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Chapter 791: The First Use of Power, "Deciding" the Future!

"It's really not easy..."

Su Yu couldn't help sighing in his heart.

The job of a Time Mechanic is truly too difficult.

Even calling it a life-and-death struggle wouldn't be enough.

First, one must painstakingly research the time machine to travel back to the past.

This step requires a massive accumulation of knowledge. Without a stroke of luck, even if Su Yu researched it alone for ten lifetimes, he wouldn't succeed.

Then, after traveling back to the past, countless historical timelines would split off, immediately leading to the death of the "present" self.

To save himself, Su Yu forcibly unified all the timelines, merging them into one.

After thousands of historical cycles, a desperate gamble with a suicidal experiment led to the creation of the current Su Yu.

A significant part of Su Yu's eventual success relied on the uniqueness of the Profession Panel.

The Profession Panel possesses a singular trait in time and space, which also imparted a bit of this trait to Su Yu.

If not for that, Su Yu would have been stuck at the step of splitting history and would have been unable to unify the historical timelines, unable to merge into one, essentially leading to death.

It appears that mastering the Power of Time at the Fourth Rank is pretty much an impossible task.

Only because Su Yu has the Profession Panel did he barely succeed.

And the benefits after success are naturally immense!

Su Yu experimented a bit with this newfound power, and immediately the light and shadows before his eyes shifted, with the past and future both in his mind.

This Power of Time granted him a brand-new perspective, allowing him to view the past and future within a certain time frame at any moment.

Then, with just a thought, he could perform time travel again.

This is completely different from previously needing an Energy Tower and the resonance of planetary energy to achieve crossing.

This is Su Yu's own Extraordinary Ability, not borrowing external power!

Much more convenient and much more flexible, it is a fundamental change in life.

However, this kind of power is limited; each travel consumes a lot, using a bit means having a bit less.

Moreover, using this Power of Time with his body will cause a temporal backlash; Su Yu only slightly used it to turn on the time perspective, not actually traveling through time and space again.

He hasn't yet figured out the extent of this temporal backlash, so it's not good to recklessly attempt.

Otherwise, having just come back to life, he might die again because of temporal backlash, and that would be too regrettable.

But even without using the Power of Time, just having the perspective to see the past and future at any time is strong enough.

Su Yu quickly composed himself and looked at the Galaxy Warriors beside him, as well as the residents of the Sanctuary.

He'd just spoken halfway, just saying "You all..." before getting interrupted by the prompt of the Profession Panel.

Su Yu's thinking was extremely fast, and no one noticed his pause.

However, Su Yu didn't finish that sentence, instead seeming deep in thought.

Because...

Through the perspective brought by the Power of Time, Su Yu could see that the figures of these people were somewhat illusory, not real.

It seemed that these people were mere phantoms, not real people.

Su Yu immediately understood what was going on.

"I am currently in the [Future]! Not in the [Present]!"

Su Yu thought to himself.

In his previous desperate attempt, he didn't traverse to the [Present], but to the [Future].

And the future is indeterminate.

Before the [Present] time point arrives, everything in the [Future] is merely a phantom, not real.

That's why in Su Yu's perspective, the figures of these people appeared somewhat translucent, like phantoms.

Su Yu's eyes were deep.

At this moment, he had a deeper understanding of the mysteries of time and space.

Whether it's the [Past] or the [Future], there can be countless branches and countless possibilities.

These branches and possibilities are tangled together like a ball of thread, like a hundred strands messily converging into one.

And the [Present] is like a mighty hand forcing this tangled ball of thread into one, a singular one.

No matter how many possibilities there are in the [Past] or the [Future],

the [Present] can only have one.

The [Present] always moves forward, at this time point, countless histories merge into one, countless futures have only one that can come true.

And now, Su Yu, due to the time travel experiment, has arrived in the [Future].

The [Present] time point hasn't reached here yet, so the [Future] that Su Yu is in isn't real enough and remains illusory.

Su Yu looked down at himself.

He discovered that his own body was actually somewhat illusory too; he wasn't real!

"There are still six months until the [Present]!"

Su Yu calculated to himself and quickly realized that he was six months away from the [Present].

Six months later, the [Present] time point will reach this position.

The [Future] where Su Yu is will become real then!

However, there are various possibilities for the future.

If by then, the real [Future] that becomes is not the one Su Yu is in now, then this whole time and space will collapse and disappear.

Even such a collapse and disappearance is inevitable.

The [Future] that Su Yu is in has already changed due to his crossing, with his abrupt appearance as an individual.

Under normal circumstances, there shouldn't be any Su Yu here, so how could it become real?

So although Su Yu has successfully taken the role of Time Mechanic, self-rescue hasn't truly succeeded.

If he stays here, he's still waiting for death.

"Time travel, changing the past, determining the future..."

Su Yu, unflustered, recalled the three great abilities of the Time Mechanic in his heart.

Among them, the past and future are mentioned, but the [Present] isn't mentioned.

Indeed, changing the past naturally leads to changing the present.

And determining the future...

Su Yu looked at the illusory figures in front of him, suddenly understanding.

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He can utilize the Power of Time to forcefully [determine] this future, making it inevitably real, turning this future into the [present].

This is the meaning of determining the future.

"There are two choices now. The first is to use the Power of Time again and travel back to the [present] time node, leaving this false time and space."

"The second choice is to use the Power of Time to determine this future and make it come true."

A thought flashed through Su Yu's mind.

He is currently in the future, and surely cannot stay here for long.

Otherwise, when the time and space collapse, he would die along with it, or at the very least, be severely injured.

If an unlucky person accidentally traveled to the future, death would be almost certain.

But Su Yu has the Power of Time and can make two choices.

Though both choices require the use of the Power of Time, which would bring spatial backlash, it's better than waiting for death.

Fortunately, the employment of the Time Mechanic didn't require Su Yu to actually return to the [present] to succeed, or he'd really be doomed.

"Choose the second one."

Su Yu thought for a moment and decided to choose the second option.

He wants to use the Power of Time to turn this [future] into reality.

Determine the future!

The reason for this choice, instead of directly traveling back to the [present], is that Su Yu discovered that returning to the [present] is too difficult.

The [present] is a precise time node.

If Su Yu wants to travel back, he must accurately pinpoint this node without any error.

Even a mistake as small as one Planck time, or 10^{-43} seconds, wouldn't be the [present].

An error into the [past] might restart a time loop.

An error into another [future] would be a futile effort.

Perhaps only when Su Yu elevates the Time Mechanic to the highest level can he achieve such precise positioning, but not now.

In contrast, the second option of turning the current future into reality is much easier.

So Su Yu concentrated his thoughts and activated his ability.

Without any sound or movement, Su Yu noticed that the entire world had come to a standstill.

The Galaxy Warriors, the Sanctuary residents, all became motionless.

He himself was also unable to move.

The whole world turned black and white in Su Yu's eyes, frozen in this moment.

"So this is how you determine the future."

"Next, it's just a matter of waiting for the [present]."

Su Yu mused to himself.

It was his first time using the ability to "determine the future," and only now did he realize its intricacies.

After using this ability, this [future] would solidify and remain still.

It could also be that Su Yu himself is in stasis, with his time infinitely accelerated, causing the world in his eyes to become static.

Su Yu in stasis, the [present] time node would continuously progress forward.

Until the [present] reaches this moment, this [future] would then become reality, allowing Su Yu to move.

"Six months to go..."

The [present] time node was still half a year away for Su Yu.

During these six months, Su Yu could only wait idly like this, with the world frozen and unable to move.

Fortunately, after experiencing thousands of loops, Su Yu's patience was ample; just waiting like this wasn't boring. Instead, he continued his various researches in his mind.

As time passed, Su Yu felt that the Power of Time within him was being constantly consumed.

This is because determining the future requires guiding the [present] to develop according to how he wants the timeline to unfold.

However, the consumption was minimal since there were few variables in this time and space, with very few future possibilities.

So Su Yu didn't have to worry about running out of Power of Time.

"Perhaps when the [present] progresses to the moment when I descended, there will be a large consumption of Power of Time."

"I just wonder if there will be enough."

Su Yu speculated in his heart.

His sudden appearance in this future certainly didn't align with normal future development.

For this future to come true, for Su Yu to truly descend, it would definitely require a significant amount of Power of Time.

"It should be enough..."

Su Yu's Power of Time was obtained during his employment, with a limited total amount.

To accumulate more, he needed to use his self-created "Time Meditation Technique."

Also, performing time travel could accumulate Power of Time.

He could traverse time and space with his own power, consuming Power of Time, but if done through machines, it would accumulate Power of Time.

Previously, he repeatedly cycled through history, time-traveling and accumulating large amounts of Power of Time, but he wasn't a Time Mechanic then and couldn't sense this power.

After his employment, these powers merged with him, becoming a force he could control.

With so many loops and repeated time travels, the accumulated Power of Time should be sufficient to determine the future and truly descend.

"Then let's just wait..."

Su Yu thought through all the details, ensuring there were no issues, and then patiently waited.

Time passed second by second, and six months flew by in the blink of an eye.

Finally, Su Yu felt his Power of Time depleting rapidly, and in the next moment, the entire world became vibrant!

"The [present] has arrived!"

Su Yu felt a joy in his heart, knowing that he had finally truly come back to life! His body was no longer illusory, as now was the true [present], a genuine reality, not a false one.

Su Yu had waited for a full six months and finally completed it! The consumption of Power of Time was less than one percent, proving to be sufficient.

Though Su Yu had waited half a year, in the eyes of the Galaxy Warriors, Su Yu had just descended and had only said two words.

Su Yu looked at them and continued from before: "You guys..."

Su Yu paused for a moment, then said, "I'm back!"

Su Yu's tone contained infinite emotion.

This phrase "I'm back," with all its hardships and dangers, is indescribable to outsiders.

The Galaxy Warriors and Sanctuary residents, upon hearing this, cheered with excitement: "Lord Su Yu is back! Lord Su Yu is back!"

They ran to Su Yu's feet, brimming with excitement.

A moment later, Qi Feihang stopped the crowd's noise and spoke excitedly to Su Yu: "Reporting, my Lord! You disappeared for a hundred years after that experiment."

"The forces in the darkness grow stronger, and even within the Sanctuary, people often disappear."

"We have no choice but to go to the surface to find a way to save ourselves."

"We studied the research data you left behind, my Lord Su Yu, and are preparing to try making our own time machine to search for your trace!"

These people on the surface were actually trying to build a time machine!

They managed to survive in this dark time and space by not resigning themselves to fate.

In this century, they had no idea how much effort they had put in.

But all their efforts were in vain.

They didn't even have a Fourth Rank among them; how could they have the ability to make a time machine?

Su Yu himself needed Nuonuo's Fusion Enhancement to quickly build an Energy Tower.

These guys were just messing around and never succeeded even once.

Fortunately, they didn't succeed. Without Su Yu's skills, if they really traveled through time, they'd be doomed.

Even Su Yu barely survived, let alone them?

However, although they were just messing around, it wasn't entirely useless.

Su Yu looked up, indeed, a few Mechanical Energy Towers stood in the distance.

These Energy Towers were built by the Galaxy Warriors along with the Sanctuary residents.

These Energy Towers are of the Second Rank, with not even a Third Rank among them.

After all, these people are Galaxy Warriors, not Mechanics.

Building Second Rank mechanics is fine; building Third Rank mechanics would be too difficult for them.

But these Second Rank Energy Towers, although low in rank, used the planetary energy resonance technology that Su Yu researched.

This resonance was too weak to enable time travel.

But when Su Yu made a desperate move earlier, he could faintly sense this resonance, providing him with positioning.

That's why Su Yu happened to land beside them.

Without these Energy Towers, Su Yu might not have been so successful in saving himself.

So Su Yu finished listening and nodded with satisfaction: "You've done well."

Then Su Yu's expression turned serious: "Don't worry, I've succeeded in my experiment. Next, we need to find a way to get out of this damn place!"

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Su Yu has now successfully taken the position of Time Mechanic, and naturally, he must find a way to return to the original time-space.

He didn't want to stay in this Dark Space-Time for even a moment longer.

Upon hearing Su Yu's words, everyone immediately showed signs of happiness.

Soon, Su Yu led everyone back to the Underground Shelter.

The Galaxy Warriors quickly conveyed this significant news to everyone in the Sanctuary.

The people also began to rejoice.

Over the years, the mysterious forces in the darkness grew stronger, and people often disappeared from the city without a trace.

Coupled with the disappearance of "Planet Governor" Su Yu, the entire atmosphere in the Sanctuary was one of deep depression.

It was only now, with Su Yu's return, that there was joy on their faces.

However, facing this warm atmosphere, Su Yu did not show the slightest smile; instead, his expression was somewhat gloomy.

Because he finally realized...

"All these years, through so many cycles, have I actually forgotten all these people?"

Su Yu couldn't help but feel wary.

He had been in this time-space, on this planet, for a long time.

However, when he first arrived on this planet, he came into contact with the Galaxy Warriors, and then began his research on the Time Mechanic.

In the remaining time, Su Yu had little to no interaction with the residents of the Sanctuary and didn't pay much attention to them either.

And at this moment, he was noticing the residents of the Sanctuary for the first time.

Only then did he realize in surprise that over the years, he had interacted with these residents only a handful of times.

This isn't normal!

Recalling the past, Su Yu realized that he had been unconsciously ignoring these residents!

Obviously, there are many suspicious points about these residents.

They are survivors from after the Destruction of this time-space, and they even recorded the deeds of "Planet Governor" Su Yu.

Logically, the first ones Su Yu should have investigated upon arriving in this time-space were them.

But Su Yu always considered these people as ordinary, unable to help him, so there was no need for extensive contact, at most bringing them along when returning to the normal time-space.

As for investigations, he left them to the Galaxy Warriors...

This kind of thinking can be considered normal, but upon careful thought, there's a problem!

He shouldn't be ignoring them this way! It's like they don't even exist.

"These people have issues! They've even affected me!"

Su Yu extended his spirit, silently enveloping the entire city of the Sanctuary, carefully observing these residents.

At this moment, he was extremely cautious, elevating his ability to its limits.

Through a thousand cycles, as a Fourth Rank expert, he had never found any problems, only discovering them after becoming the Time Mechanic.

This certainly isn't normal, and caution is necessary!

Su Yu's spirit was extremely discreet, and no one in the Sanctuary could discover his spiritual probing.

Su Yu looked around but did not find anything strange.

All the residents in the city of the Sanctuary were living normal lives, with nothing peculiar about them.

Su Yu thought for a moment and utilized the Power of Time to change his perspective.

He wanted to see these people's past and future.

Su Yu's Power of Time could give him the perspective to see through the past and future; the more Power of Time consumed, the more he could see, and the further he could look.

He was already prepared to consume a large amount of Power of Time.

However, when he set his gaze upon those residents, his heart suddenly tightened.

There was nothing!

Nothing at all! These Sanctuary residents could not be seen in the past, nor did they have a future!

"How is this possible?"

Su Yu watched for a little longer, pushing the Power of Time to its utmost, but still, nothing! He couldn't see!

No matter how he pushed the Power of Time, not a bit was consumed because he couldn't see anything at all.

In the end, Su Yu had to stop, falling into contemplation.

He was pondering, what on earth was going on?

Clearly, during historical cycles, Su Yu had seen these residents, but why couldn't he see their past now? Or their future?

This is unreasonable!

After pondering for a while, Su Yu suddenly had a flash of inspiration, thinking of something.

"This time-space, logically, it already belongs to the [Future], one possible future."

"This time-space is inherently false! These people might also be false!"

When Su Yu first arrived in this Dark Space-Time, he already speculated that this Dark Space-Time should be a certain [Future].

In this [Future], the entire Star System had been destroyed due to some kind of war, leaving only two or three planets lingering on.

Even the entire Universe seemed to have plunged into darkness due to the war, with no trace of light to be seen in the entire Galaxy.

Back then, Su Yu's understanding of Time-Space Mysteries was not profound enough, so he merely guessed at random.

Now that he has successfully taken the position of Time Mechanic, he has enough understanding of Time-Space Mysteries.

Reflecting on previous speculations now, he found something was amiss.

If this Dark Space-Time inherently belongs to the [Future], then according to Su Yu's experience, everything here should be false!

But as Su Yu traversed here back and forth, through a thousand cycles, he hadn't discovered the falsehood here.

It even had a complete timeline, with a complete [Past], [Present], and [Future].

There was nothing false about here at all.

Su Yu pondered for a long while and finally concluded: "This Dark Space-Time should have been forcibly made real by some formidable Power of Time!"

"Turned into a real parallel time-space!"

Su Yu had just used the ability of [Determining the Future] once, forcibly turning a future into reality.

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So he speculated that this dark spacetime might operate on a similar principle.

However, this dark spacetime seemed completely different from Su Yu's {Determining the Future}, more advanced, more powerful.

Su Yu's {Determining the Future} guides the development of the {present} toward a possible future.

For example, right now Qi Feihang is alive and well, and in one possible future, Qi Feihang dies unexpectedly in a day.

In another future, Qi Feihang survives.

Su Yu can use the ability of determining the future to make the reality one where Qi Feihang survives, saving his life.

At that point, Qi Feihang's survival becomes fact, it becomes {present}.

The {present} can only ever be one; Su Yu's determining the future can only decide which {present} it will be.

According to the time-space rules known to Su Yu, there is no such thing as a parallel universe.

History and the future can split, but the {present} cannot.

But now, Su Yu was astonished to find that this law seemed to have been broken!

Su Yu vaguely discovered that this dark spacetime he was in seemed to have forcibly "cut out" another version of the {present} in the normal universe.

Carved out another complete timeline!

This dark spacetime is a true parallel world! A parallel universe!

Even the subspace seems to be another one! No wonder Su Yu couldn't even sense the position of his own subspace domain.

Su Yu did not know if this dark spacetime was formed naturally.

Or was it some powerful being who forcibly used their abilities to cut it out from normal spacetime.

If it formed naturally, that's fine, but if some powerful being carved it out, that would be terrifying, almost like creating a parallel universe.

Although this universe seems a bit ruined and dark, being able to create such a spacetime is enough for Su Yu to look up in awe.

He didn't know what level of power was needed to create such a dark spacetime?

Fifth Rank? Sixth Rank? Or even higher?

"And that mechanical star core inside the gaseous planet, what is that thing? Could it be the thing that created this dark spacetime?"

Su Yu recalled the mechanical star core he had seen before, feeling even more apprehensive.

Originally, he thought of going to take another look after becoming a time mechanic, maybe he could see something from the perspective of a time mechanic.

After all, for so many years, that mechanical star core hadn't made a move, it probably didn't have any malice, or it didn't have consciousness at all.

But now, Su Yu dared not go, if his guess was correct, that this dark spacetime was created by that mechanical star core, going there again would be courting death?

"I wonder how the Ghost Emperor managed to send me to this haunted place."

"I must return quickly!"

Su Yu secretly made up his mind to quickly master the abilities of the time mechanic and return to normal spacetime.

After returning, he would definitely give the Ghost Emperor a good beating and question him thoroughly about everything concerning this dark spacetime.

In the following five years, Su Yu lived in seclusion, devoting himself to researching ways to return.

Interestingly, since his return, there have been no more unexplained disappearances in the sanctuary.

The residents of the sanctuary were naturally very grateful to Su Yu.

But Su Yu felt even heavier.

He suspected that the dark power had now set its sights on him.

What indeed was this dark power? Originally, Su Yu suspected it was some kind of time-space mechanism, but now he suspected it was the power of the mysterious figure who created this dark spacetime!

Of course, if such a figure existed, their power was akin to a time-space mechanism, which made perfect sense.

"Soon... just need a little more time..."

In these five years, Su Yu did nothing else but cultivate.

He cultivated using the time meditation technique, a meditation technique he created himself.

Once he became a time mechanic, he could accumulate the power of time through meditation.

But simple meditation was too slow for accumulating time power.

So he frequently used mechanical power to travel through time and space, which also enabled him to accumulate time power.

Of course, his time travels were always to the past in history.

Now, Su Yu had truly come to life, possessing a body in the {present}, so traveling back to the past didn't risk repeating history.

As long as he followed the timeline's progression, he could naturally return to the present, just like Qi Feihang had done in his two prior experiments.

If he traveled to the future, he would need to consume time power to make that future {determined} or travel back to historical events and follow the timeline's progression back to the present, which would be cumbersome and not very efficient.

As for those time machines, after Su Yu's improvements, they had been optimized a lot, reducing their size and number, but despite the improvements, they would malfunction after one or two uses because of reasons such as temporal backlash.

The reasons for these machines' failures were usually various incidents, like energy transmission issues leading to short-circuit explosions, or some component not fixed properly coming apart at a critical moment.

So Su Yu didn't dare to recklessly use time power, lest he follow suit and meet his end.

He was extremely glad of his initial choice to create the time mechanic and use mechanical power to travel through time, making the mechanical devices bear most of the backlash.

The time power he accumulated essentially accounted for the experiences of a time mechanic.

Over these five years, Su Yu's time mechanic had advanced by twelve levels.

This was thanks to his repeated time travels; if he relied solely on meditation, he'd probably only be at levels two or three now.

There's no help for it, advancing to Fourth Rank profession level is really slow.

Without some special measures, relying on meditation alone, reaching max level would probably take a lifetime.

At level twelve, the time power accumulated by the time mechanic had significantly improved from just after he took the profession, and his sensitivity to time-space had increased a great deal as well.

Now, he could vaguely sense the position of normal spacetime.

He estimated that with a few more levels up, he would have enough power to traverse back!

"Trying to traverse back this time is not simple..."

Previously, no matter how Su Yu traversed, it was only within the timeline of this current spacetime.

Now, he needs to traverse back from a parallel spacetime.

The difficulty had stepped up a level, leaving Su Yu temporarily without clues.

But Su Yu was not panicked, as he already had an idea.

Which was... how did the Ghost Emperor manage to send Su Yu here in the first place?

The Ghost Emperor seemed to possess some time-related abilities, having once created a time avatar to infiltrate the Mechanical City.

But likely, the Ghost Emperor's ability couldn't possibly be more powerful than Su Yu's time mechanic.

This wasn't Su Yu being arrogant, it was confidence accumulated after undergoing thousands of cycles and near-death experiences to finally become a time mechanic.

He had the specialties of the profession panel, having braved so many dangers to succeed and master the power of time.

What did the Ghost Emperor rely on?

So Su Yu speculated that the Ghost Emperor must have used a pre-existing time-space channel to send him to this dark spacetime.

This dark spacetime, despite being cut from normal spacetime, likely still had some connection to normal spacetime.

The Ghost Emperor must have exploited that connection to trap Su Yu in it.

Now, Su Yu just needed to find that connection to return!

And where was that connection point? Naturally on the Ruins Star! After all, Su Yu managed to traverse from there himself.

However, the Ruins Star in this spacetime had already been destroyed, leaving only cosmic vacuum.

Finding the place would indeed be quite troublesome.

Every day, Su Yu researched these time-space mysteries and dedicated seven years to meditation and practice, elevating his time mechanic level to 20, finally feeling that he had accumulated enough.

Then, he appeared before the Galaxy Warriors, announcing they could attempt to leave!

In the sanctuary, cheers resounded.

Su Yu smiled faintly. After everyone prepared, he directly used the manifestation space of the manifestation mechanic, gathering them all up, and then left the sanctuary, flying into the dark vacuum.

Just as he flew out of the sanctuary, he transformed with a roar, becoming the light-cast giant clad in the Giant God Soldier Mecha.

Due to his research on the Radiant Blueprint, there was no longer any limit on the number of transformations he could perform; he could use it freely.

He had a hunch that the journey would be challenging, so he needed to face formidable enemies in his strongest state!

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The magnificent giant that Su Yu transformed into shot out of the planet's orbit at thousands of times the speed of sound.

He turned his head to glance at the dark planet, then accelerated again, flying towards the depths of the darkness.

His target is the Ruins Star!

Or rather, the original orbit of the Ruins Star.

In this spacetime, the Ruins Star has already been destroyed due to a great war.

But Su Yu suspects that this destruction is not complete, and there are still some remnants.

The star at the center of the star system was also destroyed and disappeared, but its gravity remains, evidently not completely destroyed.

Su Yu thinks the Ruins Star is the same, with remnants.

And the remnants should have a passage to return to normal spacetime.

As Su Yu continued his flight, he rapidly accelerated to ten thousand times the speed of sound.

While flying, he was also calculating in his mind, computing the orbital data of the Ruins Star.

If Su Yu's guess is correct, the remnants of the Ruins Star after its destruction are still orbiting along the original path.

By searching along the orbit, one can find those remnants.

However, the orbit of a planet is exceedingly long; according to Su Yu's calculations, the circumference of the Ruins Star's orbit is as much as 1.3 billion kilometers.

Additionally, after its destruction, the remnants of the Ruins Star might not strictly follow the original orbit, resulting in some deviation.

As such, it's even more difficult to determine how long it is.

The main issue is that the Ruins Star was so thoroughly destroyed that even its gravity is gone; otherwise, Su Yu would have followed the gravitational source.

Now he can only search like finding a needle in a haystack.

Fortunately, Su Yu has enough patience.

Thus, Su Yu flew through the dark cosmic vacuum for more than two billion kilometers and finally sensed a slight anomaly in the dark vacuum ahead.

"Is this... planetary energy?"

Su Yu's heart stirred.

He confirmed that this anomaly was a fluctuation of planetary energy!

Before becoming the Time Mechanic, Su Yu had always used planetary energy to travel through time.

At this moment, he had studied planetary energy deeply and his sensitivity was very acute.

So, just a slight fluctuation allowed him to determine that there was planetary energy ahead!

This energy is entirely different from that of a Transcendent; it is very dense, and Su Yu would not mistake it.

However, there was not even the slightest gravitational fluctuation ahead. How could there be planetary energy without a planet?

Su Yu was delighted, knowing he had finally found it!

He flew forward several million kilometers, and the sensation grew stronger.

Finally, he suddenly decelerated and slowly came to a stop.

He stood silently in the dark void, gazing into the darkness ahead, muttering to himself:

"So this is the remnant of the Ruins Star!"

In the darkness in front of him, there was nothing, only thin cosmic dust.

But Su Yu switched perspectives, using his sensitivity to planetary energy to replace his vision.

Then Su Yu "saw" a "planet" composed of planetary energy slowly rotating before him.

This "planet" gave Su Yu a very familiar feeling; it was the Ruins Star!

It turns out that although the Ruins Star was destroyed, it left behind planetary energy, orbiting its path.

Just like in some strange legends where humans die, their souls remain and become ghosts.

What Su Yu was facing was the "Star Soul" of the Ruins Star after its destruction.

"It seems that by using this Star Soul to resonate with the Ruins Star in normal spacetime, I can achieve cross-time-space travel and return to normal spacetime!"

The moment Su Yu saw the "Star Soul," he thought of a way to return.

The Ghost Emperor probably used this same method to send Su Yu here.

Su Yu looked again into the distance, towards the largest gravitational source in this dark space-time: the Sun!

There was only darkness, no matter, yet gravity was emanating from it.

It seems that the Sun might have also preserved some planetary energy, even retaining gravity.

Su Yu pondered for a moment, then directly flew towards the gravitational source of the Sun.

After all, he had already determined the location of the Ruins Star's soul, so there was no rush. He could take a look at the Sun first.

Previously, Su Yu had been worried about potential dangers near the Sun and hadn't gone to inspect it.

Now that he had become a Time Mechanic and uncovered some secrets of planetary remnants, he was confident enough to take a look.

Since he was about to return, he might not have another chance if he didn't see it now.

Su Yu flew for another several hundred million kilometers, finally sensing a massive gravitational source directly ahead; he had reached the place.

However, Su Yu could only feel the gravitational source and did not sense planetary energy.

"Could it be that the Sun has no planetary energy, only gravity?"

Su Yu was puzzled and carefully examined it but still couldn't understand the principle.

Nevertheless, he had a little pleasant surprise.

He discovered some special "substances" in this dark vacuum.

In fact, they didn't seem like matter, nor subspace energy, nor data.

These things were invisible and intangible.

The reason Su Yu discovered them was that he tried to open his Manifestation Space, intending to collect some cosmic dust from this area for research.

As a result, he managed to gather some of those things.

Then Su Yu discovered that an unusual gravity appeared within the Manifestation Space.

"So, this is where the gravitational source of this area originates!"

Su Yu finally understood the source of the gravity here.

After the Sun's destruction, some invisible and intangible things were left behind.

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Even as a Fourth Rank powerhouse, Su Yu couldn't sense their existence.

However, they possessed gravity and could be collected by the Manifestation Space.

"Is this... dark matter or dark energy?"

Su Yu pondered for a moment, thinking to himself.

The so-called dark matter refers to the vast amounts of invisible gravitational sources calculated by scientists to exist in the universe.

They do not emit light, only gravity, maintaining the stability of star systems and even the entire universe.

These things are collectively known as dark matter and dark energy.

Before his traversal, Su Yu had some understanding of dark matter and dark energy.

At that time, these things were still unsolved mysteries to him.

Of course, after his traversal, they were no longer unsolved mysteries.

Especially after encountering the Mechanical God, Su Yu acquired a vast amount of knowledge and learned the realities about dark matter and dark energy.

There are many peculiar states of matter and energy in the universe that can be referred to as dark matter or dark energy.

They are a broad category with countless varieties, even unknown to the Mechanical God.

Just like how humans, Radiation Beasts, and Cosmic Alien Species are all considered life forms, but with vastly different variations.

If Su Yu possessed gravitational abilities and flew into the cosmic vacuum, concealing himself while emitting gravity, he could also be considered dark matter.

At this time, the items Su Yu was collecting here also constituted a type of dark matter.

Recalling the knowledge inherited from the Mechanical God, Su Yu found no related data about this type of dark matter.

Nor was there any information on how it was formed.

It's speculated that Subspace's involvement in the formation of this dark matter was why the Mechanical God had never seen it before.

This peculiar dark matter certainly holds high research value.

Much of the Mechanical God's technology requires various kinds of dark matter and dark energy.

Previously, Su Yu couldn't acquire these materials and energies from the cosmic deep space, rendering much of the Mechanical God's technology unusable.

Now that he has discovered this new form of dark matter, he naturally won't let it slip away.

Su Yu quickly created a new Manifestation Space to begin collecting the dark matter found here.

Su Yu's Manifestation Mechanic could create multiple Manifestation Spaces that operate independently without interfering with each other.

Of course, maintaining more Manifestation Spaces would require more energy from Su Yu.

But there was no other way; one of Su Yu's Manifestation Spaces was holding the Galaxy Warriors, and he couldn't mix them; it could cost lives otherwise.

Su Yu spent several months in collection, filling the newly opened Manifestation Space before finishing his task.

However, this dark matter was so peculiar; it had gravity but no inertia or mass.

In the end, Su Yu had no idea how much he had actually collected.

He could only estimate based on gravitational strength, roughly one-third of Ruins Star.

This meant that if this dark matter had mass, it would be one-third of Ruins Star's mass.

This was astonishing; Su Yu's massive collection was the equivalent of collecting one-third of Ruins Star's dark matter.

Ruins Star was quite heavy among planets; even one-third of its mass would still be considered a standard planet.

Su Yu's collection amounted to an entire planet!

If not for this dark matter being intangible and invisible, lacking any physical form or mass, Su Yu couldn't have collected so much of it.

Eventually, the Manifestation Space couldn't withstand it anymore and showed signs of collapsing due to gravitational pressure, so Su Yu stopped.

His Manifestation Mechanic was still at Third Rank.

Although his abilities had greatly improved due to his body's promotion to Fourth Rank, there were still limits, and this was it.

And so much dark matter was just a drop in the bucket compared to the total here.

The mass of the star at the center of the star system was hundreds of thousands of times that of Ruins Star, and if it were entirely converted to dark matter, it would take ten thousand Su Yu to collect it all.

"For now, this will have to do."

"I'm not sure exactly what it's useful for yet, but a planet's worth of mass is bound to come in handy."

Su Yu was very satisfied after completing the collection.

As for any potential danger, the dark matter posed no harm to Su Yu himself.

Its gravity was only about one-third of Ruins Star's, which ordinary people would find hard to contend with.

However, in some ways, this dark matter could be immensely frightening.

Releasing all the dark matter on Ruins Star could pose a huge gravitational threat, possibly tearing Ruins Star apart.

And that's just a crude application.

If research advances to more intricate uses of the dark matter, such as condensing its gravity, the results could be even more terrifying—this merits further study.

This collection was an unexpected delight with huge rewards!

Upon completion, Su Yu didn't linger and turned to fly towards the orbit of Ruins Star Soul.

After several months, the Star Soul had traveled far along its orbit, but Su Yu had already calculated the entire orbit, so locating it with some mental calculation wasn't difficult.

He quickly returned to where the Star Soul was located.

Staring at the Star Soul before him, Su Yu began contemplating how to use it to return to normal space-time.

There wasn't any real difficulty; based on prior experiences, he needed to place 30 Mechanical Towers on the Star Soul and utilize the planetary energy resonance.

Su Yu had done this countless times before.

But now, there was a challenge.

During the previous traversal experiments, Su Yu relied on Nuonuo's Fusion Enhancement abilities to enhance the Mechanical Towers to Fourth Rank, enabling traversal functionality.

Since they were in the same space-time, the traversal wouldn't risk losing Nuonuo.

Now, however, he intended a cross-space-time traversal.

If Nuonuo was used to enhance the Mechanical Towers and traversal was achieved, Nuonuo might remain and couldn't be recalled.

Nuonuo had always been a helpful assistant to Su Yu, and he didn't want to part with it.

"So... there's only one option!"

After pondering, Su Yu decided not to use Nuonuo.

He would directly create a Fourth Rank Energy Tower!

As a Fourth Rank Mechanic, he inherently had the capability of creating Fourth Rank Mechanical Creations.

Of course, Fourth Rank creations were much more challenging than Third Rank ones.

True to form, Su Yu quickly brought out various materials and began crafting.

Having crafted this Mechanical Energy Tower countless times in historical loops, Su Yu was highly familiar with it.

Yet, it was his first time crafting a Fourth Rank one.

After spending over ten days, he finally completed the task.

"Finally, it's done."

Seeing the Mechanical Energy Tower emitting Fourth Rank fluctuations, Su Yu felt a surge of joy.

Originally, he worried that the Energy Tower wouldn't reach Fourth Rank.

Achieving Fourth Rank required sharing his Subspace Domain to complete.

In this Dark Space-Time, his sense of the Subspace Domain was weak; it was simpler to use shared domains to create Third Rank Mechanical Creations, which Su Yu had attempted many times before.

Attempting a Fourth Rank was slightly forced.

Failure could result from unsuccessful sharing.

Fortunately, success was achieved in the end.

However, only one was successfully created!

Given Su Yu's limited perception of the Subspace Domain, he couldn't create more Fourth Rank Energy Towers.

Initiating 30 Energy Towers like before was impossible.

"Seems like I'll have to use my own Power of Time."

Su Yu didn't feel discouraged, as this was expected.

One Energy Tower falls short, so he'd need to bolster it with his Power of Time.

Although backfire effects could occur, they would be significantly reduced with the Energy Tower handling some of the load, thus minimizing risks.

"Then let's get started!"

Su Yu reached out, grabbed the newly crafted Fourth Rank Energy Tower, and headed towards the Star Soul.

The Energy Tower was a hundred meters tall, but in Su Yu's hands, it seemed like a simple chopstick.

He flew quickly to the center of the Star Soul, where planetary energies converged, essentially the Star Core.

On the surface, Su Yu appeared quietly hovering in the dark vacuum, but only he knew he was deep within the Star Soul.

Then he waited quietly, awaiting the energy waves of the Star Soul.

More than half a year passed before a massive energy wave from the star finally reached Su Yu!

"It's time!"

Su Yu wasted no time and promptly activated the newly crafted Fourth Rank Energy Tower!

Subsequently, his body's Power of Time poured into the Energy Tower, amplifying its power!

Bang!

Instantly, Su Yu's consciousness resonated with the planetary energy, piercing through space-time!

He saw the familiar Ruins Star! With just a thought, he could traverse back!

However, just as Su Yu was about to complete the traversal, a shadow blocked his path.

"Finally, it's here!"

Su Yu had always sensed that returning this time wouldn't be smooth, anticipating a fierce fight.

Though everything had been quiet until now, seeing this shadow gave Su Yu a sense of relief.

"Let's see what dares to block me!"

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At this moment, Su Yu's will traversed through space-time, having already locked onto the path back.

He was actually no longer in the dark space-time, but had not truly returned to normal space-time, existing in a "halfway" state.

In this brief instant, Su Yu transcended the constraints of space-time, not existing in any world, in an extremely peculiar state.

But it was in this state that the shadow stopped him.

The shadow blocked Su Yu's return on the same transcendent plane of space-time.

Su Yu looked at this shadow, his heart heavy.

He focused his spirit, wanting to see what this enemy blocking his path really was.

As he concentrated his will, the darkness on the surface of the shadow dissipated, revealing its true appearance.

Then, Su Yu saw... himself!

The shadow was exactly the same as Su Yu, even the aura and momentum were no different.

Su Yu's expression remained calm.

What is the point of an unknown enemy disguising itself as him?

Does it expect him to react with fear like a normal person? A boring trick.

However, before Su Yu could finish this thought, the shadow spoke: "You're wrong, this appearance is not a disguise, Su Yu, I am you!"

The shadow, in this strange state, could actually speak.

Moreover, it wasn't spiritual power transmitting sound, it seemed to be voice produced by vibrating the air, which was quite strange.

In this bizarre state, let alone air, even the existence of space-time is questionable, yet this shadow spoke as if normally.

Its voice was also completely identical to Su Yu's.

Upon hearing this, Su Yu smiled lightly with indifference.

He wouldn't be easily swayed by an enemy's words.

Just anyone bearing his face saying they are Su Yu, claiming both to be the same person, how could he believe it?

Su Yu was only considering why this enemy could speak.

After all, Su Yu himself couldn't speak now.

Not only couldn't he speak, but even if Su Yu wanted to attack, he couldn't make a move.

In this place where space-time doesn't exist, energy seems not to exist either, only intangible thoughts can operate here.

Seeing Su Yu remain silent, the shadow identical to Su Yu spoke again: "It seems you don't believe?"

"You should have heard, in this space-time, there is a Planet Governor Su Yu, and that is me! And you!"

With these words, Su Yu's expression suddenly tensed.

All these years, Su Yu had always had one doubt.

What was the story of this so-called Planet Governor Su Yu?

Before becoming a Time Mechanic, Su Yu had speculated if it was his future self, acquiring the Power of Time and traveling through space-time back to the distant past.

Then, in past history, becoming the so-called Planet Governor and leaving records.

Theoretically, this should be feasible.

But after becoming a Time Mechanic, Su Yu dismissed this possibility.

Although Su Yu's Time Mechanic could traverse space-time, it came with a cost.

So, whenever he traveled back into historical timelines, he always stayed within a time limit.

That time limit was the point when Su Yu entered this dark space-time, about a hundred and thirty years ago.

Before that time, there was no Su Yu in this space-time, he hadn't arrived yet.

To travel back to those distant parts of history, whether spiritually or physically, was extremely difficult.

The further the temporal distance, the harder the traversal.

Such a journey would mean creating a new Su Yu from nothing in past history.

The cost would naturally skyrocket, and the backlash would be extremely strong.

Su Yu's calculations showed that even using a mechanism to withstand the backlash was unbearable; attempting forcibly might result in instant death.

So Su Yu had never attempted traveling back to such distant history, as it was tantamount to seeking death.

If Su Yu wouldn't travel to such a distant past, then this Planet Governor Su Yu was even stranger.

Su Yu couldn't figure out how this title of Planet Governor came about, it couldn't be a coincidence or sharing the same name, right?

Although Su Yu was puzzled, he hadn't planned on delving deep, as the secrets of this space-time were too many.

Anyway, once he returned to normal space-time, everything here would no longer relate to him.

He thought it would remain an unsolved mystery, but now, the answer revealed itself.

"What do you mean?"

Su Yu signaled with his eyes for the shadow to explain in detail.

Seeing Su Yu finally react, the shadow with Su Yu's face smiled slightly.

Its smile was identical to Su Yu's, making Su Yu feel strange.

After the smile, Shadow Su Yu slowly spoke: "Fourth Rank has another name, called [Planet Legend]."

"This legend isn't merely some fame but is achieved through Subspace, delving into the essence of space-time, spanning across history and spreading into the future."

"At the moment we reached this dark space-time, Su Yu's [Legend] was already formed!"

"In the legend, Su Yu became the Planet Governor, renowned widely; this name, in turn, became reality, and I materialized into the true form in the history of the past, truly becoming the Planet Governor! Becoming part of this space-time!"

This Shadow Su Yu revealed the hidden secret.

"Planet Legend..."

Upon hearing this, Su Yu had a flash of inspiration, recalling many past events.

When he first acquired the Giant God Soldier Command Fragment, its rank was precisely of the Planet Legend level.

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Later, he advanced to the Fourth Rank, and in the introduction of the Profession Panel, there was also this so-called Legend Attribute.

For this so-called legend, Su Yu never paid attention, always thinking it was an insignificant attribute.

Now it seems, it is not so.

This so-called legend can actually traverse the timeline! Even condensing a Planet Governor Su Yu in past history!

"How about it? Now you should understand, I am you, you are me."

"We should return to normal space-time together, because I am a part of you! If you abandon me, you will no longer be complete, with no possibility of advancing to the Fifth Rank!"

That black shadow Su Yu said with a smile.

It seemed that he came not to fight Su Yu, but to return to normal space-time together with Su Yu.

"How do you prove what you say?"

Su Yu asked deeply.

"You can speak now..."

The black shadow Su Yu was not angry at Su Yu's suspicion, instead, he seemed very pleasantly surprised.

Su Yu was startled in his heart, indeed, he could now speak!

Although in this strange state, where time and space did not exist, and there was no air, he could speak, which was very strange.

But that black shadow Su Yu smiled: "Now, you have begun to merge with me!"

"Because I am you! You are me!"

"So you can use my abilities!"

"Likewise, you will also have all my memories."

"No need to prove, you will understand, you and I were originally one!"

As he said this, many memories suddenly flashed out of thin air in Su Yu's mind.

These memories, Su Yu had never experienced these historical memories.

In these memories, Su Yu is the Planet Governor of Azure Star, appointed by the Empire, governing the planet!

Planet Governor Su Yu governed Azure Star for a millennium, until darkness flew from the depths of the universe.

Then the planet collapsed, humanity became extinct, darkness swallowed the starry sky...

Planet Governor Su Yu was severely injured in that cosmic battle, always asleep in the crevice of space-time.

Until now, Su Yu was preparing to return to normal space-time, only then did he wake up.

Now, Planet Governor Su Yu wants to merge with the main body Su Yu, becoming the same person again!

These memories appeared in Su Yu's mind out of thin air.

At first, Su Yu felt somewhat unfamiliar, but quickly merged with these memories, they seemed as if they were his new experiences.

And Su Yu's will also wavered slightly, could it be, this black shadow was truly a part of him?

With the emergence of this thought, the black shadow Su Yu became slightly blurred, as if about to completely dissipate and merge with Su Yu into one.

"No, this isn't right!"

"The so-called Fourth Rank Planet Legend cannot possibly be so powerful."

"There's something wrong with you!"

Although Su Yu's memory was somewhat chaotic, he still spoke deeply.

With his keen perception, he immediately noticed the problem.

He wanted to obtain the Power of Time, went through life and death, and only succeeded in the end.

But according to this black shadow Su Yu, just achieving the Fourth Rank, this so-called Legend will immediately traverse the timeline.

How is that possible? The Power of Time isn't that easy to get!

"It's the specialty of this space-time, capable of enhancing the effect of the Legend, you don't need to doubt, once merged as one, you'll understand everything..."

The black shadow Su Yu patiently explained.

Upon hearing this, Su Yu felt his consciousness blur, actually finding some logic in it.

"Shut up!"

At this critical moment, an angry shout suddenly came from Su Yu's heart!

His eyes widened, looking at the black shadow Su Yu, suddenly erupting!

Boom!

Su Yu unleashed a full-force attack!

With this strike, Su Yu put forth all his might, pouring out all his energy, striving to take down the enemy in one blow!

Originally, in this space-time nonexistent place, Su Yu couldn't even speak nor attack.

But in a moment of crisis, Su Yu pushed his will to the limit, actually capable of taking action!

He was still maintaining the Sunshine Transformation state at this moment, with a height of six hundred meters, his entire energy condensed into a beam of destruction, blasting towards the black shadow!

"This strike, even I myself cannot withstand! And I will be killed too!"

At this moment, Su Yu's consciousness had only this one thought, only this one will!

The next instant, his attack struck that black shadow Su Yu.

Then, just as Su Yu thought, the strike was too fierce, even he would die if hit.

Faced with this rapid strike, the black shadow Su Yu showed fear, seemingly wanting to dodge, but it was too late, at the final moment, he also condensed a beam of light, wanting to clash with Su Yu, but he was a step too late.

In the next instant, the black shadow was struck by Su Yu's earth-shattering blow, leaving no trace, dissipating without a trace.

"What a close call... Luckily, I completely annihilated him!"

After blasting that black shadow Su Yu to death, Su Yu let out a sighed of relief.

He knew that just now, he nearly merged with that unknown entity!

Fortunately, he quickly reacted, utilizing the special nature of this Mysterious Land, to kill the black shadow.

This Mysterious Land of space-time nonexistent, according to Su Yu's analysis, should have a "wish fulfillment" effect.

Previously, Su Yu couldn't speak, but when he was shocked by the words of the black shadow, with a strong desire to speak, he managed to do so.

However, due to the black shadow's words, Su Yu came to somewhat believe in his identity.

Just this slight wavering of will caused a lot of memories of Planet Governor Su Yu to appear out of thin air in Su Yu's mind.

These memories further strengthened his intention, thus accelerating the fusion of the two.

Simply put, if Su Yu believed that the black shadow and he were the same person, it would genuinely become one person!

As long as there was even a slight wavering of will, the two would merge!

But Su Yu knew, that black shadow certainly wasn't his own true self.

By then, once fused as one, turning into something else, Su Yu couldn't predict, but there certainly would be a problem.

Luckily, in the end, Su Yu forcibly controlled his will, leaving only one thought in his mind: Total attack, kill that black shadow!

Under this intense determination, it indeed worked, that black shadow was blasted into oblivion.

As for what that black shadow really was, Su Yu speculated that the black shadow was indeed Su Yu's "Legend."

But under normal circumstances, such a legend wouldn't be nearly so powerful, perhaps only some information circulating in the Subspace, enabling some Subspace entities to hear of Su Yu's fame, and nothing more.

It shouldn't possess any capability to traverse timelines, nor condense another Planet Governor Su Yu.

That black shadow was likely some existence or power from the Dark Space-Time, utilizing Su Yu's Legend to form a phantom, attempting to erode him!

If Su Yu wasn't alert, and his will not strong, he might have been replaced and no longer be the original Su Yu.

Su Yu had a premonition earlier that this return would not go smoothly, that there would certainly be a great battle. This was not a prophecy, but logical analysis.

This Dark Space-Time had its peculiarities, certainly wouldn't let him go back easily.

Sure enough, a strong enemy did appear.

However, this strong enemy's identity and means of attack were beyond Su Yu's expectations.

It wasn't a frontal battle with Su Yu, but to shake Su Yu's will, to erode his spirit.

Fortunately, despite the danger, Su Yu ultimately achieved victory.

But Su Yu understood, as long as his will wavered even slightly, the black shadow would return.

So after blasting the black shadow Su Yu, a new thought popped into Su Yu's consciousness: "I should go back!"

Thus, with the "wish fulfillment" effect of this Mysterious Land, as Su Yu had this thought, he left this Mysterious Land.

In the next moment, Su Yu sensed a familiar aura, the aura of Ruins Star!

Ruins Star, full of radiation and Ghost Energy, severely polluted, yet at this moment, Su Yu felt incredibly close to it.

At last, back again! He crossed through that dark space-time, returning to this normal space-time!

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Su Yu immediately looked around and found himself on a desolate area of Ruins Star.

His gigantic figure stood tall on the wasteland, exuding a powerful aura that startled a group of Radiation Beasts into fleeing in all directions.

"Crossing time and space, so it includes the body too?"

"That makes sense, the point in time I crossed is [now], so if I've successfully traversed, it's real, and there's no need to spend extra Power of Time to condense a body..."

Su Yu thought to himself.

This time, his traversal was different from before. It was crossing from one time-space's [now] to another time-space's [now], inclusive of the body.

This indeed spared Su Yu the hassle.

Originally, he had prepared, if only a will returned, it would require additional power of time to condense a body, but now it wasn't necessary.

Then, Su Yu checked the Manifestation Space and found it had accompanied him back. Everything was intact, and the Galaxy Warriors and others inside were unharmed by the space-time traversal.

They weren't even aware of the fact that they had crossed over.

Most ordinary people had long been asleep in the sleep pods Su Yu prepared, only the Galaxy Warriors remained awake, focusing on meditation and training.

"They're really worry-free."

Su Yu smiled slightly, feeling relieved.

Then, he dissolved the Sunshine Transformation, returned to his normal size, and deeply inhaled the familiar air.

"Finally back!"

The air of Ruins Star still carried the same scent—it wasn't exactly fresh, but to Su Yu, it was very familiar.

In this so-called normal time-space, there were Evil Gods, Radiation Beasts, planetary blockades, and so forth...

But it was much better than that dark and hopeless space-time.

And in the Dark Space-Time, with Su Yu successfully traversing back, the Mechanical Energy Tower he newly built there had exploded after a single use, turning into cosmic dust.

This thing had endured the backlash of Su Yu's traverse, and since Su Yu had intentionally designed a self-destruct system during its creation, it destroyed itself right after use, and very thoroughly, leaving almost no trace, turning into microscopic molecules.

This thing, unlike Nuonuo, was just a temporary tool, discarded once used.

Anyway, being across space-time, Su Yu couldn't retrieve it. Keeping it would occupy the shared position of Su Yu's Subspace Domain and could easily be exploited by certain existences in the Dark Space-Time, so destruction was preferable.

It's just a pity that its materials were completely lost.

After all, this was a Fourth-Rank Mechanical Creation, and when Su Yu built it, he used materials generously, depleting almost all high-level materials left in the Manifestation Space.

But it was necessary to return.

"Speaking of which, that previous place..."

After confirming his return to normal time-space, Su Yu dared to release his thoughts, recalling the previous Mysterious Land.

Even with Su Yu's strength, he couldn't quite fathom the nature of that Mysterious Land. Now successfully out of it, he naturally wanted to sum up the experience to avoid encountering it again.

"In that Mysterious Land, time and space didn't exist."

"It didn't seem like a real place, more akin to a Thought Space deep within one's mind..."

Recalling all prior encounters and the words of that shadow, Su Yu gained an insight.

The Mysterious Land wasn't somewhere else, but his own Thought Space from deep within!

As for why such a Thought Space appeared, Su Yu thought it was because he briefly transcended the constraints of time and space during his traverse.

At that time, around Su Yu, there was no time, no space; time and space didn't exist—there was nothing.

No past, no present, no future, no timeline; all vanished, ceased to exist.

Because there was no existence of time and space, Su Yu's consciousness, to maintain its own existence, instinctively constructed a Thought Space to accommodate his will.

Because the nonexistence of time and space is a very frightening circumstance.

Previously, Su Yu, when studying the Subspace Analyzer, tried to close off his senses and thoughts, sealing off all perceptions of the outside world and his body.

And he nearly killed himself.

Human consciousness requires stimulation from information to sustain itself.

Completely shutting off senses is tantamount to suicide.

And nonexistence of time and space isn't just the loss of external perception.

Everything external ceases to exist, which is more extremely frightening than blocking perception.

If it weren't for Su Yu's strong will, immediately constructing a Thought Space, his consciousness might have dissipated as a result.

It's like when a person is asleep, closing their eyes to darkness, seeing nothing, the brain will construct a Dream World based on the information in the mind.

The previous Mysterious Land was akin to a kind of Dream Realm.

That's why Su Yu had a semblance of "wish fulfillment" ability there.

And in such a Thought Space, theoretically, the control was entirely in Su Yu's hands.

Yet, in this Thought World belonging solely to Su Yu, appeared that shadow of Su Yu.

Even that shadow of Su Yu initially held stronger control than Su Yu himself.

The manifestation was that the shadow could speak, whereas Su Yu couldn't.

Fortunately, Su Yu, as the true master there, having comprehended everything, quickly controlled his mind and reversed, annihilating the shadow.

Thinking of this, Su Yu felt somber.

It seemed that the shadow of Su Yu had silently and imperceptibly corroded him from deep within.

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It's like a second personality that he split from.

Perhaps some kind of power in the dark space-time utilized Su Yu's [Legend] to create another Planet Governor Su Yu, attempting to erode and control him.

This level of spiritual erosion is extremely high. Even though Su Yu is of the fourth rank and protected by the Power of Sunshine, he was silently eroded.

If Su Yu had stayed in that dark space-time for a few more years, this erosion might have been completed. Fortunately, he escaped quickly.

This personality is very secretive. If Su Yu hadn't traversed the space-time to enter the thought world, it would have been truly difficult to discover it.

Thinking of this, Su Yu felt grateful in his heart.

If he returned carrying that shadowy Su Yu, without knowing anything, he might be replaced at some point and become another person.

From this perspective, that strange thought space wasn't a bad thing but a good one instead!

"In the future, if I'm hit by some powerful spiritual attack, I can try to enter that kind of thought space again to perform 'Antivirus'!"

Su Yu immediately thought of this usage for the thought space.

To perform spiritual 'Antivirus'!

Su Yu envisioned a scenario where one day in the future, he encountered some kind of spiritual erosion.

So, he re-created the time machine, attempting to travel back to the dark space-time.

Then during the crossing, as space-time ceases to exist, his spirit would once again enter that thought space to face the spiritual erosion and perform antivirus.

After completing the antivirus, Su Yu wouldn't need to truly travel back to the dark space-time. With a thought, he can return the way he came.

In this way, this thought space became a trump card for his self-rescue.

"It seems my ability still has some shortcomings. I need a powerful spiritual ability!"

Su Yu secretly thought.

He currently lacks no combat power and possesses a Time Mechanic of the time system profession, which can be considered immensely powerful.

But in terms of spirit, he seems still a bit fragile to not even realize he was eroded.

That the spiritual erosion is high-level is one thing, Su Yu also has shortcomings in this area, which is a fact.

Before the fourth rank, Su Yu faced spiritual erosion by always relying on the Ghost Hidden Blade, now the Ghost Hidden Blade is still at the third rank. It seems the Ghost Hidden Blade is no longer very useful.

The Power of Sunshine also has the function of resisting spiritual attacks, but this time, it was still eroded, proving that relying only on the Power of Sunshine is not enough.

It's necessary to quickly upgrade the Time Mechanic to the maximum level, unlock new professions, and enhance resistance to spiritual attacks.

However, to unlock new professions, one first needs to upgrade the Time Mechanic to the maximum level, which can't be rushed.

"Let's take down the Ghost Emperor first!"

Su Yu thought.

The Ghost Emperor used some means to send Su Yu to that dark space-time, where Su Yu stayed for hundreds of years. Including those thousand cycles of history, the time span was over ten thousand years!

He was even mysteriously spiritually eroded, nearly unable to return. This feud is far too significant.

Su Yu will definitely not let this guy go!

As he contemplated these matters, he didn't stay in place but flew toward the distance.

And the direction of flight was naturally... the Radiation Land!

At this moment, Su Yu could already sense his Mechanical City, and by using the position of Mechanical City, he could locate his coordinates.

In a short time, he confirmed his coordinates, which were only over a thousand kilometers from Mechanical City.

He also confirmed the direction to the Radiation Land!

Southeast, nine thousand kilometers away!

This little distance is just a blink of an eye for Su Yu!

Su Yu, who holds grudges easily, just returned and has not gone home to take a look, immediately flew to seek revenge on the Ghost Emperor!

"Luckily, only over a year has passed, and the Ghost Emperor has not broken through to the fifth rank! Mechanical City is still relatively stable."

Su Yu flew while using his spirit to communicate with Mechanical City and the Mechanical Spirit, learning the present time point.

It's been a year since he disappeared!

The flow of time in the dark space-time is different from here. Over a hundred years have passed there, while only a year has passed here.

It's probably because the dark space-time is formed by the [Future], so the time flow is particularly fast.

That's also a good thing.

Otherwise, if Su Yu really returned after a hundred years, the people in Mechanical City would have experienced several generations, and remembering Su Yu as the City Lord would be unlikely.

In these hundred years, the Ghost Emperor might have broken through the fifth rank, and Su Yu's return would effectively be suicidal.

Now, only a year has passed, and basically, nothing has happened, and the Ghost Emperor's attacks on Mechanical City have all failed.

Although some people in Mechanical City are apprehensive, it remains relatively stable.

"Wait, something's not right!"

Su Yu flew in the direction of the Radiation Land for a few seconds and suddenly felt something amiss, so he stopped.

Then, he directly turned around and flew toward the direction of Mechanical City.

He had just reviewed the data records of the year from the Mechanical Spirit and found something wrong.

There were some anomalies in Mechanical City!

Throughout this year, there were often bad rumors circulating in Mechanical City.

The rumors claimed that the invincible Mr. Su Yu had been imprisoned or even killed by the Ghost Emperor.

Although the Mechanical City remains difficult to conquer, allowing them to live in peace for a year, once the Ghost Emperor breaks through to the fifth rank, good days will be over!

Even in this year, some people attempted to rebel and pledge allegiance to the Ghost Emperor!

However, these small rebellions were quickly suppressed.

After all, the control of all the battle armors worn by the combat personnel in the entire city was with the Mechanical Spirit.

With a single thought, it could lock all armor, rendering the rebellion laughable, not requiring Tie Long and others to intervene.

The rebellion of ordinary residents was not sufficient to be a concern.

However, the Mechanical Spirit was somewhat worried whether Tie Long and others would rebel.

If they rebelled, it would be troublesome.

Hence, the Mechanical Spirit and Mechanical City had been carefully guarding against Tie Long, Xiao Shengyin, and others throughout the year.

Actually, Tie Long and others had the same worries; with Mr. Su Yu gone, would these Mechanical Creations rebel?

Tie Long was once severely tricked by the Galaxy Battle Armor, and Xie Yitian was almost killed and devoured by his own creations.

They also knew the story of the [King], aware of how cruel the existence of Mechanical Creations can be once they rebel.

Furthermore, they all lived within Mechanical City. If the Mechanical Creations rebelled, they could immediately carry out a cruel massacre against them! Without Mr. Su Yu's suppression, they couldn't trust these cold machines!

After a year of mutual suspicion, both sides were in a state of high tension, secretly preparing their means.

If Su Yu didn't return, these two sides would soon clash!

Su Yu could still understand these two sides' conflict.

What truly alerted Su Yu to the anomaly was that even though he had already returned, neither the Mechanical Spirit nor Tie Long, the Believer, sensed Su Yu's presence!

Therefore, Su Yu decided to leave Radiation Land for later and return to Mechanical City first!

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At this time, in Mechanical City.

Tie Long, Xiao Shengyin, Xie Yitian, Yang Lie, etc., high-level executives were holding a meeting.

The meeting place was not in reality but in Subspace, following the prior Transcendent Union's mode.

This meeting mode was to prevent surveillance by the Mechanical Spirit and Mechanical City.

The entire Mechanical City was under the surveillance of these two Mechanical Apostles, making it difficult for even mid-level transcendent beings to ensure their words weren't overheard.

They wanted to discuss issues, and it could only be done in Subspace.

"Everyone, Mechanical City has been increasing its activities recently and monitoring us more closely. What do you think?"

Xiao Shengyin still sat at the head, not because his strength was superior, but because this meeting space was his creation, effectively making it his home turf.

The others, upon hearing this, exchanged glances and finally made up their minds, saying: "Action must be taken!"

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Meanwhile, within Mechanical City, at the data level, the awareness of Mechanical Spirit and Mechanical City also communicated.

"These third-rank Transcendents are increasingly frequently gathering in Subspace recently!"

"According to the analysis, the probability of them taking action has increased to over 90%."

"We must act first!"

The two Mechanical Apostles also decided to take action!

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In the dark, a hidden consciousness perceived all this and revealed a delighted smile.

Having prepared for over a year, it was finally time for the harvest!