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Chapter 851 The Three-Way Stand-off (Part 2)

Origin Cultivation Technique.

Then silently deduced in his heart... with his current realm, even if he perfected his cultivation techniques, he might not surpass his present self.

The effect of deducing techniques at such a realm is naturally twice the result with half the effort.

Now, Xu Lingjun has thoroughly absorbed all the cultivation techniques, and it's time to spread these techniques throughout Blue Star.

But this must be done before the array is created, as cultivation, whether immortal or otherwise, demands high aptitude, but the need for spiritual qi is even greater.

The setup of the Great Derivation Spirit Gathering Array is imperative.

It's just that Star City is too vast, once the entire ruins of the Baoxue Empire, its vast land area even surpassing what Blue Star once was.

An entire nation as a capital.

Such grand ambition naturally brings a high maintenance cost.

But this is no challenge for Xu Lingjun, who has gained the entire Spirit Realm's benefit.

For three whole months, he led many cultivators who had accomplished their learning, and everyone's footsteps traveled across the entirety of Star City.

At each array node.

He would earnestly instruct these cultivators, explaining to them the flow direction of the spirit veins at the place, and clarifying the connection between these spirit veins and spiritual qi.

In just three months, their footsteps covered all the critical nodes of Star City...

And when the final node was finally completed.

With Xu Lingjun channeling his True Essence to permeate, connecting all the Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures left at the critical nodes.

Everyone witnessed the birth of a miracle.

Star City had changed.

In that instant, Star City seemed to transcend this world, or rather, ascend above it.

All around, a fierce wind howled.

It wasn't wind, but the most pure spiritual qi melted into spiritual particles, wandering between heaven and earth, then all absorbed here.

The spiritual qi in Star City was already exceedingly dense, and now, this dense spiritual qi had undergone the most substantial change...

Too pure spiritual qi here was decomposed and then reorganized.

Becoming something akin to spiritual qi, yet more pure, spiritual power!

"This is the last lesson I have for you about arrays. How have your studies been over these months?"

Xu Lingjun smiled and asked these pillars of Blue Star's future amidst the swirling cloud mist.

"Array?!"

Everyone then realized that during this time, His Majesty wasn't teaching about the nature of spiritual qi but was explaining arrays!

And now, they witnessed the birth of an array firsthand.

"This is called the Great Derivation Spirit Gathering Array. This array can gather all the spiritual qi within thirty thousand li radius into Star City, and too pure spiritual qi that even Star City cannot hold will be forcibly decomposed and concentrated into purer spiritual power!"

Xu Lingjun smiled and said, "From today, Star City will be Blue Star's holy land for cultivation, where one day of cultivation in Star City equals ten days outside. This is also what I want to teach you: a cultivator's vast dependency on spiritual qi and how crucial spiritual qi is to a cultivator!"

Cultivator?

A student bravely asked, "Your Majesty, I don't understand, is there a difference between a cultivator and an immortal cultivator?"

"Indeed, cultivation is the progression of Martial Tao, specializing in killing arts, whereas cultivation is more introspective, summoning the essence. Though absolute power is slightly weaker, it is more comprehensive, including arrays, alchemy, artifact refining, etc., all considered part of cultivation!"

Xu Lingjun said with a smile, "But cultivation and immortal cultivation originate from the same source, just with different focal points, thus I explained these to you, and soon, the Immortal Martial College will launch a new course in cultivation. If you're interested, everyone can attend and learn from it, which should greatly benefit your cultivation."

"Yes!"

Everyone became excited instantly.

Cultivation!!!

Unexpectedly, His Majesty not only excelled at immortal cultivation but also pioneered a whole new path of cultivation.

For a moment, everyone was elated... After all, when immortal cultivation emerged, the increase in Blue Star's power was witnessed firsthand, and everyone benefited personally.

And now, they have witnessed the birth of cultivation firsthand.

The array was completed.

Everyone dispersed and returned to their places.

As they left, the entire Blue Star was in uproar.

Cultivation!!!

A discipline similar yet distinctly different from immortal cultivation.

This certainly delighted the Blue Star citizens, who cheered with joy, as when immortal cultivation thrived, countless ordinary people without Martial Tao talent were thrilled, many fulfilling their long-held wish to gain power!

But more still could only cultivate basic techniques, which, though not weaker than martial artists before,.

They remained at the bottom despite the overall improvement.

But now, Xu Lingjun has given them another chance, a chance to escape their current situation and climb to greater heights.

They couldn't help but rejoice...

For now, even without disseminating the specific techniques.

But Xu Lingjun's vision was flooded incessantly, almost blinding him to what lay ahead.

[You have offered Liu Ling an opportunity to change her circumstances and gained her sincere admiration, thus earning the favor of the world's origin will, Origin Value +32.]

[Your cultivation path has shown Li Zheng the chance to change himself, gaining his heartfelt gratitude, thus earning the favor of the world's origin will, Origin Value +52!]

[You helped the confused Han Feng find the way forward, gaining his sincere gratitude, thus earning the favor of the world's origin will, Origin Value +44!]

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Almost an entire day of continuous notifications.

It greatly affected Xu Lingjun's daily life.

But the Source Value gained was urgently needed by Xu Lingjun, as his previous content was only techniques, whereas immortal techniques, Taoist techniques, artifact refining, alchemy, talisman making, etc., required Source Value too. Since it's for his folks, naturally, it must be perfect...

For a time, he truly experienced joy with pain.

But the benefits were obvious.

When the Immortal Martial College formally launched the cultivation course.

That day, enrollment flooded the entire Star City, though knowing cultivation power might not match training, the number suitable for cultivation might not be too many, but everyone held a lucky mentality.

If they don't try, they won't rest in peace.

Ji Roufeng even privately approached Xu Lingjun, demanding firmly to universally spread this cultivation technique within the Sect, how could he favor one over the other?

After lowering himself and paying a small price...

Regarding this request, Xu Lingjun agreed delightedly.

After all, it was all benefits without harm to him.

But Xu Lingjun never expected.

The day after enrollment began.

The person whom he didn't expect to seek him arrived unexpectedly.

"Old Xu, I think I might be a genius!"

He said.

"What?"

Then, Xu Lingjun stared at Guo Zheng as he brewed True Essence in his hand, falling silent.

Genius?

Indeed, just shortly after the techniques were spread, Guo Zheng had already cultivated True Essence, showing talent even far surpassing that of Li Lei.

He suddenly confirmed something.

Indeed...

This world never had waste, only those who were unfit.

What's called waste is merely individuals who haven't found their suitable path... Who could have imagined that Guo Zheng, failing in immortal cultivation and Martial Tao, is a peerless genius in cultivation?

Xu Lingjun was momentarily dumbfounded.

While Guo Zheng was beyond exhilarated, having initially given up the path of cultivation!

But who would have thought, after all seemed lost, suddenly a turn for the better, survival in a hopeless situation!

He once thought he could never keep up with others' progress, but this unexpected joy made him so ecstatic he wanted to roar into the sky to vent the emotions he'd bottled up.

Chapter 852 Breakthrough

No one can understand Guo Zheng's ecstasy.

In terms of Martial Tao, he is a failure...

His two close friends, Li Lei has successfully joined the Sun and Moon Bright Sect and has even replaced Tomorrow to become the new Sect Leader of the Sun and Moon Bright Sect, with a position of authority in the Immortal Martial Alliance and veto power with a single word.

His strength has progressed by leaps and bounds.

He is now one of the most powerful figures on Blue Star.

Xu Lingjun, needless to say, has made all of Blue Star his backyard.

But as one of the Three Heroes of Qingzhou back in the day, Guo Zheng entered Central City Martial Mansion thanks to the influence of his uncle.

Compared to them, he is just a failure.

Later, he followed Wang Tiancheng and learned business for a while, though he hardly learned a thing, as the brisk business practices were simply beyond him.

But after some effort, he managed to become the Vice Ambassador of Blue Star in the Communication Star for business exchanges, serving as Wang Tiancheng's assistant, doing the job in quite a manner... No one knows the effort behind this seemingly impressive achievement.

All he wants is that, years later, when he sees Xu Lingjun or Li Lei, he doesn't need to nod and bow, but instead can stand tall, call Old Xu or Leizi, or even call himself Dad.

From a top student at Central City Martial Mansion, to completely abandoning Martial Tao, giving up martial arts for business.

No one knows the mental struggle he went through.

Therefore, when he discovered he had a talent for cultivation, and possibly a high talent, he immediately gave up everything he had, found Xu Lingjun, and decided to join this department even if he had to go through the back door.

Getting Xu Lingjun's approval, and even seeing his shocked expression.

Guo Zheng's long-lost pride returned, his mood greatly improved, and he insisted on dragging Xu Lingjun to find Li Lei.

Riding a special craft, the speed was extremely fast.

Finally, the three sang overnight at the KTV, as this was the only way to express his excitement.

And the next day.

Even without sleep for a day, he was still energetic, carrying a suitcase to once again study at the Immortal Martial College, claiming to surpass Li Lei in three years, and catch up to Xu Lingjun in five. Guo Zheng's path to revenge had just begun.

And joining him at the Immortal Martial College were the newly selected cultivation department students.

Though this field had just started to boom, it thrived because Xu Lingjun himself promoted it...

Xu Lingjun stayed at the Central Palace, ready to deal with any issues that might arise.

Until three months later.

After confirming the students' learning had entered a proper track, since cultivation and cultivation although diverge in ways, ultimately have the same foundation, only one emphasizes attack while the other focuses on support, this constituted the differentiation.

Moreover, now Star City's Spiritual Qi is much more...

Thus.

Xu Lingjun finally felt relieved, once again displaying his hands-off management style and handed all affairs over to Han Yun City.

And he planned to go into seclusion.

In fact, after a fierce battle with Sword Wind, absorbing six to seven tenths of the demonic power and True Essence within, Xu Lingjun already possessed the foundation to surpass the Divine Soul Realm.

Yet he didn't choose to break through but previously suppressed all this cultivation to handle various trivial matters.

Not for anything else...

Just because at the moment he was about to break through to the Divine Soul Realm, a deep sense of instinctual unease or a warning from the depths of the Divine Soul suddenly surged in him.

Don't breakthrough.

Or regret would follow.

He didn't know where this sense of warning originated, but Xu Lingjun understood that at a certain Realm of strength, there was some connection with heaven and earth, often a dream, an epiphany, or even an inexplicable sudden thought very likely had a source.

So Xu Lingjun didn't immediately break through.

Instead, he stayed behind, arranged everything well, even fully utilized the benefits gained from conquering the Spirit Realm, as well as all the Spiritual Qi from the Demon clan.

After pushing Blue Star into a rapid development phase, he chose to go into seclusion.

And indeed...

After completing all this and then choosing seclusion, the unease almost resembling a warning in his heart disappeared.

Which means my previous actions, one of them likely dispelled this restless feeling... but Xu Lingjun himself couldn't clarify what exactly the feeling was.

And with no final worries left.

Xu Lingjun could finally relax and seriously think about his own cultivation.

As the strongest on Blue Star now, even arguably the strongest in the entire Milky Way Galaxy.

Xu Lingjun knew his existence now could be considered the stabilizing force for Blue Star, as long as he stood, no civilization would dare target Blue Star.

Thus further enhancing his strength became essential.

This time for seclusion...

The duration probably wouldn't be short, since although knowing the follow-up of Divine Soul would be Mahayana, like Divine Soul is the integration of one's Spiritual Sense and Heart and Spirit as one, he completely doesn't know the Realm of Mahayana.

He's not breaking through but creating a brand new Realm.

The difficulty naturally cannot be easily understood.

Luckily Xu Lingjun has full confidence, and moreover, Li Pingting successfully gave birth to a daughter two months ago.

This added another member to Xu Lingjun family.

Since the birth took place, he naturally doesn't need to exert much extra effort.

Chapter 853 Breakthrough (Part 2)

Thus, Xu Lingjun disappeared from all of Blue Star.

No one knew where he was... even Wang Qingya and the others had no idea where Xu Lingjun's seclusion was taking place.

He had only said he was going to find the most suitable location, but what made it suitable was a mystery to everyone.

But even with Xu Lingjun absent,

everything on Blue Star continued in an orderly manner.

Time flew by.

In the blink of an eye, two years had already passed.

In just two short years, the way of cultivation had developed at a breathtaking speed, beyond everyone's expectations.

After all, with a foundation in cultivation, the transition to true cultivation proved even more effective.

The Martial Tao, cultivation, and true cultivation stood in a tripod stance, and technological advancement had gone far beyond these three systems...

Clearly, even though Wang Qingya's aptitude in cultivation was average, under her leadership, technological development was progressing at a rapid pace. Along with the technological support from other civilizations, Blue Star's technological prowess had become one of its greatest strengths.

Wang Qingya had once bragged to Xu Lingjun that although Blue Star had not yet become a Level 3 Civilization, it certainly wouldn't be technology dragging them down, and she could guarantee that.

And now, it was evident she had achieved that.

Now, only six months remained of the three-year promise Xu Lingjun had made.

In these six months, other civilizations relentlessly probed for information about Blue Star, but even the most arrogant Crowley dared not disrespect Blue Star anymore... knowing well that even without Xu Lingjun, Han Yun City's individual strength alone rivaled Crowley's.

A civilization that boasted two Star Lord Level figures.

And after Han Yun City, Li Jingjun's strength was already nearly at the Star Lord Level.

With the powerful force of technology... even without Xu Lingjun, annihilating any civilization in the Milky Way Galaxy was now an easy feat for Blue Star.

But no matter how they probed, Blue Star remained silent.

They couldn't determine if Blue Star had become a Level 3 Civilization because even they didn't know the criteria, how it was assessed, or who conducted the assessment. Was it visitors from another galaxy coming to measure Blue Star's metrics?

What level were those civilizations?

Level 3?

Or Level 4?

Or what is the highest level of civilization in the universe?

No one knew; none of the civilizations had records on this... so Crowley and the others didn't even know how to start their probe.

Han Yun City and the others could only keep quiet and say they'll know when their Majesty returns.

But where Xu Lingjun was, not even Han Yun City could say... just that Xu Lingjun must be somewhere on Blue Star now.

Yet exactly where, even now that Lu Ye had become the master of all plants on Blue Star, borrowing the eyes of all the plants, he still couldn't locate him.

It's only because they had complete confidence in Xu Lingjun's strength and life force, otherwise, they might start to wonder...

If Xu Lingjun had met with an accident somewhere?!

But in fact,

Xu Lingjun was in an unprecedentedly excellent state now.

The place he chose for his seclusion was none other than the Earth Core.

Following the spiritual ore in the Secret Realm downward, using the Earth Escape Technique to follow the Spirit Vein to its end.

The Demon clan died in great numbers on Blue Star, leaving the Spiritual Qi so dense that even though Blue Star had already transformed, it couldn't contain such a massive amount of Spiritual Qi.

So all of that Spiritual Qi sank into the earth, becoming Spirit Veins!

So that Blue Star could enjoy longer years and have Spiritual Qi to squander...

And Xu Lingjun reached the deepest point where this Spiritual Qi had settled.

In the stone heart deep below the earth.

The clothes around Xu Lingjun had long since been burned away by the scorching heat, and for the past two years, he had remained seated cross-legged without moving.

Scalding Spiritual Qi lava surged around him, yet caused him no harm, rather Spiritual Qi constantly surged into his body.

Xu Lingjun didn't know how to advance.

But he knew that as long as his strength continued to climb, if it reached a point where the Divine Soul Realm could no longer contain his power, he would naturally know... much like many things that cannot be planned in detail until one is at the doorstep.

Over the past two years, he maintained a state of near-perfect clarity.

No thinking, speaking, seeing, or hearing...

No heartbeat, no breath, not even warmth.

Like a cold stone, enduring the wash of the Spiritual Qi molten flowing over him, perpetually standing in defiance of time's embrace.

The level of Spiritual Qi was rising continuously, climbing from a few meters away until it finally covered his body.

And under the rush of Spiritual Qi, his body began to change abnormally.

Slowly joining with the stone beneath him.

As if he truly became part of the Earth Core, part of this surge of Spiritual Qi...

Mahayana?

Unsure if he had reached it, but Xu Lingjun felt as though he had been reborn.

Traversing once more, not as a human shape.

But as a desolate planet.

After untold years of time's erosion, this barren planet began to see oceans, and as the oceans evaporated, land appeared.

Plants and animals gradually appeared on the land.

The continental plates shifted over endless years, changing shape, colliding, compressing... seas turned into mulberry fields, basins gathered and formed mountains.

Yet this terrain grew increasingly familiar to Xu Lingjun.

Blue Star!!!

Did I become Blue Star?

Xu Lingjun suddenly had a realization...

He actually witnessed the birth of Blue Star again?

Did he even become the will of the planet?

With a fleeting thought, monstrous waves sprang forth on Blue Star, the ground trembled, and mountains collapsed.

And the primitive people, who had just begun to form the concept of clans, were completely exterminated under this thought.

With one thought, heaven and earth tilted; with another, life was snuffed out!

Xu Lingjun was deeply shocked, and an infinite clarity filled his heart.

Is this the development process of Blue Star?

Why is Blue Star dominated by Demon Beasts in this universe? Was it because I extinguished humanity's earliest legacy with a single thought, causing them to lag behind these Demon clans, and preventing Blue Star from becoming a human-dominated world?

But how could my current self impact past events?

Or what exactly is my current state?

Mahayana?

No...

Higher?

But exactly what realm, even Xu Lingjun couldn't articulate.

But at this moment, he vaguely understood what realm he was in!

And the unease he couldn't surpass before came from the knowledge of reaching this realm, suddenly everything unknown now became known.

Xu Lingjun opened his eyes.

In his gaze, endless ages flowed by.

In just two years, he witnessed the growth and decay of Blue Star and saw the intervention of his universe's Blue Star and the impact made on this Blue Star.

"It's time to go!"

Xu Lingjun took a step...

In the next moment, he was already within the Star Capital Imperial City.

"Xiaojun!"

Li Jingjun was in her office handling official duties. Seeing the suddenly appearing Xu Lingjun, she was unable to contain her joy and immediately stood up, then couldn't help but tease gently, "If you're going into seclusion, do it, but why undress?"

"It just got worn away, that's all. Jingjun, please run a bath for me... I need to wash up and change clothes."

Xu Lingjun pondered for a moment, and said: "Oh, and one more thing, arrange for representatives from all major civilizations to come and pay homage to the new lord!"

Li Jingjun was overjoyed and asked, "You... what did you say?"

"Nothing much, Blue Star has now become a Level 3 Civilization!"

Xu Lingjun smiled and said, "According to tradition, no, for their sake, it would be beneficial for them to become a vassal clan of Blue Star!"

Chapter 854 Binding Planetary Fate, Multiverse Arena

Level 3 Civilization?

Although Xu Lingjun's words were not understood.

After all, Han Yun City has never seen any alien visitors, nor has there been any substantial enhancement in the strength of Blue Star during this time...

But since Xu Lingjun has spoken, he will naturally not doubt the truth of his words.

At the moment...

The invitation for the leaders of various civilizations to visit Blue Star was conveyed to the desks of the masters of major civilizations within two hours.

"Blue Star... has become a Level 3 Civilization?!"

"They said three years, and it really only took three years?"

"Level 3 Civilization, I don't know what the difference with Level 2 Civilization is."

The masters of various civilizations, upon hearing this news, did not feel particularly shocked, but rather relieved...

It's as if since it was going to happen sooner or later, not happening was what made them anxious, and knowing that things finally reached this point, they felt relieved.

"Great, let's go, and pay our respects to our main tribe!"

Jiuxin was probably the most delighted of all the civilization masters.

The Primordial Spirit Clan itself has no physical form and must rely on other civilizations to evolve to a higher level... She chose Blue Star.

And now, Blue Star has become a Level 3 Civilization.

She is naturally pleased to see it happen.

Mo Luo, too, was relieved, sinking into his throne, and said with a bitter smile: "That's good, that's good... I hope when Yalin Civilization becomes Blue Star's clan, he won't hold grudges for past issues, after all, as long as we're not enemies, it's truly great."

At the moment...

All the civilization masters brought great gifts with them and personally traveled to Blue Star.

To celebrate the Milky Way Galaxy's first Level 3 Civilization.

They couldn't help but wonder, what really is the difference between Level 3 Civilization and Level 2 Civilization?

Ten days later.

All major civilizations brought grand gifts and once again arrived at Blue Star.

But this time, all the civilization masters were much more humble than before, evidently, the hierarchy had been clearly established.

And although they hadn't negotiated, they all very tacitly... included all the gains from the Spirit Realm in those gifts, and took gifts several times more precious than those from their own civilizations.

Thus congratulating Blue Star.

No longer like before, with everyone just entering, all civilization masters humbly waited outside for Xu Lingjun's summons.

"Let them come in."

Xu Lingjun waved his hand, speaking lightly.

And with Xu Lingjun's permission.

It was only then that the leaders of Blue Star entered one by one, still seated in the positions they previously occupied, but their demeanor was no longer as calm as before.

"Your Majesty, has your Blue Star truly become a Level 3 Civilization?"

Crowley seemed still unwilling to accept and asked affirmatively.

And with his question, everyone could not help but perk up their ears, even Jiuxin, who was happiest with Xu Lingjun, curiously looked at Xu Lingjun, saying: "Indeed, I am curious too, want to know the differences between Level 3 Civilization and Level 2 Civilization, and also, what exactly is this so-called Level 3 standard?"

Xu Lingjun smiled and asked: "Don't believe it?"

"No, no, I believe it, just curious!"

Crowley seemed somewhat embarrassed... His usually strong demeanor was now unaccustomed to actively showing weakness, but now he had no choice but to.

Still, it was Saiyan Civilization's Becki who was more direct.

Straightforwardly said: "We are indeed curious, after all, we have never seen a Level 3 Civilization before, but it's said once a Level 3 Civilization appears, other civilizations immediately become clans of the Level 3 Civilization, never having the chance to become Level 3 themselves, at least, let us die a dignified death, losing is fine, but we want to know how we lost."

"Alright, I'll explain it to you in detail."

Xu Lingjun smiled and said: "In fact, the reason that once a Level 3 Civilization is born, all other civilizations in the galaxy must become clans of the Level 3 Civilization, it is not for coercion, but to protect these relatively weak civilizations so they can continue to exist."

"What do you mean?!"

Xu Lingjun asked: "Do you know what the standard for becoming a Level 3 Civilization is?"

"What standard?"

Several people couldn't help but perk up their ears.

"Bearing One Star Fortune, hence becoming a Star System level Civilization!"

Xu Lingjun smiled and raised his hand.

The previously clear sky outside the hall suddenly became overcast.

And when Xu Lingjun lowered his hand, the sky cleared up again...

The weather changed, following his will.

This shocking scene left everyone astonished and even Han Yun City couldn't help but exclaim: "Old Xu, your strength has reached this level?"

"It's not about powerful strength, rather my soul has been completely bound to Blue Star, you could understand it as binding to fortune... Blue Star strong means I am strong, I am strong means Blue Star is strong."

Xu Lingjun laughed and said: "I am now Blue Star, Blue Star is now me, don't mention controlling the weather of Blue Star, even the movement of tectonic plates, if I wish, can be easily done, perhaps none of you would have thought, when individual strength evolves to its utmost, the last step requires the helping hand of the home planet."

"Are you saying that when individual strength evolves to its utmost, binding with planetary fortune, then one becomes a Level 3 Civilization?"

Becki asked in shock.

In his mind, a sudden wave of regret surged... Previously, he only knew he needed to enhance the home planet's strength, then there was a possibility of becoming a Level 3 Civilization.

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But unexpectedly, the key to the breakthrough lay within myself.

That being said, if he had invested everything in himself from the beginning...

"That would be a disaster."

Xu Lingjun said, "I've always said, I am Blue Star, and Blue Star is me. If I become strong but Blue Star remains small, then Blue Star will drag down my progress. At that time, recklessly entering the domain of Level 3 Civilizations could lead to the destruction of the entire galaxy!"

Sass said gravely, "So, you're saying that only by making the home planet strong alongside the main body, and then binding together, can it truly become a Level 3 Civilization?"

"Exactly!"

"Then what did you mean by your previous mention of becoming a clan?"

Xu Lingjun said seriously, "It means nothing else but as I broke through that final realm, I completely merged with Blue Star. I saw the birth, prosperity, and destruction of Blue Star. I became Blue Star, yet what I saw wasn't just Blue Star. I saw countless planets, civilizations scattered throughout the universe at Level 3!"

"Are you saying..."

"Upon becoming a Level 3 Civilization, having this tier of power, I can see many things I couldn't see before. Similarly, many things that couldn't see us before can now see me. For example... other Level 3 Civilizations."

Xu Lingjun said seriously, "Becoming a Level 3 Civilization serves as the basic ticket to enter the cosmos, but within that paradise, not everything is well-intentioned. In such times, any newly born Level 3 Civilization is very dangerous, facing the constant threat of extinction. A Level 3 Civilization is like this, not to mention a Level 2 Civilization."

"Do you mean that now the Milky Way Galaxy has entered the attention of the entire universe, and challenges from beyond the galaxy will soon arrive? Being merely a Level 2 Civilization, a planet is utterly incapable of resisting this terrifying challenge, and only by clinging tightly to the side of a Level 3 Civilization can there be a slim chance of survival?!"

Xu Lingjun nodded and said, "This is a contest from the myriad worlds. I alone represent all of Blue Star, representing the entirety of the Milky Way Galaxy. If I fail, the entire galaxy will completely turn into subordinates and puppets of other Level 3 Civilizations, or even be massacred completely. In this situation, if you still do not tightly rally under my command and lend me a helping hand, that would be most unwise."

Speaking thus.

He raised his hand.

The sky turned gloomy once more, and then countless light dots lit up.

These light dots had connecting lines between them, and among them, countless connection lines led to a blue planet.

Blue Star!

"Previously, Blue Star was not on this map, but with my strength increasing, and Blue Star's strength increasing, Blue Star has entered their sight. At the same time, we have also discovered them, and battles between Level 3 Civilizations are about to begin!"

"So that's how it is."

Everyone suddenly understood.

Crowley sighed unwillingly, suppressing the agitation in his heart. If this is true, then becoming a Level 3 Civilization doesn't mean the end; rather, it's just the beginning.

Becoming a Level 3 Civilization is merely getting an entry ticket.

He asked, "From what you say, are there many Level 3 Civilizations?"

"As many as stars in the galaxy."

Xu Lingjun said seriously, "The cosmos is vast beyond measure. As long as galaxies don't get interfered with by other Star System level Civilizations, they will eventually birth a Level 3 Civilization. And as long as a Level 3 Civilization does not die in its infancy and vulnerability, it will inevitably evolve into a Level 4 Civilization."

He said earnestly, "This is both a challenge and an opportunity. Now that Blue Star has become a new Level 3 Civilization, I have seen other Level 3 Civilizations located tens of thousands of light-years away, and they have seen me. They are coming toward us... In a few years, our galaxies will meet, one will be destroyed, and one will grow stronger. But if we cannot unite as one, and if you still think of unwillingness and deceit, then it's regrettable, we'll almost certainly be the one to perish."

Everyone fell into a deathly silence.

Initially, they thought that the so-called Level 3 Civilization... should be something akin to a large alliance.

When a civilization reaches this strength, a special envoy would be dispatched by the alliance to assess the civilization's strength.

If strong enough, then smoothly advancing it to a Level 3 Civilization, thereby becoming a Star System level Civilization, stepping into this great alliance, and with the alliance's assistance, climbing to higher levels.

But who knew, this universe was much darker than they imagined.

Pre-Level 3 isn't weakness but protection.

Before Level 3, they couldn't see powerful civilizations beyond the galaxy, not as a restriction but as protection.

Not until this moment have they just stepped out of the beginner's village.

The previous protection is gone, and they face the cosmos' most perilous situation... because their enemies might have long been a Level 3 Civilization, even a Level 4 Civilization.

Crowley seriously asked, "So... the peace is going to fade away?"

"Exactly!"

"We must become a clan?"

"Or I'll personally destroy you, as external trouble must first be settled internally, a principle you surely understand."

Xu Lingjun said earnestly, "I now stand at a height you have not reached. I can feel countless frightening gazes focused on our Blue Star... This is a life-and-death threat, and under this threat, I must gather all the concentrated power I can to address this threat, permitting no defiance, understand?"

No one answered.

The expressions on everyone's faces were immensely grave.

After a long time...

Crowley smiled bitterly, "If I dare say no, does that mean I can't leave this Blue Star?"

"You should say that you won't be able to leave this hall."

Xu Lingjun said seriously, "This isn't a threat, but stating a fact. You should have had some guesses before you came."

"I understand."

Crowley gave a bitter laugh, knelt down, placed his right hand on his chest, and said, "Master of the Bingshuang Civilization, Crowley Saurus, pays respect to my lord."

Reaching this step now, there's no refusing fate.

Sass and Becki exchanged a glance before likewise kneeling respectfully, saying, "Master of the Xueyan Civilization, Sass Nai Luo, pays respect to my lord!"

"Master of Saiyan Civilization, Becki Tada, pays respect to my lord!"

Many civilizations, all the masters of civilizations, who once sat as equals with Xu Lingjun, now all knelt beside him.

Xu Lingjun raised his hand slightly.

A gentle breeze passed, and everyone felt an invisible hand lifting them up by their shoulders.

"No need to show your submission to me in such a humiliating way... In fact, on Blue Star, there is no ceremony of kneeling. What I want is just your compliance. I want to arm the entire Milky Way Galaxy to deal with the possible attacks that might come at any time, but this requires the cooperation of all of you. I just need your cooperation, not your submission!"

Xu Lingjun smiled and said, "We were once enemies, now allies, but to the external universe, we are family, a close and loving family... At this time, I want you to genuinely unite, not superficially handle things, understand?"

"Yes, thank you, Your Majesty!"

Crowley no longer referred to him as my lord, but the previous address of Star Lord Xu naturally changed to Your Majesty!

Clearly...

Xu Lingjun did not have a reason to deceive them; Blue Star's strength had already qualified them to destroy them years ago. They didn't deceive them then, and naturally, they would not deceive them now.

Moreover, he also showed them evidence that Blue Star had become a Level 3 Civilization!

Next, they would have to cooperate with Blue Star, submit to Blue Star.

Not for that powerful force, but simply because...

This involves their own life and death survival issues!

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After the Masters of numerous civilizations clarified their submission... although Xu Lingjun gracefully expressed that everyone was cooperating, working together for our homeland.

But in truth, submission is submission, no matter how it's sugar-coated, once Blue Star becomes a Level 3 Civilization.

Crowley and the others will completely lose the qualification to be equals with Xu Lingjun.

Submission, is merely to make it look good.

And now, at Xu Lingjun's command, all civilizations must return to their respective planets and gather all their military forces.

Just waiting for Xu Lingjun's orders, to act accordingly and eliminate any enemy before them.

Eh?

It seems to be no different from before.

Except before, deployment was based on Xu Lingjun's lies, but now, there's no need for any explanations, just one word and they have to obediently comply.

From this perspective, at least they won't be deceived... which is considered a good thing.

With this thought, Crowley and Mo Luo suddenly felt much better.

Since they met Xu Lingjun, they've been toyed with, used as tools countless times by him, and have grown accustomed to it.

Though they still have no choice but to be used as tools, at least they're not in the dark, but can know the truth about things... isn't that fine?

They can only use this way to silently comfort themselves.

The situation being stronger than people, there's no way around it.

And as the Masters of various civilizations depart.

Han Yun City sighed softly and asked, "Is war coming? Old Xu, do you need me to gather all the warriors from the Nine Major Military Regions together, ready to fight at any moment?"

Li Jingjun didn't speak, her expression somewhat worried.

Over the past few years, she had just started to enjoy a period of peaceful life, spending every day with her daughter, watching her cousin grow bit by bit...

For someone who had spent more than ten years on the battlefield, this kind of peaceful day was mesmerizing to her, hard to escape from.

And watching the Li Family flourish thanks to Xu Lingjun's help, she felt unprecedentedly fulfilled.

Unexpectedly, these peaceful days are about to...

"Will it be very dangerous?"

Li Jingjun asked Xu Lingjun with concern.

"Dangerous... as if."

Xu Lingjun suddenly laughed.

However, his words left Han Yun City and Li Jingjun stunned.

"What?"

Li Jingjun looked at Xu Lingjun surprised.

Xu Lingjun smiled lightly and said, "If it were other civilizations, just upgraded to Level 3 Civilization, suddenly encountering countless planetary forces that have long been Level 3 Civilization, it would be very dangerous for sure, but Blue Star is not an ordinary planet, don't forget Blue Star is the product of the fusion of two completely identical planets."

He explained in detail, "Therefore, in a sense, although Blue Star has just been upgraded to Level 3 Civilization, in terms of technology power and extraordinary power, it has long achieved Level 3 Civilization, even surpassed it far, only lacking a person who can fuse the planets!"

"And the words you said to those Masters of Civilization before..."

"Oh, you mean that, I was just bluffing them, of course, there is a crisis for real, but it's not as dangerous as they think."

Xu Lingjun smiled lightly and said, "Bluffing them, I didn't expect you all to believe it, don't worry, even if there is a real danger, this time the danger is concentrated on me... and my life force, do you still have no confidence in it?"

Even he did not expect that the development would end up in such a situation.

He merges as one with Blue Star, future wars are rather his wars than Blue Star's wars...

It feels like fusing national fortune, one person perishes, then the entire nation perishes in such wars.

But regarding his defense power... Xu Lingjun could say he has full confidence.

In a way, he's bound to Blue Star.

If he doesn't die, Blue Star won't perish.

Will he die?

Who can kill him?

With this thought, Xu Lingjun felt the future challenges were nothing.

Right now, what they need to do is to proceed steadily, step by step to the top, aiming towards developing more powerful civilization.

"Don't worry, soldiers will come to block, water will come to cover."

He smiled, holding Li Jingjun's hand, and said, "Currently, other civilizations have already completely submitted to us, with them as our informants, those other Level 3 civilizations won't find us here anytime soon... we can take advantage of this period to slowly enhance our strength, and when they arrive, give them a big surprise."

"Where to?"

"Go home."

Xu Lingjun said, "I haven't been home for two whole years, damn Pingting, she didn't even give me the right to name my daughter, I have to see what name she gave my daughter, if it's not nice, I won't let her go easily, besides, the child hasn't seen me for two years, as a father, I'm not doing enough."

"You think her name choice isn't good sounding? She blames you for not letting her have a son, auntie has always wanted to give the Li Family a true lineage, instead of marrying in, then marrying in again and again..."

Li Jingjun smiled.

She and Xu Lingjun naturally came together, the two quite have the feeling of an old couple... but to tell the truth, she felt the most wise decision she made was to push auntie onto Xu Lingjun.

Chapter 857 Returning Home in Glory, Wearing Brocade in the Night (End of Book)

In this way, it feels like the house will never be quiet.

And beside him, Han Yun City was speechless.

He had been full of fighting spirit, but a few words from Xu Lingjun had completely drained his enthusiasm.

This kid is so relaxed, it seems that the so-called Level 3 Civilization test is only a scare tactic for those Masters of Civilization.

Forget it, I'll just go home and sleep.

To be honest, watching Xu Lingjun being welcomed by family every time he returns home, he truly feels a bit envious... perhaps he should try finding a wife?

The same-tribe girl he once met years ago was pretty nice.

Xu Lingjun had no idea that because of him, Han Yun City also thought about starting a family.

Returning to his own home.

After two years away...

It seems like nothing has changed, Sister Yaya is still as graceful as ever. Noticing Xu Lingjun's return, she warmly helped him with his slippers... as if he had just gone on a short business trip.

Except now, there's another little master at home.

Two-year-old Xiaoxueyun looked timidly at this familiar face suddenly appearing in the house.

And Wang Qingrou, who was just a bit older than her, stood protectively in front of her, watching this person who instantly became the center of everyone's attention with equal wariness.

She had an instinctual feeling...

Always feeling like with this person's arrival, her status as everyone's little princess was dethroned.

Xu Lingjun, on the other hand, was exceedingly affectionate towards these two little girls, hugging them tightly and giving each a big kiss.

His handsome face quickly turned Wang Qingrou, who initially felt a tinge of hostility, into someone full of affection. She clung to his neck and refused to let go.

"This time, you're not going into seclusion again, are you?"

Su Huanqing worried that Xu Lingjun would say he was going into seclusion again, disappearing for years on end.

Even now, though she had achieved a decent cultivation level and had extended her lifespan through technology, she still retained ordinary values.

To her...

She always considered herself an ordinary person, and now nearly forty years old.

She worried a bit that one day, should Xu Lingjun suddenly go into seclusion for a century, he'd come out only to hold her ashes in sorrow.

Xu Lingjun gently hugged her and laughed: "No need for that. If I want to get stronger, I'll need to take something from my enemies, not just lock myself away to cultivate."

"That's good."

Su Huanqing patted her chest in relief and said with a smile: "I've been thinking, when it's time for me to go, you'd better be by my side, at least. You're my husband after all."

Her words brought laughter from everyone present.

"Don't worry, no one's going anywhere this time."

Xu Lingjun laughed: "With me here, you'll find it hard to die even if you want to."

Wang Qingya dispassionately pointed out: "Not necessarily... with Xiaoqing's laziness, even if you presented her with the best cultivation technique and resources, she'd still be too lazy to cultivate, and might die from excessive laziness."

"Just force it upon her, then."

Ji Roufeng quite rationally analyzed the situation: "I always feel that my cultivation benefits every time, and I've heard Xiaojun mention something about Dual Cultivation, maybe... uh... sorry, I spoke poorly..."

Halfway through, she realized what she was implying, blushed intensely, and stopped talking.

"Alright, no more talking, it's rare for Xiaojun to be back, everyone help set the table. Once the two of them return, we can eat."

Zhong Yuebai poked her head out of the kitchen...

As one of the only two elders in the house, especially with the other being the especially unreliable Wang Tiancheng, her authority was unquestionable.

Everyone began buzzing around, tidying things up.

After a little while...

Han Qingxue and Han Qingyue finally rushed in, clutching their bags.

They were probably the busiest; with the Great Xia Empire's territory suddenly spreading to cover the entire Blue Star, they were fully in charge of state affairs, running around every day.

Once everyone was seated.

Looking at Wang Qingya, Sun Lingli, and Su Huanqing sitting on the left, and Ji Roufeng, Han Qingxue, and Han Qingyue on the right.

Li Jingjun and Li Pingting were seated farther away...

After all, Zhong Yuebai was still busy in the kitchen.

Both of them cradled a child to prevent the two-year-olds from playfully grabbing everything, keeping them a good distance from the table.

Seeing this lively scene made Wang Tiancheng smile with satisfaction, embodying the contentment of an elder...

This grand commotion made Xu Lingjun reflect with emotion.

Thankfully I've strove hard for such a large foundation, otherwise, finding a spot for so many family members during meals would be an issue every day.

Then again, thinking back to when I was at my lowest, the 300 square meters flat in Qingzhou City would still easily fit everyone...

Thinking about it, he suddenly asked: "Why can't I remember, has the promise of the 300 square meters flat from City Lord Yue in Qingzhou been fulfilled or not?"

"Of course it was fulfilled."

Han Qingxue rolled her eyes at Xu Lingjun and said: "Didn't you consider your status now? He'd be eager to please you. I received his documents back then, your residence has been completely set up on a one-to-one basis and is waiting for you. He's even welcoming you to go stay in Qingzhou City for a while anytime."

"Should we go back to Qingzhou City tomorrow?"

Xu Lingjun laughed: "I don't know why, but I suddenly feel homesick. Although this is home too, isn't there a saying 'homebound rich is like wearing a brocade at night'? I want to go stay for a while..."

"I'm in no position to go."

Han Qingyue grumbled: "Brother Jun, you take no responsibility every day. I'm so busy my hands are aching..."

"Have your brother handle it then. Isn't he the Regent King? If he enjoys doing so much work, why don't you pass it on to him?"

Xu Lingjun was speechless: "Or are you, like your sister, fond of power?"

Han Qingxue hurriedly explained: "I'm not, I'm not anymore, it's too exhausting... When are we leaving? I won't even pack, I'll just buy new clothes when we arrive back home!"

Xu Lingjun laughed: "We'll leave tomorrow, Father Wang..."

"You all go on ahead, I'm too old and worn out to travel."

Wang Tiancheng pretended to stretch tiredly, sneaking a glance at Zhong Yuebai working in the kitchen, smiled and said: "Oh yes, remember to take Xiao Qingrou with you to see her hometown. As for me, I'll take these few days to properly rest."

Wang Qingya showed concern and asked: "Leaving in such a hurry, don't you have important matters to handle first?"

"What's there to handle?"

Xu Lingjun chuckled: "I'm not the same as before now. I'm essentially Blue Star itself, and anything that happens on Blue Star can't escape my eyes if I don't want it to, whether I'm in Star City or Qingzhou, it doesn't matter. Besides, if war doesn't arise, it won't be my call, and if it does, I'll need to head into the cosmos, and it doesn't matter from where I depart."

He looked around and said: "For a long time, Blue Star won't see any war, and naturally, I'll get to live how I want until when war comes, I can be well-prepared for the strong foes that await. But rest assured, no matter how strong the enemy, I'm confident I'll achieve ultimate victory."

"Xu Lingjun, you troublemaker, don't you dare forget me."

On the windowsill, a Forget-me-not flower swayed gently in the breeze.

"Rest assured, I won't leave anyone out. If I'm going home... naturally, I'll take all of you with me."

Xu Lingjun smiled warmly.

His gaze pierced through the window, looking into the boundless sky outside.

The sky over Blue Star.

His homeland, his family.

Perhaps he truly was getting old, having weathered so many years of war and hardship...

He no longer yearned for a life of grandeur.

What captivated him more was the tranquil, carefree days.

"But how could this life be complete without you all?"

He seriously enunciated each word.

Indeed...

A family reunion, children and grandchildren at one's knee.

This is the happiness he longed for.

What does it matter if he's bound to a star's destiny?

What of conflicts across worlds?

After a lifetime of struggle, enduring countless hardships, what people ultimately seek is tranquillity and peace, isn't it?

And so long as there's something to desire, there's nothing to fear. (The end)