

Pet Store 1001

### **Chapter 1001: Hatching Service**

Su Ping entered the room where the Chaos Spirit Pool for Incubation was located. There was a round egg left inside the pool which looked like a dried well at the moment. The egg shell was quite hideous and dirty at the moment. However, one could see dark lines and white lotus-shaped spots upon closer look.

*The egg of a Chaos Path Beast cannot hatch without absorbing the power of chaos. The Chaos Perception Dragon would have definitely hatched if I would have taken it to the Archean Divinity. However, maybe the dragon would have eaten the thing...*

He looked at the energy he had earned and took a deep breath. The only way he could think of to hatch the beast was for it to absorb the chaos aura the Chaos Spirit Pool leaked when it hatched other beasts. That would entail having to activate the Chaos Spirit Pool again and again.

*It'll be worth it in any case, even if I have to spend all my energy on hatching the beast.*

The Chaos Path Beast was practically the best pet possible; hardly other pets could compare. According to the system's pet encyclopedia, the beast had been formed in chaos and would attain a Heavenly Path State combat ability once it reached adulthood!

Su Ping had yet to learn what the system meant by "Heavenly Path State", but he could estimate that it was beyond the Celestial State.

He originally had thought that the Celestial State was the top level. However, he learned on his trip to the Archean Divinity that there were at least two major levels above the Celestial State, which probably included the Heavenly Path State the system had mentioned!

*I wonder if the Heavenly Path State is what equates to Ancestral Gods. If so, then the beast would be truly awesome.*

Su Ping was really eager to find out. In any case, for a pet to reach the Celestial State would still be a horrifying result; after all, that was the top level in the Federation. One could dominate the universe and counter the greatest experts with such a pet.

"System, I'd like to develop a pet."

"An egg has been detected in the pool. The host hasn't enabled the hatching service yet. Would you like to accept the quest to enable the hatching service?" the system's notification echoed.

Su Ping was surprised by the response. "Our store offers a hatching service?"

"Hatching and developing pets for customers is the most fundamental service for the best pet store in the universe throughout history. It is a true blunder of the host to not have found the service when the store has already been upgraded to LV5," said the system straight off.

Lost for words, Su Ping stopped arguing with it and later said, "I accept the quest."

“Considering that the host has delayed in accepting the quest, its difficulty has been increased by five times. The host must hatch five pets in 24 hours.

“Note number one: Young mammals can also be incubated. Their maturity must be improved.”

“Note number two: Pet aptitude and bloodline must be improved by one level during the hatching!

“The quest has been issued. Initiating the countdown.”

Su Ping was again rendered speechless. Fortunately, he had enough resources to complete the quest, even though it was five times more difficult than before.

Su Ping immediately left the Chaos Spirit Pool and saw Tang Ruyan welcoming the customers.

The latter customers greeted Su Ping with awkwardness and glittering eyes after seeing him.

In their eyes, Su Ping wasn't just the boss in the store, but also the strongest genius of all Silvy. Most stores would consider customers as gods that the boss had to serve with care. However, the people present respected Su Ping as a god, fearing they could be kicked out after committing the smallest offense.

Su Ping knew that those customers could hardly treat him as a normal person after his identity was exposed. He nodded at them and looked at the long queue outside of the store, for a moment reminiscing how unpopular his store had been when he first started business on that planet.

He would have probably failed the quest if he would have accepted it back then.

But considering the present moment...

“This store is now providing incubation services. Does anyone need to hatch their pet eggs?” asked Su Ping.

He didn't raise his voice. However, everybody heard him loud and clear because of the reverberation resulting from the deity aura.

All the customers on the street looked at each other in bewilderment. They were there because of Su Ping's effective pet training; few had the need for that service at the moment—

After all, there were special pet hatching centers for that.

Those places were like pet hospitals with complete facilities.

Furthermore, hatching represented a highly technical challenge; the eggs only needed to be taken care of carefully.

The more sophisticated incubation method was to instill the pet with a special energy during the incubation, and then provide nutrition fluid afterwards, to ensure the pet's health and provide a specific elemental stimulus the way its master wanted. Such an incubation was very costly.

After a moment of silence, someone shouted among the crowd, “Boss, we have eggs! We have eggs!”

Everybody looked in that direction, finding an obviously excited purple-haired young man.

Su Ping felt relieved. He replied, "Please, over here."

The purple-haired young man was at the center of the street. He would have to wait for at least half a month for his turn to arrive. He was so excited after being called up that he directly moved towards him with a purple-haired girl in tow.

The crowd made way for them and they soon found themselves before Su Ping.

"Boss, my sister has two unhatched eggs. We were planning on taking them to the incubation center after training some pets at your place," said the excited young man.

The girl next to him seemed to be the bashful sort; her cheeks and even her ears turned red when all eyes were on them. She lowered her head anxiously.

Su Ping's eyes glittered. He quickly asked, "Why not have them incubate here?"

"Of course!" replied the elated youngster, "Who would go to the incubation center if we can do it here? I would have brought pet eggs of my own if I had any."

He immediately urged his sister. "Take out your eggs."

The girl was blushing as she anxiously opened her storage and took out two gargantuan eggs, each being almost one meter tall. The two eggs had silver stripes on their surfaces and seemed to be glimmering; they clearly were no ordinary eggs.

"They are Troy Dragon eggs, which carry a Star State bloodline!"

"Tsk. How rare. Troy Dragons are among the top hundred fastest Star State pets."

"The brother and sister pair can't be ordinary."

Exclamations were heard coming from the crowd.

Troy Dragons weren't as famous as the Vast Sky Thunderous Dragons on Rhea, they still were famous Star State dragons. The girl may have personally caught such dragons or bought through her own connections.

"Boss, go ahead and put them in the incubator. It'll be fine even if something goes wrong," the purple-haired young man quickly offered.

The girl glanced at Su Ping with nervous eyes, then quickly lowered her head once she saw that he was looking back at her.

"I'll try my best. I don't think anything can go wrong. Its bloodline can even be improved a little bit," said Su Ping with a smile.

"Your incubation service improves pet bloodlines?"

Su Ping's revelation surprised the crowd; the brother and sister duo even more so, as it was their first time hearing about such a thing. It seemed that the marvelous trainer in Su Ping's shop was really capable of doing that.

The siblings looked at each other in excitement. Even a minor improvement would still be seen as very precious.

A few other customers shouted after hearing that bloodlines could be improved.

“Boss Su, I have pet eggs!”

“Boss Su, so do I!”

They had been unwilling to leave their eggs in Su Ping’s because they thought incubating was the same everywhere and Su Ping would probably charge more than other service providers. However, they were tempted once they heard about bloodline improvement.

Even if they had to pay more money, it would be worth it if their pet was strengthened!

Besides, although Su Ping’s store was expensive, all the services were surprisingly effective!

Su Ping smiled and asked those customers to step up. He accepted all of their pets.

Not many people carried pet eggs among the large number of clients on the street. Su Ping collected seven eggs soon after.

Now was the time for the incubating part.

Su Ping asked the customers to wait in the lobby. He then went to the Chaos Spirit Pool for Incubation by himself.

Su Ping then saw an incubation bar on the store menu.

“Please place the pet into the incubation bar,” the system hinted.

Su Ping placed the seven eggs inside the warehouse of the store. Their data was immediately imported to the store menu, including their categories and bloodline.

He picked a green lizard egg to incubate first. It was a venomous Fate State lizard filled with germs and lethal poisons; quite the tricky pet to deal with.

The incubation procedure appeared on the bar. According to the instructions, Su Ping took out the egg and placed it inside the spirit pool.

“Green Venomous Lizard, Fate State, incomplete bloodline.

“Its bloodline may be improved to the Star State if its genes are optimized.

“Materials required: Silver Fanged Serpents, Swamp Spiders, Cold Shell.

“Energy required for hatching: 10,000.”

Su Ping was stunned by the system’s notifications. *That many materials are required besides energy?*

He felt a headache and asked, “Where can I find those materials?”

“Silver Fanged Serpents can be found on the Dark Serpent Planet, the Swamp River, the Silver Backed Subdragon World...

“Swamp Spiders can be found in...”

While Su Ping hesitated, the way to acquire those materials popped up in his head. He found that those places were mostly low-level cultivation sites in the system.

*Do I have to look for materials in the cultivation sites? Good thing I know where to find them.* Su Ping was relieved.

He would have had to ask many people to help if he had to look for materials on his own.

Su Ping also placed the other eggs inside the incubation bar. The materials required to optimize their genes also popped up. Su Ping memorized and listed the cultivation sites that came up repeatedly to avoid going there again and again.

Once the information was properly sorted, Su Ping immediately set off to each of the mentioned cultivation sites.

Su Ping was already considered to be really strong while in low-level cultivation sites; he could even dominate most of them.

However, some of the low-level cultivation sites already had Ascendant State masters. Some places were so horrifying that Su Ping would die the moment he set foot in one.

It took three hours; Su Ping finally gathered all of the materials.

Three hours in the outside world equaled three days in the cultivation sites.

He returned to the incubation room inside the store and began the process.

One by one, the eggs were hatched in the Chaos Spirit Pool.

A tiny bit of chaos aura would leak out every time an egg was hatched, which was almost untraceable. Su Ping had placed the Chaos Path Beast egg right next to the pool; it would then shake as if detecting something.

Su Ping guessed that the Chaos beast egg was ravenous.

Very soon, all seven pet eggs were hatched.

The seven young beasts crouched in the room, their differently colored eyes looking around curiously. All of them kept a distance from the Chaos beast egg.

Su Ping took out the seven hatched beasts from the spirit pool; their masters had waited for a long time in the lobby.

“Your eggs have hatched.” Su Ping caught a lot of attention when he came out with the pets. Those who were there to train their pets looked at him too.

“Here are your Troy Dragons.” Su Ping took two little dragons with silver wings to the brother and sister duo.

The siblings were stunned to see the young dragons flapping their wings like sea lion fins. They didn’t expect the hatching to be that fast.

Their eyes widened upon further inspection, somehow feeling they were different from the young Troy Dragons they knew.

“B-Boss, are they really our pets?” the purple-haired young man couldn’t help but ask.

He wasn’t even considering that Su Ping could have swapped the pets. After all, the two young dragons looked a lot like Troy Dragons, even though there were also a lot of differences between them and the standard ones.

“Yes. Their bloodlines have been strengthened. They’ll probably become Star Lords when they grow up,” said Su Ping with a smile.

Not just the brother and sister pair; the other customers also looked at Su Ping in surprise.

Troy Dragons were Star State pets. Their bloodlines could hardly be improved without special training. However, such training was extremely costly. And yet, Su Ping claimed that those two would become Star Lords once they grew up?

“Boss, about that...” The purple-haired young man was at a loss, not knowing what to say.

Su Ping smiled and said to other customers, “These are your pets. This Green Venomous Lizard should be able to reach the Star State after reaching adulthood. Its bloodline was optimized. You’ll discover that they’re different from their peers in a few months, when they grow a little bit.”

“Hooo!”

The two little dragons suddenly flapped their wings and soared up while Su Ping talked. One of them even spewed out a small whirlwind.

## **Chapter 1002: Mastering Chaos**

Bang!

The whirlwind hit the purple-haired young man’s shoulder, messing up his hair before it dispersed. He was quite surprised. He wasn’t hurt by this, but he realized that the whirlwind was as powerful as an ordinary person’s punch!

It was worth noticing that the Troy Dragon had just been born!

“It hasn’t passed the Enlightenment Phase yet, yet it’s already able to make use of elemental power...” The young man gazed at the two dragons, not knowing what to say.

He specialized in Troy Dragons, which was why he found the results unbelievable. A young pet would gradually grasp its inherited abilities a month after birth, under normal circumstances. That one month was known as the Enlightenment Phase.

After that, the pet would become a lot stronger. If it was a dragon with powerful bloodlines, it would be able to knock down an adult, or fight tigers and alligators.

Squeak!

The young dragons shrieked and flapped their wings. They circumvented the humans, curious about everything they saw in the world outside.

“They’re so aggressive, right after being born. They look like Troy Dragons, but their wing colors are different. The stripes on their bodies look different too...” The others were similarly astonished at the two young dragons.

At that moment the other hatched pets began to move about. The Green Venomous Lizard was spewing out a sticky green fluid on the floor, which emitted an enjoyable scent. However, everybody held their breath, as the fragrance carried a lethal poison, which could have killed ordinary people.

There was another young pet, which looked like a fiery lion; it was playing with the flames on its feet.

Everybody was rendered speechless when they saw the pets, as they looked different from how they expected them to be. However, judging from their pink skins, it was obvious that they were newly hatched pets.

Nevertheless, nobody had ever heard of pets showing such abilities the moment they were hatched!

“Don’t the Green Venomous Lizards develop poisonous fluid only after a month from birth?” The master of that was confused as he observed the little pet.

Su Ping feared that the pets could run loose, noticing their active behavior. He asked their masters to pick them up, and said, “They’ve just hatched and have yet to be taught; they’re still beasts in nature. You must teach them properly to prevent them from hurting people.”

The owners picked up their respective pets and observed them carefully. They quickly accepted Su Ping’s request.

None of them doubted Su Ping’s words after having seen the pets’ performances; the little ones were much more active and aggressive as they should have been, indicating that their quality had to be above average, even if they weren’t as good as Su Ping claimed.

Each customer thanked Su Ping as they picked their pets.

Su Ping waved his hand with a smile. He then returned to the Chaos Spirit Pool for Incubation after seeing everybody off.

He accomplished the hatching quest after having hatched the seven pet eggs. A new incubation menu had been added to his store menu.

He only needed to lay a pet egg there. Then, it would be incubated.

The materials required to hatch the egg would be exchanged for energy. He didn’t have to search for them in cultivation sites anymore.

*I wonder how much energy is needed to hatch the Chaos Path Beast...*

Su Ping was rather anxious and excited.

He then started the incubation process for the last two of the seven eggs on the hatching menu.

He had specially postponed the incubation of those two. One of them was in the Fate State, and the other in the Star State. Their costs were 500,000 and 1,200,000 energy points respectively.

The latter was twice as expensive as the former.

According to the description on the hatching menu, the energy required for hatching depended on the aptitudes and bloodlines of the pets being incubated. He wondered what level the Chaos Path Beast was on.

Su Ping then moved the Chaos beast egg to the pool and selected the incubation option.

“This pet egg carries a Heavenly Path State bloodline. The requirements for hatching are rigorous, and the hatching will cost 180 hours and a billion energy points. Do you want to hatch it?” asked the system.

Su Ping was gobsmacked by the notification.

*The hatching costs a billion energy points?*

He knew that the amount was definitely enough to develop an adult Ascendant pet using the Chaos Spirit Pool.

But of course, he would have to upgrade the pool to LV7 in order to do that.

*This doesn't involve any training. The hatching alone costs a lot of energy. It's terrifying.* Su Ping was too excited to think. He chose to hatch the egg right then.

Immediately after, ninety percent of the energy in his store was redirected for this process!

A billion energy points virtually amounted to all his revenue for three years.

And yet, for it to be spent that quickly...

Su Ping wasn't regretful, though. In fact, he felt excited, as the Heavenly Path State was definitely beyond the Celestial State. Once the pet reached adulthood, it would become a monster that even the Celestials could only look up to.

*As expected of a creature born from chaos. Its natural growth is much more effective than the hard training of many species!* Su Ping was swept by mixed feelings.

Once the energy was deducted, the bottom of the Chaos Spirit Pool emitted a dazzling light. Su Ping then detected a mysterious and magnificent vibe. It was none other than the chaos aura he had sensed when they encountered the Chaos Perception Dragon!

*I wonder where the Chaos Spirit Pool is connected to. It is definitely emanating chaos aura; no wonder it doesn't need any material except energy. Chaos aura is the most primitive energy for the evolution of all creatures; it can turn into anything.* Su Ping looked down at the Chaos Spirit Pool, but was unable to see its lower end.

The egg was showing some movement as the chaos aura was infused bit by bit into the Chaos beast egg.

According to the system's countdown, the hatching still required 180 hours more, which was more than a week's worth.



*If only I could absorb the chaos aura and decompose it.* Su Ping looked at the dispersing chaos aura with glowing eyes; only then did he realize its value. The most precious part of his store was probably the Chaos Spirit Pool.

His combat ability would soar by dozens if not hundreds of times if he could absorb the chaos aura!

*Were the creatures in the primordial age full of chaos aura? Divine power is ten times as effective as astral power, while deity aura is eight times as powerful. Chaos aura is thousands of times better!*"

The primordial age had surely been a horrifying time dominated by unimaginable creatures.

Su Ping looked at the Chaos Spirit Pool and slowly approached, hoping to absorb some of the leaking chaos aura. Much to his surprise, his mental power was unable to draw it toward himself.

He tried cultivating the chaos aura based on his technique, but that didn't work, either.

The chaos aura seemed to be fixated to the Chaos Spirit Pool and flowed in the same route; it wasn't disrupted in the slightest.

*It can't be absorbed? The power is too advanced for my body to accommodate yet. It's just like a spoon full of holes, unable to hold water.* Su Ping extended a hand toward the chaos aura, but was completely unable to touch it. They seemed to be in different dimensions.

Su Ping felt regret, but had no choice except to give up. He sat cross-legged next to the Chaos Spirit Pool; since he couldn't absorb it, he had to seize the opportunity to grasp the law of chaos.

Time flew.

Su Ping meditated next to the Chaos Spirit Pool. His mind had been restless, but he soon calmed down. He carefully examined the chaos aura, which carried an amazing power that activated his brain and led him to a strange epiphany.

However, what he perceived wasn't chaos, but other laws or battle techniques.

*Chaos aura seems to contain everything.*

A few days later, Su Ping's half-closed eyes glittered; he felt he was onto something.

A few more days passed, then Su Ping widened his eyes. At the same time, a noise burst out from inside his body, and a desolate illusion appeared behind his back. It was none other than his small world.

However, the desolate illusion was becoming real at a high speed. At the same time, it quickly shrank in size and enshrouded Su Ping.

The small world covered him like a transparent shield. However, the hellish views on the cover were rather bloodcurdling.

"All elements of chaos... So, chaos is hope; it's all things; it's disorder; it's mayhem..."

Su Ping mumbled to himself, releasing an aura that he then quickly concealed. He didn't know how strong he was, but he knew that his first small world was approaching the limits!

He had mastered chaos and time. Next, there was vitality and life.

*If I apply all four supreme laws to the first small world, why bother constructing a second small world?* Su Ping thought. He was at a loss. He would have tried to master all the four main laws and then break into the Ascendant State if he hadn't learned the multiplication technique at the Heaven Path Institute.

*Or maybe I don't need to fully master all four supreme laws to condense the first small world... Rather, I can master them when I condense a second small world. That way, the second small world will be more powerful than the first small world. They would also be independent from each other.* Su Ping pondered.

In the blink of an eye—

A week passed. Su Ping watched the hatching countdown come to an end around noontime of the eighth day.

The egg in the Chaos Spirit Pool was glowing brilliantly at the moment. Thanks to the instilled chaos aura, it turned into a glittering sphere, and its patterns were no longer visible.

Su Ping stared at the countdown on the hatching menu.

He then turned to look at the egg after the last second passed. He saw that its brilliance was gone, and so was the chaos aura from the bottom of the spirit pool. The halo at the edge of the pool had also disappeared; once again, it looked like a dried well.

A cracking noise was clearly heard.

Once the egg was revealed again, Su Ping saw how it began to crack.

The cracks grew bigger and bigger, until a little beast broke the shell from the inside and extended its white claw outside.

The claw wasn't sharp, and it looked cute. The eggshell was broken as it continued with its grabbing motions. The eggshell patterns flashed weirdly. The special power that had protected the egg had been nullified because it had been broken from within.

A beast crawled out of the eggshell in a rather clumsy way before Su Ping's eyes.

Su Ping blinked.

He had seen how the previously hatched pets had kicked and broken out their shells, as if attacking their enemies; they were highly active and perky. So, he expected the little Chaos beast entrance to be more awesome than this.

*Even Ascendants failed to destroy the eggshell. The little one broke it from within, so it must be exhausted...* Su Ping thought.

The little beast then laid eyes on Su Ping, winking curiously. But then, its eyes emitted a strange golden light. It seemed to have noticed something, and then the little one flashed a very cute smile at Su Ping.

Yes, it smiled like an obedient kid.

The beast looked like an elephant, with big ears and a long nose. It was quite fat too. The only difference was that it had horns and scales on its sides. There were also gray flames on its hooves, making it look adorable and awe-inspiring.

“This is the Chaos Path Beast...”

Su Ping found that he could sense delight and friendliness from that little smile. Su Ping then sensed that time and space around the beast was shaking; streams of a strange power were flying into its body from the void.

*It can influence the surrounding time and space, even though it has just been born?* Su Ping was quite shocked.

Next, the Chaos Path Beast crawled out of the eggshell. Its ears suddenly became big, and its ear cavities absorbed the broken eggshell like black holes. Then, it began to float in midair and flew towards Su Ping, wobbling as it went.

### **Chapter 1003: Training the Path Beast**

“Howl!”

The young beast howled at Su Ping, gazing at Su Ping curiously with its smart eyes; he could see his own reflection in them.

After a while, the young beast pointed its short claw at its abdomen, as if saying that it was hungry.

Su Ping was surprised by the gesture, as the beast seemed to be very smart for a newborn.

Without a word, he simply picked up a pet contract and stuck it to its head.

Since he was a Star State warrior, he was able to contract ten pets, and there were still a lot of openings available; he never tried having as many pets as possible.

Pet's couldn't play a decisive role in battle in his case, since he could fight opponents beyond his level. However, the fate and position of most battle pet warriors could change once they owned a rare and powerful pet!

The young beast didn't resist. Instead, it stared at Su Ping's hand curiously. The contract was soon established, and a subtle connection appeared between them.

Su Ping was relieved to see that nothing had gone wrong during the contract process. He had been concerned, worrying that his unusual pet would cause trouble during the contracting. But everything was fine.

“Kid, you'll be mine from now on. Since you look like a mix of an elephant and a qilin, I'll just call you Qilin Elephant,” said Su Ping with a smile, touching the beast's head.

The beast blinked, obviously unable to understand him. However, it saw Su Ping's friendly smile, so it also gave an innocent smile.

Su Ping saw it was touching its belly with its front laws. He couldn't help but ask with a smile, “Are you hungry? What do you want to eat?”

“Howl!”

The beast opened its mouth, showing the teeth inside. It pointed at its belly again to express its hunger.

Once seeing that, Su Ping tried to communicate with it via telepathy. He also asked the system about the beast's food, which he didn't know at all. Food was very important in order to train the beast well and have it grow in a healthy way.

Although its quality might improve with the things it ate, it was the best creature in all universes; Su Ping didn't think he or any top trainer of the Federation could possibly improve its quality. It was already a perfect life from every perspective!

All he needed to do was to satisfy its needs and not disappoint it.

After all, it wasn't unusual that a great pet was weaker than its own kind if it wasn't properly trained or fed.

"All advanced lives are its food," replied the system shortly.

"All lives?" Su Ping was stunned.

The beast seemed to have detected something at that moment. It turned around and flew towards the Chaos Spirit Pool where it had been incubated. It crouched at the edge of the pool and looked around curiously.

*Did it detect chaos aura?*

Su Ping wasn't too surprised. After all, The Chaos Path Beast had been born in chaos and lived off of chaos aura; it was naturally sensitive about chaos aura.

He picked up the little beast and said, "Let's go. I'll feed you first."

Su Ping opened the door, Su Ping returned to the lobby. The beast in his arms seemed to have detected something and tried to fly away.

Su Ping looked in the direction where it was sniffing, and saw a customer giving Joanna his pet, which was to be trained. It was a Star State dragon with an excellent bloodline; it could grow and become a Star Lord, and a rather tough one at that.

The beast's eyes glittered when it saw the dragon. It would have charged at the dragon, were it not for Su Ping holding it back.

Su Ping quickly restrained it. He sensed the greediness and craving for food felt from the beast's consciousness. It obviously wanted to eat the dragon!

The newborn beast dared to attack a Star State dragon. It was truly bold!

Although the dragon didn't release any pressure, its natural aura had prevented the customers around and their pets from approaching it. They were rather uncomfortable. And yet, the young beast didn't seem to feel anything.

"Boss."

"Boss Su!"

The customers in the lobby quickly greeted Su Ping after seeing him.

Joanna and the Green Lady looked at him too, and saw the young beast in his arms. Both of them were astonished.

“Was it... hatched from the path beast’s egg?” Green Lady’s voice echoed in Su Ping’s head. She was rarely as shocked.

Joanna asked him telepathically too; she was much more anxious than she usually was.

Su Ping smiled, not keeping it a secret from them.

He too knew how fascinating the Chaos Path Beast was.

Once he thought that when the young beast in his arms grew up, nobody in his universe would be able to defeat it. Su Ping was really conflicted, as he lowered his head and looked at the plump creature.

*It will be invincible the moment it reaches adulthood... Human geniuses cannot compare to it, at all.* Su Ping felt troubled after that.

“Howl!”

The beast extended its elephant nose and let out noises of hunger. It would have darted towards the dragon without Su Ping.

The dragon detected the young beast too, and immediately sensed its aggressiveness. Anger appeared in the dragon’s eyes; however, the anger inside looked at the young beast, it came and went, too active for words; the anger in its eyes was quickly gone. It shivered, as if it had seen something horrifying.

Su Ping was lost for words upon seeing the dragon trembling. It couldn’t have recognized the young beast, but was simply awed by the strange vitality field it carried; it was also possibly because of the power of time and space that the young beast carried, which was hard to grasp even for Star Lord beasts.

“That’s not food. Be a good kid.” Su Ping extended his hand and soothed the pet.

The dragon’s master was shocked by what Su Ping said. He was really sensitive about the environment, given his Fate State battle pet warrior. The greed and hunger shown by the beast in Su Ping’s arms was indicative that it regarded the pet as food.

*But I paid a fortune for the dragon!*

“B-Boss.” The dragon’s master wasn’t at all relieved after hearing Su Ping’s statement. Instead, he became nervous and asked, “Is it fine for me to put my pet here?”

Su Ping waved his hand and said, “Don’t worry. It will be taken care of and trained well.”

The man hesitated. He wasn’t worried about the training; he feared that something might happen to his pet.

Su Ping didn’t stay long in the lobby. He entrusted the store to Joanna, and then activated a cultivation site in the pet room.

*I should go to an advanced plane for advanced lives. Might as well go to the Archean Divinity, and ask more about the world multiplication technique at the Heaven Path Institute, Su Ping thought.*

He checked his remaining energy. His savings for the past three years had mostly been spent on hatching the little beast. He didn't have a lot of energy left, but it was enough for a few trips to the Archean Divinity.

"You've cost me a billion energy points. You must earn them back in the future," said Su Ping to the beast he was carrying in his arms.

The young beast looked at Su Ping at a loss.

Su Ping ignored it and found the Archean Divinity on the list again. He entered it.

Once the familiar teleportation was over, Su Ping immediately felt the exuberant divine power around him. He found himself in the middle of golden clouds; there was a lake of divine power in the floating clouds.

The lake was actually made of divine power, which was too thick and sticky.

"Where am I?" Su Ping observed the environment; he was already used to being teleported to a random, strange area.

Underneath the sky was a vast, desolate sea. Shadows of behemoths could be seen in the depths of the sea, which looked like islands slowly moving underwater.

He didn't know where he was, at all.

Su Ping took out the Heaven Path Institute's badge, hoping to teleport himself back with it, but to no avail. Obviously, he wasn't in the same continent where the Heaven Path Institute was located.

*Never mind. I'll just die a few more times and resurrect elsewhere.*

Su Ping flew into the golden clouds and tried to absorb the sticky divine power in the lake. At the moment, the beast in his arms had also detected the lake; it immediately tried to fly towards it.

Su Ping released the beast once he saw this.

After leaving Su Ping's arms, the beast instantly flew towards the glowing clouds and threw itself at the lake. Its big ears rapidly absorbed the divine power like vortices.

*It likes absorbing divine power too? It seems that it doesn't have a favorite food.* Su Ping didn't stop it. Even if he were to absorb the divine power, he could only store it in his body, which he couldn't use to improve his combat ability. After all, he had grasped a few skills based on divine power.

Also, now that he had acquired a top pet like the Chaos Path Beast, his top priority was to develop it into adulthood. Then, he would be able to crush any opponent with his pet, which would be an exhilarating possibility.

"You should come out too."

Su Ping summoned the Little Skeleton, the Dark Dragon Hound and the other pets. He wasn't biased. The chaos beast was his training focus at the moment, but he didn't think his other pets would be any weaker; his pets would grow together with him.

"P-Partner?"

The Inferno Dragon flew out, then looked at Su Ping in confusion after seeing the chaos beast.

Su Ping nodded. "Yes. It's a partner and a new friend that will fight with you from now on!"

The Inferno Dragon and the Little Skeleton were happy after such news; a long time passed since they saw a new partner. They immediately gathered around the beast.

Once it saw the Inferno Dragon, the little chaos beast blinked hungrily and jumped to the dragon's back and bit it hard.

However, its new teeth were too soft to bite through the Inferno Dragon's thick skin.

"Huh?"

Such an odd development made Su Ping change his expression. His smile was gone, and he grabbed the chaos beast from the place by the lake of divine power, before he declared coldly and solemnly, "They'll be your partners in the future. I know you have a noble bloodline and regard other creatures as food. But they are not food. Remember that!"

The chaos beast struggled, but then trembled when it saw Su Ping's cold eyes. It looked at Su Ping and then at the Little Skeleton, the Dark Dragon Hound and the Inferno Dragon around him. The little creature eventually shifted its eyes back to Su Ping and howled in confusion, as if asking Su Ping what partner meant.

Su Ping realized what was on its mind, but didn't answer. Real partners didn't need any definition. It would find the meaning to that question after fighting alongside them.

"Me okay," said the Inferno Dragon quickly, since it noticed that Su Ping was angry. Its accent gave Su Ping quite the headache.

Su Ping shook his head and looked down at the sea. He then saw a shadow about five hundred meters long swimming there. He quickly swooped down and said, "Something's down there. Take it down!"

Both the Little Skeleton and the Dark Dragon Hound were observing their new partner curiously. They then took action as soon as they heard Su Ping's order; their bodies reacted faster to Su Ping's instructions than their brain did. They swooped together with him.

Since it had been summoned by Su Ping via the contract, the chaos beast followed him, although it was reluctant to leave the lake of divine power. They flew towards the surface of the sea together.

Su Ping raised his hand and launched a sword aura into the sea. The sea beast was directly affected. It roared in fury.

*Ascendant State?*

Su Ping detected its level, but he wasn't frightened by that. He stopped in the high sky, and commanded his pets to move forward as usual. This time—being the new member of the group—the chaos beast also participated in the battle under Su Ping's command.

The beast had just been born recently, it had strange abilities and Su Ping didn't regard it as a simple young beast.

To his surprise, the little one barely hesitated for a moment after seeing the Ascendant beast. Then, it charged as per his instruction.

*It's not afraid of an Ascendant State beast? It's not an idiot, is it?* Su Ping was lost for words when he saw the chubby chaos beast throw itself into the sea like a steamed bun. He discovered that the little creature didn't seem to know what fear was. Even if it was a Chaos Path Beast, it was still very little!

The beast in the sea was infuriated. Once it noticed the approaching enemies, it let out a roar and triggered a circle with strange ripples, which then caused ripples in the water and in the air.

#### **Chapter 1004: Training**

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Defense skills immediately covered the Little Skeleton and the Inferno Dragon as they took the lead. That protection had been cast by the Dark Dragon Hound; however, they collapsed like vulnerable snowflakes the moment they were cast.

The Inferno Dragon also felt the danger, so it chose to ignite its soul, unleashing a dazzling brilliance. It became significantly bigger as it protected its partners following closely behind.

Bang!

Its body shook hard, and then it stopped moving. It was already dead.

The Little Skeleton was right behind the dragon corpse; bloody flames fluttered in its eye sockets. It had vanished and avoided the blast; then, it reappeared in the sea and slashed at the enemy.

While standing at the rear, Su Ping was astonished at the Chaos Path Beast's performance. It suddenly emitted a hazy light that obliterated all surrounding rays of light, turning space into a chaotic domain. The blast heading in its direction melted when it touched the domain.

*What kind of skill was that?* Su Ping was shocked by that move, even though he had seen a lot of things.

The newborn chaos beast was able to resist an Ascendant beast's attack?

Not even the Inferno Dragon had been able to resist the previous blast. Was the little creature already stronger than the Inferno Dragon?

Su Ping eventually realized that he was wrong. The hazy domain released by the chaos beast had indeed blocked the blast, but it was obviously much slower than the Inferno Dragon's moves. When it jumped into the sea, the beast discovered it and went mad.



A black, hemispherical force field unfolded at the bottom of the sea, enshrouding the chaos beast. The hazy domain around it was compressed until it stuck to its body, which then cracked and exploded. The little one had a quick death.

*Seems like I was overthinking.*

Su Ping realized that the hazy domain probably carried some mysterious effect, which was why it blocked the blast. The black force field, on the other hand, was a Star Lord State method, made of power of laws and divine power. It couldn't hurt the Little Skeleton in the slightest; the latter had then jumped into the water.

The chaos beast, on the other hand, was squished at the same time; it was much weaker and softer than the Inferno Dragon anyway, since it was a very strong Star Lord beast.

That blast contained Ascendant power, but was repelled. The Star Lord attack wasn't resisted. *It seemed to have something to do with the specifics of that domain. I'll find out what kind of attacks the domain can resist if I figure out their difference,* Su Ping thought.

He resurrected both the chaos beast and the Inferno Dragon. Su Ping had yet to give them orders when the Inferno Dragon was already attacking again. The chaos beast, however, was dazed for a moment; it was only after a few seconds that it recovered its memories. It hesitated after remembering the pain of death.

Once he noticed that the chaos beast was reluctant, Su Ping immediately used the secret technique to induce killing intent.

The chaos beast's eyes turned bloodshot once it received the intent boost. It roared and charged at the sea beast.

It was reckless to begin with. Any other pet would have fled from such a terrifying enemy, even if bolstered by killing intent.

The beast in the sea roared when it noticed the chaos beast's return. However, it appeared to be panicking because of the chaos beast's resurrection.

*Is the beast scared of it?* Su Ping was surprised. Then, he saw the black force field being reestablished and wreathing the chaos beast.

The little beast shrieked and howled. Two vortices were manifested apart from the hazy chaos domain, which twisted darkness as it appeared. This created a very narrow space for the beast; so much so that it was squished again soon after.

*It was able to endure for five seconds.* Su Ping was truly interested. *The beast was instantly killed at first, but then it made considerable progress the second time.* He was increasingly eager to work with the creature.

Su Ping continued observing after resurrecting the little one.

The sea beast let out a roar which was a mix of fury and fright, as the chaos beast was resurrected for a third time. It shook its gargantuan tail, raising a huge tide; then, it descended fast, choosing to flee!

“Huh?”

Su Ping didn't see this coming, at all. The Ascendant beast had chosen to flee from a few insignificant challengers?

The Little Skeleton was still giving chase, so Su Ping quickly summoned it back. That pet was quite brutal too; not only did it dare to attack an Ascendant beast, it even dared to chase it when it was fleeing.

*That creature seemed to have noticed the chaos beast's unusual nature, and was scared because of it.*

A moment earlier, the Little Skeleton had been attacking non stop, but the sea beast was simply ignoring it, as it was mainly attacking the Chaos Path Beast. Although the little one had yet to become strong, it had already shown the dominating nature of a top-tier creature.

“Come back.”

Su Ping recalled them. He had intended to have his pets train together and help each other, so that the chaos beast would know what partners meant. However, their target had fled, and he had to find a new one.

He allowed the pets to resume absorbing the lake of divine power in the clouds first; then, he led them forward. The sea was so vast that nothing but water could be seen in any direction, making for a confusing and depressing sight.

*Divine power was condensed and formed a lake in the clouds, yet nobody collected it. It's probably because the sea is too dangerous and very few people dare to traverse the sky above it.*

Su Ping then had the Inferno Dragon release dragon aura and attract beasts in the vicinity.

Soon after, several attacks coming from the sea were headed their way. They were from a dozen weird fish with sharp fangs; all of them were Star Lords.

“Perfect!”

Su Ping was going to order his pets to fight back, when he saw an appalling sight. The water underneath them became darker and darker once the shoal of weird fish appeared, which was the surfacing of a giant shadow. Su Ping was then able to see the pointed teeth at the edge of the shadow, which turned out to be a gigantic mouth!

Bang!

The big mouth rose abruptly and swallowed all the weird fish!

The fish also noticed the big mouth's arrival, and struggled to flee, but they seemed to be restrained. All of them were swallowed.

An enormous head popped up on the surface of the sea. It had a few red eyes; one of them noticed Su Ping and his pets.

Splash.

The giant creature fell back into the sea, raising tides thousands of meters high. The next moment, Su Ping felt that space around him had solidified; he couldn't move or even bat an eye, even though he had mastered the law of space. His control over space seemed to have been blocked!

*What kind of method is this?*

Su Ping was truly shocked. That beast was even stronger than the Ascendant beast that had fled. He even suspected it had swum away because it detected that massive newcomer, not because of being wary of the chaos beast.

*This thing is at least ten thousand meters long. How deep must the sea be for such a monster to freely move around?*

Su Ping had goosebumps all over his body. He knew his first guess was right on the money as he looked at the giant mouth. The lake of divine power up in the clouds had accumulated energy for a very long time, since nobody dared to enter such a dangerous place.

Su Ping and his pets soon fell into that mouth, which was smelly and moist. Then, he lost consciousness.

This time, Su Ping chose a random resurrection.

There were too many powerful beasts in the sea; Su Ping intended to find a less challenging place.

After all, training would be useless if the place was too dangerous.

Time flew.

Su Ping wandered in the Archean Divinity for three days.

He randomly resurrected in a hundred places, finally finding a desolate land where most beasts were Star Lords, with the occasional Ascendants.

The chaos beast made the fastest progress during those three days.

It wasn't just because of the beast's bloodline, but also because it had never been through such life-and-death training; the stimulation and pain of death were quite effective. The Inferno Dragon and the other pets had already grown accustomed to dying; they could also tell cultivation sites from the outside world, and could only dig out their potential through competitiveness, by fighting worthy enemies.

*It's only been three days, and it's already able to fight Star State creatures.*

Su Ping looked at the Chaos Path Beast, which was almost eight meters tall, with mixed feelings.

It had grown a lot in just three days. The beast he used to carry in his arms had turned into a giant, and it hadn't even passed the Enlightenment Phase yet!

The experiences in the past few had indeed been abundant and effective, that much progress attested to the young one's great talent.

Su Ping finally understood why some geniuses were called monsters.

That little thing was a literal monster.

*Even the most gifted god would probably be astonished by such an amazing growth speed.*

Su Ping was also delighted—besides the increase of height and strength—since the chaos beast had gradually made peace with his other pets; at least it no longer regarded the Inferno Dragon as food. Su Ping had taught it the meaning of partnership.

Su Ping would tell the chaos beast stories and moral lessons when they weren't fighting.

He didn't care whether or not the beast understood; he had a lot of fun teaching it anyway.

Su Ping didn't want it to become a monster that knew nothing but killing. That would merely be a tool, not a pet.

*I should slow down. Too much killing isn't good, either; it's just been born anyway.* Su Ping wasn't hasty. He decided to slow down with the training, and to take the beast to see the wonderful things in the prosperous world out there; all to make it understand that killing wasn't the only thing that mattered.

Next, Su Ping killed himself and chose to resurrect randomly, to continue searching for the continent where the Heaven Path Institute was.

He finally returned to the institute after spending energy resurrecting a dozen times.

Hardly had he returned when his appointed servant found him.

"A duel?" Su Ping raised his eyebrows. Had that guy challenged him to a duel?

Su Ping wasn't at all fond of the Rain Clan prince; an ever condescending fellow who didn't even regard him as a living creature.

*No wonder he didn't pass the third test. He can't have much divine quality.* Without hesitation, Su Ping said to the servant, "I'll accept. When will it begin?"

"My lord, don't you need more time to consider?"

The servant was surprised at Su Ping's boldness, as he had been challenged by the prince of a high-ranked clan!

All the princes were experts with unusual talents. Failing the divine quality test didn't mean he was weak!

"There's nothing to consider. Such duels can't be declined, can they?" asked Su Ping.

"But... He's a prince." The servant looked at Su Ping. She didn't want to lose her newly appointed master that quickly.

Su Ping smiled and said, "The princes aren't invincible. Besides, even if he is, I will beat him and prove that he isn't!"

The servant was shocked by his response.

She looked at Su Ping's brilliant smile, wondering why a human could be confident enough to claim that he would beat a prince!

“Okay, I’ll send them your reply.” The servant was suddenly too scared to look Su Ping in the eye. Thanks to her godly nature, she had sensed the light coming from the human, which was even more brilliant than the sun.

Su Ping nodded.

He went to see his mentor after the servant left.

He used his badge to send a request to meet him, but then the latter replied that he was training in seclusion. Su Ping had to wait.

A couple of days later, the young mentor went to Su Ping’s temple and asked, “What would you want to know?”

“Sir, I’d like to learn how I can add a second small world,” said Su Ping directly, “I have to fully master the four supreme laws to perfect the first small world. Once I’m done, what should I use to construct a second small world? Are there other things that can be used to build a small world?”

### **Chapter 1005: Unusual Item**

Su Ping listened attentively.

“First of all, you need to know the mechanism behind the small worlds, and what is required to build a basic small world.”

The young mentor explained patiently, “To put it simply, when you fully master a law, it can be used to construct the nucleus of your small world, and your other laws will be the foundation of the small world!

“The power of your small world depends on its foundation. The more laws are melded into it, the more powerful it will be. However, fundamentally speaking, a nucleus is enough to build a small world even without the foundation. It can accommodate extraordinary power of faith.”

“Extraordinary power of faith?” Su Ping knew the power of faith, but was confused by this description. The power of faith had never been considered “extraordinary” in the Federation. Did the young mentor mean a different power, or did he think it was more important?

“Exactly. If you boost the nucleus of the small world with faith power, you’ll be able to harness its power! That’s the most basic small world.”

The young mentor continued, “Most geniuses’ small worlds have been built with the laws they have fully mastered as foundation. Your small world will be as hard as it can be if you fully master the four supreme laws and use them to make the foundation.

“If you fully master all four supreme laws, your small world built upon them will be perfect!

“In fact, you don’t have to try too hard when you condense the first small world. If you do, establishing a second small world will be a lot harder.”

The young mentor glanced at Su Ping and added, “Take me for example. I have three small worlds. The first one is based on many laws, including the four supreme ones.

“The second small world is based on the four supreme laws that I’ve fully mastered. This made my second world harder than the first one. They can enhance each other without swallowing each other.

“If you fully master the four supreme laws in the first small world, you will need to fight greater powers to establish a second small world, so that the two small worlds don’t melt into each other. Once they do, the special enhancement field between them will cease to be.”

Su Ping was stunned. He didn’t have to fully master the four supreme laws in the first small world?

“Sir, if so, won’t it be easier to condense a second small world if I build the first small world in a shabbier way?” asked Su Ping.

The young mentor shook his head and said, “You must have a grasp on the four supreme laws in the first small world. If you can’t, you won’t be able to bear the enhancing power of the second small world.”

Su Ping was then enlightened. He then asked, “Then, what did you use to construct your third small world?”

The young mentor looked at him and said, “I got my third small world by luck. I acquired a special inspiration from the heart of a strange beast, which was as powerful as the four supreme laws. I also mastered it even more deeply. That’s how I condensed a third small world that was even more powerful.”

“An inspiration?”

“Exactly. You may try to perceive the four supreme laws and perfect your first small world first. Then, you can fully master the four supreme laws and establish a second small world. That’s what we all do. All our students can condense two small worlds; however, it’s challenging to create a third one. You need to search for new inspirations!” said the mentor.

Su Ping understood.

So, inspirations were what really mattered!

*Did that Ancestral God attain seven small worlds by obtaining many inspirations as powerful as the four supreme laws?* Su Ping was dumbfounded. The four supreme laws were well-acknowledged as the greatest of them all; it would be rare to find any other laws as good as them.

“There’s another way to establish a small world.”

The young mentor continued, “That is, finding a special treasure. There are certain items in this world that carry special powers. You can use them as the foundation for small worlds if you can find them. As far as I know, each leaf of the chaos-born Thousand Paths World Tree contains a small world. You can establish a small world if you get one of its leaves.”

“The Thousand Paths World Tree?” Su Ping was stunned.

It was a horrifying thought, for each leaf to contain a small world.

“If so, wouldn’t I be able to condense thousands of small worlds if I found the tree?” Su Ping couldn’t help but ask.

The young mentor shook his head. "Of course not. As I said, your small worlds must be different from each other, to prevent them from fusing. The leaves of that tree are mostly the same; even if you get a hundred of them, only one will work for you."

He shook his head with a weird expression as he added, "Why am I telling you this? Not even Ancestral Gods have been able to find such treasures; I was only making an example. There are many other items with special effects, but you'll need luck to obtain them."

"Unfortunately, you are a human being. You could rely on your clan's help to establish a third small world, especially if it were a high-ranked clan." He glanced at Su Ping and shook his head.

Humans were just a vassal species in the Archean Divinity. There were indeed human experts beyond the realm, but none of them dared to break into the Archean Divinity.

Gods gave humans a place for survival because of those experts.

"So to speak, do high-ranked clans have such treasures?" Su Ping's eyes glittered. He remembered the prince who challenged him, and suddenly envied him. Being a prince, the guy was definitely important in his family; it would also be really simple to form three small worlds, since he had grasped the four supreme laws.

He would be able to have more small worlds if he had other opportunities, or if he was talented.

*That's the capital of a major clan. I can't compare to them.* Su Ping heaved a sigh and focused on his own cultivation.

He had almost finished mastering the four supreme laws. He intended to use the Fruit of Epiphany for the law of destruction. As for the law of vitality, he decided to wait for the seventh Astral Painting to form.

*Those laws have been melted into the first small world. It seems that I'll have to look for unusual items to establish a second small world, or to grasp an even rarer law.* Su Ping gradually made up a plan. For him, the trip was totally worth it; at least, he was no longer blind.

The task was challenging, but now he knew how to accomplish it.

"Thank you for your enlightenment, sir," Su Ping thanked the young mentor sincerely. The latter had been patiently teaching him, without any sense of discrimination.

"That's all right. It's quite unusual for such a genius as yourself to emerge among humans; not many gods are able to condense a small world while in the Celestial God State. Keep it up; maybe the rise of humanity will depend on you," said the young mentor with a smile.

Su Ping smiled. He knew that the young mentor was only making fun of him, but he was willing to step up to the plate, even though he wasn't strong enough yet.

He bid his mentor goodbye and returned to his temple, as he waited for the duel.

Soon after, the beautiful servant returned. She seemed to be delighted as she greeted Su Ping. "Mr. Su Ping, the prince who challenged you to a duel was taken to the Board of Inspection. The duel has to be postponed."

“Huh?”

Su Ping was surprised by the turn of events. “Did something happen to him?”

“I asked around. An accident happened to a princess of the Rain Clan. All the clan is furious; the Board of Inspection is investigating the matter,” said the servant with a smile.

While stunned for a moment, Su Ping remembered that four nobles of the Rain Clan had gone to the institute, and only one of them passed the test. He asked, “What happened to the princess? Which one was she?”

The servant looked around and said in a low voice, “The princess died. I heard that something went wrong during her cultivation. It’s the princess of the Rain Clan who went to the Fighting Heavens Academy.”

“The Fighting Heavens Academy...”

Su Ping’s eyes were cold. Was she the only princess who qualified? He had heard that the competition among the young scions was cruel, but he didn’t know that they could kill a princess while inside the Heaven Path Institute!

*No wonder the other nobles are being investigated; they benefited from the princess’ death. However, were they not worried that the Ancestral God in their clan would find something out? That is, unless their supporters did something...* Su Ping realized that those major clans weren’t in harmonious terms.

However, it had nothing to do with him, so he simply shook his head and stopped thinking about it, as he had already accomplished his goal. He said goodbye to the servant and told her that he would enter seclusion again. Then, he killed himself when nobody was around.

Once he left using a random resurrection, Su Ping wandered the realm with his pets.

The Archean Divinity was undoubtedly vast. However, unlike the Chaotic Realm of the Undead, most places were inhabited by gods or their vassal species; there were cities everywhere. Therefore, Su Ping didn’t find desolate areas suitable for training until after a few consecutive resurrections.

*Looks like the Chaotic Realm of the Undead is a better place for cultivation. I can fight monsters anytime I want,* Su Ping thought.

Su Ping left the Archean Divinity and returned to his store a few days later.

Su Ping had spent those days becoming more familiar with the Archean Divinity instead of just fighting. He saw a lot of new things; such knowledge was sometimes more important than strength.

*The arrays and skills of the Archean Divinity are truly amazing; they’re much better astral skills. No wonder the gods have been standing above all the other species since ancient times.* Although Su Ping didn’t like gods because of their racial bias, Joanna and the young mentor were a clear example that not all gods were the same.

Su Ping truly admired the gods when it came to cultivation and secret techniques, since they were much more advanced than those of the Federation.



It was already nighttime when Su Ping returned to his store. He simply stood there in the lobby; the store was already closed. It was obvious that a fair amount of customers had been received during the day. Joanna and Green Lady were on the couch, and Tang Ruyan seemed to be fighting in the virtual battlefield.

Neither of the two women showed any response to Su Ping's sudden arrival; they glanced at him and then minded their own business.

"Kid, why is it that you don't need to go through the Heavenly Tribulation?"

Su Ping summoned the chaos beast, which had just passed the Enlightenment Phase, but had already grown more than twelve meters tall. He had already examined its level; according to the system's identification, he realized that his pet had risen to the Void State after only spending a few days in the Archean Divinity!

However, what puzzled him was that the pet's breakthrough to the Ocean State didn't cause any Heavenly Tribulation, back in the Archean Divinity. It reached the Ocean State from the ninth rank in the most natural way.

Su Ping didn't see any Heavenly Tribulation when it reached the Void State, either.

*Is it possible that not even the Heavens dare to punish it?* The idea popped up in Su Ping's head. Ever since he learned that the Heavens were conscious, he started to have more thoughts about the Heavenly Tribulation, which wasn't entirely natural as he originally thought.

"Howl!"

The chaos beast nodded at Su Ping, seemingly proud of its own progress.

Su Ping glanced at it and sent it to the pet room, straight to a nursing pen.

The chaos beast had acknowledged Su Ping as its master after those days exploring. It had also bonded with the Dark Dragon Hound, the Little Skeleton and the other pets.

*It has just reached the Void State, and yet it's already bold enough to attack Star State beasts and break into Star Lords' small worlds. What a monster.* Su Ping shook his head. He thought that he was talented enough. He had even shocked Celestials when he condensed a small world while still being in the Fate State.

However, he was lacking when compared to that little monster.

A more devastating fact was, the pet had just been hatched a few days prior!

*It seems that I have to cultivate harder, or the pet will surpass me very soon.* Su Ping had a feeling of crisis. It would be a major disaster if his pet grew up too fast and broke free from his contract.

## **Chapter 1006: Interstellar Garden**

Su Ping went to a nursing pen with a lot of spiritual power. He felt that spiritual power wasn't as effective as deity aura, but it was still three times as effective as astral power.

Spiritual power had some special effects. For example, it could increase one's power of understanding.

However, the power would have to be absorbed for a long time.

Su Ping took out the Fruit of Epiphany and swallowed it. Then, he focused his attention on grasping the law of destruction.

He intended to fully master the law of destruction with the Fruit of Epiphany. Then, he could master the law of vitality with the seventh Astral Painting.

*Destruction...*

*The aggressive power of the first Astral Painting is one type of destruction.*

*It destroys and ruins everything. Complete destruction is not another form of rebirth. Destruction is not the transition between life and death, but that found between existence and nothingness.*

Time flew.

Su Ping cultivated inside the nursing pen, completely devoted. The room was fully closed; nobody could enter without his permission.

A lot of thoughts popped up in Su Ping's head thanks to the amazing buff caused by the fruit. There seemed to be a special aura around him, which allowed him to perceive many laws in nature and understand many things that would otherwise escape his attention.

Su Ping's cultivation came to an end after a few days passed.

His eyes became even darker; they were like the tranquil stars in the night sky.

"Destruction..."

Su Ping gathered the spiritual power around him on his fingertip. Then, the gathered spiritual power was consolidated and annihilated into nothingness.

Even the conservation of energy had been broken by the law of destruction!

*The conversation of energy applies everywhere in the universe, but the law of destruction ruins its root. It cannot be found, not even in the ninth space. It's literal destruction!*

Suddenly, an idea occurred to Su Ping. If anyone fully mastered the law of destruction and then continuously annihilated all energy and matter in the universe, would the entire universe disappear in the end?

*It's theoretically possible. I can completely destroy a planet within a day, considering my current power.* Su Ping's eyes glittered. *However, the universe is too big and there are countless planets in every galaxy, not to mention the star zones.*

*However, if anyone is strong enough to destroy one solar system at a time, they could exterminate the universe sooner or later.*

*I'm not the only person who has mastered the law of destruction. However, if anyone does it, they would catch a lot of attention. The Celestial State experts wouldn't let them go.*

Su Ping's awe for cultivators grew even more. His fear also grew as he grasped more and more strength. His own strength was already much more powerful than nuclear weapons. He found it hard to imagine what Ancestral Gods were capable of.

*The hole that the Twilight Deity King blocked with his body... The finger that turned into a tower in the Valiant Academy. Whatever they fought might be creatures that tried to do unpardonable things with their power.*

Su Ping's eyes glittered. He was even more determined to rise to higher levels. There had been destructive wars even in the Archean Divinity; he didn't want to be as helpless as he had been when he faced the Lord of Deep Caves on the Blue Planet.

He withdrew the destructive power on his fingertip, then left the nursing pen; it was nighttime. Su Ping saw Joanna and Green Lady in the lobby; they told him that he had stayed in seclusion for five days.

"The gala the Loulan family mentioned is going to take place soon. I don't know what the Sea of Illusions is. Let me find out." Su Ping's interest was piqued by the Sea of Illusions. There were too many secrets in the universe; Su Ping wanted to know what had happened in the past.

He took out his phone, found Loulan Feng's number and informed him that he was going to pay them a visit.

Loulan Feng was thrilled to hear that Su Ping was willing to go there. He accepted Su Ping's request and invited him to take his family's spaceship.

"Is the spaceship right here on Rhea?" Su Ping was surprised.

Fearing misunderstandings, Loulan Feng quickly replied, "Mr. Su, we certainly have to make sure that your life is comfortable, since you agreed to help the Loulan family. This spaceship is for your own use. I can ask the crew to pick you up at your store immediately."

"Okay." Su Ping asked, "Is the Sea of Illusions open yet?"

"Not yet. The gala in our estate has yet to start. We'll be able to arrive in time if we leave right now, we'll be able to attend it in time. We can make arrangements if you want to visit the Sea of Illusions afterwards," said Loulan Feng with a smile.

Su Ping nodded. "Fine. I can go right now."

"Sure."

A spaceship arrived in the sky above the store just a minute later.

Su Ping informed Joanna, Green Lady and Tang Ruyan of his visit to the Loulan family, and asked them to take care of the store.

They were already used to Su Ping being away, and didn't show any reaction. Even Tang Ruyan was also too devoted to training to say anything. She had been making fast progress because of the skills she had learned in the Heaven Path Institute.

She knew she had to become stronger in order to keep up with Su Ping.

Once he left the store, Su Ping sensed something and looked at the dragon statue by the door. The fat Lightning Rat was still crouching there; it squinted at him, then lazily moved its eyes away to the street.

*That guy...*

Su Ping shook his head. The Lightning Rat, the first pet he ever trained, had gone to the primordial cultivation sites and should have gained enough intelligence to know that its master—the cute girl named Su Yanying—was already gone and would never come back. However, waiting seemed to have become a habit.

“I’ll find you a new master,” Su Ping said.

He had always had special feelings for the naughty, dirty little creature. After all, it was the first pet he had ever trained.

The Lightning Rat glanced at him after hearing what Su Ping said, then gazed at the street again. There were many customers waiting in line outside the store, but none was the one it had been waiting for.

Su Ping shook his head, then greeted customers who were still waiting at night. After that he flashed toward the spaceship in the sky.

The spaceship’s hatch was then opened. Two middle-aged Star Lords with the semblance of guards flanked the entrance. They respectfully said to Su Ping, “Mr. Su, this way please.”

Once entering the spaceship, Su Ping asked, “How long will the trip to the Loulans take?”

“Around four days.”

“Got it.”

Su Ping then asked, “Is there a training room in the spaceship?”

“Yes.” The two men were about to introduce the top amenities found inside so he could enjoy himself, but they smartly avoided the subject since he had directly asked for a place to cultivate. They were also admiring Su Ping’s diligence.

Su Ping dismissed them once they reached the room; he then entered the training room and took out materials from his storage.

*The enhancement of the astral array isn’t as good as my master’s, but not too bad.* Su Ping sat cross-legged and cultivated on the top level of the training room.

Abundantly nutritious tonics were absorbed and transformed into astral power.

The astral power was then absorbed by the vortexes deep inside his astral oceans and transformed into deity aura.

While absorbing and cultivating, Su Ping redistributed the deity aura and condensed stars in his body.

He was planning to condense the seventh Astral Painting faster.

*It’s becoming more difficult to complete the Astral Paintings. The sixth Astral Painting is about time, the seventh is about vitality, the eighth is about the world, but the ninth is unknown.*

*My combat ability will probably have a qualitative change by the time I condense all the nine Astral Paintings.*

Time flew quickly. Su Ping absorbed many rare medicines during this time. His cultivation advanced at a quick speed thanks to the enhancement of the astral array.

Normal cultivators could have advanced from the Star State to the Star Lord State after having that many medicines.

And yet, Su Ping had only condensed two stars.

*I've only condensed two stars in four days; the seventh Astral Painting requires more than fifty of them. The resources I need are truly terrifying.* Su Ping gave a slight head shake. It would be impossible for normal cultivators to practice the technique even if they had it.

Seeing him exit the training room, a Star Lord by the door quickly said, "Mr. Su, we're arriving at the Alan Star Gate."

"The Alan Star Gate?"

"It's a Star Gate that the Loulan family set up at the edge of our solar system. Beyond the star gate is our interstellar garden; the entire planetary system belongs to us," said the middle-aged man, showing respect and a sense of pride.

Being one of the biggest families in the universe, the Loulans had directly and indirectly ended up controlling a much bigger land. However, that interstellar garden completely belonged to the family; all of its residents were family members.

Yes, the Loulans already had enough population to occupy a planetary system.

They had achieved it without even counting the family branches.

The Loulan family had a long history and a huge population; the Loulan Planetary System was their home.

Su Ping remained silent. He looked at the splendid gate outside of the spaceship, which was completely made of energy. There was a teleportation vortex at the center of the gate. The gate had equally massive space stations on both sides.

The most eye-catching point of all was the stone foundation underneath the gate that suppressed three dragons. Each of them was thousands of meters long, indicating that they were most likely Ascendant State beasts!

The three dragons were already dead, but their bodies were absolutely intact. They looked like statues.

"How splendid." Su Ping nodded.

Once hearing that, the middle-aged man put on a smile. "You're being too kind, Mr. Su. This cannot possibly compare to the Celestial Court."

Su Ping merely glanced at him, not saying a word.

The middle-aged man suddenly realized that he had misspoken; he shouldn't have tried to make comparisons.

The Loulans didn't have a Celestial expert, even though they did have Celestial State friends. That was their reason for needing to befriend as many Celestials as possible. It would definitely be insensible to infuriate any of them. Even though they had a tremendous number of Ascendants, their numbers would sharply decline if they ever made an enemy out of a Celestial.

The middle-aged man was pale-faced; he peeped at Su Ping, and was secretly relieved to find that Su Ping didn't seem to be offended.

Soon after, the spaceship sailed through the star gate.

Beyond the gate was a splendid universe with countless stars. The spaceship jumped continuously and reached the most splendid part.

There were altogether seven planets in the system; six of them surrounded the last one. Above the seven planets was a sun.

The spaceship flew to the biggest planet at the center. There was another spaceship outside the planet; it decelerated behind many other spaceships waiting to land on the planet.

Then, Su Ping's spaceship flew right next to the spaceship's queue.

"Mr. Su, this way please."

The spaceship passed through the special channel. Its door was opened, and all the crew members approached Su Ping. The Star Lord at the lead said to Su Ping respectfully, "This spaceship cannot land on the planet. Please forgive us. I've sent word of your arrival; someone will come to pick you up."

Su Ping nodded.

All of them left the spaceship. Soon, a small aircraft that looked like a boat reached them, and a familiar man walked out. He was none other than Loulan Feng.

Loulan Feng was excited to see Su Ping and offered his greeting. "Mr. Su, I hope the journey wasn't too exhausting."

Seeing how warm and courteous he was, Su Ping once again experienced the charm that came with being a genius. He nodded. "Thank you for picking me up."

"Mr. Su, you must be tired. I'll take you to your residence first," said Loulan Feng with a smile.

Su Ping was lost for words. That spaceship was too well equipped to make him feel the least bit tired. He asked, "When will the gala you mentioned start? How long do I have to wait before I can enter the Sea of Illusions?"

"Well..." Obviously, Loulan Feng didn't expect Su Ping to be that blunt. But he soon recovered and smiled. "Probably two weeks. A lot of amazing things will happen; you won't get bored, Mr. Su."

"Two weeks..." Su Ping thought for a moment, then asked, "Do you have any places for training?"

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Loulan Feng was stunned for a moment. Then, he put on a smile. He realized that Su Ping was willing to visit mainly because of the Sea of Illusions.

The tycoon liked Su Ping, who was talented and hardworking. As long as Su Ping didn't end up stuck in the threshold of the Ascendant State, the Loulan family would have a Heavenly Lord friend sooner or later.

"Yes. Our training holy land will forever be open to you for free, Mr. Su," said Loulan Feng with a smile.

Su Ping nodded.

"Let's talk along the way." Loulan Feng invited Su Ping to board the aircraft, before he continued with a smile, "In fact, our family used this occasion to invite a lot of geniuses so they could communicate and practice with the juniors of our family. You're probably familiar with three of them; they were your competitors during the Universe Geniuses' Contest."

"Oh?"

Su Ping sat down in the aircraft together with Loulan Feng. He had a lot of mixed feelings at the mention of the contest. Only a few years had passed, yet he felt that it had taken place a long time before.

"It is Six Lives Buddha who masters the laws of time and space, the lady named Lilian, and Dragon Shepard, who uses a full lineup of dragons," said Loulan Feng with a smile. "They've all advanced into the Star State over the years. I believe you'll have a lot of subjects to discuss."

"It's them?" Su Ping was slightly surprised, as they were from powerful organizations from different star zones. The fact that all of them had been invited was a telltale of the family's clout.

"Besides them, some geniuses listed on the local Divine Lord Rank will also come. They're very curious about you, as they heard that you couldn't leave the Celestial Court without challenging the Divine Lord Rank," said Loulan Feng, with admiration for the young legend next to him.

He had condensed a small world while he was still at the Fate State, to later reach the top ten of the Divine Lord Rank when he was a mere Star State warrior. He was ahead of his peers the whole time. If he advanced into the Ascendant State, even the ancient Heavenly Lords would probably be interested in him.

"It's indeed a splendid occasion." Su Ping realized that a lot of important figures had surely been invited to the gala. Besides his peers, many Ascendants were surely invited.

The aircraft then flew past the planet's seas and landed on a giant city in one of the continents.

That planet was as large as a star. Its continents covered an area hundreds of times as big as the Blue Planet's surface. The Loulans' core members lived there. Their businesses and influence were spread throughout the universe.

Once the aircraft landed, Loulan Feng took Su Ping to a helical building inside the city. "Mr. Su, I hope this place isn't too demeaning for you. Here's your access card."

Loulan Feng gave Su Ping a metallic card and said, "Just as a measure to prevent outsiders from sneaking in, entering and exiting the city requires identity confirmation. I hope you can forgive us, Mr. Su."

Su Ping nodded and accepted the card. "This place is good enough. Let's check the training place first."

Loulan Feng smiled bitterly. He had arranged many people to serve Su Ping in the building, including top stars and models. However, the latter had ignored his gifts before he could give them away.

"Okay." Loulan Feng didn't insist; he immediately took Su Ping away from the city.

"There are altogether seven continents on this planet; our training holy land is one of them. It's been set up and optimized by a lot of Celestial experts. All those who cultivate there are the most talented descendants from our family; it will be their honor to meet you," said Loulan Feng.

He had also planned to introduce the juniors of his family to Su Ping. After all, the young genius was their peer, and they would have more things in common. The ties with Su Ping and the Loulans would become stronger if any of them befriended him; the juniors would also benefit from it at a personal level.

Su Ping knew what was on Loulan Feng's mind, but chose to accommodate. After all, he had accepted a lot of materials from him; he could manage the trivial things as long as they didn't affect him.

The aircraft soon reached the central area of the continent.

There was a vast and prosperous city there, with buildings made in different architectural styles and all kinds of business streets.

On the east side—closer to the core region—there was an area with splendid mountains; many men were flying to and fro. There was also a purple cloud above the biggest mountain at the center. It was spraying a substantial amount of astral power all the time.

"That is a treasure that a Heavenly Lord gave up," Loulan Feng introduced it to Su Ping, "It was made by ancient deities, which was collected from some ruins. It may look like a cloud, but it's actually a deity craft; it can decompose astral crystals into pure energy, so that it's easier to absorb them."

"A deity artifact?"

Su Ping looked at the glow. He had already seen the deities' items in Luofu. Unlike the futuristic items from the Federation, all the deities' treasures looked marvelous; they were like drops of water, clouds or stones. Such items were refined in different ways, unlike those used in the Federation.

"Mr. Su, you may cultivate on the main peak. I'll make arrangements for you later," said Loulan Feng with a smile.

The aircraft reached the main peak where the purple cloud was hanging. Loulan Feng invited Su Ping to step out; the two of them then flew to a spacious square on top of the main peak. There were a lot of people at the square, and a few arenas for pet fights.

"All of them are geniuses of our clan," said Loulan Feng.



Some members of the Loulan family had participated in the Universe Geniuses' Contest too, but none made it to the top ten; some did reach the top hundred, but they were eclipsed by geniuses such as Su Ping.

Still, they became famous within their family, and received a lot of resources.

Su Ping nodded, then followed Loulan Feng to land on the square. He saw rays falling from the glowing purple cloud all the time. Some landed on his body and increased his astral power, while others leaked into the astral array on the ground, making it even more powerful.

From the sky to the ground, the entire mountain was a precious land for cultivation. It was as effective as Su Ping's training room in the Celestial Court.

"It's the director."

"Huh. The man next to him looks so familiar."

Many people at the square noticed their arrival. Very soon, someone recognized Su Ping and exclaimed, "Ah! Damn it! Seriously? Isn't he the monster who became the champion of the Universe Geniuses' Contest?"

"What? It's him? The super genius who condensed a small world while in the Fate State?"

Loulan Feng smiled upon hearing the consecutive exclamations. Although battles in the Divine Sea Mysterious Realm were never publicized, the Loulans managed to gain the recordings of those battles; that was why the geniuses of the family became very familiar with the fighting in those conditions.

Loulan Feng suddenly saw a person, and then waved at her with a smile. "Princess Lin."

While standing in the crowd, the girl in the white dress was stunned. She also noticed Su Ping; the exclamations allowed her to learn he was the unparalleled genius who had won the universal contest and condensed a small world while in the Fate State.

She was somewhat puzzled after noticing that Loulan Feng had called out to her, but she walked to him anyway. "Uncle Feng."

"Lin, this is Mr. Su, Su Ping," Loulan Feng introduced with a smile, "Mr. Su, she is Loulan Lin, descendant of one of our Heavenly Lords. She is very gifted, and is currently listed 29th on the Divine Lord Rank. She might become a Heavenly Lord too if she reaches the Ascendant State."

Slightly impressed, Su Ping nodded at the girl.

Loulan Lin detected that Su Ping was in the Star State; however, she didn't underestimate him, at all. She nodded at Su Ping and said, "Hello. I've heard a lot about you and the miracles you've worked; I look forward to fighting you in the Star Lord State."

Loulan Feng was slightly dazed. He hurriedly winked at Lin.

The young woman was confused by his expression. Did she misspeak?

Loulan Feng didn't know what to say. He had long heard that Princess Lin was a manly girl, and that was very true. He smiled bitterly; he had summoned Lin because the family wanted to marry her off to Su Ping, so that he would become attached to the family.

Even if Su Ping couldn't reach the Ascendant State, he had shown enough potential to be the strongest Star Lord!

Considering that estimation, it wouldn't be too humiliating to marry Loulan Lin to him.

"Well, you are peers. You must have a lot of things in common besides training. You can get together and chat often whenever you have the time," Loulan Feng coughed and dropped a hint.

Su Ping was even more surprised to hear that she was his peer. He asked, "How old are you?"

Loulan Lin said in a straightforward manner, "I'm only 128 years old. What about you?"

"Me? I'm only thirty."

Su Ping didn't know how to count his own age. After all, time flowed at a different speed inside cultivation sites, but all in all, he couldn't be older than thirty. Furthermore, he only began cultivating until he was eighteen. The girl, on the other hand, must have trained since she was inside the womb.

"It seems that we're not really peers; you're old enough to be my grandma," said Su Ping.

Loulan Lin obviously didn't expect Su Ping to be that young. She then snorted gloomily and said, "If you want to call me grandma, I'll gladly accept it!"

Loulan Feng: "..."

*What was that all about?*

*Damn it. I was expecting them to talk about art and life. Why did they have to discuss age?*

He glanced at Su Ping, wondering if he even knew how to talk to girls. How could he call her grandma on their first meeting?

Cultivators on their level could easily live tens of thousands of years; a hundred year gap wasn't relevant.

However, Loulan Feng didn't expect Su Ping to be as young, either.

Then, he remembered that the young man had merely been a Fate State warrior earlier, so he found it understandable.

Fate State warriors were mostly in their twenties.

Loulan Lin was only sixteen when she reached the Fate State, and eighteen when she reached the Star State. Her level didn't stop soaring until she became a Star Lord. After all, the Ascendant State was just a step above her; she might be stuck there for the rest of her life!

Loulan Feng coughed and said, "Lin, Mr. Su is a guest of our family. You can talk about other things."

Loulan Lin was surprised. “He is? Aren’t all our guests in the Ascendant State? He’s only a Star State warrior, right?”

Loulan Feng coughed even harder. “Mr. Su is an unparalleled genius, one that will surely reach the Ascendant State; he may even become a Heavenly Lord. I don’t think it’ll take too long for this to happen.”

Su Ping said humbly, “You flatter me.”

Loulan Lin realized that their family was considering this as an early investment. She couldn’t help but observe the young man carefully, and was rather astonished by his young age and position again. She asked, “You’re in the Star State; you must have built a small world. Do you want to practice with me? I’ll go easy on you.”

“Cough, cough!”

Loulan Feng coughed so hard that he could barely stand straight. “Well, Princess Lin, I’ll get someone for you if you want to practice, but Mr. Su isn’t the best choice.”

“He isn’t?” Loulan Lin was puzzled. “Don’t worry. I’ll go easy on him.”

Loulan Feng felt his blood start to freeze. He could only confess with a bitter smile, “Princess Lin, Mr. Su’s master tested him recently. He wasn’t allowed to leave the Celestial Court unless he was able to fight against the top ten of the Divine Lord Rank. He left the Celestial Court a while back, which is why he’s here.”

Loulan Lin was stunned. She was direct, but not stupid.

*The top ten of the Divine Lord Rank?*

She gazed at Su Ping and said, “You’re able to fight against the top ten of the Divine Lord Rank? How is that possible? You’re barely in the Star State, aren’t you? And you’ve only become one recently. Y did condense a small world, but still...”

She found it hard to believe that a Star State warrior had surpassed her.

Suddenly, she remembered something. She asked, “Did you fight my avatar when you challenged the Divine Lord Rank?”

Su Ping thought for a moment and said, “I don’t think so.”

“Why not? I’ve been on the Divine Lord Rank for a long time.”

“Maybe I skipped you during the challenges,” said Su Ping.

After all, he had skipped ten people at a time. Loulan Lin happened to be the 29th; he had challenged the 20th after defeating the 30th, ignoring everybody in between.

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“You skipped me? Why?” asked Loulan Lin in confusion.

“Why?” Stunned, Su Ping shook his head and said, “There’s no reason why. I happened to defeat the one below you, so I skipped you.”

Loulan Lin was lost for words. She finally understood what Su Ping said. The man didn’t challenge the people on the Divine Lord Rank one by one, but skipped many. *How arrogant of him!*

“You just became a Star Lord. Even if you condensed a small world, it’s still rather unbelievable that you actually made it to the top ten of the Divine Lord Rank.” Loulan Lin looked at Su Ping suspiciously, knowing what kind of monsters were on the section of the list; some were previous champions of the Universe Geniuses’ Contest.

They hadn’t stepped into the Ascendant State yet because they had yet to grasp their own path.

She found it hard to believe that previous champions of the universe had been beaten by Su Ping, who had just reached the Star State.

After all, those guys were geniuses who had defeated Star Lords while in the Star State. They had spent a long time in the Star Lord level, yet they were beaten by Su Ping, who was a realm lower than them. It didn’t make sense.

“It’s not that hard.”

Su Ping, for one, didn’t find it too unbelievable. After all, he had trained in the cultivation sites, and possessed powerful techniques offered by the system. In particular, after having seen and experienced the might of the princes and princesses among the gods, he knew that the Star Lords on the Divine Lord Rank still had a lot of room for improvement.

“Cough, cough!”

Loulan Feng was coughing so hard that his lungs were almost dry. He said, “Let’s talk about something else other than training. Princess Lin, this is the first time that Mr. Su has come here. Show him around. Mr. Su, ask her if you have any questions.”

Loulan Feng was puzzled. “Uncle Feng, are you sick?”

Su Ping was also surprised. “Do Ascendants get sick too?”

Loulan Feng’s lips twitched. He looked around and soon saw a young man in the crowd. He immediately waved at him, “Hai, come here.”

Hai was a young man with a pale face and white hair, which was different from everybody else’s. He slightly frowned after hearing that, but approached anyway. He observed the talented young man who shocked the entire universe a few years back, only to find that he was no different from the other participants he had seen.

“Mr. Su, he is Hai, one of the most distinguished juniors in the Loulan family. He is proud to have a top demonic constitution named Skeleton Demon. You’re on the same level... I wonder if you could teach him something when you’re free,” said Loulan Feng.

“The Skeleton Demon Constitution?” Su Ping raised his eyebrows. That constitution was only second to the ten divine constitutions; it was said that it could store all the laws he perceived in his bones. Once

the bones were filled with laws, he could unleash an unbelievable power. He could also control other people's bones, which made him a potentially great assassin.

"I don't think I can teach him anything. I'm too busy with my own training in any case," said Su Ping.

Loulan Feng smiled and said, "You can work it out between you two. There's something else that I must attend to. See you." He then returned to his aircraft and left the peak.

The young man named Hai said indifferently, "Director Feng always minds other people's business. Don't feel offended. I too have to go and train. Goodbye."

Su Ping nodded.

Loulan Lin, however, stopped him and said, "Hai, what's with that attitude? Uncle Feng was doing you a favor. This guy must have some useful tricks to reach the top ten of the Divine Lord Rank; you can learn from him about the way to achieve that in the Star State. Huh. Speaking of which, how did you achieve that?"

She suddenly looked at Su Ping curiously.

Hai looked rather helpless. He was obviously used to Princess Lin's whimsical behavior.

"Well..."

Su Ping didn't know how to answer that question. He couldn't say that he simply smashed all his enemies down, could he?

"Forget it. It must be one of your secrets. I shouldn't have asked that." She thought she had seen reluctance from Su Ping's hesitation.

Su Ping felt rather helpless.

Hai glanced at Su Ping and said, "If you did challenge the Divine Lord Rank while in the Star State, Lord Shen Huang must have given you a lot of power of faith that allowed you to crush them. That's the only possibility."

"My master did give me a lot of faith power, yes," Su Ping nodded and admitted the fact.

With understanding in his eyes, Hai cupped his hands at Su Ping and said, "I'm off to continue my cultivation."

Su Ping was indeed a super genius, but he considered himself not far off. Besides, people in his position didn't have to curry anyone's favor. As soon as he worked out a unique path, he could later reach the Ascendant State and become a Heavenly Lord too.

"Sure."

Su Ping nodded and said to Lin, "I too have to cultivate."

"Okay." Loulan Lin felt somewhat helpless as she saw Hai leave. He said to Su Ping, "Cultivate well, then. I'll have someone spare a seat for you." She then waved her hand, asking a few young men to spare a hole where astral power was gushing from.

Su Ping realized that Loulan Lin and Hai were among the renowned in the crowd. That was probably why Loulan Feng had made the introductions.

Shedding all random thoughts, Su Ping approached the hole and was about to cultivate, when he heard a delighted voice. "Brother Su, you're here too!"

Su Ping raised his head with evident surprise; he saw a bald man flash over, appearing a few meters in front of him. He was none other than Six Lives Buddha, who had almost won the Universe Geniuses' Contest.

Su Ping didn't expect to meet him there. He said with a weird feeling of familiarity, "I didn't know you were here."

"The Loulans invited me. I heard that they had also invited you, so I dropped by to see you." The Six Lives Buddha looked at Loulan Lin who was next to Su Ping, and said to the latter, "I heard that your master gave you a hard test where you had to fight the top ten of the Divine Lord Rank, just to allow you to leave the Celestial Court. Is that true?"

"Yes."

Su Ping nodded. He didn't know that the monk had been paying attention to him too.

"Did you complete the test?" asked the Six Lives Buddha, his eyes wide.

Su Ping replied with a smile, "It took me years to do that."

"..."

The monk didn't know what to say. "You must have grown a lot since the Universe Geniuses' Contest. I thought the gap between us would be shortened, but it is even wider than before."

Su Ping saw that the monk had grown mature when compared to years back. He asked, "What about you? You didn't challenge the Divine Lord Rank?"

"I did. I'm now only around the 80th," said the monk with a bitter smile.

He would reveal this to others just to show off. However, he was truly feeling sorry for himself at the moment; he felt devastated by Su Ping's achievements.

"That's not bad." Su Ping comforted him.

Six Lives Buddha smiled in frustration. Then he thought that they were both growing rapidly, and that the bottleneck to reach the Ascendant State was still ahead of them. He still had a chance to catch up, and even surpass Su Ping before they came into contact with that obstacle.

"I heard that Luo Ying has been crazy too, and that he's as strong as the top ten of the Divine Lord Rank. It hasn't been confirmed yet, but I believe it's true." Six Lives Buddha heaved a sigh with mixed feelings. "You two are truly monsters. I couldn't have defeated you."

Su Ping said with a smile, "One victory or one failure doesn't mean much. Let's spar again when we both reach the Ascendant State."

Six Lives Buddha said with excitement in his glittering eyes, "Everyone says that we'll become Heavenly Lords the moment we reach the Ascendant State. Let's share some pointer by then!"

"Do count me in if you're going to practice," said a gentle yet firm female voice, interrupting them.

Both of them raised their heads, only to see a cute girl flying over. It was none other than Lilian who had performed remarkably in the contest.

Behind Lilian was an arrogant-looking young man; he was Dragon Shepard.

The latter had heard a lot about Su Ping too, and wore a complicated expression as he looked at him. He had been crushed in the contest, and didn't even have a chance to fight Su Ping. It was truly uncomfortable after seeing that the champion from back then was still brilliant, and was able to stand head to head with the monsters on the Divine Lord Rank.

The gap between them was being widened.

He had always been the person who left others far behind, yet he was experiencing the opposite at the moment.

"Okay," said the monk and laughed.

Su Ping smiled too. They had competed in the past, and now they met again like old friends.

"Alas, Luo Ying has been training in seclusion and was unable to join us. I would love to find out which of you is stronger!" Six Lives Buddha glanced at Su Ping with competitiveness in his eyes.

"Luo Ying isn't simple either. I heard that he's been admitted as a disciple of a Celestial expert," said the Dragon Shepard in a low voice.

Most of his arrogance had been lost after the fiasco in the contest, and was willing to make friends with a genius such as Su Ping for the sake of himself and his family.

Su Ping smiled, but didn't comment on it.

"It seems that the winners of the last contest are worthy contenders," said Loulan Lin, then she glanced at the monk and added, "I heard that you're good at the laws of time and space. What do you say? Care to practice with me? I'll go easy on you."

Six Lives Buddha was stunned by the proposal. He quickly shook his hands and said, "Princess Lin, you're among the top thirty on the Divine Lord Rank. It wouldn't be the least bit challenging for you to fight me."

"It's just for fun. Why are you so anxious?" snapped Loulan Lin.

The monk smiled bitterly. "It's fun for you, but a pointless beating for me."

Loulan Lin glanced at him and then at Su Ping. She remembered what Loulan Feng had said, so she held back on what she wanted to say. To be honest, she really wanted to practice with Su Ping, but then she remembered the wide gap between them so she chose not to in the end.

“He’s only a Star State warrior, and he can already fight against the top ten of the Divine Lord Rank. Is it really true?”

“Tsk, tsk. He personally admitted it. He couldn’t have lied, could he?”

“Indeed. He’s the disciple of a Celestial State expert. I don’t think he’d lie for vanity points.”

The other descendants of the Loulan family looked at him with astonished eyes; he was already beyond their imagination. He had worked out another miracle, just like when he condensed a small world while still being in the Fate State.

“Were you the participants of the recent Universe Geniuses’ Contest?” said a casual, yet cold voice at that moment. Like a freezing wind in autumn, it made the air become refreshing and cool.

Everybody turned around and saw three men walking toward them. They concealed their auras, but their gait made it seem as if they were the center of the world, absorbing the energy around them.

“It’s Ye Ling!”

“They invited him too? How awesome!”

“Ye Ling?”

“Indeed. He was the champion of the Universe Geniuses’ Contest a few decades back! He’s now already a Star Lord; in fact, he reached the top ten of the Divine Lord Rank the moment he became a Star Lord. I think he’s ranked third right now!”

“That’s THE Ye Ling, third on the Divine Lord Rank?”

A lot of exclamations burst out. All the Loulan geniuses were shocked; they were indeed talented, but none of them could compare with such a powerhouse.

After all, he was the third most powerful in an entire star zone!

He was one of the best Star Lords even in the scope of the entire universe!

It meant that almost no one could kill them, except for Ascendant experts!

“I heard that there’s a genius who condensed a small world in the Fate State. Is it you?” The purple-robed Ye Ling immediately found Su Ping and singled him out.

He could feel the weird aura the young man emanated, giving off an uncanny pressure.

He was especially interested in such a genius, one who had stood out in the Universe Geniuses’ Contest.

Su Ping learned of the young man’s identity after hearing all the whispers around him. He nodded and said, “Hello.”

“I just heard that you challenged the top ten of the Divine Lord Rank while still being in the Star State.” Ye Ling looked at Su Ping with great interest. “Are you interested in practicing with me?”

Wow!



Everybody exclaimed. This came as a shock to all the Loulan geniuses, not expecting Ye Ling to be willing to spar with Su Ping.

Although surprised, Su Ping glanced at him and shook his head. "No, I'm not."

"You're not?" Ye Ling was dazed by the answer, not expecting that someone as renowned as Su Ping would decline a challenge extended in public. He shook his head and said, "Don't worry. I won't use all my strength. How about this? I'll just use one hand. Show me how you challenged the top ten of the Divine Lord Rank with your lower realm."

There was nothing but silence.

Everybody looked at Su Ping. There had been no mockery or condescension on his face when he spoke. However, there was exceptional confidence in his casual words; it was nothing personal, only the aura of a top genius which had been developed over a long period of time. However, Su Ping was also a top genius in his own right; it was unlikely that he would take such an offer lightly.

It was then that Loulan Lin suddenly interjected with a frown. "Mr. Ye, Mr. Su is a friend of the Loulan family. You're a Star Lord and a champion from a competition years in the past, while Mr. Su has just reached the Star State. A spar between you two wouldn't be fair, would it?"

Hai—who had turned around and left earlier—watched in cold silence among the crowd.

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"Like I said, I'll only use one hand. Or do you think I'd still be too strong for you?" asked Ye Ling casually.

Loulan Lin said bluntly, "What's the point of such practice? You won't gain anything from it. Besides, it wouldn't be fair for him. You would only demean yourself, whether you win or lose. Might as well wait until he reaches your level."

Su Ping looked at the girl in surprise, not expecting her to defend him and argue with the third place holder of the Divine Lord Rank. That man's ranking was much higher than hers.

Ye Ling glanced at Loulan Lin with glittering eyes. He realized something and said coldly, "You're talking as if I were bullying him. Fine. I'll just let you go for Princess Lin's sake. Such a disgrace. You won the Universe Geniuses' Contest, yet you hide behind a woman. I am very disappointed."

The young geniuses of the Loulan family showed slight changes in their expressions as they looked at Su Ping.

With a weird expression of his own, Su Ping asked, "You're merely third place in the Divine Lord Rank. Are you even qualified to be disappointed?"

Silence!

The entire square fell silent. Everyone had their eyes trained on Su Ping, stunned. They didn't expect him to be as aggressive.

Six Lives Buddha and Lilian also glanced at Su Ping; however, they didn't think he was being too cocky. Seeing Su Ping being looked down upon made them feel frustrated too. After all, Su Ping was the champion of their batch; they were elated to see Su Ping fight back!

They didn't believe that Ye Ling could bully Su Ping in public.

It was important to recall that Su Ping was a Celestial expert's disciple. Even if Ye Ling really wanted to attack him, the Loulans would probably step in to prevent it.

A surprised Loulan Lin looked at Su Ping who was still wearing a weird expression. She didn't see any anger on Su Ping's face, and he seemed to mean what he said[a].

"What did you just say?"

Ye Ling quickly turned gloomy. He obviously didn't expect that Su Ping would be bold enough to say that.

"Are you so old that your ears aren't working properly anymore? Do you need me to repeat what I said?" Su Ping snapped, "As far as I know, the Universe Geniuses' Contest is held every couple of hundred years, right? You participated in it before, so you must be at least a thousand years old... And yet you're still acting like a child. You haven't reached the Ascendant State in a thousand years, either. You're planning on waiting for ten thousand years?"

"..."

Everybody looked at Su Ping in disbelief. Most top geniuses weren't as talkative as Su Ping, who was blunt and straightforward to a fault.

If not reaching the Ascendant State in a thousand years was something to be ashamed of, all the cultivators in the universe would have to cry, as many had been stuck right before the Ascendant State threshold for tens of thousands of years.

Ye Ling said with a contorted expression, "Ignorant! I know you just participated in the contest and you're still young. Do you think it's as easy to reach the Ascendant State as it is to become a Star Lord? Some reached the Star State at twenty, became a Star Lord at thirty, but failed to reach the Ascendant State even at 30,000 years of age!"

"Will you be one of them?" asked Su Ping.

"!"

Ye Ling was completely infuriated. He said with cold eyes, "Are you trying to get killed?"

Su Ping looked at him as if he were an idiot, before he raised his finger and said, "Firstly, don't talk as if you could kill me. Secondly, would you even dare to kill me?"

Ye Ling fell silent.

The whole square fell silent. All the Loulans had trouble breathing; they felt that the air had solidified.

Ye Ling gazed at Su Ping, and the fury in his eyes was replaced by coldness, which gradually receded; what Su Ping said had calmed him down. It was pointless to continue arguing, and he couldn't kill him in public. After all, the fury of a Celestial expert was overwhelming, even for his master!

However, not being able to kill Su Ping didn't mean that he couldn't teach him a lesson, making him realize that he shouldn't just tease anyone.

Ye Ling suddenly raised his hand and roared, "On your knees!"

There was a boom; a strange law was released, and a brilliant small world was manifested around himself. The small world looked like a splendid royal palace, ablaze with light; laws were flying in the sky like chains. The power of faith was spreading out of the small world, just about to suppress Su Ping like a force field.

"Oh no!"

Six Lives Buddha realized what was going on and his face had a distraught expression.

Lilian's face also changed, as she showed unveiled anger. She didn't expect that the man would dare to attack Su Ping and humiliate him in public.

The overwhelming pressure fell upon Su Ping like a gigantic invisible hand. Right when everybody thought that Su Ping would fall on his knees as declared, Su Ping simply stood there; unmoving, as if nothing had happened.

Everybody was stunned yet again.

"???"

They were completely confused. *Ye Ling made use of his world, yet nothing really happened?*

Before they came back to their senses, Su Ping had unhurriedly raised his hand and pressed it down. He then said coldly, "On your knees!"

After a boom, the air quaked violently and the surrounding time and space solidified. A horrifying aura was spread out, giving off an intimidating pressure. The illusion of a dead and desolate small world surfaced behind Su Ping's back at the same time; several laws began to emerge and hover, their power as mighty as dragons.

The terrifying power gushed out of his small world and enshrouded the square.

On the opposite side—Ye Ling's demeanor had a quick change. He trembled hard, as if the entire sky were falling down; an irresistible force fell down over his head. The ground underneath his feet quickly started to crack. His feet sank into the slab of stone, but then he shook as the pressure rapidly increased, almost falling to his knees.

He managed to support himself with astral power, right when his hands had almost hit the ground. Then, he raised his head with disbelief on his eyes.

Su Ping looked at him indifferently, then slowly put his hand down to dismiss his small world. The pressure around the man was instantly eased.

Su Ping had challenged all the top ten warriors when he tried his hand on the Divine Lord Rank, although he didn't secure a higher ranking. He remembered that only the Star Lord at the top had fully mastered all the four supreme laws and reached the limits of his small world.

Since the latter didn't have the world multiplication technique, that was the best a Star Lord could theoretically achieve in the scope of the Federation.

Aside from the best Star Lord, those below him were far weaker. Take Ye Ling for example; he hadn't even perceived the four supreme laws yet, let alone fully mastering them.

The whole square was silent after Su Ping relaxed his hand. Everybody looked at Su Ping, appalled, as if he were a ghost. They couldn't believe what they had just seen, thinking it had been an illusion.

Nothing happened when Ye Ling attacked. Conversely, he was subdued by Su Ping's attack!

"What just happened?"

"Was it a hallucination? How is it possible? Was it because Ye Ling was careless and unprepared?"

"Didn't that man just advance to the Star State? Ye Ling is third on the Divine Lord Rank. All the top ten rankers are monsters. He's definitely strong!"

All the descendants of the Loulan family were screaming in their hearts, unable to believe what had just happened.

Ye Ling's face was grim and cold, but there was no anger. He coldly stared at Su Ping like a wild wolf.

The two people that were accompanying him were also stunned.

"There's still a long road ahead of you," said Su Ping with a peaceful expression.

There wasn't any emotion in his words. He was only stating a fact.

To reach the limits of a small world was only the first step. Based on the world multiplication technique, the difficulty to add a new small world would be doubled. Su Ping felt that there was still a lot he needed to accomplish when he thought of the Ancestral God who had managed to establish seven small worlds.

Standing next to Su Ping—both Six Lives Buddha and Lilian snapped out of their shock. Their eyelids twitched when they heard what Su Ping had said. They wondered what kind of monster the guy next to them was. He had confronted Ye Ling, the third place holder of the Divine Lord Rank, without suffering a loss; he was even about to defeat the man. *Are we crazy, or is the world crazy?*

[a]Removed the last bit, which was somewhat ambiguous, and there's enough information/context before and after

### **Chapter 1010: The Loulan Family's Appreciation**

"It seems that the contest's most recent champion i[a]sn't half bad."

A cold eyed Ye Ling opened his mouth in an unhurried manner, "If I'm not mistaken, the energy you just released was the ancient deity aura, was it not? There's also divine power in your body. You have indeed received a lot from your master."

“It’s not that I’ve received a lot; it’s just that your strength is too little,” said Su Ping calmly.

Even though the guy attributed his strength to his master’s gifts, Su Ping wasn’t denying the fact; he just never bothered to explain to strangers.

All the people present gave stunned looks at Su Ping, wondering how he could be that arrogant. *He said that the third place holder of the Divine Lord Rank is weak? If it were so, what about the other Star Lords? Are they toys?*

Ye Ling was equally stunned and rendered speechless by Su Ping, but then he realized that he wouldn’t defeat that junior with mere words. He snorted and said, “Let’s practice then, since you’re capable enough. It won’t be unfair. Come on.”

“Not interested,” Su Ping quickly turned him down.

Ye Ling was absolutely unchallenging as a sparring partner; he would rather spend time cultivating.

The arrogant senior said with cold eyes, “Are you scared?”

“If you say so.” Su Ping was too lazy to explain.

Ye Ling could sense a bone-deep disdain from Su Ping’s casual attitude, which made him uncontrollably furious. At first he simply wanted to spar with Su Ping and have a feel for the rising genius capabilities.

Since his level was higher, he would be able to see the direction of Su Ping’s cultivation if they practiced, and from that estimate the young man’s level-up speed.

After all, the routes taken by geniuses were very similar, if not the same.

However, their previous clash had shown that Su Ping wouldn’t bend as easily as expected. It also proved that the young man was truly capable of beating the tenth place holder of the Divine Lord Rank while still being a realm lower.

“In that case...”

Ye Ling snorted and was about to challenge Su Ping to a duel. He would no longer step back since he had already taken action, and he wasn’t scared of Su Ping’s identity, either. He would become a Heavenly Lord that even the Celestial experts would love to have as a subordinate, once he reached the Ascendant State; he would then have the protection of a true powerhouse.

That was the trump card and confidence of a top genius, which helped them keep their cool, even when facing Celestials.

Someone chuckled before Ye Ling could extend the challenge. “Hey, everyone. How have you been cultivating? Are you satisfied?”

Everybody saw an old man descend and land between Su Ping and Ye Ling. He was an Ascendant expert whose hair and beard were purely white.

“Director Yu!”

The descendants of the Loulan family hurriedly paid respects to the old man.

Su Ping glanced at the smiling elder who had appeared at a subtly prompt timing. It was obvious that the old man had stepped in to offer aid in defusing the situation. Su Ping didn't consider Ye Ling as a threat; on the other hand, he sensed the old man's friendliness. He nodded and said, "Greetings."

"Mr. Su is a friend of our family. It is true that geniuses always distinguish themselves when they're still young. Feel free to seek Lin if you have any questions," said Director Yu.

He then turned around and said to Ye Ling, also with a smile, "Mr. Ye, I'm sure your long trip over was tiresome. Take some time to rest and recover."

Ye Ling's expression had a slight change, then he snorted. He could sense the old man's bias toward Su Ping. However, he could understand the elder's decision, as Su Ping had finally accepted the Loulans' invitation, which he had declined earlier on.

The Loulans had begged him in various ways so they could somehow make him owe them a favor. That was why he had made an appearance at the gala.

"I won't press on this issue, now that you're here, Mr. Yu. He's only a Star State warrior; bullying him wouldn't be any fun. I hope he'll reach the Ascendant State by the time we meet again. I look forward to seeing whether he can reach the Ascendant State in a thousand years. Ha!" Ye Ling sneered and then left.

His followers—a man and a woman—gave Su Ping weird looks, then followed the man as he left.

They weren't unknown lackeys. The Loulans noticed that both had attained top positions in the Divine Lord Rank.

However, they were completely eclipsed when standing next to Ye Ling; nobody had paid them any mind.

"Mr. Su, we can arrange the best seat if you want to cultivate. You're free to cultivate here, anytime," said Director Yu and chuckled.

The crowd began to whisper after hearing such a statement.

"The best seat? Doesn't it belong to Jue?"

"Jue is the best genius of our family. Is it really appropriate to give away that seat to an outsider?"

"I was asking myself the same thing..."

The Loulan descendants looked at a young man in the crowd, who was markedly tall and handsome. He was currently in a stupor, obviously surprised after losing his spot. His surrounding friends were already complaining in low voices, unwilling to see him give his seat away to an outsider.

"I'll make other arrangements for Jue. The family is planning to send him to cultivate in the astral plane. Don't worry," said Director Yu as he looked at the group of people. He seemed unhappy but his anger never showed while he heard the complaints.

He hadn't discussed with the family about the decision, but he believed his approval would be supported when reported later on.

After all, the recent display of power was too shocking, even for someone like him.

The young witnesses didn't see the situation clearly. Not even Ye Ling saw through Su Ping's true might. However, the old man's ample experience as director of that cultivation holy land, he noticed Su Ping's extraordinary talent, including his small world and the plenty of laws it had.

He was deeply shocked. He had rarely seen such a perfect small world in all the 100,000 years of his life. At the very least, it was more solid and perfect than Ye Ling's small world.

This meant that Su Ping would surely defeat Ye Ling once he became a Star Lord!

Furthermore, even if Su Ping were to fight Ye Ling right then and there, he would only lose due to lack of energy. However, such a disadvantage wasn't evident in their previous clash.

The deity aura released by Su Ping was eight times as effective as astral power, and he had accumulated a huge amount of it in his body. Indeed, such external power was exhaustible, but he could use it extravagantly thanks to his status as a disciple of a Celestial State expert. He would not lose if their fight was brief!

If the news were to spread, Director Yu had no doubt this would silence all the old guys who had been against inviting Su Ping.

*He condensed a small world in the Fate State and challenged the Divine Lord Rank in the Star State. The only obstacle lying ahead for that kid is the breakthrough to the Ascendant State. He will be absolutely unstoppable in the universe once he becomes an Ascendant. It's likely that he'll become one of the best Heavenly Lords, one that even Celestials would have difficulty to kill!* The more Director Yu thought, the more excited he became. The Loulan family didn't have a large stock of such talent!

If they had another outstanding Heavenly Lord, the family would be able to further expand their influence!

"Lin, keep Mr. Su company," Director Yu said to Loulan Lin rather thoughtfully. He then flashed and disappeared.

Loulan Lin puffed her cheeks while slightly dazed; chatting was the last thing she liked to do. However, she gave Su Ping an intrigued look as she recalled his recent confrontation against Ye Ling. *Is it really possible to do that while in the Star State? If so, wouldn't he be at the top of the Divine Lord Rank once he becomes a Star Lord?*

Her eyes glittered at the thought.

Su Ping could only ask Loulan Lin since the old man had left, "Well... Where is the best seat?" .

All troubles had been resolved; he only wanted to cultivate and condense his stars.

While briefly stunned, Loulan Lin pointed with her finger. "It's right there. The best seat is at the core of [b] the mountain. Cultivating there is ten times as effective as in the outside world."

Su Ping's eyes glittered. The exterior was already as effective as his training room in the Celestial Court. What would it feel like if it was ten times more effective?

It was worthy of note that the astral power density in the area was ten times higher than other places to begin with!

*It's true that big families have abundant resources,* Su Ping remarked in his heart. He estimated that an astronomical number of astral stones were consumed to support the arrays. Only a big faction like the Loulan family could afford the cost without going bankrupt.

"The Ascendants won't peep at cultivators during training, right?" asked Su Ping.

Stunned and angry, Loulan Lin replied, "What do you take my family for? Why would they do that? Besides, you are a friend of our family; they would . They'll give you enough respect."

Su Ping didn't say anything as he moved to the best seat; he could tell that all the family descendants were watching him. They saw this as him stealing someone else's place. However, it was that old man's decision, so Su Ping didn't really care; everything was fine as long as he had a place to cultivate.

Su Ping entered the best seat area, which was a complicated astral array; the rocks around him were arranged in the shape of a lotus flower. Astral dust fell from the sky, gathering into a thick layer of snow on the ground.

Hardly had Su Ping stepped in when he felt that astral power was flowing into his body like seawater. His eyes glowed brilliantly. *The astral power is indeed dense...*

"I'll be cultivating here then. Goodbye," said Su Ping to Loulan Lin.

She didn't expect him to be the first to say goodbye; it gave her a weird feeling. She then snorted and said, "Goodbye!"

[a]"this year's champion" is a temporal mismatch, as several years have passed, Su Ping training after the contest in his Celestial master's house.

[b]Guessing here. A "critical location" of the mountain was vague; it can mean lots of things.