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Chapter 1371 Slaying the Heavens (1)

Something unexpected happened in the fortress, as seen in the projection.

The void fell apart, and countless arms began to spread out like algae in the deep sea. They were large in number and looked ghastly. They were coming out from deeper spaces, reaching out for the worms as if being controlled.

"Huh?"

The other people noticed the change on the battlefield too. Such a turn of events was rather surprising.

"What the hell is that?"

"It seems to be helping us, though!" "It seems to be ... a body!"

The Celestials spread out their senses toward the battlefield. Although their vision wasn't as clear as Su Ping's, they could see something, more or less. It was a terrifying aura, like a storm from the abyss. They felt like leaves on the ocean in front of such an aura, which could be overturned at any minute.

"Ancient corpses ... "

Su Ping had already realized the nature of those arms. They were actually an amalgamation of ancient corpses. There were no signs of vitality, only a strong obsession driving them, even after death!

Roar!

All of a sudden-a deafening roar sounded throughout the entire universe.

The roar was extremely abrupt. It wasn't part of the projection; it traveled throughout the planet like a super light.

All the streets and buildings were trembling. The roar echoed in everybody's heads, making their blood flow faster.

A few seconds later, screams were heard, bursting out all over the place. On the streets

-people were holding their heads on the ground. Some even had blood in their ears and eyes; they couldn't stand the terrifying willpower carried by the roar.

Some even fell to their knees, sticking their heads to the ground as if wanting to bury them in the soil.

"Damn it!"

Everybody sensed the collective misery on the planet and their faces contorted. The roar originated from somewhere several defense lines away, and had been weakened by the divine arrays protecting the planet. Even so, it was still tremendously powerful. Is this the power of a universe dominator?

"It's here."

Su Ping gazed at the projection. By means of the Original Dao World, he had already sensed the source of the roar; the alien hiding among the worms couldn't hold back anymore and revealed its aura.

Then, the worms became a mess and collapsed at the center. A figure with a strange body structure slowly stood up. Its skin was dark blue, but it was more like a combination of skin and shell, unlike a simple shell would be. There was a deep Dao Pattern mark on that skin structure.

When Su Ping saw the arm, he instantly realized that the alien was the entity that fought the War Emperor's body outside the crack in the universe.

Is it... one of the Heavens?

Su Ping looked in a daze.

In terms of appearance, the guy looked very similar to a human being.

However, unlike humans, there seemed to be a lot of insect-like tissues making its body. The skin on its neck was tough, like the abdomen of an insect. Its arms were pointed, and the chest seemed to be made of some sort of organs, but already hardened like armor.

The appearance alone could have frightened a lot of people.

Su Ping had seen many kinds of ferocious creatures in the Chaotic Realm of the Undead, but never one as creepy as that one. His back was cold and sweat began to drip.

It had been years since he was that fearful. It was like some genetic response activated in his body, making him tremble instinctively.

"W-What's that?" a Celestial asked, but his voice was hoarse.

Su Ping looked at them, only to find they were pale as sheets, as if they had just seen a ghost.

"Maybe it's one of the legendary Heavens..." Su Ping wore a complicated expression. The Heavens were supreme. Even some of them were villains, like the ones found among gods, yet they were a rare and noble species in general.

To think the guy would look like that...

On the battlefield-all the arms seemed to have found the target after the alien showed up, and quickly reached for it. Meanwhile, more and more torn bodies were crawling out of deeper spaces. "You're already dead. Do not reveal yourselves again." The alien stood among the worms, cold and aggressive. "I buried you back then; I can do that again right now!"

As it talked, it suddenly waved its arms and invoked a wheel of light in the void.

What shocked Su Ping was that, although the wheel seemed to be a weapon, it was actually a series of interconnected small universes. It was a terrifying sight.

Multiple universes? No, wait...

Su Ping could tell that those universes were similar, with only minor differences. If they were multiple universes, they would have been condensed from different Dao Hearts.

However, there is just one universe that contains everything. Even if you're capable of creating two universes, it's unnecessary. It's better to just melt the two universes to make them more powerful... Su

Ping looked at the strange wheel of light, sensing some sort of terrifying aura that chilled him to the bone, even though he was multiple defense lines away.

He's just a God Emperor. But he's much stronger than the gods who reached the God Emperor realm!"

If he hadn't seen his fair share of God Emperors and even Ancestral Gods, he would have thought that the alien was an Ancestral God.

However, even though the guy's aura was terrifying, it was still within the limits of God Emperors.

"System, is that one of the Heavens that the Golden Crow ancestor has been hiding from?" Su Ping asked in his heart, trying to confirm.

However, he wasn't really hopeful. The system would always prefer for him to search for answers on his own. It rarely answered, except when he asked about pets.

"Yes."

Su Ping received an answer after a long silence.

"Seriously?"

Su Ping was stunned, eyes slightly narrowed. Although he had already made his own speculations, he was still shocked when it was confirmed. That is one of the Heavens?

"That's the ancestral skill of the Heavens, the Wheel of Judgment!"

The system's voice was calm and cold. "It's made of a power unique to the Heavens. That is also the reason why the Heavens are able to crush other lives on the same cultivation realm."

Su Ping was surprised, since the system had given him such a detailed explanation. He immediately asked, "What about the corpses? They seem to have been God Emperors when they were alive. Are they being controlled? By the wisdom of our universe?"

After another long silence, the system said, "The wisdom of the universe wouldn't control them. It's just a lingering obsession in their bodies."

"What obsession?"

"Slay the heavens!"

Su Ping felt dazed.

Slay the heavens?

He immediately remembered what the Golden Crow ancestor said, and the war that once broke out in the Archean Divinity; the Heavens were behind all of that. Those who had died never forgot their mission, even after their vitality and consciousness had perished; however, their remains were still stimulated by the aura of the Heavens and became crazy.

What exactly happened? Why are the Heavens so hated? Su Ping thought.

A great battle burst out at the defense line. The alien and the corpses from deeper spaces were fighting in a different time and space, disappearing from everyone's sight. However, they could tell that a tide was rising in the deep spaces nearby, and it might surge out at any moment.

Chapter 1372 The Fire Seed Plan (1)

"Those ancient corpses from the deeper spaces seem to be helping us," said one of the Celestials, feeling shock and suspicion.

"Why are they helping us?"

"I once saw a similar scene in the deeper spaces years ago. Some ancient corpse was still moving, even though it was long dead. It was fighting some beast."

"I've also heard of such incidents. The universe is so vast; there are too many secrets we can't unravel yet."

All the Celestials looked solemn. The ghastly corpses, for whatever reason, were fighting the alien, which was in their best interest.

"Do you think it's because of some legacies remaining inside those corpses?" someone asked all of a sudden.

The thought left them in a daze; their expressions changed a bit. Those ancient corpses, being able to stand their ground against the alien, were probably universe dominators in the past. The legacy in the ancient corpse that appeared in the Mayhem Star Zone was acquired by the Saint Heir from the Planet of Origin, and was very likely a universe dominator's legacy. It was very likely that they could achieve a breakthrough if they could obtain those legacies.

None of them had dared to visit the Mayhem Star Zone because they feared being affected by the reigning laws and surrounded by other forces, if not killed. Noticing the glint in their eyes, Su Ping said gloomily, "They're trying to buy time for us. If they can't stop the aliens, there's no way our defense lines can. There must be a reason why the alien dared to show up; do you have any place to run to?"

Everyone snapped out of their daydreaming after hearing what Su Ping said.

It wasn't the time for finding legacies. Besides, there wasn't even a chance for them to fight over them.

The arrival of those ancient corpses was their last chance. The consequences would be dire if they failed to block the enemy.

"There's nowhere to go. We have yet to find where the Planet of Origin was spirited off to..." Shen Huang was grave. When they set up the alliance, they were ready for a life-and-death battle, but none of them expected it to happen that fast. They thought the war would last a thousand years, but something unexpected took place in a few years' time.

The atmosphere in the conference room became heavy. Nobody looked good.

One of the Celestial State experts broke the silence. "Should we prepare a batch of seeds?"

Shen Huang glanced at him and the others, before he slowly said, "It's time we initiate the Fire Seed Plan that we've talked about. This is our last endeavor."

Then, he looked at Su Ping and said, "Xiao Su, in the unfortunate chance that we fail, I hope that you'll take with you some seeds and help them survive in the universe, to prevent the extermination of humanity."

Su Ping was stunned; he was never involved in that plan. He asked, "You want me to escape?"

"Not escape, but escort," Chi Huo corrected Su Ping and said, "The Fire Seed Plan that we came up with was for the worst-case scenario. We'll pick twelve batches of seeds and send them to twelve desolate places of the universe where they can reestablish order. There won't be that many of them, to avoid catching attention. The seeds of the Golden Star Zone will be taken care of by you; they're also the most likely batch to survive."

Su Ping slightly changed his expression. He didn't realize that those people had already made arrangements for him.

"I disagree," said Su Ping.

Shen Huang looked at Su Ping with a solemn expression. "Xiao Su, don't be sentimental. You're not a deserter.. Someone must take care of the others in such perilous times. Your mission is harder than ours!"

Su Ping shook his head and said, "Master, It's not me acting tough, and I don't care what other people say! If we're truly defeated, I will escape with the seeds you've arranged at the last moment, even if I'm called a deserter. However, the time has not come yet. I hope that I can fight until the last moment with you before we escape!"

All the experts were stunned. For a moment they looked at Su Ping in a different light; they seemed to respect and acknowledge him.

The Celestials from the other star zones in particular; they saw the strong yet arrogant youngster in a completely different way. So, the man is not just capable of suppressing others with strength. He also has a respectable heart!

Shen Huang said with comfort in his eyes. "I'm glad you understand."

"The ancient corpses are fighting the alien. Should we help them?" asked one of the Celestials.

"Can we intervene?" Another Celestial State expert was concerned about their strength. That was a battle between universe dominators. They could easily get killed if they got involved.

Xu Kong said, "Maybe, we need to try using the mid-sized Titan Divine Array."

Someone shook his head and replied, "That one requires thirty-six Celestials to work. There aren't that many of us."

"There are probably enough if we take your pets into account," said Xu Kong.

Everybody was stunned for a moment. They had the idea in the past. However, someone had done calculations and found that there weren't enough Celestials.

Noticing that Xu Kong was looking at him, Su Ping realized what she was thinking. He nodded and said, "It's feasible. We can help the ancient corpses beat the alien with the power of the mid-sized Titan Divine Array."

"We and our pets are twenty-eight Celestials in total. How many do you have, Mr. Su?" a Celestial expert asked.

"Twenty-eight ... "

Su Ping calculated for a moment and said, "Close enough. Let's hurry and start practicing."

Everybody was astonished, not expecting that he would truly be able to provide eight more Celestials.

Chapter 1373 The Fire Seed Plan (2)

"Let's leave this place to the advisors and computers and practice in my universe. I can accelerate time there by two hundred fold without affecting your understanding of the Great Dao," said Shen Huang.

His universe was one of time and space. Time could be accelerated a thousand times faster than in the original universe. However, if the difference was too wide, it would affect their understanding of the Great Dao and hinder their cultivation. Two hundred times was already the maximum for cultivation. Normal Celestials could only accomplish a hundred-fold acceleration.

"All right." Su Ping nodded.

Shen Huang glanced at the young man, suspecting that Su Ping had given him the universe of time and space for such a moment. Why else picked that universe of all universes?

Everybody agreed and took action.

While Shen Huang opened his universe and allowed everyone in, Su Ping returned to the pet room.

He briefly told his people about the situation outside. Then, he left with the Inferno Dragon, the cauldron woman, and the others.

Although the Inferno Dragon and the rest of his pets had yet to reach the Celestial State, they were already as strong after all the training. They had condensed their respective small universes and were looking for their Dao Hearts just as Su Ping was.

Su Ping returned to the conference room soon after; only Shen Huang was left.

Entering another person's universe was extremely dangerous. The Celestials from the other star zones wouldn't have accepted if things were like before; after all, they would be at Shen Huang's mercy after entering his universe.

Maybe because of their teamwork in recent years, or the same stance deep in their hearts, none of them suspected or rejected at that moment.

Su Ping and his master looked at each other, both guessing what the other was thinking and were quite delighted. As the war reached that point, whether or not they could win it in the end, they were all truly ready to fight side by side as a team.

Su Ping and Shen Huang also entered the universe of time and space shortly after.

The universe was vast and desolate. Shen Huang had yet to build prosperous planets there. There were only barren stars that looked like mud balls.

The Celestial experts stood in the void, summoning one Celestial pet after the other.

Some pets were as massive as half a planet, standing majestically in the air. Some were tiny, and leaned against their masters' shoulders like petite women.

Two men and a woman showed up next to Shen Huang. One of them was an old man, the other was a white-haired brawny man, and the last one was a cold-looking woman.

Su Ping became gloomy upon seeing them. Elder Yan, the one who taught him techniques on behalf of his master, was gone. Back in the Mayhem Star Zone battle, not only did his master's original body perish, Elder Yan also died with him.

All three pets gave Su Ping a slight nod. They had obviously learned of news about him from Shen Huang. Even the cold-looking woman seemed gentle and approachable when she looked at Su Ping.

The other Celestial State experts also had their pets assume human shapes. It would be easier to practice the Titan Divine Array if they were of similar sizes. The divine array would be unimaginably massive if the pets kept their original form!

Some Celestials only had a single pet of Celestial cultivation, while others had two or three. Even without the deceased Elder Yan, Shen Huang actually had the most Celestial pets.

"That's the Thousand Tail Beast, right? Has she risen to the Celestial State too?" Someone looked at the cold woman by Shen Huang's side in a daze.

"So has the white dragon..." Another Celestial State expert changed his expression. "It seemed to be a Heavenly Lord thirty thousand years ago."

Shen Huang looked at them and said peacefully, "My original self died in the Mayhem Star Zone battle. They wanted to avenge me, so they broke the shackles and luckily rose to the Celestial State."

His greatest reward from the Mayhem Star Zone was the breakthrough of his two Heavenly Lord pets.

Although the breakthrough was rather late, he could still make up for his shortage of strength even after his original self perished.

He had just returned to the Celestial State with Su Ping's help, and was even stronger than before. Adding the two pets that had broken through, he was already stronger than most Celestials. His overall power was only second to Su Ping's in that place. "I wonder if my pet will break through too if I die someday..." A Celestial State expert smiled with a bitter and envious expression. Not only did Shen Huang recruit a genius disciple such as Su Ping, he even had two Celestial State pets. He was truly a winner.

"Mr. Su Ping, you didn't bring the blond employee from your store, did you?" Someone looked at Su Ping and asked. After all, the array's completion depended on Su Ping.

They already knew that there was a Celestial employee in his store. They had even been there to check her, only to find that she wasn't just in a Celestial, but also extremely strong; they were terrified.

Su Ping didn't explain. It was impossible for Joanna to leave the store, but it was possible to take the cauldron woman and the sutra old man; they were Ye Chen's items to begin with. Those two had evolved after being trained for years in cultivation sites by Su Ping. Both were Celestials, and among the strongest ones at that.

One of them was an emperor-level sutra, and the other had the potential of an emperor-level item. They had yet to recover fully, and were essentially wounded God Emperors. It was hard for a heavilywounded God Emperor to return to peak form quickly, even in a place like the Heaven Path Institute

However, even though they had yet to recover, they were already in the Celestial State. That was their highest level when they followed Ye Chen back then; they were rising even higher, to the peak of the Celestial State.

Su Ping summoned them; their abundant Celestial aura stunned everybody, rooting them on the spot. Shen Huang recognized them as the items looted from Ye Chen's treasury, but they were much more terrifying than before. He didn't expect them to rise to the Celestial State while under Su Ping's control.

Then, Su Ping went ahead and summoned the Inferno Dragon, the Dark Dragon Hound, the young Chaos Beast, the Purple Python and the Vast Sky Thunderous Dragon.

Adding Su Ping himself, there were eight beings with Celestial State combat ability.

In fact, Su Ping's Void Bug had already evolved into a Purple-Armored Worm King.

While wandering in cultivation sites during the past hundred years, Su Ping had hunted plenty of Celestial beasts from various species. He had thrown them to the Void Bug as food; the latter absorbed all their essence, making it evolve faster.

Su Ping had focused on training the Void Bug ever since the worm tide arrived.

If Greeny became a God Emperor, he thought that the fella could probably suppress all the worms on its own.

Su Ping had studied the traits of Greeny's species. Worms respected their hierarchy even more than dragons did. One worm king was enough to command a whole clan.

That worm tide had been initiated by the ultimate worm king hiding in the depths of the swarm. There were altogether six worm kings, which were essentially six commanders. There was a high chance that the worm kings were being controlled by the alien.

Aside from the Void Bug, the Lightning Rat was also inching closer to condensing a small universe. Su Ping believed that it would break through very soon.

Su Ping had seen how hard the Lightning Rat had been working to catch up. It was the one who had been crazier during training. However, it was still too far behind when compared to the others, even though it was working hard.

"Huh?"

Everybody was astonished by the pets around Su Ping, Shen Huang being the most shocked of all. He recognized those pets and knew how weak they used to be. However, all of them had risen to the Celestial State.

Those pets' potential and bloodline were extremely inferior.

One of the Celestial State experts couldn't help but ask, "Are they all your pets, Mr. Su?"

Su Ping nodded. "They're all my partners."

"Five..."

The others had originally thought that Shen Huang had a lot of pets; none of them expected that Su Ping would have more. However, they also felt reassured upon remembering the latter's terrifying combat ability.

Considering Su Ping's strength, it wasn't hard for him to subdue a Celestial pet. However, even though the universe was vast, it was really difficult to run such a high profile beast. They hadn't encountered many of those, even though they had lived a very long time. Every Celestial pet was worth fighting over. Most of the Celestial pets they owned had advanced from lower levels.

Chapter 1374 Faith (1)

Everybody became hopeful upon seeing that there were enough Celestial experts. If they could truly establish a mid-sized Titan Divine Array... they would probably have a shot at contending with a universe dominator!

"Let's practice," said Su Ping, unwilling to waste any time.

Shen Huang nodded and said to the group, "Considering that Xiao Su is the strongest, he will be responsible for the core; he will be the head and everybody else will take other parts of the body. Any objections?"

"Nope."

"It's only natural."

Everybody nodded. Even though they had a conflict in the Astral Nexus' conferencing room, all hostility toward Su Ping and Shen Huang was dropped once the alliance was established. Even if some were still angry, they prudently held back to face a greater enemy together. "All right, let's begin."

Shen Huang instantly transmitted the chapter of the mid-sized Titan Divine Array to the team. Su Ping had just given it to him; it would have been useless to have before, as there weren't enough Celestials.

Very soon, both warriors and pets received the information. They began to practice.

Su Ping turned into the divine array's main node. He released his own power and accepted everybody else's.

The first practice ended in failure soon after. Some Celestials didn't even figure out how the divine array operated; they made mistakes and the array collapsed.

Nobody blamed them. After the failure, Shen Huang encouraged the group to try again. No words were said as they quietly reestablished the divine array.

After failing time and again, the mid-sized Titan Divine Array gradually took shape.

Meanwhile, in the fortress outside

The worms were surging and swallowing the second defense line.

The worms had easily reached the second defense line through the opening made by the alien. A fierce battle was taking place; many Ascendants went to the battlefield with their pets.

Blood, torn limbs, bombardment, bellowing...

In the middle of the vast battlefield-caught in the heated atmosphere, all the battle pet warriors had forgotten themselves; they only had the faith of fighting until they could beat back the worms.

"Dad, will we win?"

Back on the planets, behind the defense line —the residents were watching the life-and-death battles on the big screen. All the entertainment programs were stopped at the moment. All the people of the different star zones and planets—whose skin, eye and hair color was different-were wearing the same expression.

They were praying, deeply worried. A father gritted his teeth and said, "Yes, we will certainly win!"

"Those are the Retts. They're charging again!"

"I didn't know that the cowardly Retts could be so crazy!"

"I hope that they'll survive..."

Many races loathed each other in the vast universe. However, some people were discovering that some races they hated from the bottom of their hearts were actually much different from how they had imagined.

Their understanding of those races had been based on media and rumors. In fact, most ordinary people would spend their entire lives in the comfortable cradle made by their race, never really getting to know the outside world.

They discovered that many things were different from what they had imagined, once they saw the feed with their own eyes.

Boom!!

While everybody watched, eager and nervous, the second defense line didn't stand stably as everybody was praying for. Rather, it was being torn apart and more Ascendants died. As for the weaker Star Lords and Star State cultivators, they were falling like dust all the time; too many of them died.

As the worm tide approached, a noise burst out of the deeper spaces next to the second defense line. A massive hole appeared in the void, with arms and heads darting out.

Those limbs and heads were extremely huge. There were wounds on their surfaces, but the blood was dry; all of them were dry corpses.

Torn arms and heads were thrown away. Meanwhile, a hideous and scary figure crawled out of the hole. It was none other than the alien from before.

The entire defense line was in turmoil upon seeing the alien. The battle-frenzied warriors sobered up, as if doused with cold water.

All of a sudden-a strange syllable sounded, echoing throughout the void.

The second defense line was abruptly solidified, as if frozen. The next moment, a heartbreaking scene took place. All the battle pet warriors at the defense line—from the weaker soldiers to the strong Ascendant commanders-exploded and were pulverized like smoke.

The appalling scene on the screen made the entire Golden Star Zone fall silent. All the people watched in a daze, nearly suffocating.

"How... was that possible ... "

The command center was silent.

The advisors from all star zones of the universe were gathered there. They were the smartest people; and yet, they were all dazed and confused. Such power was not something they could tackle using their wisdom.

In the silence, someone roared, "Wake up, all of you!"

The roar drew everyone back to reality.

An advisor continued, shouting with blazing eyes, "The battle isn't over yet. We can't give

up!

"All the Celestials are practicing the Titan Divine Array; we need to buy them more time!

"Until the very last moment, not even gods can make us lower our heads!" His roar shocked and woke them up.

Maybe because of his words, and maybe because of the desperate situation, a strong eagerness to survive and the terrifying surge of faith when humans resisted disasters started bursting out from them.

"That's right! We must stall him!"

"Even if we have to block him with our bodies, we have to hold him back!"

Chapter 1375 Faith (2)

Everybody had a powerful faith. Orders were instantly sent out, one after the other. The entire defense line and the command center were revived. The command center was like the brain; once the brain became excited, the soldiers in other defensive positions were quickly mobilized to the second defense line.

Shala! Shala!

The worms passed by the alien and swarmed towards the second defense line, and soon occupied the whole section. However, once the worms arrived, the bombs that had been planted in advance were detonated. Countless worms were killed and destroyed in a flash.

An arc-shaped, bloody fire illuminated the starry sky.

However, more worms swarmed over like dark clouds after the fire burnt out. They crushed the second defense line and moved towards the third defense line.

The alien also flew towards the third defense line.

The void opened a second time; arms came out and attacked him.

However, the alien was fast to react. He threw out his Wheel of Judgment and slashed off the arms.

Then, the creature moved onward, ignoring the remains from an old age.

"The more you try to stop me, the more likely it was hidden here..." The alien's eyes were all coldness. Although he could sense the target, he believed in his own judgment.

Once the target was found, he would be able to send the word out.

"It's coming!"

In the third defense line-everyone narrowed their eyes and looked ahead. The universe was quiet, and so were they. They could almost hear the crawling sounds of worms from a distance.

The worms quickly reached the third defense line, breaking the silence. Countless soldiers were roaring. The alien approached in an unhurried manner while others fought. He looked at the soldiers in the third defense line and uttered another strange syllable. The void trembled abruptly, and so did everyone fighting there. Then, they became solid and were then broken to pieces.

The scene was exactly the same as it happened in the second defense line. Everybody was desperate. There had been lots of soldiers in the massive defense line, and yet they couldn't resist that alien's one syllable!

The power gap made them feel desperate.

"Is that thing a Celestial?"

"Where are our Celestial experts?"

"Why? Why is this happening? Is humankind really going to perish?"

On every planet-countless people were filled with despair as they watched. Civilians and billionaires alike were pale as they watched.

At the fourth defense line-a group of people stood in front of the fortresses with awful expressions.

"The third defense line... is gone too."

"It's too fast."

"I wonder if we can resist the attack."

"It would be so not worth it if we just die like this."

Those people's auras were concealed and powerful. All of them were Ascendants. Some of them were even famous Heavenly Lords.

There were many faces that Su Ping was familiar with, including Song Yuan, Chunyu, Liu Xia, and others.

They were ready to sacrifice themselves in battle. However, the onslaught that took place on the third defense line made them feel desperate. It would be fine if they died after fighting to exhaustion. Considering their combat abilities, at least they would have killed countless worms by then.

They were only afraid of not even resisting the alien's yell.

Such a way to die was too frustrating.

However, nobody backed off at that moment.

There was nowhere to go.

Behind them was the last line of defense.

Song Yuan broke the silence, "Let's go forward and fight them; we'll be able to hold them back for a moment. Even if the alien shows up and kills us all, he will have to attack again when he comes here."

His words shocked them all.

Leave the defense line and resist the enemy halfway?

Is it any different from suicide?

However, everyone was silent after hearing the proposal.

Indeed. The entire defense line would be erased if they couldn't resist the alien yell.

They were Heavenly Lords, but they were still in the Ascendant realm. The alien was a universe dominator, which was two levels stronger. Who was confident of stopping him?

The ever taciturn Chunyu said, "I agree."

His eyes were cold. "This way, we will be the 3.5th defense line, creating another obstacle for the enemy. Master and the others are practicing the divine array; we must buy time for them."

"You are downright crazy," said someone with a bitter smile.

"Have we truly reached the end...?" Liu Xia whispered. The famous Heavenly Lord seemed lost and regretful too; however, there wasn't the slightest trace of fear on her face.

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"Everybody dies. Let's make sure that our deaths are glorious!" Someone stood out casually and determined, with the pride of a Heavenly Lord. "That's right. There's nowhere to go. Putting our lives on the line is the only choice!" declared Song Yuan.

Then, without hesitation, he simply charged towards the void.

He didn't force the others to follow; after all, it was a suicide mission.

"How I hate this..." One of the Ascendants heaved a sigh. Then, he unsheathed his sword and followed Song Yuan as they headed to the distance.

Liu Xia summoned her pets; her eyes were gentle and pitiful. "Sorry. I should remove the contract and let you go, but I still need your power..."

"It's an honor to die with you, master," said all her pets, obedient and respectful.

The next moment, Liu Xia also embarked on the journey with her pets.

"My descendants, your ancestor will block the enemy for you, until the very last moment." Some Heavenly Lord looked back, peering toward a certain planet in space.

The next moment, he moved forward; no hesitation marred his stance, either.

One Heavenly Lord after the other followed Song Yuan to the darkness ahead, knowing they would never return.

Their determined and harrowing voices were captured and transmitted to everyone watching. Countless people shed tears

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In space

Song Yuan and the others had already met the worms halfway.

"Is that the alien?"

Song Yuan saw the alien moving at the rear of the swarm coming from the distance. He could only perceive the creature; it was some sort of strange yet twisted coldness. It was high and lofty, as well as unpredictable, like the darkness in the abyss.

The mere aura had made Song Yuan feel a chill. He knew that he couldn't even beat one of the alien's fingers.

That was a universe dominator!

He took a deep breath, and scorching battle intent started to burst out of his eyes. He summoned his pets and charged at the swarming worms.

Song Yuan and the other Heavenly Lords were like tiny fireflies before the swarm, and were soon drowned.

However, right after they were overrun, they unleashed flames that burned the worms.

"Die!"

Liu Xia and the others followed him and roared ferociously.

Soon, a tremendous number of worms were killed. Several openings were made as worms died.

A purple light was flashing among the invaders. They were a few Purple-Armored Worm Kings. One of them jumped out, trying to execute Song Yuan and the others who were surrounded at the moment.

"It's the worm king!"

Song Yuan and the others slightly changed expressions, instantly feeling they had been locked onto.

Exactly at that moment-a dazzling, golden light shot through space from a distance. It turned out to be a gigantic golden sword!

The sword cut through time and space. It came from a place within the defense lines, and slashed to exterminate the worms.

The Purple-Armored Worm King, which was about to exert its full strength, was hit by the sword. Despite its gargantuan body, it was like an ant under the finger of a giant, and was easily killed off!

The unexpected scene left everyone in shock.

The next moment, everybody turned to look back, only to see a dazzling giant striding towards the worms, as if emerging from times of yore.

One step of that giant crossed billions of kilometers!

"Master..."

Song Yuan and the others saw the golden giant, and their blood almost flowed backwards. Even though they couldn't see their master's face, they knew it was the Titan that all the Celestials had built up together.

Chapter 1376: Executing the Heavens (1)

Boom~!

The Titan strode in space and soon joined the battlefield. It easily reached the third defense line, all the way from the fifth. Then, it moved forward and stood in front of Song Yuan and the others.

Its body, which was as magnificent as a planet, was dazzlingly brilliant even among the countless worms.

Song Yuan and the others were able to discern the Celestials inside the Titan's body, who were like burning solar furnaces, constantly emitting a dazzling power.

"Junior brother!"

Song Yuan and the others noticed that Su Ping stood above the Titan's head and felt shocked. The controller of the Titan Divine Array always took the head position; Su Ping was manning the whole array, as commander of the Celestial State powers of the entire universe!

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"It seems that the rumors are true. Those Celestials were willing to join the alliance because of our junior brother's threat..." Chunyu mumbled.

The Titan had already taken action while they were looking up. It suddenly condensed a giant golden sword in his hand, ablaze with flames. Then, it slashed at the enemies.

The universe was almost cut apart with the attack. The worms faded when hit by the flames, like a broom brushing dust. They were simply erased.

In the middle of the worm army, the Purple-Armored Worm Kings realized things had gone sour and shrieked. The worms surrounding them tried to cover for them and retreat.

However, all of them were annihilated like moths under the sword. Even the Purple-Armored Worm Kings were killed without a chance to resist.

Su Ping could have instantly killed the worm kings with his own power, not to mention that he had gathered the power of thirty-five Celestials. Such an attack was already beyond the Celestial State.

Exactly at that moment—a furious roar burst out.

The syllable was strange, but everybody could feel the anger.

The alien among the worms seemed to have stepped out of a deep ocean. With fury, he attacked Su Ping with the Wheel of Judgment.

It was the first time for Su Ping to enter the battlefield since the worm outbreak, and also the first time to face the alien among them!

"So, you can be angry too?" Su Ping narrowed his eyes coldly. He suddenly stepped out and slashed furiously again. The sword aura was instantly expanded to tens of thousands of kilometers, penetrating through time and space. While carrying infinite laws and the power of thirty-six universes, the attack was well beyond what a Celestial could muster.

Bang.

The entire space seemed to have fallen silent. There was absolute silence after an intense explosion.

The greatest sound was inaudible. The exploding sound caused by the collision of laws could be transmitted without any medium. However, when Song Yuan and the others heard it, they felt like they had sunken into an abyss and couldn't hear a thing. Even the world became twisted and dark, as if under the effect of some corrupting power.

Then—after a long time passed, when they almost lost track of time—a tearing pain suddenly stimulated them, making them feel like their brains were about to explode.

In that soundless collision, Su Ping's sword aura and the Wheel of Judgment collapsed at the same time.

To be more exact, the sword had fallen apart, but the Wheel of Judgment only had one crack.

"Hoooooooooo!"

The strange syllable sounded again as the alien roared curiously.

The alien's eyes were no longer cold, but filled with wrath, killing intent, and absolute condescension. A power that looked like black mucus covered his body, and he moved to attack Su Ping again with his Wheel of Judgment.

Su Ping was also unwilling to give in. He gathered another sword and fought back.

The dispersing power from the collapsed sword caused a huge loss to the worms. The swarm actually came to a halt while the alien engaged the Titan. They were torn, as none dared to approach or retreat. They simply crouched fearfully in the distance.

Su Ping telepathically asked Song Yuan and the others to leave that place in case they were wounded.

He was unwilling to fight that alien in the deeper spaces, as the rest would be helpless before the worms. Even if he killed the alien, it would be pointless if the defense lines were conquered.

Besides, after the brief clashes, Su Ping knew there was a slim chance to kill the alien with the Titan's power.

His heart became even heavier. He even thought of condensing a Dao Heart at that moment.

The Golden Crow ancestor had given him three unparalleled Dao Hearts. He could condense any of them.

His combat ability would evolve and soar quickly after condensing a Dao Heart. There could even be a chance to defeat the alien with his own power. Adding the divine array, he could surely execute the creature.

The downside was, condensing one of those hearts would equate to never reaching the Crow ancestor's level in his life.

However, Su Ping was not confident of reaching that height, even if he did condense a Dao Heart. There was also a chance that even his self-discovered Dao Heart wouldn't be as good as the ones offered by the ancestor. Nevertheless, he preferred to choose his own path.

The battle continued. Su Ping attacked fiercely and continuously forced the alien to retreat. The aftermath of his attacks caused all kinds of damage among the worms.

Su Ping had made that place his battlefield with that purpose in mind; he wanted to cause devastation among the worms while fighting.

The alien seemed to have realized Su Ping's strategy. He tore the void apart in an attempt to drag Su Ping into deeper spaces, but Su Ping didn't step in. He simply fought the alien in the primary universe.

"Will he succeed?"

"He has to win!"

The Heavenly Lords such as Song Yuan retreated to the rear without acting tough, following their Celestial masters' orders. They knew that they would only be liabilities, even if they stayed on the battlefield.

Chapter 1377: Executing the Heavens (2)

While looking at the golden Titan, all the onlookers were compelled to clench their fists and pray in silence.

Praying was such a foreign concept for them. They were the masters of their own fate; the strong never prayed. However, they were praying to fate or gods they thought of on the spot to mimic what mortals did, hoping that Su Ping would win.

The people at the defense line and the residents on the protected planets were also watching this battle while holding their breath.

They knew that the fate of humankind depended on the outcome of that battle!

That magnificent giant had blocked all the worms, as well as the alien leader, all on its own. However... Could it really win?

The Wheel of Judgment in the alien's hands had become even more ragged after several clashes; only half of it remained. The previously flawless power had an opening, causing it to gradually decline. However, everybody had to gather all their power to destroy the wheel. After so many exchanges, all the Celestials powering the Titan, including Su Ping, became exhausted.

Some of the Celestial pets already had blood on their eyes, mouth and nose. They looked awful.

Some were shivering. Their power seemed to have been siphoned away, and they were merely trying to sustain themselves.

Being at the array's core, Su Ping could feel their individual statuses. Some Celestial pets seemed to have reached their maximum and their power was running out.

"Guys, can you still hold up?" Su Ping asked everyone telepathically.

"I can!" Chi Huo gnashed his teeth.

"No problem!"

"He's getting exhausted too!"

Some Celestials stared at the alien. At first they were too weak to fight the creature. However, pooling their power had allowed them to fight the universe dominator. It was also the first time for them to experience the horror of such a powerhouse. Su Ping had been controlling the entire fight. They were in awe of him just as they were of the alien.

They probably would have failed if any of them would have assumed the central position.

At the moment they were only providing their power. The Titan had the power comparable to that of a universe dominator, but such power would be quickly consumed if it wasn't used with the corresponding secret techniques and good control over the Great Dao. However, the skills performed by Su Ping while harnessing their power were beyond their understanding. They were definitely on the universe dominator's level!

As a matter of fact, Su Ping was already able to fight as a universe dominator when he approached the Original Dao World and mastered the Great Dao.

His only limitation was his individual reserve, which fell short of what a universe dominator would have.

The divine array was bridging that shortcoming by providing enough power for him. That was why he could fight against the alien.

Phew!

Right at that moment, flames suddenly began to burn in space.

Su Ping immediately narrowed his eyes. A voice echoed in his head. The moment he saw the flames, he had the final confirmation: the alien was one of the Heavens that even the Golden Crow ancestor was scared of!

The flames were exactly part of the Nine-Flavored Heavenly Fire!

They even covered the alien, including the incomplete Wheel of Judgment. The universe began to fall apart where the alien was standing; it seemed that the fire had burnt a hole in the universe.

"Heavens... It's truly one of the Heavens, born from the age of chaos. They're not extinct yet..." Su Ping was shocked and frightened.

He had been fighting the Heavens, the beings that even the Golden Crows were hiding from?

Su Ping regained his calmness soon after. Maybe that was the only surviving member of the Heavens, left from the age of chaos. That was nothing; all he needed to do was to kill that alien.

"What's that fire? It's so scorching!" one of the Celestials shouted. They felt that they were being burnt, even though they were inside the Titan Divine Array. It was beyond their understanding of fire.

"It's not fire, but Heavenly Dao!" said Su Ping.

"Heavenly Dao?"

Everybody was stunned.

It seemed that those words couldn't be spoken easily.

Su Ping didn't explain. His eyes turned sharp, and he said to them, "A sword skill just came to mind; it may require a great amount of power. I hope that you can hang in there!"

"Feel free to use it! We'll be fine!"

"Exactly!"

Everybody responded. Some of them already had bleeding faces, and they couldn't even talk.

Once he saw that, Su Ping took a deep breath and gazed at the being from the Heavens race. Since ancient times, the Heavens had been superior, even loftier than gods!

Gods were indeed a noble race, but they stood second before the Heavens!

Su Ping couldn't help but remember the arrogant faces of the gods he had met in the past as he watched that being. Why were those noble existences always so condescending?

Su Ping condensed his divine sword again and narrowed his eyes. An ancient sword aura surged inside his head; it was an ancient picture.

Su Ping didn't understand it in the past, but now he understood why the technique had been named Heaven Execution!

If one of the Heavens wants to destroy you, why not just execute it?

Su Ping somehow resonated with the creator of that sword technique. He could always hear the delighted sigh from the sword aura through the river of time.

Some power would remain, even though it had faded away in time.

Some spirit would forever glow, no matter how long it had been.

Su Ping smiled. The next moment—like the ancient figure who had created the sword technique—he gave a deafening roar. All his hairs stood up. While burning his blood and unleashing an infinite killing intent, he charged with a crazy and unstoppable momentum.

The sword slashed upwards, seemingly cutting into the sky with the power of the earth!

The Titan let out a furious roar at the moment. The sword aura was so intense that it touched every Celestial expert in the divine array. Although they couldn't feel it as vividly as Su Ping did, that sad and inexplicable feeling made them all roar. Their spirits resonated as one.

The roars of the thirty-six figures were somehow synced, turning into a single roar as the divine sword slashed with infinite brilliance!

"The rebellious skill!"

The alien narrowed his eyes. The anger and fear etched deep in his memories made him pause his attack briefly. But then, he was overwhelmed with embarrassment!

That rebellious skill, which should have disappeared, had been used yet again!

His trip was definitely worth it. There were indeed some rebels hiding here. They should all be killed!

The Wheel of Judgment glowed with the scorching Heavenly Fire and the shadows of the Great Dao. Shaped like a dazzling crescent moon, it slashed forward.

-With a loud bang!

The universe seemed to be falling apart!

Two terrifying powers emerged in space. When they clashed, they sliced the universe as if it were a painting scroll. The immense tearing force crushed the roar. The worms behind the alien were cleared by tens of thousands of square kilometers as they endured the blast!

The number of dead worms was inestimable. There were even Celestial worm kings among them.

Even the wake of such a terrifying strike was unbearable for the Celestial experts!

Similarly, the area behind Su Ping had also been shattered. Song Yuan and the others, who had already retreated, moved towards the third defense line when they realized that things were taking a downturn. The energy array protecting the third defense line was broken; there were lots of casualties.

Boom!

The Titan stepped out and charged at the Heavens again.

Both parties had been wounded heavily in the previous clash. The alien's Wheel of Judgment was completely shattered; a lot of Heavenly Fire on his body had died out, and there was a gruesome wound on his chest.

Many Celestials had passed out inside the Titan. The divine array was on the verge of collapse; Su Ping's face was covered in blood, his look hideous.

He was going to kill that alien before the divine array collapsed!

"Give me strength!!" Su Ping roared.

The remaining Celestials in the array were all in a battle frenzy, craziness in their eyes. They knew that Su Ping's decision was right; that was the most crucial moment.

Roar!

The Inferno Dragon stepped up and roared, burning its life essence and turning it into abundant power.

Then, the Dark Dragon Hound also roared, burning its essence and blood.

At the same time—Shen Huang, Chi Huo, Xu Kong and the other Celestials also set themselves ablaze, squeezing out their last bit of power.

Chapter 1378: Arrival (1)

An endless surge of power was injected into the divine array. The Titan, whose light had been fading, was glowing brilliantly again, like a reignited candle—

But this time, it was burning Celestial vitality as fuel.

Those Celestial State experts had proven at that moment how deserving they were of their titles and everyone's respect. Experts or their stature were expected to stand in front of them and endure all suffering with their toughness!

Su Ping didn't hesitate anymore once he felt the power surging. He roared and stepped forward again, unleashing infinite power with his sword.

Slash!!

The faith and power of the thirty-six Celestials were combined into the brilliant sword aura at that moment, cutting through the void.

The member of the Heavens was shocked and infuriated. He didn't expect his opponents to be that crazy, being willing to die together with him. *Don't they cherish their lives at all?*

He wanted to back off. However, the embarrassing thought of "escape" made him tremble angrily.

Even so, the threat to his life prompted him to retreat for the moment.

When retreating, he certainly wouldn't turn around and give his back to the enemy. Su Ping's sword was too fast to be avoided in the primary universe.

It was also impossible to tear the void open; after all, the sword could easily penetrate all the way through the ninth space.

The member of the Heavens suddenly faded, turning from a real entity into a phantom made of smoke.

He was enshrouded in a hazy and strange law, like a shadow about to fade away!

"The Path of Illusion?"

Su Ping narrowed his eyes. He didn't expect his enemy to show the power of illusion or escape through the World of Illusion!

A lot of information flashed in his head. He was shocked and infuriated; however, his hand didn't slow down in the slightest. His sword slashed instantly while releasing the power of his chaos universe, covered in unusual laws.

"Huh?"

The member of the Heavens was shocked.

The next moment—the sword was abrupt as it struck the creature's body.

His fading body was reconstituted when it came in touch with the sword. It was hurled back into reality, becoming clear and vivid. Also, the moment it became clear, his body was cut into halves!

Black blood splashed in the void and burned it, causing holes everywhere. It seemed that the blood had a strong corrosive nature.

"No way!"

The member of the Heavens stared at Su Ping in disbelief. However, the remaining thought in his body was blasted by a strong willpower that came from the Heaven Executing Technique and was soon swallowed. His consciousness was extinguished.

The burning Heavenly Fire gradually died down.

The member of the Heavens was knocked tens of thousands of miles away, until he gradually came to a halt and floated in the void. His body fell apart like dust and vanished.

Su Ping felt that all his power had been emptied. He was so exhausted that he could barely keep his eyes open; however, he gritted his teeth and summoned more strength to completely destroy the enemy's body.

Su Ping seemed gloomy as he watched the body turn to dust. According to his senses, the enemy was already dead, but he died in a strange way. The body seemed to have been attracted to something. It didn't stay in the universe or fall into deeper spaces; rather, all the particles that constituted the body entered the World of Illusion.

Su Ping remembered how he had grasped the law of illusion. He had almost been crushed by a finger in the World of Illusion.

At the thought of it, the finger probably belonged to a member of the Heavens.

Is it possible that the World of Illusion is where the Heavens live?

No, that's impossible. The World of Illusion is part of this universe. If that's where the Heavens live, they can enter our universe any time they wish...

Su Ping's expression changed. The Heavens had a long history and were quite mysterious. He couldn't wrap his head around the situation.

"Pu!"

At that moment—the other Celestials in the divine array spouted blood and looked pale.

The Titan's body disappeared as the divine array could no longer be sustained. Su Ping's pets and a handful of Celestials, including Shen Huang, were able to hold back their tiredness, but the others had already passed out. Some were even dying, floating aimlessly in the void, as if unable to even lift a finger.

"It's finally over."

Shen Huang breathed heavily as he stared at the disintegrating body from one of the members of the Heavens. Although he was in pain and tired, he was delighted.

The biggest problem was the worms, and it was taken care of, just like that.

Without the alien, the worms were nothing to be afraid of!

The war they had planned to fight for a thousand years was won in advance. How could they not be thrilled?

The Celestials looked at each other with feeble smiles. Some were too tired to smile, but the delight in their eyes was obvious.

It's over.

The peace—which they were used to in the past and were yearning for today—would be restored.

Loud exclamations burst out in the human defense lines in the quiet space after the war. Everybody looked at the scene in disbelief and hopped excitedly; some were so happy that they even started to cry.

They won!

The Celestial State experts had worked together to win the war!

On the planets behind the defense lines—all the people who watched the scene exclaimed in excitement. Some were shedding tears as they remembered their family members who died in the war. If that final clash had taken place sooner, maybe their family members wouldn't have died.

In any case, dawn was coming.

Chapter 1379: Arrival (2)

Right when countless people were celebrating excitedly—Su Ping, who was replenishing his strength, suddenly looked at the depths of the void.

There, a strange law was emitting waves.

It was very feeble, but Su Ping had controlled the law of illusion and was very sensitive to it.

Could it be ...

Su Ping narrowed his eyes quickly and had goosebumps all over his body. He was almost trembling in fear and grief.

Not daring to take the risk, he instantly summoned his pets to his side and merged with the young Chaos Beast that had recovered the fastest.

A new power surged into his body; he was able to catch his breath. He waved a hand, gathering Shen Huang and the other Celestials by his side. He tore the void open and ran back to the third defense line before they reacted. He then flashed back to Rhea.

Su Ping felt safer as he sensed the planet and the store under his feet. He spread out his senses again and instantly became gloomy.

A figure gradually surfaced, substituting the feeble waves. It was huge, and carried a strange yet powerful energy. Its condescending and aggressive look suggested that it was another member of the Heavens!

Shen Huang and the others, who were slightly confused, also detected the blatantly invasive aura. They all changed their expressions and looked in shock.

Everyone seemed desperate after a quick glance.

A member of the Heavens?

He didn't die?

As everyone showed despair, the void behind the member of the Heavens was split and another of his colleagues showed up.

Two members of the Heavens!

Shen Huang and the others widened their eyes, and were too stunned to think.

There are actually two of those terrifying aliens?

That outcome suggested that the first one had truly been executed by them. *Counting that one, would there be three in total?*

Su Ping wasn't feeling any better than those Celestials. He knew that they were Heavens; he had learned in the Archean Divinity and from the Golden Crow ancestor about how horrifying they could be.

Back in the age of chaos, they had crushed the twelve sorcerers including the Golden Crow ancestor and even knocked down half of the Archean Divinity.

That terrifying species didn't disappear in history. Rather, they survived.

They had now found the universe he was in.

It was definitely a catastrophe for the locals of that universe!

Let alone being found by the Heavens, Su Ping would have considered it a disaster even if they were found by an advanced cultivation site, such as the Archean Divinity. That was also one of his main worries.

Are the Heavens planning to dominate this place? Why did they find us? All thoughts flashed across Su Ping's head. Having passed so many tests in cultivation sites, he was no longer scared of dying; however, he felt a strange despair he hadn't experienced in a long time.

Considering his current strength, even if he were to condense a Dao Heart and even become an Ancestral God, maybe it was impossible for him to resolve such a disaster.

Unless those three were the only Heavens—left from all the wars since primordial times—the fall of their universe was only a matter of time.

"Why?" some Celestial State expert mumbled hoarsely.

Nobody answered.

Nobody even knew what he was talking about.

Perhaps, he was demanding why fate treated them like that, and whether or not it wouldn't be satisfied until humans went extinct.

Overwhelmed by despair, they completely lost their will to fight. Besides, it woud be pointless, even if they still had it; they would only be moths darting toward the flames.

The space, which had been filled with exclamations, fell quiet after the two members of the Heavens arrived, as if strangled.

The Celestials weren't the only ones who were desperate. Everyone felt cold and desperate when cameras caught sight of the two members of the Heavens.

While everyone felt anxious, a third member of the Heavens appeared next to the second one.

Following that, the fourth one, the fifth one... Until the seventh one arrived.

"Let's go!"

Their despair went deeper every time a member of the Heavens arrived, just as if they were being pulled by ghostly hands.

Su Ping reacted when the fifth member of the Heavens appeared. He quickly took everybody to his master's building on Rhea.

The building was too small to accommodate thirty-six Celestials. Su Ping simply expanded the space, so that it could even accommodate 30,000 people.

"Pull yourselves together and activate the Fire Seed Plan immediately!" said Su Ping quickly. His voice dragged everyone's thoughts back to reality. They looked at the young man and found him shockingly calm.

He remained clear-headed in such a desperate situation. He was almost inhuman.

"Fire seed ... "

Shen Huang mumbled. The confusion in his eyes was soon gone. He said quickly, "That's right, we have fire seeds; maybe those aliens won't notice. We will send the fire seeds to the twelve star zones; most of them are women and children. Some of the batches are even made of ordinary people, instead of battle pet warriors.

"They will live and reproduce somewhere in this universe, using our technologies and cultivation techniques.

"Maybe those aliens won't notice the ordinary people and only regard them as ants..."

The more he talked about it, the more a sickly excitement took over him. Then, he immediately activated the Fire Seed Plan telepathically.

The moment he saw the members of the Heavens, he knew that a lot of people were bound to die.

Even his entire race could be snuffed out!

The other Celestials were quiet, showing troubled expressions. They wanted to run too; not all of them were that great, as to willingly sacrifice everything for the sake of humanity.

...But there was nowhere to run.

They could only stay and fight for humanity, and for the dignity of all Celestial experts.

They were currently at a dead end, whether they fought or not.

They had ended up exhausted just by fighting one of the aliens; fighting the newly arrived group was basically out of the question.

"Is this the catastrophe that will doom our universe? Now, I even suspect that the merging of our universe was meant to resist the alien invasion..." someone said with a sigh. They somehow felt relaxed, knowing it was hopeless to escape.

"I hope that the fire seeds will survive. However... If we all die, how many years will it take to reproduce and cultivate for someone strong enough to slay those aliens to be born?" said a Celestial in whispers. His words pierced everybody's hearts like a blade, making them even more desperate.

Reality was cruel. While dreams were ideal, they were all realists.

Going by simple calculations, they knew what a miserable future they would embrace.

The Federation had a history of hundreds of thousands of years, until it was easily destroyed by the aliens. What was the point, even if the fire seeds survived?

If the universe was occupied by those creatures, even if humans struggled to survive at the borderlands, could they really hide for hundreds of thousands of years without being noticed?

Even so, would there be a universe dominator among humans hundreds of thousands of years later?

Even if someone did rise eventually... The aliens would not just have one universe dominator; there would be lots of them!

Perhaps humanity was destined for extinction. Or maybe the fire seeds would be found by the aliens someday and domesticated as pets.

It was a simple fact that everybody could infer.

Although nobody was willing to think about it, they all knew it very well. It was like a math question as simple as one plus one; nobody wrote an answer, but everybody knew the result.

Su Ping fell silent too, seeing how frustrated and depressed they were. He asked the system in his heart.

At the moment, the system was the last straw he could hold on to.

"System, can you finish off those Heavens?"

"This system is not designed for battle and cannot kill enemies for the host's behalf."

"Then... Can the store resist the Heavens?" asked Su Ping.

"Of course," replied the system without hesitation, as proudly as before.

In a time of overwhelming despair, the darkest moment when everybody was down, the system behaving exactly as usual gave Su Ping confidence again.

Immense light emanated from his eyes. He took a deep breath and said to the team, "Guys, we must hurry and pack all the people outside into our universes. Be prepared to run!"

Chapter 1380: Running (1)

Everybody was stunned to hear what Su Ping said.

Run...

Where to?

The light of hope soon appeared in everybody's eyes. They gazed at Su Ping; behind this young man was the ancient and mysterious magic store... Maybe there was a way out?

"Mr. Su, do you have a solution?" asked someone.

Shen Huang, Chi Huo and the others also looked at Su Ping with hopeful eyes. Su Ping, whom they had never gotten to know fully, would very well surprise them again.

The latter realized what they were thinking, making his heart heavy; he didn't answer. Instead, he asked the system in his heart, "If those aliens invade the store, can you slay them?"

Su Ping wasn't fully convinced when the system said it wasn't a battle system.

"Those are just the basic forms of the Heavenly Dao. They can be killed." Then, the system added, "However, if the Original Heavenly Dao is there, I suggest you avoid encountering it."

Su Ping was dazed; indeed, the system knew the Heavens very well. He instantly asked, "What are the basic forms of Heavenly Dao? What level is the Original Heavenly Dao at?"

"The weakest members among the Heavens are basic forms of the Heavenly Dao," said the system, "As for the Original Heavenly Dao, it's as strong as the Golden Crow ancestor you've seen before. Of course, I'm not scared of those existences; I only suggest that you avoid wasting your energy like that; it's pointless to fight them."

Su Ping changed his expression. The Heavenly Dao beings who were strong as God Emperors were only the basic form.

No wonder even the Golden Crow ancestor chose to hide.

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Even the mysterious and proud system had advised avoiding them!

The system was a super cheat able to crush all the other existences in a novel. However, it somehow seemed to be approaching its limits at the moment.

That being said, Su Ping believed that everything existed for a reason. The system was created in that universe; perhaps it was the manifestation of some sort of ancient power.

If that was the case, it would naturally be restricted by the rules of the universe.

He didn't have time to dig deeper on the subject; he had no choice in the matter.

Even if he did kill the basic forms of the Heavenly Dao with the store's self-defense mechanism, who knew if more and stronger members of the Heavens would be drawn by his actions?

He also didn't think that killing those entities with the store's self-defense mechanisms was realistic-

Not because the system was incapable of doing so, but because those creatures weren't dumb.

Su Ping failed when he tried to lure Ye Chen into the store to kill him. Those Heavenly Dao creatures would think twice once they noticed the store's unusual nature. After realizing its might, even if they couldn't break in, they could still destroy everything outside of the store's protection!

The place was incapable of launching attacks voluntarily. Maybe it would be supervised and even taken to the Heavens' territory...

Su Ping acted right after thinking of the possibilities. He quickly said, "The only solution right now is to escape. Bring with you as many people as possible. You'll hide in my store, and we'll leave this universe to look for allies!"

Everybody looked at each other in bewilderment. There was probably not a second choice, considering how he phrased it.

Even the powerful and mysterious magic store wasn't enough to do something?

They didn't think that Su Ping was holding back; his devotion in the previous battle suggested that he was willing to sacrifice himself, and that he was determined to beat the invaders.

However, the number of aliens left them in despair. No matter how powerful Su Ping's magic store was, it was impossible for him to resist that many aliens; escaping was a natural choice.

"Just go. Don't go too far. Don't overestimate yourselves," said Su Ping. Time equated to lives at the moment. Although cruel, the decision was realistic, and he didn't have another choice. Given such a disaster, he could only save as many as he possibly could. He would save all of them if he could.

Nobody said a thing. They all left in a hurry.

Naturally, their primary targets to save were their own subordinates.

Those who abandoned their close ones and chose to save strangers would be called "good people" and "heroes," but that was against human nature; a cruel act in itself.

The strangers left behind would be unable to blame them, even if they were angry. After all, they didn't turn a blind eye to strangers; they only lacked the time. In terms of fairness, even if they saved people randomly, it was still unfair for those who weren't picked.

Once the Celestials set off, Su Ping summoned his pets and sent them to nearby planets, so they could accommodate the residents in their universes.

After that, Su Ping also set off; his first choice was the Blue Planet.

There were a lot of familiar faces there, including his comrades who had gone through disasters with him.

Su Ping reached the planet soon after.

The place had already turned into a very prosperous node. The ruins and Mysterious Realms found there were treasure troves that attracted many explorers.

Su Ping was the planet's legal owner. Even if those experts went to check the place, none of them dared to act over the top.

He covered the whole planet with his perception, noticing a lot of familiar faces and regular customers.

They had limited potential and couldn't keep up with him. Instead of making a living in the universe, they stayed there and developed their hometowns.