

## Star Odyssey

### Chapter 1791: Burial Garden's Gates

Elder Gong not only called Lu Yin, he also reached out to the Hall of Honor and the other major powers, as he wanted as many people who were being hunted down to be protected as possible. The Great Eastern Alliance had spread greatly, and it now encompassed too large an area of the universe, and this was actually why Elder Gong had called Lu Yin.

Lu Yin immediately ordered all of the Great Eastern Alliance's experts who had been sent out to hunt the dried up corpses to protect whoever was being targeted, regardless of whether or not they were part of the alliance.

These people might hold the key to learning about ancient times.

Even though the Great Eastern Alliance covered a vast territory and had many powerhouses, it was impossible for the Envoys to be ordered around. Even though the Sword Sect and the other powers that controlled the great flowzones of the Inniverse had joined the Great Eastern Alliance, they had only joined the alliance; they were not Lu Yin's subordinates. All of the people with ancient bloodlines who were protected would not be sent back to Lu Yin.

For this reason, Lu Yin did not attempt to issue any orders to the Sword Sect or the other powers and instead acted honestly about the situation. People would be more decisive and proactive when they were motivated by their own self interests.

Lu Yin had asked Elder Gong about where the desiccated corpses had come from, and the Semi-Progenitor's answer had been both expected and unexpected: Aeternus.

However, Aeternus only had corpse kings, so where had these dried up corpses that hunted after ancient bloodlines come from?

Elder Gong eventually informed Lu Yin that there was a specific person behind the dried up corpses: the Seven Skygods' Undying God.

Undying God was one of the Seven Skygods, and every single one of the Seven Skygods possessed an extraordinary origin. For example, Forgotten Ruins God was someone from the Wang family, which was one of the four ruling powers of the Perennial World. In fact, Forgotten Ruins God was the Wang family's oldest ancestor, which made the Skygod truly ancient.

There was Forgotten Ruins God, Undying God, and also Corpse God, who possessed a body with a size comparable to what Progenitor Chen's giant

clone had achieved. Lu Yin was very curious about each of the Seven Skygods, and he really wanted to know their true identities.

The appearance of the corpses created a big show across the universe where people were chased after and protected. Once the Sword Sect and the other powerful organizations started to move, the corpses' targets suddenly became a precious commodity that everyone was eager to protect, as they all hoped to obtain an ancient inheritance.

Unfortunately, almost everyone ended up being disappointed. While many of the corpses' targets did indeed have items that had been passed down from ancient times, frequently, too much time had passed, and the items had been either lost, damaged, or their records were incomplete. Not even people who possessed ancient bloodlines were able to understand everything in the inheritances. Most of the people acting as protectors ended up disappointed.

However, there were also some who succeeded.

After half a month, there was news from the Sixth Mainland's Justice Manor. One of their members had rescued an old woman from one of the desiccated corpses. She was the last surviving member of her family, and although the family's surname had changed several times due to various reasons, there had always been a piece of stone passed down through the generations. No one knew where the stone had come from or what it was, and all the old lady knew was that the stone had to be passed down and that it absolutely could not be lost.

There were some landscape paintings on the stone, but other than that, it looked quite ordinary. However, the scene that the painting portrayed was shockingly ancient, and Justice Manor's World Imprinter had said that the painting gave him the impression of being beyond ancient.

In the Neoverse, Aurora Enterprises also rescued someone who had been targeted. This person did not possess any sort of inheritance, but instead had been given just four words: Mountains and Seas Technique. No one thought these words held any meaning, and many people had heard these words without noticing anything at all.

However, these four words held an entirely different meaning for Aurora Enterprises. The person who had been rescued was just a Cruiser, which put him at the very bottom of the Neoverse. He lived in one of the floating astral cities, and he had never heard of the Astral Tower or the Mountain and Seas Zone. Clearly, Mountain and Seas Technique referred to the Mountain and Seas Zone, and more importantly, it referred to the Nine Mountains and Eight Seas.

When Lu Yin heard these words, excitement filled his eyes, and he instantly remembered what he had encountered in the Daosource Sect's ruins. He had entered more than one of the Mountains and been challenged to "breakthrough," though he had failed. He had seen colorless flames during one of those challenges and a spring of water that was constantly pumping out more water in another, but he had not been able to comprehend anything.

Both of those inheritances belonged to the Mountains and Seas, so was this phrase also some sort of inheritance from the Mountains and Seas?

Also, there was that old woman who had been rescued by Justice Manor. Lu Yin had a feeling that the painting on the stone in her possession was related to the painting that the Lost Radiance Academy possessed that the Neohuman Alliance had focused on so intently.

It turned out that the people who possessed ancient bloodlines who were being hunted down by the corpses really did have something. Lu Yin grew more and more interested in the people who were being targeted. He asked some people to look into making records about everyone who was hunted, regardless of whether they were killed or survived, regardless of location, and even regardless of whether or not they possessed an inheritance.

The entire universe started focusing on ancient bloodlines who were being hunted down by the corpses, and as time passed, the number of people being targeted and the number of corpses both started to increase.

Also, at this time, Burial Garden revealed itself to the world.

A spaceship was steadily moving along through outer space, making its way towards the Cosmic Sea. It was a transport ship that was carrying a great number of goods, and it constantly shuttled back and forth between the Cosmic Sea and the Innerverse.

It was nothing more than an ordinary transport, and yet, one of the desiccated corpses appeared atop it. This corpse was able to travel through the void, and it had a power level of more than 200,000, so the people aboard the vessel looked at it in pure fear.

There was a bang as the ship was torn apart. Instantly, dozens of people were thrown into outer space, where they quickly perished.

The broken spaceship continued to explode. In one cabin, a youth desperately hid beneath a table, but he was jostled by one of the explosions ripping through the wreckage. He assumed that he was about to die, but the nearest explosion was blocked before the shockwave could reach the youth. He looked up, and the first thing that he saw was a desiccated corpse with black

eyes and a withered face. The youth's pupils shrank to pinpricks, and the last words of his father echoed through the teen's mind.

'Child, remember that our surname is Wang, which is a primeval surname. While this is our foundation, we cannot reveal this to the outside world, or else we will have no place here in the Inniverse. Remember this, child.'

The young man stared at the corpse in a daze as it kept muttering, "Ancient bloodline detected. Target acquired: kill."

After that, the corpse reached for the young man.

The youth had no idea when it happened, but a fog had appeared in space. When the corpse reached out for the youth, a war banner suddenly appeared in front of the boy. The banner was wrapped with strange strands of gray energy that blocked the corpse's hand, though the flag was crushed.

A sword shot out from behind the young man, and the corpse's head separated from its body and landed at the young man's feet. Even as it died, the head was still muttering, "Ancient bloodline detected. Target acquired: kill."

The young man's face had gone completely white. His eyes swiveled from the headless corpse to behind himself. There, he saw a knight staring at him. For some reason, this knight's figure sometimes seemed to be fully transparent and invisible at times, and yet fully solid at other times.

The young man stared at the knight in confusion.

"Starting today, you are accepted as a disciple of Burial Garden." Leaving these words behind, the knight disappeared along with the boy. No one could see either of them any longer.

Similar scenes repeated across the universe.

Arch-Elder Zen quickly received word, and he reached out to Burial Garden's Tombkeeper. This person was one of the Human Domain's seven Semi-Progenitors, though he was quite unique. He was an old man who hardly ever spoke, which only made him all the more intimidating.

"Is Burial Garden about to open?" Arch-Elder Zen said.

"Yes."

"Burial Garden was about to open back when the Sea King opened the Upper Three Gates, but the Rune Progenitor's power delayed that. Why is Burial Garden about to open now?"

"The ancient bloodlines are facing a crisis. We adhere to the ancient ancestors' orders to protect and preserve the bloodlines."

"My Hall of Honor can do that as well. In fact, the entire universe is trying to protect the ancient bloodlines."

"Those people merely hope to take the inheritances of the ancient bloodlines for themselves and gain access to legacies from the ancient times. They do not know that there are certain inheritances that they cannot lust after."

"This current situation doesn't require Burial Garden to open. Have you forgotten how some humans will turn into fiends when Burial Garden opens?"

"Burial Garden's opening offers a possibility for both talented humans and humans who seek the wrong path. Some will eventually turn into fiends, but there is also the possibility of exceptional humans rising up. There are pros and cons, but my sole responsibility is to protect the ancient bloodlines."

Arch-Elder Zen said nothing more. He could not direct or order Burial Garden.

Before long, tombs started to appear in many places across the universe. Each one was dozens of meters tall, and the gates to the tombs were actually tombstones. The bolts were all made of clay, and each tomb had the words "Burial Garden" engraved upon them.

Even though there were no other words written, everyone knew that Burial Garden was open. As long as a tomb could be opened, they could enter Burial Garden.

However, what was Burial Garden? No one knew.

On the Ross Empire's mobile fortress, Lu Yin was staring at the gate of a massive tomb that had risen out of the sea. He was a bit stunned at the sight. Burial Garden? What was going on?

"Alliance Leader, many other places in the Great Eastern Alliance are also reporting the appearance of these tombs. On top of that, they have appeared throughout the Inniverse, the Outerverse, the Cosmic Sea, and the Neoverse. These gates to Burial Garden have appeared in countless locations throughout the universe," En Ya reported.

Ku Wei arrived. "Master, this is from Burial Garden, one of the Three Dark Hands. How did it show up here?"

Lu Yin glanced at Ku Wei. "Have you been to Burial Garden before?"

Ku Wei grinned. "They're all dead people, and they're really uncomfortable to be around. Master, make sure that you don't get involved with them."

Clearly, this was not something that Lu Yin could avoid getting involved in, as Burial Garden's gates had appeared right in front of him. It seemed obvious that it was to let Lu Yin go inside, but he did not want to go at the moment—who knew what would happen after he entered.

The Three Dark Hands consisted of the Neohuman Alliance, the Court of Seven Names, and Burial Garden. Not a single one of the three was easy to deal with, and one of the Human Domain's seven Semi-Progenitor's was from Burial Garden. Lu Yin had wanted to speak with the man, but he had been completely ignored when he tried.

"How do you open this door? Just push it?" Lu Yin asked.

One after another, various people from the Great Eastern Alliance started to arrive. Even Lan Si appeared, and he was the first to step forward. "I'll give it a try."

Elder Tie quickly moved to slap Lan Si. "This is dangerous! Don't be rash."

Lan Si stared at the gates of the tomb. "I've heard of Burial Garden before, and even though they're one of the Three Dark Hands, they have done nothing that can be considered evil. They are only known as one of the Three Dark Hands because of their reputation. Also, it's said that Burial Garden possesses an impressive inheritance."

Lan Si had been one of the Ten Arbiters, but he had been completely surpassed in recent years. Even his Vacuum Palm had been taken by Lu Yin and then improved beyond what Lan Si was capable of, and he had always been frustrated by his lack of progress.

Lan Si somberly stared at Lu Yin. "I'm going to go to Burial Garden. After I obtain an inheritance, we'll have another match."

Lu Yin smiled. "I'll be waiting."

Elder Tie started to get worried. "Do you want Mt. Stacks Dojo to have no future?"

Lan Si walked up to the gate. "If I, Lan Si, wiped out everyone, what would be the difference between the presence and absence of Mt. Stacks Dojo?"

He then placed his hands on the gates to the tomb and gave them a fierce push. Surprisingly, they opened much easier than expected. A gray vortex appeared that looked much like a wormhole. Without any hesitation, Lan Si stepped into it and disappeared.

Chapter 1792: Fruit

Lan Si was not the only one who entered Burial Garden at this time, and there were also some people who felt forced to enter Burial Garden due to them being in a dangerous situation.

However, most people continued to sit back and watch, intending to wait until they knew whether or not people could return after entering the gates.

The gates did not close after they opened. The Great Eastern Alliance sent in several volunteers with the goal of exiting as soon as they entered. However, even after several days passed, no one returned.

Lu Yin stood outside the gate to Burial Garden, waiting for a few days. During this time, he called Yuan Shi and other older powerhouses. Lu Yin's goal was to learn more about Burial Garden, but not a single one of the old experts would share any details with him. The only information that Lu Yin was able to glean was that there were fiends in Burial Garden.

Fiends were humans that had taken the wrong cultivation path, and although they were evil, they were also powerful. Human fiends had been born when Burial Garden had last opened, and they had slaughtered almost all of the people who had entered Burial Garden before conducting massacres throughout the entire Fifth Mainland. Ultimately, the Hall of Honor had been forced to step forward and execute all of the fiends.

There were risks and benefits to be had whenever Burial Garden opened. The birth of fiends was also the reason why Burial Garden could never be casually opened.

Although this was what Lu Yin learned from Yuan Shi, Lu Yin felt that some fiends appearing should not be enough for Burial Garden to remain closed most of the time. There had to be a deeper reason.

"Alliance Leader, someone's come back out," En Ya reported. "They're on Yima Planet."

"I'm going." Lu Yin immediately headed out.

Yima Planet was a perfectly average planet, and the civilization's development was at a similar level to what Earth had reached before its apocalypse. The people of Yima Planet were in the process of exploring nearby planets, and they were completely ignorant about anything at all regarding the rest of the universe.

The appearance of one of Burial Garden's gates had an unparalleled impact on the residents of Yima Planet. Even in the face of death, they would have

never imagined that, one day, a tomb with a gate would appear in the middle of a street.

The entire planet grew excited when the gate appeared, and every country on the entire planet asked to be able to explore it. However, because Yima Planet was a place that had not discovered cultivation, the gate could not be opened by the strength of any individual resident. Instead, it was eventually opened by the most powerful technological weapon that existed on the planet. Even then, it only opened the gate, and it was quickly decided to send in an army.

The people of Yima Planet believed that their most powerful weapons and a powerful army would be strong enough to explore the entrance to Burial Garden. However, none of them could have imagined that their entire army would be slaughtered before a single person even managed to enter the gate by a cultivator who had rushed out of the gate. This person had raced towards outer space, only to be captured by the Great Eastern Alliance.

The person was only an Explorer, and while such a person was very powerful by the standards of Yima Planet and was even able to destroy their entire planet, just one of the Great Eastern Alliance's battleships was enough to deal with such a person.

Yima Planet entered an age of interstellar exploration all because of the appearance of Burial Garden's gate on their planet.

Lu Yin also went to visit Yima Planet.

His hands were clasped behind his back as he observed the ruins of the buildings on either side of the street where the tomb had appeared. He was surrounded by soldiers from the Allied Forces as well as members of the Lu Elite Troops.

"Tell me what happened inside," Wang Wen commanded. He had followed Lu Yin to the planet in order to question the Explorer who had exited the gate.

The man's name was Shi San, and he was just an average Explorer. He was so terrified at being confronted by people from the Great Eastern Alliance that his body was overcome with a sense of weakness, and he immediately shared everything he knew.

According to Shi San, he had entered Burial Garden in a distant minor flowzone. He had stayed in Burial Garden for a few days and then coincidentally stumbled upon an exit that had led him straight to Yima Planet. He also shared information regarding the environment in Burial Garden. He said that the ground was a dark red that looked as though it had been soaked



in blood and that it did not seem to have been made of earth, but rather pieces of flesh.

The environment was also not homogenous. When Shi San had first entered Burial Garden, the ground had been a dark-red earth, but at the exit, it had been more like rusted metal. He had passed through two zones in Burial Garden.

"The ground was like rusted metal?" Lu Yin was surprised.

Shi San's entire body trembled as he looked at Lu Yin. They briefly locked eyes, and Shi San instantly lowered his head. "Yes, it was definitely rusty, and it actually looked like it had corroded due to sheer age rather than anything else."

"You entered a gate in a flowzone very far from Yima Planet. How could you cover such a vast distance with your strength?" Wang Wen was curious about this.

Shi San said, "I don't know. All I know is that I traveled at my normal speed, but I somehow arrived here in just a few days."

"It could be that the entrances lead to random places within Burial Garden, but the exits are fixed. Yima Planet has one of the exits, but the gate at the Ross Empire's mobile fortress might not be an exit at all," Wang Wen analyzed.

"Oh. Also, in addition to the different regions, there are also moving corpses in there," Shi San suddenly said.

Lu Yin's eyes instantly went wide. "Explain."

Shi San's voice shook as he continued, "One day after I entered Burial Garden, I saw a corpse that was constantly eating dirt. It would spit it back out and then eat it again. It just kept repeating those two things over and over."

"How do you know that it was a corpse?" Wang Wen pressed.

Shi San said, "I'm an Explorer, and after living and training for hundreds of years, it's easy to tell the difference between a corpse and a living human. I first thought that it was one of the Neohuman Alliance's corpse kings, but I eventually realized it wasn't. Still, the corpse moved, though it was really strange how it just kept eating dirt the whole time."

"Was there only one?" Lu Yin stared at him.

Shi San nodded. "I only came across that one."

Lu Yin's eyes narrowed as he fell into thought, but he did not say anything more.

"Masters from the Great Eastern Alliance, can I leave now?" Shi San asked carefully.

Wang Wen grinned. "Of course."

Shi San heaved a sigh of relief.

"Just hand over everything you found in Burial Garden. Don't worry, we'll pay a fair price for everything that you found," Wang Wen added. His smile was bright, and his tone sincere as he made these demands.

Shi San's heart dropped, and his expression grew stiff. "Sir, what are you talking about? I really don't understand."

Wang Wen squatted down to get closer to Shi San. "You're a smart person, and I'm considered pretty smart myself. Since we're all smart people here, there's no need to talk in circles: take out everything that you picked up while in Burial Garden. While I may not know if we want what you have or not, we'll still take it all and pay you a fair price."

Shi San gritted his teeth. "I really don't know what you're talking about."

Wang Wen's face turned sour. "The first thing you did after exiting Burial Garden wasn't to check your location, but rather to head straight for outer space. There are no cultivators on Yima Planet, so there's no one here who can threaten you, and you would have run away if you hadn't been caught by the Allied Forces. So, tell me, why were you in such a big hurry to leave? You clearly had some reason to want to run away so quickly, or at least to avoid other people, and I can only think of one reason for that. You found something in there."

"Hurry up and bring it out. The universe runs on survival of the fittest. Fortunately for you, our Great Eastern Alliance has a good reputation. If you had managed to run into other people when you came out, they might not have been as willing to chat with you as we have been."

Shi San was trapped, and his face revealed his bitterness as he stared at his cosmic ring and fought an internal battle. In the end, he dumped out everything in it.

Lu Yin looked at the pile, and his eyebrows rose as he stared at an oval-shaped, blood-red object that looked like a fruit. His pupils transformed into runes, and he was shocked to see that the fruit possessed enough runes to compare to an Enlightener with a power level of 300,000.

Shi San picked up the oval fruit and held it out. "This is what I found in the region with the red ground."

Wang Wen took the fruit, but since he could not see rune lines, he turned to Lu Yin with a questioning look.

Lu Yin took the thing, but he still did not know what it was.

"Only one?" Wang Wen asked.

Shi San's eyes flickered. "Now, yes. There were two, but I ate one. Actually, I only just became an Explorer, but my power level doubled in just a few days after I ate the fruit."

Wang Wen was caught off guard. "You actually went ahead and ate this thing? Weren't you worried about being poisoned?"

Shi San's voice turned bitter. "I wasn't alone in Burial Garden, as I met an enemy there. It was a fight to the death, and I didn't have any options left. After I ate the fruit, my strength spiked, and I managed to kill my opponent. This is the only one left now."

Wang Wen looked back at Lu Yin. "What do you think? Do you want to eat it?"

Lu Yin stared at the fruit for a while, thinking about it. However, instead of eating it, he called Qing Cao.

Qing Cao was the Hall Master of Windrift Hall, and he was a highly respected healer. He was the best person to ask about this fruit.

The man was still in Venom Flowzone, and Lu Yin could tell by the background of the video that the man was still in the same place as where they had met.

"You're asking me about this thing?" Qing Cao carefully observed the fruit in Lu Yin's hands through the video call. He thought for a moment before saying, "It should be a human blood fruit."

Lu Yin's expression changed a bit. "A human blood fruit?"

Qing Cao nodded. "When the blood of certain powerhouses falls onto the ground, possibly because of special cultivation techniques or natural treasures that they've eaten, their blood won't dry up or coagulate, but will instead condense and solidify to form these fruits. These things are basically formed by using the blood of powerhouses as fertilizer.

"While these fruits are rare, they aren't unheard of. Eating one can allow a person's cultivation to rise quickly, but not by much."

Lu Yin nodded. "I understand. Thank you."

Qing Cao asked, "Alliance Leader Lu, are you hoping to raise your strength with that fruit?"

Lu Yin quickly replied, "Of course not. I can't eat something like this."

Qing Cao smiled. "There are many different means of raising one's strength in this universe, not just absorbing star energy. There have been some truly powerful cultivators who have created alternative cultivation methods, much like here in Venom Flowzone. These methods can be either artificial or natural. There are places with unique civilizations like here in Venom Flowzone, or the Specter clan that cultivates with death energy instead of star energy. All of these means are acceptable, so Alliance Leader Lu, if you do hope to improve your strength, there's no need to use something that's contaminated like this human blood fruit."

Lu Yin nodded to show his understanding before ending the call. He then handed the fruit back to Shi San. "Did you hear that?"

Shi San nodded. "I heard."

"Are you still going to eat it?" Wang Wen looked at the man.

Shi San gritted his teeth. "For lords like you, there are many options to raise your cultivation, but for people like me, the future is bleak. Even surviving requires a bit of luck. I'll still eat this human blood fruit."

Lu Yin waved to dismiss the Explorer.

He was not surprised by Shi San's choice, and he would not criticize the decision either. Everyone had their own path, and if Lu Yin had not walked down another's path, then he was not qualified to criticize or to try to change those choices.

"It looks like there are a lot of good things in Burial Garden. Each region might have different treasures. What are your plans now?" Wang Wen looked at Lu Yin.

Lu Yin grew solemn. "Send some people to stand guard here and have the Giants' Army station themselves nearby. Capture anyone who exits from this gate."

Anyone who managed to leave Burial Garden might be carrying treasures, and since this exit was in Lu Yin's territory, there was no way he would allow such an opportunity to slip by.

"Send people to all of the gates that have opened in the Great Eastern Alliance and have them see which gates can be used as exits. Then, send some powerhouses to stand guard at each of the exits and don't let anyone who comes out of these gates escape."

#### Chapter 1793: Tracked By Something Unseen

Even though luck was needed to encounter opportunities, strength was also required. Lu Yin did not intend to allow people to freely enter and exit Burial Garden's gates within the Great Eastern Alliance's territory. This was his territory, and he could be as domineering as he wished.

Lu Yin also made plans to enter and explore Burial Garden himself.

There were no restrictions regarding one's cultivation level to enter Burial Garden. As long as a person found a gate, they could enter.

Lan Si was part of the first group of people to enter the gates. During the few days that he had been in Burial Garden, he had been doing his best to avoid a wooden hammer striking his head.

He wanted to curse someone. After entering Burial Garden, he had inexplicably found himself in a concave field. Before he was even able to observe his surroundings, a wooden hammer had fallen, aimed straight at his head. He had been lucky enough to react in time and avoid being struck. However, he soon saw that the place where the hammer had struck had numerous cracks, and he realized that he could not afford to be struck, as it would absolutely kill him.

The wooden hammer was the size of an entire planet, and it smashed down at the ground again and again. The void was crushed every time the hammer struck, and Lan Si believed that only a giant could wield this weapon. Based on the size, the giant would have to be much bigger than even Chen Huang, as it would have to be large enough to hold an entire planet in one hand.

Although Lan Si did his best to evade the hammer, his efforts were fruitless. The hammer was just too big, and he was not able to escape from its range before it fell again. His only option was to try to take advantage of the cracks in the ground caused by the hammer's previous blows if he wanted to avoid being hit.

Fortunately, since the wooden hammer was the size of a planet, the cracks that it left in the ground were as wide as an entire mountain. As long as Lan Si did not try to run around, he would be safe if he didn't move.

This was how he survived the first day, but on the second day, he noticed that there was an odd pattern to the rhythm that the wooden hammer struck the ground. He became excited because he noticed that while this rhythm was similar to the Overlaying Stacks Path that he practiced, it was actually different.

The Overlaying Stacks Path was based on the premise of layering one's strength again and again. Vacuum Palm was a technique that was the culmination of the Overlaying Stacks Path as it was a palm strike that exhibited the Overlaying Stacks Path's greatest strengths. The rhythm in which the hammer struck the ground was different; the strength seemed to be erupting all at once to release an explosion of power that was dozens of times more powerful.

This sort of technique actually demanded an even more exquisite level of control over one's strength than even Vacuum Palm.

Lan Si was very excited, and he lost all desire to leave. He was happy to remain right where he was.

Despite not being able to see who was wielding the hammer and beating the ground, Lan Si wanted to learn this technique and improve his strength, as he was certain that this was the best technique for him.

While Lan Si was not able to see who was wielding the wooden hammer, Ling Que was able to see from off in the distance.

One of Burial Garden's gates had also opened up in the Lingling clan's territory, and Ling Que had just arrived in Burial Garden. He had not wanted to enter the gate, but his foot had slipped, and he had fallen through.

He would absolutely never admit that Ling Gong had kicked him through the gate...

As soon as Ling Que entered Burial Garden and his feet met the ground, he was almost scared to death by a powerful tremor. He then looked up and saw the corpse of a giant slamming a wooden hammer into the ground.

The sight almost caused Ling Que to piss himself in fear. Never before had he seen such a large giant, let alone one that was a moving corpse. How was this corpse even moving? With its size, even if the giant never cultivated, it could still instantly kill Ling Que with a single slap.

Ling Que held his breath and tried to sneak away.

Fortunately, the giant did not care about the young man in the slightest, and it never once stopped smashing the ground with the wooden hammer. Ling Que

had no idea what the giant was trying to do, but it simply slammed the hammer into the ground again and again. Each pit caused by the hammer's fall was the size of a planet.

"If anyone was unlucky enough to fall into one of those pits, they'd be smashed to death," Ling Que said to himself as he fled. He had to escape, as this place clearly was not safe.

However, he stumbled after just a few steps. When he looked down, he saw a rope on the ground that was right at the edge of one of the hammer pit. He felt curious, so he pulled the rope up. Something was on the other end, but the rope was being a bit stubborn. Still, Ling Que had become curious, so he used a bit more strength and continued pulling. Finally, he pulled up a sourcebox. It was actually a humanoid sourcebox, and when he looked further, he saw that the rope was tied to an entire series of humanoid sourceboxes!

Ling Que was stunned; what in the world was this?

Sourceboxes on strings? Also, were these really all humanoid treasures? He had never seen so many humanoid sourceboxes in his entire life.

He quickly dismissed the matter from his mind. No matter what, sourceboxes were still treasures. Ling Que quickly put all of the sourceboxes into his cosmic ring and then ran off. He had completely neglected the fact that not a single one of the humanoid sourceboxes had a danger field.

Not too many people had entered Burial Garden at this point in time, but once some people started to leave, information regarding Burial Garden started to spread, and more and more people started to pass through the gates.

Lu Yin entered through the gate that had appeared in the middle of the sea on the Ross Empire's mobile fortress.

What he had heard from Shi San had led Lu Yin to suspect that Burial Garden might be the place where he had Possessed the corpse and seen Progenitor Chen. This was something that he had to verify.

From some of the guesses that he had made after hearing about Shi San's experience, Lu Yin believed that he would appear in a random location within Burial Garden. This was because, based on the location where Shi San had entered Burial Garden, it should have been impossible for him to reach Yima Planet in just a few days.

Lu Yin entered with the Second Nightking as a precaution, but when he looked around after entering, the Second Nightking was nowhere to be seen. They had been sent to random locations.

Lu Yin appeared atop a shattered boulder. He glanced around and saw there was similar rubble in all directions. Everything looked as though it had been shattered by powerful blows. No matter where Lu Yin looked, all he could see was similar rubble as far into the distance as he could see.

The boulder that he had appeared upon was absolutely massive, and it was actually comparable in size to a star. In fact, it was possible that it was a shattered star rather than a stone.

Lu Yin chose a random direction and started traveling. His goal was the sea.

After traveling for a while, he suddenly stopped and stood still. His pupils transformed into runes, and he looked around.

He had a feeling that something was following him, but he could not find anything even after releasing his domain and his spiritual force.

Lu Yin clenched his hands into fists but still continued moving forward. After a bit, he stopped again. Yes, something was definitely following him.

"Come out!" Lu Yin shouted. His head whipped around, but there was nothing there. He focused more intently and spread his fingers out. The air swayed as a shockwave swept out, but there was still nothing to be seen.

Lu Yin remained standing in place for a while, but there were no fluctuations in the air. He could only continue on, but he immediately stopped again, as he clearly felt that something was following him. Just what was it?

"Which senior is toying with this junior? Please show yourself," Lu Yin loudly requested.

Still, there was no movement.

Lu Yin snorted and then suddenly took off, rushing far away. As he fled, an astral chessboard appeared beneath his feet. He moved and instantly disappeared.

There were a few spatial cracks where Lu Yin had vanished, but the distortions soon vanished as everything calmed down.

Lu Yin reappeared some distance away, and he immediately looked back. He still could not see anything, but the feeling of being followed had disappeared. He let out a breath of relief; just what had been following him?

He was not too worried, as the invisible tracker had not attacked him, and even if someone had made a move, Lu Yin should be able to survive even a surprise attack. His bodysuit armor was able to defend against attacks with



power levels of almost 900,000, so he would have to be terribly unlucky to suffer an attack that could instantly kill him.

After glancing back, he continued forward.

Far ahead of Lu Yin was more rubble, no different from what he had seen so far. However, one of the shattered stones that looked no different from any of the others was different when viewed from the front. From a specific angle, they would discover that the shattered stone portrayed a battle technique through a series of clearly defined movements. It looked as though someone had carved their battle technique into this stone.

At the moment, there was a middle-aged man standing right in front of the shattered stone, and he was staring at the series of movements that were displayed on the stone, and his body unconsciously followed the movements.

There were sixty nine movements shown on the stone, and as the man moved through them, his movements grew faster and faster until there was a second image of the man.

Also, there was a corpse on the ground beneath the man's feet. This was not one of the mobile corpses that roamed across Burial Garden, but rather a fresh corpse belonging to someone who had just died. Apparently, they had been killed by the middle-aged man.

There were also people hiding off in the distance. One of them was an old man who was afraid to even look at the middle-aged man's back. The old man's eyes blazed with killing intent, and he was clearly plotting something. The other person was a girl with a fish on her head. She was Xi Qi.

Xi Qi was desperately keeping the fish's mouth covered in order to prevent it from revealing their location. The fish kept flapping its fins, as it had been smothered for a long time. It had to speak! If it did not manage to do so, it felt like it would die by holding its words in.

After watching for a while, they saw that the middle-aged man was becoming more and more proficient in the battle technique's series of movements.

Finally, the old man could not restrain himself any longer, and he stepped forward. His body moved into a strange posture as the void warped around him, and he shot forward, a finger pointed ahead. He struck the middle-aged man with a fierce attack.

The man suddenly whirled around. "I've been waiting for a long time, you little rat!"

As the man spoke, a circular weapon appeared in his hand that turned towards the old man. The attacker bent his fingers and lashed out with his right leg. "Get out of my way!"

"You're asking to die, old man." An imprint appeared behind the middle-aged man, and he easily blocked the old man's foot. The younger man then struck out with his left hand, and his palm turned green as it shot forward. The old man's reactions were extremely quick, and he pulled out something from his cosmic ring that looked like a shield.

There was a bang, and the old man's body was sent flying through the air, but the middle-aged man was also forced back. The two were of equal strength.

Xi Qi stared at the men. Both of them were powerful Enlighters, and she could not help but hope that both of them would be injured, as that was the only way for her luck to not run out. She did not think that the two would not be able to find her.

"Are you from the Sixth Mainland?" The old man was intimidated.

The middle-aged man sneered. "What of it?"

The old man snapped back, "Burial Garden belongs to my Fifth Mainland! Does the Sixth Mainland want to start a war?"

The middle-aged man was unbothered. "Burial Garden's gates didn't only open in the Inniverse. They also opened in the Outerverse, so why can't people like me from the Sixth Mainland enter? Quit talking about stupid things and get lost."

Right as he finished speaking, the middle-aged man raised his hand towards the old man. Surprisingly, this was the same movement that was shown on the surface of the stone.

The old man's pupils constricted tightly, and he turned and fled. Cultivators from the Sixth Mainland enjoyed an innate advantage when fighting against people from the Fifth Mainland. The old man's most powerful protection was the shield that he had just used, and it had been bent from the force of the middle-aged man's attack. It was clear that the old man would not be able to endure the next attack.

"So you want to run now?" The middle-aged man charged forward, his movements crushing the nearby stones. Several afterimages appeared as he moved, but they soon started to overlap and throw out simultaneous palm attacks. The old man grew desperate when he saw this attack, and he shot over towards Xi Qi, trying to redirect the attack towards her.

Xi Qi screamed, and although she wanted to escape, it was impossible for her to get away from Enlighters with her level of strength.

Xi Qi was instantly captured by the old man, and he threw her behind him. Her face turned white.

As far as the middle-aged man was concerned, it did not matter who faced his attack, as both Xi Qi and the old man were about to die. His attack slammed forward. He was absolutely confident that this attack would not only strike the woman, but also continue on and kill the old man. The middle-aged man knew at this moment that his future had changed. He was now able to join one of the more powerful organizations, such as a World Imprinter's family or maybe even the Daosource Sect.

Xi Qi watched as the middle-aged man's palm drew closer and closer. The fear of death made it hard for her to even breathe.

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At the most critical moment, the obnoxious fish leaped forward and blocked the middle-aged man's attack, preventing it from striking Xi Qi. There was a bang, and both the fish and Xi Qi were sent flying into the ground. However, they were both fine and had only been pushed away.

More importantly, the attack had been negated.

The old man looked back and was surprised at what he saw, as he had not expected a little girl to block such an attack.

The middle-aged man landed on the ground and stared at the fish in disbelief. What had just happened? Had his attack been blocked by a fish?

"The pain's killing me, you despicable two-legs! Kneel down to Lord Fish! You dared to touch Lord Fish's noble body! You'll be a slave for 10,000 years! 10,000 years!" the fish screamed as it flopped up and down on top of Xi Qi's head.

As for Xi Qi, she rubbed her shoulder, as she had been slightly hurt when she had crashed into the hard stone.

The middle-aged man continued to stare at the fish. "How are you able to talk?"

The fish pointed a fin at the man. "Kneel to Lord Fish! Lord Fish might consider reducing your sentence as a slave by a month! Lord Fish is furious that anyone dared to touch his noble body! The more I think about it, the

angrier I'm getting! No, Lord Fish will enslave you for a million years! No, 10 million years! Kneel down before Lord Fish!"

Further back, the old man sucked in a cold breath as he stared at Xi Qi for a moment. After that, the old man fled without another glance behind.

The middle-aged man gave a derisive snort. He had already intended to chase down the old man regardless of what happened with Xi Qi. "You can't escape today. You're going to die."

The old man gritted his teeth. "This old man no longer has any qualms with you, so why are you intent on killing us both?"

"This is the end of your life." The middle-aged man once again began to go through the movements of the battle technique that he had learned from the stone. His hand thrust forward and pierced the void to land on the old man's back, but the old man had already pulled out his shield. However, his earlier suspicion was proven correct; the shield was not able to withstand a second attack. The palm pierced through the old man's body, and blood splattered on the shattered stones as the old man fell to the ground.

The middle-aged man glanced over, but it was clear the old man was already at death's door. Then, he turned back to Xi Qi and looked down at her. "Little girl, what's the deal with your fish?"

Xi Qi's had gone pale, and her fingers were touching her cosmic ring. She had made her decision to fight.

"You two-legged beast, didn't you hear Lord Fish's command to kneel? I'll warn you that Lord Fish is looking for his younger brother to come out and kill you! Little Bai, Little Wang, Little Lu, where are you? Get over here and kill this two-legs for Lord Fish!" The fish continued screaming as it jumped up and down.

Xi Qi's face showed her embarrassment at this moment.

A cold glint appeared in the middle-aged man's eyes. "Absurd."

While he spoke, he casually swung a hand forward, intending to eliminate Xi Qi. However, another person suddenly appeared in front of the man and caught his hand. The man found himself unable to move his hand at all.

The middle-aged man was terrified, and he stared at the young man who had appeared in front of him so suddenly. When had this youth shown up?

The middle-aged man let out a scream as his arm was torn off, and he roared, "Release me!"

An imprint appeared behind the man as his remaining hand used the battle technique that he had learned from the stone, but this attack was also easily caught.

"It's an impressive battle technique, but unfortunately for you, it's useless against me," the young man said as he tossed the middle-aged man away as though disposing of some trash. The young man then turned his focus to Xi Qi. "This is quite the coincidence."

Xi Qi stared blankly at the young man as she joyfully cried out, "Big- Big Brother Lu!"

Naturally, Lu Yin was the person who had appeared. He had made his move the moment he had seen the middle-aged man about to attack Xi Qi. Lu Yin had used the Ce Secret Art to move in front of the middle-aged man and block his attack.

"Huh? You're a very familiar two-legs. Are you here to pay homage to Lord Fish? Hurry up and kneel! Lord Fish will grant you an opportunity, and as long as you agree to serve Lord Fish, Lord Fish will teach you invincible battle techniques! This one has already been with Lord Fish for a long time, but Lord Fish hasn't taught her anything. Hurry up! Lord Fish feels that you're very promising!" the fish said while flapping its fins about.

Xi Qi could do nothing about the fish. It was about to smash her head, but she had already become used to such treatment. She no longer even worried about things like concussions.

Lu Yin stared at the arrogant fish. This thing had such a nasty mouth. If Ku Wei were present, he could let the two fight each other for a long time. "What happened? Did you decide to come here too?"

Xi Qi nodded. "I was on my way to find a sourcebox when I happened to find one of Burial Garden's gates, and this insisted on me coming in."

She pointed to the fish on her head as she spoke.

Lu Yin laughed. "You're quite obedient."

Xi Qi pursed her lips and muttered, "If I don't listen, its mouth will be the death of me."

"Skilled two-legs, Lord Fish is speaking to you! Hurry up and kneel to Lord Fish, and Lord Fish will grant you an opportunity!" The fish was clearly excited and thrilled to see Lu Yin.

Lu Yin had no intention of paying even the slightest bit of attention to the fish. A little ways behind them, the middle-aged man who had been tossed aside was staring at Lu Yin. He had finally remembered who this youth was. "It's you, the leader of the Great Eastern Alliance!"

Lu Yin turned around to look at the man. "That's me."

The man grew terrified. "I've learned my lesson today! I'll excuse myself now!" He turned to flee.

Lu Yin gently waved a hand out, and the wind that he stirred up pierced a hole through the man's neck. The middle-aged man had not expected Lu Yin to actually kill him, and he clutched at his neck as he slowly sank to the ground.

The man had looked resentful of Lu Yin's interference, and Lu Yin had been reminded of a similar scene in the past that had resulted in Autumnfrost Qing and others trying to attack Frostwave Weave. Lu Yin did not want to leave such a threat around to bother him again. This person would definitely sneak around and stir up trouble if he did not have the strength for a direct fight. Such people were infuriating to deal with, and they could quickly create an irreversible situation.

There were too many similar conflicts in the universe, and Xi Qi was already used to seeing such things. She simply excitedly dragged Lu Yin back to the shattered stone she had seen earlier. "Brother Lu, look! This is the battle technique that that man used against you and me. He just learned it here, and his strength suddenly spiked."

Lu Yin looked at the images demonstrating the battle technique's method that had been engraved on the stone, but he just shook his head. "You go ahead and learn this. It's useless for me."

Xi Qi snorted, but she still turned around and started carefully studying the images.

The battle technique was one that was best suited for an Enlighter, but since Lu Yin's combat strength matched that of Envoys, a technique of this level would not be able to help him much at all. However, it was completely different for Xi Qi.

After looking around Burial Garden for a bit, Lu Yin had to wonder if it really was that easy to come across a lucky chance. First there had been that human blood fruit, and now there was this impressive battle technique. Lu Yin was confident that he would come across even more opportunities as time passed. If this was how it was in Burial Garden, it would prove to be an

incredible boon to humanity. If that was the case, why did Burial Garden remain closed? It had opened now, but why had it not opened earlier? Just because of the fiends? That seemed impossible.

It took only a short bit of time for Xi Qi to learn the battle technique, and she knew that it would benefit her greatly, and yet she was continuously mocked and ridiculed by the fish. "This is such a common technique! Lord Fish can teach you a hundred different techniques at this level, so why are you treating this like a treasure? This is humiliating! How can Lord Fish ever let Lord Fish's friends know that his mount is so pathetic? What will become of Lord Fish's self-esteem? Lord Fish wants to change mounts!"

"Thank you," Xi Qi could not resist answering the fish's last comment.

The fish kept slapping her with its fins. "What did you just say? Say that again! Believe it or not, do you have any idea how many people once dreamed of becoming Lord Fish's mount? Back then, even though those people wanted the opportunity, Lord Fish refused! You should understand your situation and appreciate how to take advantage of it! Lord Fish..."

Lu Yin picked at his ears.

The fish's eyes shifted over to Lu Yin, and it quickly continued to say, "Familiar two-legs, you must listen carefully to all that Lord Fish has to say! Lord Fish will teach you how to be human. Understand that back then..."

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"Brother Lu, I'm sorry, but please take me with you," Xi Qi said while blushing.

Lu Yin smiled. "I'm just wandering aimlessly, so let's take a walk."

Xi Qi offered some small thanks, as she understood that the situation was much different from the past. Lu Yin had climbed to a lofty position, and his strength was beyond her comprehension. Xi Qi could not help but think back to when they had first met and how similar their strength had been at that time. In fact, Xi Qi had been one of the Distinguished Five. But how could Xi Qi even compare to Lu Yin anymore? Not even the Ten Arbiters could keep up with his progress.

This person was truly impressive.

"Brother Lu, you- are you really a Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker?" Xi Qi asked.

"Yeah, two stars, but it's really difficult to improve from there."

"That's amazing! I'm not even close to that. I actually haven't improved very much," Xi Qi said dejectedly.

The fish slapped her head. "Shame! Shame! Shame for Lord Fish! What two star Boundless Advanced Lockbreaker? With Lord Fish's training, sooner or later you'll be like an ancestor to all other Lockbreakers! Don't embarrass Lord Fish. Come, shout with Lord Fish, 'I can do it!' Shout 'I can do it!'"

Xi Qi mumbled, "I- I can do it."

"Again! 'I can do it!'"

"I can do it..."

"Listen to me. Shout again, louder! 'I can do it!'"

"I- I can do it!" Xi Qi shouted with all her might while fiercely blushing.

"'I can do it!'"

"I can do it!"

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Lu Yin was left speechless, but he finally understood why the despicable fish always remained with Xi Qi: she actually listened to it! Lu Yin considered the possibility of a fish mounted on top of his head and ordering him to shout "I can do it!" Just the thought of it gave him chills. This sort of behavior was on the same level as the mushroom head infatuation of the Shi Chi duo.

The two people continued to walk through the rubble of shattered stones for several more days before they finally saw a green field off in the distance, which put them in a much better mood.

Lu Yin had been worried about the feeling of being followed returning the entire time he had been in the region with the shattered stones, so he heaved a sigh of relief when they left the area.

"This looks very familiar," the fish commented as it lifted its head up high and stared at the green region up ahead. It then turned to look back at the shattered stones. "Strange..."

Lu Yin said, "Do your best to remember. Maybe something will come back to you."

The fish pointed a fin straight at Lu Yin. "Familiar two-legs, Lord Fish has always felt that there's something very familiar about you... Come, let Lord Fish touch and pat you! Maybe Lord Fish can remember. Yes, maybe one of your ancestors was once Lord Fish's mount!"



The fish's words caused Xi Qi's face to turn purple, and she covered the fish's mouth as quickly as possible and nervously glanced over at Lu Yin, worried that he might have gotten upset.

Lu Yin pursed his lips. This nasty fish really should not even speak.

"I'm sorry, Brother Lu! I'm sorry!" All Xi Qi could do was repeatedly apologize.

Lu Yin just rolled his eyes.

Not long after they entered the green region, Lu Yin sensed someone approaching, and it was another acquaintance: Zhu San.

Zhu San was part of Millions City's Zhu family. The family had once tried to take control of Millions City, and later, Millions City had joined the Great Eastern Alliance. That meant that the Zhu family had also joined the alliance.

The Zhu family was actually a branch of the Seven Courts' Ce family, and Lu Yin had acquired his Ce Secret Art from the Zhu family's blood with Mister Mu's assistance.

Zhu San was not walking normally, and he instead looked like he was trying to dodge something, and he accidentally ran straight into Lu Yin's domain that had been spread out. The moment Zhu San entered the domain, he felt like he had entered a swamp, and his entire body felt suppressed. He nervously looked around. "Might I ask which senior is here? This junior was disrespectful, but I ask Senior to show themselves."

Lu Yin led Xi Qi towards Zhu San, and Zhu San soon saw the two people.

However, Zhu San reacted like he saw a ghost when he saw Lu Yin, and panic filled his eyes.

The Zhu family had been a part of Millions City, and they had agreed to join the Great Eastern Alliance. But when Lu Yin had been in the Perennial World, the Zhu family had moved from Millions City to the Neoverse and even cut off all contact and interactions with Millions City. At the moment, Zhu San felt like he was reuniting with a former master whom he had betrayed.

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Lu Yin looked at Zhu San and showed a half-smile. "It's been a long time since we've seen each other."

Zhu San bowed low. "Alliance Leader Lu."

"There's no need to call me Alliance Leader Lu. After all, your Zhu family has returned to the Ce family, which means that you're no longer a part of the Great Eastern Alliance," Lu Yin replied.

Xi Qi watched the two with curiosity.

Zhu San's tone turned bitter. "The Zhu family was always part of the Ce family, and we were simply sent to Millions City. Returning to the Ce family was also done because of orders we received, not because we wished to betray you, Alliance Leader."

"I know. What are you doing right now? You look like you're trying to avoid something." Lu Yin was curious.

Zhu San suddenly remembered something, and he quickly said, "Alliance Leader Lu, your alliance's Liu Tianmu is in danger! There's a lucky opportunity behind me where I just came from, but there are powerhouses from the Sixth Mainland who are fighting against Liu Tianmu. They even have an Envoy!"

Lu Yin's expression changed when he heard Zhu San's story, and he quickly moved forward with both Zhu San and Xi Qi in tow.

It was impossible for Liu Tianmu to fight against an Envoy, but since the Sword Sect had joined the Great Eastern Alliance, it meant that Liu Tianmu had become one of Lu Yin's people. Naturally, Lu Yin would move to help out if his people were being bullied.

"How strong is the Envoy?" Lu Yin asked.

Zhu San replied, "They're an Imprinter."

Lu Yin nodded. That was no issue for him. As long as he was not up against a World Imprinter or someone even more powerful, Lu Yin would be alright. At the moment, his only worries were for Liu Tianmu.

It did not take Lu Yin too long to arrive at the place that Zhu San had mentioned.

They were immediately met with the sight of sword qi crisscrossing through the sky as Liu Tianmu fought against an opponent. Further back, Hui Santong was fighting against Fan Shun, who had once been one of the Sixth Mainland's Realmlings.

As for the Imprinter whom Zhu San had mentioned, the expert was not participating in the battles. In fact, far from participating, the person was sipping on tea at the moment.

Xi Qi's eyes went wide at the sight of an elegant old man who was sipping his tea in the distance. Was this really the proper place to enjoy tea?

Even the fish was stunned by this sight.

While he enjoyed his tea, the old man was giving pointers to the Sixth Mainland cultivator who was fighting against Liu Tianmu. There was no need for the old man to say anything regarding the battle between Fan Shun and Hui Santong. Fan Shun had his Forest World technique as well as several secret techniques. The fight was far from comparable to the excitement of Liu Tianmu's battle.

A young man was fighting Liu Tianmu, but he was already a Hunter, though he was not quite strong enough to face Liu Tianmu.

Another person released attacks, preventing Liu Tianmu from landing any fatal attacks on the Hunter. Without this, the young man would not have even been able to hold his sword against Liu Tianmu.

"That's right, just treat this as a sparring match with one of the Fifth Mainland's Ten Arbiters. This will allow your combat experience to improve greatly. Not all of the Realmking positions have been filled, and your grandpa hopes that you'll be able to win one of those positions one day. You already have the foundation to qualify," the old man slowly said as he addressed the young Hunter.

Liu Tianmu's sword flashed, and although the young Hunter hurriedly avoided the attack, it was impossible. Fortunately for the young man, an Enlighter blocked the attack, but not even the Enlighter dared to receive Liu Tianmu's attacks carelessly even though he had a power level of over 300,000.

Liu Tianmu had a cold expression on her face as she thrust her sword forward with the edge flipped over. She attacked the Enlighter with the Fifth Sword, and proceeded up to the Eleventh Sword. As soon as she finished, she started casting the Twelfth Sword.

The Imprinter sipping tea in the distance shouted, "Didn't this old man tell you not to use those sorts of techniques? Those will kill Wu She, don't you get it?" An overpowering force shot out from the true universe and shattered Liu Tianmu's sword.

Liu Tianmu spun around, and her star energy condensed to form another sword. She faced the Imprinter and released the Thirteenth Sword.

She had previously had the courage to challenge Lu Yin even though she knew that he could defeat Envoys. There was no way that she would be intimidated by this Imprinter.

The old man was so furious that he stepped forward and disappeared. Liu Tianmu's eyes were determined, and the star energy sword in her hand dissipated before forming a long black sword.

She waited. She was waiting for the old man to attack her after emerging from the true universe. This was the same tactic that she had used to challenge Lu Yin: she simply hoped that he would not be able to endure her attack.

The sword technique that she was preparing to use had nothing to do with one's cultivation.

The old man emerged behind Liu Tianmu, and she spun around and attacked with her sword, but the old man disappeared even before Liu Tianmu managed to finish turning around. He was not there when the sword slashed through the air.

Liu Tianmu's expression changed slightly, as this Imprinter had avoided her attack before it could land. He was an Imprinter, and he was facing her, who was both a junior and an Enlighter; why was he still being so cautious?

"Watch out!" Hui Santong shouted.

The Enlighter behind Liu Tianmu raised a hand and attacked her shoulder with a hidden weapon. Her arm instantly turned numb, and her sword fell from her grasp, clanging onto the ground. The young Hunter grinned and shot towards Liu Tianmu, his hand stretched out towards her. "I want to see just how powerful the Fifth Mainland's Arbiter Liu Tianmu really is."

He reached for her neck, grabbing Liu Tianmu from behind and slightly to the side. The Imprinter appeared, looking calm and relaxed while the Enlighter just stared warily at the swordswoman even though he knew that she could not move after being struck by his sneak attack.

Just as the young Hunter's hand was about to touch Liu Tianmu's neck, her entire body twisted.

The Imprinter was stunned. "No! Get back!"

While he shouted, his stellar energy burst forth and suppressed all of the star energy in the immediate area as he attempted to restrict Liu Tianmu from doing anything at all.

Unfortunately, he was too late. The Sword Sect's Thirteen Swords was a battle technique that introduced the concept of cultivating a domain as early as the Second Sword. Liu Tianmu did not even need to use star energy, as she simply used her domain to shatter the young man's arm. Her domain struck like a thousand sharp blades. The Hunter let out a scream, and countless sword cuts appeared all over his body as blood dripped to the ground.

The Imprinter angrily shouted, "You bitch! Do you want to die?"

Liu Tianmu stared at the old man with cold eyes. She was unable to move, and she was powerless to resist the Imprinter's attacks. Even if she had not been completely restrained, she would still be helpless against this man. Not everyone was Lu Yin.

Suddenly, golden meteors fell from above, aimed at where the Imprinter would attack Liu Tianmu. Hui Santong had made a move, but the old man just snorted in contempt and waved a hand to smash the meteors away. Stellar energy swept out once more, blasting Liu Tianmu aside. When she struck the ground, she spat out blood.

Hui Santong was facing a crisis of his own. Fan Shun had used Reversal Cycle, and Hui Santong's eyes grew incredibly focused as he tried to counter with Omnibreak. This was a very dangerous move, but he managed to find a hole in Fan Shun's Reversal Cycle and escape. However, the moment he escaped from the secret technique, Hui Santong found himself surrounded by trees and unable to move.

"Little girl, if I tell you that you can't survive, then you have no choice but to die." The Imprinter stared at Liu Tianmu with eyes that blazed with cruelty and savageness.

Liu Tianmu's expression remained the same as ever, though her eyes were filled with reluctance and killing intent as she stared at the old man.

However, the old man's foot stopped just as he was about to step onto Liu Tianmu's arm. It was not just the old man either; Fan Shun and the Enlighter were also frozen in place. It was not even that they were unable to move, but rather they had been frozen stiff. They were all being suppressed by a domain, and it was as if like they had sunk into a quagmire. This domain was shockingly powerful, and even the Imprinter was only able to move his head very slowly.

Lu Yin was silently standing in place a few thousand meters away from the Imprinter, his hands clasped behind his back. He silently stared at the Imprinter.

The old man's pupils constricted when he saw Lu Yin's face, and he took a step back as he stared at Lu Yin. "The Fifth Mainland's Alliance Leader Lu."

Liu Tianmu also turned her head, though she let out a relieved sigh when she saw Lu Yin. As she turned around, her glasses fell off, exposing her face. She looked a bit silly without them.

This surprised Lu Yin. Of the Ten Arbiters, Ling Gong was a cute little girl, so she hid her appearance within a bulky armor. It turned out that Liu Tianmu had a relaxed and natural beauty, so was she trying to hide that with her glasses? It seemed like everyone was trying to disguise themselves.

A bit further away, Fan Shun was still able to move, but his heart dropped when he saw Lu Yin.

If it was still during ZENITH, Fan Shun would not feel fear towards Lu Yin. Even though he didn't have any hope of defeating Lu Yin back then, Lu Yin had still been someone within the same realm of strength as him. However, things had changed. Lu Yin had disappeared for years after ZENITH, and when he returned, there were rumors that he had become capable of fighting against Envoys and even defeating them.

There were also quite a few Envoys in the Great Eastern Alliance, but Lu Yin's strength was still unfathomable. He was qualified to speak with World Imprinters and even Cosmic Imprinters. Fan Shun was no longer on the same level as Lu Yin.

"Who gave you the courage to attack me?" Lu Yin asked in a casual tone as he stared at the Imprinter.

The Imprinter's eyes narrowed. "Young man, don't be foolish. While I know that you have powerhouses protecting you, we're in Burial Garden right now. Everyone is separated when they enter, so do you really think that your powerhouse can get here in time to protect you?"

Lu Yin's mouth curled into a smile. "Tell me, what do you consider a powerhouse to be? Is it someone who can beat you? If that's the case, then I'm a powerhouse."

The Imprinter clenched his fists and disappeared. He had entered the true universe and then instantly attacked.

In the distance, Zhu San's face went pale. This person was an Envoy! An Envoy! Zhu San had no idea what it took to fight against such a powerful expert.

Excitement danced in Xi Qi's eyes. Even though she was confused at the moment, she knew that Lu Yin definitely was not a stupidly stubborn person, so she was certain that Lu Yin was confident in succeeding if he had been willing to come to this Imprinter.

The fish on Xi Qi's head kept flapping its fins. "Beat him! Beat him, skilled two-legs! Beat him!"

Lu Yin remained quietly standing where he was after the Imprinter entered the true universe. The man was able to see Lu Yin, but it was impossible for the young man to see the Imprinter. This was the greatest difference between Enlighteners and Envoys. The other thing that made facing an Envoy as an Enlightener so terrifying was their stellar energy. The Imprinter could suppress Lu Yin's star energy, rendering it completely useless. This young man was not the Imprinter's opponent. He might have a powerful domain, but it still was not enough to pose a threat.

These were the Imprinter's thoughts, and yet he was a very cautious person. He had even dodged Liu Tianmu's last ditch attack, so there was no need to mention how he would act against Lu Yin.

Lu Yin's hands were still clasped behind his back, and instead of turning to look at the Imprinter, he looked at Liu Tianmu lying on the ground. It was not readily certain if she was dead or alive. "You're facing the wrong sort of opponent. That old man's too cautious to face your Thirteenth Sword."

Liu Tianmu's voice was indifferent, "Even if I had struck him with the Thirteenth Sword, it still wouldn't be enough to defeat him. The Thirteenth Sword isn't invincible, and at best, I would only be able to injure him."

"Have you learned the Fourteenth Sword?" Lu Yin asked.

Liu Tianmu's eyes twitched. "Not yet."

"Misery is actually a sort of emotion. You already have a foundation in the Thirteenth Sword which you've mastered, so you'll certainly be able to learn the Fourteenth Sword," Lu Yin said. After the Sword Sect had joined the Great Eastern Alliance, Lu Yin had started to regard Liu Tianmu differently from before. There was no longer any reason to be wary of the woman or the Sword Sect. Liu Tianmu had become one of the Great Eastern Alliance's elites, so Lu Yin was willing to help her grow stronger if possible.

Liu Tianmu stared at Lu Yin. "What about you? You've also learned the Thirteenth Sword."

Lu Yin gave her a small smile and then stretched out a hand. The sword that Liu Tianmu had taken from Liu Guai disappeared before reappearing in Lu Yin's hand. He slashed at an empty portion of the sky with the sword. This was Misery, the Fourteenth Sword.