Pet Store 1461

Chapter 1461 Fusion (2)

That sense of hostility had been noticed by Shen Huang and the others through the words of the envoys who went to visit.

The Celestials had cultivated hundreds of thousands of years. Although their level was not as high, they had governed vast star zones for countless years. Being experienced leaders, Shen Huang wasn't upset when he noticed the cyborgs' misunderstanding. Rather, he proposed to trade with them.

Aside from trading, he also proposed many activities to celebrate the alliance and get to know each other better.

Basha and the rest of the humanoids didn't object to the idea. After all, it was impossible to banish Su Ping's clan; the fact that he was able to sneak through the green glass suggested that he was too strong to be tamed. Besides, he was carrying the Selvega's token of trust.

No matter how Su Ping had obtained it, he was worthy of respect. As the trade and other activities ran their course, all the cyborg autonomous districts sent their delegates. They had been alone for too many years and finally, that alien race appeared. Their curiosity and loneliness prompted them to visit the foreigners. They also wanted to find out if the new arrivals were truly evil.

Time went by, and the number of active cyborgs in the human continent increased. While interacting, Shen Huang and the others would secretly send their subordinates to figure out what the cyborgs were thinking. They were rendered speechless after realizing that they were considered evil in the cyborgs' eyes.

Since they had finally figured out the problem, all they needed to do was to think of a pertinent solution.

Thanks to the demonstrations and all the interpretations, the cyborgs finally learned that the contract was not brutal slavery but mutual cooperation. A pet could renege its master's orders if it was willing to pay the price.

The Celestials arranged exhibitions for the cyborgs, and the latter saw that many Ascendants were so close to their pets that they appeared to be partners. There were even weak Ocean State cultivators who were intimate with their pets. None of the scenes looked feigned, and the hosts gradually changed their attitude.

In the Central State

"I heard that this pet store was established by the leader of the aliens."

"Their contracted pets are truly terrifying. Even if their level is the same as ours, they can easily beat us with the help of their pets; they have the advantage in numbers."

"If only we could learn this technique. Too bad it's their core technique; they would certainly not share it with us."

A few envoys—under the secret orders of Basha and the others—went to the Central State's core area after being warmly received by Shen Huang.

Seeing the splendid building and the long line of customers outside, the envoys realized the lofty status of the aliens' leader and the foreigner's enthusiasm about training pets.

"Hello, can we visit this place?"

One of the envoys stepped forward and skipped the line altogether. They had learned that it was a rule to wait in line to have your pets trained. However, they weren't there to train any pets.

"Huh?"

Tang Ruyan looked at the somehow-familiar bluish cyborgs. All of them looked identical in her eyes.

"It's fine if you're just here to visit." Tang Ruyan had learned a lot about that species thanks to their customers, and knew that they didn't have pets. Besides, Su Ping had asked her to be polite to the cyborgs.

"Thank you."

The envoy was very respectful. The Hyper-energy Gods had asked them to be polite to the aliens. Neither party wanted to ruin the alliance.

Tang Ruyan instantly led the four envoys into the store.

The four visitors instantly noticed that their senses were restricted when trying to probe the closed rooms; they could only observe through the naked eye. They felt that they had entered the territory of some horrifying existence; all of them started to panic.

Fortunately, being envoys hand-picked by Basha and the other cyborgs, they maintained a calm demeanor, and were both in the Celestial State. So, they behaved normally, without displaying the least bit of fear.

"What's that?"

Right after they entered the store—the four envoys were attracted by the scene at the counter.

A middle-aged Ascendant cultivator was soothing a red-scaled dragon. The dragon's eyes were bloodshot; it seemed to have a lousy temper.

"Red Pillar Dragons are just like this; aggressiveness flows in their veins. If caged for too long, it won't be able to release a sense of bloodthirst. It'll be a lot better after training," said Joanna to the customer in a casual manner casually.

Having received a lot of pets, she knew most of them by heart. She had received a Red Pillar Dragon before, and it had the exact same behavior. Su Ping told her the same, back then.

"I see. That explains why it's been so agitated, never responding to my thoughts." The middle-aged Ascendant felt relieved.

"Take it inside," said Joanna to Green Lady.

Green Lady acted as her assistant. Tang Ruyan wasn't strong enough; she was too scared to approach the tough Ascendant pets. Only Green Lady was able to take them to the

pet room.

The redness in the Red Pillar Dragon's eyes faded a lot when Green Lady touched it gently. It smelled a refreshing aura coming from the Green Lady, which helped ease its bad temper.

"That pet doesn't seem willing to let go of its master," whispered one of the envoys.

He could feel the emotion in the pet's eyes. Although he had seen it before, it still felt

surreal.

To think that a normal enslaved pet would actually cling to its master.

After hearing that, Tang Ruyan found it odd and said, "Isn't it normal? Which pet would bear to leave their master? Conversely, nobody's willing to leave their pets. They are our partners."

"Partners..."

The four envoys looked at each other, silently repeating the word.

Given their diplomatic status, they had mastered the language of the aliens, and they knew what the word "partners" meant.

"During a moment of life and death, the only things we can depend on are the partners by our side. You have partners too, right?" Tang Ruyan looked at them and said, "For example, your family?"

"Are they the same?" One of the envoys looked at her in confusion. All their fellow countrymen would count as partners, but the humans partnered with beasts.

"Aren't they the same?" asked Tang Ruyan curiously, "Partners stand up for you when you're in trouble. Pets can even die for you; why wouldn't they be considered as your partners?"

The envoys had heard about that theory before. Still, they found it impossible to accept after hearing it again. After all, how could one regard some beasts as part of their own kind?

However, after days of getting to know each other, they realized that the aliens' opinion on the matter was fundamentally different.

That opinion had nothing to do with the evil nature they had mistakenly conceived at the beginning

"Huh, you're out."

Tang Ruyan suddenly saw Su Ping, who had just walked out of the pet room. Her eyes glittered and she abandoned the four envoys to greet him.

"This is..."

The four envoys instantly felt horrified, noticing the man the moment he appeared. They felt a chill so cold, as if they had somehow been thrown into the cage of a ferocious beast.

Su Ping also noticed the four cyborgs. Seeing their troubled faces, Su Ping instantly realized what was going on and retracted all his killing intent. It was a slight gaffe, as he had just returned from a cultivation site and didn't pay attention to the details.

"Who are they?" asked Su Ping in confusion.

"They're here to visit, and probably to investigate," replied Tang Ruyan telepathically.

Su Ping said, "Master said that the cyborgs don't accept our pet training method, that they had even misunderstood us?"

"Yes. Judging from what they just said, they seem to have that idea. Humph. What do they know? Their level is not low, but their understanding is really superficial," said Tang Ruyan.

Su Ping looked at the four envoys and thought for a moment. "Should I ask my master to hold a tournament with the cyborgs?"

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Su Ping believed that sparring was the fastest way for the two parties to get to know each other.

There were no friends who didn't fight at one point. Those people wouldn't understand the relationship between pets and their masters without fighting them.

"The four of you, come here," said Su Ping to the envoys. The small group approached obediently, acting rather timidly before the alien leader. Even though Su Ping had already concealed his aura, he had left an intimidating impression on them.

"When you go back, ask Basha if she wants to hold a friendly contest with my clansmen, so we can get to know each other better," said Su

Ping.

The four were rather surprised to hear him call their leader by her name. One of them frowned and said, "Wouldn't that cause misunderstandings?"

"It won't," said Su Ping.

Dazed, the man was about to continue, but his companions stopped him.

"We will report the matter when we return," said one of them.

Su Ping nodded and then ignored them afterwards; he asked Tang Ruyan to keep them occupied. He then went to see Joanna and handed over the pets he trained, asking her to inform their respective masters to pick them up.

Later he briefly told his master about the friendly contest through telepathic communication, then went back to his secluded training.

"A friendly contest? That's a good idea, indeed." Shen Huang agreed with the proposal, as he had the same idea in mind. Now that Su Ping proposed it, it was a good chance to put it into practice.

Shen Huang sent someone to contact the cyborg leader.

Several days later, they reached an agreement about the contest.

Both humans and cyborgs were excited when the news got out. All of them were ready to participate.

Preliminary contests were held to select the candidates in every cyborg city. It was just a "friendly" contest, but nobody wanted to lose face.

Furthermore, only the juniors were going to fight. Nobody would lay any blame if they were too competitive. The losers would only be able to blame their representatives for being too weak.

Therefore, both parties were selecting the strongest representatives of each realm for the battles.

The levels agreed upon by Shen Huang and Basha included the Star State, the Star Lord State, the Ascendant State and the Celestial State. They were like the different weight divisions in boxing matches.

There were different numbers of representatives for each realm. The Celestial State had the fewest. Both parties would only send three people.

There were ten for the Ascendant State, twenty for the Star Lord State, and fifty for the Star State.

While the cyborg cities were fiercely picking their representatives, Shen Huang and the others were picking strong battle pet warriors in each level too. As for the Celestial State, Shen Huang would fight in person as one of the representatives. After all, he was much stronger than other Celestial cultivators after his realm was recovered thanks to Su Ping's help.

As for the Ascendant State, those representatives were picked from amongst the top Heavenly Lords discipled under the Celestials.

A "friendly" contest indeed, yet they didn't want to lose.

Half a month later

The friendly contest officially began.

The battlefield was in the cyborgs' territory; after all, they were the hosts. Shen Huang and the others were glad to see this. The Nine States were similar to their old universe at the moment; it would be troublesome and inconvenient if the battlefield were there, with many cyborgs going there to watch.

In one of the cyborg's holy capitals

That was where Crowe-one of the three ultimate leaders—lived.

It was relatively close to the Nine States, and was extremely prosperous. The architectural style was rather exotic, but still luxurious and enjoyable.

Shen Huang, Chi Ying and the carefully picked representatives went there.

The friendly contest would be live-streamed to all cyborgs, who could watch the contest in real time.

The Star State battles would take place first.

They were going to be held in a special arena located in the holy capital, which had sufficient reinforcement for Star State battles. The space in the arena had been infinitely expanded, so that the representatives wouldn't be limited.

"Are they human beings? Their skin colors are so strange."

"Exactly. There are all sorts of colors. They're not identical like us."

"Weren't we told that they enslave beasts to fight for them? Why don't I see any beasts near them?"

Everywhere in the world, the cyborgs were watching Shen Huang and the other humans enter the venue.

Basha and the other ultimate leaders were present during the opening ceremony, as were Shen Huang, Chi Ying and other Celestial State cultivators. They would sit at the highest place in the auditorium.

Once the opening speech ended, the contest of the Star State began.

The cyborg candidate who entered the arena raised a round of cheers. He had been picked after rounds in many cities, attracting a lot of fans during the preliminary matches.

"I didn't think it would be Niwacott. He's a Star State animal! He defeated someone with his same level with just one hand."

"I heard that he carries that Original Energy Bloodline."

All the cyborgs were surprised to see the cyborg participant, not expecting such a strong representative to be sent first.

On the other hand, the candidate sent by the humans was a rather petite girl.

Seeing how slim she was, many cyborgs wondered if Niwacott would be fearful... of accidentally killing her.

It was just a friendly contest anyway. He would be disqualified and punished severely if he killed his opponent!

Chapter 1463 Reality and Acting (1)

"Where's that human's beast? Why haven't I seen it?"

Some cyborgs were curious.

The matrix barrier above the battlefield was then closed.

Both representatives were in position. However, the slave beasts that many cyborgs were curious about were still nowhere to be seen. Some cyborgs who were better informed knew that humans kept their beasts in a place known as contract space; they could summon their pets at any time.

Very soon, the battle began.

The human girl quickly raised her hand. Five vortexes appeared near her, and five battle pets crawled out from them.

One was as agile and minute as a spirit; one was as heavy and brawny as a dragon; another was a blue ice pet, while the last two were dragons with the most ferocious auras.

One of the dragons had two heads, one ice and the other fire. That one was a Star Lord!

"This is a violation!" Many cyborgs were screaming and complaining as the girl summoned her pets.

Seriously? Counting the pet owner, there were six fighters altogether, and that double-headed dragon was a Star Lord. How could her opponent possibly fight?

Niwacott's arrogant eyes showed utter bewilderment. His body shivered when the double-headed dragon-whose mouths were sparkling-stepped up. That was a Star Lord dragon. How could he possibly fight?

Aside from the girl, there were five opponents who were as strong as him.

"Be gentle."

Based on her opponent's expression, the girl felt it was indeed a little bit brutal; nevertheless, she wasn't willing to be careless. Being a representative who would fight in the first round, she had met the Celestial experts and received their advice in person. She couldn't go easy.

She chose the safest strategy, which was to treat the opponent as the strongest person she'd seen.

The pet responsible for defense stayed with her. The ones tasked for offense and control stepped up. A special-attributes' pet stayed behind her, ready to follow orders.

The double-headed dragon and the ice pet charged, imposing a daunting pressure. The double-headed dragon roared and spewed fire; the entire battlefield seemed to be melting.

Niwacott instantly set up an energy shield. However, the dragon breath penetrated the shield and struck him precisely, sending him flying

The ice pet's secret technique arrived at that moment. A special power was released from the pet's core. Niwacott instantly felt an unknown threat, but he wasn't able to react in time and was turned into a huge block of ice.

The Ascendant cyborg referee outside the arena quickly changed his expression. Alhough dissatisfied, he announced the result for the sake of the cyborg fighter's safety.

Humans won the match!

It was quiet on the cyborg's end, as no cheers were heard before the announcement. However, the human side did cheer. The cyborgs in the audience had eyes as wide as saucers; there was utter disbelief.

The battle ended right after it began?

He couldn't even fight back, at all?

None of them were blaming Niwacott. It's just that... The human girl cheated!

She was fighting with five allies, and one of them had a crushing level. How could he fight?

"Is this how human beings fight? So unscrupulous!"

"Shameless!"

"You ganged up on him. Is that what you're capable of?" "Humans are truly wicked. To think they would have such a shameful battle method."

Many cyborgs were furious. Pride made it impossible for them to accept such a failure. They began to berate humans with excuses.

Basha, Crowe and the others looked at each other, showing unnatural expressions. The real purpose of the friendly contest was for them to see the humans' special cultivation method, and to confirm whether humans did interact harmoniously with their pets. However, if all the battles were going to unfold like that, it would be one-sided slaughter; it would be impossible to discern how humans and their pets got along.

"Are all humans like this?" Basha asked Chi Ying, who sat next to her.

The latter coughed. Although the victory was gratifying, her question was kind of a slap in the face. He smiled humbly and replied, "This is the cultivation method of our clan. We lived in a harsh environment, often encountering threats we couldn't deal with on our own. Partners were extremely important in those conditions; our pets are our partners."

Basha chuckled but made no comment.

Shen Huang overheard their conversation and felt rather helpless. They had foreseen everything except that. They didn't know the cyborgs well, and they didn't want to lose. So, the representatives they picked were the strongest from every level.

The girl who had just gone up, for example, had an Ascendant State father who specifically tamed the Star Lord double-headed dragon for her. She turned out to be too strong.

The first match was considered an accident. The second match began soon after, with the exact same ending. Another batch of cyborgs was unable to hold back their discontent.

Then, the third match, the fourth...

Contestants came and went, but the results were the same.

Even the high-level cyborgs wore gloomy expressions.

Those were only Star State battles. If the cyborgs were also crushed in the Ascendant and even the Celestial battles, would they have any face left?

Aside from the cyborgs, Shen Huang and the others were also feeling uneasy, too.

It would have been better to win a couple of matches by a narrow margin. But now... It turned into a pure slap in the face.

Shen Huang saw from the corner of his eye that the cyborg leaders had grim looks. He knew that the friendly contest would become a turning point in the relationship of both races if things went on like that.

He instantly sent a telepathic message to the Ascendant cultivators who led the Star State candidates and asked them to go easy.

Those who received the message understood right away. They used to be powerful experts in the old universe too, and knew that such a one-sided outcome would not end well.

The following candidates, although dissatisfied, chose to sacrifice their own pride for the greater cause of their clan.

Therefore, the people in the audience were finally able to see evenly-matched battles.

The first candidate who went easy only summoned one of his pets and was defeated by a cyborg. Cheers burst out.

Basha and the others finally looked better. Shen Huang and the others heaved sighs of relief.

In the backstage-many candidates were replaced by normal Star State cultivators who only had two or three pets and mediocre combat ability. Some of their pets were even weaker than their owners.

They were sent to the arena mainly to make the show seem more real.

The participants who were replaced didn't look happy, but they were generously compensated, so they felt better.

The atmosphere in the arena became heated as the matches progressed; the contest finally looked like a regular friendly contest. "The human contestants are significantly weaker."

"It's not that the humans are weaker; their slave beasts are."

"Those humans aren't fighting in person. Their capabilities are only mediocre; they're only fighting with their slave beasts." "Their cultivation method is focused on enslaving beasts. They rely too much on external help for them to grow."

"Our cultivation method is much better. We strengthen ourselves; your own body is the foundation!"

Many cyborgs saw the human beings' shortcomings in the following battles, and couldn't help but feel proud. They felt great again after noticing what they considered as the main flaw of the humans' cultivation method.

"Looks like they've sent all of their strongest candidates. I was so scared; I thought they were all like that.

"But to be honest, the contestants at the beginning were truly terrifying."

"They weren't terrifying; their beasts were. Without them, those humans are nothing."

"Their cultivation method is too weak."

Many cyborgs in the audience felt more at ease, no longer frustrated.

The scores of the two parties were close. Other than the normal Star State cultivators, some of the original contestants were sent every now and then to even up.

All the cyborg candidates were strong in their level. They could fight a couple of normal Star State cultivators with ease; the battles were quite intense.

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The cyborgs gradually saw something different as the matches took place.

Some pets fought in a stubborn and persistent way for the sake of their masters, even if they were covered in blood.

Some masters, in order to protect their beasts, would block powerful attacks on their own. They were heavily injured and defeated.

Chapter 1464 Upper Limit of the Cultivation Method (1)

After witnessing those actions, the cyborgs gradually changed their minds.

Soon, the matches ended. The final score was 39:61.

The humans, with sixty-one points, had won by a landslide.

However, the cyborgs found the scores completely acceptable. They weren't sad or ashamed at all. They were proud, even.

It wasn't easy for them to score thirty-nine points from the humans, who were essentially cheating!

After the crushing defeats at the beginning, they felt proud when their compatriots won, despite being outnumbered.

See? That's what us cyborgs do! We cultivate ourselves! We beat the enemy even if we're outnumbered!

Once the Star State matches were done, the Star Lords' contest would take place a couple of days after.

All the cyborgs discussed human beings and their cultivation method during that waiting period.

Some mocked and despised the cultivation method, while others thought it was incredible. If all humans had the strongest beasts as pets, they would be invincible at their level!

That was the upper limit!

Even the dissenting cyborgs also had to admit that.

Shen Huang had sent someone to mingle with the cyborgs, all to collect intel and learn of the public opinion during the few days of rest.

Based on the cyborgs' thoughts, Shen Huang realized that the purpose of the friendly contest had been fulfilled halfway.

Many cyborgs were angry and scornful because of how the battles turned out; however, they both loved and hated the cultivation method.

Why did they hate it?

In most cases, people would only hate something when they couldn't get it.

The Star Lords' battles soon began.

This time, it was twenty against twenty.

Shen Huang thought that it was necessary to pressure the cyborgs some more. To make it less eyecatching, he set the overall objective to thirty-one points.

Thanks to Shen Huang's arrangement, all the candidates were picked. The first three battles showed the humans' extraordinary combat ability with crushing victories. The cyborgs fell silent again.

A subsequent match was deliberately lost to save the cyborgs' face.

Shen Huang was calmly sitting at the auditorium. He was like a bartender seated behind the counter, although it wasn't wine he was mixing, but the cyborg's moods.

When having absolute control over the battlefield, he could decide when to win or lose.

As the matches finished one after the other, the final score was undoubtedly fixed at thirty-one.

They won eleven matches, while the cyborgs only won nine of them.

The latter could accept those results, but they felt a greater pressure about the upcoming battles. They realized that the higher the level, the more terrifying the human's cultivation method was!

The higher someone's level was, the more difficult it was for them to defeat opponents at higher levels. It was usually difficult for an Ascendant to kill another Ascendant, not to mention dealing with a couple of peers.

There was a lot that the cyborgs didn't know about the human's cultivation method. For example, how many beasts could be contracted?

If the number was unlimited...

Wouldn't they be invincible?

Basha and the others looked grim. The ten against ten battles would begin soon. If humans were as domineering as in the other matches, they would probably only win in two or three, which would be humiliating.

Shen Huang smiled inwardly when he saw their expressions. That was the result he was going for. The friendly contest had only been a prelude in his plans; he was about to achieve his final purpose.

Soon after, the Ascendant State battles began.

The experts sent to represent humanity were Heavenly Lords from the various star zones, including Song Yuan, Shen Huang's first disciple.

"Master, do I have to use my pets?"

Song Yuan went to see his master before the match. He said, "I've been observing the cyborgs' battles for days, and I've learned something about how they utilize their energy. Although their fighting method is special, it's not that powerful; I want to see if I can fight them on my own."

He was confident in himself.

He believed that he could win without summoning pets.

Although pets represented the most important strength of a battle pet warrior, how could they go far if they weren't strong enough to suppress their own pets?

Seeing the fighting will in his disciple's eyes, Shen Huang shook his head and said, "This is not about battling, but politics. We're demonstrating the relationship between us and our pets. Also, there's no need to reveal too many of our secrets in a friendly contest. We are allies now, but we can't show them everything just yet."

Song Yuan felt dazed for a moment. He then understood.

He was once the leader of a small galaxy; its management made him aware of the importance of power.

"I understand."

"Go."

Soon after, the Ascendant State battles began.

The Heavenly Lords went up one after another. Their battle pets were all in the Ascendant State, too; after all, Star Lord pets would have only been toys in the eyes of Ascendant cultivators, and would be instantly killed in battle.

In one of the matches, an Ascendant cultivator summoned eight Ascendant State pets; the cyborg contender desperately wanted to forfeit.

It was impossible for him to beat nine opponents.

The humanoid tried to fight, but was soon defeated. He had displayed a terrifying power, but he was completely unable to resist the attacks of the eight pets.

After such a crushing victory, the cyborgs increasingly felt the horror that humans posed. The stronger the human, the more terrifying they were!

Chapter 1465 Upper Limit of the Cultivation Method (2)

"The upper limit of this cultivation method is too high!"

"Even the ancient chaos entities couldn't be much stronger than them, could they?"

"That's not necessarily true. They could be stronger than the mythical creatures."

"Do you think humans could contract mythical creatures as pets?"

After days of friendly bouts, the cyborgs were more and more curious about the human cultivation method, since they found it mysterious and terrifying. The upper limit achievable was also unimaginably high.

Furthermore, a horrifying speculation emerged. Could humans only establish contracts with beasts?

Or, could they bond with any living creature?

Their thoughts went wild. If truly feasible, could humans bond them, too?

Many cyborgs felt ill at ease, and considered their human allies a huge threat.

The second Ascendant cultivator went up and easily won with seven Ascendant pets.

The cyborgs suffered consecutive failures as cultivators went up one after another, and only got two points in the end.

The gap was so huge that all the audience fell silent.

They had won 39 points in the Star State category. The higher the level, the fewer points they got. Would they lose completely in the 3 against 3 Celestial-level battles?

The very notion haunted the cyborgs' minds. Those who didn't participate were having certain thoughts too...

Without pets, they didn't think they would have been any weaker than their human counterparts in the friendly contest. If they had the cultivation method, wouldn't they be able to crush their opponents?

After a few days of rest, the Celestial State battles began.

The battlefield was a special small universe built by the cyborg leaders, enough for the Celestials to fight freely.

Shen Huang, Chi Huo and Xu Kong fought as representatives. They crushed their opponents without giving the cyborgs any hope.

The host humanoids fell silent after such a crushing defeat.

They had picked excellent and renowned experts; they didn't expect such a fiasco!

Shen Huang was the last one to leave the battlefield after the battles ended. He dismissed his pets with a relaxing smile; there wasn't even a drop of sweat on him. He wasn't wearing battle armor, but the golden robe he usually wore. Nothing implied that he had just taken part in a great battle. His opponent, on the other hand, seemed to have been struck by lightning. It was quite embarrassing.

Shen Huang didn't leave the battlefield after the disgruntled referee announced the result. Instead, he stood in the small universe and, facing cameras in various directions, looked at Basha and the others who were seated in a corner. He said with a smile, "Thank you for your participation in the friendly contest. Now that it's over, there's something we'd like to propose."

"What do you want?"

Basha looked awful. Do the humans despise us after such a complete victory?

"Our leader visited a Selvega of your clan and struck an alliance with them. We believe that, as compatriots, you don't mean us any harm. Besides, we have a common foe to fight against."

Shen Huang paused for a moment and then continued with a smile, "If you want, we're willing to share our cultivation method with you for free."

After a boom, all the cyborgs in the green glass planet exploded.

All the locals who watched via live stream were stunned after reading the captions translating Shen Huang's message in their language.

They were willing to share?

For free?

Are humans crazy? That's the fundamental technique of their clan!

Basha and the other leaders were also stunned; they remained silent in their seats for a long time until they recovered. But instead of being overjoyed, they considered Shen Huang's motive.

"Why?" asked Basha, while staring at Shen Huang in the eye, even revealing the aura of a dominator as she spoke.

"Because we're allies, are we not?" Chi Ying, who was seated in a chair close by, also emitting a hint of dominator's aura, while he tilted his head and spoke with a smile.

Basha sensed his powerful aura. Based on what she saw in their contest, the stronger a human was, the more contracted beasts they had. Therefore, the guy next to her could very well have ten contracted beasts at his level!

Basha and the others changed their expressions upon such a thought.

With such a combat ability boost, the three of them together were probably no match for the guy next to them.

Not to mention that there was still Su Ping backing them.

Behind that public leader, there was also the real leader who actually met the Selvegas of their clan... The three cyborgs felt alarmed.

Without a doubt, humans were on par with them. Their chances of winning were unclear if their cooperation ended on bad terms.

The fact dawned on them, and they became much gentler than before, quietly dismissing the dominator auras.

"That's right. Because we're allies," said Shen Huang, "Besides, we won't lose this technique after teaching it to you. It would only make our alliance stronger, which is a good thing."

"Is this what humans think?" Basha mumbled. She couldn't tell whether or not Shen Huang was lying. If true, then she had nothing to say and would only feel admiration for this clan. If it was fake, then what was the scheme?

Is the cultivation method actually flawed?

However, do they really think that all cyborgs would learn the technique because it was taught for free?

The leaders would surely study and experiment first before promoting the technique.

They would eventually discover if the technique had hidden flaws that would harm cyborgs...

The last thought made Basha put on a smile and stand up. She looked at Shen Huang with a pondering demeanor, then said, "I appreciate your generosity very much. As allies, do you need us to do anything in return?"

"You've already repaid us by providing us a place to live in. We're very grateful," said Shen Huang with a smile.

"That's just a small place for temporary residence." Basha shook her head.

Shen Huang didn't propose any requests. He had hoped to establish a real friendly relation with the cyborgs through the friendly contest, so what he said was mostly true.

However, there were certain truths in that world that had to be told in a tactful manner in order for them to be heard and believed!

After the matter was settled, all the cyborgs were thrilled.

"This is unbelievable. Humans are publicizing such a powerful technique for free!"

"Just because we're allies? Is this some sort of scheme?"

"Don't bother. We'll know the details of their cultivation technique very soon."

"I admit it was premature of me to say what I did. I'll beat anyone who says that this battle method is unscrupulous!"

"What's unscrupulous? Isn't battle always about outnumbering your enemies?"

"That's true. Duels are just obsolete."

The gloomy clouds enshrouded the humanoids were halfway gone.

Some of them, however, thought that humans were up to no good.

Shen Huang didn't let the cyborgs wait for too long. He shared the technique with the three leaders and asked them to promote it.

Shen Huang knew that they would experiment on it first, but he didn't point it out.

Once they learned the technique, Basha and the others wasted no time trying it. They also sent a lot of envoys to the Nine States. Some actually captured humans of different levels in secret and took them back.

Basha read the memories of those humans and used them to cross-check with the cultivation technique. She found that it wasn't incomplete, and she also learned a lot more about the human clan.

"I didn't know that Mr. Su, the human leader, is actually a young man who rose to prominence recently." Basha and the others were surprised. Then, they thought of the real leader behind Su Ping who met the Selvegas. They knew that he couldn't have grown to become so strong without a real expert's teaching

The memories also helped them confirm that they had no evil intentions.

Therefore, Basha had those human beings sent back in secret once they drew the information.

Chapter 1466 Level-8 Store (1)

Time zipped by.

A hundred years had passed since the friendly contest.

Such a span of time was just the blink of an eye for Ascendant cultivators. However, many things had happened during that century, which the experts remembered vividly.

It took no more than five years for the cyborgs to promote the contract method after the contest.

Since then, the beasts that cyborgs had kept in the ocean and on the continent had become increasingly expensive. Some of the keen-eyed capitalists had bought a lot of beasts right after the contest ended. The move turned them into the richest people in that great era of change.

Other than the business tycoons, there were also great political reforms. For cyborgs, it was no different from an industrial revolution.

As the contract method was promoted, the relation of the two clans quickly heated up. Many of the human Celestials became bigshots among cyborgs.

Some were even interviewed by the cyborg-run newspapers and recorded in their history books.

It only took twenty years for pet stores to appear all over the cyborg world.

Many stores tried to increase their popularity by claiming that they had human pet trainers.

Many cyborgs had indeed learned the technique from humans, they were simply too inexperienced and had to rely on human support in that aspect.

As a result, humans were gradually assimilated into the cyborg society, making their alliance even more solid.

Fifty years after the friendly contest-cyborgs were already used to contracted beasts. Fifty years were enough for humans to adapt to many things, and cyborgs were even better to adapt.

Humans at the moment were no longer restrained on the Nine States, and were scattered on the cyborg world; the talented ones were already treated as honorable guests.

Of course, despite the general peace, conflicts would inevitably arise. However, thanks to the coverage of their higher-ups, news never got out.

Only the good news of them helping each other would be spread.

After all, it was impossible for the two clans to restrain all of their people. Those who caused conflicts would be despised by both clans if word accidentally got out.

Once the contract method was popularized, the overall cyborg strength was significantly improved. Many of the humanoids with powerful backgrounds acquired tough pets that made them much stronger; even stronger than human elites.

The Nine States

In a routine meeting of the Celestial experts at their headquarters.

"There are more and more experts among the cyborgs. Their comprehensive strength is probably far greater than ours. Their leaders seem to have tamed the Whale King recently," said Chi Ying solemnly, "I also heard some people complaining about the cyborgs. They seem to be acting less respectful as of late."

"It's just that some people are getting cocky. That's normal."

Shen Huang said with a smile, "Pet training is still our advantage; they cannot possibly learn that so quickly. Our pet training is five times as effective as theirs. Many cyborgs have been voluntarily coming to us."

"But pet training is just a soft power; it's the hard power that really matters. I fear that they'll change their minds after their overall strength improves," said Chi Ying, heaving a sigh.

"You're overthinking," said Shen Huang, "Most cyborgs are friendly to us. The contract method is obviously helpful to them. Many cyborgs are even applying to join our clan; some even hope to change their genes and become complete human beings. This proves the attraction of our species." "But those people are just fence sitters. They're useless." Someone shook their head.

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Shen Huang smiled. "But it still proves the charm of our clan."

"That's true..."

"I heard that the cyborgs have been thinking about the green glass."

Xu Kong suddenly said, "The available beasts are not enough for all the cyborgs, and the pets on the market are becoming more expensive. Some of the middling pets cost half the possessions of someone at their level. This isn't going to work out. Right now, the lack of sufficient pets will cause trouble."

"I don't think they would dare to do anything to the green glass," said Shen Huang with a frown, "However, some people at the bottom level might have other thoughts. After all, the returns are truly huge. I'll talk to them later."

"That's right. We should pay attention to this."

"Well... If there's nothing else, I'll be on my way. Boss Su has just finished training Old Qing," said Chi Huo, suddenly raising his hand. He looked like someone whose girlfriend called in the middle of a meeting.

"This guy..."

The others shook their heads with a smile. Shen Huang chuckled. "Go now. Don't keep Xiao Su waiting." "Sure thing!"

Chi Huo quickly left with a smile.

"In any case, Boss Su's training technique is something that those cyborgs will never be able to learn. However arrogant they are, they have to count on him. I heard that Basha and the others went to visit Boss Su earlier, but they were kicked out and had to wait in line," said Chi Ying with a smile.

Xu Kong chuckled and added, "They are the leaders of their clan, and were too proud to wait in line. What a shame. They wouldn't have cared one bit about their faces had they known how extraordinary the pets become after Boss Su trains them."

Chapter 1467 Level-8 Store (2)

"Let me tell you a joke. Xiao Hua, the one I waited in line and trained, is so strong right now that I can't beat her," said another Celestial State cultivator, touching his nose. There was pride in his eyes, however. His Xiao Hua was already a peak Celestial pet, an ultimate creature not just anyone could have.

"Be careful then. She might break free at some point."

"Cut the crap. Xiao Hua has been with me for 100,000 years. She won't betray me even if her level exceeds mine."

In the meantime

At the pet store in the center of the Nine States.

There was only one pet store in that place. However, the whole city around the store was established because of it.

It wasn't that the store was aiming to monopolize the business, and that others weren't allowed to start a pet store. However, all the other pet stores had gone bankrupt due to the lack of customers.

"Get in line!"

"You're a cyborg? Your father is a cyborg leader? Even your father has to wait in line if he comes."

It was extremely crowded in front of the store. A yellow garbed Tang Ruyan was maintaining order. She had grown used to the strange-colored cyborgs in the past hundred years; however, she was much busier than when she only dealt with humans.

All humans knew that Su Ping owned the store, so they were extremely obedient, not even daring to talk loudly.

Cyborgs, however, didn't show any respect, and they didn't know the rules. There were many who came from afar and asked for privileges.

All of them were rejected by Tang Ruyan without exception.

Even the human Celestials had to wait in line, let alone the humanoids.

At first, she was afraid that her refusals would make the human's situation worse. However, she knew she had worried for nothing when Su Ping kicked out a cyborg who was causing trouble.

She was only talking "nicely." She was quite gentle compared to him.

"Get lost! It doesn't matter how much money you give me. Get in line, or get lost!"

"Treasures? What treasures? You think I've never seen treasures? Whatever you may offer, just take it away and get lost!"

"My attitude is terrible? You think my attitude is terrible?!"

Many cyborgs suffered Tang Ruyan rejections. Some of them despised her after learning that she was just an employee, then claimed that they would complain to her boss.

However, once they finally got in after waiting for a long time... they were thrown out and asked to get in line again before they were done criticizing that arrogant employee. Some of the regular cyborg customers talked to their compatriots the moment they saw them yelling. "Why do you have to ask for their money? Given your capabilities, you can create any precious item, including currency, right?"

Inside the store-Su Ping was seated in a room next to the Dark Dragon Hound, the Inferno Dragon and the other pets. On his right side was a glowing silver ball.

That ball was the system.

Many functions had been added when the store was upgraded to level 8. The manifestation of the system was one of them.

As for the usage of that ball... Su Ping found it was useless, except that it felt good when he squeezed it.

Nevertheless, he thought that squeezing that ball was truly satisfying. He could finally make that perverted peeper experience his revenge!

That's right. The store had successfully risen to level 8 in the past hundred years, thanks to Joanna and the others' efforts.

Accumulating energy was not that difficult. It was mainly because Su Ping had met the requirement for the level 8 upgrade... To train a special-grade pet with a Dao Heart.

The Dao Heart State was the universe dominator state.

Su Ping had actually spent a thousand years in cultivation sites during that century.

The Inferno Dragon was the first to acquire a Dao Heart.

He didn't give his pets the three unparalleled Dao Hearts that the Golden Crow ancestor had offered him. He asked them to walk their own roads, even if it wasn't as good. Maybe they would be awakened once more and their Dao Hearts would further evolve.

Evolution would be impossible if they inherited someone else's Dao Heart.

The Inferno Dragon became a universe dominator once it acquired the Dao Heart. Its combat ability was significantly improved. Even the God Emperors of some major clans were no match.

Thanks to the stimulation of Su Ping's power of chaos, the Inferno Dragon's bloodline had mutated, becoming a demi-chaos creature. It was also the reason why its talent easily surpassed the special-grade, and was right before the 300th among the Dao Heart State dragons listed on the system's ranking.

There were no more than three hundred dragons stronger than the Inferno Dragon in the Dao Heart State.

Countless dragons of that level had been born in history. The fact that it was close to the top 300 suggested that it was one of the strongest in that era.

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The following training made its ranking rise to somewhere around the 240th.

Aside from the Inferno Dragon, the Dark Dragon Hound and the Vast Sky Thunderous Dragon had found their Dao Hearts, too. The Lightning Rat was the only one that had yet to attain a Dao Heart.

Even though it was the last pet to follow Su Ping, the Lightning Rat was actually as strong as the Dark Dragon Hound and the others. It had once found a Dao Heart, but chose not to pick it, as it didn't seem to be what it truly wanted.

Therefore, the rodent was still stuck in the Celestial State.

"The currency is just a tool." The system's young yet mature voice came from the silver glowing ball. "It's only meant to measure the number of pets you've trained."

"You're obviously very powerful. Why do you have to do something so boring?" Su Ping asked back.

"Humph. You think it's boring? I think it's very fun," said the system angrily.

"Is there anything you're scared of in this world? The Heavens?" Su Ping asked again.

"Don't ask. The answer's no." Although it was just a silver glowing ball, Su Ping felt that it glittered as if rolling eyes at him. "You'll know everything when you upgrade the store to level 9."

"Can't you tell me in advance?" said Su Ping helplessly, "Why do you have to be so stubborn?"

"I'm afraid that your universe will explode in fright if I tell you right now. Let's wait until you reach the Undying State," said the system in disdain.

"You're kidding. What can possibly frighten me? Unless, you tell me that you're not the system, but some gay," said Su Ping.

The system said casually, "Why can't I be

gay?"

Su Ping almost fell. He realized that the system was becoming chattier after it manifested. It was no longer like the old system; it was something... meaner.

"If you don't want to tell, so be it. I'm very close to that state anyway." Su Ping stopped asking.. He had found several cultivation methods to attain the Undying State over the past hundred years; all he had to do was confirm them.

Su Ping left the store and went to the Golden Crow world.

Everything was the same. Su Ping teleported to a desert. He spread his senses and soon discovered powerful auras in a certain direction, which was clearly the Golden Crows habitat.

He summoned the Dark Dragon Hound and the others to travel with them.

Su Ping was soon able to sense an exuberant power of vitality further ahead. Once he got closer, he discovered that it originated from the tree where the Golden Crows lived.

This holy tree is probably in the Undying State too...

Su Ping didn't consider the holy tree an object. Although he was unable to sense its consciousness, he knew that the holy tree would surely unleash the power of the Golden Crow elders if they were attacked.

Su Ping's arrival was soon noticed by the Golden Crows, who had already become quite familiar with him. One of the Golden Crows immediately showed up and asked him why he was there to go and report the matter.

Su Ping met the Golden Crows' Chief Elder soon after.

"Young friend, what brings you here this time?" asked the Chief Elder with a smile.

Su Ping said, "I'd like to experience your universe, Chief Elder."

Chapter 1468 New Road (1)

"How audacious!"

A Golden Crow who had a universe dominator level scolded him.

"It's fine." The Chief Elder wasn't bothered. Instead, he looked at Su Ping in surprise and asked, "You want to observe my universe? There's actually a road applicable to everyone if you want to cultivate an undying universe. This is unnecessary."

"Even so, I'd like to try a different road," said Su Ping.

The system had also told him about the existence of cultivation methods for the Undying State. Although a step higher than the Dao Heart State, it involved the use of a tricky method, while the Dao Heart was based on talent.

There were billions of Dao Hearts, but only one method to cultivate the undying universe.

The crux of it was to combine the infinite Great Dao in the universe! Once achieved, the universe would be the Great Dao and the Great Dao would become the universe.

The Great Dao was indestructible.

It was difficult for many universe dominators to become Ancestral Gods because the Great Dao they had comprehended was too complicated. They were unable to find the order or the core to combine all the Great Dao.

Such a task would cost an infinite amount of time for them to reorganize their combat abilities. Some universe dominators would disrupt their own selves during the combination. After all, such reorganization was different from cultivating from scratch using a clone. It would entail overthrowing everything they had and building the one and only Great Dao using the broken pieces.

"You want to try another path?"

The Chief Elder was slightly amused by the idea. "Kid, this is different from the Dao Heart State, which is not teachable and has to be comprehended on your own. The Undying State is the same for everyone; there's no shortcut, other than combining the Great Dao."

"I'm not planning to take shortcuts. I'm simply hoping to find a more powerful road..." said Su Ping, "Maybe there isn't one, but I'd like to give it a try."

The Chief Elder dropped his smile and gazed at Su Ping. "Why do you think there's a more powerful road?"

"Because I think there are always many options to reach the end. Just like life; the destination is the same, but anything can happen on the way," said Su Ping.

"But that's just for superficial lives," said the Chief Elder, "The combination of the Great Dao is the only way. None of the ancestors of the other clans have ever thought of a better way."

"This doesn't mean that there's no better way," said Su Ping.

The Chief Elder fell silent.

He looked at the determined yet passionate young man and thought of many things all of a sudden. He realized why that young man grew so strong so quickly and how he could surpass Diqiong, their princess, who carried the ancestral bloodline of his clan.

The two of them were on par in the past. Digiong was actually the stronger one.

However, she had been left far behind by Su

Ping.

"Should I say that you're ignorant, or arrogant?" The Chief Elder chuckled. "But I like it. Maybe you'll truly find another way. Although the chances are close to zero, I'd like to be part of it. Not just me, I'll ask the other old fellows to show you their universes, too."

Dazed for a moment, Su Ping said quickly, "Thank you very much, Chief Elder!"

"That's all right. If you truly make a breakthrough, we'll be witnessing a new miracle. You'll probably become an ancestor-level existence that wasn't naturally created..." said the Chief Elder with a smile.

The nearby Golden Crows narrowed their eyes and looked at the tiny human in shock, not expecting the Chief Elder to think so highly of the young man.

The ancestors had been spawned by nature; it was impossible to reach that level through cultivation. And yet, this tiny human being has a slim chance of becoming an ancestor?

Even though the chance was slim, it was still terrifying!

"Chief Elder, you flatter me. Let's begin," said Su Ping with a calm smile.

The Chief Elder nodded slightly.

He had witnessed Su Ping's growth in that period of time. Once upon a time, the guy was an ant that he could kill a million times just by blowing air at him. However, the guy had already caught up to him.

The Chief Elder then released his universe and pulled Su Ping inside.

"Chief Elder, please perform freely. No need to worry," said Su Ping.

The elder crow nodded. He knew that Su Ping's mysterious backer could ensure his safety.

The power inside that universe surged like a tsunami. Su Ping instantly felt that the entire universe was squeezing him; that limitless cosmos was solid, completely different from a Dao Heart universe.

When in the Dao Heart State, although the power of the Great Dao was unified through the Dao Heart, the power was still disorganized and the weaker Dao would be neutralized, like someone being slapped by a thousand hands. When reaching the Undying State, the power of the thousand hands would concentrate on one hand

Increasing power dozens of times.

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Therefore, there was an insurmountable barrier between Ancestral Gods and God Emperors. Su Ping focused on sensing all the details of the great crow's universe. Once the Great Dao was combined, those characteristics were gradually revealed. It was the Great Dao of annihilation that burned the Great Dao around Su Ping into ashes, including his vitality.

Is this the combined Great Dao? It's absolutely unstoppable, thousands of times more powerful than a single perfect Great Dao... Su Ping examined the power. He was like a worm under a heavy machine. He was crushed by it, completely unable to resist.

Chapter 1469 New Road (2)

The Great Dao has been combined and consolidated. The universe is the Great Dao and can never be destroyed...

If a single Great Dao can be strengthened until it becomes as powerful as the combined Great Dao, my universe will be more powerful...

Su Ping's body was doing his best to resist, but his consciousness was extremely calm. Despite the agony of being torn apart, his resolve was such that it seemed as if the agony was being endured by someone else. His mind was still functioning rapidly. Even during his moment between life and death, he was still considering what direction to take for his cultivation.

Su Ping's body was soon annihilated.

Still, he came back quickly after.

The Chief Elder narrowed his eyes upon seeing this happen, but kept his own counsel.

My individual Great Dao has already been perfected. It can't be strengthened without being combined with the features of other Great Daos. They must be combined!

How can I continue improving the Great Dao without combining them?

Su Ping examined the features of the universe and summoned his own universe in an attempt to resist, but it soon fell apart like an eggshell, followed by the destruction of the deep spaces contained within.

He was slightly stunned by the sight of his broken universe.

Su Ping respawned.

He summoned his universe a second time.

Watching his universe fall apart again made his eyes glitter.

Death, resurrection, summoning his universe.

Su Ping repeated those actions as if in a frenzied state.

In the blink of an eye, Su Ping died a hundred times while the Chief Elder remained motionless. He could easily destroy that human with the power of his universe. They were on completely different levels. Even so, his eyes looked solemn. He didn't look down on Su Ping, at all.

Technically speaking, Su Ping was two realms weaker than him. However, he had the feeling that it wouldn't take long for the kid to catch up to and even surpass him!

"Deep spaces ... "

"Universe..."

Su Ping mumbled to himself. The epiphany became clearer and clearer, giving light to an idea.

If he divided his universe into different layers and consolidated each layer with the Great Dao, wouldn't he be able to create an undying universe? They would be multiple undying universes!

Su Ping thought of the grand universe outside.

When cultivating their universes, they had always based them off of the grand universe.

It had always been the norm for living creatures to learn from nature and observe the changes in the universe.

The grand universe was created by nature; still, it was like the finest piece of art, and everything was in order. It functioned because of the Great Dao at work.

There were nine deep spaces in the universe, and each space was independent.

If I divide my universe into layers and cultivate, I may be able to have multiple undying universes...

Su Ping grew confident about this plan, and quickly asked the Chief Elder to pause. Then, without caring about anything else, he simply sat and meditated on the spot, releasing his universe and separating it into layers.

The layer separation was in fact very simple. He actually finished the process with a single thought.

Following that, he fused all the Great Daos in the first layer of the universe.

Having experience in cultivating multiple small worlds, Su Ping's first universe was one of stars.

All the Great Daos gathered like clusters of

stars.

He soon encountered a problem as he implemented his idea. The universe had to be reborn in order to combine and merge the Great Daos. While rebirth took place, the universe would return to its original form from the peak, and the layers would be destroyed in the process.

In simpler terms, his multi-layered universe would completely fall apart and be recreated as he consolidated his first universe, the newborn undying universe.

In such a case, he would walk the same path as the others who had attained the Undying State.

There were certainly others who thought of this in the long passage of history, but they never succeeded. This is why they ended up getting stuck... Su Ping felt frustrated and wanted to give up. It wasn't due to lack of determination, but because he had discovered a fundamental flaw and could only choose a normal method.

If only there was a way to allow the Great Dao surpass the shackles of perfection without melding with anything else...

Su Ping's eyes glittered. All of a sudden, he remembered the unusual scene he saw through the Golden Crow ancestor's memories.

There seemed to be bodies floating in the depths of the universe, and the Great Dao floated out of those bodies like worms.

At the same time, a sentence popped up in his head.

Everything can be trained!

With a boom, Su Ping's ears rang as if having just received a hit in the head.

Everything... included the universe. So, the Great Dao was among them!

The Great Dao could be trained too!

Su Ping almost shivered at the thought. The system had actually told him the road to the peak since the very beginning! Everything can be trained, including the Great Dao. Training the Great Dao is different from melding it. If I consider the Great Dao as a living entity, I can link to it with my Contract Dao Heart. When a battle pet warrior wants to train their pets, other than feeding them valuable materials, they can also transmit their own powers to the pets through the contract.

However, very few use that method, because it consumes their cultivation. After all, it's possible to ask a pet trainer to train your pet, while no one can cultivate for you. The former can be taken care of with money, but the latter requires time. Cultivation is all about making the best use of time...

Su Ping took a deep breath. He suddenly realized how terrifying the system was. The stronger he was, the more he became wary of the system. It was a horrifying existence he had yet to understand.

Even if the system was a cheat, it existed in that universe. It had to have an origin.

"System, what exactly are you? And what's your purpose?" Su Ping mumbled, but didn't get any reply. He stopped thinking about it, as he knew answers would come after he upgraded his store to level 9.

"How did it go? Any thoughts?" asked the Chief Elder with a smile, seeing that Su Ping had opened his eyes after meditating.

Su Ping gave the beast expert a slight nod and said, "I have a theory."

"Huh?"

The Chief Elder was astonished. It was just a casual question, not expecting a positive answer.

It had to be noted that besides the general approach, not even the ancestor had an alternate cultivation method.

"This is going to be a very unusual way!" Su Ping said with a smile and then closed his eyes. He stopped trying to combine the Great Daos, even thinking about it being an incorrect approach. After all, every Great Dao was unique, with irreplaceable features.

Once the Great Dao was combined, their features would be weakened and reorganized into new ones. They were actually destroyed in such a way.

"Contract!"

Su Ping made use of his Dao Heart to bond with the first Great Dao, the Dao of Fire.

It was Su Ping's first perfected Great Dao. Su Ping picked it again and decided to train it first.

Su Ping instantly felt that the Dao of Fire was a lot closer to him after the contract was established. He could almost feel an intimacy.

It was as vague as an illusion, but it was real.

Su Ping was rather excited, feeling he was on the right track. He then transmitted the power in his body into the Dao of Fire in the way he trained pets.

An intense power of flames burst out of Su Ping's body, setting the void ablaze, even though there was nothing flammable in the void.

Su Ping opened his eyes and looked at the burning flames. He frowned a bit. The Dao of Fire had indeed been strengthened, but not enough. He sensed that the power he had transferred only passed through the Dao of Fire; none of it was absorbed.

If this goes on, it'll only be a simple strengthening, not real growth. Su Ping's eyes glittered. The Great Dao will grow when combined. Do I have to send in the power of other Great Daos to help it grow?

Su Ping looked at himself after that thought popped up. There were originally 108 Dao Glyphs in his body, and Su Ping had deciphered them all. Those Dao Glyphs had a strong mutual attraction; they would naturally gather when separated.

Once combined, they would form an extremely powerful Dao Glyph. Or rather, the 108 Dao Glyphs in fact the components of a dismembered Great Dao.

Chapter 1470 Consolidation (1)

More than half of the 108 Dao Glyphs had been fused thus far.

The remaining half were still drawn to each other.

Su Ping looked at them, but didn't make use of those glyphs. He would ruin their synergy if he removed any.

He wanted to find out what power he would obtain when all 108 Dao Glyphs were combined.

His intuition told him he could become an Ancestral God!

However, that was not the shortcut he was expecting

I need pieces of the Great Dao...

Su Ping opened his eyes. That was the Chief Elder's universe, and the Great Dao had already been consolidated. There were no pieces of Great Dao; he had to look elsewhere.

Su Ping concealed the Dao of Fire in his body and said goodbye to the Chief Elder.

"Have you found the answer you were looking for?" asked the Chief Elder.

Su Ping nodded. "I have a theory. I need to run some tests." "Oh?"

The Chief Elder was rather curious. "What's your method?"

"To train the Great Dao," said Su Ping. "Train... the Great Dao?"

The Chief Elder was stunned. Even though he was knowledgeable, he did not understand what the young man said.

Su Ping didn't know yet whether or not his theory was right, so he didn't explain. He wouldn't mind teaching the method to others who had helped him, but only after his theory was fully confirmed.

After all, the great thing about knowledge was that you wouldn't lose it if you shared it with someone else.

However, there were countless cases where disciples betrayed their masters after learning all the knowledge.

Su Ping didn't care about such things. There was only one thought in his heart, maybe because he was young and arrogant: he could always create more trump cards.

Su Ping met Diqiong after leaving the Golden Crow elders.

Digiong had already reached the peak of the Celestial State and was halfway into the Dao Heart State. She was emanating an exuberant and scorching aura. The ancestral bloodline had given her the great power of the Golden Crows, which came from the ultimate Great Dao. She could easily become an Ancestral God by activating the power in her blood.

It was the same for Su Ping, who had the bloodline of the Primitive Chaos Clan. He could become a half-Ancestral God, too, if he activated the power in his blood and combined the 108 Dao Glyphs.

"I heard that you practiced with the Chief Elder, did you?"

Digiong suspiciously looked at Su Ping, who had just left the Chief Elder's residence. It's only been a short while... This guy is already strong enough to fight the Chief Elder?

She didn't quite believe it. However, Su Ping had been growing so fast she had to go there and take a look for herself.

"Why are you so informed?" Su Ping raised his eyebrows. He looked at the Golden Crow guards around the Chief Elder, wondering which of them had snitched.

"Humph. I'm the princess; I have subordinates everywhere. Nothing is a secret to me," she said with a snort.

"Impressive."

"Cut the crap. Judging by your aura, you obviously haven't broken through yet. You're no match for the Chief Elder, at all. Why did you spar with him?" asked Digiong with a frown.

"Can't I just witness the Chief Elder's power?" Su Ping smiled and waved a hand. "There's something I have to do. Talk to you later."

"You're so rude. You're even unwilling to call me Your Highness before you leave!" said Diqiong angrily. Su Ping rolled his eyes and said, "Have you watched 'The Godfather' recently?"

"Yes, so what? Speaking of which, are there sequels?" asked Digiong.

"I'll bring them to you next time," said Su Ping.

"That's more like it." Digiong didn't pester him any longer.

Su Ping felt helpless when dealing with her. He then left the Golden Crow settlement and entered the wilderness. There was basically no scent of other beasts within a ten thousand kilometer radius.

Su Ping went further and finally found some unusual beasts.

Those animals carried the bloodlines of ancient mythical creatures and boasted the power of chaos. They could crush both divine and demonic beasts at their level. They were very strong. Even the geniuses among gods had to lower their heads in front of such beasts.

That was the formidable nature of ancient mythical bloodlines.

Su Ping soon encountered a mythical creature in the Celestial State lurking in the desert. The simplest hunter often appeared as prey. The beast attacked when Su Ping passed by, only to be killed the next moment.

Su Ping tore the mythical creature apart and threw it to his pets, as the meat contained a lot of nutrition.

He also used the opportunity to take the Great Dao inside the beast's body and have his universe absorb it. Then, exactly as he did in the Chief Elder's universe, he established a contract with the Dao of Fire and transmitted the power of the broken Dao pieces through the contract.

The temperature around Su Ping rose to an unbearable extent as the power of the broken pieces was transmitted. The place began to twist and even melt, even though it was highly resistant to heat.

"It's truly effective!"

Su Ping was pleasantly surprised. He found that the power of the broken Dao pieces could be absorbed by the Dao of Fire. The features of the Great Dao were removed and only the purest Dao power would remain. The Dao of Fire absorbed it and became stronger, reaching a whole new level, beyond the formerly attained perfection.

An idea occurred to him. If the Dao of Fire reaches the maximum, I wonder if it'll be more powerful than the Golden Crows' fire...

He soon thought of another possibility. The Golden Crows had possibly cultivated the Dao of Fire to the maximum.

Only the Golden Crow ancestor could answer that question.

Su Ping dismissed those irrelevant thoughts and focused on controlling the Dao of Fire to absorb it.