out the sky and crush Wang Teng.

This palm contained the power of an eighth-rank domain.

Ockham's strength was indeed formidable. He mastered the eighth-rank domain and could seamlessly integrate it into his combat techniques, unleashing terrifying power.

At the same time, there was a trace of the power of origin. This was the power of the Origin of Flame, which had reached the second rank.

Boom!

Explosions resounded in the sky.

Many people's expressions changed slightly when they saw this scene. Even the heaven-stage martial warriors didn't dare to say that they could withstand this attack.

The strength of those listed on the top 100 heaven-stage martial warrior ranking was truly formidable.

Wang Teng was in danger!

Wu De's gaze changed. He prepared to intervene.

The members of the Academy Arbitration Association weren't all on the same side. Wu De and those associated with the Judge weren't particularly harmonious, so helping Wang Teng was, in a way, helping himself.

Chapter 2209: Ruthless And Domineering! (2)

The moment he learned that Wang Teng had become a councilor, he wanted to pull him over. After all, they had interacted before.

No one was more suitable than him for this task.

Moreover, since he had already taken action, there was no reason to be overly cautious. Otherwise, their relationship would be completely severed today.

"Wang Teng, you're about to lose!" Yuan Mu's eyes gleamed with determination as he murmured to himself.

For some reason, seeing this outcome, he couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief.

It was only logical for Wang Teng to lose. Winning would make him too much of an anomaly.

The people below shook their heads when they saw this scene. Some sighed, while others sneered, thinking that Wang Teng was overestimating himself and would ultimately face defeat.

He was too arrogant!

As a councilor, having weak strength was a significant loss of face.

Right after becoming a councilor, losing so disgracefully would undoubtedly become a joke, making it difficult for him to command respect in the future.

Unaware of the opinions below, Wang Teng's gaze turned sharp as he looked up.

This palm strike was indeed powerful!

He was well aware that, even with the combination of all his attributes and Force, there was still a gap when facing an eighth-level heaven-stage martial warrior.

Moreover, this individual was ranked among the top 100 heaven-stage martial warriors, possessing strength that couldn't be underestimated.

He remained utterly vigilant, fusing all the Force within him into Chaos Force. Simultaneously, all the special flames, except for the Dark Flame, surged out from within him. They condensed on his surface, forming peculiar dragon scales.

These flames were all covered by the Emerald Glazed Flame and the Soul Of Thousand Beasts Flame, making it challenging for outsiders to perceive.

In an instant, Wang Teng's True Dragon Battle Physique (fake) became stronger. A terrifying power flowed through his body.

Seventh Realm Power!

In a moment, Wang Teng's strength reached the Seventh Realm Power.

He received the fifth-rank Solar Dragon Physique from Zhulong Shan, which allowed the True Dragon Battle Physique (fake) to reach the fifth rank too. Its power increased tremendously.

Otherwise, he might not have been able to achieve the Seventh Realm Power.

Wang Teng threw another punch, condensing all his Force into a fist imprint. This time, it wasn't a Flame Fist Imprint, but a complete version of the five-element fist – metal,

wood, water, fire, and earth. The five-colored fist imprints merged. At the same time, the power of the five-element domain merged into the fist imprint and exploded instantly.

With the augmentation of the domain power, the power of this punch approached the Eighth Realm Power!

Simultaneously, Wang Teng merged the power of origin of the five elements into his body. His power of origin had reached the second rank, not weaker than Ockham's.

Moreover, compared to Ockham's monotype origin of power, all five of his Origin Forces had reached the second rank.

As the power of laws of origin fused, the power of the fist imprint escalated steadily, reaching the Ninth Realm Power directly. It continued to rise until it reached the mid-Ninth Realm Power before finally halting.

Wang Teng's eyes gleamed brightly as he delivered a fierce punch.

Boom!

The formidable power surged out with the fist imprint, impacting Ockham's palm imprint directly, colliding with it head-on.

A resounding roar echoed, and the Force shockwaves rolled out in all directions.

For a moment, it felt as if the entire world had frozen. The fist imprint and the palm imprint were locked in a stalemate as if neither could overcome the other.

The onlookers stared at this scene, holding their breath without blinking.

At a certain moment, a series of cracking sounds suddenly rang out.

Upon the palm imprint, cracks radiated, with the fist imprint as the epicenter, spreading in all directions like a spider web.

Ockham's face drastically changed. His eyes trembled intensely with disbelief.

In the next moment, the palm imprint, under his astonished gaze, abruptly shattered with a thunderous explosion.

The Force surged backward, and the momentum of the fist imprint remained undiminished, brutally striking Ockham's body as he had no time to retreat.

Bang!

As he was positioned above at that moment, the punch directly sent him flying upwards.

Ockham, as if struck by lightning, turned pale. Blood kept spurting out of his mouth, and the sound of bones breaking could be heard from his body.

Wang Teng's punch had inflicted severe injuries upon him.

Wang Teng... won?!

Wu De was astonished. He was planning to intervene but found himself lowering his outstretched hand. It seemed unnecessary now.

Yuan Mu's expression stiffened, shaken by the fact that Wang Teng had won! How could his strength be so formidable?

He knew Ockham's strength very well. Even he would find it challenging to defeat him, but Wang Teng had somehow achieved it.

This guy was just too extraordinary!

At this moment, a stronger sense of frustration welled up within him.

After the Grand Disciple Acceptance Ceremony, under the guidance of his teacher, he rebuilt his confidence and was ready to pursue Wang Teng again. He aimed to defeat him one day and reclaim his pride.

However, before he could make a move, it seemed that Wang Teng had already moved even further away.

How could he catch up now?

This unexpected blow caught him off guard, leaving him deeply wounded.

The onlookers below were equally shocked. Ockham had been defeated by Wang Teng, which was truly unbelievable.

"I won't lose!" Ockham was filled with unwillingness. As a heaven-stage martial warrior on the top 100 heaven-stage martial warrior ranking, losing to a cosmos-stage martial warrior was a tremendous humiliation he couldn't bear.

Today, he had become the greatest loser.

Many witnessed this, and soon the news would spread, making him the laughingstock of the entire Stellar Academies.

"No! You lost!" Wang Teng appeared at his side with a flicker and said calmly.

"You!" Ockham's pupils contracted.

"Is being on the top 100 heaven-stage martial warrior ranking that remarkable?" Wang Teng gazed at him, his eyes filled with indifference. A purple brick appeared in his hand.

"What are you going to do?" Ockham suddenly had a foreboding sense of danger. He wanted to break free from Wang Teng, but his bones were shattered, and he couldn't move. His body continued flying backward uncontrollably.

"You're so arrogant that I can't resist the urge to give you a taste of humility." Wang Teng grinned, and the Lightning Slap smashed down.

Bang! Bang! Bang ...

Wang Teng's movements were like a residual image. The Lightning Slap drew arcs in his hand before it landed on Ockham's face, which was filled with horror.

One after another, large bumps swelled up at a visible speed, almost covering his entire face and head.

Swoop! Boom!

Cracking sounds were heard. Ockham's face was burnt.

Soon, a blackened pig head appeared in front of everyone.

"This..." The crowd widened their eyes, looking at this scene in disbelief. It was even more shocking than seeing Wang Teng defeat Ockham.

Was Wang Teng a devil?

He must be!

Ockham, at least, was a powerhouse on the top 100 heaven-stage martial warrior ranking. Being defeated was one thing, but suffering such inhuman torture was another!

Wu De's mouth twitched, his eyes filled with astonishment.

He had seen Wang Teng use this brick to attack people before, but it was always against new students. He didn't expect that today, even a senior student like Ockham would fall victim to this cruel treatment.

He suddenly had a premonition that Wang Teng seemed to be extending his evil hand to the senior students.

Danger!

Yuan Mu felt a dull ache all over his body as if recalling the experience of being brutally beaten by Wang Teng in the Freshmen Leaderboard. Fortunately, at that time, Wang Teng hadn't used this brick. Otherwise, his handsome face might be in danger.

This was simply inhumane!

Boom!

After a moment, Wang Teng swung the brick down, and Ockham's body uncontrollably plummeted toward the ground, creating a deep pit upon impact.

Silence enveloped the surroundings.

All eyes stared blankly at the half-dead Ockham in the deep pit. Their mouths were slightly agape, they had completely lost the ability to speak.

At this moment, they truly realized the extent of Wang Teng's methods.

They suddenly discovered that this new councilor, despite having just taken office without any foundation, and perhaps ranking at the bottom in terms of strength among many councilors, was not someone to be trifled with.

His ruthless and domineering methods were in no way inferior to those of well-established councilors.

Ockham thought he could easily manipulate Wang Teng, but the reality proved that he paid a heavy price for it.

"Ockham violated the rules, assaulting a councilor. I, as a councilor, declare the revocation of his associate council member status. Does anyone have any objections?" Wang Teng looked down at the subdued Ockham, calmly announcing his decision.

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Wang Teng's calm voice spread slowly, capturing the attention of everyone around him.

For a moment, you could hear a pin drop in the silence.

Wang Teng was about to directly revoke Ockham's associate council member status, a move considered exceptionally ruthless!

With this decision, Ockham not only lost face but also faced the prospect of losing his associate council member status. It was a severe blow, leaving him in a humiliating position.

Was it worth it to retaliate against Wang Teng at the cost of such heavy consequences?

Sympathy began to well up among the onlookers.

Yuan Mu's expression changed slightly, and he looked at Wang Teng with a hint of astonishment. Revoking Ockham's associate council member status directly was a harsh move, leaving no room for compromise.

Wu De, too, was taken aback by Wang Teng's decision. He thought Wang Teng intended to make Ockham lose face, not to completely strip him of his associate council member status. Wasn't he afraid of offending those who supported Ockham behind the scenes?

In the past, Ockham's associate council member status got snatched by Wang Teng. Half a year later, when the councilor promotion assessment was about to start, he miraculously regained his associate council member status. There must be someone supporting him.

The heaven-stage martial warriors who attacked Wang Teng with Ockham were appalled. They stared at Wang Teng in disbelief.

If Ockham were revoked, they would be in a precarious situation.

However, they couldn't act at this moment. Wang Teng's actions made them wary, and the presence of Councilor Wu De deterred them from taking any reckless actions.

They felt locked down, and attempting to make a move would surely prompt Councilor Wu De to intervene.

They wouldn't be able to break this situation alone.

"Pfft!"

At this moment, Ockham, struggling to rise from the ground, heard Wang Teng's words and sprayed out another mouthful of blood. His eyes were filled with despair.

"Enough, you can leave," Wang Teng glanced at him and said calmly.

"Wang Teng!" Ockham clenched his fist, his eyes bloodshot. He glared at Wang Teng, struggling to utter Wang Teng's name through gritted teeth.

"Why aren't you leaving? Is this not enough?" Wang Teng asked.

"Wang Teng, this is too much. I don't even know that you're a councilor..." Ockham was furious and struggled to speak coherently.

"Still want to argue? You knew my identity, yet, driven by personal grievances, you dared to attack me, belittling me for not having a solid foundation, trying to make me lose face. Do you have any respect for the Academy Arbitration Association?" Wang Teng shouted fiercely.

"You!" Ockham's eyes widened. His fingers trembled as he pointed at Wang Teng. "I didn't! You're spouting nonsense!"

"Whether you did or not, you know it in your heart," Wang Teng sneered.

Wu De's expression turned strange. Wang Teng was not someone easy to deal with. Not only did he have a thick skin, but he also had a dark heart.

"Enough!"

Just at that moment, a stern voice rang out.

Wu De's expression shifted slightly, looking towards the void. A figure slowly emerged, walking through the air.

It was a martial warrior with long blue hair, appearing to be around twenty-seven or twenty-eight years old. His ears were slightly pointed, and he had a remarkably handsome face. A rhombus-shaped crystal was embedded at his forehead, seemingly fused with his flesh, giving off a mysterious aura.

This person was none other than a wind element fairy, a windranger!

"Councilor Ernest!"

Now he finally understood who was helping Ockham.

The person before them was a councilor who sided with the Judge and, at the same time, served as Ockham's backer.

"Windranger!" Wang Teng squinted. He didn't expect to meet another Windranger in the Stellar Academies.

In the Great Qian Empire's No. 29 Defense Planet, he met a Windranger who was controlled by a dark apparition.

However, that person clearly couldn't compare to the figure before them.

The person standing before them was a universe-stage martial warrior. The faint aura emanating from him was beyond what a heaven-stage martial warrior could possess.

Windrangers were considered a powerful race in the universe, and the strength of a windranger who had grown to the universe stage could be imagined.

"Councilor Ernest!" Ockham was elated. He looked at the Windranger hopefully.

The other heaven-stage martial warriors also showed pleased expressions. Excellent, Councilor Ernest had stepped in. Now, let's see how Wang Teng would handle this.

Yuan Mu's eyes gleamed as he respectfully nodded toward Councilor Ernest. This councilor held a significant position in his brother's circle, and he had to maintain proper respect.

In the universe, showing enough respect to powerful individuals was considered a basic courtesy.

Councilor Ernest looked at Yuan Mu, a hint of a smile appearing on his face as he nodded slightly. Then, his gaze shifted to Wang Teng, and the smile faded away. He spoke in a calm tone, "Councilor Wang Teng, it's just a minor matter. Why make it such a big fuss? Give me some face, and let's consider this matter settled."

"Councilor Ernest, right?" Wang Teng asked.

"That's right." Ernest frowned slightly.

Seated in a position of authority with formidable strength, Councilor Ernest commanded respect from everyone. Even the Judge's brother, Yuan Mu, showed him great deference.

However, the tone used by Wang Teng now left Ernest feeling an absence of respect.

Although both were councilors, Ernest had never considered them equals. This Wang Teng was just a freshman, similar to Yuan Mu.

While he was genuinely surprised that Wang Teng had defeated Ockham, it wasn't enough to impress him.

Engaging in a calm conversation with a cosmos-stage martial warrior like Wang Teng was already Ernest's greatest act of mercy and patience.

"Do you think it's a small matter if a councilor from the Academy Arbitration Association is insulted, Councilor Ernest?" Wang Teng countered.

Ernest's brow furrowed even more deeply. Undoubtedly, Wang Teng had turned the tables on him. If he answered 'yes,' he would be placing the dignity of a councilor in a precarious position.

"If Councilor Ernest encounters such a situation, would you generously forgive others as well?" Wang Teng grinned at him. "Please, answer honestly. So many people are watching. If someone inadvertently offends Councilor Ernest in the future, will you also forgive them?"

Ernest's expression darkened, a cold glint flashing in his eyes as he stared at Wang Teng.

Wu De couldn't help but find it amusing. He initially intended to assist Wang Teng, but now he realized that even Ernest was at a disadvantage in front of him. It was quite entertaining.

Yuan Mu looked at Wang Teng with surprise, secretly sneering. He couldn't believe Wang Teng dared to confront Councilor Ernest like this. He was courting death.

"Outrageous! Wang Teng, how dare you speak to Councilor Ernest like this?" Ockham, enduring intense pain, shouted.

"You heard it. This guy has no respect for me as a councilor," Wang Teng said, glancing at Ernest. He smiled faintly, a glint of coldness flashing in his eyes, and then vanished from his original position.

Ernest's face darkened, reaching out to grab Wang Teng.

Wu De, however, intercepted him with a smile. "Councilor Ernest, Ockham showed disrespect to a councilor and should face punishment."

Boom!

The next moment, Wang Teng appeared directly above Ockham, stomping down with tremendous force onto his head. The terrifying power erupted instantly.

"You!" Ockham never expected that Wang Teng would dare to act in front of Councilor Ernest. He looked at Wang Teng in disbelief.

Splat!

Without much time to think, a terrifying force surged into his body, causing him to scream in agony. He spat out a large amount of blood, and his entire body was forcefully pressed into the pit by Wang Teng.

"You... rascal!" His face turned pale, struggling to lift his head to gaze at Wang Teng.

"What qualifications do you have to speak to me like that?" Wang Teng looked down at Ockham with indifference.

"Wang Teng!" Ernest's eyes glinted with coldness as he stared at Wang Teng, saying, "You've gone too far. Ockham is under my protection. You have no right to discipline him."

"He disrespected me, so I have the right to discipline him. Any objections, Councilor Ernest?" Wang Teng looked at him fearlessly and spoke.

"This is the Academy Arbitration Association, not a place for your insolence," Ernest said coldly.

"Is it wrong for me to discipline someone who disrespected me?" Wang Teng asked.

"Even if Ockham is at fault, you shouldn't have beaten him like this. Is this how you conduct yourself?" Ernest reprimanded him in a cold voice.

"My conduct is tit for tat. I treat friendly people with tea, and for those with hostility, I'm sorry, but there's only this pair of fists." Wang Teng sneered.

"Ockham is under your protection, so you intend to shield him?" Wang Teng asked.

"If Councilor Ernest has any objections to me, you can report to the Academy Arbitration Association and see if they can kick me out."

"What a sharp-tongued Councilor Wang Teng!" Ernest's face darkened to the extreme. Wang Teng had completely backed him into a corner, leaving him with no words. He coldly hummed, "Today's events will be reported to the Academy Arbitration Association. I'll have all the councilors vote to revoke your councilor status. With your conduct, you're utterly unfit for the position of a councilor."

"Want to revoke my councilor status?" Wang Teng laughed, tilting his head. "Just you?"

"Do you represent the entire Academy Arbitration Association?"

"What did you say?" Ernest's expression turned icy. No one had dared to speak to him like this before. Wang Teng's repeated mockery infuriated him to the extreme. A terrifying aura erupted from him, pressing down on Wang Teng.

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Yuan Mu's expression changed instantly. Wang Teng was acting recklessly, pushing Ernest, a councilor, to such an extent. Wasn't he afraid of being suppressed on the spot?

Although Wang Teng had already proven he could defeat Ockham, challenging Ernest was a different story.

The onlookers below were also stunned. Wang Teng was too audacious, daring to confront even Councilor Ernest. Wasn't he afraid?

Wang Teng's gaze focused, showing no fear of Ernest's released pressure. In return, he emanated a terrifying aura.

Lightning appeared in the void, displaying a mighty and unyielding presence.

Simultaneously, an ancient and vast aura, as if traversing the endless ages, descended upon this world, leaving everyone in awe.

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The emergence of this imposing presence shook the onlookers.

No one could have anticipated that Wang Teng's aura would rival Ernest's.

The thunderous and mighty aura, along with the ancient and profound atmosphere, was usually only seen in the presence of eternal-stage powerhouses.

But now, it manifested around Wang Teng.

He was a cosmos-stage martial warrior. The difference between him and an eternal-stage martial warrior was supposed to be insurmountable.

How could he possess such an aura?

Ernest's expression changed, puzzled by how Wang Teng could emanate such a strong aura. Even Ernest's imposing presence was being overshadowed.

Yuan Mu observed this scene, his gaze rapidly flickering in disbelief.

Back when Wang Teng single-handedly faced off against the top ten geniuses in the Freshmen Leaderboard, he displayed a similar aura. However, the fact that this aura could contend with a universe-stage powerhouse was beyond comprehension.

Wu De, too, felt a sense of awe. Wang Teng continually shattered his preconceptions.

As Ernest unleashed his aura, he prepared to take action. But, he didn't anticipate that Wang Teng would react even faster, releasing an aura comparable to his.

How did this guy cultivate?

But soon, he quickly recovered and said in a deep voice, "Councilor Ernest, have you considered the consequences of your actions?"

"He is provoking me," Ernest replied calmly.

"Hmph." Wang Teng sneered and said, "If Councilor Ernest thinks that being a freshman means I can be bullied, then feel free to come at me."

"I don't hold this councilor status in as high regard as you do. I just hope you can bear the consequences of your actions."

"Sometimes ignorance is truly laughable."

With that, he shook his head and turned around, ready to leave.

"The so-called Academy Arbitration Association is so dirty. You disappoint me. I'd rather not be a councilor."

Ernest's expression also completely changed. His chest heaved violently, and he was filled with anger almost reaching volcanic eruption. His eyes radiated a cold light, and intense killing intent was brewing.

His voice spread throughout the surroundings, causing everyone's expressions to change drastically. Wang Teng was questioning the integrity of the Academy Arbitration Association.

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This bastard dared to call him ignorant? Dared to call him laughable?

He even dared to question the Academy Arbitration Association.

If news of today's events spread, his reputation would likely be completely tarnished.

Unexpectedly, Wang Teng, whom he thought he could easily manipulate, had pushed him to such an extent.

The problem was that he had no way to deal with Wang Teng.

Ernest's face turned pale. His gaze locked onto Wang Teng's retreating figure. He refused to believe that Wang Teng would give up his councilor status so easily.

Wang Teng seemed to be deliberately leading him on, trying to force him to submit.

This was just wishful thinking. He would never yield to a cosmos-stage martial warrior, absolutely not.

Step by step, Wang Teng moved toward his Devil Slayer spacecraft. He wasn't joking.

He currently had no means to deal with Ernest, but these people were delusional if they thought they could humiliate him. He hadn't come here to be bullied.

As for this score, he would settle it slowly in the future.

Although he had indeed defeated a universe-stage martial warrior before, those were highly exceptional circumstances. Ernest was undoubtedly at the pinnacle among universe-stage beings, someone he couldn't contend with at the moment.

Councilor Wu De observed the scene without intervening, his eyes filled with a hint of mockery.

How interesting.

Wang Teng, even before officially joining the Academy Arbitration Association, managed to make old-timer councilors like Ernest suffer a setback, to the point where Ernest had no means to deal with him.

This was the first time in history.

Ernest, what would you do?

Senator Wood was intrigued. Would he allow Wang Teng to leave freely, or would he admit to his mistakes?

Suddenly, his expression changed. He looked in another direction.

"Councilor Wang Teng, please wait!"

A voice rang out, and three figures appeared abruptly in front of Wang Teng, blocking his way.

"This is getting more and more interesting!" Wu De's couldn't help but feel a slight excitement.

One Wang Teng had managed to attract the attention of so many councilors.

It seemed that Wang Teng's entry into the Academy Arbitration Association had stirred the interest of many. If not, these individuals wouldn't have appeared simultaneously.

If Wang Teng didn't cause such a commotion, they wouldn't appear here and would just continue watching the drama.

Wang Teng narrowed his eyes, scrutinizing the group of individuals. He activated his Real Eye, allowing him to discern their strengths, which were no less than that of Ernest. The Force glow around them was dazzling, indicating they were all at the universe stage.

The simultaneous appearance of several universe-stage martial warriors, especially in such circumstances, indicated that they were most likely councilors.

They didn't show up earlier, but now they all appeared one by one.

Hmph~

Wang Teng snorted in his heart.

"Councilor Song Kuan!"

"Councilor Hong Lie!"

"Councilor Antoine!"

"Goodness, these are well-known councilors, and they have all appeared because of Wang Teng."

"Amazing, Wang Teng is indeed extraordinary, managing to attract so many councilors at once."

"I just wonder which side these councilors are on."

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The onlookers below were shocked to see three councilors appear simultaneously. They couldn't help but discuss the situation.

"What is it?"

Wang Teng's mood was not particularly good at the moment. He didn't treat them with much regard, and when he saw the three figures in front of him, he simply asked indifferently.

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Among the three individuals before him, two of them frowned slightly, seemingly displeased. They felt that Wang Teng had a huge temper.

The one leading them was a seemingly genial young man who introduced himself, saying, "Councilor Wang Teng, my name is Song Kuan. I am also a councilor within the Academy Arbitration Association."

"Wang Teng, Councilor Song Kuan is neutral. He's not on the judge's side," Wu De said hurriedly using voice transmission.

"Councilor Song Kuan." Wang Teng nodded at the other party.

Since he was not affiliated with the Judge, there was no need to direct his anger towards him.

At this point, Wang Teng was gaining some understanding of the internal power struggles within the Academy Arbitration Association.

Ernest was evidently on the Judge's side, which was the most powerful faction within the Academy Arbitration Association of the Seventh Stellar Academy.

However, it was clear that they didn't particularly favor Wang Teng.

The events of today led Wang Teng to consider many possibilities. Perhaps from the beginning, the Seventh Judge had wanted to suppress him by not allowing him to enter the core circle of the Arbitration Association so quickly.

Unfortunately, things did not go as planned. Wang Teng was not one to be easily suppressed. His decisive actions caught the Judge off guard, making it impossible to prevent him from entering the core circle of the Academy Arbitration Association.

One could only imagine the current frustration of the Judge over this matter.

Wang Teng couldn't help but think about this. Suddenly, he found it amusing.

The idea of causing vexation to a Judge gave him a peculiar sense of accomplishment.

"Councilor Wang Teng, the previous actions of Councilor Ernest were indeed inappropriate, but our Academy Arbitration Association is by no means as you imagine. Please do not misunderstand," Councilor Song Kuan said, noticing the softened tone of Wang Teng.

"I also want to believe that the Academy Arbitration Association is just, but what I have witnessed today, even my personal experience, has left me somewhat disheartened." Wang Teng shook his head, expressing a sense of grievance and profound disappointment.

"Well..." Councilor Song Kuan was somewhat at a loss for words. After a brief pause, he looked behind him and said, "Councilor Ernest, your handling of this matter was indeed not well considered. For the sake of the reputation of the Academy Arbitration Association, you should apologize to Councilor Wang Teng."

Wang Teng was a bit surprised. Councilor Song Kuan requested an apology from Ernest. This was intriguing.

"Apologize! Absolutely impossible," Ernest's expression turned grim.

"Councilor Song Kuan, you've seen it. Councilor Ernest is simply trying to humiliate me," Wang Teng said.

"What do you think?" Councilor Song Kuan shook his head and looked at the other two councilors.

Hong Lie and Antoine exchanged glances with each other. They were in a dilemma but ultimately chose to compromise.

"Ernest, apologize. Don't make things difficult for the Judge," Hong Lie said using voice transmission.

"Apologize to a cosmos-stage martial warrior? Have you all gone mad?" Ernest's face darkened.

"It's not that we've gone mad, but if this matter continues to escalate, it will inevitably involve the president. Wang Teng's status as a councilor was personally requested by the president. Consider how the Judge will ultimately handle this," Antoine said.

"What? The president!" Ernest's expression changed drastically, looking at Wang Teng with disbelief.

"Otherwise, how do you think he went from an associate council member to a councilor?" Hong Lie sighed.

Ernest's expression kept changing. He was undergoing intense inner struggles. Finally, he gritted his teeth and said, "Fine, I apologize. I won't make things difficult for the Judge."

At this point, the onlookers below were already having difficulty processing the situation. Those councilors actually made Councilor Ernest apologize to Wang Teng?!

Ockham wore a shocked expression, feeling as if his heart had turned to ashes. If Councilor Ernest was forced to apologize, was there any hope left for him?

How did this happen?

Things shouldn't be like this!

On what grounds did Wang Teng make a long-established, powerful councilor in the Academy Arbitration Association apologize?

Countless doubts surged in Ockham's mind.

Yuan Mu stared blankly at everything, his fists unconsciously clenched. Wang Teng had caught him completely off guard. Why could he consistently achieve what others couldn't?

Wang Teng calmly watched Ernest, his eyes indifferent yet tinged with a hint of mockery.

Seeing Wang Teng's expression, Ernest felt extreme humiliation. He maintained a stoic expression and took a deep breath.

"I apologize for the improper handling of the matter involving Ockham earlier. It's entirely my fault and has nothing to do with the arbitration association."

His voice wasn't low, ensuring that everyone in the vicinity could hear. It seemed like a genuinely sincere acknowledgment of his mistake.

Gasp!

A collective gasp swept through the crowd.

Ernest had offered a genuine apology.

A universe-stage martial warrior apologizing to a cosmos-stage martial warrior!

A veteran councilor apologizing to a new councilor!

It was beyond imagination.

The gleam in Ockham's eyes completely dimmed. With Councilor Ernest's apology, he was beyond salvation.

Wrong!

He was wrong!

To make a veteran senator apologize—Wang Teng was someone he couldn't afford to provoke.

Now he realized how absurd he had been, foolishly attempting to provoke someone he couldn't handle. It was a bitter pill to swallow.

Yuan Mu's mind was in turmoil, unable to find calmness. Something seemed to be sprouting within him.

So, this was true dominance!

In the past, he had lived under the shadow of his brother's influence. All his semblance of dominance stemmed from his brother, not from himself.

He couldn't be compared to Wang Teng.

Wang Teng's eyes narrowed slightly, a sense of vigilance rising within. Ernest was no ordinary opponent. He could bend and yield, as evidenced by his public apology.

Such adversaries were the most formidable.

Unfortunately, he was unable to resolve this adversary currently.

He understood very well that the animosity between him and Ernest had solidified today. Ernest wouldn't easily let him off, and he had no intention of letting it end either.

Both were acutely aware of this.

"Councilor Wang Teng, Councilor Ernest has already apologized to you. What do you think?" Councilor Song Kuan inquired.

"What about this man?" Wang Teng pointed at Ockham.

"Ockham attacked a councilor without cause, so naturally, his associate council member status should be revoked," Hong Lie interjected indifferently before Song Kuan could speak.

He was just an associate council member. Revoking him was not a problem.

Even if he had become a councilor, in their eyes, he was still far inferior.

They had held councilor positions for a long time, wielding indescribable influence within the Academy Arbitration Association. Newly appointed councilors were incomparable to them.

Of course, Wang Teng was an exception.

He was so special that the councilors had to treat him with caution. Otherwise, today's scene wouldn't have unfolded.

Wang Teng looked at Ernest.

"Revoke it," Ernest said nonchalantly, no longer sparing a glance at Ockham.

"Good!" Wang Teng nodded and said, "It would have been better if things had turned out this way earlier. Why escalate it to this extent?"

Ockham wore an expression of despair. The position he had pursued for years was now irretrievably lost, and it seemed unlikely that he would ever have another chance to enter the Academy Arbitration Association.

After having his associate council member status revoked, he would be completely estranged from the council.

Many onlookers sighed in sympathy. Ockham's fate was truly tragic. Offending Wang Teng had led to a fate worse than a beating, a thousand times more miserable.

"Councilor Wang Teng, since the matter has been resolved, why not accompany us to handle the formalities for your councilor position?" Councilor Song Kuan gestured, suggesting they move on.

Wang Teng had become a hot potato. To avoid further escalation, it was best to facilitate his smooth transition to a councilor. This way, they could prevent drawing the attention of the president.

Wang Teng nodded. At this stage, he wouldn't give up his councilor status. To counterbalance against Ernest, he needed to leverage this position.

Song Kuan breathed a sigh of relief. Subsequently, they led Wang Teng towards the interior of the Academy Arbitration Association.

Ernest's gaze remained cold as he stared at Wang Teng's departing figure. It wasn't until Wang Teng had completely entered the council that Ernest's silhouette slowly faded away.

Yuan Mu sighed and cast a glance at Ockham. He instructed someone to help him with his injuries before turning away. He needed to return to his cultivation and catch up with Wang Teng.

The onlookers gradually dispersed, but each person continued to discuss the incident with great interest.

The events that had unfolded at the entrance of the Academy Arbitration Association today were destined to be remembered. No one had ever dared to be so "audacious" at the council's doorstep!

Someone also recorded the recent happenings, turning them into a video and sharing it on the students' internal network, causing a significant stir.

Chapter 2213: Tong Ya's Gift! (1)

The events at the entrance of the Academy Arbitration Association quickly spread throughout the Seventh Stellar Academy.

"Wang Teng became a councilor?!"

This was everyone's first reaction after hearing the news.

Wang Teng had been an associate council member, and now, surprisingly, he became a councilor. It caught everyone off guard.

Outsiders were unaware of what had happened, and why Wang Teng had suddenly become a councilor without even passing the councilor promotion assessment.

However, they had to believe it as many saw on the internal network video that several councilors had acknowledged Wang Teng's councilor status.

This was an undeniable fact.

"Councilor!"

When Feng Qingyan learned of this news, his expression changed drastically. His face was as black as the bottom of a pot.

He had just prepared to seclude himself for cultivation when he heard this news, making it impossible for him to focus on seclusion.

"This person must be eliminated!"

Murderous intent surged in Feng Qingyan's eyes. Wang Teng had gradually reached a threatening position. If he was allowed to continue developing, even standing firm in the Academy Arbitration Association, Feng Qingyan would likely face difficulties.

Knowing Wang Teng's vengeful nature, Feng Qingyan believed that, given Wang Teng's past actions, he wouldn't easily relent.

"How are the preparations you made?" Ruan Banlian hurriedly approached, asking immediately upon meeting.

"As long as he leaves the stellar academy, we can take action," Feng Qingyan glanced at her and said calmly.

"Good!" Ruan Banlian took a deep breath, calmed her emotions, and coldly stated, "Now that he has become a councilor, he will definitely leave the stellar academy for relevant tasks. This is an excellent opportunity. We can't let him continue to grow."

"Rest assured, this time he won't escape." Feng Qingyan spoke with confidence.

Seeing his demeanor, Ruan Banlian was very curious about the methods he had employed. However, she didn't get an answer after asking him a few times. Hence, she decided not to press further this time.

On the other side, Yue Qiqiao, Wu Yan, and others also received the news simultaneously, causing quite a stir.

"Councilor!"

"I didn't expect Wang Teng to become a councilor!" Yue Qiqiao exclaimed.

"How did he manage that?" Wu Yan's eyes flickered with disbelief. That guy had become a councilor.

That was the councilor of the Academy Arbitration Association, a position that even heaven-stage martial warriors might struggle to attain. It was unbelievable that Wang Teng, who was only at the cosmos stage, became a councilor successfully.

Yu Yunxian, Baichuan Liu, Lu Tian, and the others showed expressions of surprise as well. Despite acknowledging that Wang Teng was indeed more formidable than them, the speed at which he ascended to become a councilor was astonishing.

In a blink of an eye, he became a councilor of the Academy Arbitration Association. They immediately felt the difference in status.

"Hahaha, the boss is mighty, the boss is awesome!" Wade, on the other hand, didn't dwell on the complexities. For him, the news of Wang Teng becoming a councilor was a huge cause for celebration.

Becoming a councilor with the status of a new student was an unprecedented event. The only way to describe it was with one word—impressive!

"But this guy offended another councilor right after becoming one. Is that a good move?" Yue Qiqiao remarked with a speechless expression.

"Uh..." The others were also a bit speechless.

Upon reflection, they realized that Wang Teng seemed to have offended a veteran councilor named Ernest right after becoming a councilor, and he did so quite thoroughly without leaving any room for reconciliation.

His talent for stirring up trouble was truly unmatched!

"But it seems like that Councilor Ernest didn't do anything to the boss in the end?" Wade couldn't help muttering.

"Wang Teng may not seem to have suffered a loss this time, but the other party is a seasoned councilor with tremendous influence. If he wants to deal with Wang Teng, it's simple," Yue Qiqiao shook her head.

"That's true. I've heard of that Councilor Ernest. Even my big brother has to be cautious around him," Wu Yan said with a slightly serious expression.

"Let's hope Wang Teng is truly confident in dealing with it," Yue Qiqiao sighed. They had no way of intervening in the matters of the Academy Arbitration Association.

Wu Yan and the others shook their heads and didn't say much more.

On the other side, inside an estate, Tong En and a breathtakingly beautiful woman sat together. Both of them had also received the news of Wang Teng becoming a councilor.

"Sister, see? I was right about him. This guy is not simple at all," Tong En's eyes flashed with a hint of surprise. Then, she gloated.

"A councilor?" The stunning woman raised an eyebrow and nodded. "Becoming a councilor in the Academy Arbitration Association right after reaching the cosmos stage is indeed not simple. No wonder you've been praising him."

The beautiful woman was none other than Tong En's sister, the beauty listed on the universe goddess rank, Tong Ya.

If one observed their features closely, there were similarities between them.

It could be said that Tong En's cute appearance was a slightly misshapen creation by the Creator.

"And he dared to offend Ernest the moment he entered the Academy Arbitration Association. It really surprised me," Tong Ya commented as she watched the video circulating on the internal network.

"He's bold and fearless. Ernest thought he had him figured out, but he didn't expect to encounter a tough and unyielding opponent who's as hard as a rock." Tong En laughed.

"Hard as a rock, your metaphors are quite crude," Tong Ya said with a bit of exasperation.

"He's just that kind of person," Tong En grinned. "But he's not bad to his friends."

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Tong Ya nodded. She gave her a meaningful look and said, "It seems like you have a high opinion of him."

"Sister, do you think Wang Teng's alchemy skills can be of help to you?" Tong En leaned in, linking arms with Tong Ya, and asked with a mischievous smile.

"Oh? You want him to help me?" Tong Ya raised an eyebrow in surprise.

"Yes, his alchemy skills are quite extraordinary. The appearance of the Azure Dragon last time seemed to be related to him. Someone who can refine such high-level pills should be capable of assisting you," Tong En said.

"I see." Tong Ya nodded and said, "But the materials for that kind of elixir are hard to find. Even if you managed to find one of the main ingredients on the Scorpion King Star, there's still another scarce main ingredient missing, and I'm still searching for it."

She sighed as she spoke.

"What should we do? What other material is still missing?" Tong En asked anxiously.

"I can suppress the poison in my body for some time. You don't have to worry too much." Tong Ya smiled.

"What ingredient do we need? Sister, tell me quickly. Are you trying to drive me crazy?" Tong En asked agitatedly.

"You're still so impatient," Tong Ya chuckled and patted his head affectionately. "The missing material is called Cloud Immortal Milk."

"Cloud Immortal Milk!" Tong En furrowed his brows. "I've never heard of such a material."

"It's normal that you haven't heard of it. Generally, only universe-stage martial warriors and above would come into contact with it," Tong Ya explained. Her tone turned stern as she continued, "Don't go looking for it. It's extremely rare, and its grade is quite high. It has a fatal attraction to ultimate stage imperial-level star beasts and above. Therefore, such treasures are always guarded by powerful star beasts. It's not something you, a heaven-stage martial warrior, can obtain."

"Ultimate stage imperial-level and above star beasts!" Tong En was flabbergasted. She stuck out her tongue, exclaiming, "Looks like only you, sis, can handle this. I can't."

He was quite self-aware. If Cloud Immortal Milk was guarded by star beasts of the ultimate stage imperial level and above, it was definitely beyond her reach. While she wanted to help her sister, she knew her limitations.

If she recklessly tried to find Cloud Immortal Milk, she might end up needing her sister to rescue her. That would be awkward.

"As long as you understand," Tong Ya said.

"Should I drop a hint to Wang Teng and see what he says?" Tong En suggested, clearly not giving up on the idea of seeking Wang Teng's help.

"Let's do this. With his recent appointment as a councilor, you can send a gift in my name," Tong Ya proposed. She thought for a moment and waved her hand, conjuring a delicate jade box onto the table.

"In your name!" Tong En exclaimed in surprise. She hadn't expected his sister to take the initiative to send a gift.

It seemed that even her sister was approaching Wang Teng with caution after he became a councilor.

Opening the jade box, Tong En found an ancient-looking scroll inside.

"What is this?" Tong En looked at the scroll in the jade box and asked curiously.

"This is an alchemical manual I happened to obtain, written by a semi-alchemy saint. Originally, I planned to use it to impress alchemists when seeking their assistance. But now that you've found an excellent alchemist for me, I'll give this manual to him," Tong Ya explained with a smile.

"A semi-alchemy saint's alchemical manual!" Tong En exclaimed in astonishment. "Sis, you're generous."

"This item isn't of much use to us. Its true potential can only be realized in the hands of a grandmaster alchemist," Tong Ya said nonchalantly.

"Don't say that. If you auctioned it off, many grandmaster alchemists would be eager to obtain it. They'd be more than willing to help you with making pills. It's a real bargain for Wang Teng," Tong En remarked.

"How can other alchemists compare to Grandmaster Wang Teng? He's so young and exceptionally talented in martial arts. Giving away a somewhat unimportant alchemical manual to gain his friendship and take advantage of the situation is a win for us," Tong Ya said with a wise twinkle in her eyes, chuckling.

"Sis, you're quite cunning," Tong En said, staring at her in disbelief before finally responding.

She thought she was clever, but compared to her sister, she felt like a fool. No wonder her sister made it onto the universe goddess rank.

"Did you just call your sister cunning?" Tong Ya poked her cheek with an annoyed expression, rolling her eyes.

"Haha." Tong En chuckled, not caring at all. She didn't call her sister scheming. It was just a playful comment among sisters.

"Go on then," Tong Ya said, shaking her head with a smile.

"Alright, I'm off," Tong En nodded, picking up the jade box from the table and happily bouncing away.

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Tong En wasn't the only one who took action after seeing the news.

Even Ji Feiyun, Wu Ta, and the others began to prepare gifts to congratulate Wang Teng, just like Tong Ya did.

Becoming a councilor elevated Wang Teng's status to a level equal to theirs.

If before, they were only interested in Wang Teng's potential, now they had to treat him on an equal footing due to his official position.

In a way, they were delighted that Wang Teng had become a councilor, as it affirmed the wisdom of their decision to invest in him from the beginning.

"Wang Teng has become a councilor!"

The warriors of the Solar Dragon Race also gathered together. Upon seeing the news, Zhulong Shan was filled with astonishment, followed by envy and jealousy.

"It seems I need to send him a gift too," Zhulong Shuang chuckled. She stretched her large, beautiful body and yawned lazily.

"Do we really have to do that? We are from the Solar Dragon Race!" Zhulong Hao frowned.

"Whether I send a gift or not is my business, and it has nothing to do with you guys," Zhulong Shuang casually remarked.

"... You are still part of the Solar Dragon Race too." Zhulong Hao and the others were speechless.

"Is it shameful to give a gift to a councilor?" Zhulong Shuang asked.

"He's just a cosmos-stage martial warrior, and he offended Councilor Ernest. Don't forget, Councilor Ernest is on the Judge's side," Zhulong Hao said.

"So what?" Zhulong Shuang remained unmoved and continued walking out of the estate.

"Ridiculous!" Zhulong Hao was furious. This woman never gave him face during internal meetings.

Externally, Zhulong Shuang would stand with them because they were all from the Solar Dragon Race.

However, Zhulong Shuang and Zhulong Hao were on different sides. They had their own factions in their race, so they never agreed with each other.

Zhulong Shan's gaze flickered. His elder brother, Zhulong Ye, was on the Judge's side, but Zhulong Shuang insisted on siding with Wang Teng.

"A bunch of idiots!" Zhulong Shuang walked out of the gate, shook her head, and cursed disdainfully.

A few martial warriors from the Solar Dragon Race walked out with her. Upon hearing her curse, they couldn't help but feel a bit awkward.

"Sister Shuang, do we have to give a gift to that Wang Teng?" A heaven-stage martial warrior from the Solar Dragon Race asked.

"Why, do you disagree too?" Zhulong Shuang said.

"It's not that we disagree. It's just that we're a bit confused. Wang Teng's foundation is not stable, and rushing to establish a relationship with him might not be wise," the Solar Dragon Race martial warrior said.

"I see potential in him, that's all," Zhulong Shuang glanced at him and said indifferently.

"Erm..." The Solar Dragon Race martial warriors were stunned. They didn't expect Zhulong Shuang to give such a whimsical answer, leaving them unsure of how to respond.

"Use your brains to think. If we wait for him to establish a firm foothold before trying to establish a relationship, will it be the same as it is now?" Zhulong Shuang sneered.

The Solar Dragon Race martial warriors looked at each other. They naturally understood this principle, but the risk seemed somewhat significant, leading to their hesitation.

"Risks always come proportionate to rewards. If I bet right this time, I will gain substantial rewards," Zhulong Shuang's eyes gleamed as she spoke.

"Since Sister Shuang is willing to take the gamble, then we naturally follow suit and take the risk." The martial warriors from the Solar Dragon Race exchanged glances and immediately expressed their stance.

"Very well." Zhulong Shuang patted the shoulder of the Solar Dragon Race martial warrior who had spoken earlier and smiled.

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Academy Arbitration Association.

Councilor Song Kuan handed a badge to Wang Teng with a smile and said, "Councilor Wang Teng, from now on, we are colleagues. Let's chat more when we have time."

Wang Teng took the badge, examined it, and noticed the unique emblem of the Arbitration Association along with a star, symbolizing his new status as a councilor.

If there were no stars, it would mean being an ordinary member.

"Thank you, Councilor Song Kuan." Wang Teng greeted the young man before him with a fist and a smile.

"No need to be so polite," Song Kuan shook his head and explained, "Every new councilor is assigned a specific jurisdiction to oversee all young warriors in that area. Your jurisdiction is here."

He opened a star map and pointed to a particular location.

"Where is this?" Wang Teng asked, puzzled.

From the star map, it seemed quite remote. It was unfamiliar to him compared to the star territories he knew.

"The Phantom Drift Territorial Domain!!!" Before Song Kuan could respond, Round Ball's grim voice suddenly echoed in Wang Teng's mind.

"The Phantom Drift Territorial Domain?" Wang Teng's eyes showed a hint of surprise. He sensed something amiss in Round Ball's voice and asked, "What's special about the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain?"

"Councilor Wang Teng," Song Kuan glanced around and spoke in a low voice, "This place is the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain. You should have heard of it. It is the most chaotic among all 136 human territorial domains."

"The most chaotic territorial domain." Wang Teng's mind stirred, looking at Song Kuan with a hint of understanding as if he had already figured out something.

"Wang Teng, he's right. The Phantom Drift Territorial Domain is known as the most chaotic territory. It's teeming with all sorts of characters, warriors refusing to be disciplined and unwilling to join the Stellar Academies. It's like a hot potato. Someone must have intentionally assigned you to supervise this area," said Round Ball.

"Interesting!" Wang Teng's eyes gleamed, and he suddenly burst into laughter.

"Wang Teng, this place is not an ordinary territory. Be careful," Song Kuan, seeing Wang Teng laugh, shook his head and reminded him.

"Thank you for the warning, Councilor Song Kuan." Wang Teng expressed his gratitude.

"Don't mention it. We can't change the decision of the supervisory area. We're truly sorry," Song Kuan apologized.

"I know it's not your fault," Wang Teng said with a faint smile. He wouldn't vent his anger on him.

Seeing his understanding, Song Kuan also breathed a sigh of relief.

"Councilor Song Kuan, which part of the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain am I supervising? It can't be the entire region, right?" Wang Teng asked with a smile.

Councilor Song Kuan was momentarily stunned, finding Wang Teng's thoughts a bit amusing. Even for seasoned councilors, it was rare to independently supervise an entire territory, let alone a newly appointed councilor without any foundation or support.

"You dare to dream, Wang Teng," Round Ball shook its head, feeling a bit speechless.

"Hahaha, I was just talking nonsense. Who knew you would take it seriously," Wang Teng laughed.

"The area you'll be supervising is called the Five Burial Stars in the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain," Song Kuan said with a touch of exasperation.

"Five Burial Stars!" Wang Teng nodded.

"You can look up information about the Five Burial Stars when you go back." Song Kuan sighed and looked at Wang Teng with sympathy.

"Alright, I understand," Wang Teng seemed to read something from his expression but didn't inquire further, simply nodding.

"Well then, Councilor Wang Teng, please head to the Five Burial Stars in the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain within half a month. Remember not to delay, or the consequences... will be severe," Song Kuan reminded and then said, "I'll take my leave!"

As he spoke, his figure slowly disappeared in front of Wang Teng.

Councilor Hong Lie and Antoine had already left, seemingly uninterested in any association with Wang Teng.

Wang Teng walked out of the office.

Councilor Wu De was waiting outside. Seeing Wang Teng come out, he asked, "How is it? Did you confirm the supervisory area?"

"Yes!" Wang Teng nodded. "Phantom Drift Territorial Domain, Five Burial Stars!"

Councilor Wu De looked at Wang Teng with a strange expression, seemingly mixed with astonishment, sympathy, and a hint of anger – a complex set of emotions. After remaining silent for a while, he sighed and said, "These people seem determined to push you onto a dead-end road."

"Is the Five Burial Stars that terrifying?" Wang Teng asked curiously.

"So far, five councilors who went to the Five Burial Stars have died!" Councilor Wu De stated.

"Five dead!?" Wang Teng's eyes widened, and he couldn't help but exclaim, "Damn!"

He finally understood why Councilor Song Kuan was reluctant to elaborate further. Clearly, the Five Burial Stars was no ordinary place and might be even more terrifying than he had imagined. In a chaotic region like the Phantom Drift, having five councilors die implied a place of extreme danger.

The Five Burial Stars was scarier than he initially thought.

"In addition, many other councilors who went there returned empty-handed or, worse, were crippled," Councilor Wu De added, causing Wang Teng's heart to sink further.

"Why is it like this?" Wang Teng furrowed his brows and asked.

"The situation on the Five Burial Stars is quite complex. I can't explain it in a few words. I suggest you go back and investigate for yourself. Also, if possible, it's better to decline. I don't recommend you go there. If you must, make sure to bring a few bodyguards. Going alone, especially as a cosmos-stage martial warrior, your strength is still somewhat lacking," Councilor Wu De advised after pondering for a moment.

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Wang Teng, seeing his attitude, no longer pressed for more information. After exchanging a few words, they bid farewell and went their separate ways.

Wang Teng harbored no ill feelings toward Councilor Wu De. The councilor had assisted him several times. As for his not intervening in the matters of the Qingyan Society, Wang Teng had no reason to hold any grudges.

As the saying goes, helping is a matter of kindness, and not helping is a matter of duty.

Leaving the Academy Arbitration Association, Wang Teng retrieved his Devil Slayer spacecraft and flew towards his estate.

Suddenly, Ernest, Hong Lie, and Antoine appeared in the sky, watching Wang Teng's departing spaceship.

"This time, let's see if he can come back alive," Ernest said with a sinister tone.

"Ernest, you've embarrassed yourself this time. If we come out a bit later, it wouldn't end well for you," Hong Lie remarked.

"Hmph! Why didn't you tell me earlier that the president was backing him?" Ernest said.

"We thought you already knew," Antoine replied innocently.

Ernest glanced at the two and said, "Since he's backed by the president, by sending him to the Five Burial Star, will it cause trouble with the Judge?"

"Not likely. The president and the Judge have already negotiated. Once Wang Teng enters the Academy Arbitration Association, he must abide by the rules of the Arbitration Association," Antoine explained.

"The president probably wants to give him some experience. He really values this kid," Hong Lie remarked.

"His talent is too extraordinary. He's not even on the same level as Yuan Mu, and the difference between them is enormous," Ernest frowned.

"Yuan Mu possesses the Divine Constellation Physique, and yet he still can't match him. It's truly unbelievable," Hong Lie said with a serious expression.

"That's right. That's why we can't let him grow." Antoine agreed.

"Hmph, if only he could behave a bit, but he insists on being at odds with us." Antoine shook his head, chuckled, and said, "Well, every genius is proud."

"Stand out in the forest, and the wind will inevitably break it!" Hong Lie sneered. "Let's be that gust of wind."

The three of them slowly disappeared from the spot. Their words were unheard by outsiders as if there was a field around them that isolated all sound.

Undercurrents surged. The Stellar Academies had never been calm.

In the contest of the most exceptional talents, who would prevail?

Everything would be revealed in due time.

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Wang Teng returned to his estate and secluded himself in the cultivation room.

"Round Ball, have you found out what's going on with the Five Burial Stars?" Wang Teng sat down and asked directly.

Round Ball's figure emerged nearby, wearing a serious expression. Then, with a wave of its hand, it summoned a star map.

In the star map, there was a completely unfamiliar planetary sector.

Prominent in the scene were five enormous planets floating in the cosmic expanse. Surrounding the five planets was an odd kind of cosmic dust, forming a massive ring.

"These are the Five Burial Stars!" Round Ball pointed at the five planets. "The Five Burial Stars isn't just one planet. It's the five planets."

"Are all five of these planets inhabited?" Wang Teng asked in surprise.

"Yes, they're all life planets. The environment on these five planets is harsh, but they harbor many powerful beings, and their influence is extremely vast. Outsiders can't interfere, which is why the members of the Academy Arbitration Association can't establish a foothold there," Round Ball explained.

"The councilors of the Academy Arbitration Association are at least at the heaven stage or even the universe stage. Could it be that there are powerful older generation experts on the Five Burial Stars?" Wang Teng frowned. "Aren't they afraid of the Academy Arbitration Association? Mind you, the Stellar Arbitration Council is behind the Academy Arbitration Association."

"No, everything is within the rules, and that's what makes it so tricky," Round Ball said. "The Five Burial Stars send out young warriors to deal with the members of the Academy Arbitration Association. These warriors are talented and powerful, matching or even surpassing the members of the Academy Arbitration Association."

"The younger generations of the Five Burial Planet are so powerful?" Wang Teng was surprised.

The councilors of the Academy Arbitration Association were all talented martial warriors from the Stellar Academies. Their talent and ability were top-notch. It was unbelievable that they would be defeated one after another by the warriors from the Five Burial Stars.

This didn't make sense!

"This is true. The warriors from the Five Burial Stars are incredibly powerful," Round Ball said with a bitter smile.

"Why doesn't the Academy Arbitration Association send even more talented individuals? I find it hard to believe that they can't find such geniuses." Wang Teng questioned.

"It's probably because the Five Burial Stars is too remote and the environment is too harsh. Those geniuses are unwilling to go there," Round Ball explained with a hint of

helplessness. "It's like a tough piece of meat—there's not much flesh, and eating it is tasteless, but discarding it is a pity."

Wang Teng began to understand. He had been handed the toughest piece of meat. Others didn't want to gnaw on it, but he had no choice.

If he was careless, he might choke on it unintentionally.

These people were shameless.

Unable to prevent him from entering the Academy Arbitration Association, they used this method to make him suffer defeat on the Five Burial Stars.

"If I go to the Five Burial Stars, will they send heaven-stage or universe-stage martial warriors?" Wang Teng pondered and asked.

"They probably won't," Round Ball replied. "They wouldn't dare to violate the rules to maintain this balance. If they didn't follow the rules, the Academy Arbitration Association could have sent powerful individuals to suppress them. It's a matter of the face of the Academy Arbitration Association."

"However, the situation behind the scenes is hard to discern. After all, such things cannot be investigated," Round Ball stated.

Wang Teng nodded thoughtfully and said, "Tell me about the distribution of power on the Five Burial Stars so that I can be prepared."

"Are you going?" Round Ball asked.

"Of course," Wang Teng replied with a faint smile. "They want me dead on the Five Burial Stars, but I'm going to subdue it just to show them."

"In the future, the Five Burial Stars will be my territory. Didn't you say the martial warriors there are powerful and formidable? If I can bring them under my control, wouldn't that be even more advantageous for me?"

"Those veteran senators have their own forces that have developed over many years. I want to catch up as quickly as possible. Such a place undoubtedly suits me better."

"Uh..." Round Ball looked at him confidently and couldn't help but feel speechless. She said, "You don't even know if you can protect yourself, and now you want to subdue the Five Burial Stars. Aren't you thinking too much?"

"Hahaha, it's precisely because it's difficult that it's more challenging, and I like that," Wang Teng said. "Just wait and see. If I don't subdue the Five Burial Stars, then my name isn't Wang Teng."

"Alright, as long as you're confident," Round Ball said. "Do you want to find a few more powerful warriors to accompany you and ensure your safety?"

"Hmm, I think that would be a good idea," Wang Teng pondered.

Round Ball: →_→

Wang Teng: (=ω=)

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Round Ball had just finished explaining the power distribution of the Five Burial Stars to Wang Teng when someone approached.

"Tong En, why is she here?" Wang Teng asked in surprise when he saw the person on the screen.

"She's probably here to congratulate you," Round Ball replied with a smile.

"Let her in," Wang Teng instructed. Then he added, "Well, I'll go and meet her myself."

Tong En was his senior sister. He mustn't treat her impolitely.

After reaching the entrance, Wang Teng opened the main gate and welcomed Tong En into the living room. He then spoke, "Senior Sister, why do you have the time to visit me today?"

Here!" Tong En got straight to the point, presenting a jade box. "I've brought a gift to congratulate you. My sister heard that you became a councilor, so she specially asked me to bring this gift to celebrate your achievement."

"Your sister?" Wang Teng was surprised.

He knew that Tong En's sister was a notable figure on the universe goddess ranking with considerable fame. It was unexpected that she would pay attention to a freshman like him.

"Yeah, what do you think? My sister is keeping an eye on you. Are you secretly happy about it?" Tong En teased him, raising her eyebrows.

"Well, I'm used to being observed. After all, I'm so handsome and talented," Wang Teng said nonchalantly.

"Tsk!" Tong En rolled her eyes. This guy had thick skin!

Chapter 2217: Duel Between Two Women!

While Wang Teng and Tong En were in the midst of their conversation, a notification rang through the estate, indicating that someone else had arrived.

Zhulong Shuang!

Surprisingly, the person who came to find him was Zhulong Shuang.

Wang Teng was surprised. He didn't expect Zhulong Shuang to come.

"What is it?" Tong En couldn't help but ask when she saw his strange expression.

"The Solar Dragon Race," Wang Teng replied.

"Why is the Solar Dragon Race here?" Tong En asked in surprise.

"Same reason as you," Wang Teng stood up, saying, "I'll go out to greet her."

After some time, Wang Teng brought Zhulong Shuang in.

Seeing Tong En in the room, Zhulong Shuang couldn't help but show a hint of surprise and said, "It seems someone is faster than me."

"Please have a seat," Wang Teng said after inviting her to sit down. Then he asked, "What brings you here? Anything you need from me?"

"I'm here to congratulate you on becoming a councilor," Zhulong Shuang casually remarked. "You're really astonishing. It's been just a short while, and you're already a councilor. Even I have to rush over to flatter you."

Wang Teng was speechless.

Zhulong Shuang took out a space ring and placed it on the table. "This is the Solar Dragon Stone unique to our Solar Dragon Race. It is an excellent material for refining fire-element weapons, and it's hard for outsiders to obtain. I brought some specially for you."

"Solar Dragon Stone!" Round Ball exclaimed in surprise.

"What's the matter? Is the Solar Dragon Stone rare?" Wang Teng asked in his heart.

"It is rumored that on the planet where the Solar Dragon Race resides, there are extensive Solar Dragon Stone mines. The formation of these Solar Dragon Stone mines

is extremely unique, requiring a large amount of Solar Dragon Flame from the Earth's veins. Only after millions of years of evolution can they possibly condense into form," Round Ball explained. "Once formed, Solar Dragon Stones become an excellent material for forging weapons. It can be used to craft weapons of the heaven stage and above. If there is enough, it can even be used to create a very special spacecraft. This kind of spacecraft is enveloped in flames, not only possessing incredible attacking power but also terrifying defensive capabilities."

"Huh! Are you talking about the Fusion Fire Spacecraft?" Wang Teng asked in surprise.

He had heard of this type of spacecraft, which was available for sale in the virtual universe. However, its exorbitant price was jaw-dropping, with the cost being at least ten times that of ordinary spacecraft of the same level.

Of course, this type of spacecraft was extremely rare and highly sought after by many nobles or the offspring of major powers as a luxurious collectible.

What is rare is dear!

The Fusion Fire Spaceship was such a luxury item.

Nobles like Di Qi, who enjoyed collecting spacecraft, would likely go bankrupt if they saw one.

"Yes, it's the Fusion Fire Spacecraft," Round Ball nodded.

"To construct a spacecraft, the required materials are at least in the millions of tons, and Zhulong Shuang can't possibly provide me with so many Solar Dragon Stones," Wang Teng said.

"That's true," Round Ball said regretfully.

"Solar Dragon Stones!" Tong En was surprised too. She had heard of the reputation of Solar Dragon Stone, and the other party's generosity was remarkable.

Phew!

Suddenly, Tong En felt somewhat fortunate. The gift her sister had asked her to bring was not inferior in the slightest, and she even believed that Wang Teng would prefer it.

Zhulong Shuang glanced at Tong En triumphantly and smiled at Wang Teng. "Aren't you going to open it?"

"It's embarrassing. You're all too polite," Wang Teng said, but he had already picked up the space ring and explored it with his spiritual power.

Zhulong Shuang: ...

Tong En: ...

Suddenly, a pile of peculiar dark red stones appeared in Wang Teng's field of vision. He could sense that these stones were intricately engraved with mysterious patterns, resembling tiny dragons or, more accurately, Solar Dragons. Yes, they were Solar Dragon Stones.

"Wang Teng! Wang Teng! How much is there?" Round Ball asked eagerly. As a blacksmith, it naturally paid close attention to such special materials.

At the same time, a searing heat emanated from the stones. Even within the space ring, Wang Teng could vividly feel it.

"Is this the Solar Dragon Stone?" Wang Teng marveled.

"Wang Teng! Wang Teng! How much is there?" Round Ball asked eagerly. As a blacksmith, it naturally paid close attention to such special materials.

If there were enough materials, he might be able to use them to upgrade the Flaming River spacecraft.

"It looks like there's probably tens of thousands of tons," Wang Teng said in astonishment.

"Wow, there are tens of thousands of tons! That's great, enough for me to upgrade the Flaming River spacecraft," Round Ball exclaimed with joy.

"Senior Zhulong Shuang, you're too generous. You even gave me tens of thousands of tons of Solar Dragon Stones," Wang Teng said to Zhulong Shuang.

"It's nothing. These Solar Dragon Stones are only of hundred-thousand-year quality, at most suitable for refining heaven-stage weapons. I suppose that heaven-stage weapons might not catch your eye, so I had to prepare a little more. They can be used for spacecraft upgrades," Zhulong Shuang said with a smile.

"Thank you," Wang Teng said.

"As long as you like it." Zhulong Shuang heaved a sigh of relief in her heart. Gift-giving was an art, and if the gift didn't touch the recipient's heart, it might as well not have been given.

"Wang Teng, aren't you going to see the gift my sister gave you?" Tong En said with a faint smile.

"Your sister?" Zhulong Shuang couldn't help but look at Tong En in surprise. This little girl looked somewhat familiar, but she couldn't recall where she had seen her.

"My sister's name is Tong Ya," Tong En said casually, lifting her chin.

In Wang Teng's eyes, she seemed a bit proud.

He looked at the two women with a strange expression. Were these two women having a duel?

"Tong Ya!" A flash of white light suddenly crossed Zhulong Shuang's mind. She finally remembered. No wonder she always felt like she had seen her somewhere before. It was Tong Ya, the one on the universe goddess rank.

At the same time, her expression became somewhat serious. Even someone on the universe goddess rank came to congratulate Wang Teng. What kind of charm did this guy possess?

She valued Wang Teng's potential because she had some contact with him and knew that he was not simple. But Tong Ya?

The other was an existence on the universe goddess rank, someone she might not even meet once in a lifetime. How did she know about Wang Teng?

"Wang Teng, open it quickly." Seeing Zhulong Shuang's surprised expression, Tong En knew that her goal was achieved. She smiled slightly and urged Wang Teng.

Zhulong Shuang's heart sank instantly. She looked at the jade box on the table with a slightly changed expression. She didn't feel any special fluctuations. What could be inside?

Why was this little girl so confident?

Judging by the other's appearance, it seemed as if she believed that her gift would surpass hers.

Wang Teng also became interested and opened the jade box. His eyebrows raised slightly, "What is this?"

Within the jade box lay a simple scroll, seemingly unremarkable, yet the lack of distinct features made it all the more intriguing.

Zhulong Shuang looked at the scroll inside the jade box, and her brows furrowed slightly.

Wang Teng picked up the scroll and examined it closely. He discovered that there seemed to be a sealing force on it. There were tiny and mysterious runes engraved on the surface, forming a kind of restrictive power that required spiritual power to open.

This piqued his curiosity even more!

A scroll sealed with such power served not only to protect it from decay but also to prevent others from casually viewing its contents.

This scroll seemed to be no ordinary item.

However, it posed no challenge to Wang Teng. After all, he was a rune grandmaster.

With a slight concentration of his gaze, spiritual power surged, coming into contact with the runes as he sought the "switch" among them!

In no time, the runes on the surface of the scroll moved like tadpoles, autonomously separating from the connection points on the scroll.

The scroll could now be opened.

"Rune master!"

Zhulong Shuang looked at Wang Teng, a hint of astonishment in her expression. "You're really a rune master. They said you deciphered the runes of the Spiritual Hollow Mountain. At first, I didn't quite believe it, but now I'm thoroughly convinced."

"My sister said you could open it, and indeed you can," Tong En added, equally surprised.

"It's nothing," Wang Teng smiled and replied.

Both women rolled their eyes simultaneously at his nonchalant response.

Wang Teng paid no attention to them, took a deep breath, and with curiosity, opened the scroll. As his gaze swept over its contents, his eyes suddenly burst with brilliance. He abruptly closed the scroll and looked at Tong En in astonishment.

Zhulong Shuang's ominous premonition intensified. Judging by Wang Teng's expression, this scroll seemed to be extraordinary.

"How is it?" Tong En said with a faint smile, secretly delighted. You wanted to show off, and now you're shocked, aren't you?

"This is a semi-alchemy saint's alchemical manual!" Wang Teng said in a low voice.

"What!" Zhulong Shuang's expression changed slightly. She looked at Tong En in astonishment.

A semi-alchemy saint's alchemical manual!

Tong Ya's generosity was unexpectedly grand, and it happened to align with Wang Teng's preferences. By now, everyone knew he was a grandmaster alchemist.

More importantly, such items were rare and hard to come by. Typically, very few alchemy saints would pass on their semi-alchemy saint's alchemical manual. After all, it was their most crucial possession. How could they casually show it to others? Even their disciples might not be able to get it.

For Wang Teng, this item was crucial.

It could save him from many detours and possibly allow him to become a true alchemy saint many years later.

She had to admit that the Solar Dragon Stones she had sent were far less valuable compared to this semi-alchemy saint's alchemical manual.

"Yes!" Tong En glanced at Zhulong Shuang, a slight curve forming at the corner of her mouth. She nodded, saying, "This is a semi-alchemy saint's alchemical manual that my sister accidentally obtained. The individual later smoothly advanced to become an alchemy saint. So, for you, this manual holds significant reference value."

"A manual of a semi-alchemy saint left before his promotion to alchemy saint." Brilliance flickered in Wang Teng's eyes as he nodded and said, "I graciously accept this gift. Please convey my thanks to your sister. In the future, whenever you need to refine pills, feel free to come find me."

He made a commitment. The gift from the other party was too significant, and he needed to reciprocate appropriately.

"Hehe, I've been waiting for this moment," Tong En chuckled, "But we're friends, and I'm also a member of the Constellation Society. There's no need to be so formal."

"I'm the one who's thinking too much." Wang Teng smiled. Tong Ya was truly thoughtful to give him such a gift.

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"By the way, there's something I'd like to discuss with you privately," Tong En glanced at Zhulong Shuang again and said.

"Then I'll take my leave." Zhulong Shuang stood up tactfully and smiled.

Today, she was completely outshone, but fortunately, the things she had given weren't too shabby, and Wang Teng seemed to like them.

So, it wasn't a total loss.

Wang Teng escorted her to the door and said, "I've received your goodwill. As long as the Solar Dragon Race doesn't cause trouble for me, I believe we can coexist peacefully."

"You're wrong," Zhulong Shuang smiled, "I can't speak for the rest of the Solar Dragon Race, but I, Zhulong Shuang, will always be your friend."

"I hope so." Wang Teng gave her a meaningful look, nodding.

Zhulong Shuang left. She hadn't come in vain today, and her confidence in Wang Teng had grown. Even Tong Ya had high expectations for him, indicating that her decision was not wrong.

Wang Teng turned back to the living room and said, "Now we can talk."

"My sister needs a pill called the Immortal Milk Spiritual Pill. Can you make it?" Tong En asked sternly.

"The Immortal Milk Spiritual Pill!" Wang Teng raised his eyebrows. He had seen this pill before. He immediately asked, "Is your sister poisoned?"

"Yes! Truly deserving of a grandmaster alchemist. Just hearing the name, and you already know. This type of pill is quite rare." Tong En looked at Wang Teng in surprise.

"Don't underestimate any peak grandmaster alchemist." Wang Teng chuckled.

"My sister also said the same thing," Tong En smiled slightly and continued, "Let's get to the point. Can you refine this pill?"

"The Immortal Milk Spiritual Pill is a type of supreme-rank pill. I made a supreme-rank pill before so I think I'm confident." Wang Teng nodded after some hesitation.

"The semi-alchemy saint alchemical manual you sent me will be of great help to me. Once I've studied it thoroughly, my confidence will be even greater," Wang Teng nodded.

With his current proficiency in alchemy, he had at least a 70% to 80% success rate in refining the Immortal Milk Spiritual Pill. However, the ingredients for supreme-rank pills were not ordinary, and to be safe, he thought it wise to be modest.

"That's great!" Tong En was elated. "Not many grandmaster alchemists have made supreme-rank pills. With your experience, you will be more confident than them."

"The semi-alchemy saint alchemical manual you sent me will be of great help to me. Once I've studied it thoroughly, my confidence will be even greater," Wang Teng nodded.

"Choosing you was the right decision," Tong En said with a gleeful smile. "This time, I must let my sister know that my recommendation was not wrong."

Wang Teng chuckled and shook his head. This senior sister was trying to gain credit with Tong Ya through him.

But he didn't mind. After all, such straightforward actions wouldn't give rise to unpleasant feelings.

"However, if I remember correctly, the Immortal Milk Spiritual Pill requires an ingredient called the Cloud Immortal Milk. It's extremely rare. Have you found it?" Wang Teng asked.

"Um... we haven't found it yet," Tong En suddenly felt awkward, shaking her head in dismay.

"If you haven't found it, why are you in such a hurry?" Wang Teng couldn't help but smile wryly.

"Well, I just wanted to let you know in advance. My sister is already trying to find it," Tong En explained.

"How about this? I'll ask the Secondary Career Alliance for you but I can't promise that there will be one," Wang Teng said.

"Really?" Tong En's eyes lit up.

"Mm," Wang Teng nodded. Given his status, this wasn't a difficult task for him.

"That's fantastic!" Tong En exclaimed happily.

"Don't get too excited yet. Cloud Immortal Milk is very rare, and even the Secondary Career Alliance may not have it." Wang Teng shook his head.

"It's alright, as long as you can help inquire. After all, it's still a lead," Tong En expressed gratitude. "My sister and I don't know anyone in the Secondary Career Alliance. It's more convenient for you to ask."

Wang Teng nodded and sent a message to several grandmaster alchemists from the Secondary Career Alliance, asking for their help in keeping an eye out.

After a few more casual conversations, Tong En took her leave.

Wang Teng went back to the cultivation room and took out the semi-alchemy saint's alchemical manual Tong Ya gave him. He was excited.

"It's the alchemical manual of the semi-alchemy saint. You're so lucky," Round Ball appeared at the side and exclaimed.

"Being handsome brings good luck. Haven't you noticed that all the gift-givers are beautiful women?" Wang Teng said.

"You're indulging in self-flattery!" Round Ball made a disgusted expression, then winked and said, "With your small body, can you handle a large-sized beauty like Zhulong Shuang?"

"What do you know? I'm a physique-refining martial warrior. The Solar Dragon Race's physical body isn't as strong as mine," Wang Teng replied angrily.

How could a man say no?

Despite his seemingly inferior physique compared to the martial warriors of the Solar Dragon Race, in terms of physical fitness, he was unmatched by anyone.

Round Ball was speechless.

It forgot that Wang Teng's physical strength was indeed terrifying, far beyond what ordinary martial warriors could compare to.

Wang Teng ignored Round Ball and opened the scroll. He started studying it seriously.

This was an alchemical manual left behind by an alchemy saint before he advanced. It would provide tremendous assistance to Wang Teng at his current level.

His alchemical proficiency had already reached the grandmaster level, approaching its peak. Once he broke through to the universe stage, he could prepare for the ascent to become an alchemy saint.

At his current stage, he wouldn't be able to gain much enlightenment just by picking up attributes.

This was because semi-alchemy saints were extremely rare, almost like finding a needle in a haystack. Hence, the semi-alchemy saint's alchemical manual was also scarce.

This particular manual contained the lifelong insights and experiences of a semi-alchemy saint, highly systematic and remarkably complete. With such a high reference value, it was incredibly precious.

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Wang Teng spent three days immersed in the manual.

During this time, many people came to congratulate him upon learning about his appointment as a councilor.

However, Round Ball politely declined their requests to meet him, except for close acquaintances like Ji Feiyun and Wu Ming

Members of the Constellation Society, including Yue Qiqiao, also came to offer their congratulations. For them, Wang Teng becoming a member of the Academy Arbitration Association was undoubtedly a great achievement.

When the big boss was impressive, life was better for the underlings!

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After three days, Wang Teng slowly opened his eyes in the cultivation room, a glint of enlightenment flashing in them.

"As expected, the alchemical manual of the semi-alchemy saint contains a lot of valuable information," Wang Teng muttered to himself.

"You completely digested and absorbed the semi-alchemy saint's alchemical manual?" Round Ball floated nearby, asking in amazement.

"That's right." Wang Teng nodded.

"Freak!" Round Ball fell silent for a moment before exclaiming.

Three days!

In just three days, Wang Teng completely absorbed the semi-alchemy saint's alchemical manual, an almost unbelievable feat. Round Ball couldn't help but wish it could cut open Wang Teng's head to see how his brain functioned.

"It's nothing. I'm already a ninth-rank grandmaster alchemist. Many concepts converge despite taking different paths. It doesn't require too much time," Wang Teng explained.

"That's still freakish. I can guarantee that other ninth-rank grandmaster alchemists would never achieve what you just did," Roundy commented.

Wang Teng smiled faintly, stood up. He headed out. "Round Ball, we should set out. The Academy Arbitration Association only gave me half a month, and it's already been three days."

"Time is a bit tight indeed. We should get going," Round Ball nodded.

Without further delay, Wang Teng informed Yue Qiqiao and the others before boarding a spacecraft and flying toward the edge of the Seventh Stellar Academy continent. There, an ancient warship awaited him to depart.

Yue Qiqiao, Wu Yan, and others received the message and looked toward Wang Teng's mansion. They could see a spaceship transforming into a streak of light, disappearing into the horizon.

Wang Teng had left, and now they had to focus on cultivating!

They hoped that when they met again, they wouldn't be left too far behind.

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Not long after, an ancient warship set sail from the Seventh Stellar Academy, crossing the Chaotic Star Sea and heading towards the vast universe beyond.

Feng Qingyan stood atop a tall building, gazing into the distance.

"Wang Teng has left the Stellar Academy!"

Ruan Banlian stood behind him and reported.

"Where's he going?" Feng Qingyan asked.

"Phantom Drift Territorial Domain, Five Burial Stars!" Ruan Banlian said.

"Where?" Feng Qingyan seemed somewhat surprised.

Unaware of why he reacted so strangely, Ruan Banlian repeated what she said.

"Phantom Drift Territorial Domain! Hahaha, looks like heaven is helping me." Feng Qingyan suddenly burst into laughter, then a cold light flashed in his eyes as he sent a message on his smartwatch.

This time, Wang Teng took a warship from the Academy Arbitration Association, an eternal-level warship. With full propulsion, it only took two days to cross the Chaotic Star Sea.

"Councilor Wang Teng, we have reached the edge of the Chaotic Star Sea." A universe-stage martial warrior knocked on Wang Teng's resting cabin, respectfully informing him.

"Good!" Wang Teng nodded. Stepping out of the cabin, he arrived at a familiar spacecraft docking port. He had been here once before and was quite familiar with the place.

"We've brought you here, Councilor Wang Teng. Wishing you a smooth journey." The universe-stage martial warrior bowed respectfully.

"Thank you." Wang Teng gave him a fist salute, turned into a streak of light, and flew toward the location of the space teleportation array.

Surrounded by an asteroid belt, each meteorite was inscribed with space teleportation array formations, leading to different destinations.

Wang Teng needed to find the space teleportation array leading to the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain. Otherwise, considering the distance between the Chaotic Star Sea and the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain, the journey on the spacecraft would be considerably lengthy.

Observing Wang Teng's departing figure, the universe-stage martial warrior couldn't help but shake his head. He knew Wang Teng was a newly appointed councilor heading to the Five Burial Stars.

Having escorted many councilors to the Five Burial Stars before, the warrior was aware that few returned. Comparing Wang Teng to the previous councilors, he was younger and less powerful, making the warrior wonder if he could return.

Wang Teng swiftly located the space teleportation array leading to the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain. Landing on a meteorite, he revealed his councilor emblem and said, "Who is in charge here? I need to go to the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain."

"Councilor!"

Several heaven-stage martial warriors controlling the spatial teleportation array were startled. They immediately rose from their meditation positions and politely saluted Wang Teng.

"Please! We will activate the space teleportation array for you immediately." The leading warrior, a universe-stage martial warrior, showed extreme respect in front of Wang Teng.

"Okay!" Wang Teng didn't waste any time. With a flash, he stepped into the space teleportation array.

The advantages of the councilor status became apparent to Wang Teng during his journey. Even these ordinary heaven-

stage martial warriors and universe-stage martial warriors showed great respect towards him.

From the specialized eternal-level warship to the activation of the space teleportation array without spending points and the immediate opening of the array without waiting for others.

Wang Teng thoroughly experienced the privileges of his councilor status.

The group of warriors, guided by the universe-stage martial warrior, didn't dare to delay. They immediately activated the space teleportation array.

Complex and mysterious runes on the ground lit up instantly, and attribute bubbles emerged. Wang Teng cast a glimpse at them, and his spiritual power swept through, picking them up.

Boom!

A silvery-white column of light shot into the sky, and Wang Teng's figure vanished on the spot.

After seeing Wang Teng off, the warriors breathed a sigh of relief.

That councilor is so young!" A heaven-stage martial warrior couldn't help but marvel.

"Yes, he looks even younger than us and has become a councilor. I wonder what background he has." Another heaven-stage martial warrior expressed envy.

"Wait a minute, isn't our space teleportation array connected to the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain?" Several heaven-

stage martial warriors suddenly realized.

"Ah, another councilor going to the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain to meet his end!" Their envy vanished instantly, and it was replaced by sympathy.

"I remember now. A few days ago, I heard from a friend at the academy that there's a new councilor named Wang Teng, a freshman from the Seventh Stellar Academy." One heaven-

stage martial warrior suddenly spoke up.

"Freshman?" The other heaven-stage martial warriors were shocked.

"How can a freshman become a councilor?" Someone questioned in confusion.

"Who knows, but I heard he offended quite a few people. Now it seems to be true, or else he wouldn't have been assigned to the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain to meet his end."

"I heard that he's the champion of the Seventh Stellar Academy Freshman Leaderboard and he got onto the Star Rankings. He's very famous."

"He made it to the Star Rankings? I remember now. Someone mentioned him before. He's the highly anticipated talent among the new students."

"But he's unlucky, being assigned to the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain. Most of the previous councilors who went there never arrived back."

"Yeah, that's right. I hope this Councilor Wang Teng can hold on for a few days. It's a pity to hear news of his death. He's a talented individual who made it to the Star Rankings."

The discussions were filled with sympathy and regret. The universe-stage martial warrior's gaze flickered a few times. He spoke in a deep voice, "Enough, stop discussing. Matters involving the councilors of the Academy Arbitration Association are not something we can talk about casually. Be careful not to be overheard."

"Right, right." The heaven-stage martial warriors immediately reacted. They acknowledged in agreement.

The stars shifted and the sky transformed.

Wang Teng felt a momentary blur, and he found himself beneath another starry sky.

This was an extremely remote and uninhabited planet. Taking a look around, he walked out of the teleportation array. The warriors responsible for maintaining the array noticed only one person and knew his identity was extraordinary. They immediately bowed respectfully.

Wang Teng nodded, took out his Devil Slayer spacecraft, and turned into a stream of light, soaring into the cosmic void.

"Round Ball, lock on to the Five Burial Stars."

"Alrighty, let's go!" Round Ball appeared, responding excitedly. Having spent quite some time at the stellar academy, it was finally getting a chance to explore beyond.

Chapter 2220: That's Right, A Fat Sheep!

Phantom Drift Territorial Domain!

A sleek, menacing spacecraft sailed through the cosmic void.

Seated in the cockpit, Wang Teng opened the panoramic simulation, gazing at the unfamiliar expanse of stars outside, feeling a sense of awe.

The universe was truly immense!

The last time he ventured out for a mission, he departed from the Chaotic Star Sea and headed straight to the Devil Wood Star. Along the way, he hadn't taken the time to appreciate the surrounding scenery.

Now, leaving the Chaotic Star Sea again, he was headed to an entirely unfamiliar territory—the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain!

The Chaotic Star Sea, the Witch Tower Territorial Domain, the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain, and even the Liuguang Territorial Domain where the Great Qian Empire was located were all very far away. They were separated by countless territorial domains. If martial warriors relied on their own flight, who knew how much time it would consume?

In the past, Wang Teng couldn't even imagine himself crossing such vast distances for interstellar travel.

After all, for those born on Earth, the universe was too vast, and it symbolized unpredictable dangers.

People's footsteps were limited to the few uninhabited planets around Earth. Interstellar travel was once unimaginable, let alone journeys across the immense territorial domains.

However, now he seemed to have grown accustomed to it. Since leaving Earth, he had gradually become familiar with this solitary voyage.

The path of a warrior was often solitary.

But fortunately...

"What are you thinking about?" Round Ball floated around him and leaned over curiously with its big round eyes.

This fellow's expression was a little strange.

"Nothing much," Wang Teng replied nonchalantly, placing one hand on the round forehead and pushing it away gently.

"Tsk." Round Ball pouted.

"How many days until we arrive?" Wang Teng asked.

"About five days, and we've already entered the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain," Round Ball said, checking the star map.

Wang Teng nodded and said, "Should be enough time."

"Still, we need to be cautious. The Phantom Drift Territorial Domain is quite chaotic, and universe pirates often appear. If we get targeted by some major pirates, it could be troublesome," Round Ball warned.

"Universe pirates?!" Wang Teng exclaimed.

"Yeah, like pirates, but they're powerful martial warriors. I told you earlier that it's best to hire some strong martial warriors as bodyguards to travel to the Five Burial Stars together. Yet you insisted on going alone. What if we encounter pirates who are at the heaven-stage or universe-stage martial warriors?" Round Ball complained.

"If we encounter them, we encounter them. With my strength, dealing with ordinary heaven-stage martial warriors is a piece of cake." Wang Teng exuded confidence, and indeed, he had the credentials to be confident. "The heaven-stage martial warriors outside can't be more powerful than the talented warriors in the Stellar Academies, right?"

"The problem is many of them are desperados," Round Ball said.

"Fearless but a bit tricky," Wang Teng nodded, stroking his chin.

"What if we run into universe-stage pirates?" Round Ball asked again.

"Can you not jinx me?" Wang Teng was a bit speechless and then exclaimed, "By the way, how could universe-stage powerhouses become space pirates? Isn't serving other factions better?"

"It's related to the unique environment in the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain. It's chaotic here, and sometimes, a martial warrior serving a faction dies even faster than a

universe pirate. Besides, being a universe pirate brings in money faster, and it's more tempting since it's free and unrestrained," Round Ball explained. "Moreover, when they appear on other planets, how many people would know they are universe pirates?"

"Of course, some martial warriors who are unwilling to become universe pirates have also left the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain to develop in other territorial domains."

"Sounds reasonable." Wang Teng sighed. "It seems that if we encounter them, our only option is to run."

"I thought you were powerful. Do you really think you can fight with universe-stage martial warriors?" Round Ball complained.

It was reminding Wang Teng that while he had indeed defeated several universe-stage beings, the situations were quite special

If he were to face a universe-stage martial warrior without any injuries and without any external forces holding him back, Wang Teng's current strength wouldn't be enough.

"I wouldn't dare! I wouldn't dare!" Wang Teng chuckled.

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In the direction where the Devil Slayer spacecraft was navigating, a small-scale heaven-level spacecraft lurked in the void, carrying dozens of warriors.

Most of them were celestial-stage martial warriors. There were around 30 of them, around 6 to 7 cosmos-stage martial warriors, and only one heaven-stage martial warrior.

Inside the spacecraft's main lobby, these martial warriors were drinking and reveling. Various weapons were scattered around them, and some scantily clad beauties accompanied them. Crude and vulgar language occasionally spewed from their mouths.

"Damn it, we've been ambushing in this place for five days, and not a single passerby has come through. If it doesn't work, I'll ask the captain to find another place to lurk," a middle-aged man with a scar on his face complained after taking a big sip of alcohol.

"We're really unlucky this time. Normally, we should have opened for business long ago," another warrior with a fierce appearance added.

Other martial warriors immediately joined in with their own comments and a heap of obscene and vulgar words.

"Beep! Beep! Beep!"

At this moment, an alarm suddenly sounded inside the spacecraft.

All the martial warriors instantly became alert, looking up to see a light screen appearing. A middle-aged man with a gloomy expression appeared on the screen and said, "Get ready, there's a fat sheep ahead. Brothers, it's time to open for business."

"A fat sheep!" The martial warriors inside the spacecraft lit up with excitement.

They waited for so many days and finally found a fat sheep.

"Yes, indeed, a big fat sheep. There's only one cosmos-stage martial warrior in the spacecraft, but he's driving a universe-level spacecraft. It must be some big shot's offspring. Let's rob him," the middle-aged man said.

"Cosmos-stage martial warrior! Universe-level spacecraft! Hahaha..." Everyone burst out laughing. They were excited.

Generally, on the universe pirates' spacecraft, there are instruments capable of detecting the life level inside the spacecraft. This was to prevent encountering tough opponents where they might lose both their wealth and their lives.

There were heaven-stage martial warriors on this spacecraft. They even bought a device that could detect the universe-level spacecraft.

They were willing to spend a fortune on such equipment because, firstly, universe-level spacecraft might have strong individuals on board, and failing to avoid them in time could lead to death. Secondly, robbing someone who operated a universe-level spacecraft would yield more substantial rewards.

Judging by experience, many individuals piloting universe-level spacecraft were offsprings of major powers. Robbing them once could sustain the pirates for half a year or more.

In the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain, the universe pirates didn't care if you were the offspring of a major power or not. They would rob first and deal with the consequences later, which usually involved being pursued and hunted down.

There were so many universe pirates in the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain. If they killed anyone, no one in the universe would know that they were the culprits.

In any case, as universe pirates, they were professionals.

"Wang Teng, it seems like we've run into universe pirates!" Round Ball exclaimed on board the Devil Slayer.

"What?" Wang Teng was astounded. They were just talking about universe pirates, and now they encountered them.

"They blocked our way," Round Ball said with a strange expression.

As they approached, Wang Teng saw through the panoramic simulation that a small spacecraft had boldly positioned itself right in front of them. The surface of the spacecraft was adorned with many ferocious patterns, giving off a menacing appearance, as if... they were extremely fierce!

"Is this a universe-level spacecraft?" Wang Teng asked in surprise.

Were universe pirates so wealthy? How could they afford a universe-level spacecraft?

"It's indeed a universe-level spacecraft." Round Ball was surprised too. "It looks like these universe pirates are quite wealthy."

"We won't be so unlucky to meet a universe-stage martial warrior, right?" Wang Teng wasn't particularly fearful but rather surprised. He asked, "Can you detect the levels of the warriors inside?"

"One heaven-stage martial warrior, seven cosmos-stage martial warriors, and 25 celestial-stage martial warriors!" Round Ball quickly provided the answer after scanning.

"Heaven stage! That's okay! That's okay!" Wang Teng breathed a sigh of relief. He wasn't afraid of heaven-stage martial warriors.

"Do these universe pirates think they can easily rob you just because you're the only cosmos-stage warrior? That's probably why they are so blatant. They didn't even bother sealing off the surrounding space." Round Ball seemed to have realized something and said with a strange expression.

"I think you're right," Wang Teng chuckled. This was a bunch of fools.

"They are requesting to establish communication." Round Ball suddenly said.

"Then let's answer." Wang Teng smiled.

Round Ball nodded, and a screen appeared. On the screen, a middle-aged man with a gloomy expression appeared. He glanced at Wang Teng and sneered, saying, "Hey, little friend, we're robbing you. Now, please cooperate obediently. Don't make things difficult for me, or you'll have to bear the consequences."

"How do I cooperate? Just tell me, and I'll give you as much money as you want. I have a lot of money." Wang Teng appeared frightened, looking quite terrified.

"Hahaha..." Laughter erupted from the other side. The martial warriors inside the spacecraft witnessed the spectacle of this "heir of a major power".

For these universe pirates, witnessing the heirs of major powers showing such a pathetic side was undoubtedly a source of amusement.

After all, they were universe pirates risking their lives outside, while the other party lived a comfortable life. Just by opening their mouths, they could obtain abundant resources. In comparison, anyone would feel a sense of imbalance.

Round Ball rolled its eyes. Here we go again. This guy seems quite theatrical. He loves to act.

"Open your spacecraft and let us take over. Don't resist. We're only after wealth. If you cooperate honestly, we won't harm you." The middle-aged man's mouth curled up into a smile as he spoke calmly.

"Okay, okay, I won't resist. Please don't harm me." Wang Teng pretended to be terrified.

Then, he gave a signal to Round Ball, and the hatch of the Devil Slayer opened.

The group of them walked out of the spacecraft opposite and entered the Devil Slayer. They sized up their newfound loot and were elated.

"Captain, this universe-level spacecraft is incredible! It's so much better than the one we bought with great difficulty. We're really lucky!" The scar-faced warrior exclaimed with joy.

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"The style of this spaceship suits us very well. I didn't expect this fat lamb to have the same preferences as us."

The middle-aged man surveyed the surroundings, his face showing a pleased expression.

The style of this spaceship indeed perfectly matched the preferences of their group of universe pirates. At first glance, he was captivated by it.

As they chatted, the universe pirates swaggered into the control room, acting as if they were the rightful owners.

Spotting Wang Teng in the control room, they burst into laughter once again.

"Come over!"

The scar-faced middle-aged man glared fiercely at Wang Teng and bellowed at him.

"Brothers, I can hand over all my belongings. Please spare me," Wang Teng said cautiously.

"Just come over when we ask you to. No need for useless words," the scar-faced man ordered coldly.

"Alright, alright!" Wang Teng walked over.

"Look at this tender young man. Maybe he could fetch a good price." The scar-faced man appraised Wang Teng, his gaze as if he were evaluating a piece of meat.

Wang Teng: ...

"Hahaha..." The surrounding universe pirates burst into laughter.

"Honestly, this kid is really handsome. I'm a bit jealous myself. Selling him to those wealthy ladies in high society would definitely fetch a good price," the middle-aged man said, stroking his chin.

"Hahaha..." Round Ball couldn't hold back and was already laughing uncontrollably. Its laughter echoing in Wang Teng's mind.

It was so funny!

These universe pirates wanted to sell Wang Teng to wealthy ladies!

"Stop laughing!" Wang Teng was speechless.

Handsome boys needed to protect themselves properly. The outside world was too dangerous.

He never expected that one day he would be at risk of being sold just because he was too handsome. Life was truly unpredictable.

After the scar-faced man finished laughing, he suddenly reached out to pinch Wang Teng's face.

"Kid, how did you get such a face? It's envy-inducing."

"You have a death wish!" Wang Teng was disgusted. A cold light flashed in his eyes as he looked at the scar-faced man in front of him.

This was intolerable!

Mere words were one thing, and he didn't mind playing along with their banter. But when he found out the scar-faced man intended to get physical, the thought of having a rough big guy pinch his face made Wang Teng extremely uncomfortable.

Wang Teng's spiritual power was incredibly strong, and coupled with that terrifying aura, even without intentionally showcasing it, it was enough to make people shudder. Forget about a cosmos-stage martial warrior, even a heaven-stage martial warrior seeing it would be alarmed.

The scar-faced man's expression changed when he saw Wang Teng's gaze. He was flabbergasted and took a step back uncontrollably.

"Damn it!" The middle-aged man also noticed Wang Teng's gaze and felt a tremor in his heart. This wasn't the look of a fat sheep. It was the gaze of a lone and ferocious wolf.

"You've stirred up trouble!" Wang Teng calmly spoke, instantly activating the Ancient God's Body and the True Dragon Battle Physique (pseudo). With a thunderous sound, a terrifying aura erupted as he threw a punch.

The middle-aged man instinctively raised his hand to block, but his face immediately changed. He felt an overwhelming force surging through his arm, and with a crisp sound, his arm bones snapped. His entire body was sent flying.

There was a buzzing sound.

A series of energy walls, formed by condensed Force, suddenly rose around them. This was a function of the spacecraft, designed to prevent battles within from damaging the equipment.

The materials used to forge a universe-level spacecraft were special, only vulnerable to attacks from universe-stage martial warriors. Moreover, the interior was inscribed with runes, making it challenging to damage.

The middle-aged man's body uncontrollably slammed into the energy wall, spewing out a mouthful of blood. His face turned slightly pale, and he stared at Wang Teng in utter disbelief.

"Leader!"

"Boss!"

Witnessing this scene, the surrounding universe pirates had their expressions change drastically, immediately shouting and instinctively rushing towards Wang Teng to launch an attack.

These universe pirates were indeed a tough and fearless bunch. Even after witnessing Wang Teng defeat their leader with a single punch, they dared to charge forward, which was quite surprising.

"Get lost!" Wang Teng didn't move. He just shouted calmly.

Divine Sonicwave!

With the addition of spiritual power, an invisible ripple spread out along with the sound.

The celestial-stage martial warriors around suddenly felt their vision darken, and they fainted, collapsing to the ground.

Their attacks also crashed into the energy wall, causing no damage.

The six cosmos-stage martial warriors clutched their heads, clearly unable to withstand the terrifying Divine Sonicwave attack.

Wang Teng struck again, unleashing a punch that split into six, hitting each of the cosmos-stage martial warriors simultaneously. They were sent flying, coughing up blood.

"Too weak!" Wang Teng shook his head as if he had just accomplished a trivial task.

"You!" The middle-aged man was already dumbfounded. Was this young man in front of him really a cosmos-stage martial warrior? He seemed too terrifying.

As a heaven-stage martial warrior, even in an unguarded situation, he wouldn't be defeated so easily, right?

Before he could react, all his subordinates had been dealt with, including six cosmos-stage martial warriors.

And this was accomplished by Wang Teng alone!

Was this something a cosmos-stage martial warrior could do?

The scar-faced man clutched his chest. A few of his ribs were broken. He crawled up with difficulty and stared at Wang Teng in bewilderment.

This seemingly delicate young man turned out to be a formidable opponent they couldn't resist!

Chapter 2222: You're In Trouble! (2)

Damn it, he offended the wrong person!

"Do you think I'm a fat sheep?" Wang Teng sat in the main seat of the control room and asked with a smile.

"No, no, this is a misunderstanding!" The middle-aged man's mouth twitched. He stood up and said hurriedly.

He couldn't quite gauge the young man in front of him. Even though the other party was just a cosmos-stage martial warrior, the terrifying power displayed a moment ago made him feel like he was facing someone of the same realm, and it was a formidable physique martial warrior. Even if he was on guard, he might not be a match for the young man in front of him.

"I'm the one who decides if there's a misunderstanding," Wang Teng replied calmly.

"Young master, it is a misunderstanding. We just want to be friends with you. It's good to make friends when you're away from home. There's no harm in that," the middle-aged man said awkwardly.

Wang Teng was a bit speechless. This middle-aged man was shameless. Just moments ago, he was trying to rob him, and now he was framing it as wanting to be friends.

"Make friends, huh?" Wang Teng looked at the man with interest.

"Yes, yes, make friends. If you're willing to be friends with us, we will naturally treat you as a good friend. Judging by your appearance, this must be your first time in the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain. We are very familiar with this place and can provide you with a lot of help," the middle-aged man said immediately.

"Sure, I'm a little tight on money now. I wonder if you guys can help me out?" Wang Teng said.

The middle-aged man looked at Wang Teng speechlessly.

So... were they getting robbed?

The scar-faced man and the few remaining conscious cosmos-stage martial warriors were also dumbfounded. They had always been the ones robbing others, and today, they were about to be robbed.

"Friend, are you... a universe pirate?" The middle-aged man asked cautiously. He suspected that he met someone in the same industry as him and that he was a lone ranger.

"Wang Teng, he suspected that you're a universe pirate." Round Ball laughed uncontrollably.

Wang Teng was caught between laughter and tears. He said, "Enough talk, hand over everything valuable on you. My patience is limited. Don't make me say it a second time, or the consequences will be severe."

"And your spacecraft, I'm taking control of that too. A small universe-level spacecraft. Not bad."

The middle-aged man's face immediately darkened. This kid really wanted to rob them.

This was ridiculous!

They, the notorious universe pirates, were actually being robbed by a kid who appeared out of nowhere. If this got out, wouldn't they be ridiculed by their peers?

"Friend, when you're out and about, leave room for reconciliation. We may meet again in the future. I admit defeat this time. Please spare us. I, Payne, is not to be trifled with. I am, after all, a heaven-stage martial warrior. Your strength is indeed formidable, but you may not be able to handle me, especially within this spacecraft. If I completely unleash my power, are you sure you can bear the consequences?" The middle-aged man gritted his teeth.

"Oh, so you want to resist?" Wang Teng said with a smirk.

"You!" The middle-aged man, seeing his confident demeanor, couldn't help but frown even more tightly, feeling uneasy.

"Kid, our captain is one of the strongest universe pirates in this entire planetary sector. I see you're seeking death," the scar-faced man shouted.

Payne: ...

Wang Teng squinted. A smile appeared on his face as he walked towards his opponent.

"What do you want?" The scar-faced man called out nervously.

"Don't be afraid. Weren't you boasting loudly a moment ago? Don't make me look down on you." Wang Teng said casually as a purple brick appeared in his hand.

"Stop!" Payne shouted hurriedly.

But it was too late. Wang Teng raised the brick, and without mercy, he smashed it down on the scar-faced man, accompanied by a dull thud and the sound of thunder.

Bang! Bang! Bang ...

Swoop! Boom!

The scar-faced man's face swelled visibly at an alarming rate, turning into a pig's head in the blink of an eye.

Boom!

In no time, the scar-faced man fell to the ground, convulsing uncontrollably.

The other cosmos-stage martial warriors were astounded. They stared dumbfoundedly at the scar-faced man and discreetly shuffling a few steps backward.

The muscles on Payne's face twitched. He initially intended to make a move, but after witnessing this scene, for some reason, he felt a bit weak and didn't dare to act.

"Oh, by the way, what were you about to say just now?" Wang Teng put away the brick, clapped his hands, and asked.

"I was saying... we can discuss things properly," Payne swallowed his saliva and said awkwardly.

"There's nothing to discuss." Wang Teng's figure flashed and suddenly disappeared from the original spot.

Payne's pupils contracted. Unable to think much, he immediately retreated, but the space in front of him fluctuated, and Wang Teng had already appeared before him. Another punch was thrown.

Five-element fist!

This time, Wang Teng didn't hold back. The power of the sixth-rank domain was added, carrying a terrifying force.

Payne's face changed dramatically. He was only a third-level heaven-stage martial warrior and his domain was only at the fifth rank. Yet, this cosmos-stage martial warrior's domain was stronger than his.

Boom!

Struggling to resist, Payne unleashed his fifth-rank domain but it was completely enveloped by Wang Teng's domain. A punch landed on him, and he crashed into the energy wall once again. Blood uncontrollably sprayed from his mouth, and his face turned deathly pale.

The energy ripples around were all encompassed by Wang Teng's domain, unable to diffuse.

Too easy!

Dealing with ordinary heaven-stage martial warriors outside the Stellar Academies was just too effortless.

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Of course, if it was a fifth-level heaven stage or above martial warrior, it wouldn't be this easy. However, the man before him was only a third-level heaven-stage martial warrior, and the gap between them wasn't too significant.

Payne couldn't believe the outcome, but the pain coursing through his body forced him to accept reality. He looked at Wang Teng with intense shock and couldn't help but ask, "Who are you?"

"Who I am doesn't matter. What matters is that, at this moment, all of you are my prisoners," Wang Teng squatted down, sweeping his gaze across them. With his spiritual power, he effortlessly removed the space ring from Payne's hand. "Seriously, you don't have any self-awareness. Why do I have to do it myself?"

A bitter taste filled Payne's mouth, but he had no choice. He had truly been robbed.

Fortunes change, and today was his turn!

Wang Teng exerted his mental force, forcefully breaking the spiritual mark that Payne left on the space ring.

"Pfft!" Payne spat out another mouthful of blood. His gaze was filled with horror.

His space ring had been forcibly opened!

"Come on, you're a heaven-stage martial warrior. Why are you so poor?" Wang Teng glanced at the contents of the space ring, shaking his head in disbelief.

Payne felt an overwhelming sense of humiliation. Taking a deep breath, he said, "Over the years, all the wealth we accumulated, apart from personal cultivation expenses, was mostly used to purchase that universe-level spacecraft."

"Sigh." Wang Teng sighed. "I shouldn't have had such high hopes. I'm disappointed. Forget it, at least I have a universe-level spacecraft."

Payne didn't know what to say. He felt that Wang Teng was looking down on him.

Wang Teng remained silent, his gaze shifting to the other martial warriors. He thoroughly searched them, not sparing a single valuable item. Every bit mattered, no matter how small.

This scene caused Payne's heart to twitch. Where did this brat come from? He was even more ruthless than universe pirates like them.

"Alright, now your spacecraft is also my spoils of war. Get down and return to your ship."

Wang Teng ordered, dismissing the universe pirates from the Devil Slayer spacecraft before stowing it away.

Payne's pupils contracted. An extra-large space equipment. He increasingly sensed that the young man before him was not simple, possibly holding an extraordinary status. Otherwise, how could he possess such an enormous space equipment?

If they had such equipment, they could easily keep their spacecraft anytime, exhibiting excellent concealment and allowing them to rob whenever they wanted. It was a must-have for any pirate.

He wasn't a universe pirate!

No universe pirate was so extravagant.

Unaware of what was going on in Payne's mind, Wang Teng, accompanied by his companions, boarded the pirates' spacecraft and handed it over to Round Ball, which promptly took control.

For an intelligent lifeform form at the heaven stage, this task was child's play. The spacecraft was fully taken over, changing direction and heading toward the Five Burial Stars.

Payne opened his mouth but remained silent, feeling despondent. Their spacecraft had been stolen, leaving them with no hope.

Moreover, he had no idea how Wang Teng was controlling the ship. The young man had just stepped aboard, and in an instant, the entire vessel came under his control. Even the original crew on their ship couldn't operate it. This was incredibly perplexing.

Payne couldn't help but suspect that Wang Teng possessed an exceptionally advanced intelligence.

"Tell me, where are you from?" Wang Teng comfortably sat in the main control seat and asked.

"We come from... the 6th Thief Star!" Payne glanced at Wang Teng, hesitated for a moment, and finally sighed.

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"6th Thief Star!"

Wang Teng looked at the other party in surprise. In this era, even thieves had planets as their main base.

Moreover, he said it was the 6th Thief Star. Didn't it imply that there might be the 1st, 2nd... and possibly even the 7th, 8th...

"Thief Star is where universe pirates usually gather for transactions. It's relatively secretive, and universe pirates generally won't disclose its location unless their lives are under threat," Round Ball explained.

"Moreover, the planet they usually stay on changes frequently and isn't fixed. So, to find it, you need someone who has been a universe pirate for a long time."

"It's so secretive." Wang Teng got interested.

"Of course. I found this information in their spacecraft database."

"After all, many forces want to eradicate universe pirates. They've offended quite a few people and may even affect the economic development of nearby forces. They are like cancer. The Phantom Drift Territorial Domain is chaotic, making it easier for them to thrive. If not, they have to be more cautious and stay more concealed," Round Ball explained.

"That makes sense. If it were in the Great Qian Empire, I'm afraid sending out a military force is enough to wipe out the universe pirates," Wang Teng nodded.

The Great Qian Empire surely had its share of universe pirates, but compared to the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain, it would be like comparing a minnow to a whale. At least, Wang Teng had never encountered them.

As for the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain in the territorial domain, this was his first time here, and he happened to come across them.

This wasn't luck. It was inevitable.

Because there were just too many universe pirates in the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain. Toss a stone into this starry sea, and you're bound to hit one or two wandering fish.

"In truth, even if someone knows the location of Thief Star, not everyone would go to exterminate them. Everyone has their purposes. Perhaps they just want to do things they can't do openly," Round Ball explained.

"The dark side of the universe?" Wang Teng's mind flashed with insight as he spoke in a deep voice.

"Yes, where there is light, there is darkness. Places with a mix of good and bad are more suitable for doing things that can't be seen," Round Ball said.

"Okay!" Wang Teng nodded.

The universe pirates were similar to the universe mercenary groups, except mercenary groups engaged in legal business.

Many people didn't know that sometimes mercenary groups would act as universe pirates, as long as no one found out.

"Where is the 6th Thief Star?" Wang Teng looked at Payne again and asked.

"It's here, there's a non-living planet over there. Many pirates set up temporary bases there, changing locations now and then," Payne pointed to the star map.

To save his life, Payne shamelessly spilled all the information. He could tell that the young man before him was definitely not an ordinary person. Resistance was futile, so it was better to cooperate honestly.

"Indeed, a temporary base!" Wang Teng nodded to himself. It matched what Round Ball had said.

"He's not lying!" Round Ball found the location of the planet on the spacecraft's navigation map and confirmed their multiple visits. By reverse tracking, they were able to ascertain the accuracy.

"Hmm, this place seems quite close to the Five Burial Stars!" Wang Teng noticed a detail.

"It's to the west of the Five Burial Stars. These pirates have some audacity." Round Ball also noticed the issue and nodded.

"Do you have other members in your pirate gang?" Wang Teng asked instantly with a sharp glint in his eyes.

"No, they're all here," Payne replied.

"Very well!" Wang Teng's lips curved into a slight arc. "Gather everyone, I have something to discuss."

"Uh... some are still unconscious," Payne said, unsure of what Wang Teng intended to do so he was a little hesitant.

"Wake them up!" Wang Teng's gaze turned ice-cold.

"Yes!" Payne's heart skipped a beat. He nodded quickly and was about to turn away.

"Wait!" Wang Teng suddenly stopped him.

Perplexed, Payne looked at Wang Teng, only to see a crimson light flash in his eyes.

"Oh no!"

Surprised, Payne couldn't react in time. His mind went fuzzy, and his gaze instantly became bewildered.

Bewitch!

Wang Teng activated the bewitch skill on him. Then, he released his spiritual power and activated the Enchantment skill.

Using both skills simultaneously, Payne quickly succumbed. When he opened his eyes and looked at Wang Teng, his expression became extremely respectful.

"Sir!"

"Alright, go ahead," Wang Teng said.

Payne's spiritual power was not particularly strong, and with Wang Teng's current spiritual realm, dealing with martial warriors below the third level of the heaven stage was more than enough.

Thus, Wang Teng wasn't worried that his Enchantment Skill would fail.

Seeing Payne's respectful demeanor, it was evident that the skill worked even better on him than on others.

Soon, everyone on the spaceship was gathered. Wang Teng used his Bewitch and Enchantment skills to control them completely.

In this way, these universe pirates could now be used to his advantage.

Wang Teng, being relatively new, didn't have other hands at his disposal. Although the strength of these universe pirates was mediocre, there were still a few martial warriors among them who had surpassed the cosmos stage. They could still use them.

"You want to use these universe pirates?" Round Ball watched the proceedings with surprise, unable to contain its astonishment.

"Don't you think these universe pirates lurking in the dark side of the universe are useful?" Wang Teng asked.

"That makes sense." Round Ball's eyes flickered as it nodded.

One had to admit that individuals like Wang Teng, who took unconventional approaches, often had more options than others.

In the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain, and even in a place like the Five Burial Stars, there might not necessarily be any force more useful than universe pirates.

"This is called having no influence, so you create one for yourself," Wang Teng chuckled.

"Alright, look at how proud you are." Round Ball rolled its eyes.

"Oh, by the way," Wang Teng called Payne over again, saying, "Are there any other universe pirates nearby on the route to the Five Burial Stars? If there are, we can recruit them as well."

Round Ball: ...

Payne fell into silence.

Such actions were undoubtedly taboo.

Even as universe pirates, there were principles and moral standards to uphold. If they casually sold out other universe pirates, they would find it difficult to survive in the universe pirates community. They would become targets for everyone.

If the news leaked, other pirates might unite to attack and eliminate them.

"Why? Is there a problem?" Wang Teng asked calmly.

"Sir, if I do this, I will become everyone's target," Payne honestly expressed his concerns.

"Don't worry. Do you think, with my abilities, they can escape from me?" Wang Teng said. " Besides, I'm not asking you to provoke those who are beyond your league."

Payne was stunned.

That's right!

If others were controlled the way he was, who could disclose the information?

Suddenly, he understood.

"There are many universe pirates in the vicinity, and I can take you to them," Payne immediately offered.

Even he had been recruited. As long as he wasn't hunted down, he could do anything.

"Very well!" Wang Teng patted his shoulder, very pleased.

It seemed that this leader of the pirates was quite sensible. Even with the Enchantment skill controlling him, he accepted everything without any resistance, the first one to do so.

Payne felt a bitter taste in his mouth. As a heaven-stage martial warrior, choosing to submit in such a manner was indeed a source of shame. However, for some inexplicable reason, he couldn't summon the slightest thought of resistance. He felt a deep sadness within.

The other universe pirates on the spacecraft quickly learned of Wang Teng's intentions. Initially, they resisted, but under Payne's "persuasion," everyone eventually accepted their fate.

Ultimately, these universe pirates were not exactly noble individuals. To make them adhere to any kind of code, violent means were necessary. Now that they knew they might not be hunted even if they betrayed their comrades, they chose to compromise.

After all, if they didn't compromise, they might face death now.

Their lives were in the hands of others, leaving them with no other option.

These universe pirates never thought that robbing a big fat sheep would lead to such a major turn of events. They became captives, losing their freedom.

At this moment, they felt a sudden urge to cry.

Pirates long for freedom!

The spacecraft rapidly flew toward the direction of the Five Burial Stars. After about half a day, Payne suddenly ran over with excitement. "Sir, the Red Cat Universe Pirate's hunting area is just ahead. They have been staying here during this period."

"You seem quite excited?" Wang Teng looked at him strangely.

"Do... do I?" Payne responded awkwardly.

"Yes!" Wang Teng nodded.

Payne: o(∩_∩)o

"Don't worry. This is excellent," Wang Teng nodded approvingly. Regardless of the underlying motives, the fact that Payne could help him find other universe pirates was beneficial.

"The Red Cat Universe Pirate? Why does this name sound a little feminine?" Wang Teng asked.

Payne didn't know what to say anymore. It seemed like the young man before him could see through all his thoughts.

"The Red Cat Universe Pirate? Why does this name sound a little feminine?" Wang Teng asked.

"The Red Cat Universe Pirate members are all female martial warriors. Their leader, a heaven-stage martial warrior known as Tracy, has the title of the Red Cat. She's like a wild little cat, tough to discipline," Payne explained.

Wang Teng observed Payne, noticing signs of growing excitement. He couldn't help but feel speechless. This guy was already quite old, yet he acted so flamboyantly?

Most heaven-stage martial warriors were not young. Some were even a few million years old. He didn't expect him to be so excited when they talked about ladies.

Indeed, men were all the same no matter what age they were.

"How strong is their group? Apart from Tracy, what are the strengths of the others?" Wang Teng inquired.

"The Red Cat Universe Pirate team has a few cosmos-stage martial warriors, and the rest are all cosmos-stage martial warriors. Their strength is similar to ours. In this region, the strengths of universe pirates don't differ much. Those with universe-stage powerhouses are rarely seen in this sector," Payne pondered for a moment before continuing, "As for Tracy's strength, she's slightly stronger than me but probably not a match for you."

He glanced at Wang Teng, unable to deny that the young man before him was truly extraordinary. He was a cosmos-stage martial warrior but he rendered Payne utterly defenseless.

"Very well, let's go for it!" Wang Teng commanded.

"My lord, there's something I need to remind you of." Payne hesitated.

"Speak up. Don't beat around the bush. I'm not a villain who doesn't allow you to speak," Wang Teng said.

Payne glanced at Wang Teng carefully. If he wasn't a villain, how could he beat someone into a pig's head? However, he dared not utter those words. He quickly spoke, "The Red Cat Universe Pirates are known for their cunning. Once they sense something amiss, they immediately flee. So, all this time, no one has been able to catch Red Cat Tracy."

Wang Teng asked, "How do you seem to know so much about it?"

"To tell you the truth, Tracy is very beautiful and fiery. A wild female pirate like her is the target of many pirates, but I've never heard of anyone succeeding," Payne said with a sly grin.

"You guys are unbelievable!" Wang Teng was speechless.

It turned out that these universe pirates were even more chaotic than he imagined, resorting to targeting their fellow pirates for such reasons.

Payne could only laugh awkwardly. He had once thought of abducting Tracy, but he ended up receiving a thorough beating.

But, such glorious deeds weren't something he wanted to brag about, so he kept silent.

"Well, in that case, I'll go undercover myself. You all wait here for me," Wang Teng contemplated for a moment and spoke.

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"You're going to... go yourself?!" Payne looked at Wang Teng in astonishment.

"I have to go alone to prevent alerting them. You mentioned that the Red Cat is quite fiery, and I'd like to see for myself," Wang Teng said.

"I understand!" Payne suddenly showed a knowing smile that all men share.

"What do you understand?" Wang Teng was speechless and didn't bother paying any more attention to him. He flew directly out of the spacecraft.

Watching Wang Teng's departing figure, Payne couldn't help but reveal a hint of curiosity.

He wondered if the other party could capture the cunning Red Cat.

Payne was eager to find out. Over the years, no one had managed to catch the Red Cat, and now someone was finally going to confront her.

He just didn't tell Wang Teng that the Red Cat had a formidable escape skill, which was why she could always escape from other powerful universe pirates.

At this moment, Payne's spacecraft was still a considerable distance from the Red Cat Universe Pirates. If the spacecraft got too close, it would undoubtedly be discovered. So, Wang Teng had to fly over by himself.

Wang Teng flew through the void with the speed of a cosmos-stage martial warrior. Soon, sensed a red spacecraft hidden in the void ahead.

"This should be the one!" Round Ball exclaimed in surprise. "It's also a universe-level spacecraft. These universe pirates are all quite wealthy!"

"They earned their money by robbing others. It's definitely easier for them," Wang Teng scoffed.

"True!" Round Ball agreed wholeheartedly.

These universe pirates probably spent their ill-gotten gains on purchasing spacecraft first.

To be a universe pirate, you couldn't do without a powerful spacecraft.

Wang Teng's eyes lit up. Without wasting words, he used the Space Concealment skill to hide himself in the crevices of space. Even the detectors of a universe-level spacecraft might not be able to detect his presence.

Then, he approached the red universe-level spacecraft using spatial means.

At the bottom of the spacecraft, near the airlock, Wang Teng asked, "Round Ball, can you handle it?"

"Leave it to me. Who am I? I'm a heaven-stage intelligent lifeform." Round Ball patted its chest.

Wang Teng gave a faint smile and told it to go ahead.

In no time, the airlock silently opened. Round Ball deceived the intelligent system of the red spaceship, quietly unlocking the airlock.

Wang Teng flashed inside, opened the Real Eye, and immediately captured the brightest force within the spacecraft.

"Heaven stage! It must be the Red Cat!"

Wang Teng smiled slightly and went directly towards the direction of the light. This universe-level spacecraft was also a small one, and the internal space was not large.

He passed through a steel corridor and encountered two cosmos-stage martial warriors. As Payne had said, they were all female martial warriors, but their appearances were far from impressive.

He knocked them unconscious without anyone noticing.

Soon, Wang Teng arrived outside a practice room. In comparison to Payne and the others who were relaxed, the members of the Red Cat Universe Pirate Group were extremely diligent. Most of them were practicing, with only a few on guard duty and hunting for prey.

Others would only leave the practice room when there was prey to plunder.

Wang Teng stood outside the practice room, and Round Ball opened the door directly. Then, he pushed the door open and walked in.

At this point, the other side couldn't run away. He didn't need to worry about anything.

Hence, he had no intention of hiding anymore. He walked in confidently as if he was strolling in his territory.

Inside the practice room, a stunning woman in her early thirties was sitting cross-legged. She had a head of wine-red wavy hair and an exceptionally beautiful face. However, amidst that beauty, there was a cold and stern aura. When Wang Teng first encountered Clara on Yuming Planet, she was also charming. However, compared to this woman, she lacked a kind of sharpness and a unique temperament that could only be achieved by experiencing hardships.

"Who is it?!"

At this moment, the stunning woman suddenly opened her eyes, casting an icy gaze toward the intruder at the door.

"Red Cat Universe Pirate, Red Cat Tracy!" Wang Teng looked at her calmly and opened his mouth.

Tracy slowly stood up. She was wearing a red, smooth combat suit that perfectly outlined her curvaceous figure, giving people a feeling of blood surging.

Wang Teng suddenly understood why Payne had that expression when mentioning the Red Cat.

With that beautiful face and the voluptuous figure, it was impossible not to arouse criminal thoughts in any man.

Even with Wang Teng's composure, he couldn't help but feel a bit moved at this moment.

A woman like her could easily evoke a man's desire for conquest.

"Wang Teng!" Round Ball shouted uncontrollably.

"Cough, cough!" Wang Teng snapped back to reality and cleared his throat.

Tracy did not act rashly and did not answer Wang Teng's question. Her gaze was fixed on him, and she felt a sense of alertness.

Although in her eyes, the young man in front of her was only a cosmos-stage martial warrior, daring to walk into her practice room so confidently, even knowing her identity, indicated that he definitely had some confidence.

Moreover, from the moment the young man entered the practice room until now, there was no movement outside, which also indicated something.

Either he had bypassed all the martial warriors on their ship without causing any attention, or all the martial warriors on the ship had been silently taken care of.

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Regardless of the possibilities, it was evident that this person was not ordinary.

"Who are you?" Tracy sized up Wang Teng and finally asked.

Her voice carried a husky texture, seductive yet laced with cold cruelty, a contradiction.

"I'm just passing through," Wang Teng, with genuine interest, looked at this lady before him, who was ready to launch an attack at any moment.

"Since you're passing through, please leave. When away from home, let's not interfere with each other," Tracy said.

"I heard the rumor that the fiery Red Cat Tracy is quite alluring. I'm curious," Wang Teng remarked.

"Now that you've seen it, it should satisfy your curiosity." Tracy's gaze turned cold as she spoke.

"No, they say you're hard to conquer. I want to give it a try," Wang Teng said with a mischievous tone.

A hint of disgust flashed in Tracy's eyes. This young man, like the others, came to conquer her.

"Then you... go to hell!"

A burst of killing intent erupted in her eyes. With a swift motion, she swung her hand, and a red shadow suddenly whipped towards Wang Teng.

Slap!

A crisp sound echoed, space shattered, cracks spread around the red shadow, entwined with a fiery force. Within that fiery red, there was even a particularly unique crimson hue.

Simultaneously, as the red shadow swept in, a sharp intent pierced through, making the skin tingle upon contact.

Three Forces!

Fire Force!

Metal Force!

Poison Force!

What caught Wang Teng's attention even more was the peculiar weapon wielded by his adversary—a long whip seemingly crafted from a combination of metal and bone, exuding an extraordinary aura.

Wang Teng's eyes sparkled, instantly discerning that the Red Cat before him was a warrior proficient in the Fire, Metal, and Poison Force, a triple-element martial warrior. This revelation aligned with the radiant aura he had observed using his Real Eye earlier.

What caught Wang Teng's attention even more was the peculiar weapon wielded by his adversary—a long whip seemingly crafted from a combination of metal and bone, exuding an extraordinary aura.

As the whip swept through the air, transforming into a razor-sharp crimson light, a direct hit would likely cause the instantaneous rupture of even a cosmos-stage martial warrior.

"A formidable Red Cat!" Wang Teng's lips curled into a hint of a smile. Now, things were getting interesting. The strength of this Red Cat undoubtedly surpassed that of Payne.

Boom!

The next moment, he activated the Ancient God's Body and the True Dragon Battle Physique (pseudo), engulfing the surroundings in scorching heat. A fist pounded forward, the resounding roar echoing through the air.

Tracy couldn't help but sneer. This guy was asking for death, daring to confront her Red Skeletal Soft Bone Whip with his bare fists.

Her Red Skeletal Soft Bone Whip was a heaven-level weapon, causing numerous heaven-stage martial warriors to suffer defeats. She didn't believe this cosmos-stage martial warrior before her could withstand it.

The other party was too arrogant!

However, Wang Teng remained unfazed. Force surged, and suddenly, a layer of earth-yellow dragon scales covered his fist, wrapping it as if transforming his hand into a dragon's claw.

Dark Obelisk Dragon Armor!

This was a defensive battle technique he got from the Obelisk Scale Dragon Beast. It could condense Earth and Dark Force to form a formidable armor, boasting remarkable defensive capabilities.

Currently, Wang Teng only employed Earth Force, yet the resulting defense was by no means weak.

Especially with the activation of the True Dragon Battle Physique (pseudo), it was equivalent to having dual layers of protection.

Moreover, offense was the best defense. He wasn't foolish enough to let the opponent whip him casually.

Boom!

At the next moment, the fist seal erupted, infused with the power of a sixth-rank Fire Domain, colliding with the crimson whip shadow.

"What?" Tracy's expression changed abruptly. Almost without time to think, she felt a tremendous force transmitted through her Red Skeletal Soft Bone Whip, causing it to be forcibly knocked away, almost slipping from her grasp.

Even though she managed to firmly hold onto the whip, her arm couldn't help but tremble. She incredulously stared at the young man before her, taking a few steps back involuntarily.

Sixth-rank domain!

A sixth-rank domain appeared on a cosmos-stage martial warrior.

In all her years of cultivation, reaching the fourth rank of the heaven stage, she had only cultivated her Fire and Poison Domains to the fourth rank, with her Metal Domain barely reaching the third rank.

"Who are you?" Tracy couldn't help but ask the question again.

This young man before her couldn't possibly be a universe pirate. She had never heard of any universe pirate possessing such extraordinary talent.

Moreover, with such talent, why would one choose to be a pirate?

"I told you, I'm just passing through," Wang Teng replied with a faint smile. He continued, "But if you're willing to submit, I might consider revealing my true identity."

"Dream on!" Tracy coldly exclaimed, launching another attack on Wang Teng. She couldn't believe that she, a heaven-stage martial warrior, would be defeated by a cosmos-stage martial warrior, even if he had comprehended a sixth-rank domain.

"Why bother!" Wang Teng shook his head and sighed. He confidently walked towards Tracy, his fist swinging once again, unleashing a powerful fist seal.

The Dark Obelisk Dragon Armor, condensed on his fist, hadn't dissipated. There was a whip mark on its surface, indicating that the previous whip strike had not been without effect.

However, it hadn't truly harmed Wang Teng, and with the flickering radiance, the armor on his fist returned to its original state. The whip mark seemed to be nothing more than an illusion.

Boom!

The two clashed once again, fist seal and whip light interweaving, creating resounding explosions within the training room.

Fortunately, the room was sturdy enough and had rune protections. Otherwise, their battle could easily have damaged the spacecraft.

Tracy grew more and more alarmed as the battle progressed. Was this young man truly a cosmos-stage martial warrior? Why was he so powerful? She found herself unable to defeat him.

His strength was terrifying, posing a threat even to heaven-stage martial warriors.

Moreover, after such a prolonged fight, his Force seemed undiminished, unlike that of a typical cosmos-stage martial warrior.

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"Wait!" Tracy retreated. She stopped her attack a hundred meters away and opened her mouth.

"What's the matter?" Wang Teng looked at her with utmost calmness.

"I give up! You wanted me to submit, right? I submit!" Tracy said decisively.

"Weren't you refusing just a moment ago? And this doesn't seem like your style," Wang Teng said, looking at her with a sly smile.

"Your strength is enough to make me submit. I can see it. You're different from those smelly men before. You're not a universe pirate," Tracy said.

"Is that so?" Wang Teng rubbed his chin and said, "Then come here, kneel, and call me master. I'll believe you then!"

"Do I really have to kneel?" Tracy's expression changed slightly. A hint of struggle appeared in her eyes, and a trace of grievance surfaced on her face, making her appear pitiable.

"Kneel!" Wang Teng nodded, speaking with seriousness.

Tracy cursed Wang Teng mentally a thousand times. This man was too heartless, showing no emotion at all.

"If you don't kneel, we'll continue fighting!" Wang Teng said.

"Fine, I'll kneel!" Tracy gritted her teeth, took a deep breath, and said.

"Put away your whip. It's intimidating," Wang Teng said.

Tracy was infuriated but ultimately put away the red whip in her hand. She walked in front of Wang Teng and slowly knelt.

Wang Teng was astonished. Was this woman really going to submit?

The script wasn't right!

Based on his prediction, this wild Red Cat wouldn't surrender easily.

At this moment.

Tracy suddenly lifted her head, a seductive smile appearing at the corner of her lips, captivating, but a glint of coldness flashed in her eyes. Simultaneously, her red lips slightly parted, revealing several icy glimmers.

Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh!

Three needle-like rays of cold red light shot straight towards Wang Teng's eyes.

The distance between them was too close, and these glimmers instantly reached Wang Teng's face, seemingly about to pierce into his eyes.

A cold smile formed at the corner of Tracy's mouth, but the next moment, her smile froze instantly.

"What a treacherous woman!" Wang Teng sighed.

Without any visible movement, the three rays of cold light suddenly froze in place, just inches from his eyes, unable to advance any further.

"How is this possible?" Tracy looked bewildered. Her body, halfway in the process of rising, froze. However, a hand suddenly pressed onto her shoulder.

"Don't get up, continue kneeling!"

At the same time, a mocking voice came from behind her.

"When did that happen?" Tracy was both shocked and enraged. She looked towards Wang Teng in front of her, only to see that the figure was slowly dissipating, leaving behind only a faint afterimage.

With a forceful push of his palm, Tracy solidly knelt on the ground.

"You!" Tracy's face was instantly filled with humiliation.

"Don't move. My battle sword doesn't have eyes!" Wang Teng walked out slowly from behind her, a sword appearing in his hand at some unknown point, pressing lightly against her neck. He smiled faintly.

Tracy's body stiffened, not daring to make the slightest movement. Although the young man in front of her wore a playful smile, his eyes were now indifferent to the extreme, unlike the previous men she had encountered, whose eyes were full of desire.

She was unwilling. Originally, she had intended to use this sneak attack, but unexpectedly, it backfired, leaving her unable even to escape.

"Look into my eyes," Wang Teng suddenly said.

Tracy was already making eye contact with Wang Teng and immediately sensed that something was wrong. Subconsciously, she tried to evade, but it was too late.

A crimson light flashed in Wang Teng's eyes, causing her gaze to instantly become hazy.

After a moment, Wang Teng walked out of the training room.

Unexpectedly, this woman was much more difficult to control than Payne, consuming a considerable amount of his spiritual power.

Tracy followed obediently behind him, her eyes resentful, but she could no longer muster the thought of attacking him.

"Round Ball, ask Payne and the others to bring the spacecraft over," Wang Teng said.

He picked up all the dropped attribute bubbles, but they were of little use. Wang Teng didn't pay much attention to them.

Tracy followed obediently behind him, her eyes resentful, but she could no longer muster the thought of attacking him.

"Round Ball, ask Payne and the others to bring the spacecraft over," Wang Teng said.

As Payne brought the spacecraft closer, Wang Teng had already taken control of all the martial warriors on the Red Cat Pirate Group's spacecraft.

Looking at the group of female warriors in front of him, Wang Teng's expression became somewhat strange. He said to Tracy behind him, "The difference between your subordinates and you seems a bit too significant."

Ordinary!

These female martial warriors looked too ordinary!

Not to mention comparing them to Tracy, even compared to ordinary beauties, there was simply no comparison.

For a notorious pirate group led by a renowned beauty, it was truly unexpected that her subordinates were just a group of plain-looking female warriors.

"They are all pitiful beings in the universe. Sometimes, having an ordinary appearance can attract less attention," Tracy said coldly.

Wang Teng nodded in deep thought.

"Sir!" At this moment, Payne walked in with his men from outside, extremely excited. "You've indeed conquered the Red Cat!"

At this point, Payne truly admired Wang Teng to the extreme. The elusive Red Cat had finally been conquered by someone!

"Payne! It's you!" Tracy, upon seeing him, immediately knew that he must have betrayed her. This scoundrel.

"Uh, hahaha... Red Cat, long time no see. You're still so charming," Payne said awkwardly.

"Hmph, by betraying me, you've violated a taboo. Aren't you afraid of provoking other pirate groups to unite against us?" Tracy said coldly.

"Given his methods, do you think I could resist? You've already experienced it," Payne said.

Tracy's expression changed slightly, and she couldn't help but look towards Wang Teng. She was under control and knew that she had no power to resist. For a moment, her face turned pale, and her heart felt as if it were ashes.

"Don't worry, I won't touch you," Wang Teng said calmly and directly.

Tracy: ...

Payne: ...

"I made you submit so that you could work for me, not for anything else," Wang Teng continued.

"What do you want us to do?" Payne couldn't help but ask.

Tracy also looked at Wang Teng, furrowing her brows.

"For now, I don't know. We'll talk about it later," Wang Teng said, stretching lazily.

Payne and Tracy were speechless.

Damn it, this guy captured them without knowing what he wanted. Why were they being treated unfairly?

"Alright, continue searching for other pirate groups. Let's capture a few more," Wang Teng ordered.

"We still need to continue capturing?" Payne exclaimed.

"Any objections?" Wang Teng asked.

"No, no!" Payne replied hurriedly.

Beside them, Tracy's gaze flickered, and it was unclear what she was thinking.

Next, Wang Teng continued to recruit other pirate groups encountered on the journey. Five days passed in the blink of an eye, and they were now approaching the Five Burial Stars. The number of recruited pirate groups had reached six.

"You all stay on standby in the surrounding space. Don't cause trouble, and don't let anyone discover you," Wang Teng instructed the few people standing behind him in the spacecraft's control room.

These people, including Payne and Tracy, along with four heaven-stage martial warriors, were all leaders of the pirate groups captured by Wang Teng along the way.

Chapter 2228: Dangers Everywhere! (1)

Five Burial Stars!

In the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain, the Five Burial Stars didn't just refer to the five planets. It represented a dominant power in the region.

The Five Burial Stars were controlled by five major families, jointly dominating dozens of star systems within the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain, making them one of the three most powerful forces in the region.

You could say that the status of the Five Burial Stars in the territorial domain was akin to that of the Great Qian Empire in the Liuguang Territorial Domain.

In the celestial expanse, five planets orbit, forming a peculiar ring made of unique materials.

While they were called five planets, it was quite evident that one of them was significantly larger than the other four.

This planet was the core of the Five Burial Stars, known as the Fifth Burial Star!

At this moment, within a castle-like structure on the main continent of the Fifth Burial Star, representatives of the five major families had gathered.

Inside a grand and magnificent hall, five seats were arranged by a long table, each family member taking their place.

Four of them sat on either side of the long table, while one person sat at the upper end, clearly holding a distinguished position.

The Five Burial Stars have a particularly unique rule. Every few years, they conduct a re-ranking.

The ranking was determined based on each family's economic strength, the strongest combat power, contributions to the development of the Five Burial Stars, and the strength of the younger generation.

The family that ranks first would become the true leading family of the Five Burial Stars, with the other four families providing unconditional support.

Of course, if a significant decision-making mistake occurred, the other four families could jointly initiate an impeachment to remove the originally leading family from its position.

To the Five Burial Stars, such a rule undoubtedly suits their development.

Survival of the fittest!

The laws in the universe were the most straightforward, and it was precisely by adhering to such rules that the Five Burial Stars had maintained their unyielding development for countless years.

Even in the face of significant crises, the Five Burial Stars had never declined.

Now, it was the Hengzang Family, one of the five major families, that held the reins of the Five Burial Stars.

"I presume you have all received the news!"

At the upper end, a middle-aged man with a face full of robust muscles spoke.

This man was the current head of the Hengzang Family, named Hengzang Chuan, a universe stage powerhouse with formidable strength.

"The Arbitration Association of the Seven Stellar Academies is relentless. They have sent another councilor." Another woman shook her head with a charming smile.

She was the head of the Yizang Family, Yizang Bai. Despite being a woman, she was also a universe stage powerhouse, not to be underestimated.

The Yizang Family was a matriarchal family, where female warriors generally excelled, making the women generally stronger than the men.

"The bodies of those unlucky guys we took care of haven't even cooled yet." The head of the Guizang Family, Guizang Feng, one of the five major families, nonchalantly placed his foot on the long table and burst into laughter.

"I had someone investigate the new cosmos realm. It's said that he is just a freshman at the Stellar Academies, and he's also a cosmos-stage martial warrior!" Another man, in his fifties with half-white hair and a sinister demeanor, spoke slowly.

He was the head of the Yunzang Family, named Yunzang Ying, with a gloomy and ruthless personality. In the chaotic world of the Five Burial Stars, his reputation was extremely poor, striking fear into the hearts of those who heard his name.

"A new student? A cosmos-stage martial warrior?" Everyone was stunned.

"Is the Academy Arbitration Association joking with us?" asked the head of the Shouzang Family, the last of the five major families, with a helpless smile.

"Appointing a cosmos-stage warrior as a councilor, the Academy Arbitration Association seems to have lost their minds," Guizang Feng commented speechlessly.

"Why would they appoint a freshman as a councilor? I've never heard of a new student becoming a councilor," Yizang Bai said, frowning in confusion, finding the situation somewhat suspicious.

"The reason given by the Stellar Academies is that this new councilor is a genius with formidable strength!" Yunzang Ying explained.

"Formidable strength? How powerful can a cosmos-stage warrior be?" Guizang Feng sneered.

The other heads felt the same way. They didn't believe that a cosmos-stage martial warrior was powerful enough to threaten them.

In the past, the councilors were always formidable individuals, often surpassing even the heaven stage. Given that they had eliminated numerous councilors before, they found it hard to believe that a cosmos-stage martial warrior could make any significant impact.

"Could it be that they just want to offer a sacrificial lamb?" Shouzang Liao touched his chin. "After all, we've killed so many councilors in the past; maybe the Academy Arbitration Association has grown tired of it?"

"That's possible. Each time they send councilors, they seem to be unlucky fellows. It appears the Academy Arbitration Association is ready to give up control over our Five Burial Stars," Yizang Bai remarked with a faint smile.

"Even the Academy Arbitration Association has to bow to the Five Burial Stars. We're going to be famous!" Guizang Feng laughed triumphantly.

"Don't be complacent. The Academy Arbitration Association represents the Stellar Arbitration Council. We have been maintaining a delicate balance. If we go too far, they won't continue to turn a blind eye," Yunzang Ying warned.

As the Stellar Arbitration Council was mentioned, the atmosphere became serious, and everyone nodded in agreement.

While suppressing the development of the Academy Arbitration Association in Five Burial Stars had given them a boost, they weren't arrogant enough to underestimate the Stellar Arbitration Council.

It was a force that all powerful beings in the universe feared, boasting a multitude of formidable individuals. Each one was a cause for concern.

"This councilor named Wang Teng is about to arrive at Five Burial Stars. Arrange for our younger generation to welcome him properly," said Hengzang Chuan. He had remained silent until now, and as the discussion came to an end, he spoke in a calm tone.

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"Alright! He's just a cosmos-stage martial warrior. It's easy to deal with him," Guizang Feng replied.

"Guizang Feng, you better put away such thoughts. The prodigies of the Stellar Academies are not to be underestimated," Yunzang Ying warned.

"Okay, okay, I know!" Guizang Feng waved his hand impatiently.

"Let's disperse. Don't make mistakes at a critical moment," said Hengzang Chuan. He stood up and disappeared into the hall.

The other family heads exchanged glances and gradually faded away.

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In the starry sky, more than ten light-years away from Five Burial Stars, a highly concealed spacecraft hid in the void.

Onboard, three heaven-stage martial warriors stood in the spacecraft's control room, frowning as they gazed at the display screen of the detectors.

"So many days have passed. He should have arrived by now," a stern-looking young man spoke.

"But we haven't found any trace of him. During this time, we only saw a few universe pirate ships and some commercial spacecraft passing by," said another woman with an icy expression.

"This is the main route to Five Burial Stars. He should have passed through here, unless he changed his spacecraft," an ordinary-looking old man added.

"The information our employer gave us is inaccurate." The woman with the icy expression frowned.

"This is the target's spacecraft. It's a universe-level spacecraft, and very distinctive. If it appears, we will notice it." The ordinary-looking old man opened a holographic screen, revealing a black and menacing spacecraft, highly conspicuous.

As the old man said, if this spacecraft appeared, they wouldn't have missed it.

If Wang Teng were here, he would undoubtedly recognize it as his Devil Slayer spacecraft.

These people were after him.

"What do we do now?" The stern-looking young man asked impatiently.

The ordinary-looking old man sighed and said, "Wait for two more days. If there's still no sign, the other party has probably reached Five Burial Stars ahead of us. It means our interception... has failed!"

"This increases my workload!" The woman with an icy expression coldly remarked. "Is the information provided by our employer reliable or not?"

"If this continues, I might have to... ask for more money!"

"That's right, more money!" The stern-looking young man agreed.

"Alright, let's make the other party pay more." The ordinary-looking old man nodded, seemingly in agreement with the decision.

So, they waited for two more days, still without spotting the target spacecraft. The three of them decided to ask for more money.

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Seventh Stellar Academy.

The Qingyan Society.

"What? You want more money??" Feng Qingyan seemed to have heard something extremely absurd, and his whole demeanor changed.

He thought he had found the right people, believing it was foolproof, and that they would undoubtedly eliminate Wang Teng, especially since the individuals he hired were from there.

However, the result was that they hadn't even found the person, and now they wanted more money!

This was simply outrageous!

"Your information is incorrect. The target spacecraft hasn't appeared at all. If you want us to continue the mission, we'll have to take the risk of entering Five Burial Stars."

A holographic screen appeared in front of Feng Qingyan, and a person wearing a black head covering calmly spoke.

"His spacecraft hasn't appeared?" Feng Qingyan deeply furrowed his brows, speaking in a cold tone, "Did you set up your ambush in the wrong place? He might have taken a different route."

"Impossible. The location we ambushed is the only route leading to Five Burial Stars. Other areas are blocked by warriors from Five Burial Stars. He can't enter elsewhere," the person in the black hood replied.

"That means that the other party changed spacecraft." Feng Qingyan immediately thought of this.

"Exactly. That's our speculation as well." The person in the black hood said, "So if you want us to continue the mission, you must pay more. Also, if you decide to cancel the mission, we'll only refund half of the commission. The other half is our service fee. This is the rule, and you should be aware of it."

Feng Qingyan felt a pang of annoyance at the mention of more money. Taking a deep breath, he said, "Fine, more money it is, but I must see him dead."

"No problem. Our success rate is 99%," The person in the black hood confidently stated.

Feng Qingyan said no more, reluctantly paid the additional fee and then closed the holographic screen.

In the next moment, the room was filled with the sound of various objects being smashed.

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In the universe outside the Five Burial Stars, a passenger spacecraft was flying towards the Five Burial Stars.

This type of passenger spacecraft was designed for short-distance travel, divided into economy class, business class, and luxury class.

Naturally, the prices varied, but the services in the luxury class were worth every credit.

Inside the luxury class of this passenger spacecraft, a handsome young man with black hair was comfortably sitting in an air-powered recliner. He wore casual and comfortable attire, looking nothing like a warrior. Instead, he seemed like a nobleman traveling the universe.

On the side, several charming flight attendants occasionally walked by, sneakily glancing at the young man.

The black-haired young man was simply too handsome, and his unique temperament made him stand out. Even though these flight attendants had seen many young talents of various races, they couldn't find anyone comparable to this black-haired young man.

Moreover, the fact that he sat in the luxury class meant he wasn't short of money, undoubtedly a young nobleman from some major power.

Young, wealthy, and handsome!

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For these flight attendants, there was undoubtedly a fatal attraction.

If they could win the favor of this young nobleman, they could escape the life of the lower class and no longer need to continue wandering.

These flight attendants came from various races, and many of them were slaves sold to the passenger transport companies. They yearned to escape their current situations every moment.

"Sir, may I ask if you would like a drink?" A beautiful woman boldly approached, bending down to reveal a deep cleavage as she asked softly.

"Not for now, thank you!" The black-haired young man was about to check the messages from Five Burial Stars. Hearing the voice, he slightly paused, raised his head, momentarily dazed, but quickly recovered. He smiled faintly.

"All right, if you need anything, feel free to call me. I am Nana, flight attendant number 03." The beautiful woman's eyes flashed with a hint of disappointment, but it quickly vanished.

"Okay!" The black-haired young man nodded.

The beautiful woman gracefully stood up, allowing her ample chest to be displayed in front of the black-haired young man for a while, and then she swayed away with a graceful figure.

The black-haired young man shook his head, and couldn't help but sigh in his heart. The wealthy people in the universe were truly fortunate.

"You seem a bit moved, but why not accept it? With your financial resources, buying such a beauty should be straightforward. Even if you purchase all the crew members on this entire spacecraft, it shouldn't be a problem," a cold, husky voice came from the side.

"Beautiful things are plentiful, but I don't necessarily have to claim them all for myself." The black-haired young man looked at the woman on his left, smiling faintly.

"But they are pitiful people, destined to be bought sooner or later," the woman said.

"Everyone has their destiny. I can't intervene every time I see injustice," the black-haired young man said lightly. "You seem quite upset."

"No!" The woman closed her eyes, seeming unwilling to say more.

However, the black-haired young man continued, asking, "Why did you come out with me? Didn't I ask you to stay on standby at any time?"

"To protect you. If you die, with what you've left in our heads, we probably would die too," the woman said indifferently.

"Protect me?" The black-haired young man laughed. "Not one of you is my match."

"The Five Burial Stars are chaotic. The more people, the more assurance. Besides, here, our experience is definitely richer than yours," the woman said without opening her eyes.

"You're truly an unruly subordinate. The others wouldn't dare to disobey my orders," the black-haired young man said helplessly.

"If you want to kill me, I have no objections," the woman suddenly opened her eyes and looked at him indifferently.

"No need for that. It's just a small matter; there's no need to kill you over it," the black-haired young man said with a faint smile. "Just do your job well. You'll find that following me is at least better than being a universe pirate."

The woman kept quiet. Later, she asked, "What are you going to do on Five Burial Stars? And why did you change your appearance?"

"I'm so handsome, and you're so good-looking. If I didn't change my appearance, it would cause a lot of trouble," the black-haired young man answered casually.

"...Is there a difference now?" The woman remained silent for a moment, looking at the black-haired young man, who was still incredibly handsome even after the transformation.

"Of course, it's much safer now," the black-haired young man replied. "Especially for you. If you maintained your original appearance, there would be big trouble. I'm afraid many people know you, right?"

"Few people know my true appearance. Only some universe pirates have seen my real face," the woman said.

"That's enough. Universe pirates are still quite mysterious. What if someone who knows you happens to pass by?" the black-haired young man said.

The woman remained silent, closing her eyes again and refusing to speak. She didn't believe a word of what the black-haired young man said.

Shrugging, the black-haired young man looked at the information on the screen, browsing the recent events around Five Burial Stars.

This black-haired young man was none other than Wang Teng, who had changed his appearance. He decided to enter Five Burial Stars with an unfamiliar face first, assess the situation, and then decide on the next course of action.

As for the woman next to him, she was Tracy, the Red Cat. When Wang Teng left the pirate ship, she followed him, claiming to be there to "protect" Wang Teng.

Chapter 2231: You're The Councilor They're Talking About! (1)

On the Five Burial Stars, apart from the largest planet, the Fifth Burial Star, the other four planets are each occupied by one of the four major families, with the planets named after these families

The base of the Hengzang Family was located on the Fifth Burial Star, indicating the formidable strength of this family.

On the Yunzang Planet, in a steep canyon, within a treacherous canyon, a cold and ruthless voice resonated through the void, suddenly reaching within.

"Yunzang Xiao, a member of the Academy Arbitration Association is about to arrive. This councilor is a cosmos-stage martial warrior. Come out of seclusion."

"Yes!"

A figure suddenly soared into the sky from the canyon, hovering in the air above the canyon, bowing respectfully toward the distance.

"You may act freely, just avoid directly killing him."

The voice slowly faded away, and the figure in the canyon, Yunzang Xiao, had a glint in his eyes and a sinister smile on his lips. "A cosmos-stage councilor? It's finally my turn to take action. I will let everyone know that I am the strongest prodigy in the Five Burial Stars."

In an instant, he transformed into a stream of light, rushing towards the sky. Without using a spacecraft, he flew directly towards the Fifth Burial Star. He couldn't wait to meet the councilor.

On the Guizang Star, a figure appeared on top of a towering volcano and shouted down below, "Guizang Yan, get your ass out of here."

"I heard it! I heard it!" An impatient roar echoed from below the volcano.

Boom!

The next moment, like a volcanic eruption, numerous magma pillars surged, and within the scorching magma, a robust figure soared into the air.

"Old man, what do you want with me?" Guizang Yan asked arrogantly.

"The councilor from the Academy Arbitration Association has arrived. This time, it's a cosmos-stage warrior. Go meet him and don't disgrace our Guizang family," said Guizang Feng, the head of the Guizang Family. He looked at his most outstanding son in satisfaction.

This was his 36th son, even more outstanding than several sons and daughters who had already reached the heaven stage. If he becomes a heaven-stage martial warrior, he would undoubtedly be a formidable force, and he could send him out for experience.

"Cosmos stage? Councilor? Old man, are you kidding me?" Guizang Yan asked.

"There's no mistake. The other party is a genius from the Stellar Academy, rumored to be incredibly powerful," Guizang Feng said.

At the meeting of the five major families, he appeared disdainful of the geniuses from the Stellar Academies. However, in reality, he never underestimated the talents from the academy. It was merely a façade put on for the other four major families.

To become the head of a family, one could not be a simple character.

While the five major families appeared to cooperate on the surface, competition still existed behind closed doors.

After all, whoever took control of the helm of the Five Burial Stars would greatly benefit their own family.

"A genius from the Stellar Academies, becoming a councilor at the cosmos stage. Interesting," Guizang Yan said with a faint smile.

"It's time for you to go out and explore. Don't always cultivate here," Guizang Feng advised.

"Alright!" Guizang Yan nodded and then asked, "Will Yunzang Xiao and Hengzang Yao Kong also come out?"

"Of course. How can the other four major families give up such a good opportunity? So, you have to make our family proud," Guizang Feng remarked coldly.

"Enough! Stop mentioning the family all the time," Guizang Yan said impatiently, waving his hand. He transformed into a crimson light and soared into the sky.

"You rascal!" Guizang Feng looked up and couldn't help but curse with a smile before disappearing on the spot.

Meanwhile, in the territories of the Shouzang Family, Yizang Family, and Hengzang Family, similar scenes were unfolding. Young warriors emerged from their places of cultivation, converging towards the Fifth Burial Star.

Wang Teng had not yet arrived, but the Fifth Burial Star was already bustling with anticipation. Everyone was awaiting the arrival of this councilor.

A passenger spacecraft descended into the docking port of the Fifth Burial Star, and a black-haired young man emerged, accompanied by a woman with a voluptuous figure and an ordinary face.

Many crew members behind them couldn't help but reveal a disappointed expression as they looked at the woman. They found it somewhat unfair.

"Why should that woman be favored by the noble young master? Is it just because of her good figure?" One crew member coldly remarked.

"Her figure isn't just good. It's outrageously good," another flight attendant sighed.

Silence.

Several crew members couldn't help but glance at their own figures. Well, although theirs were also quite good, it seemed a bit lacking in comparison.

The other woman had a perfect and well-proportioned figure without an ounce of excess flesh. The difference was immediately apparent.

There was no harm if there was no comparison.

The difference was obvious.

"What on earth did she eat to have such a figure? It's truly breaking the rules," one crew member murmured.

"Exactly!"

"The taste of that noble young master seems a bit strange. This woman looks so ordinary!"

"Maybe some men just like this type?"

"Haven't you heard a saying?"

"What saying?"

"Turn off the lights, and they all look the same!"

Silence.

The flight attendants turned eerily silent.

"Sisters, that one hit close to home!" Someone said wryly.

"There are beautiful ladies everywhere, but it's hard to find someone with such a perfect figure." The attendant continued to stab them in the heart.

Silence.

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The surrounding crew members couldn't bear to listen any longer and suddenly scattered. The topic had been exhausted for the day.

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In front, Wang Teng held on tightly to the raging Tracy and said using voice transmission, "Don't act rashly! Don't be impulsive! They're just joking. Ignorance is innocence."

Tracy took several deep breaths to gradually calm her anger and coldly said, "Let go!"

"Alright, I'll let go, immediately. Don't be impulsive!" Wang Teng immediately released the hand he had gripped, keeping a close eye on her, afraid that she might impulsively go back and take care of those crew members.

However, the anticipated situation did not unfold. Tracy snorted coldly and walked briskly forward.

Wang Teng finally breathed a sigh of relief, inwardly complaining about those crew members. How dare they secretly ridicule this fiery lady behind her back? They were asking for trouble.

But he also hadn't expected that even after taming this red cat, it would be so difficult to deal with. It was even throwing a tantrum.

Who was the real master here?

"Wang Teng, are you sure you didn't bring back an ancestor?" Round Ball laughed in his mind.

"Nevermind, I'm a magnanimous person." Wang Teng shook his head and sighed. He walked forward.

Tracy stopped in her tracks and waited for a while.

"Why stop?" Wang Teng asked.

"Where are we going now?" Tracy asked impatiently.

"Let's find a place to stay, preferably the busiest place on the Five Burial Stars, where geniuses gather. Let me see how strong the geniuses of the Five Burial Stars are," Wang Teng said.

Tracy nodded. She stopped a Force rune flying car at the side of the road and said, "Go to Five Burial Street."

Then, she closed her eyes.

The Force Rune flying car flew into the sky.

Wang Teng sat inside the car, looking out through the window at the scenery outside, his gaze filled with curiosity.

While the Five Burial Stars was a chaotic place, there was no trace of disorder on the surface. Everywhere seemed orderly, with flying cars navigating the designated air routes in the sky, and martial warriors walking through the air without interfering with each other.

The city was bustling, with towering buildings, and below, there was a large flow of people, seemingly busy with their own affairs.

Wang Teng's eyes showed a hint of surprise as he asked, "Round Ball, is this really a chaotic place?"

"Of course. Why will I lie to you?" Round Ball replied.

"This chaotic place seems a bit... calm!" Wang Teng hesitated for a moment before finding an appropriate adjective.

Calm!

Yes, it was too calm, not at all like a chaotic place.

Shouldn't there be death everywhere? Shouldn't it be barbaric and lawless? Shouldn't it be a place where violence and plunder were commonplace?

Why did it seem more like a civilized planet?

Wang Teng didn't understand!

Before Round Ball could respond, a voice suddenly entered Wang Teng's ears.

"You seem to find all of this very strange!"

Wang Teng turned to look at Tracy, who was resting with her eyes closed. Wasn't she ignoring him?

"Well, a bit," he replied.

"What's strange? Strange that this place is so calm and prosperous?" Tracy seemed to have known what Wang Teng was thinking and said casually.

"And if not?" Wang Teng asked back.

"You're overthinking. All the chaos is invisible. Look at the people below. They seem to be conducting legitimate business, but in reality, they might just be dealing with looted or stolen goods."

"And some people, on the surface, seem to be discussing big business, apparently formulating some business plan, but in reality, they might just be planning which wealthy person to rob tonight or whose woman to plunder among the rich young heirs."

"Look behind us. Several flying cars are following us. They've already marked you as a fat sheep," Tracy said.

Wang Teng turned to glance, suddenly feeling the unfriendliness of this planet.

He had sensed the flying cars behind them a long time ago, but he didn't expect them to be tailing him, planning to rob him.

"Do you still think that the Five Burial Stars are peaceful?" Tracy asked.

"How did the chaos develop on the Five Burial Stars?" Wang Teng was not concerned at all about the sarcasm in her words. He was curious.

"It's suppressed by the five major families of the Five Burial Stars. Everything here is within their rules," Tracy, though indifferent to Wang Teng, explained, "And the

uniqueness of the Five Burial Stars allows many extremely rare treasures from the outside world to circulate in the market. Similarly, it enables things to be done here that cannot be done in the outside world, naturally giving it its value."

Wang Teng nodded in deep thought.

"It seems bringing her along has some effect." Round Ball chuckled.

Wang Teng nodded silently. Tracy had already demonstrated her usefulness, and he didn't mind having her accompany him.

Before long, the flying car descended on a bustling commercial street. Wang Teng and Tracy got off the car, looking around.

"We've arrived! This Five Burials Hotel is the most luxurious and extravagant gathering place on the Five Burial Stars. All the genius warriors from the Five Burial Stars come here to exchange ideas. As long as you stay here, those who see you as a fat sheep won't dare to touch you," Tracy turned around, gazing at a magnificent golden building ahead. She glanced at Wang Teng and added nonchalantly, "Of course, staying here is very expensive!"

"Very expensive?" Wang Teng laughed. "Do you think I can't afford it?"

Tracy suddenly realized that this guy had robbed six universe pirate groups, including their Red Cat Pirate Group. Money was probably the least of his concerns.

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She didn't know that even if Wang Teng didn't rob them, his wealth was beyond her imagination.

"Let's go!" Wang Teng smiled slightly and walked towards the Five Burials Hotel in front.

Several stern-faced martial warriors stood in front of the door, blocking the way. "Martial warriors below the cosmos stage are not allowed to enter."

A hint of surprise flashed in Wang Teng's eyes. Was the threshold of the Five Burials Hotel this high? Without wasting words, he directly released his cosmos-stage aura and said, "Can we go in now?"

The martial warriors looked at Tracy.

Boom!

A terrifying aura suddenly erupted from Tracy, causing the martial warriors to take a few steps back, their expressions drastically changing.

"Heaven-stage!"

The gazes of the warriors immediately changed. This seemingly ordinary woman turned out to be a heaven-stage martial warrior. What's more, she was silently following behind a cosmos-stage martial warrior like a bodyguard.

The identity of this black-haired young man was definitely not simple.

"Please come in!" The martial warriors on both sides showed a change in their expressions and respectfully made way.

Wang Teng passed by them directly, leading Tracy inside.

After the two entered, the leader immediately opened his wristwatch and sent out a message.

In addition to checking the qualifications of those entering, these martial warriors also observed the identities of the entrants and promptly reported the situation to the hotel backend to avoid offending the wrong people.

Wang Teng had a heaven-stage martial warrior as his bodyguard so his identity wasn't simple. They needed to treat him carefully.

In a place as chaotic as the Five Burial Stars, being cautious was crucial, as formidable individuals could emerge at any moment.

Of course, the Five Burials Hotel, jointly operated by the five major families, was not a place ordinary people could afford to provoke.

As Wang Teng entered the lobby of the Five Burials Hotel, he was momentarily stunned by its opulence.

Damn, this was too luxurious!

Even for someone as well-traveled as Wang Teng, such a magnificent place was a rare sight.

The interior was exceptionally unique.

In the center was a large arena covered by protective rune arrays, where two martial warriors were engaged in combat. The arena was entirely open above, with balconies forming enclosed spaces on all four sides, resembling a square.

At this moment, many people stood on the balconies, watching the battles in the arena, occasionally cheering.

"This place is quite interesting!" Wang Teng observed the surroundings with a peculiar look and spoke in a low voice.

"This is the characteristic of the Five Burials Building. If you want to witness the geniuses of the Five Burial Stars, this is the best place," Cissy explained.

"Good! Well done. I'll remember your contribution." Wang Teng chuckled.

Tracy remained expressionless, seemingly unresponsive to Wang Teng's praise.

At this moment, a maid-like beauty hurried over and said, "Please follow me."

Wang Teng nodded and followed her to a counter behind the arena. A middle-aged man with a friendly face greeted them, "I am Nori, the lobby manager of the Five Burials Hotel. May I know if the two of you are here for dining or accommodation?"

"Both dining and accommodation," Wang Teng replied nonchalantly.

"Alright, these are the rooms in our hotel, divided into five grades. Please take a look." Nori opened the holographic screen and explained.

Wang Teng's gaze fell on the holographic screen, and he couldn't help but be amazed. The highest-grade luxury suite costs a whopping 100,000 UC per night. This was outright robbery!

Nori maintained a smile on his face and did not rush them.

"Give me two of the fifth-grade luxury suites," Wang Teng said.

Fortunately, he wasn't short on money. For an ordinary cosmos-stage warrior, parting with 100,000 UC for just one night might be too extravagant.

"Alright..." Nori nodded.

"One room!" Suddenly, Tracy beside him spoke.

Wang Teng turned to look at her in surprise, a question mark filling his mind. One room? Sister, are you joking?

"Just one is enough!" Tracy didn't look at Wang Teng and just said indifferently.

"Alright!" Nori nodded immediately. He operated on the screen and said, "It's ready. Your luxurious suite is Room 36 on the fifth floor, offering a clear view of the arena below."

"I'll ask the attendant to bring you up."

The attendant who had been waiting on the side immediately approached upon hearing this, leading Wang Teng and Tracy towards an elevator.

There was a meaningful look in Nori's eyes.

That woman had an ordinary appearance, but her figure was quite impressive. This young master had a unique taste!

On the other side, the three quickly arrived on the fifth floor. The attendant led Wang Teng and Tracy to the door of the luxury suite, used a card to open the door, and said, "Please enter. This is your room."

Wang Teng looked into the room, and it indeed matched the hotel's style—extremely luxurious, maximizing the enjoyment without feeling excessive. The lighting inside was soft, and all decorations and furnishings were just right, likely designed by a very talented designer.

"Each of our luxury suites has a different style," the attendant explained.

"Not bad," Wang Teng nodded. The money spent seemed well worth it.

Beside him, Tracy's eyes fluctuated slightly. Although she was a heaven-stage martial warrior, she had never stayed in such a luxurious hotel.

As a universe pirate, she had always lived a frugal life.

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Of course, Tracy herself didn't care about these luxuries.

However, seeing such a luxurious scene for the first time, she couldn't help but be shaken.

"I'm hungry, where's your restaurant?" Wang Teng said.

"Our restaurant is on the ninth floor. If you want to eat, you can go to the restaurant or have the food delivered to your room," the attendant respectfully explained.

"Let's go to the restaurant," Wang Teng said directly.

"Alright, follow me."

The attendant led Wang Teng to the ninth floor and arranged a position by the corridor, allowing a clear view of the arena battles below.

The seating here was well thought out, mostly along the corridor, seemingly designed for convenient viewing of the arena battles below, a characteristic of the Five Burials Hotel.

Wang Teng ordered some specialties of the Fifth Burial Star along with fine wine, and he and Tracy began to enjoy their meal.

The attendant tactfully retreated to a distance, ensuring she could respond promptly to any calls from the guests without disturbing their dining experience.

The restaurant was now filled with people, representing various races but mostly dominated by young individuals. They gathered together, eagerly discussing the battles taking place below.

"Come on, let's place a bet. Let's see who's stronger."

"That goes without saying. It must be Yunzang Jing from the Yunzang Family. He's a third-level cosmos-stage martial warrior. Hengzang Pu from the Hengzang Pu Family is only at the second level."

"But you never know. The Hengzang Family's techniques have always been powerful. Otherwise, they wouldn't have maintained their position as the leading family among the five families for so many years."

"Alright, I bet 500,000 UC on Yunzang Jing. Anyone else joining?"

"Hmph, I bet one million UC on Hengzang Pu!"

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The discussions reached Wang Teng's ears, catching his attention.

"Yunzang Family, Hengzang Family, both are among the five major families." He observed the two warriors battling in the arena below, contemplating.

"These five families on the Five Burial Stars each possess unique talents. Their strengths are formidable and not to be underestimated by ordinary warriors," Round Ball commented.

Wang Teng nodded. With his discerning eyes, he could easily see that the two martial warriors in the arena below had considerable strength.

However, compared to some top talents from the Stellar Academies, there was still a noticeable gap.

"These two aren't the strongest. I wonder who are the most outstanding talents among the Five Great Families?" Round Ball continued.

Without saying much, Wang Teng focused his gaze on the ongoing battle in the arena.

The fight had entered a fierce stage, and attribute bubbles began to emerge. Wang Teng's eyes lit up, and his spiritual force silently extended downward like a thread from the ninth floor.

If he wanted to understand the Five Great Families, what better way than collecting their attributes directly?

Just pick them up!

Wang Teng's spiritual power was extremely covert, resembling a thread silently hanging down from the ninth floor. He waited patiently for the battle to end and the protective barrier to vanish so he could promptly snatch the attribute bubbles.

On the other hand, Tracy, next to him, was unaware of Wang Teng's actions. She enjoyed the delicacies and wine, appearing quite carefree. As the leader of a universe pirate group, she was not an ordinary woman.

However, when she heard the discussions of the aristocratic youths around her, a hint of unusual expression flickered in her eyes.

That expression seemed to say... robbery!

These aristocratic youths were quick to wager, easily betting hundreds of thousands or even millions of UC. In no time, the total sum of their bets exceeded tens of millions of UC. If the situation allowed, Cissy would have been tempted to directly intervene and snatch the winnings for herself.

In her eyes, these aristocratic youths were disappointingly weak, each one a fat lamb ready for the taking.

Wang Teng glanced at her and asked using voice transmission with a strange expression, "What are you thinking?"

"Nothing," Tracy replied calmly, her eyes returning to a tranquil state.

Wang Teng shook his head. This woman was no pushover. If not for his control, he wondered what outrageous actions she might have taken.

Bang!

Below, the battle had reached its conclusion, with one figure crashing heavily against the protective barrier.

"F**k!"

A chorus of lamentations erupted from the surrounding aristocratic youths.

"Yunzang Jing lost. Trash!"

"A third-level cosmos stage martial warrior can't even win a second-level cosmos stage martial warrior? What a joke."

"You caused me to lose 500,000 UC. Trash!"

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These people were clearly those who had bet on Yunzang Jing to win, and the result was a thorough loss. Each one couldn't help but burst into curses.

On the other hand, some people were ecstatic, bursting into laughter.

"Hahaha, lost miserably, didn't you? The strength of the Hengzang Family is unquestionable. Only fools would bet on Yunzang Jing to win."

"What did you say? Who are you calling a fool?" Someone became displeased, immediately getting angry.

"I'm calling all of you fools."

"Say that again!"

"Fools! What are you going to do about it?"

"F**k! Do you dare to fight with me in the arena?"

"Let's fight. Why won't I dare?"

The two sides immediately started quarreling, and it seemed like they were about to come to blows.

Wang Teng watched with interest. These aristocratic disciples were indeed idle, either gambling or fighting. It appeared he had overestimated them.

Tracy furrowed her brow, a hint of disgust flashing in her eyes.

However, at that moment, a group of people walked into the restaurant. The leader was a proud-looking youth, dressed in crimson battle armor. Even in this setting, exuding a strong presence. The noise in the restaurant instantly quieted down.

Wang Teng looked at the newcomer in surprise. This youth seemed to have decent strength.

Tracy's eyes also showed a trace of solemnity. The youth gave her the feeling of facing someone of the same realm.

"Guizang Yan!"

A cry of astonishment suddenly erupted from someone's mouth, as if they had seen a ghost.

"Guizang Yan! The strongest cosmos-stage martial warrior among the younger generation of the Guizang Family." Someone revealed a shocked expression, looking at the youth in crimson battle armor.

Guizang Yan had an immense reputation on the Five Burial Stars. Only a few people could be mentioned in the same breath as him.

Seeing such a genius appear here, it was no wonder everyone was astonished.

"Brother Guizang Yan!"

A charming girl ran out from the crowd, excitedly calling out to the young man.

"Little Zhu, why are you here?" Guizang Yan frowned and asked.

"Hehe, everyone knows the councilor is coming, so I came to join the fun." Guizang Zhu smiled mischievously.

"Follow me, don't run around by yourself," Guizang Yan said.

"Okay!" Guizang Zhu nodded her little head and replied hurriedly.

Guizang Yan ignored the others and found a seat in a corner. He ordered some food and wine, and then started eating.

The young people who came with him didn't dare to sit at the same table. They could only stand obediently, showing great respect towards Guizang Yan.

"Guizang Yan!" Wang Teng Wang Teng muttered to himself. Judging by everyone's reactions, this youth seemed to have a considerable reputation among the five major families.

Guizang Yan suddenly raised his head, frowning as he looked around. He felt as if a peculiar gaze was focused on him. After scanning the surroundings, he didn't find anything unusual.

"What is it?" Guizang Zhu asked.

"Nothing." Guizang Yan shook his head lightly.

"He's quite sharp." Wang Teng was surprised. Just a glance in the crowd, and he almost got detected. It was interesting. He withdrew his gaze, no longer paying attention to Guizang Yan.

"You must be the councilor they were talking about!" At this moment, Tracy suddenly spoke to him using voice transmission.

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"You must be the councilor they were talking about!"

Tracy's voice suddenly entered Wang Teng's ears, slightly startling him.

However, he quickly adjusted his mindset, took a sip of wine with a graceful motion, raised his eyes slightly, and looked at the woman in front of him. He asked, "Why would you think that?"

"Your behavior is suspicious," Tracy guessed, her gaze probing as she stared into Wang Teng's eyes.

She was extremely curious about the identity of the young man in front of her.

Mysterious!

Powerful!

And his nonchalant attitude even when facing the five major families.

These were not traits an ordinary cosmos-stage martial warrior could display.

Coupled with the mention of the councilor by Guizang Yan and the others just now, it made her suspicious of Wang Teng's identity.

Wang Teng smiled faintly without explaining anything. He asked, "What do you think of Guizang Yan's strength?"

"Very strong. I even feel a hint of threat from him," Tracy said.

"Oh?" Wang Teng was surprised. "You're a heaven-stage martial warrior. He's just at the cosmos stage."

"Aren't you at the cosmos realm too?" Tracy asked.

"I am different. But if he can make you feel a hint of threat, it seems that Guizang Yan's strength is indeed quite good," Wang Teng said.

"Aristocratic youths like you always produce one or two individuals who surpass ordinary warriors, whether in talent or background. Normal martial warriors can't be compared to them," Talent coldly snorted.

"I am not an aristocratic youth," Wang Teng said indifferently.

Tracy was stunned for a moment. Then, she got stimulated and said in a cold voice, "Impossible!"

"Why not?" Wang Teng asked.

He was not an aristocratic youth. His birth was much less prestigious compared to these cosmic martial warriors, but he had a bug.

"Not being an aristocratic youth, it's absolutely impossible to possess the strength you have," Tracy said.

Only those who struggled at the bottom of the universe would understand the importance of heritage and background. Her journey had been incredibly tough, and achieving the rank of a heaven-stage martial warrior was already the result of her utmost efforts, surpassing many warriors.

In a low-tier civilization, a heaven-stage martial warrior could even become the ruler of a country.

However, in a powerful force like the Five Burial Stars, she was just a universe pirate.

Of course, different places meant different platforms.

In low-tier civilizations, resources were extremely scarce, and grooming a heaven-stage martial warrior was considered a great achievement.

Not to mention profound combat techniques and scriptures, which were even rarer in low-tier civilizations.

These were the reasons behind the lack of formidable strength.

Talent, who had become a heaven-stage martial warrior through her own efforts and was still relatively young, showed outstanding talent.

However, her combat power was still inferior to that of a bug like Wang Teng.

Even compared to aristocratic disciples like Guizang Yan, she felt a hint of threat.

All of this was due to her insufficient background, and her combat power could only reach the level of an ordinary heaven-stage martial warrior.

For many ordinary martial warriors, this was their helplessness and sorrow.

Unless they encounter some extraordinary opportunity to significantly enhance their combat power, they can only become the most ordinary kind of warriors.

However, if they can break through to the level of universe stage or eternal stage, that's a completely different story.

At the universe stage, one could become a local overlord, while eternal-stage powerhouses were at the pinnacle of the cosmic pyramid. Even the most ordinary eternal-stage martial warriors were still eternal-stage martial warriors, and they must not be underestimated.

"Who says it's impossible," Wang Teng chuckled lightly, shaking his head. "You haven't even stepped out of the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain. How do you know it's impossible?"

"You!" Tracy heard a trace of disdain in Wang Teng's tone and immediately felt furious.

"In fact, becoming stronger is quite easy, in my opinion," Wang Teng said.

"Easy!" Tracy sneered. Did he think this was as simple as eating and drinking?

"I have universe-stage battle techniques, scriptures, and treasures that can increase one's ability," Wang Teng replied calmly.

With his demeanor, he might as well have written "wealthy and overbearing" on his face.

Tracy was momentarily speechless, staring at Wang Teng with a complex expression.

Was this guy serious or just bluffing?

Universe-stage battle techniques and scriptures? Could a cosmos-stage martial warrior have them?

She found it hard to believe, but when she thought about the terrifying strength demonstrated by Wang Teng, the scales in her heart involuntarily tilted towards belief.

Even if he has them, so what? Will he give them to me? Tracy laughed bitterly.

"I've said it before, I have plenty," Wang Teng seemed to sense what she was thinking and spoke lightly. "So, if you can satisfy me, I don't mind helping you improve."

Tracy suddenly raised her head, looking at Wang Teng. Her heart could no longer remain calm.

Anything else was hard to move her, but enhancing her strength had always been her pursuit. Could this young man really provide it for her?

She had never thought that one day, the thing she sought would be so close!

Wang Teng smiled faintly, knowing that he had achieved his goal. If you want the horse to run, you have to feed it. Talent's talent was quite good, and if he could make use of her, he didn't mind cultivating her.

With so many techniques and skills at his disposal, releasing one or two could greatly benefit Tracy.

The battle in the arena below had already concluded, and the protective barrier dissipated. Wang Teng's mind stirred. He immediately extended his spiritual power to collect the attribute bubbles.

Chapter 2236: The Talents Of The Five Families! (2).

Cosmos Realm Spirit*500

Constellation Force (Water)*1000

Yunzang Physique*2000

Yunzang Sword Skill*1500

Yunzang Spiritual Scripture*2000

Cosmos Realm Spirit*700

Constellation Earth Force*1300

Hengzang Physique*3000

Hengzang Fist*2500

Hengzang Spiritual Scripture*2300

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A series of attribute bubbles merged into Wang Teng's body. He shuddered.

"Two talents!" Wang Teng was surprised. He didn't expect to receive two talents at once.

Yunzang Physique!

Hengzang Physique!

From the names alone, it could be discerned that these were unique constitutions of the Yunzang and Hengzang families. The fact that the battle between two cosmos-stage warriors dropped these two highly special physiques. Wang Teng felt very fortunate.

As the attribute bubbles merged, he immediately felt changes in his body. It was as if a peculiar force was flowing within him, ultimately converging towards his kidneys and spleen, causing some form of sublimation and transformation in these two organs.

"What is this?" Wang Teng's gaze became peculiar. These two physiques seemed to be acting on the internal organs, which was quite unusual.

According to the Five Elements theory, the human body's five organs correspond to the five elemental attributes. The kidneys and spleen were precisely associated with the water and earth attributes.

Looking at the attribute talents of the Yunzang and Hengzang families, one had Water Force, and the other had Earth Force, which conveniently matched.

Could it be that the talents of the five major families are related to this? Wang Teng couldn't help but speculate.

It wasn't that he was overthinking, but this was just too coincidental. However, to verify the accuracy of this speculation, he could only wait until he extracted the talents of the five major families.

After obtaining these two talents, a hint of enlightenment immediately arose in Wang Teng's mind.

These two physiques were very suitable for corresponding elemental Force cultivation. It was like having an elemental force extractor inside the body, accelerating the cultivation of the corresponding force. Because of this, martial warriors from the five major families were stronger than ordinary warriors.

Moreover, these physiques could open up a universe-stage small worlds. When they reached the universe stage, they could open up the small worlds within their internal organs, making them much more formidable than ordinary universe-stage martial warriors.

Wang Teng suddenly thought of the Spatial Sight he had recently acquired, which could create a space within the eyes. Wasn't it very similar to these two physiques?

The human body was indeed a treasure trove, harboring such profound mysteries!

Wang Teng couldn't help but sigh.

It seemed that the human body contained infinite secrets. Just when you thought you had thoroughly explored and understood everything, new mysteries would emerge, making you realize that this was only the beginning.

Yunzang Physique: 2000/10000 (first-rank)

Hengzang Physique: 3000/10000 (first-rank)

In addition to the talent attributes, there were also some Spirit and Force attributes, but they were not many and couldn't facilitate Wang Teng's immediate breakthrough, so he didn't pay too much attention to them.

However, he was particularly interested in the following techniques and skills.

One was the Yunzang family's Yunzang Sword Skill and the Yunzang Spiritual Scripture.

The other was the Hengzang family's Hengzang Fist and the Hengzang Spiritual Scripture.

As the attribute bubbles integrated, four humanoid shadows appeared in Wang Teng's mind.

Two of them were sitting cross-legged, immersed in cultivation, and there were special energy circulation routes visible on their bodies.

Wang Teng observed carefully and discovered something interesting.

The energy circulation route of Yunzang Spiritual Scripture centered around the kidneys, using them as the core and then radiating throughout the body.

On the other hand, Hengzang Spiritual Scripture used the spleen as its central point, considering it as the core, and then radiated throughout the body.

Clearly, both techniques were designed to complement their respective innate talents. If practiced by an outsider, it would be impossible because their internal organs wouldn't be able to support it.

The internal organs of ordinary martial warriors did have corresponding attributes, but these techniques entirely relied on internal organs as the core. There was too much Force in circulation. If practiced by ordinary martial warriors, problems were likely to occur.

In this way, these two families didn't need to worry about their techniques being leaked outside because others simply couldn't practice them.

Wang Teng couldn't help but feel fortunate. If he hadn't obtained these two physiques, these techniques would have gone to waste.

Both of these techniques were of the eternal stage, but they were incomplete. They could only be cultivated up to the cosmos stage, and there were no follow-up cultivation methods.

Yunzang Spiritual Scripture (eternal stage): 2000/5000 (foundation) (Incomplete! Cosmos stage!)

Hengzang Spiritual Scripture (eternal stage): 2300/5000 (foundation) (Incomplete! Cosmos stage!)

In the other two streams of light, one was practicing a sword technique, while the other was practicing a fist technique.

Waves of insights flowed into Wang Teng's mind, allowing him to quickly grasp a bit of understanding about the two martial skills.

Yunzang Sword Skill (eternal stage): 1500/5000 (foundation)

Hengzang Fist (eternal stage): 2500/5000 (foundation)

These two battle techniques were at the eternal stage so they were harder to grasp. However, Wang Teng managed to reach the foundation stage instantly.

From the obtained attribute values, Wang Teng immediately understood why Hengzang Pu, despite being only at the second-level cosmos stage, could defeat Yunzang Jing.

The battle techniques and scriptures mastered by Hengzang Pu were more proficient than those of Yunzang Jing. Otherwise, he wouldn't drop more attribute bubbles than Yunzang Jing. This was the most intuitive manifestation.

The harvest this time was not bad, and Wang Teng was in a great mood.

Coming to this Five Burials Hotel was indeed the right decision. If he hadn't come here, he wouldn't have been able to understand the secrets of the Hengzang family and the Yunzang family so quickly.

If he could pick up the attribute bubbles of the other three major families, he could easily round them up.

Wang Teng stroked his chin, contemplating how to capitalize on this opportunity.

"Brother Guizang Yan, when will the councilor come?" Guizang Zhu couldn't help but ask.

Wang Teng snapped back to reality, enjoying his food while perking up his ears.

Tracy also became interested, leaning in to eavesdrop. She still suspected that the black-haired young man in front of her might be the councilor. Perhaps she could learn some information from the young warriors of these five major families.

"I don't know. The old man said he'll be here soon," Guizang Yan replied.

"Maybe he's too scared to come!" Someone in the back laughed.

"Scared? If he's too scared to come, it would be a great disappointment to me," Guizang Yan shook his head.

"Why is it a cosmos-stage martial warrior this time? Weren't the councilors from the Stellar Academies all powerful?" Guizang Zhu asked curiously.

"I heard that he's an extraordinary genius. That's why the old man asked me to come out," Guizang Yan replied calmly.

"Cosmos-stage martial warrior! Extraordinary genius!" Tracy's mind stirred. Subconsciously, she glanced at the black-haired youth in front of her. His expression

remained unchanged, and a faint smile lingered at the corner of his mouth, seemingly indifferent to the occasional discussions around him.

But she was increasingly convinced that the person in front of her was the councilor mentioned. Both in strength and stage, he matched the description.

"A genius from the Stellar Academies! I'm getting more and more curious. I wonder if he is as strong as Brother Guizang Yan?" Guizang Zhu's eyes sparkled.

"Guizang Yan, I didn't expect you to arrive so quickly!"

At this moment, a voice came from the entrance of the restaurant, and several figures walked in.

Guizang Yan's expression changed, and he turned to look. He squinted his eyes slightly, "Yunzang Xiao! You're here too!"

"Since the councilor of the Stellar Academies is coming, I naturally have to come," Yunzang Xiao replied.

He was dressed in black and had a cold and indifferent expression, exuding an uncomfortable chill.

"And me!" Another figure appeared from behind Yunzang Xiao. It was a sturdy short-haired young man. He walked up the stairs with a powerful presence, giving off a full sense of oppression.

"Hengzang Mo!"

Many people were surprised to see the arrival of these individuals. Guizang Yan from the Guizang Family was here, Yunzang Xiao from the Yunzang Family was here, and now Hengzang Mo from the Hengzang Family had also arrived. They were all the top cosmos-stage geniuses from the five major families.

So, would the other two major families' prodigies also be coming?

The crowd couldn't help but feel excited. It wasn't easy to witness the appearance of the prodigies from all five major families at the same time.

"Please sit." Guizang Yan's expression remained calm as he gestured for them to take a seat.

Hengzang Mo and Yun Zangxiao didn't refuse. They walked up the stairs and sat directly across from Guizang Yan.

Guizang Zhu spontaneously made way, realizing there was no longer a place for her to sit.

Chapter 2237: Brat, Is There Something Wrong With Your Brain! (1)

"Everyone is here."

As Wang Teng was observing Yunzang Xiao and Hengzang Mo, soft laughter suddenly rang out, causing everyone to be slightly startled. He, too, was curious and looked over.

A woman appeared in the restaurant, dressed in a green gown, with a charming face and a delicate figure that appeared extremely gentle. However, her pretty face carried a hint of an indifferent smile, displaying an extraordinary temperament that was far from ordinary.

"Yizang Xinnuo!"

Many people directly called out the woman's name, and some men even looked at her with an intense gaze.

"Hey, Wang Teng, this girl looks pretty good." Round Ball's voice echoed in Wang Teng's mind.

"What's it got to do with me?" Wang Teng rolled his eyes, feeling somewhat speechless.

"Now that you are the supervisory councilor for the young generation on the Five Burial Stars, you can use your authority to pursue her. Look at the gazes of those toads around you. If you take her down, you will undoubtedly earn their admiration," Round Ball suggested.

"You're ridiculous. If I take her, I'm afraid I'll become a public enemy," Wang Teng replied.

Tracy's gaze also fell on Yizang Xinnuo, and a sharp glint flashed in her eyes. Although this woman's appearance was not of the same style as hers, she was undoubtedly an excellent choice, comparable to her.

Women tend to pay more attention to others with a similar level of beauty, and she was no exception.

Yizang Xinnuo seemed to notice her gaze, subconsciously turning her head to look. However, when she saw an ordinary-looking woman, she felt somewhat surprised.

The feeling just now shouldn't have been the usual envy and jealousy of an ordinary woman towards a beauty but rather a sense of encountering a worthy opponent, a mutual understanding.

The way a beautiful woman looks at another beauty was different from how an ordinary woman would.

Moreover, under Yizang Xinnuo's gaze, the other woman maintained her composure and confidence, making it even more confusing.

Yizang Xinnuo's gaze landed on Wang Teng's face. She was stunned.

He was so handsome!

When did the Five Burial Stars gain such a handsome young man?

Yizang Xinnuo wasn't someone prone to infatuation. It was because Wang Teng, even after changing his appearance, was excessively handsome.

There was no denying that being too handsome could unknowingly enhance one's popularity with women.

Wang Teng, noticing Yizang Xinnuo looking in his direction, couldn't help but be momentarily surprised. He quickly reacted and nodded towards her.

Yizang Xinnuo also inexplicably nodded back at him. Suddenly shocked, she realized she had responded to a stranger.

The people around them were also stunned!

Yizang Xinnuo nodded at a stranger. Who was that guy?

As this question surfaced, many people, upon seeing Wang Teng's appearance, immediately understood.

Damn, he was so handsome!

Could it be that Yizang Xinnuo, the most beautiful prodigy among the young generation of the Five Burial Stars, was captivated just like that?

No!

Many people wailed in their hearts.

"Xinnuo, you wouldn't happen to have fallen for this handsome guy, would you?" Suddenly, an arm wrapped around Yizang Xinnuo's neck, speaking with a teasing tone.

"Sister Yun, you're teasing me again." Yizang Xinnuo, without even turning her head, knew who was behind her. She spoke in a helpless tone.

"Sister Xinnuo, that's because you've always been interesting." A head peeked out from behind Yizang Xinnuo, speaking with a charming smile.

"It's Shouzang Caiyun!"

"Amazing! All the top talents of the Five Burial Families have gathered!"

"What a spectacle! I didn't expect that a councilor from the Stellar Academies would attract so many prodigies."

"That's a councilor from the Academy Arbitration Association. Although we're not interested in this so-called councilor, his identity, and status are not to be underestimated."

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With the arrival of Shouzang Caiyun, the surroundings buzzed with discussions.

"Sister Xinnuo, Sister Caiyun, stop standing there. Come over and sit!" Guizang Zhuo ran over with a smile and pulled the two women towards the seats on that side.

After they sat down, the five prodigies began to converse.

"Xinnuo, long time no see!" Hengzang Mo looked at Yizang Xinnuo with some eagerness.

"It has been a while. Everyone has been busy with cultivation and hasn't had the time to come out." Yizang Xinnuo smiled lightly.

"Sister Xinnuo has reached the peak of the cosmos stage, right?" Shouzang Caiyun chuckled.

"Yes!" Yizang Xinnuo nodded. There was nothing to hide about her stage as it didn't necessarily represent her true strength.

"It's been a long time since we sparred. I wonder how strong you are now. Care to accompany me for a match?" Hengzang Mo's eyes lit up as he spoke.

"The councilor is about to arrive. We'll have our chance sooner or later. Why rush it?" Yizang Xinnuo said casually.

"You're right." Hengzang Mo nodded and didn't press the matter further.

"I wonder about the strength of that councilor?" Shouzang Caiyun asked.

"Hmph, in the past, the councilors from the Academy Arbitration Association were all defeated by our strong warriors, weren't they? I don't think the talents from the Stellar Academies are that impressive." Guizang Yan said.

"Although that's true, it came at a cost." Yizang Xinnuo shook her head.

"The councilor who came this time is just a cosmos-stage martial warrior. I want to see if he can give me a pleasant surprise. I'll make him understand the strength of the talents from the Five Burial Stars." Yunzang Xiao said coldly.

"Yunzang Xiao, when I fought with you the previous time, your Yunzang Sword Skill had reached the fifth sword. I wonder how many swords you've mastered now?" Hengzang Mo asked.

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"Do you want to give it a try?" Yunzang Xiao glanced at him.

"Hehe, I want to give it a try." Hengzang Mo said unabashedly.

"That councilor is mine. You guys don't need to think about it. Just enjoy the show." Guizang Yan suddenly said.

"What a joke. Why will we give you the chance to become famous?" Hengzang Mo said.

"Do you think your strength can compete with me? Have you forgotten how you lost last time?" Guizang Yan sneered.

"It has been several years since our last battle. Do you think we haven't improved at all?" Yunzang Xiao said coldly.

The conversation here wasn't deliberately concealed, and Wang Teng and the others naturally heard everything clearly.

"Wang Teng, it seems they regard you as a stepping stone to fame. If they defeat you, they might become famous in the Stellar Academies. They're really calculative." Round Ball chuckled.

"It depends on whether they have the strength." Wang Teng didn't mind at all, smiling slightly.

"Oh, you guys are so boring. Every time you meet, it's just fighting. Can't you talk about something interesting?" Shouzang Caiyun stretched lazily, stood up, and said, "I'm not playing with you guys. I'm going to chat with that handsome guy over there."

Yunzang Xiao and Hengzang Mo felt the corners of their eyes twitching.

"Sister Xinnuo, do you want to join me? I see that you're also quite interested in that handsome guy." Shouzang Caiyun looked at Yizang Xinnuo and asked playfully.

"He's just a good-looking man. Usually, men like him are only good on the surface but lack substance." Guizang Yan glanced at Wang Teng disdainfully.

"Exactly. A man who only looks good won't do. This kid looks like he has no real strength. I could crush him with one hand." Hengzang Mo looked at Yizang Xinnuo and quickly added as if afraid she might agree.

"Shallow!" Yunzang Xiao spat out this word to express his disdain for Shouzang Caiyu.

Wang Teng: ...

"Hahaha..." Round Ball burst out laughing.

Tracy's gaze turned strange.

Wang Teng was speechless. He got implicated without doing anything!

He never expected that the woman would take the initiative to come and chat with him. What was going on? Was trouble coming to him?

However, Yizang Xinnuo nodded.

"Okay!"

"You see, this is how shallow we are!" Shouzang Caiyun laughed and said to Yunzang Xiao and the others.

Subsequently, Shouzang Caiyun and Yizang Xinnuo walked hand in hand towards Wang Teng's table, causing Yunzang Xiao and the other two young men to fall into a strange silence.

Guizang Zhu wanted to cover her face. These three brothers were straightforward!

However, that big brother did look quite handsome. Even she felt like going over to chat with him, well, just to chat.

But looking at the expressions of Yunzang Xiao and the others, she felt that if she went over, she might hurt their feelings.

She was in a dilemma!

Wang Teng helplessly watched as Shouzang Caiyun and Yizang Xinnuo walked straight to his table. He started to feel a bit of a headache. If he had known this would happen, he would have changed to an ordinary appearance.

He changed to a handsome appearance because he was used to it. Also, this would make things easier for him. Sometimes, one had to admit that being around a handsome person could be very comfortable.

Who could have thought that just being a little more handsome would attract the top talents of two major families?

Actually, he didn't know that the reason why Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun came over was not just because of his appearance, but more because of his temperament.

Temperament wasn't something that could be changed by altering one's appearance. Wang Teng unconsciously revealed some of it.

They were very curious about Wang Teng's identity.

It had been a long time since such an outstanding young man appeared on the Five Burial Stars.

This encounter at the Five Burials Hotel could be considered fate.

Moreover, they suspected that this person might be here for that councilor.

"Mind if we sit here?" Shouzang Caiyun flashed a charming smile at Wang Teng and asked.

"I mind," Wang Teng replied.

"Thanks... What did you say?" Shouzang Caiyun was about to pull Yizang Xinnuo to sit down when she suddenly realized what the young man said. Her whole person froze and she felt she was hearing things.

This guy rejected her!

Was he kidding?

Was she ugly recently, or was this fellow blind?

Yizang Xinnuo also looked at Wang Teng in amazement, feeling a little surreal. They had never been rejected before. This was a first.

Others around them were full of shock. Was this guy perhaps not interested in women?

"Boom!" After a moment of stunned silence, Hengzang Mo suddenly slapped the table, furious, and said, "Brat, is there something wrong with your brain?"

Wang Teng: ...

This script wasn't right.

I rejected them, Shouldn't you be happy? Why are you getting angry instead?

Tracy looked speechless but suddenly felt relieved. This straightforward guy was not someone she needed to worry about having any inappropriate thoughts. It was simply impossible.

"Wang Teng, you're quite something!" Round Ball said.

Shouzang Caiyun stood in front of Hengzang Mo, her chest slightly rising and falling. She took a deep breath and asked with a wry smile, "Why? Are the two of us not qualified to sit in front of you?"

"No, it's me who is not qualified to sit in front of you. It's my honor to be favored by two beautiful ladies, but I can't handle it," Wang Teng said.

Now she was even more curious. Other men, upon seeing them take the initiative, would have already showered them with compliments. However, this man was going against the norm and very straightforwardly expressed his concerns without any pretense.

"Don't worry, with us here, they won't dare to do anything to you," Yizang Xinnuo looked at Hengzang Mo and the others and said.

"He already wants to hit me," Wang Teng said with a helpless expression.

"Hengzang Mo, you go back and sit down," Yizang Xinnuo said. "This person is now my friend. If you dare to touch him, you'll be my enemy."

Now she was even more curious. Other men, upon seeing them take the initiative, would have already showered them with compliments. However, this man was going against the norm and very straightforwardly expressed his concerns without any pretense.

If it were just that, a man being overly timid and cowardly, it wouldn't be worth their continued attention.

But despite looking somewhat aggrieved, he showed no signs of fear. In fact, he even dared to say that Hengzang Mo wanted to hit him right in front of him. Was this timidity?

Clearly not!

He wasn't afraid of Hengzang Mo.

Such a person either had considerable personal strength or a complex background, or perhaps both.

Of course, she also wanted to see if this guy was playing hard to get with her.

If he was, she didn't mind letting him know what the women of her Yizang Family were capable of.

What Yizang Xinnuo could think of, Shouzang Caiyun also thought of. A strange light flashed in her eyes as she looked at Wang Teng with curiosity.

Hengzang Mo felt frustrated, glaring fiercely at Wang Teng, and said, "Xinnuo, don't let yourself be deceived."

"My affairs don't concern you," Yizang Xinnuo said indifferently.

"Hmph!" Hengzang Mo's expression turned unpleasant. He coldly snorted before finally sitting down.

Guizang Yan and Yun Zangxiao didn't make a move. They glanced at Wang Teng and seemed to realize that this black-haired youth was somewhat special. They were also interested in seeing what Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun could find out.

"Now, can we sit down?" Shouzang Caiyun smiled.

"Beautiful ladies, why bother holding a grudge against me? Look at his face, he probably hates me. Once you leave, he'll surely come looking for trouble," Wang Teng sighed.

Hengzang Mo: ...

This jerk, dissing him at every turn. This was too much!

"Don't worry. If I say he won't harm you, he won't." Yizang Xinnuo assured, and as she spoke, she gracefully took her seat.

"Where did you come from? You don't look familiar," Shouzang Caiyun smiled and asked.

"I am a universe explorer, wandering around without a fixed place," Wang Teng said casually, already having thought up a suitable identity for himself.

If he said that he was a universe explorer, no one would be able to trace his background.

Besides, he had some knowledge about universe explorers. Previously, the mercenary leader Varian, who was captured by him, had handed over the universe explorers' diary. After reading some entries, he was confident that he could fool outsiders. He wasn't afraid of being exposed.

Of course, storytelling skills were crucial in maintaining the facade, a skill he happened to be quite good at.

"Universe explorer!" Yizang Xinnuo and the others were stunned. Then, they were astounded.

"Are you really a universe explorer?" Shouzang Caiyun asked in surprise.

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"Universe explorer!"

The revelation of Wang Teng's identity as a universe explorer left everyone around him astonished.

Universe explorers were exceptionally rare individuals, known for their extensive knowledge, rich experiences, and often possessing impressive skills. Their presence always attracted attention due to the mysteries they encountered while traveling through the vastness of the cosmos.

Thus, the appearance of a universe explorer naturally attracted their attention.

In response to the inquiry from Shouzang Caiyun, Wang Teng didn't directly answer but instead mentioned casually, "I happened to pass by the Five Burial Stars and heard that a councilor from the Academy Arbitration Association was about to arrive. So, I decided to take a look."

Shouzang Caiyun and Yizang Xinnuo exchanged a glance, smiling as they continued the conversation. "That's quite a coincidence. The councilor should be arriving in the next few days."

"Really? It seems like I timed my visit perfectly," Wang Teng replied with a smile.

"You should have heard our names just now. May we know what's your name?" Yizang Xinnuo asked.

"My name is Han Zhu!" Wang Teng smiled and used his senior's name.

"Han Zhu!" Yizang Xinnuo repeated his name, nodded slightly, and smiled. "We've always been curious about universe explorers. Can you share with us some of the magical places you've visited? We'd love to broaden our horizons."

"If you beautiful ladies are interested, I have no objections," Wang Teng smiled and nodded, beginning to recount stories.

He had read about numerous peculiar and fantastical planets in the explorer's diary. Using these stories to captivate the interest of these two women was still possible.

The two ladies listened with great interest. Even the young martial warriors around, who were initially impatient, quieted down.

Tracy, too, looked at Wang Teng with a mix of curiosity and disbelief. Could it be that the young man before her was truly a universe explorer?

For a moment, the restaurant was filled only with the unhurried and steady voice of Wang Teng's storytelling.

After a considerable amount of time, the delightful feast in front of Wang Teng had been consumed, and he ceased his narration with a smile. "Let's stop here for today. As a newcomer, I am a bit tired and need some rest."

"Oh... sure!" Yizang Xinnuo snapped back to reality. She looked at Wang Teng with a slightly changed gaze, expressing her amazement. "I didn't expect Brother Han to be so young and have traveled to so many places."

"The vastness of the cosmos is truly enchanting. Ironically, we call ourselves the pride of the heavens, yet we haven't even ventured beyond the Phantom Drift Territorial Domain," Shouzang Caiyun said, putting away her playful smile and shaking her head with emotion.

At this moment, their suspicions about Wang Teng had mostly dissipated. It was said that the councilor was a student of Stellar Academies. How could he be a universe explorer with such profound knowledge? The two were entirely different.

"You flatter me. The cosmos is vast, and I've merely explored a small fraction of it," Wang Teng said modestly.

"Brother Han is too modest," Yizang Xinnuo smiled faintly, stood up, and said, "Since Brother Han is a newcomer here, we won't disturb you any longer. If you need anything, feel free to contact me. Here is my contact information."

She opened her wristwatch and looked at Wang Teng with a smile.

Wang Teng didn't hesitate. He had Round Ball switch to another hidden identity account in the virtual universe and exchanged contact information with Yizang Xinnuo.

Although it was an unregistered account, outsiders wouldn't notice anything unusual and would assume it was his real identity.

Yizang Xinnuo glanced at the account, and the last trace of doubt in her heart disappeared. The person in front of her was not the councilor.

If it were a councilor of the Academy Arbitration Association, the account would display the real name—Wang Teng!

They had already obtained Wang Teng's information and were quite familiar with his name.

Of course, he could hide his name but Wang Teng's account was an unregistered resident. He could change his name at any time so he didn't plan to hide it.

If he purposely hid it, it would arouse suspicion.

"If Brother Han has any matters, feel free to reach out to me," Shouzang Caiyun similarly exchanged contact information with Wang Teng, smiling as she spoke.

"Thank you both, beautiful ladies." Wang Teng stood up, bid farewell to the two women, and then headed towards the stairs.

Tracy stood up as well, silently following behind him.

Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun exchanged glances, their gaze lingering on the departing figures, especially pausing on Tracy for a moment.

Only after they had walked far away did Yizang Xinnuo speak, "That woman seems to be at the heaven-stage martial warrior!"

"Yes." Shouzang Caiyun nodded, saying, "To have a heaven-stage martial warrior serve as a bodyguard, it seems that this Brother Han is not an ordinary figure."

"Didn't you notice? That woman is a bit strange," Yizang Xinnuo frowned and suddenly said.

"What's strange about her?" Shouzang Caiyun asked.

"The way she looked at us was peculiar, like the way you look at me." Yizang Xinnuo said.

Shouzang Caiyun was silent for a moment, not knowing if Yizang Xinnuo was teasing her or speaking seriously.

However, she hesitated for only a moment before recalling the woman's gaze and said, "It's a bit strange, but perhaps it's because of her strong power. Some people have a strong mentality, um... it could also be because of her figure. Well, I can't compare to that."

Yizang Xinnuo was speechless.

"Perhaps!" She nodded, not delving deeper into the topic, and said, "Speaking of which, this Brother Han is indeed an extraordinary person. He has seen many things in the universe."

"Universe explorers. I've only heard of them in the past. I didn't expect to meet one today," Shouzang Caiyun said.

"Don't be enchanted by a man who popped out of nowhere. Don't disgrace the talents of the Five Burial Stars." The three young men walked over.

"Get lost!" Shouzang Caiyun rolled her eyes, bluntly saying, "This is none of your business."

"It's my business whether I'm enchanted or not. It has nothing to do with you. Besides, he's so handsome, what's the harm in being deceived by him."

"Guizang Yan. I hope you guys don't stir up trouble behind our backs. He has our contact information, and we can rush over at any time. I don't want him to be in trouble because of us." Yizang Xinnuo warned.

Guizang Yan didn't know what to say. He felt so frustrated he wanted to vomit blood.

Damn it, is being handsome such a big deal!

"Guizang Yan. I hope you guys don't stir up trouble behind our backs. He has our contact information, and we can rush over at any time. I don't want him to be in trouble because of us." Yizang Xinnuo warned.

After giving their warning, the two women left directly, having nothing more to say to such uninteresting men.

The three young men stood on the spot, dumbfounded. They were warned by these two women for the sake of a man they had just met.

Women were indeed complicated beings!

The three looked at each other, their faces extremely unpleasant.

"Hmph! Superficial women!" Yunzang Xiao snorted coldly and left directly.

"Irrational!" Guizang Yan left behind a resentful remark and also departed.

Hengzang Mo ell silent for a moment, seemingly trying to find a word to vent his frustration, but alas, with too little ink in his stomach, he could only snort coldly and turn to leave.

The onlookers around wore extremely strange expressions, unable to help but feel some sympathy for them.

These three prodigies... they were quite pitiful!

Although their strength is formidable, it seemed in the realm of women... they were a bit lacking!

As the prodigies from the five major families left unhappily, the surrounding people lost interest and scattered.

However, Hengzang Mo and the others did not actually leave the Five Burials Hotel. They each had their exclusive suites here and could stay directly.

After all, their purpose in coming here was to wait for Wang Teng. Since he hadn't arrived yet, they wouldn't leave.

These prodigies all wanted to use Wang Teng's reputation to make a name for themselves in the universe, and they didn't want others to steal the spotlight.

Waiting here was the best approach.

Led by the attendant, Wang Teng returned to his suite and lay comfortably on the bed, sighing contentedly, "The cuisine here is excellent. It's probably prepared by a Force Chef Grandmaster."

Tracy couldn't help but savor the memories. To be honest, even she had never tasted such delicious food. Life as a universe pirate was too miserable. It was hardly a life for humans.

"Is it delicious?" Wang Teng, seeing her expression, asked with a smile.

Tracy glanced at Wang Teng expressionlessly, too lazy to pay him any mind. She simply sat down on the nearby sofa, closing her eyes to rest.

Wang Teng shook his head. This woman was too uninteresting. He needed to properly train and educate her.

"Wang Teng, I see those two girls are quite interested in you. Why not get in touch with them more? Maybe you can gain the support of the Yizang and Shouzang families!" Round Ball suggested.

"You're overthinking it. If they find out I'm that councilor, they'll probably want to be the first to eliminate me." Wang Teng rolled his eyes.

To think it wanted him to use charm—absolutely ridiculous.

"What if they can't bear to eliminate you? I heard the Yizang Family is led by women. If you manage to win over the Yizang Family, you might find a breakthrough." Round Ball grinned.

"Get lost! If it were that easy, those councilors from before wouldn't have died so tragically," Wang Teng said with frustration.

"Don't be like that. I'm serious. Those councilors before probably didn't look as handsome as you. Being handsome is a kind of capital, you know?" Round Ball persisted, continuing to incite Wang Teng.

Wang Teng couldn't help but stroke his chin, seemingly finding some truth in its words.

However, such a rotten idea could only be a last resort.

Of course, in a situation where the others didn't know his true identity, he could indeed interact more with those two girls. There wouldn't be any harm in that.

Wang Teng settled into his accommodation at the Five Burials Hotel. He heard that there were various entertaining programs in the evenings. What were they exactly?

Seated cross-legged on the bed, he began his cultivation.

A considerable amount of time passed, and soon the star outside the Five Burial Stars descended, marking the beginning of the night.

Wang Teng was about to head out when he received a message from Yizang Xinnuo.

"Wang Teng, Yizang Xinnuo invited you to attend the evening banquet. There are said to be many entertaining programs!" Round Ball informed him.

"Banquet? And there are entertaining programs?" Wang Teng asked curiously. "What kind of entertaining programs are there?"

"There are various auctions, appraisal activities, and even stone gambling, slave competitions, and so on," Round Ball explained.

"So many programs!" Wang Teng's eyes revealed a hint of intrigue. He remarked, "They even have stone gambling and slave competitions. The Five Burials Hotel really knows how to throw a wild event!"

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"Indeed, quite a few. It's said that some extremely unique treasures and even slaves from special races might appear. People here like to bet on them," Round Ball explained.

"Special treasures! Special races!"

"Let's go, we'll check it out too!" A gleam flashed in Wang Teng's eyes and he walked towards the door with Tracy.

When Tracy heard about the slave competitions, a cold light flashed in her eyes, but it quickly disappeared, unnoticed by Wang Teng. She followed him out the door.

Outside, an attendant was waiting. As soon as she saw Wang Teng coming out, she immediately greeted him.

However, since Wang Teng had made arrangements, he didn't need the attendant.

He headed to the restaurant on the ninth floor. Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun were already waiting there. Even Guizang Yan and the others were present.

Wang Teng was somewhat surprised, but he didn't say much.

He could tell that Guizang Yan and Hengzang Mo had other thoughts towards these two ladies.

This was normal. After all, it was quite common for the five major families of the Five Burial Stars to form alliances through marriage.

"Brother Han, you're here!" A smile appeared on Yizang Xinnuo's pretty face as she welcomed him.

"Thank you beautiful ladies for the invitation. Otherwise, I wouldn't have known there are so many programs at the Five Burials Hotel in the evening," Wang Teng said with a smile.

"No need for our invitation. As a guest in the luxury suite of the Five Burials Hotel, you naturally have the qualifications to know," Yizang Xinnuo said frankly.

Wang Teng nodded, realizing that they probably already knew everything about his stay.

"Let's go to the banquet hall. It's on the tenth floor!" Yizang Xinnuo smiled and said.

"Sure!" Wang Teng followed them. Soon, they arrived on the tenth floor.

The tenth floor was exceptionally spacious, with the entire space opened up, and adorned with various gems and jewels embedded in the walls and chandeliers, creating a dazzling spectacle.

The hall was filled with a variety of fine wines and exquisite dishes. There were even plates of different exotic fruits emitting a radiant glow, scattered throughout.

Many of these fine wines, exquisite dishes, and exotic fruits were specialties from various unique planets, extremely rare. Yet, they were all gathered here, creating a breathtaking scene.

Beautiful women of different races walked through the hall, offering fine wines and aromatic beverages, creating a delightful sight.

Yizang Xinnuo and the others were secretly observing Wang Teng's expression. Seeing that he showed no sign of surprise, they were even more impressed. Truly worthy of being a well-traveled star explorer, such a scene couldn't overwhelm him.

It was worth noting that even many scions of major families when encountering such a scene for the first time, would involuntarily reveal a hint of shock.

Without sufficient exposure, it was impossible not to be moved.

This wasn't something one could fake.

Looking at Tracy beside him, the moment she entered the hall, a hint of surprise was clearly visible in her eyes. Even a heaven-stage martial warrior like her felt amazed, not to mention other ordinary cosmos-stage martial warriors.

Guizang Yan, Hengzang Mo, and the others wanted to wait for Wang Teng to be surprised before mocking him, but they didn't have the chance. They felt frustrated.

"Brother Han, what do you think of this place?" Yizang Xinnuo asked.

"Not bad." Wang Teng smiled faintly. He glanced around, showing appreciation, and nodded. "Here, I can see the architectural styles of at least twenty-three different races. To be able to blend so harmoniously, it's not something an ordinary designer can achieve."

"Brother Han also knows architectural design?" Shouzang Caiyun asked in surprise.

They were well aware that the banquet hall of the Five Burials Hotel indeed incorporated the decoration styles of twenty-three different races. However, this information was only known to the internal personnel of the Five Burials Hotel, typically limited to members of the five major families, and had not been publicized.

This young man, on his first visit, was able to see it at a glance. What kind of insight was this?

"A little! A little!" Wang Teng chuckled.

Round Ball was quite impressive. It managed to gather such detailed information about the Five Burials Hotel.

Guizang Yan, Hengzang Mo, and the others also showed a hint of surprise in their eyes. Even they had to admit that this Han Zhu had exceptional knowledge. However, when they heard Wang Teng's "modest" words, they immediately felt he was showing off.

Yes, he was showing off!

They wouldn't be wrong.

This fellow wasn't an honest person. He was cunning. He was just putting on an act in front of Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun.

Damn it!

They couldn't let him succeed.

They exchanged a glance, both with a determined gleam in their eyes. They had to stop Han Zhu.

Yunzang Xiao felt bored. He had no interest in the two women. He just wanted to defeat Wang Teng and make a name in the universe.

"The food, drinks, and exotic fruits here are all free to enjoy at your leisure," Yizang Xinnuo said.

"I'm very interested in all kinds of delicacies." Wang Teng smiled.

"Could it be that Brother Han is also a gourmet?" Yizang Xinnuo asked with a smile.

"I don't know about other universe explorers, but I'm definitely a universe explorer with no resistance to delicacies. Every time I visit a place, I make sure to taste the local cuisine," Wang Teng said.

"Well, Brother Han, you can enjoy yourself tonight. The delicacies here are unique to the Five Burial Stars, and you can't find them elsewhere," Shouzang Caiyun said with a smile.

Wang Teng nodded and didn't hesitate. He directly took a plate, selected some delicacies, and began to eat.

Guizang Yan, Hengzang Mo, and the others initially didn't think much of it, but soon their faces showed a hint of astonishment.

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In no time, Wang Teng had already eaten three large plates of food but showed no signs of stopping.

Was he a gourmet?

He was a foodie!

Guizang Yan and Hengzang Mo looked at Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun strangely. There was a hint of disdain and mockery on their faces. Is this the man you're looking at?

"Aren't y'all eating?" Wang Teng raised his head and looked at the people standing on the side.

"Cough, Brother Han, are you very hungry?" Yizang Xinnuo cleared her throat and asked.

"I'm fine, I just have a big appetite," Wang Teng said with an unchanged expression.

"Well, it's indeed quite... big!" Guizang Yan sneered.

"As a martial warrior, isn't it normal to eat more?" Wang Teng glanced at him and asked in return.

"It depends on the occasion. Don't you see where this is? Do you really think this banquet is an invitation for you to eat?" Hengzang Mo said speechlessly.

"I can't eat?" Wang Teng blinked innocently.

Guizang Yan: ...

Hengzang Mo: ...

Was this a question of whether you can eat?

No, it was a matter of dignity.

They didn't know how to communicate with the fellow in front of them. They felt as if they had thrown a punch into a pile of cotton, not hurting the other party but making themselves extremely uncomfortable.

Could this guy not hear their mockery? Was he completely indifferent?

"Hahaha..." Shouzang Caiyun suddenly covered her mouth and laughed softly. She selected a variety of delicacies and then walked to Wang Teng's side. While eating, she said, "Thanks to your antics, I'm actually a bit hungry now."

Yizang Xinnuo was caught between laughter and tears. She shook his head, took some food, and joined the "feast" of the two.

Guizang Yan: ...

Hengzang Mo: ...

What just happened?

What are we doing?

Where are we?

The two men suddenly felt a bit bewildered, watching the two beautiful women accompany that jerk to feast extravagantly. They felt like their principles and perspectives on life had been overturned.

Yunzang Xiao glanced at the two of them, grabbed some food for himself, and began to eat.

Honestly, he hadn't properly savored the delicacies of the Five Burial Stars for a long time. Usually immersed in cultivation, he regarded food and such indulgences as extraneous, never giving them much thought.

Yet, now, upon careful tasting, he surprisingly found a unique flavor.

Guizang Yan and Hengzang Mo looked at him in astonishment, feeling even more frustrated. How could even their brother succumb?

Yunzang Xiao paid them no mind. He was now immersed in the delights of the cuisine, seemingly having forgotten the purpose of attending the banquet tonight.

Guizang Yan and Hengzang Mo stood there in a daze. Neither eating nor not eating seemed appropriate, leaving them in an awkward situation.

However, this spectacle attracted quite a few curious glances. Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun were attention-grabbing beauties, being the pride of the five major families. With the addition of Guizang Yan and others, the group became the focal point of the gathering.

Only one person, Wang Teng, seemed to be an anomaly among them.

Yet, precisely because of this, many people noticed him and speculated about his identity. Who could he be? How could he stand with the prodigies of the five major families, eating alongside the two prestigious ladies from the two major families?

However, the subsequent scene left the onlookers even more astonished.

This guy was a food enthusiast!

With beautiful women around, he was actually engrossed in eating. Even the most straightforward guys wouldn't be so direct.

"Could this guy have been a starving ghost in his past life?"

A burst of laughter erupted from the crowd, and others joined in, chuckling secretly.

Wang Teng paid no attention to the mockery, continuing to eat without a care. With so much delicious food available for free, he didn't want to miss out. He picked up an exotic fruit, directly stuffed it into his mouth, and with a couple of crunches, swallowed it down.

"Hahaha..." Seeing this scene, the onlookers couldn't help bursting into laughter.

Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun glanced at Wang Teng. Seeing that he didn't care at all, they couldn't help but admire him a bit.

If it were them, they might not be able to remain so composed.

Tracy wanted to cover her face. This guy was embarrassing. Even as someone who hadn't eaten much of the Five Burial Stars' cuisine, she wouldn't be so unrestrained in her eating. After all, this guy was a universe explorer. Shouldn't he have more decorum?

Bang!

Just then, a dull sound echoed in the hall.

"What's happening?" Wang Teng couldn't help but look up.

"The entertaining performance is about to begin!" Yizang Xinnuo elegantly handed her plate to an attendant, saying, "Let's go and have a look."

"Wait for me." Wang Teng picked up some more food, holding his plate as he walked forward. "Let's go!"

Silence.

Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun shook their heads speechlessly. At this point, they also felt that this guy was probably a true food enthusiast. Describing him as a gourmet was an underestimation. He had far surpassed that.

"Come on, don't just stand there!" Wang Teng urged when he saw them still hesitating.

The two women exchanged a glance, and sighed in exasperation, but didn't say much. They led Wang Teng towards the front.

"Brother Han, if you enjoy these delicacies so much, I'll have someone prepare some for you when you leave," Shouzang Caiyun said.

"Thank you." Wang Teng nodded. He continued, "It will be better if you can find the recipe. I can make it myself."

"Uh... You can cook too?" Shouzang Caiyun was taken aback.

"When you're out and about, you can't let yourself go hungry, so I learned a bit of cooking and am a Force Chef," Wang Teng said.

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"Force Chef!" The two ladies exclaimed in surprise.

"He's just a Force Chef. It's nothing. Has Brother Han's cooking skills reached the master level?" Guizang Yan caught up with him and asked.

"I'm not a master..." Wang Teng shook his head.

"If you're not at the master level, the Force dishes you make must be ordinary. No wonder Brother Han looks as if he has never eaten delicacies before," Guizang Yan said.

"I'm a grandmaster," Wang Teng replied calmly.

Guizang Yan: ...

Being a master was nothing special. They were ubiquitous in the universe. However, being a grandmaster was a different story. It wasn't easy to reach the grandmaster level.

Even for a secondary profession like the Force Chef, which was not considered a top-tier career in the universe, gaining the title of a grandmaster commanded respect.

This universe explorer in front of him was a grandmaster chef? Really?

"Do you need me to show you my Secondary Career Class Alliance certification?" Wang Teng smiled.

"... No need!" Guizang Yan fell silent for a moment, shaking his head.

He quietly stepped back and joined Hengzang Mo, walking together like inseparable brothers.

"I didn't expect Brother Han to be a Force Chef Grandmaster!" Yizang Xinnuo exclaimed.

"I just learned a bit casually," Wang Teng modestly replied.

"Learning casually and reaching grandmaster level isn't something to be modest about," Shouzang Caiyun chuckled.

Wang Teng was taken aback for a moment. He smiled wryly, "It seems I shouldn't be too modest."

"Now I'm curious, Brother Han, what other surprises do you have for us? Are all universe explorers this formidable?" Yizang Xinnuo looked at Wang Teng with curiosity.

"Nothing special! I just dabble in a few things." Wang Teng waved his hand.

As they chatted, they reached a massive platform where many people had gathered.

"Wow! Are they gambling on ores?" Wang Teng exclaimed in surprise.

"Yes, we have many exotic ores here. Some are sourced from major mines, while others are unidentified ores purchased from martial warriors. All of them have 'gambling' value," Yizang Xinnuo nodded.

"Let's go and have some fun. It's been a while since I gambled on ores," Shouzang Caiyun said with excitement.

As they approached, the crowd in front parted to make way for them.

Upon reaching the platform, Wang Teng and the others could see various rocks displayed on the counters. These rocks were diverse in shape and color, and their origins were hard to discern without substantial experience.

Many people gathered around the rocks, discussing them enthusiastically, but few made a move.

The ores available at the banquet were exceptionally expensive, beyond the reach of ordinary warriors.

Accidentally buying worthless ore could deplete the fortune of even a heaven-stage martial warrior overnight.

So, although many were interested in watching, relatively few were buyers.

"Do you want to try your luck, Brother Han?" Yizang Xinnuo suggested.

"Why not? I'm quite interested in this," Wang Teng replied with a smile.

He was indeed intrigued by ore gambling. For someone like him, who had a unique advantage, ore gambling was essentially a risk-free endeavor. Moreover, he could unexpectedly obtain valuable treasures.

Since the last time he gambled on ores on the Great Qian Empire's Great Qian Planet, he hadn't come across a similar opportunity. This time, he finally had a chance to indulge.

"As usual, let's gamble and see whose rock is the most valuable," Hengzang Mo proposed.

"Agreed!" Shouzang Caiyun nodded immediately. Considering that Wang Teng was new to this, she added, "Brother Han, it's fine if you don't want to participate."

"How do you play?" Wang Teng didn't immediately refuse but instead inquired.

"It's simple. The person with the highest-value mined ore wins and can also acquire the ores opened by others," Yizang Xinnuo explained.

"Count me in," Wang Teng nodded. This gameplay was similar to what he had experienced before, just without the UC as stakes, making it less offensive.

"Let's begin. I wonder if the knowledge of a universe explorer will come in handy here," Hengzang Mo said.

"You'll find out soon enough," Wang Teng replied with a smile.

"It seems Brother Han is quite confident," Yizang Xinnuo looked at Wang Teng in surprise.

"Just playing around. The key is participation." Wang Teng waved his hand.

Yizang Xinnuo gave him a meaningful look but didn't say more. She started to select her ore.

Hengzang Mo, Guizang Yan, Shouzang Caiyun, and the others had already begun choosing ores. Even Yunzang Xiao wasn't an exception. It seemed that the allure of ore gambling was irresistible to few.

A subtle golden light flashed in Wang Teng's eyes as he activated the Real Eye. His gaze swept over the ores on the platform one by one.

"I've made my choice. It's this one!" Hengzang Mo was surprisingly fast. In no time, he had selected an ore.

All eyes were drawn to his selection. The ore he chose wasn't particularly large, weighing only 5,000 kilograms, inconspicuously placed on the platform.

Among the numerous ores, this particular one had a relatively small volume, making it difficult to attract attention.

However, its marked price was staggering—550 million UC!

For a 5,000-kilogram ore to be priced at 550 million UC, it was indeed a high valuation.

The surrounding crowd was in an uproar. Each time a high-priced ore was purchased, it caused a significant stir.

"Who's that? He bought a 550 million ore in one go!"

"It's Hengzang Mo! He's the talent of the Hengzang family, Hengzang Mo!"

"Hengzang Mo! It's him! No wonder!"

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"Hengzang Mo, you're quite generous this time. 550 million at once. Aren't you afraid of getting scolded when you go back?" Guizang Yan asked.

Although the Five Burials Hotel was owned by the five major families, if they bought an ore and incurred such a loss, it would be a substantial sum—550 million UC, to be precise.

"If you're going to play, play big. Recently, my mining skills have improved, and I have high hopes for this ore," Hengzang Mo said.

"Your mining skills have improved!" Guizang Yan exclaimed in surprise.

"Hehe, this time, you guys are destined to lose!" Hengzang Mo grinned triumphantly. He deliberately kept it a secret before, revealing it now to catch them off guard and win against everyone.

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"Mining engineer!" Wang Teng glanced at Hengzang Mo in surprise. He didn't expect him to be a mining engineer.

Then, he used his Real Eye to look at the ore Hengzang Mo chose. He was even more astounded.

A dazzling earthy-yellow glow caught Wang Teng's eyes. Even though it hadn't been mined yet, he could already sense the rich Earth Force within.

It seemed that Hengzang Mo had some skill. The ore he chose contained an extremely rare precious material, undoubtedly raising the stakes.

Hengzang Mo glanced at Wang Teng and casually said, "Brother Han, how about your choice?"

"No hurry, let me take another look," Wang Teng shook his head, smiling wryly. Hengzang Mo seemed eager to win against him.

"Take your time then," Hengzang Mo said with a hint of disdain in his eyes.

"Wang Teng, he's looking down on you. Show him!" Round Ball exclaimed.

Wang Teng ignored it. He spoke casually, "Brother Hengzang, you'll have to wait a bit longer. I'm not as fast as you."

Hengzang Mo: ...

Why does it feel a bit strange?

Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun both had peculiar expressions. They seemed to understand, yet not quite. What was going on?

"Brother Han, take your time. Patience is crucial in ore gambling," Shouzang Caiyun couldn't help but remind.

Wang Teng smiled and nodded, saying no more.

After some time, Yizang Xinnuo, Shouzang Caiyun, and the others finished choosing their ores.

Yunzang Xiao and Guizang Yan weren't slow either. Seeing how quickly Hengzang Mo had chosen his ore, they had some competitive thoughts. Therefore, they didn't take much time to make their selections.

Yizang Xinnuo chose an ore worth 360 million. It wasn't as expensive as Hengzang Mo, but it wasn't cheap either. It was considered one of the more expensive ores.

Shouzang Caiyun chose a 330 million one, which was about the same as Yizang Xinnuo. It looked like she wanted to compete with Yizang Xinnuo.

Wang Teng glanced at the two women with a mysterious expression in his eyes.

Though these two women appeared amicable on the surface, there was an undercurrent of competition between them, especially in Wang Teng's presence. This feeling was particularly strong as if they had to prove whose charm was greater.

It wasn't that they both liked Wang Teng. Rather, each wanted to prove her superiority over the other.

Wang Teng shook his head, glanced at the ores chosen by the two women, raised an eyebrow, and wore a somewhat peculiar expression. Could these two girls be randomly picking ores?

"Do you have any understanding of ore gambling?" Wang Teng asked in a low voice.

"A bit," Yizang Xinnuo replied without changing her expression.

Wang Teng looked at Shouzang Caiyun again.

"I've played a few times. I had good luck. I've even mined some valuable ores before," Shouzang Caiyun said.

Wang Teng felt like facepalming. His intuition was correct. These two girls were complete novices, knowing nothing. Whether they would win or lose entirely depended on luck.

This time, they would lose!

Confirm!

"How about you both consider choosing another ore?" Wang Teng hesitated for a moment and suggested.

Since he wanted to build a good relationship and find a breakthrough point from these two women, Wang Teng naturally wanted to give them a bit of advice. He didn't want them to lose too embarrassingly.

"Choose another one?" Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun looked at him in surprise and asked, "Why?"

"Cough, these two ores might not be very good," Wang Teng cleared his throat and said.

"Brother Han, you haven't chosen your ore, yet you're over there advising others. That's not very appropriate," Guizang Yan suddenly interjected.

"That's right. You'd better choose your ore quickly. Later, all the high-quality ores will be bought by others, and you'll end up losing miserably. I can see that there aren't many high-quality ores left around here," Hengzang Mo said.

"The so-called high-quality ores you mentioned, are they referring to the most expensive ones?" Wang Teng asked.

"Exactly!" Hengzang Mo said proudly. "The ores here are carefully selected by prospectors and priced accordingly. In other words, the higher the price of the ore, the higher its quality. This is a well-known fact and is almost foolproof. Otherwise, our Five Burials Hotel's gambling reputation wouldn't be so great."

"Is that so?" Wang Teng smiled noncommittally.

If it were that simple, the fun of gambling on ores wouldn't exist.

"Brother Han, what he said is correct. The ores here are selected by prospectors before being offered for gambling. Although we can't guarantee a 100% gain, most of the time, the valuable materials extracted from these ores are among the highest in value," Yizang Xinnuo explained.

"I'm just reminding you. Whether to switch or not is up to you," Wang Teng smiled faintly, said no more, and continued to choose his ore.

He had almost looked over all the ores and had naturally found several pieces with values that could surpass those chosen by Hengzang Mo and the others. However, in comparison, their prices were relatively high, so he wanted to take another look.

As he mentioned, high prices didn't guarantee the highest-value precious materials.

If it were that simple, those prospectors would have long sliced open these ores and extracted the precious materials inside.

They wouldn't have put them up for others to gamble on.

Wang Teng could even guarantee that if all these ores were sold, some people might win the gamble, but the sellers would definitely not incur losses.

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Of course, if unexpectedly valuable precious materials appear, he couldn't guarantee that the sellers wouldn't feel regretful.

This was the real charm of gambling on ores.

Anything was possible!

Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun exchanged glances with each other. Wang Teng's indifferent attitude made them uncertain.

"Brother Han, are you sure our ores won't work?" Shouzang Caiyun leaned forward and asked using voice transmission.

"I think so," Wang Teng replied.

Shouzang Caiyun's expression kept changing, not knowing whether to believe Wang Teng or not.

"Are you changing?" Yizang Xinnuo asked using voice transmission.

"I'll switch. What's the harm in giving him a chance?" Shouzang Caiyun bit her lip and said, "It's a good opportunity to see if he really has the skills."

"That's true. Using this to gauge the other's abilities isn't a loss." Yizang Xinnuo agreed.

The two quickly switched to another ore and came to Wang Teng to confirm.

Wang Teng took a glance, nodded, and these two were much better than the previous ones. They could gamble on appreciation. These two girls were quite lucky. There was still hope for them.

"Are you serious? Do you believe him?" Hengzang Mo was speechless.

"Take care of yourself. Don't cry when you lose later," Yizang Xinnuo said.

"Me?" Hengzang Mo seemed to find something extremely amusing, saying, "You're thinking too much. How could I lose? The one who will lose is him."

"I'll wait and see." Yizang Xinnuo said.

"If I win, how about going on a date with me?" Hengzang Mo looked at Yizang Xinnuo, his gaze burning with passion.

"No!" Yizang Xinnuo rejected him without any hesitation.

"Why?" Hengzang Mo's expression turned constipated. Her refusal was so straightforward. Did he have no face? Unwilling to accept it, he asked, "Where am I worse than that pretty boy?"

"I #%%\$&..." Hengzang Mo's face turned black. He wanted to curse.

Damn, looking at him makes her sick!

"You're too ugly! Looking at you makes me sick!" Yizang Xinnuo bluntly stated.

"I #%%\$&..." Hengzang Mo's face turned black. He wanted to curse.

Damn, looking at him makes her sick!

This statement wasn't strongly offensive but extremely insulting!

Hengzang Mo had never, at any moment, doubted his appearance as much as he did now.

Was he really that ugly?

He couldn't accept it. Taking a deep breath, he sneered, "You seemed to believe in him a lot. Why don't you dare to bet now?"

"Don't use such a low-level provocation. Believing or not is one thing, and betting is another. I'm not interested in gambling with you." Yizang Xinnuo said.

Hengzang Mo was frustrated. Yizang Xinnuo didn't care about him at all. She wasn't even willing to bet with him.

This was too much!

Hengzang Mo turned angry from embarrassment. He glared at Wang Teng.

He must win him.

And let Yizang Xinnuo see that even if someone was good-looking, it didn't matter without the ability.

It was just an attractive shell.

In his view, the reason why Yizang Xinnuo was so indifferent to him was entirely due to the appearance of the pretty boy in front of her.

Otherwise, even for the sake of the relationship between their families, Yi Zang Xinnuo wouldn't be so impatient with him.

However, he didn't consider that if it weren't for his repeated entanglements and the appearance of Wang Teng, causing his mentality to be somewhat unbalanced, he wouldn't have repeatedly made various low-level mistakes. This led to Yizang Xinnuo's declining evaluation of him, ultimately becoming impatient.

Comparisons were scary.

If it were in the past, Yizang Xinnuo wouldn't be so impatient with Hengzang Mo, even if he looked a little less attractive, as long as his talent was strong enough.

However, with the appearance of Wang Teng, Yizang Xinnuo couldn't help but compare the two and found that Heng Zang Mo's character and behavior were indeed lacking.

Sometimes, Yizang Xinnuo even thought that she should find an opportunity to explore other places instead of always practicing on the Five Burial Stars

According to Wang Teng's description, the outer space had a lot to offer, comparable to the Five Burial Stars.

Meanwhile, Guizang Yan, who originally wanted to bet with Shouzang Caiyun, saw Hengzang Mo being retorted miserably and even had some signs of self-doubt. He immediately dispelled the idea.

Better not seek trouble for oneself.

However, he became more determined to win against Wang Teng.

He must win!

This guy's arrogance was too much. If he continued to show off, even Shouzang Caiyun might be attracted, and by then, he wouldn't even have a place to cry.

Oh my god!

On the other side, Wang Teng saw a pitch-black ore, and his eyes widened slightly.

What did he see?

Heart!

In that ore, there seemed to be a heart, sealed in dust. However, under his Real Eye, he could see that the heart-like object was emitting a golden glow. Countless mysterious runes danced within the golden light, dazzling to the extreme!

A heart inside the ore!

Wang Teng felt a bit surreal. How could there be a heart inside a piece of ore that might have existed for countless years?

This was impossible!

He took a deep breath to force himself to calm dHe took a deep breath to calm himself.

He must buy this ore. No matter what was inside, he couldn't let it slip away.

However... this ore can't be exposed! Wang Teng's eyes flashed. If it truly was a heart, its value would be too high. If exposed, it might attract unnecessary attention.

He needed to act low-key to avoid unnecessary scrutiny.

Quickly, he made up his mind. His gaze swept over the surroundings, saying, "This one, that one, those... I'll take them all!"

Most of these were the ores he had found earlier, which had the potential for a significant rise in value. Of course, there were also a few that were sure to lose.

Yizang Xinnuo and the others were stunned.

What did this guy want to do by buying so many ores?

Wholesale?

Brother, this is ore gambling!

"This much? Can you afford it?" Hengzang Mo was stunned for a moment. Then, he mocked Wang Teng.

"Pay!" Wang Teng was too lazy to argue with him.

Hengzang Mo's expression froze when he saw how wealthy Wang Teng was.

Was this fellow so rich?

Wang Teng had chosen a total of 18 pieces of ore, with a total price exceeding five billion UC.

Even if Hengzang Mo was a scion of five major families, taking out so many universe coins at once would still be painful.

However, looking at Wang Teng's appearance, he seemed extremely relaxed, saying to pay without any hesitation.

A gap suddenly emerged!

He found that he couldn't find any sense of superiority in front of Han Zhu.

"This guy seems to be quite rich!" Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun couldn't help but exchange glances.

Were universe explorers so wealthy?

"You're buying so much, don't tell me you're trying to win by quantity? That doesn't comply with the rules." At this moment, Guizang Yan spoke.

"You're thinking too much. I'm only gambling with you using this piece!" Wang Teng casually selected a medium-sized ore from the purchased ones. The marked price was not high. Compared to Hengzang Mo and the others, it was undoubtedly very cheap.

Everyone immediately looked over, and they couldn't help but be stunned.

"56 million!" Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun were stunned when they saw the price.

"Isn't this too hasty!" Shouzang Caiyun had an expression of "Are you kidding me?" and said with exasperation.

"This price is too low. Although we all know that gambling on ore is all about the word 'gamble,' the speculative nature of this ore is just too great." Yizang Xinnuo shook her head and said, "The appraisers priced it at 56 million UC for a reason. They don't have much confidence in this piece of ore."

"Hahaha..." Hengzang Mo burst out laughing. He mocked, "You're bold. You want to compete with us using a piece worth just over 50 million."

"Is it not allowed?" Wang Teng asked innocently.

"Yes, of course, of course!" Hengzang Mo nodded hurriedly. Using this piece to compete with him was just perfect. He was sure to win.

Yizang Xinnuo glared at Hengzang Mo and said, "You should change to another piece. This comparison is meaningless."

"You're being too biased towards him. He chose it himself. It's none of my business," Hengzang Mo complained.

Shouzang Caiyun glanced at Wang Teng and didn't say much. Although she had a good impression of Wang Teng, it didn't mean she would defend him everywhere.

They had only known each other for less than a day.

As for Yizang Xinnuo, she was surprised. The other party appeared to have a high opinion of Han Zhu.

"Let's go with this piece!" Wang Teng didn't explain further and stated directly.

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"You!"

Yizang Xinnuo frowned. She felt that her kindness was disregarded and turned a little annoyed.

She had just chosen to believe in the other party, but this guy turned out to be so arrogant.

A piece of ore worth just over 50 million couldn't possibly win against the ores worth over 500 million that Hengzang Mo and they had chosen. The difference in value was a whole tenfold, making the chance of winning extremely small.

"Alright, stop talking about it. Since it's Brother Han's choice, we should naturally respect it," Shouzang Caiyun said with a faint smile.

Her tone had become somewhat distant. This Han Zhu seemed a bit too audacious, and she couldn't help but wonder if he was just all talk and no substance.

Wang Teng sensed it but just smiled faintly, choosing not to say much.

"Okay, now that you've decided, let's start cutting the stones!" Guizang Yan was afraid that Wang Teng might change his mind and said promptly.

"Cut the stones!" Wang Teng nodded.

"I'll go first!" Hengzang Mo shouted, "Bring a stone-cutting master over to help me cut the stone!"

Several stone-cutting masters had been waiting on the side, and upon hearing his voice, they immediately came over.

The people were also excited, realizing this was no small game. The value of several pieces of ore was in the hundreds of millions of universe coins. This was not a trivial matter.

Many people recognized Guizang Yan and the others, knowing they were all elites from the five major families. When they heard that they were going to cut stones for gambling, their interest naturally soared.

Several skilled stone-cutting masters quickly set up the ore chosen by Hengzang Mo and started grinding the surface with a machine.

Since the ore was so large, they didn't dare to cut it randomly. If it was damaged, more than half of the 500 million UC worth might be lost, significantly reducing its value.

The crowd watched the scene nervously, holding their breath.

Some even had beads of sweat forming on their foreheads, indicating their anxiety, though it was unclear why they were so nervous.

Hengzang Mo clenched his fist and stared at the ore without blinking.

Guizang Yan, Yunzang Xiao, Yizang Xinnuo, and the others also looked over, curious about what would be revealed from Hengzang Mo's chosen piece of ore.

Only Wang Teng remained utterly calm, his expression unchanged. He had long known the value of this particular ore and was not the least bit anxious.

After grinding the ore for a while, the stone-cutting master seemed to have found the right spot. He replaced the machine and began scraping away the layers with a stone-cutting knife.

The knife was extremely sharp, accompanied by a piercing sound as it effortlessly peeled off the layers.

"There's a glow."

Suddenly, someone shouted, startling everyone. All eyes turned to the cut surface.

The stone-cutting master immediately stopped. He took some water and poured it down from the cut.

Instantly, a faint yellow light was revealed.

"It's really glowing!"

"Who shouted just now? Your eyes are so sharp!"

"His eyes are so sharp. Only a faint glow was revealed and it's in the powder. You can't see clearly at all."

"This piece of ore seems to be in for a significant increase. It glows so quickly. There must be a considerable content inside."

"The glow is an earth-yellow color. It should be some kind of earth-element ore. What is it?"

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The crowd discussed animatedly, exclaiming in astonishment. The quick manifestation of the glowing light indicated that the current piece of ore had a high likelihood of experiencing a substantial increase in value.

A hint of joy appeared on Heng Zangmo's face. He glanced at Wang Teng and Yizang Xinnuo before urging loudly, "Continue!"

"Yes!"

The stone-cutting master, not daring to be negligent, responded and continued to carefully work on the ore.

This particular piece seemed very likely to experience a significant surge in value, and he needed to proceed with utmost caution to avoid any damage.

However, this experienced stone-cutting master quickly and skillfully removed a considerable amount of the outer layer, revealing a dazzling glow of earthy yellow light.

"It's a rich Force glow. There's something extraordinary inside this ore!"

"This kind of fluctuation is from an earth-element treasure!"

"It seems like... Yellow Spirit Gold Sand!"

"Yellow Spirit Gold Sand!"

"It's really the Yellow Spirit Gold Sand! Incredible! This is going to surge in value!"

"With such a large piece of Yellow Spirit Gold Sand, it's worth at least eight billion UC. Master, quickly finish cutting and reveal it all!"

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Hengzang Mo was ecstatic beyond words. He hadn't expected to uncover a piece of Yellow Spirit Gold Sand, an extremely precious earth attribute treasure capable of forging universe-level weapons.

Although he had sensed that there might be an earth attribute treasure inside, he never anticipated it would turn out to be Yellow Spirit Gold Sand, such a high-level and valuable material.

As a family of earth-element martial warriors, the Yellow Spirit Gold Sand was particularly suitable for him. It could be used to forge his exclusive universe-level weapon.

"Sorry, everyone. I think I've won this round!" Hengzang Mo laughed heartily.

"It's too early to say that. Our ores haven't been revealed yet. Why are you in such a hurry?" Yunzang Xiao coldly snorted.

Hengzang Mo chuckled and didn't mind. He believed he had already secured victory. With over 500 million worth of ores revealing a Yellow Spirit Gold Sand valued at around seven billion, such a significant increase practically guaranteed his triumph.

Others might be unwilling to admit it, but it was just a desperate struggle until the end.

Let them struggle!

They wouldn't give up until the last moment.

Hengzang Mo glanced at Wang Teng again, originally hoping to see a trace of shock on his face. However, Wang Teng remained extraordinarily composed, showing no signs of being moved.

Hmph! Pretending, still pretending! Hengzang Mo snorted coldly in his heart.

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Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun shook their heads. They also believed that Wang Teng had little chance of winning. Even Yunzang Xiao and Guizang Yan had slim chances.

Hengzang Mo's luck was simply too good. He directly uncovered Yellow Spirit Gold Sand, an incomparable treasure.

Yizang Xinnuo suddenly felt fortunate that she didn't make a bet with Hengzang Mo. If not, she would be obligated to go on a date with him.

Hengzang Mo's piece of ore was finally completely revealed, a well-formed piece of Yellow Spirit Gold Sand. It occupied at least two-thirds of the ore, showing an astonishing concentration.

"Oh my god! This piece of Yellow Spirit Gold Sand is worth more than 8 billion. It's worth at least 12 billion!"

"Yes, 12 billion UC. I'm willing to pay 12 billion UC. Are you selling it?"

"Why will he sell it? He's a talent from the Hengzang family. Why will he sell it?"

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A group of people lamented and sighed. If it were someone else who had uncovered the Yellow Spirit Gold Sand, they might have had a chance to buy it. However, since it was Hengzang, a prodigy from the Hengzang family, there was no hope.

"Hahaha..." Hengzang Mo was in a great mood and couldn't help but laugh. He waved at the crowd, saying, "Make way, make way. I won't sell this piece of Yellow Spirit Gold Sand. I'll keep it for myself."

"Who's next? Shall I go first or you?" Guizang Yan took a deep breath and looked at Yunzang Xiao.

"Let's go together!" Yunzang Xiao said.

"Alright, let's go together!" Guizang Yan nodded.

Seeing Hengzang Mo's significant gain, they couldn't wait any longer and decided to uncover their ores together.

"We'll join in too." Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun also stepped forward.

Two ores and four ores were the same. It was better to do it together to save time.

"Go, call a few more stone-cutting masters!" Hengzang Mo ordered.

After some time, more than ten masters rushed over and started dissecting the ore.

Four ores were arranged in a row in front of everyone. The dozen or so masters formed four groups, simultaneously working on the ores.

The crowd's emotions were completely stirred up. Hengzang Mo's significant gain had already attracted more and more people. Now, the surroundings were packed, and nobody was willing to leave.

The piercing sound of stone scraping echoed continuously, but no one felt annoyed. Everyone was intensely focused on the four ores, their eyes barely enough, afraid to miss any details.

"It's coming out! It's coming out! Yunzang Xiao's ore is emitting a green light!" Someone suddenly exclaimed.

Everyone looked over in unplanned unison.

Wang Teng suddenly felt like laughing and gave Yunzang Xiao a strange look.

Yunzang Xiao: ...

To hell with being green!

While it was true that the ore was emitting green light, the words just sounded so unpleasant.

"Yunzang Xiao, your ore seems not bad!" Hengzang Mo said in surprise.

"Naturally, my judgment wouldn't be wrong." Yunzang Xiao replied.

As they were talking, exclamations erupted from all around again.

"Oh my god! Yizang Xinnuo's ore is also emitting light, a blue glow. It seems like it's going to rise in value too!"

"What kind of luck is this? One is better than the other. Are all these talents blessed by fate?"

"Quick, look! Guizang Yan's ore is also emitting light, a crimson glow. This is a fire-element treasure. The concentration of Force is amazing!"

"I feel it too. Guizang Yan's ore is not ordinary!"

...

Amidst the continuous exclamations, everyone's attention was drawn to the three ores successively emitting light, making it difficult for everyone to decide which one to focus on first.

Yizang Xinnuo looked at Wang Teng in astonishment. It emitted light. Was it a coincidence, or did the blind cat catch a dead mouse?

Her previous resentment towards Wang Teng's arrogance and stubbornness wavered as she witnessed the ore she chose emitting light.

Shouzang Caiyun also looked over, a hint of surprise in her eyes.

With only her ore left, if it also emitted light, it would likely indicate that the other party indeed had some real ability.

"The Shouzang Caiyun's ore is also emitting light!"

At this moment, a louder exclamation rang out in the crowd.

Shouzang Caiyun turned his head abruptly. There was a glow in his eyes. It was really glowing! Could it be...

She took a deep breath, trying to keep calm as she waited for the ore to be completely uncovered.

It was too early to say anything now. Only when it was completely uncovered would they know whether it rose or fell.

Before long, all four ores were completely uncovered.

"Yunzang Xiao's ore turned out to be an eighth-grade wood-element energy stone. It's worth at least 0 billion UC—a significant rise!"

Yunzang Xiao felt somewhat disappointed. He lost. Even though the ore rose in value to 9 billion UC, it couldn't beat Hengzang Mo.

"Yizang Xinnuo's ore seems to be... Blue-Glow Special Water!"

"Blue-Glow Special Water!"

"This is a water-element treasure! It's said to be excellent for refining, especially for crafting water-element weapons. With this Blue-Glow Special Water, it might even increase the success rate of forging eternal-level weapons."

"A cluster of Blue-Glow Special Water is probably worth 10 billion UC, even more precious than Yunzang Xiao's eighth-grade wood-element energy stone!"

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Yizang Xinnuo was pleasantly surprised. She didn't expect the ore she uncovered to rise to such an extent, surpassing even Yunzang Xiao. It was close to the value of Hengzang Mo's ore.

She couldn't help but look at Wang Teng. Could it be that he saw through it?

Yun Zangxiao, upon seeing the Blue-Glow Special Water, initially showed a hint of unwillingness, but his eyes quickly turned fiery. For water-element martial warriors, this Blue-Glow Special Water Water was undoubtedly a precious treasure. If he could obtain it...

"Shouzang Caiyun's ore seems a bit strange."

"It looks like amber? There's a leaf inside!"

"A leaf! I wonder what kind of spirit herb leaf it is. Can anyone recognize it?"

...

The crowd observed the ore in front of Shouzang Caiyun, engaging in lively discussions, but they couldn't discern what it was.

Among the onlookers were individuals with extensive knowledge, yet none of them recognized this particular item.

"This is the Celestial Spirit Leaf!" Suddenly, a voice rang out from the crowd.

Everyone turned to look and saw a black-haired young man stepping forward, reaching the ore, and bending down to examine the leaf inside.

"Han Zhu!"

Yizang Xinnuo and the others were momentarily stunned, and then they quickly reacted. This person was a universe explorer, known for his profound knowledge, which likely surpassed everyone present.

"Brother Han, do you recognize this item?" Shouzang Caiyun asked excitedly, seemingly having forgotten the slight aloofness from before.

"I've seen it in an ancient text. This is a leaf from an ancient spirit tree," Wang Teng said with a faint smile. "That particular spirit tree is called the Celestial Spirit Tree, and its leaf is known as the Celestial Spirit Leaf!"

"Celestial Spirit Tree! Celestial Spirit Leaf!" Everyone repeated his words. Their attention was attracted.

"What are the uses and effects of the Celestial Spirit Leaf?" Yizang Xinnuo asked.

"The Celestial Spirit Leaf is quite valuable. The leaves contain the essence of the Celestial Spirit Tree, and refining it can purify and enhance the Force within one's body," Wang Teng explained.

"Purifying and enhancing the Force!" The crowd was slightly astonished.

"Every hundred years of growth, the Celestial Spirit Leaf adds another vein. Judging from the veins in this Celestial Spirit Leaf, it holds the essence of three thousand years, providing substantial benefits to a heaven-stage martial warrior," Wang Teng continued.

"What? It can benefit a heaven-stage martial warrior!" The crowd exclaimed in shock.

"So, what is the value of this Celestial Spirit Leaf?" Shouzang Caiyun swallowed nervously and asked.

"Based on my estimate, it can probably be sold for around 50 billion UC!" Wang Teng looked at her and threw out a figure that stirred excitement.

"50 billion!" Shouzang Caiyun was dumbfounded. Even with her composure, hearing this value filled her with ecstatic joy.

Wang Teng sighed. That was why he said that these two ladies were lucky. He just reminded them with a sentence, they casually picked two ores to give to him for appraisal, and then... well, then it turned out like this!

Considering the value of these ores, he thought there was no need to say more. They could just buy them directly.

Wang Teng didn't know if he should say their luck was good or bad!

The first two ores they chose were simply awful, but the ones they picked later turned out to be such treasures. The contrast was too extreme.

This luck was somewhat mysterious!

However, in the eyes of the two women, this was entirely Wang Teng's credit. They felt it had nothing to do with them. If Wang Teng hadn't guided them, they wouldn't have bought these two ores at all.

Chapter 2247: Does He Know What's Inside?

"50 billion UC!"

A quiet hush fell over the surroundings as the astonishing number echoed, leaving everyone with a sense of surrealism.

A mineral, initially valued in the hundreds of millions, had yielded a treasure worth 50 billion UC. What kind of luck was this?

"How do we know if it's worth 50 billion like what you've said? The uses of this so-called Celestial Spirit Leaf are still open to debate," Hengzang Mo spoke up at this moment.

50 billion had completely surpassed the value of his ore!

It wasn't just a small difference. It was an overwhelming excess of 38 billion. There was simply no comparison.

"Of course, if you don't believe it, you can check for yourselves. I believe, aside from me, there must be others who know the value of this Celestial Spirit Leaf," Wang Teng said with a faint smile.

In truth, most of the people already believed him. Wang Teng spoke convincingly, with reason and evidence that made it difficult not to trust him.

Moreover, as he pointed out, there were still others who knew the value of this Celestial Spirit Leaf. A lie like this would eventually be exposed. Lying was pointless.

"Hengzang Mo, what do you mean? Your ore can have a higher value but mine can't?" Shouzang Caiyun said indignantly.

At this moment, she was enveloped in a sudden joy, and she would not allow anyone to spoil it.

What's more, Wang Teng was the one who guided her to choose this ore. Since he could choose such a highly valuable ore from among many, how could he not know its true worth?

Her trust in Wang Teng was no longer the same as before.

Money talks!

However, she seemed to have forgotten that Wang Teng's ore had not been cut yet.

As long as the value of Wang Teng's ore far exceeded everyone else's, all the treasures extracted would belong to him.

From the beginning, Wang Teng was guaranteed to win.

These five geniuses from the major families, even if they practiced eye discernment for another hundred years, wouldn't be able to play with Wang Teng.

"Hmph!" Hengzang Mo's expression turned ugly. He snorted and kept quiet.

With eager anticipation, the crowd had enjoyed the spectacle of the Celestial Spirit Leaf for a while and then shifted their focus to the last piece of ore.

This ore belonged to Guizang Yan!

"This is... Fire Cloud Dark Ore!"

"That's right, it's a Fire Cloud Dark Ore, an excellent material for forging fire-element universe-level weapons, and its price is quite high!"

"Who will give an estimate?"

"Why not let this young brother make an estimate? His insight is unparalleled!"

...

The gazes of the crowd landed on Wang Teng, some wanting him to make an estimate, hoping to see if he truly had extraordinary abilities.

"Brother Han, do you know anything about the Fire Cloud Dark Ore?" Guizang Yan asked.

"I have some knowledge," Wang Teng replied.

"Then could you please help us estimate its value?" Guizang Yan said.

"15 billion!" Wang Teng replied directly.

"15 billion!" Guizang Yan raised his eyebrows. This price was slightly higher than Hengzang Mo's. He couldn't help but look towards an elderly man beside him.

"This young brother's estimate is a bit high. In my opinion, the highest estimate should be 13 billion." The elderly man spoke.

"This Fire Cloud Dark Ore weighs a total of 6,800 kilograms. In the virtual universe, there was once a piece of Fire Cloud Dark Ore weighing 3,200 kilograms, which sold for a price of six billion. Comparing this, selling this piece for 15 billion is not excessive, especially considering its larger volume," Wang Teng explained casually.

The elderly man's expression changed slightly. He immediately accessed the virtual network, seemingly searching for something.

After a moment, he glanced at Wang Teng and sighed, saying, "I underestimated the value! I am truly inferior! Truly inferior!"

The crowd's gaze towards Wang Teng changed once again. It seemed that this young man was indeed extraordinary.

The elder was a famous mining engineer from the Five Burials Hotel, familiar with various treasures. His estimates were usually accurate, and many people trusted him to help appraise items.

Unexpectedly, in front of this black-haired youth, he admitted that his estimate was not very accurate.

This was clearly acknowledging that his estimate was not on point.

2 billion wasn't a small sum.

Wang Teng smiled faintly.

This elderly man had quite a thick skin!

Failing to estimate accurately was one thing, but claiming to be conservative about it was trying to save face.

He looked at the elderly man with a meaningful glance, making the old man feel a bit embarrassed.

The elderly man couldn't help but be thankful that Wang Teng didn't press the issue further. Otherwise, he would have embarrassed himself even more.

Hengzang Mo's expression became extremely unsightly. It was alright that Shouzang Caiyun's ore was more valuable than his. After all, it hadn't been confirmed.

But now, even Guizang Yan's ore exceeded his. He had no room to refute, and no matter how he looked at it, he was already a definite loser.

At this moment, the phrase "don't celebrate too early" perfectly described his situation!

"Does this mean that Sister Caiyun's ore has the highest value?" Yizang Xinnuo said.

"Isn't there still one person who hasn't cut his rock?" Guizang Yan looked at Wang Teng, sneering, "What are you waiting for? Are you afraid to extract your 50 million ore after seeing ours?"

"You misunderstood!" Wang Teng smiled slightly. "The most valuable one naturally has to be kept for last."

"The most valuable?" Hengzang Mo gave a cold laugh. "You're overestimating yourself. Don't talk about Caiyun's ore. Even mine is something you can't surpass."

"My ore was chosen by Brother Han." Shouzang Caiyun suddenly spoke up.

Hengzang Mo: ...

Guizang Yan and Yun Zangxiao were shocked. They suddenly remembered that Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun changed their rocks because of this guy's suggestion.

For a moment, everyone fell silent, their gazes filled with suspicion as they looked at Wang Teng.

"Go ahead and cut it!" Wang Teng handed the ore to a stone cutter.

The master immediately nodded and took it over seriously. He prepared to cut the ore.

The attention of the surrounding crowd was immediately drawn. The young man's recent performances indicated that he was no ordinary person. Now, everyone wondered what kind of ore his piece would reveal.

Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun moved closer. Whether Han Zhu could prove his true abilities depended on this piece of ore.

If it truly revealed an ore far superior to everyone else's, all doubts would dissipate, and no one would dare to say anything against him.

Buzz...

The harsh scraping sound echoed as the stone cutter, wielding an oddly shaped stone-cutting knife, focused intently on the task.

His hands were steady, showing no signs of tremor even while scraping the extremely hard stone skin.

Such precision and stability were unattainable without rich experience and formidable strength.

Every stone-cutting master possessed unique skills.

As time slowly passed, layers of stone skin were peeled away, and the originally not-so-large ore became smaller and smaller. In the blink of an eye, only half of its original size remained, leaving the onlookers somewhat disappointed.

It was halfway through. It looked like this ore was a losing gamble!

"Brother Han, is this the ore you plan to use to win against all of us?" Hengzang Mo couldn't help but sneer.

"Don't be in such a hurry. It will be out soon!" Wang Teng looked at him calmly and smiled.

Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun were initially very worried, but seeing him maintain his usual composure, they relaxed a bit.

However, their curiosity grew. The ore had been reduced to half its size. How could it possibly surpass everyone else's ores?

At this point, they weren't as concerned about their own victories or defeats as they were about whether Wang Teng could surpass everyone.

It seemed even more intriguing to them.

If Wang Teng won, it would demonstrate an unimaginably high level of mining skills, turning him into a great treasure.

For women, the most enjoyable aspect was often the process of discovering treasures!

Hengzang Mo's face turned black. This fellow always looked as if victory was in his grasp. This irked him.

Yunzang Xiao and Guizang Yan remained quiet, their expressions slightly solemn as they continued to wait.

As for the spectators, many of them were now beginning to doubt Wang Teng's abilities. Could this young man possibly have miscalculated?

"There's a glow."

Suddenly, a cry of astonishment rippled through the crowd, causing a collective gasp among the onlookers.

Finally, it was unveiling its brilliance.

If it didn't reveal itself soon, the banquet would nearly be over.

The stone cutter, too, suddenly became more alert. He swiftly fetched water and rinsed away the surface stone dust, revealing a faint white glow.

A white glow!

Everyone was surprised. They sensed their surroundings carefully and were astounded.

"Is this... the fluctuation of Light Force!?"

"Could it be a light-element treasure inside this ore?"

"Wow! If it's a light-element treasure, its value is immeasurable!"

"Quick! Quick! Master, hurry up and finish cutting it. So many people are waiting."

...

Yizang Xinnuo, Shouzang Caiyun, and the others were flabbergasted. They couldn't help but glance at Wang Teng. He maintained a faint smile, seemingly unimpressed even when a white glow emerged from the ore. It might be a light-element treasure, but it didn't appear to surprise him.

Could it be that he already knew what was inside?

This absurd thought appeared in Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun's minds. However, they immediately dismissed it.

No martial warrior could see what was inside various ores. This had been tested and confirmed. The energy inside the ores was exceptionally unique. Some ores even naturally formed certain runes, like a kind of seal. Thus, even with spiritual power, it was impossible to perceive clearly.

This was a self-protective mechanism of special ores!

Concealing their radiance, and the mystical items remain hidden!

That was the meaning.

Therefore, Han Zhu could only rely on his rich experience to judge the value of this ore. This was the brilliance of a mining engineer, something ordinary martial warriors couldn't compare to.

The hands of the stone cutter master trembled slightly. This was a light-element treasure. In all his years of extracting stones, he had never come across a light-element treasure. Encountering one now was incredibly exciting.

Look at the envy in the eyes of several stone-cutter masters around them. Why couldn't they experience this boastful event in their entire lives?

But now, they couldn't afford to be the slightest bit negligent. The master took a deep breath to calm himself and then continued to focus on cutting the stone.

Crack...

All eyes were drawn to the scene where the stone's surface layer was gradually scraped off, revealing a translucent white crystal underneath.

In an instant, a burst of holy and dazzling white light radiated in all directions.

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Swoosh!

Dazzling white light illuminated the surroundings.

The radiance, sealed for countless years, was now completely unleashed.

The brilliance was so intense that it overshadowed all the lights in the hall, and the various gemstones embedded in the walls lost their luster.

People couldn't help but squint their eyes, temporarily unable to see the situation inside the ore.

Gasp!

A chorus of gasps erupted from the surroundings. Everyone couldn't help but feel excited. Judging from this momentum, it seemed like the value was going to skyrocket!

Hengzang Mo and Guizang Yan immediately had unpleasant expressions. They had a premonition that the value of this ore might truly surpass theirs.

Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun widened their beautiful eyes, feeling a bit dreamy. They had indeed bet on the right horse, and it seemed like something extraordinary was about to be revealed.

They were appalled. The remaining volume of that ore was only half of its original size, not even one-tenth of their ores, yet it contained such a treasure. It was truly unbelievable.

"What is this?"

"It must be a light-element treasure, but I wonder what it is exactly?"

"Of course, it's a light-element treasure, but we can't see clearly. There's no way to determine!"

"Could this be the legendary concealing radiance? Now unsealed its radiance is completely unleashed."

"It's likely. The more precious something is, the more intense the radiance when it's revealed."

"Wait a minute, do you guys see something inside that crystal?"

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At these words, the crowd swarmed forward like a hive of bees, wanting to get a clear look inside the crystal. Originally thought to be a special light-element ore, it now seemed that the true treasure might lie within.

There was something inside the crystal!

Yizang Xinnuo, Shouzang Caiyun, and the others were surprised. They hurriedly came forward too.

"Make way!"

Hengzang Mo and the others felt an increasing ominous premonition. At this point, they didn't care about offending people and directly shouted, wanting to see what was inside.

They wanted to see what was inside with their own eyes.

At this moment, they still held a glimmer of hope. Even if it was a light-element treasure, it wouldn't matter if its value wasn't high enough to surpass theirs.

Many people around were reluctant but dared not voice their anger. After all, they were dealing with the geniuses of the five major families. They could only step aside.

Finally, the radiance on the surface of the crystal gradually converged, allowing them to see what was inside.

"It's... a pill!"

Everyone widened their eyes, and when they saw what was inside the crystal, they were all dumbfounded. They shouted in disbelief.

"One pill!"

"It's really a pill!"

"Inside this light-element crystal is actually a pill that has been sealed for who knows how many years!"

"My goodness, how can a pill be sealed like this!"

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The crowd erupted into excitement as a pill was unexpectedly revealed within the ore.

This was an extremely rare occurrence.

While it had happened before, it was so infrequent that many deemed it almost impossible. Some had never witnessed such an event.

However, those who knew understood that pills sealed within ores were exceptionally precious. They possessed a self-protective ability, allowing them to remain sealed to resist external energy erosion. Otherwise, they would eventually degrade into useless pills.

That was why alchemists often stored pills in jade vials inscribed with runes, fearing contamination or the dissipation of medicinal power.

So, if a pill was extracted from an ore, it unequivocally indicated that the pill was extraordinary.

It was no wonder the crowd was so exhilarated.

"This, this, this..." An elder emerged from the crowd, his eyes filled with excitement as he gazed at the pill inside the crystal. He was so overwhelmed that he couldn't find the right words.

"Grandmaster Yun Dang!"

Many people recognized the elder's identity and were shocked.

"It's Grandmaster Yun Dang. He's here too!"

"Grandmaster Yun Dang? Who is that? Why haven't I heard of him?"

"Ignorant! Grandmaster Yun Dang is a famous grandmaster alchemist in our Five Burial Stars' Secondary Career Alliance."

"He's a grandmaster alchemist. No wonder he was so excited when he saw the pill."

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"Grandmaster alchemist!" Wang Teng glanced at him in surprise. He didn't expect to meet a grandmaster alchemist here. Was this fate?

"Grandmaster Yun Dang, do you recognize this pill?" Someone couldn't help but ask.

"This is... the Seven-Star Sage Pill!" Grandmaster Yun Dang took a deep breath, his eyes radiating a passionate light as he spoke.

"Seven-Star Sage Pill!"

"What is this pill?"

"Daring to bear the name 'sage,' could it be a divine-level pill?"

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Upon hearing the name of the pill inside the crystal, the crowd erupted into discussions with expressions of astonishment on their faces.

"You guessed it right. This Seven-Star Sage Pill is indeed a divine-level pill, and it's an extremely rare light-element divine-level pill!" Grandmaster Yun Dang took a deep breath and said, "I never expected that in my lifetime, I would come across such a rare ancient pill. It's truly worth living for."

"A light-element divine-level pill! Wow!" The crowd gasped, finding it hard to believe their ears.

"Grandmaster Yun Dang, what are the effects of this pill?" Yizang Xinuo glanced at Wang Teng, then at the pill. Her curiosity getting the better of her.

"This pill can help light-element universe-stage martial warriors break through to the eternal stage!" Grandmaster Yun Dang looked at Wang Teng with complicated eyes as he spoke.

"What!"

"It can help light-element universe-stage martial warriors break through to the eternal stage!"

"Erm..."

The expressions on everyone's faces were as if they had seen a ghost. They couldn't believe that a mineral worth just over 50 million could yield such an extraordinary pill.

What luck was this?

Yizang Xinnuo widened her beautiful eyes, looking at Wang Teng in astonishment.

Shouzang Caiyun covered her mouth.

Hengzang Mo, Guizang Yan, and Yunzang Xiao's expressions froze. They stared at the pill in amazement before turning to look at Wang Teng.

What kind of luck did this guy have to find such a treasure?

For a moment, the three of them were filled with envy, jealousy, and hatred.

There was no need for further appraisal. The value of this pill undoubtedly exceeded that of all of them. Even if the value of all the ores they had bid on was combined, it was likely still lower than the Seven-Star Sage Pill.

It wasn't even worth mentioning!

The gap was insurmountable.

Wang Teng remained extremely calm. He had long seen that this should be a light-element pill, and he even noticed strands of eternal matter within it. Therefore, this pill wasn't just a supreme-rank pill, it was undoubtedly of divine-level quality, surpassing the ores of all the others.

He wanted to impress Yizang Xinnuo and the others, so he needed to showcase something stunning.

If he only slightly surpassed them, it wouldn't be impressive enough. To leave an indelible mark, he had to find a treasure that would awe everyone present.

As for whether this light-element divine-level pill might attract unwanted attention, he had already considered an escape plan and wasn't afraid of prying eyes.

"How much is this Seven-Star Sage Pill?" Shouzang Caiyun couldn't help but ask.

"Even I cannot estimate its price. This pill is an ancient one, extremely rare in the present era. Its formula cannot even be found anymore. Only an alchemy saint's assessment can determine its value," Grandmaster Yun Dang replied.

"Only an alchemy saint's assessment can determine its value!" The crowd was astounded. They realized that the value of this pill far exceeded their imagination.

Everyone looked at Wang Teng with eyes filled with admiration and envy.

Purchasing such an ore for 50 million wasn't just an increase in value. It was soaring to unimaginable heights.

Many finally believed that the young man before them was undoubtedly a highly skilled mining engineer, as it would be impossible to find such a valuable ore otherwise.

"Brother Han, you're impressive!" Yizang Xinnuo looked at Wang Teng in admiration and expressed her sincere thoughts.

"Yes, such expertise is truly beyond ordinary people," Shouzang Caiyun nodded in agreement.

Her gaze toward Wang Teng now carried not just casualness but also a trace of flattery and eagerness to please.

A universe explorer with such profound skills in the mining field would undoubtedly be treated as an esteemed guest even by universe-stage powerhouses.

"I'm just lucky." Wang Teng smiled calmly.

The two women were speechless. His way of being modest never changed.

Was this explanation plausible?

If so, how would they explain their two previous ores?

They wouldn't believe him.

"May I ask if you, sir, are willing to sell this pill?" Someone couldn't help but ask loudly.

At this point, they dared not casually call Wang Teng "brother" anymore. Instead, they addressed him with utmost respect. A mining engineer who could extract such a treasure deserved nothing less.

Many immediately turned their attention as soon as they heard the inquiry. They were equally interested in this pill.

Those who could enter the Five Burials Hotel had significant backgrounds, likely backed by universe-stage powerhouses. Naturally, they were interested in such a divine-level pill and had the qualifications to purchase it.

The Seven-Star Sage Pill could assist light-element universe-stage martial warriors in breaking through to the eternal stage. Even if their patrons didn't require it, they could exchange it with other light-element universe-stage martial warriors for the treasures they desired.

Those light-element universe-stage martial warriors would undoubtedly be willing to offer significant prices for such a precious and rare pill.

"How do I address you?" Grandmaster Yun Dang asked.

"Han Zhu! A universe explorer roaming the universe!" Wang Teng smiled.

"Universe explorers!" Grandmaster Yun Dang was stunned for a moment. Then, he solemnly paid his respects. A young man with such profound knowledge turned out to be a learned universe explorer. No wonder he was able to find such a treasure. He seemed to possess genuine skills.

The surrounding crowd was also amazed, and their admiration for Wang Teng grew.

"I didn't know you're a universe explorer. I apologize for my disrespect!" Grandmaster Yun Dang bowed and introduced himself. "I'm the grandmaster alchemist guarding the Five Burial Planets from the Secondary Career Alliance."

"Grandmaster Yun Dang, you're too kind!" Wang Teng returned the salute.

"Mister, if you're willing to sell this pill, I can ask an alchemy saint from the Secondary Career Alliance to appraise it. I guarantee you won't suffer any loss," Grandmaster Yun Dang offered.

He was representing the Secondary Career Alliance now. He knew that with his wealth, he wouldn't be able to acquire this pill.

However, for the entire Secondary Career Alliance, this ancient pill with a lost formula held significant research value. There was a possibility that the alchemy saints among them could revive the brilliance of this ancient pill.

"Grandmaster Yun Dang, that's not fair. The five families haven't made their offers yet. How can you act preemptively?" At this moment, a voice came from the rear.

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The sudden sound drew the attention of the crowd.

Wang Teng, slightly taken aback, turned to look behind him. Several figures were approaching from a distance, commanding an imposing presence. The onlookers instinctively made way for them.

"Universe-stage martial warriors!"

A gleam flashed in Wang Teng's eyes as he immediately discerned the strength of these approaching figures.

The radiance of their Force far surpassed that of heaven-stage martial warriors. They were unquestionably universe-stage powerhouses.

"It's the five family heads!" Grandmaster Yun Dang wore a wry smile on his face, bowing slightly in greeting.

"No need for formalities, Grandmaster Yun Dang!" One of the figures replied, returning the gesture.

Five family heads!

A thought crossed Wang Teng's mind. There were five individuals in total, their features somewhat resembling those of Hengzang Mo and his companions. Could they be the heads of the five major families?

"Old man, you guys arrived pretty quickly!" Guizang Yan addressed a middle-aged man among the group.

"You brat, couldn't you have informed me of such a significant matter in a more timely manner? If it weren't for the quick response of the mining engineers from the Five Burials Hotel, I wouldn't have known that such a miraculous object had appeared here." Guizang Feng scolded with a hint of irritation. Then, his gaze fell upon the elixir within the crystal, and his eyes showed a subtle tremor.

Upon receiving the news, he found it hard to believe. Now, seeing the object in person, his heart trembled even more.

Never did he expect to encounter such an ancient and divine-grade pill.

Merely from the faintly emanating sacred aura, one could discern the extraordinary nature of this pill.

Yizang Xinnuo, Shouzang Caiyun, and the others approached, paying their respects and standing by their respective elders.

"Aunt, let me introduce you. This is the universe explorer who unraveled the Seven-Star Sage Pill, Han Zhu!"

Yizang Xinnuo brought a woman in her thirties to Wang Teng's side and introduced them to each other:

"Brother Han, this is my aunt, Yizang Bai, the head of the Yizang Family."

"Leader Yizang, nice to meet you!" Wang Teng bowed.

"I didn't expect someone as young as you to be a universe explorer, and with such profound expertise in mining engineering. Surely, you must be a master mining engineer?" Yizang Bai smiled slightly.

"My mining mastery is almost at the grandmaster level!" Wang Teng smiled.

"Grandmaster level!" Yizang Bai had initially asked merely out of courtesy, thinking that reaching the master level was already impressive. However, now she was surprised to hear that he was nearing the grandmaster level. She was shocked.

A mining engineer at the grandmaster level was not someone to be underestimated.

Guizang Feng and the others, hearing Wang Teng's words, were equally astonished.

Guizang Yan and the other young talents were speechless. Their faces were as black as the bottom of a pot. This fellow's mining mastery was almost at the grandmaster level. Was he trying to trick them?

"Aunt, you don't know, but Brother Han helped Sister Caiyun and me select the two ores as well," Yizang Xinnuo added.

"Oh?" Yizang Bai raised her slender eyebrows, even more amazed.

Before coming, she naturally knew that Yizang Xinnuo and the others' ores rose in value, but she didn't know that the ores of these two women were selected by the young man before her.

If it was true, then the young man's mining skills were indeed not to be underestimated.

One ore could be attributed to luck, but three consecutive ores were not something that could be easily explained by luck alone.

Unless the luck of this young man was truly heaven-defying!

"Your mining skills are truly admirable," Guizang Feng remarked.

The other family heads also echoed their agreement, signaling friendliness towards Wang Teng.

On the side, Hengzang Mo and his companions became even more displeased. They disapproved of Wang Teng, yet their elders were being exceptionally polite and friendly towards him, causing them considerable frustration.

"You're too kind!" Wang Teng replied with a faint smile.

Facing the flattery from the crowd, he remained remarkably calm without a hint of disturbance in his heart.

These people were only interested in the Seven-Star Sage Pill, and perhaps they also valued his mining abilities.

"We also want to purchase this Seven-Star Sage Pill. I wonder if you can give us some face." After some small talk, Guizang Feng finally got to the point.

"Since we are all interested in this Seven-Star Sage Pill, why not see who can offer a higher price," Grandmaster Yun Dang suggested.

He naturally wouldn't let the Seven-Star Sage Pill slip away from him. While the five major families held considerable power in the Five Burial Stars, they might not dare to confront the Secondary Career Alliance directly.

Regardless of the location, the Secondary Career Alliance was an immensely influential force. Offending them would likely result in displeasure among all the warriors on the Five Burial Stars.

After all, the Secondary Career Alliance not only had alchemists, who were most essential to martial warriors, but also blacksmiths, rune experts, doctors, and other secondary professionals closely linked to martial warriors. Offending such a group of people would be an unwise move for the Five Burial Stars.

"Grandmaster Yun Dang, you are an alchemist. You've seen all kinds of elixirs. Why compete with us?" Yizang Bai remarked.

"Head Yizang, you're wrong. This Seven-Star Sage Pill is ancient and lost. Handing it over to our Secondary Career Alliance is the only way to unleash its maximum potential."

"We hope to decipher the lost elixir formula through this pill and bring benefits to more martial warriors in the future." Grandmaster Yun Dang greeted the people around with a fist and spoke.

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With these words, the eyes of the surrounding martial warriors lit up.

Many of them knew they couldn't compete with the five major families today. This place belonged to them, and even if they managed to acquire the pill, they might not be able to take it outside.

However, if the Secondary Career Alliance bought it, that could be a viable option. After all, if the pill's formula was truly deciphered, at least they would have a chance to purchase it in the future.

The expressions of the five family heads changed slightly.

This Grandmaster Yun Dang was shameless, using such a tactic against them.

"Sir Han Zhu, before coming here, we had someone appraise the value of this Seven-Star Sage Pill. It's roughly worth 600 Chaos Coins. We are willing to offer 650 Chaos Coins. What do you think?" Guizang Feng's gaze flickered, disregarding other matters and going straight to the point.

"Chaos Coins!" The crowd was surprised. Guizang Feng was willing to use Chaos Coins to purchase the Seven-Star Sage Pill. It seemed their determination was quite significant.

Wang Teng was astounded too. He wasn't unfamiliar with Chaos Coins.

The so-called Chaos Coins were a currency unit higher than the Universe Coins, just more advanced.

Universe Coins circulated among all martial warriors in the universe as a form of currency, while Chaos Coins were different. This currency generally only circulated among powerful individuals or major forces, and ordinary martial warriors rarely came into contact with it.

As martial warriors reached a certain level, the value of the treasures they encountered increased significantly. If measured in Universe Coins, it would result in an extremely large numerical value, and using Universe Coins for such transactions could easily cause economic instability in a region.

Therefore, the Universe Bank introduced Chaos Coins as a more advanced form of currency suitable for transactions among powerful individuals and major forces.

One Chaos Coin was equivalent to a trillion Universe Coins!

The exchange rate was terrifying, but it also illustrated the immense change in identity and value that occurred when a martial warrior's strength reached a certain level.

Especially after reaching the universe stage, the things they encountered were far beyond the imagination of ordinary martial warriors.

Another crucial point was that Chaos Coins were difficult to exchange. Even if one had a trillion Universe Coins, they might not be able to exchange it for a Chaos Coin. There needed to be connections and a certain status. Otherwise, Universe Coins would remain as such. This was a measure to maintain economic stability among various forces in the universe.

While exchanging Chaos Coins for Universe Coins was relatively easy, there were likely few who would foolishly do it.

Every bit of Chaos Coin was extremely precious, and no one was willing to exchange Chaos Coins for Universe Coins.

Now, Guizang Feng was willing to offer 650 Chaos Coins to purchase the Seven-Star Sage Pill. This was undoubtedly a substantial amount.

Hengzang Mo, Guizang Yan, and the others were flabbergasted. They couldn't help but lament in their hearts. An ore worth slightly more than 50 million UC yielded a treasure worth 650 Chaos Coins. This sounded like a dream.

It was almost unimaginable.

Yizang Xinnuo and Shouzang Caiyun looked at Wang Teng in astonishment. 650 Chaos Coins? How much was that?

Forgive them for their lack of exposure. It was a bit difficult for them to comprehend.

"Oh my, 650 Chaos Coins! What a wealthy fellow! Wang Teng, you should sell it to him!" Round Ball shouted in Wang Teng's mind.

"Forget it. If I take these 650 Chaos Coins, he might not let me off. The Five Burial Stars is not a friendly place," Wang Teng replied.

"That's true!" Round Ball expressed deep regret.

"650 Chaos Coins! Leader Guizang, you are indeed generous," Grandmaster Yun Dang exclaimed, his eyes still showing traces of shock as he shook his head repeatedly.

"Humbled! Truly humbled!" Guizang Feng's eyes flashed with a gleam as he smiled faintly.

"But our Secondary Career Alliance is not exactly poor either." Grandmaster Yun Dang suddenly smiled and said, "Just now, I've already contacted the Secondary Career Alliance. We are willing to offer 660 Chaos Coins."

"Grandmaster Yun Dang, do you have to compete with us?" Guizang Feng frowned.

He didn't expect that even after raising the price to 650 Chaos Coins, it still wouldn't deter the other party.

This became tricky!

He wasn't worried about offering a bit more Chaos Coins. He was concerned about the other party's determination.

"I'm sorry, Leader Guizang, but this is important to us too," Grandmaster Yun Dang replied.

"In that case, we'll have to compete," Guizang Feng glanced at the heads of the other four major families, then said calmly, "The five major families are willing to offer 665 Chaos Coins!"

"670 Chaos Coins!" Grandmaster Yun Dang gritted his teeth and said.

"675 Chaos Coins!" Guizang Feng said.

"Old man, can't you be more generous? Adding five each time, when will it end? Just add 50 Chaos Coins directly and make him dare not raise the bid again," Guizang Yan impatiently suggested.

Guizang Feng's face was turning green.

Previously, the addition of 50 Chaos Coins was a price they collectively negotiated, already significantly raising the upper limit of the value of the Seven-Star Sage Pill. It was enough to make them feel the pinch.

Never did they expect that Grandmaster Yun Dang would not let go and would even increase the bid, exceeding their budget.

Adding another 50 Chaos Coins would practically be cutting their meat.

This kid was causing trouble. It might be better to beat him up!

Yizang Bai, Yunzang Ying, Shouzang Liao, and the others glanced at Guizang Yan speechlessly. Then, they looked at Guizang Feng.

That kind of gaze made Guizang Feng's brow twitch as if he understood the meaning of the heads of the four major families — you've raised a foolish son.

Haha! Wang Teng was inwardly delighted.

This Guizang Yan was indeed a dutiful son!

With such a foolish teammate, Wang Teng didn't need to worry about the price of the Seven-Star Sage Pill at all.

However, he had no intention of selling the Seven-Star Sage Pill. What a waste.

"No need to argue anymore. I've already decided the ownership of this pill," Wang Teng said with a slight smile, suddenly breaking the silence.

"Already decided!" The hearts of the crowd trembled.

They shouted prices for half the day, so how could it be decided already? Something was off!

"Who are you planning to sell this pill to?" Grandmaster Yun Dang couldn't help but ask.

Yizang Bai glanced at Yizang Xinnuo.

"Brother Han, please don't rush to make a decision. We, the five families, are very sincere. You might as well consider it carefully. We won't let you suffer any losses," Yizang Xinnuo said to Wang Teng quickly.

"There's no need to say more. This isn't about money. You should know, that for someone like me, money is not a problem. I'm not short of money," Wang Teng said with a faint smile.

Yizang Xinnuo was speechless.

Why did it sound like he was showing off?

Guizang Feng, Yizang Bai, and the others were momentarily stunned. As heads of the five major families, they had encountered all kinds of situations, but it was the first time someone had tried to show off in front of them.

Unfortunately, they couldn't refute it!

Why is that so?

Judging from the other party's expertise in mining, making money seemed to be an easy task for him. Someone with such skills certainly wasn't short of money.

"Sir, who do you plan to sell it to?" Yizang Bai couldn't help but ask.

Since it wasn't about money, she was very curious about who he intended to sell the Seven-Star Sage Pill.

"You'll know soon enough!" Wang Teng said.

Yizang Bai and the others couldn't help but furrow their brows. It seemed he wasn't planning to sell it to them. They exchanged glances, feeling a bit unwilling in their hearts.

They didn't want to give up on this Seven-Star Sage Pill.

Such pills were rare, and if their family could establish a friendship with that mysterious existence using this item, the influence of the Five Burial Stars would definitely rise to a new level.

"Sir Han Zhu, before you make a decision, we would like to ask you to reconsider. If you are willing to sell the Seven-Star Sage Pill to us. Not only will you receive 675 Chaos Coins, but you will also gain the friendship of our families. You will become our honored guest, and in the future, whenever you come to the Five Burial Stars, you will be our most esteemed guest."

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Guizang Feng spoke, hesitated for a moment, and then took out a token, saying, "This token is called the Five Burial Token. Seeing the token is like seeing the Five Burial Families. Up to now, we've only given out one. If you agree to sell to us, this token will be yours."

