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Chapter 1121 Path Lamp

Qing Hongyue was stunned for a moment; the Celestial expert who asked was exactly her supporter. She quickly said, "Master, Brother Su has proven himself stronger than all the others. We admit that he should have the key."

"Huh?"

The twelve Celestials were dazed for a moment, not expecting such an answer. Qing Hongyue had been a famous Star Lord for tens of thousands of years, an ever proud warrior. Her master knew that she never yielded to anyone; and yet, she succumbed to someone in the Star State?

"Is it because of his ultimate treasure?" asked her master again, after a long silence.

She gave a slight head shake; she had already realized what the Celestials were doing. It was clear that they didn't think Su Ping was qualified to claim the key; they had every reason to doubt since they hadn't seen his terrifying combat ability.

Qing Hongyue shook her head and said, "I didn't fail because of his ultimate treasure. He's simply stronger than me."

"Brian, do you think the same?" asked another Celestial State expert.

Brian slightly changed his expression, and said with his head lowered. "Yes, master."

The twelve Celestials were shocked into silence.

If Qing Hongyue were the only one who said that, they would've considered her a conspirator. However, Brian had been a famous Star Lord for years, and there was no need to lie about that.

More importantly, Su Ping was able to make them admit their defeat. That was uncanny! Shen Huang's eyes glittered. He looked at the Celestials who suspected him first, and sneered. "Guys, what do you have to say right now? You think I've bribed your disciples?" His peers had grim looks as they thought deeply. None of them responded. "Are you all mute?!" Shen Huang rumbled furiously, causing ripples to echo throughout the void.

All the Celestial State experts turned to see him; those who suspected him looked at each other. One of them said, "This whole thing is unprecedented; please forgive us for our suspicion, Shen Huang." "Shen Huang, our accusation was presumptuous, but there is no need to overreact," said another Celestial State expert in earnest.

Shen Huang sneered and said, "Reckless? You smeared both myself and my disciple, and you think you can get away that easily?"

"What do you want?" asked one of the Celestials with a frown.

"If you do something wrong, you apologize and compensate; even a three-year-old knows that. You still need to ask me?" said Shen Huang coldly.

“Indeed. You should compensate for smearing Shen Huang. We are the rulers of the universe; our dignity must not be tarnished with such ease. Besides, you didn’t have any evidence for your accusations!” someone defended Shen Huang.

Once the man ended, Shen Huang’s other friends also spoke in his favor.

“Humph. They think Shen Huang’s disciple will surely get the legacy because of the key?”

The Celestials who suspected him earlier became grim. Shen Huang had suddenly flown into a fit of rage and very likely demanded compensation because his disciple had a good chance to receive the legacy. If that was the case, the Golden Star Zone would have two Celestials, and they could conquer other star zones.

One of the Celestial State experts casually offered an ancient scroll. “I have a scroll with an ancient painting, which is said to contain secrets about the disappearance of the ancient Realm of Deities. I’ll give it to you as compensation, Shen Huang.’ It was like a painting, but it hadn’t decayed one bit in a million years.

Shen Huang raised his eyebrows, and casually accepted the painting. He said, “I’m not short of such treasures; I forgive you for the insult. Still, my disciple is too young to stand for your humiliation. Give him something if you want to make amends.”

The other Celestials changed their expression. They realized they had made a reckless move upon seeing the attitudes of Shen Huang and his allies; the Celestials with neutral standing would probably leave them to fend for themselves.

“This is an Ascendant State spear that contains part of an ancient soul; it’ll be my gift for your disciple. Hopefully, he will win the legacy in the end,” said one of the Celestials with a sneer as he tossed a top secret treasure. Shen Huang raised his brows, and accepted it. The item would be of little significance when Su Ping reached the Celestial State, but he probably couldn’t demand anything better.

After all, Su Ping was only a Star State Warrior; a top Ascendant State treasure was an already lavish compensation.

The other Celestial State experts followed suit; they offered some Ascendant State treasures and then left, as they were unwilling to stay any longer. “Congratulations on picking a great disciple, Shen Huang,” someone congratulated the Celestial expert.

The remaining Celestials also congratulated him.

Shen Huang put on a smile, not caring whether or not they meant it. He only had one question at the moment: How was Su Ping able to defeat Qing Hongyue, Shuai Qianhou and all the others?

Still, he didn’t have the time to ask. Once the round of formalities ended, Shen Huang said, “Su Ping, activate the stone plate to enter the real land of inheritance for the last trial. The rest of you, get ready for the second test.”

Everyone had faces of bewilderment as they looked at each other, then stared at Su Ping enviously.

Su Ping nodded. He felt that the stone plate in his hand seemed to have been freed; there was some sort of special law hidden deep within. He tapped into it, and was immediately enshrouded by a vortex.

In the blink of an eye, Su Ping disappeared from sight.

The Celestials concurrently transferred the token-bearing survivors on the branch continents to the central continent.

More than twenty people arrived in an instant.

Loulan Lin and the others were stunned to see the new people around them. They didn't realize what had happened until they saw the Celestial's faces above them.

Soon after, Loulan Lin searched the crowd, but there were no signs of Su Ping.

Could it be...

Loulan Lin's heart was heavy.

Loulan Jue and Loulan Hai were the same. Su Ping had done both of them a great favor; neither of them expected him to die on the central continent.

"Don't worry. He got the key and left for the third test," said Diaz in a low voice after approaching them.

All of them were dazed and wide-eyed. "Really?"

Diaz felt utterly frustrated and depressed. His lips twitched when he heard their hopeful questioning. "Why would I lie to you?"

He felt sorry for himself. Had he reached a point where nobody believed him even though he was speaking the truth?

All of them noticed Diaz' depression, and found it to be rather strange. The man seemed more disappointed than the others. Shouldn't he and Su Ping be close?

But they were smart enough not to ask the question. They were shocked and thrilled. Su Ping would rise as a new Celestial State expert if he did win the legacy!

If that came to pass, the Loulan family would have a Celestial State guest! Even if Su Ping decided not to be their guest anymore, the Loulan family would still benefit a lot from it.

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Loulan Lin was really excited. She felt happy for Su Ping, even though she knew it was probably impossible for her to ever catch up with him again.

A Celestial State expert then gave a reminder, "The second test is about to start. Please get ready."

A dark channel full of lightning bolts soon appeared above everyone's heads. The people who had just been teleported from the other continents were still curiously asking who had found the key. Very soon, Su Ping's name was spread amongst the crowd. Everyone made silent note of Su Ping's name as they looked up at the vortex.

Is this the place for the third test?

Su Ping stood on an open ground. Facing him was a ragged, ancient bronze temple.

The dilapidated walls next to the temple suggested that a huge war took place.

There were even spider webs on some of them, giving the place an ancient feel.

There was no sign of any living creature. There were dried up worms on the ground; some of them were even fossilized in amber.

Some people came here, but they didn't win the legacy...

He saw corpses on the ground; some were leaning against the wall, while others were sitting cross-legged. They seemed to be either meditating and cultivating.

There was no way to tell how long the ancient temple had existed. It was probably not the first time it had ever shown up.

Not even the Celestials know much about this place. My master's information is finally unlocked; I have to ignite nine lamps in the ancient temple to open the legacy's pathway."

Su Ping's eyes glittered. He took out the ultimate treasure and cautiously walked into the temple.

There was a majestic statue at the top, which depicted a slim old man in a blue robe. Underneath his legs was a ferocious ancient beast that only existed in the encyclopedia of ancient animals from the Federation.

The beast had a snake's neck and a lion's body, covered in scales; it had multiple mouths and eyes on its abdomen. The records stated that the beast had Celestial State potential.

There were nine lamps flanking the old man's statue, dry and covered in spider webs.

According to my master's memories, I have to ignite nine lamps with laws. Let's give it a try.

Su Ping released the law of space to cover the first lamp. A fire was soon lit up on the lamp, as if it had found the needed fuel.

However, the flickering fire died out very soon.

It takes laws as fuel... Su Ping was dazed; his eyes glittered. He suddenly thought that he could tear off those lamps if he didn't pass the trial, as they should be very valuable.

Chapter 1122 Test of the Ancient Road

With a single thought, Su Ping covered an ancient lamp with the perfect path of fire. There was a boom, and furious flames burned on the ancient lamp, covering the entire object; it looked like a ball of fire.

Just as I thought, the perfect paths last longer... Su Ping's eyes glittered. He also extended the law of chaos too, instantly setting all the ancient lamps ablaze. There were nine fireballs in total.

An ancient road appeared at the end of the nine lamps. The road was deep and mysterious. The far end couldn't be seen, as if it were the stomach of an ancient serpent.

There was no time to waste. Su Ping observed carefully for a moment, and quickly stepped in.

He felt cold from the moment he set foot on the ancient road. He was too strong to feel cold anymore, but the coldness was so real it went straight into the soul.

The Golden Crow shrieked inside Su Ping's body, driving away the cold. He then observed the environment with fire in his eyes; the previous stone temple was already gone when he set foot on the ancient road. On the two sides of the ancient road was a bottomless, blue and black ocean.

Waves were rising and raging on the ocean, as if something were hidden within. Su Ping's eyes were solemn. The extent of his master's briefing only covered up to the legacy's opening method, but didn't mention the content of the test. His master was probably unaware of it.

Su Ping didn't think his master would purposefully keep it a secret from him. Even if his master didn't foresee he could claim the key, he was undoubtedly capable of passing the first two tests, so it was likely that he would still challenge the third test with others. His master didn't have a need to keep anything from him.

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It seems that those Celestials can't enter this place. After all, it's a test personally set up by another Celestial.

Su Ping moved forward and considered, The second test has to do with willpower. Then, what's the third test about? Combat ability? What did the ancient deity think was most important for his heir? Aptitudes? No. Whoever inherits his legacy will be stuck in the Celestial State anyway, no matter what potential they have.

They can hardly make any improvement beyond the Celestial State.

It's unnecessary to test potential. Did he test willpower because he was afraid his heir might not be able to endure his power while inheriting the legacy?

So, the third test...

Su Ping's eyes glittered. He pondered over the manner while putting himself in the shoes of the dead Celestial expert who had made arrangements to pick his heir. Willpower was definitely necessary to inherit the test. He probably also wanted the heir to fulfill his last wish. Or maybe, he simply wanted to pick an heir of his liking

Could the third test be about personality? But the field didn't look like it; Su Ping detected coldness and an overwhelming brutality in the ocean on both sides of the road.

The test was definitely not simple. After considering for a moment, Su Ping decided to prove his speculation in the simplest way.

He bellowed, "Ancient master, what's this test about? Could you just tell me?"

– The simplest way was to ask him directly.

Su Ping's voice echoed in the void, making the waves in the ocean surge even more fiercely.

Still, there was no response in a long time. His eyes glittered. He looked back; the end of the ancient road was already gone. The place he came from was substituted by the same ancient road, stretching to infinity.

He tried walking forward.

Ten meters, a hundred meters, a thousand meters.

Su Ping walked for more than ten minutes, but felt as if he were stuck in the same spot.

There was no way to distinguish directions on that road; no matter how he walked, he couldn't reach the end.

Is this what the trial is about?

Su Ping tried moving with Void Walker, but the result was the same.

I don't think this is something achievable with the perfect path of space. If this is the test, then it's too strange. Not every Star Lord is capable of doing that. A Star Lord who has grasped a perfect path already has the potential of rising to the Celestial State. If his requirement is even more rigorous than that, then the Celestial State expert really overestimated himself..

Su Ping's eyes glittered as he observed the ocean.

The ocean water felt strange and dangerous. Deep down, he even regretted going to that place.

He didn't know why he felt that way. All in all, the feeling of uneasiness and danger had been haunting him ever since he arrived at that place.

"Little Skeleton."

Su Ping summoned the Little Skeleton with a thought.

The little one emerged from the summoning space and landed next to Su Ping, gazing at him.

Su Ping said, "Can you open the gate of the undead? Summon your lackeys to this place."

The Little Skeleton instantly waved its hands, but shook its head soon after. It was clear that it failed in casting the skill. It was impossible to open the channel to another world from that place.

Su Ping frowned a bit. The Little Skeleton then moved his fingers again, and a dark ball of energy appeared in its hand; the ball then split up into many ghosts!

The spectres floated around the Little Skeleton, which stunned Su Ping. When did it pick up that move?

"You summoned them?" Su Ping asked something he considered self-explanatory immediately after. He then said, "Ask them to investigate the ocean." The Little Skeleton nodded again; the little ghosts floated into the ocean like black balls.

Su Ping had an ominous feeling when the first ghost entered the ocean. He quickly said, "Stop. Bring them back."

The Little Skeleton was stunned, but quickly did as told. The last few ghosts immediately floated back; however, the ghosts that did enter the water earlier never returned. Red light glittered in the Little Skeleton's eyes, as if examining something. But the next moment, huge tides rose from the ocean and clashed against the road.

Following that, the ocean became ferocious and violent.

Su Ping's expression changed somewhat as he examined the environment with the ultimate treasures he had.

The next moment, he saw a terrifying creature in the midst of the rising tide. The creature was revealed after the tide receded. Half of its body was exposed to the air. There were scary sharp stings on its back.

Su Ping narrowed his eyes. He was horrified, as it was neither a Star Lord beast, nor an Ascendant State beast, but a Celestial State creature! He could tell from his goosebumps that his assessment was undoubtedly accurate!

A Celestial State beast is in charge of the test?

Su Ping found it absurd!

Run!

Su Ping didn't dally for a second as he took out all the treasures he had.

He activated the Prime Sky Mirror and quickly cloned himself. Then, he tried to escape into another space through the mirror, only to find that the local space was like a piece of iron; he couldn't enter the void, nor teleport himself!

"Damn it!"

Su Ping was rather infuriated. He had a nagging feeling that the trial was more like a trap!

The beast was definitely not friendly!

"Path of Illusion!" Su Ping didn't have the least bit of interest in fighting back. He invoked the power of his triple small worlds, and also performed the path of illusion to the fullest!

He instantly concealed his aura, and transformed into an illusion. He then took out a tremendous number of items and threw them to the ocean and the road.

As for himself, he reduced himself to the size of a grain with the transformation power of the Eight Nine Astral Painting; he hid himself inside a piece of inconspicuous armor.

The armor was hanging on one side of the road, seemingly about to fall into the ocean. It seemed to be quite remarkable. The clone made with the Prime Sky Mirror was standing and glowing while holding the mirror and all the ultimate treasures surrounding him, as if ready for battle.

By then, the behemoth had already swum to the ancient road, slowly revealing itself in the seawater. It turned out to be a giant, scary fish looking down at Su Ping on the ancient road, with its mouth open wide.

Next, red light darted out of its eyes and penetrated all of the ultimate treasures.

The Prime Sky Mirror rolled and tried to block it, only to be straight-off penetrated.

The Ascendant State treasure was destroyed, just like that.

While shrouded by the red light, his clone turned a red sculpture, which then flew towards the weird fish's head.

A tentacle suddenly rose from the weird fish's nape. There was a ball that looked like a lantern at the end of the tentacle; it absorbed the sculpture, and then disappeared.

After that, the weird fish turned around and raised a tide as it returned to the ocean.

Tides were still surging in the ocean, pushing everything that was on the ancient road including the armor where Su Ping was currently hiding-into the seawater. The ancient road was so clean that it seemed as if Su Ping had never been there.

He fell into the ocean, and instantly noticed a freezing cold.

He didn't resist it; he simply allowed the coldness to invade him. Su Ping was concealing all his aura at the moment. He even had the feeling that the strange fish had already noticed him, and was staring at him in a teasing manner, somewhere deep down the ocean.

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The armor fell into the ocean, gradually sinking along with the rolling tides.

The feeling of coldness intensified as he went down. In any case, Su Ping preferred not to control his armor, nor reveal his aura. He had lost connections with his clone ever since it was absorbed into the strange lamp attached to the fish's head. He didn't think the fish was inviting him to a trial.

The sea monster made him shiver; it was anything but friendly. Su Ping couldn't be mistaken about this.

The Celestials can't ignite the lamps to enter this place. They only investigated the ancient palace and concluded that the deceased Celestial wanted an heir; however, this doesn't have the least resemblance to a test for an heir!

Su Ping's face was grim. The environment became even colder; he felt that both his body and his soul were freezing.

The ocean was so dark that he couldn't see anything clearly, despite his keen eyesight; he could only detect objects that were only a few meters away from him. He was descending in dark water brimming with floating grains of sand, which made it murkier. The grains rubbed against the armor, and Su Ping quickly realized what they were!

It was bone powder!

It was unlike ashes produced in a special place.

Ashes were tiny and smooth particles.

However, the grains were rather rough; the bones had been forcefully shattered!

Is this ocean full of such bone remains? Su Ping was rather shocked. Had the Celestial expert been an ancient deity, and not a devil?

He had never seen a place as brutal, except for the Chaotic Realm of the Undead.

If the legacy is just bait left by the master of this place to lure us over, what's his purpose then? He could have lured the Ascendant experts; they would have been better food for that fish...

Su Ping's eyes glittered.

He was even questioning himself.

Was everything he was experiencing just an illusion, and he was still in the trial?

Su Ping gave up the thought soon after. His willpower had already been well-tempered; other people might be suspicious, but he was pretty sure that the fish was hostile.

The most important thing right now is how to break free.

Su Ping's heart became heavy as the armor continuously sank in the ocean.

He opted to move with the flow, avoiding reckless actions. The ghosts that entered the ocean moments earlier had already caught the attention of the fish. He would have been detected if he revealed the tiniest bit of his aura.

He only felt lucky that, even though his path of illusion wasn't perfect yet, its concealment trait was excellent. Adding the triple small worlds' enhancement, it could conceal him as remarkably as a perfect law. Not even the Ascendants could detect him, unless some of them had mastered a special perception ability. However, that fish was clearly in the Celestial State... Could I have escaped its attention?

Could it be that I'm inside its mouth right now?

Su Ping trembled at the thought.

He pictured that a hideous creature, which he couldn't see clearly, was looking down at him in complete darkness, and he was floating right towards its mouth.

Had I known about this, I wouldn't have fought for the key. I could have given it to someone less talented. It's very unlikely that they can pass the trial and win the legacy anyway... Su Ping smiled bitterly in his heart.

But that was just wisdom in hindsight.

Nobody would have given up the key they found, even if they managed to return.

Maybe I can only wait until other trial-takers arrive. There will probably be an opportunity to escape when the fish chases them..." Su Ping's eyes glittered.

But then, there was another problem.

His perception range had been greatly reduced. How could he detect other trial-takers if they took the ancient road?

Su Ping was deep in thought again.

His body kept sinking and sinking.

A long while later

While deep in thought, he suddenly detected a ray of light.

Su Ping was stunned.

His first thought was the lamp on the strange fish's forehead, but then he realized that the dazzling light was coming from the bottom of the ocean.

The light originated from a magnificent glowing palace! It was an ancient construction found at the bottom of the ocean!

There were depictions of ferocious dragons and other beasts engraved on the pillars, including that of the strange fish. Su Ping was able to catch a full picture of the creature; it was covered in sharp stings, and also had an enormous lamp on its forehead.

Su Ping quickly asked in his heart, "System, can I exchange points for the advanced version of the Illustrated Book for Pets?"

There was a moment of silence before the system replied, "Yes, but you have to pay three times more energy points if you want to exchange for it outside the store."

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Su Ping eventually accepted the offer after a moment of silence.

He had to blame himself for being too petty.

It seems that I have to change my petty ways. My store has grown in size anyway. I'm making lots of revenue every day with the help of my employees. I should exchange for the necessary items...

Su Ping admonished himself for a while, and chose to accept the exchange. He only owned the middle-level version of the pet compendium, which allowed him to identify beasts up to the Ascendant State.

He never thought he would have to identify Celestial State creatures. After all, he couldn't beat them, whether or not he knew about them. Besides, the exchange was too costly for him back then.

He had been too busy grasping laws to consider the matter when he finally had enough energy points.

"-3,000,000." The system's reminder made his lips twitch. A huge amount of information surged into his head; the beast engravings on the pillars were no longer unknown to him. He accessed their information almost unconsciously.

"Ghost Lamp Nether Fish?!"

Su Ping was astonished.

His heart was chilled by the revelation. The strange fish was indeed a Celestial creature. Furthermore, the upper limit of its bloodline was not the Celestial State; it was the Heaven State, which was on a higher level!

It was the first time for Su Ping to learn that the level above the Celestial State was the Heaven State.

Of course, that was only how it was known in the system. Maybe the people in the different cultivation sites called it in their own ways.

However, Su Ping believed that the system's name and classification was more formal.

Still, it's not that easy for the creature to rise to the Heaven State. The chance is very slim; most of them remain in the Celestial State. Furthermore, those ferocious creatures feed on ghosts and souls... No wonder my shouting didn't wake it up, while the Little Skeleton's ghosts woke it up immediately.

So, it had been hungry for too long, and it woke up because of food.

Su Ping's lips twitched; he was lost for words.

However, the newly acquired information helped him confirm his speculation; that wasn't a place for trials.

Or rather, the trial was just a trap!

The lamp above the Ghost Lamp Nether Fish's head was said to be connected to the mysterious Netherworld; only the Heaven State fish could open the gate. Even though the Celestial State fish was unable to do that, they were terrifying nevertheless. Most importantly, they liked to store food in their lamps, which was their secondary stomachs.

My clone has indeed been digested... Even the Prime Sky Mirror was broken too. That thing didn't show any mercy!

Su Ping pulled a long face.

He looked at the other engravings on the pillars, only to discover that all were ferocious Celestial beasts. He instantly recognized the nature of the place's owner.

Those were not the ruins of an ancient divine palace; it was a devil's lair!

It wasn't an ancient deity who had perished there, it had more likely been a heinous devil!

How can I break free? Su Ping looked around, only to discover that the palace-protected by barriers—was not corroded. There was a mountain of treasures inside!

Countless treasures were glittering inside. Time seemed to have been frozen there; those treasures weren't affected by the passage of time.

Is that the treasury of the ancient palace's master? It makes sense that the strange fish is a guardian of the treasures down here... Su Ping's eyes glittered. His armor happened to pass through the barriers and enter the palace underwater.

The next moment, Su Ping felt that the coldness faded away and his senses were back to normal.

Su Ping profited from the palace lighting and looked around, but didn't see the Ghost Lamp Nether Fish anywhere. He prudently released some of his power to lift the armor and go toward the barriers on the top.

However, the armor was blocked when it touched the barriers.

I can enter this place, but I can't leave...

Su Ping's expression changed a bit.

He didn't dare to hit the barriers with his full strength, fearing that the fish would notice him.

He simultaneously canceled his power and made the armor fall freely.

Su Ping didn't see the fish in the water nearby after waiting for a few minutes; it seemed that his power release went unnoticed.

He was slightly relieved, but he was still acting prudently.

Since the armor had fallen on top of a bunch of treasures, Su Ping instantly began to examine them.

I think they're all Ascendant State treasures... Su Ping was already a treasure connoisseur. The treasures were in mint condition. The flow time had been slowed by almost ten thousand times!

That seemed to be something only Celestial experts were capable of doing.

However, it was impossible to understand laws or cultivate there. The lengthened time would twist many things around; grasping laws in such a place would mean self-destruction.

Whoosh!

Su Ping dashed out of the armor, and transformed into a glove with the power of the second Astral Painting.

His refined cells allowed him to transform into anything in creation. That was exactly the power of the Eight Nine Astral Paintings.

That ability reminded him of a certain monkey[1] in the myths.

The glove, which was his current appearance, fumbled carefully among the Ascendant State treasures. The glove fingers stopped every once in a while, not proceeding until he confirmed he was safe.

Are there guardians inside this place?

Su Ping was suddenly reminded of the ferocious beasts carved on the pillars. He could not help but wonder if the other creatures apart from the fish were also there.

[1] Monkey King

Chapter 1124 Spiritual Pill

Su Ping instantly released his senses, although prudently, to examine every part of the ancient palace.

He applied the path of illusion to his senses to avoid exposure. He soon acquired a general sense of the ancient building's layout; he didn't spot other ferocious beasts on the pillars. They should have easily stood out if they were as big as the Ghost Lamp Nether Fish.

Su Ping was slightly relieved. He crawled on the heap of secret treasures and saw plenty of Star Lord treasures that had lost their light. They had probably fallen to that place from the ocean, just like his armor.

He kept his glove form as he moved on the top of the treasures. The palace stairs had also been filled; only their edges were exposed.

It's a shame I can't take any of these treasures out...

Su Ping felt regret as he crawled on the hill of treasures. He thought he was too unfortunate during the trial. At first, he encountered a lethal trap; then, he was unable to take away the treasures he saw.

Even his fate was unknown at the moment.

Fortunately, I'm not really desperate to win the legacy anyway. If others learn the truth though, they would surely be devastated...

The mouth on the back of the glove heaved a sigh.

Then, the glove quickly crawled onward.

The glove soon touched a jade box wrapped in layers of laws. Su Ping used the law of chaos to disable the original laws. Then, he flowed into the box.

His body could transform into anything, including water. Huh? A vial?

Once inside the box, he turned back into the glove form and opened a black vial. There was a seal on the vial, although it wasn't really powerful. Even a normal Star Lord could have opened it with ease.

It was indeed a treasure left by a Celestial expert, but the latter probably didn't expect that anyone would sneak in. Even the richest families would only use regular brooms. It would be stupid to show off their riches by describing how expensive their brooms were.

Certain things only needed to be good enough.

He opened the vial, and a fragrance wafted out.

Su Ping instantly felt that all his cells were activated; the exhaustion from fighting Lin Xiu for seven days seemed to have disappeared, which left him elated. Even though he couldn't take the Ascendant treasures away, there were free medicines to be had; he could die with a full belly, and cause a loss to the malicious owner of that place.

One of the glove's fingers grew and turned into a hand, which grabbed the vial and turned it upside down.

A childish voice shouted right then, "Don't eat me!"

“Huh?”

A fat kid the size of a fingernail rolled out of the vial. He looked like... a pill.

He had limbs, albeit really short.

Su Ping was rendered speechless.

He immediately thought of Green Lady. But then his eyes were quickly filled with an even greater passion. He was reluctant to eat his employee, but he wouldn't hesitate to eat that fatty.

Furthermore, the pill was already able to adopt human form; it was evidently a high-quality pill.

“Don't eat me; I'm not delicious. I can help you find delicious pills for you. You'd die if you eat me anyway; I'm poison!” cried the fat kid, as if realizing what Su Ping was thinking.

Meanwhile, the little one rolled backwards, trying to keep a distance from Su Ping; however, his head bumped into one of the jade box's sides.

“You smell so delicious. How could you be poisonous?” asked Su Ping.

“That's exactly it. I smell delicious because I'm a poison; why else would anyone wish to eat me?” The fat kid tried to play cute.

Su Ping raised his eyebrows. “The last person who talked to me in such a way is already dead. You'd better confess truthfully; if you don't, I'll eat half of you first and chew a bit of the rest every day!” “Whoa, you're the devil!” shouted the fat kid, while trembling with fear; he was emitting even more of his pill fragrance.

Su Ping didn't spare any courtesy as he simply grabbed the pill and chewed a bit with another finger he had repurposed as a mouth.

The fat kid begged for mercy. Given Su Ping's lack of interest, he chose to confess a shocking secret. “Please don't eat me. I'll take you to where you can find and eat delicious stuff. There are a lot of medicines that are more valuable than me. I also know how to leave this place!”

Su Ping instantly stopped; the information definitely intrigued him.

He was tempted, knowing that the kid could be lying.

“You know how to get out of here?” asked Su Ping gravely, “Do you even know where you are? How can you possibly know how to get out of here? On the other hand... Do you know who I am?”

The fat kid was stunned. “Who are you?”

“I came at the behest of my master to examine the place. Who do you think I am? I didn't expect that you, a tiny pill, would know how to escape. Looks like throwing you into the furnace for refinement is the best option!” said Su Ping coldly.

He simply pretended to be one of the palace owner's disciples.

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"That's impossible. You're just a poor man who was duped and fell to this place by chance. You've seen that ferocious fish, right? You weren't eaten, and actually allowed you to enter this place? Aha, it must have been sleeping. But you can't fool me; there were other unlucky ones who fell here. Even their bodies are still around!"

The fat kid saw through Su Ping's lie; he wasn't the least bit convinced.

"You called my master's pet a ferocious fish? The Ghost Lamp Nether Fish? I'm going to have it eat you soon!" said Su Ping in a reprimanding tone. The fat kid was shocked and suspicious; he didn't expect that Su Ping would know the fish.

He could tell that the latter was far weaker than the Ghost Lamp Nether Fish; only the greatest geniuses that lived in his age could have recognized it; that age had long passed.

"Are you really...?" asked the fat kid with a mix of shock and suspicion.

Su Ping snorted and said, "Prepare to be refined. I'll eat half of you and refine the rest for Senior Ghost Fish."

The fat kid quickly begged, "Please don't; I'm not delicious at all. I was in the wrong. A sister pill told me how to get out of here, but I never planned on leaving. I've always been loyal..."

Su Ping interrupted him and immediately asked, "Who exactly told you that?" The fat kid instantly replied, "It's Sister Golden Lotus."

Su Ping was stunned; the kid didn't seem to be lying, but he wasn't that easily convinced. He wasn't even sure whether or not the fat kid had believed his made-up identity. Maybe, he was just pretending to be a fat kid, and he was actually a ferocious pill.

"Golden Lotus? I've never heard about her before. You're lying!" Su Ping bluffed. The fat kid quickly said, "It's very understandable. Your master prepared the pill for his return; how could he have told his disciples? Even the disciples he killed weren't aware of that..."

Knowing he had misspoken, he quickly added, "Sister Golden Lotus is very strong, but her strength is restricted in this place. You may get her essence and become a king if you help her..."

"A Deity King?" Su Ping mumbled.

The fat kid nodded quickly. "That's right."

Su Ping was deep in thought. He remembered that his master had mentioned that the ancient palace belonged to a deity. Celestials were called Deity Kings back in the age of deities, and those with the Heaven State were Deity Emperors. The sister the kid had described seemed as effective as Green Lady...

Su Ping pondered for a long time, then looked at the fat kid and quickly took action.

The fat kid instantly shrieked with extreme fear.

But Su Ping showed no mercy this time, and bit part of it off.

The fat kid screamed in pain, and cried in fear, “Don’t eat me! I’m telling the truth! You’ll lose your cultivation if you eat me. I’m a reshaping pill.”

Chapter 1125 Rebirth

“Is that so?”

Su Ping twisted one of the glove’s fingers with a thought, and a tiny part of flesh fell from it.

Then, the tiny piece of flesh solidified into a thumb-sized figurine, which gradually rose from the ground. Su Ping spouted a mouthful of astral power that was soon absorbed by the figurine; it soon advanced to the Void State.

“You...”

The fat kid was astounded by what he saw; he never realized that Su Ping could create lives out of nothing!

That required a great expertise on the path of vitality!

Su Ping had already mastered it to the fullest.

Ascendants could even establish their own kingdoms in their small worlds.

When considering Celestials, they could create plenty of lives with a mere thought. They were Creators in a sense.

The power of faith that Shen Huang had gifted him was precisely drawn from lives he had created. However, those lives were mediocre in general; it wasn’t unusual that only one in ten billion creatures would have reasonable potential.

It was impossible to create lives with divine constitutions, unless they picked some rare media when the lives were constructed.

To put it simply, creating lives was just like molding clay figurines; the quality of the clay figurines depended on the clay they were made of.

Most importantly, the created lives could only stay in their creator’s small world and couldn’t appear in the real universe. They would quickly die once they were exposed, as they couldn’t endure the mysterious power of the universe.

That seemed to be the universe’s way of warning the cultivators that life itself was taboo!

Su Ping then cut the pill piece he had bitten off in two, and threw half into the mouth of the tiny creature he had created.

Moments later, the vitality inside the tiny creature plummeted, dropping from the Void State to the Ocean State, but it had even more abundant energy. It also gained a second-rate constitution!

Su Ping raised his eyebrows ever so slightly; as it turned out, the pill didn't lie to him.

"What a waste!"

The fat kid was quite regretful to see part of his body be eaten. "I can reshape your body and build it up. If you have a normal body, I can improve it and make it an excellent body. If it's excellent, I can make it rare..."

"So to speak, you truly are a great pill." Su Ping's eyes glittered with greed.

Even so, he didn't pounce to eat the pill; instead, he asked, "Where's your Sister Pan[1]? Are there other guardians here besides her?"

The fat kid asked back, "Aren't you that old... man's monster? How come you don't know that?"

"You must have figured out already that I snuck into this place. I'm going to cut another piece off you if you ask me again!" said Su Ping ferociously.

The fat kid was terrified but relieved at the same time. He wasn't sure whether Su Ping was an unlucky man or a disciple who had entered without permission; it could be either.

"I'll tell you everything, but who exactly is Sister Pan?" asked the confused fat kid.

"I was referring to the sister you mentioned just now!" "Huh? Okay..." The fat kid understood. Instead of asking why Su Ping called him in such a way, he confessed dutifully, "Sister Golden Lotus commands us all, but she was restrained and weakened by your master. Still, she's a nice person and we all listen to her.

"Aside from Sister Golden Lotus, there's a bully who is actually your master's weapon. She's watching over this place.

"She's a king-level artifact named Evolution Forge; it can melt all weapons and transform them into unparalleled treasures. She may later become a great emperor-level weapon if she also eats some top materials!" The fat kid quickly added, "But your master seemed to be concerned about her; he imposed three restraints on the weapon, fearing it would eat up all the other artifacts in his treasury by the time he was reborn. He would be held hostage by his own weapon if that were to happen; so, even though the bully is a guardian, she cannot leave his place easily."

Su Ping asked, "How do you know that my master is in the process of being reborn?"

"Sister Golden Lotus told us. In fact, we would have guessed it even if she hadn't told us anything. Your master searched for materials everywhere and created pills, including me. He was badly wounded back then, and had to be reborn in order to recover," said the fat kid.

Su Ping was silent.

The trial was indeed a trap. However, rebirth... Was the man hoping to be reborn inside the body of one of the intruders?

If that were the case, Su Ping was the first person to enter the palace. Why wasn't he picked?

Am I not handsome enough for him? Su Ping instantly felt affronted.

“My master’s fish is watching over this place. You said you know how to get out of here; what is your method?” asked Su Ping.

The fat kid asked nervously, “What if you eat me after I tell you everything?”

“I can still eat you, even if you don’t tell anything,” said Su Ping, “I can ask your Sister Pan after I eat you!”

“Please don’t eat me; I’m really not palatable. I’ll just tell you the truth, please don’t eat me. I can tell you my recipe, so that you can create another pill,” said the fat kid, eager to stay alive.

Lost for words for a moment, Su Ping finally said, “Just tell me the truth. I wouldn’t mind sparing your life if you’re obedient.”

“All right,” swiftly replied the fat kid. Then, he said, “These are the depths of the Nether Ocean. Your master’s Ghost Lamp Nether Fish is outside, watching over this place. However, there’s a teleportation channel underneath the palace which leads to your master’s study; that’s where the techniques he gathered over time are stored. We can find an exit there.”

“As simple as that?” Su Ping raised his eyebrows.

The fat kid quickly shook his head. “The teleportation channel is the challenge; that’s the place where the bully was restrained. If we want to leave, we have to do it when the bully is not paying attention.”

Su Ping rolled his eyes. “You said the bully is a king-level treasure, which is half as strong as my master when he was alive. We’ll both be obliterated if she notices us!”

The fat kid said pitifully, “But that’s the only way out; we can only slip out when she’s not watching. It’s been a long time since any unlucky man has descended to the palace. She’s been sleeping for a long time; we stand a good chance if we’re careful.”

“Then, why did the bully not teleport herself out of here? She should be free now that my master isn’t restraining her anymore, right?” “Your master left a magic sutra suppressing her inside the study; it’s one of the three restraints set on the bully. She doesn’t dare go there, as she would only be driven back,” said the fat kid.

“The magic sutra?” Su Ping was stunned. Was it an advanced technique?

What a great secret technique it must be!

“Then wouldn’t we only end up dead if we enter the study?” demanded Su Ping furiously.

The fat kid quickly said, “No, we won’t. Sister Golden Lotus is very close to the magic sutra; it will let us pass if she talks to it.”

“How do you know?”

“Sister Golden Lotus told me.” Su Ping stared at the fat kid, deep in thought.

He chose not to waste any more of his time a moment later. He turned his finger into a knife, and directly cut off half of the fat kid’s body. He said, “I’ll eat you if you’re lying to me. I’ll return this half when I leave if you’re telling the truth.”

The fat kid screamed. After hearing what Su Ping said, he stammered, "You're just as vicious as your master. I've been speaking nothing but the truth, and yet you still don't believe me!"

"Cut the crap. Let's go see your Sister Pan." Su Ping instantly moved out. He had to try, whether the fat kid was speaking the truth or not.

Things wouldn't work out if he had to stay there forever. If the owner of the ruins was truly reborn, he would surely go there after his rebirth. He might even discover Su Ping, even though the latter had the perfect path of illusion.

The fat kid was decisive; he moved out of the jade box along with Su Ping, then led the way.

The fat round pill rolled over plenty of Ascendant State treasures, while a glove crawled after him. They soon entered an ancient room where a lot of treasures had been messily piled up. There were also medicines and strange branches emitting godly auras. While rolling at the front, the fat kid pointed out the hideouts of other treasures for Su Ping. "That's Sister Jar's place; that's Brother Fire's territory..."

Shortly after they reached the end of the room, where Su Ping saw that a golden gourd was floating in midair.

The fat kid pointed at the gourd and said, "Sister Golden Lotus is right there."

[1] Pan Jinlian (Golden Lotus) is a famous fictional character

Chapter 1126 Conspiracy

Su Ping observed the golden gourd; he detected a law-based seal on it, but it wasn't very powerful. Even he could lift it with ease.

"Tell her to come out then," Su Ping said to the fat kid.

The latter shook his head and said, "Sister Golden Lotus is imprisoned there; she can't come out. Wicked restraints have been imposed on her, all to block her power; even I can overpower her right now..." Su Ping glanced at him and said, "And you simply brought me here? Aren't you afraid that I would eat you both?"

The fat kid glanced at him, with a deeper meaning showing in his eyes.

He obediently confessed, "Sister Golden Lotus is a Unity Essence Golden Lotus Pill; you can't eat her. No one is able to bear the effects of eating her, except for Deity Kings. Furthermore, Sister Golden Lotus is carrying vicious restraints. You'll be the one to suffer because of the restraints if you eat her,"

"What's her effect then?" asked Su Ping curiously.

"She can help you develop your core. I don't know the details; you'll have to ask Sister Golden Lotus for the exact answer," said the fat kid while shaking his head.

Su Ping glanced at the latter, and thought his words were probably true.

Otherwise, the fat kid could have lured him into eating the pill, and end up with a curse.

"Is the bully around?" Su Ping looked around.

The fat kid shook his head. "No. She's elsewhere; it's safe here."

Su Ping didn't detect anything else either; he immediately destroyed the laws covering the golden gourd. It was possible to incinerate the seal with the perfect path of fire.

The pill boy was shocked yet again upon seeing the perfect path of fire released by Su Ping.

The seal was then lifted; an abundant fragrance began to spread. Both the fat kid and Su Ping seemed intoxicated.

The fragrance was refreshing and pungent; they felt as if floating in clouds.

"Sister Golden Lotus!" the fat kid snapped out of it and shouted; he seemed to be quite enthused.

Su Ping also recovered and gazed forward.

"It's you? Why are you here? Who's this?" a pleasant voice came out of the gourd, while concurrently a fair hand appeared and grabbed the container's edge. Following that, the most elegant and attractive face emerged; she seemed serene and casual.

Su Ping was slightly relieved upon seeing her; it seemed that the fat kid didn't lie to him. The abundant fragrance wafting from the woman was a clear indicator of her pill nature.

She was a little bit like Green Lady, but her fragrance seemed even more abundant than that of Green Lady's.

The woman noticed Su Ping. She put on a slightly solemn expression and asked, "Who's he?"

She seemed to have realized that it wasn't the kid, but the stranger who had broken the seal on the gourd.

"He claims to be that old monster's disciple..." the fat kid quickly offered introductions.

Su Ping quickly followed suit, "Hello, Miss Pan, the name is Su Ping."

The woman was rather puzzled. "Miss Pan? My surname isn't Pan; you may call me Golden Lotus."

"Okay, Miss Pan," Su Ping nodded and then continued, "I was told you know how to get out of here. Is it true?"

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The woman was dazed for a moment, and then wore an odd expression. Is this man an idiot? I just asked him to call me Golden Lotus.

She inwardly shook her head and discarded the matter altogether. Then, she said, "If you're his disciple, why did you come here? Also, he's been reborn already; he can't recruit more disciples. Who are you exactly?"

"I was accepted by my master in a place of heritage; I've never seen him in person," said Su Ping.

The woman stared at Su Ping for a while, then shook her head. "You're lying. I can see through your heart; it's pointless to lie in front of me. I'm going to ask you again... Who are you?"

Su Ping was stunned.

Is the pill this formidable?

The fat kid poked a finger on the glove and said, "I knew that something was wrong about you. Just tell me the truth; we're not malicious. You must be an unlucky man who fell here, aren't you? But it's fairly good that you managed to bypass the sleeping fish and come here. It's unnecessary to test us; we all want to get out of here."

The fat kid seemed shrewd and worldly at the moment, as if he had already seen through Su Ping's disguise.

The latter raised his eyebrows; he then chose not to keep it a secret anymore. He said, "You're right. I'm a trespasser. I saw the fish earlier, but it didn't notice me; I simply want to get out of here. I will be in your debt if you can give me a hand!"

The woman gazed at Su Ping for a moment, then slightly shook her head. She said, "You're not lying; I believe you. I do know a way to get out of here. There's indeed a channel that leads to the study. We can use it to leave this place. However..."

"There's a bully guarding the place," added the fat kid, "This bully has been sleeping for a long time. If we're careful enough, we'll be able to slip past her."

"That's right." The woman nodded.

She then glanced at the fat kid and said, "You seem to have told him everything. By the way, were your wounds caused by him?"

The fat kid quickly complained and said, "He forced me to confess everything, and he didn't believe what I said; he threatened that he would eat me whole. Sister Golden Lotus, you must punish him!"

While he looked at the fat two-faced kid, Su Ping thought that he should have bitten him harder.

The woman gave a slight nod, but didn't lay blame onto Su Ping. Instead, she comforted the fat kid, "He meant it when he said he would be grateful if he could leave. He couldn't have truly meant to hurt you; no need to be angry with him."

The fat kid was both stunned and frustrated.

Su Ping was surprised; the woman seemed truly able to see through his heart. He thought for a moment, then gazed at her with plenty of inappropriate thoughts.

"What's on your mind?" The woman frowned; she felt some sort of insult coming from Su Ping's eyes.

Su Ping shook his head. "Nothing. I simply thought it must be painful that you're living in the gourd all the time, Sister Pan."

“You’re lying!” she immediately replied.

Su Ping’s lips cursed, but he didn’t deny it; he already received the answer he wanted. It seemed that the woman could only tell whether or not he was telling the truth, but not his exact thoughts. After all, she would have burst into a fit of rage had she known what he was really thinking...

“No time to waste. Should we go check the bully?” asked Su Ping.

The woman glanced at him, and gave him a slight nod.

The fat pill boy also said, “All right, let’s get out of here. We won’t have a chance to escape if the old monster is reborn successfully and comes back.”

The woman said, “Since we’re leaving, we’ll bring the other pills with us. We’ve been partners for such a long time; we cannot abandon them.”

The fat kid clapped his hands. “Sister Golden Lotus, you’re right.” Su Ping glanced at the fat kid, who had apparently never thought of rescuing the others. The fat kid definitely deserved to be eaten, considering how he had directly sold her out when threatened by Su Ping.

However, the latter had promised not to hurt them; he wouldn’t do anything, unless they harmed him first.

“If you’re taking your partners away, it shouldn’t be a problem if I take some of the treasures, right?” asked Su Ping

The woman looked at Su Ping, unsurprised. She nodded and said, “You reached this place risking your life; leaving empty handed wouldn’t do. You may take something.”

“Okay.” Su Ping instantly said to the fat kid, “Go fetch your pill partners. Miss Pan, please show me around so I can check the treasures.” “Why are you bossing us around?” shouted the fat kid, who seemed a lot bolder now that his sister was there.

Su Ping glared at him. “Because I can eat you!” The fat kid immediately lost all his fury. He glanced at Sister Golden Lotus while making himself look pitiful, but she appeared to have seen through his plan; she didn’t look back as she simply said, “It’s settled then.”

Chapter 1127 Looting

The fat pill boy had to obey Su Ping’s instruction and look for his pill partners once he noticed that his senior sister had agreed.

Su Ping, on the other hand, released his small world and collected the Ascendant State treasures lying on the ground; a large area was soon cleared.

“Miss Pan, please show me around and tell me about the precious items stored here,” said Su Ping with a smile.

Golden Lotus looked around at the Ascendant treasures around her, finding that dozens of them were missing. She suddenly thought that Su Ping had misunderstood her when she said “something.” “There’s

indeed something that might be of use to you." Golden Lotus didn't disagree; those weren't her belongings anyway. She then said to Su Ping, "Follow me."

She then floated out of the gourd like a wisp of smoke. She was tall and beautiful.

Su Ping nodded, and casually placed the golden gourd in his small world too.

Golden Lotus's lips twitched. She then led Su Ping onward to another room next to the ancient palace, where a sundry of Ascendant treasures were stacked; there were weapons, paintings and even brushes. All of them were secret treasures.

Two silver gourds were hanging on a wall.

Golden Lotus waved her hand and summoned the two tiny gourds. "These gourds contain the pure blood of dragons and phoenixes the palace owner collected. One drop of phoenix blood can bring the dead back to life, and one drop of dragon blood can make you an immortal..."

She glanced at Su Ping and added, "He collected the blood to improve his physical build after his rebirth. If the two blood types are used, it's possible to develop the legendary Dragon Phoenix Constitution, which may likely turn him into a Deity Emperor which would enable him to dominate the world!"

Su Ping raised his eyebrows and asked, "The blood must be very precious for you too, right?"

Golden Lotus gave him a slight head shake and replied, "We pills aren't made of flesh and blood; some rare materials aren't really useful to us. Many of the unparalleled pills require ordinary grass as catalysts. The herbalist profession would be worthless if you could make a precious pill by simply cooking rare materials in the same pot!"

Su Ping realized why she wasn't reluctant to give away the gourds. "Thank you." Su Ping accepted the silver gourds, which were protected by weak laws; he erased the protections and opened them with ease, instantly smelling a strange blood scent, which was as sweet as candy.

Su Ping's eyes glittered. He didn't consume the blood directly; after all, he wasn't in a cultivation site and he had to be cautious.

He summoned the Little Skeleton. In terms of sturdiness, it was even tougher than him!

Su Ping poured out a drop of blood and asked his pet to consume it.

Even though the things that the Little Skeleton placed in its mouth might slip out, it only happened when it didn't want the food; it would refine the food with energy when willing. A drop of pure dragon blood was then digested by the Little Skeleton. Su Ping was soon able to detect aura changes on his pet. Dragon scales and bones were growing on the back of its hands!

"What a waste!"

Golden Lotus couldn't help but frown seeing what Su Ping had done.

She knew that the latter had done that because he didn't trust her; still, testing out dragon blood on a beast was downright wasteful.

“No, it’s not. Whether my pet consumes the blood or I do makes no difference,” said Su Ping with a smile.

“But it’s just a beast anyway,” said Golden Lotus.

Su Ping was stunned by the answer; he looked her in the eye and said softly, “You’re pills, but I regard you as human beings, don’t I? It may be a beast, but so what? Even if it were just grass, I’d gladly give it everything if it’s a sentient partner of mine.” Golden Lotus felt dazed; she looked at Su Ping in the eye, and knew that he wasn’t lying.

This human... really regards us as his own kind?

Su Ping ignored Golden Lotus and sent the Little Skeleton back to the pet space. He shook the gourds and felt that they were half full; he instantly had a mouthful.

Su Ping then felt that a stream of fiery energy surged into his body, as if having drunk a mouthful of magma. He heard furious, stubborn and scary dragon roars inside his head, as if the dragon would have been trapped in a deep well and was struggling to break free.

He then felt that his body was bulging, as if about to explode.

The power permeated his limbs and concentrated in his heart. Su Ping suddenly had the feeling he had been tied up by an invisible dragon, which was about to nibble at his heart and claim his body for itself!

Coldness burst out of Su Ping’s eyes. Right when he was about to suppress the intruder the brightest power was swept out of the depths of his blood and absorbed the burning heat suffusing his body. Then, the Golden Crow shrieked.

The Golden Crow illusion surfaced behind Su Ping’s back and emitted hot waves that shocked Golden Lotus.

Seeing the Golden Crow shocked her.

The crow seemed to have pecked at something and swallowed it. It then became even brighter, entering Su Ping’s body through his head.

Su Ping felt that the scorching heat felt all over his body was gone; he couldn’t have felt more comfortable. Meanwhile, he felt that his Golden Crow bloodline seemed to have been strengthened yet again; it was slightly different than before.

Still, it wasn’t the time nor the place to run tests; he left the matter at that. He opened his eyes and looked at the remaining dragon blood; he then sealed the gourd, as he was planning to feed it to the Inferno Dragon and his other pets.

As for the phoenix blood, he wasn’t in a rush to consume it; he stowed it for the moment.

If I can get out of this place alive, I’m sure these two treasures will very likely improve my combat ability! Su Ping thought.

But that was on the premise that he could get out of that place alive.

“Are there other treasures here?” Su Ping asked Golden Lotus.

She had already recovered from her stupor. “Yes. There’s an Ocean God Pill which can improve your soul and willpower. It gained wisdom a long time ago, but its wisdom was later erased because it was too wicked. The pill’s effectiveness was halved, but it’s perfect for you at your current level.” “Okay.”

Su Ping nodded.

Su Ping asked her to wait a moment just as she made to leave. He then raised his hand and collected all the treasures in the room, which he sent into his small world.

Golden Lotus was stunned for a long time, before she finally asked, “You’re not going to empty this place, are you?”

Su Ping asked back in surprise, “Why not?”

Golden Lotus: “...”

“We’re going to leave anyway. Our enemy will use the treasures eventually if we leave them here, right?” said Su Ping.

Golden Lotus was lost for words. She secretly heaved a sigh; it was true that every creature was greedy. There were no exceptions. Still, she didn’t comment on it; she could tolerate anything as long as she could leave this place.

They soon left the palace and moved forward. Su Ping picked up all the items he found along the way. He constructed metal objects virtually identical to the treasures he picked, placing them right where the originals had been, so that the Ghost Lamp Nether Fish wouldn’t notice anything amiss when it swam over. As to whether or not it would be tricked, Su Ping had no time to consider that yet.

Golden Lotus had already become numb about Su Ping’s looting; she simply led Su Ping onward.

Soon enough, more than half of the ancient palace was emptied, but it was filled up again by the metal counterfeits he forged.

Constructing substances with laws was an easy task for any Star Lord.

“Has this place been robbed?” The fat kid was shocked when he arrived with plenty of other pills.

Su Ping looked at the assorted pills behind the boy. They were of different genders, heights and weights; some of them even looked like old men, but they all emitted pill auras.

“All right; don’t make too much noise. Come over here,” Golden Lotus interrupted the other pills as they pointed at and whispered about Su Ping. They currently needed Su Ping’s help to escape from that place; she didn’t want them to piss him off. She created a storage space, and asked all of them to hop in.

Those pills seemed to trust Golden Lotus wholeheartedly. They didn’t suspect her at all, so they jumped into the storage space, one after the other.

Golden Lotus waved at the fat kid, and stuffed him into the storage space too, despite his resistance.

“Let’s go. Be careful,” said Golden Lotus in a low voice.

Su Ping nodded. He concealed his aura with the law of illusion, and almost made himself undetectable.

Golden Lotus glanced at Su Ping again with astonishment in her eyes. Had she not seen him just then, she wouldn't have known that he was there. Even though her abilities had been sealed, she still had her keen senses.

No wonder the hideous fish didn't notice him... Golden Lotus thought.

Chapter 1128 Alarmed

Su Ping entered the depths of the ancient palace while led by Golden Lotus. Hardly had Su Ping arrived when he saw the bully mentioned by the fat kid.

It was an ancient purple cauldron, with black and white steam popping up; it had engravings of many vivid and strange ferocious beasts. The essence of those beasts had been absorbed by the ancient cauldron.

The artifact was currently still, surrounded by abundant laws that looked like smoke, giving it a splendid look. "That's the Evolution Cauldron!"

Golden Lotus said with solemn eyes, "The channel is right beneath it. She seems to be sound asleep right now; let's just be extra careful."

Su Ping saw that there was indeed an unusual array below the cauldron; it was probably the teleportation array mentioned by Golden Lotus.

However, Su Ping thought it was just a normal cauldron after observing for a good while.

How can we know it's sound asleep? Su Ping wore a strange expression, but he didn't ask. He noticed a transparent barrier ten meters away from the cauldron; it glittered whenever a breeze passed.

That's right; the barrier even blocked the passage of air.

"That's the barrier imprisoning the cauldron. It cannot be breached from the inside, but it's not that hard to pass to anyone outside. I know the trick; be careful," said Golden Lotus with a grave expression.

She then cast a spell, releasing the aura of laws and a power that Su Ping couldn't recognize.

A strange rune flew out soon after, which was then imprinted on the barrier.

The center of the rune made the barrier twist a bit, and an opening was made.

"Let's go."

Golden Lotus spoke telepathically. She then floated through the opening without making a sound, just like a stream of smoke.

Su Ping frowned. He quickly reduced his body size, and also flew past the barrier.

Hardly had he passed the barrier when Su Ping noticed the most daunting aura looming in front of him. He slightly changed his expression, not daring to lay eyes on the cauldron due to fear of being noticed.

He realized that the fat pill boy wasn't bluffing. The cauldron was indeed a Deity King weapon!

Its aura undoubtedly contained Celestial State power!

Su Ping held his breath, and slowly approached the cauldron behind Golden Lotus.

The closer to the cauldron, the greater the pressure was. Fortunately, Su Ping had seen plenty of experts in cultivation sites; he wasn't overpowered by the ominous atmosphere, and simply carried on.

One step after the other.

Su Ping felt he was moving towards his doom.

The path they took was so frightening that anyone else would have been terrified. However, he rationally controlled his body and kept it relaxed, without releasing any of his aura

Gradually

He approached the Evolution Cauldron.

It was quite the magnificent artifact, with a massive ten-meter body. Su Ping also saw the three curses restraining the cauldron like three black, wicked dragons.

The teleportation array was at the feet of the cauldron.

Golden Lotus moved like a fish as she reached the bottom of the cauldron.

She turned around and waved at Su Ping, asking him to relax.

He wasn't feeling impatient. He sustained the same speed in the last few meters as he walked forward, withholding his aura completely until the both of them were standing underneath the cauldron.

Su Ping looked as solemn as before; he had yet to relax completely.

Golden Lotus was slightly astonished by Su Ping's calm demeanor; she then glanced at him with approval in her eyes. She was slightly angry with him because of his greed, but she had to admit that his mind was stronger than expected; anyone else would have been exposed already.

After all, Su Ping's level was too low; it was indeed remarkable that he hadn't been paralyzed before a Deity King weapon.

Furthermore, the Evolution Cauldron had consumed plenty of ultimate treasures and refined the corpses of many tough beasts; it was even more intimidating than a Deity King!

Golden Lotus moved her hands, releasing threads of aura from her fingers; she was going to activate the array.

Exactly at that moment-a gentle voice was suddenly heard. "Do you need my help?"

Golden Lotus abruptly stopped moving her hands. She seemed overcome with shock; she moved much faster the next moment, hoping to activate the array as soon as possible. But then a force struck her and Su Ping, hurling both against the barrier. Su Ping felt that his bones were falling apart; he would have been reduced into a bloody pulp were it not for his tough body.

Also, the laws all over his body had been blocked. He would have truly died if he were truly squished into a pulp.

Su Ping was shocked. It happened too fast; no more than 0.001 seconds had passed since the voice sounded.

The gentle voice gradually turned cold and scary. "My lovely pills, are you trying to flee again?"

Su Ping raised his head, only to find that the magnificent cauldron gradually transformed into an enormous woman.

The lady was six meters tall, but she was quite slim, endowed with fair skin and a pretty face. The coldness on her face made her look even more charming.

Golden Lotus had already gotten back to her feet nearby. She asked with an awful expression, "When did you discover us?"

"The moment you came in..." The woman looked down at her, without even bothering to look in Su Ping's direction. She said to Golden Lotus, "I asked you to give up last time, but here you are yet again; I would have swallowed you if you weren't the pill he needs!"

Golden Lotus' face showed a contorted expression; she took a deep breath and then moved to stand in front of Su Ping. She also said to Su Ping telepathically, "I'll try to buy some time for you. See if you can get away." Meanwhile, she spoke to the cauldron, "Are you still willing to serve him? You have the potential to evolve and become an emperor weapon, and yet you were restrained by him. You, of all people, should know what kind of person he is; it won't be possible for you to escape when he returns!"

"Of course I know that."

The woman said indifferently, "That's why I'm not letting any of you go. You must taste the pain and loneliness along with me!"

"Lunatic!" Golden Lotus couldn't help but curse.

"If the pain is inevitable, I'd rather share it with someone else. Don't even think about getting away!" said the sneering cauldron. "I gave you a choice before, to take you out of here. If you allowed me to plant a curse inside your body, but you didn't accept. If you want to die with me, then let's die together!"

"I will never let you plant a curse inside my body and control me!" yelled Golden Lotus.

"Why don't we just stay if you don't want to negotiate? Even if we stay here, I will still serve him. He wouldn't dare let me advance, but he'll cherish me. You're different, though; he will eat you. Let's see which of us gets to live longer!" said the woman with a sneer.

Golden Lotus replied furiously, "I won't let him eat me! Even if I can't leave this place, I'd rather destroy myself than let him eat me!"

"In that case, why don't you just accept my offer?" replied the woman with a snort. "You pills are truly stubborn and inflexible!"

Golden Lotus said furiously, "How many creatures have you killed? You would retaliate against everybody who crossed you before if you leave, including us. I cannot let you leave this place; only he can restrain you!"

“You’re asking to be killed!” Coldness was glinting in the woman’s eyes, as if about to attack.

“Wait a moment, let’s just talk nicely,” said the nearby Su Ping, “Maybe I can help you escape!”

He sensed that he had already been surrounded by a killing aura, knowing he would probably kick the bucket if he remained silent.

Also, the previous conversation had helped him in gleaning something: the woman was intent on cooperating with Golden Lotus and leaving that place. The pill had mentioned that the cauldron was scared of a sutra found in the study, and the sutra was one of Golden Lotus’ friends. The cauldron probably intended to coerce the sutra into letting her go by planting a curse inside Golden Lotus.

The woman stopped her attack upon hearing Su Ping’s proposal.

She would have crushed the weak human had she not heard what he said last; she wasn’t interested in anything else he might have said.

Golden Lotus changed her expression and looked at Su Ping. She asked, “What do you want?”

“Since the both of you have a mutual enemy and target, I think it would be a win-win if you cooperate and leave this place together,” proposed Su Ping straight off.

The woman raised her eyebrows and sneered. “Listen, even this brat understands simple logic, while you don’t. I know you’re an effective pill, but I truly worry for my brain’s health if I tried swallowing you!”

Su Ping: “...”

Golden Lotus was quite grim. She had planned to help Su Ping escape, but she didn’t think highly of him anymore, given how greedy he was, and hearing his offer.

“There’s no way that I’ll cooperate with her.” Golden Lotus stared at Su Ping. “I know you want to live, but you’ve chosen the wrong method; you know too little about her. The old monster ended the lives of many in the most brutal way, to later feed them to her. The world would fall into chaos if she leaves!”

Su Ping was lost for words. He didn’t know that Miss Pan was actually a pill with a great sense of justice; no wonder she swore not to cooperate with the cauldron. “Miss Pan, we’ve living in a different age. Even if she does go out, she won’t be able to cause trouble. Also, if the information about her is exposed, I’m sure that many Deity Kings will show up and fight for her. Those unable to get her would aim to destroy her. Such cooperation will work in our favor,” said Su Ping telepathically.

Golden Lotus was dazed for a moment, but her expression didn’t show an improvement. She asked, “What do you mean?”

“Miss Pan, aren’t you able to tell if I’m lying? I assure you that she won’t cause a disaster to the world if she gets out; this age is no longer the one you’re familiar with. She will be wanted by the entire world if she causes any trouble. All the Deity Kings would join forces to eliminate her. She won’t have a chance to do anything evil!” said Su Ping in a fast telepathic message.

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Golden Lotus looked at Su Ping with a mix of shock and suspicion.

She had indeed concluded that Su Ping was speaking the truth. She had also learned from the unlucky bastards who had accidentally fallen into the ocean that the age she had been born in was over. No one knew of the infamous old monster or the demonic cauldron that once scared the entire world.

Nevertheless... The cauldron was a Deity King weapon!

“Are you sure? Although I don’t know the age you’re living in, are you familiar with the Deity Kings’ power?”

Su Ping replied carefully, “Of course. The Ghost Lamp Nether Fish is a Deity King beast; it even has a chance to rise beyond. Still, no Deity Kings are able to cause trouble in this day and age, unless they’re Deity Emperors!”

“Why do you keep winking at each other? Are you conspiring something?” asked the cauldron woman at that moment. Her voice was cold and her eyes were like blades cutting Su Ping apart.

He might be able to struggle against Ascendant State opponents, but he was like a fish on the chopping block in front of a Celestial, completely unable to defend himself!

“Senior, I’m trying to persuade her,” said Su Ping quickly.

The woman slightly raised her brow and sneered. “Good. Just go to hell if you can’t!”

She was indeed not easy to deal with.

After heaving an inward sigh, Su Ping continued telepathically, “Miss Pan, just think about it. I know you care about the people in the universe, but I’m also one of them; I’ll die right now if you don’t accept. Besides, the situation outside will be in our favor.”

Golden Lotus changed her expression and stared at Su Ping.

She didn’t know whether he was telling the truth, or he was merely trying to survive. “If both you and the cauldron stay here, wouldn’t the universe fall into disaster too once the old monster is reborn and reclaims the cauldron?”

Su Ping gazed at Golden Lotus and added, “The cauldron and the old monster together will mean twice the disaster! It’s better to separate them than let them wreck havoc together. I think we shouldn’t stop her; rather, we should help her escape. If that were to happen, the old monster won’t have his weapon, and we can suppress her with other Deity Kings. Wouldn’t that be for the best?”

Golden Lotus felt dazed for a moment. Her eyes glittered as she quickly considered the matter. She stared at Su Ping and said a moment later, “Are Deity Kings the strongest experts out there?”

“To my knowledge, yes.” Su Ping nodded.

Golden Lotus asked again, “Did you come here with the help of a Deity King?”

“Yes, this has to do with a trial. Twelve Deity Kings sent their disciples over for the legacy. They didn’t know it was a trap...” said Su Ping frankly while looking Golden Lotus in the eye.

Her expression changed as she asked, "Twelve Deity Kings noticed this place?"

"That is correct."

Golden Lotus fell silent.

She knew that Su Ping wasn't lying. So, if the cauldron did escape, she would probably be noticed and suppressed by the Deity Kings immediately.

Still, the pill lady would probably share the same fate.

"Is that our destiny?" mumbled Golden Lotus, with confusion in her eyes.

The woman frowned and asked, "What nonsense are you talking about?"

Su Ping's expression changed a bit after hearing her response. He was afraid she would be frustrated, so he quickly said, "Miss Pan, don't worry; I have a way to hide all of you from the twelve Deity Kings if we get out of this place."

Golden Lotus was stunned; she couldn't help but look at Su Ping. "You?"

"That is correct."

Su Ping nodded.

He saw the confusion in her eyes, and could only heave a sigh. She was suspicious, even though she knew he was telling the truth. In any case, it was understandable.

After all, there was no way that a normal Star Lord could hide anything from a Celestial. After hesitating for a moment, Su Ping said to the woman, "Senior, can you remove my restrictions?"

The woman raised her eyebrows and sneered, "Are you asking to be killed? Don't tell me what to do!"

"Senior, I'm helping you persuade her. You know that I'm too weak to escape from this place without your permission," said Su Ping while looking her in the eye.

The woman narrowed her eyes and stared at Su Ping, before she answered with a snort.

Su Ping instantly felt that the restrictions on her body were removed. The power of laws returned to his body. He couldn't help but sigh in relief. He then said to Golden Lotus, "Miss Pan, behold!"

The next moment, the illusion of a small world surfaced behind Su Ping's back.

The woman sneered with disdain in her eyes. But then she saw that another small world appeared above the first one soon after.

Her cold smile froze, and astonishment flashed across her eyes.

"This is my second small world!" Su Ping only revealed double small worlds, and then said to Golden Lotus telepathically, "Once we leave this place, you and your pill friends can hide in my second small world. That way, the Celestials will hardly be able to detect you."

Golden Lotus was visibly shocked. He obviously didn't expect that Su Ping was capable of doing

that.

"I had only heard about it before. I didn't know it was really possible..." Golden Lotus murmured.

"Miss Pan, how does it sound? Please think of your pill friends," Su Ping tried to persuade her.

Golden Lotus was silent for a moment. Then, she took a deep breath and said to the woman, "All right, I accept. I know you want to plant a curse on me because you want to coerce Senior Dark Demon with me as hostage, but you must promise me that you'll lift the curse after we leave, or Senior Dark Demon won't let you

pass."

"Do you really accept?"

The woman was surprised, not expecting that Su Ping would truly persuade the pill lady.

She stared at them suspiciously, and then said to Su Ping, "Brat, how did you persuade her? Tell me the truth. Is there some sort of ploy going on here?"

Lost for words, Su Ping replied with a bitter smile, "Senior, I simply told her that I'm also one of the people she cares for, and that I hoped she could save me first. There's no need to worry. Besides, you're going to personally plant the curse. Miss Pan is willing to give her life to you; do you still not trust her?"

The woman frowned; she knew that Su Ping was right. However, she found it uncanny that Golden Lotus—who had been stubborn for countless years—would suddenly change her mind.

"It seems that I need to plant more curses, just to be safe."

The woman thought for a moment and then said to Su Ping, "Brat, you seem to be quite clever. I'll plant a curse on you too, but don't worry; I'll lift it for you when we get out."

She then spouted a curse before Su Ping could say anything; it looked like a black fire that went into Su Ping's chest.

He felt that his chest was burning. He lowered his head, only to see a black lotus flower etched over it.

"You..."

Su Ping felt like cursing, but held back in the end.

Those ancient demons were indeed hard to trick; they were brutal and cautious.

Golden Lotus' expression changed somewhat. She said to the other woman, "I already accepted your request; what more do you want? Lift his curse!"

"No, I won't!" The woman snorted. "You'd better behave, or I will kill him right now!"

What a temperamental woman!

Su Ping secretly cursed her, and then said to Golden Lotus, "Miss Pan, never mind; let's just get out of here first."

Golden Lotus couldn't help but say, "But..."

"It's impossible to negotiate with her; but don't worry, I have a way to tame her," said Su Ping telepathically.

Golden Lotus was dazed and surprised at the same time, but she didn't let it show. Could Su Ping really tame this cauldron?

She wasn't really convinced, but Su Ping meant it when he said it.

He wasn't lying to her.

This left her rather puzzled, finding that Su Ping was even more enigmatic than before. "Little pill, I'm coming." The woman chuckled and approached Golden Lotus. Then she added, "You'd better not resist, or this kid will go boom!"

She opened her fist to mimic an explosion while she spoke.

Golden Lotus grimly said, "Just hurry up."

The woman grimaced. Then, black flames surged all over her body; she sent them to Golden Lotus with the power of curses.

Golden Lotus didn't resist; she simply endured it all. The process ended until her fair skin was covered by black flowers.

"You..."

Golden Lotus trembled with fury.

The woman chuckled and clapped her hands. "All right, it's time to go."

Then, she ignored them and eagerly activated the array behind her.

"Come on."

The woman waved at Golden Lotus.

The latter gritted her teeth and walked toward the array along with Su Ping.

He only felt relaxed until he finally set foot on the array. There was a flash, and the ancient palace was no longer there. Darkness went away, and he found himself inside a pavilion as vast as the starry sky.

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Is this the study? Su Ping was slightly dazed. The ancient pavilion had been well preserved; not a speck of dust was to be seen. It seemed to have been cleaned regularly; everything was in order. Books and scrolls were floating in midair, with the brilliance of laws protecting them from decomposing.

Furthermore, Su Ping felt that the flow of time had been slowed by ten thousand times!

The passage of a century inside the pavilion would mean ten thousand years outside.

"Little Golden Lotus!"

While Su Ping was observing the place—all the books and scrolls seemed to have been alarmed. They turned around and rushed to meet the newcomers.

At the same time, a pitch-black book descended from the top of the pavilion, covered in black smoke; it transformed into an old man, who was staring at Golden Lotus with a surprised expression.

“Senior Dark Demon!” cried Golden Lotus in delight after seeing the old man.

They hadn’t seen each other in eons; she had every reason to feel excited

But then the old man gradually came to a stop. His expression dampened somewhat as he noticed the woman standing next to Golden Lotus. Realization struck; he asked softly, “Evolution Cauldron, have you really made up your mind? I’ve already asked you to change your ways. Given your potential, you may grow to become an unparalleled imperial cauldron.”

The woman sneered and said, “How hilarious. The most wicked book with evil secret techniques is asking someone else to reform!”

The old man stared at her and continued, “I am indeed an evil book, but I’ve never harmed anyone; I’ve been using evil skills for righteous purposes. I cannot decide what I was born with, but I can still decide what to do with it. You’re different. You were a deity cauldron once, yet you slaughtered billions of creatures and fell into the demonic path. That’s something you chose!”

“Whether I’m a deity or a demon is up to me; it doesn’t matter as long as I can get stronger!” The woman ended with a snort laced with contempt. “You’re just as obsessed and unchanging as before...” The old man wore a solemn expression; a dark aura surged around him.

The woman narrowed her eyes and said, “Old fart, I suggest you mind your own business. I didn’t volunteer to swallow the Blue Ocean Snake Pill or the Seven Treasures Tree; that old monster made me do it!

“Besides, your precious Golden Lotus has been cursed by me; she’ll be consumed by demonic flames if anything happens to me. You’d better think carefully before you take action!”

The old man instantly changed his expression and looked at Golden Lotus, quickly noticing the black fire pattern on her neck.

“You’re asking to be killed!” The old man flew into a fit of rage.

The woman sneered. “I will lift her curse once I get out of here. That’s the deal I struck with her, and she readily agreed; she would have been imprisoned there forever if it wasn’t for me. She would have been the first to be eaten when the old monster returned. You should thank me for bringing her over!”

The dazed old man looked at Golden Lotus.

She nodded with a troubled expression. “Senior, I volunteered for this. The date of his rebirth is drawing near; I fear he might return soon. Death is not what I fear, but the prospect of him becoming stronger and invincible after consuming me. Besides, there were other pills with me...”

“Little Golden Lotus...”

The old man understood the situation and his face reflected conflict. He couldn't help but heave a sigh in the end.

"Cut the crap. Just let me out of this place, then I'll lift their curses. I would rather not waste my time on stubborn people like you!" interjected the cauldron woman with a cold tone.

The old man gazed at her and said, "You want to leave this place? Okay. Lift the curse on Golden Lotus first; then I'll set you free."

"You think you can trick me that easily?" roared the woman.

The old man's eyes narrowed ever so slightly. He then paid attention to Su Ping who was standing between the two females, and asked, "Who's this?"

Golden Lotus quickly replied, "This young human came here seeking the old monster's legacy. He accidentally fell into the ocean and entered the treasury."

"So, an unlucky bastard," concluded the old man, now enlightened.

Su Ping wore an awful expression, but there was nothing he could say.

He had indeed been unlucky this time.

Su Ping couldn't help but complain in his heart, Who could've thought that the place was a trap? Even the twelve Celestials were tricked. They should have been more reliable!

"Golden Lotus, are you really willing to let her out? You should know what kind of catastrophe she might cause if she leaves," said the old man to the pill lady.

The latter looked at Su Ping with a conflicted expression, and then nodded. She said, "Senior, we're in a different era; there's nothing she can do even if she leaves."

The old man noticed her actions, instantly realizing that the young human he had ignored was more important than he thought.

He then asked Su Ping, "What did you say to Golden Lotus? I know this is a different age. The old monster chose rebirth to avoid the war, which should have ended by now. However, the universe must bear scars as part of the aftermath. Do you know how strong we are?"

"Of course. Seniors, you're Deity Kings, and so is the old monster you mentioned. Although there are no Deity Emperors right now, there are plenty of Deity Kings. Twelve of them are out there as far as I know!"

Su Ping then added, "All of them are gathered outside. They couldn't enter and fight for the legacy due to restrictions placed on the ruins, so they had to send their disciples instead; I'm one of those disciples. Unfortunately for us, this place turned out to be a trap; I will report the matter after I leave. They will surely raze this place to the ground!"

The old man was stunned. "Twelve Deity Kings are already waiting outside?"

"Yes." Su Ping nodded.

He also said that because he hoped that the old man would think twice before trying to hurt him.

The old man looked at Golden Lotus and saw that she stayed silent, so he knew that Su Ping was telling the truth.

Nearby—the cauldron woman changed her expression after hearing what had just shared with them. She asked with shock and fury, “Brat, you plotted against me?”

Su Ping said quickly, “I certainly wouldn’t dare.”

“You wouldn’t? Twelve Deity Kings are waiting for us; even the old monster would be killed by them if he chose to be reborn right now. Won’t they fight over me if I go out? What’s the difference between being controlled by them and being controlled by the old monster?” demanded the woman furiously.

Su Ping was lost for words. The cauldron seemed determined to pursue freedom.

“If that’s true, I guess it’s fine to set you free.” The old man chuckled when he heard the woman’s furious cries; he suddenly found the young human much more likable.

“The legacy has restrictions? Hehe; that old monster set them up on purpose. He was only looking for a vessel to be reborn into. If the vessel is too powerful, it might swallow him instead...”

Su Ping felt intrigued. “Senior, may I know more about this rebirth?”

The old man replied with a smile, “He actually learned the rebirth method from me; it’s called the Yin-Yang Nine Rounds Demon Fetus Technique. Unlike secret techniques that require multiple rebirths, it doesn’t actually require nine rounds of rebirth. You’ll pass the nine rounds in one rebirth by absorbing ‘vessels’ of nine different types. After rebirth, consuming the dragon and phoenix blood, will help you gain the natural Chaos Deity Constitution!

“This is one of the rare imperial constitutions in the universe. Once you cultivate it, you’ll be able to absorb everything and live an eternal life!”

Su Ping felt dazed for a moment; he instantly realized he had secured the dragon and phoenix blood that the old man had just mentioned

So to speak... he had robbed the old monster of the most critical items? “You taught him that?” The woman changed her expression after hearing that. “He’ll be unstoppable when he becomes an emperor. He’ll destroy the entire universe!”

The old man’s smile was gone. He heaved a sigh and said, “I was mistaken. But I didn’t volunteer to keep a record of that sinful technique.”

“Humph. If you didn’t do it voluntarily, why didn’t you destroy yourself?” Said the woman with a sneer.

“I can’t destroy myself; I would have done it already,” said the old man.

“Do you honestly expect me to believe that?”

The woman wasn’t convinced in the slightest; there was contempt in her eyes.

The old man didn't say anything else to her. He simply continued, "Since twelve Deity Kings are waiting outside, we can inform them of this matter and he won't be able to endure their attacks moments after his rebirth. He would surely meet his doom!"

Noticing the opportunity, Su Ping quickly said, "Indeed. They will surely destroy this place as soon as we get out and inform them!"

The old man glanced at Su Ping with a vague smile, and then said, "But humans are treacherous beings; even though the war between demons and deities is over, the war between good and evil never ends. "How do you know that none of the twelve Deity Kings is wicked?" Su Ping was flabbergasted. He asked, "Senior, what are you suggesting?". "Inform your master of the rebirth technique; he will surely be tempted. He will surely sabotage the old monster's endeavor if he sneaks in," said the old man.

Su Ping changed his expression. Did the man want to take advantage of his master?

He looked at the old man, and suddenly found him wicked.