

Pet Store 311

### **Chapter 311 No. 18**

“Another freak!” some workers mumbled.

The others stared at the Pyro Electric Tiger frozen on the spot with a bitter smile. The battle had ended before it even began. According to the sensor on the Pyro Electric Tiger, the strength of the freezing capacity... had reached the level of 8.6!

What did it mean?

It implied that the dragon’s breath could freeze beasts at the intermediate position of the eighth rank!

For all the participants, if the seventh-rank was the lower limit for passing into the next round, then the eighth-rank would be considered the standard for the true elites!

After all, the participants of the Elite League could not be higher than the sixth rank. It was hard for someone at the sixth rank to exhibit power equal to the eighth rank. Usually, only those from prominent households with wealth and resources and the help of secret treasures -or those who could grow up while going under special training-could have done this!

“You have passed the test!” said the man wearing the black suit and the top hat to Su Lingyue, who was still standing in a daze. He was a bit speechless to find this girl so confused.

“Oh....”

Finally, Su Lingyue knew what she should do. She cast a glance at the frozen Pyro Electric Tiger, called back the Moonfrost Dragon to her contract space and left the Phantom Flame Beast on her shoulder. She stepped out from the corridor.

“Well, can I make it to Top 1000? If not, I can give it another go...” Su Lingyue whispered her question to that man with the top hat.

She could tell that she did well from those workers’ reactions. At the same time, she was well aware of the responsibility she had to carry. She could not afford to make any mistake!

The man in the top hat twitched his mouth. If it weren’t for the serious and careful look on the girl’s face, he would have thought that this pretty and delicate girl was being overly pretentious.

“If your goal is to enter the Top 1000, then you have done more than enough.”

The man in the top hat showed Su Ping to the device with the ranking display. He told another worker to show Su Lingyue her current ranking.

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That was a good result. Even though many more were waiting to take the test, it was still unlikely that she would fall out of the Top 1000.

Su Lingyue didn't expect that she would do so well. While happy, she became worried. There were 17 people ranked ahead of her and all of them were able to defeat that Pyro Electric Tiger with a single move. Was that so?

Su Lingyue felt her senses were turning numb.

Relying on herself alone, she wouldn't even be able to defend herself against this Pyro Electric Tiger. Without the Moonfrost Dragon Su Ping had given her, she could have given up on the game directly. To compete against all those freaks and geniuses, she would have been practically courting death.

Having seen her score, Su Lingyue left through another corridor as advised by the workers.

"Sir, is that the girl claiming to be the next champion?"

"That is the one."

"She sure is something. I believe this year's final is going to be thrilling."

"I don't know. She's not nearly as good as the one from the Qin Family yet."

"You're right." After Su Lingyue left, several workers began to discuss. They recognized Su Lingyue the moment she arrived. Naturally, she had caught the attention of many because of that exaggerated publicity stunt, and the powerful dragon she used at the branch venue.

"Done."

Su Lingyue saw Su Ping waiting not far away. She hurried to him.

Su Ping sized her up and down. "Are you hurt anywhere? Any dirty tricks?"

"No." Su Lingyue shook her head and told him about the test.

Su Ping nodded after she finished her explanation. He understood that her test finished within an instant. She wouldn't have been able to tell even if some dirty tricks were at play.

"The Liu Family knew to behave." Su Ping shook his head. Without further hesitation, he took her to the venue inside.

Ninety percent of the spectator seats had been filled up. The entire place was bustling with activity. From the many entrances, more and more people were swarming in. This place was much larger than the branch venue and the spectator's seats were divided into 16 areas.

Each area could house tens of thousands of people. For the ordinary people that sat at the back—the highest seats of the venue—they would have to use telescopes to see the matches. Otherwise, all they would be able to see would be blurs, other than the exceptionally large pets.

Su Ping and Su Lingyue went to the area nearest to the stage. She had her credential with her.

That was the only one waiting area because merely one thousand would be participating in the matches. That section was more than enough.

Other areas close to the stage were left for expensive VIP seats. Those who sat there were either wealthy or from the major families.

At the moment, six to seven hundred had found their seats in the participant's seating area. Su Ping could see many familiar faces. Most of them were his customers and he saw two students from the Berserking Blade Academy, Luo Fengtian and Yu Weihai. Su Ping told Su Lingyue to find a seat while he went to the area for family members. Each participant was allowed to bring two family members.

"Mr. Su, my teacher."

Someone rushed over to Su Ping and then stood at attention in front of Su Ping.

Su Ping recognized that it was Xu Kuang whom he had tutored twice.

"I told you that I'm not your teacher." "One day a teacher, always..."

"Stop right there. Go back and get prepared." Su Ping was not in the mood to chit chat with him. He would never acknowledge that he was Xu Kuang's teacher. You could call me whatever else you like!

"Yes, sir!" Xu Kuang cupped his fists and said with respect.

Su Ping rolled his eyes at him. Standing next to them, Su Lingyue was baffled. That man was interesting. When did Su Ping take on students? Where did he come from? How come she had never seen him before?

The three of them were attracting more and more attention. Su Ping didn't waste more time; he wished them good luck and went to the area for family members.

"You're my teacher's younger sister?"

After Su Ping left, Xu Kuang turned around and stared at Su Lingyue with ardent excitement.

Clearly enough, he wasn't as silly as he appeared to be. He had done his homework.

Su Lingyue checked this man up and down. "I am Su Lingyue." She nodded.

"I know you. You are the top student in the first grade at the Phoenix Peak Academy, right? No wonder you are my teacher's younger sister. You're a gifted girl!" Xu Kuang gave her a thumbs-up.

Su Lingyue was amused by this compliment. "Which academy are you from?" she asked.

"Ares Academy," Xu Kuang answered casually. "Ares Academy?" Su Lingyue could not believe it. The guy that claimed to be Su Ping's student was from the Ares Academy?!

"The Ares Academy is hard to get in. I didn't get high enough scores to be enrolled. Good for you," Su Lingyue said. She was glad that Xu Kuang praised her but she knew her limits well. Besides, since Xu Kuang could make it to the Top 1000, it implied that he had to be an outstanding student.

"It's not that big of a deal... Anyways, compared to my teacher, I am nothing."

Halfway through his sentence, Xu Kuang realized that his words sounded arrogant. He changed his reply with an embarrassing smile right away.

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Su Lingyue curled her lips after hearing the first few of his words, but offered no comment.

To be able to get into the Ares Academy, apart from academic scores, one had to have a registered residence in the uptown area.

As such, she might not truly have a good opinion of all the students of the Ares Academy. However, the fact that Xu Kuang could make it to the Top 1000 relying on his own was proof of his admirable strength.

She wasn't offended by his bragging because he had every right to do so.

"Come here. Let's take a seat." Xu Kuang dragged Su Lingyue to a place where several people had already taken seats. They were all from the Ares Academy.

Su Lingyue looked at them and shook her head to decline. She then glanced through the crowd and saw Ye Hao and Su Yanying. "It isn't proper for me to go and sit with the Ares Academy. I'll go and find my friends."

Xu Kuang looked over and saw Ye Hao.

He and Ye Hao were old-time opponents. They had once fought against each other at the academy's exchange matches.

Xu Kuang could see that Ye Hao was eyeing him with a provoking glare. The former sneered and said to Su Lingyue, "I'll let you go then. Be sure to show mercy to me if we met each other on the stage."

"You are the one who should be merciful to me..."

"No, no, you're my teacher's sister. I can never defeat you." Xu Kuang answered right away. Whether he meant it or he was just being polite was yet to be determined.

Su Lingyue parted ways with Xu Kuang after they exchanged a bit of extra small talk. She went to find Ye Hao and Su Yanying.

"Do you know that guy?" Ye Hao asked.

"Not really. He said he is my brother's student," Su Lingyue explained. She felt a bit awkward when she used the words "my brother." She had never called Su Ping like this in front of others before. It was because of his recent change that she gradually accepted and grew used to the fact that he was honestly her big brother. "Mr. Su's student?"

Both Ye Hao and Su Yanying were both surprised, especially Ye Hao. He had more complicated thoughts about this fact. He and Xu Kuang had been competing against each other for a long time and he had to admit that Xu Kuang was strong and talented. Ye Hao was not born out of a major family so to be able to have such achievements was not easy for him.

Ye Hao never knew that his opponent was Su Ping's student, whom he also used to regard as an opponent.

"Xu Kuang, who is that girl?"

Back to the students of the Ares Academy. As soon as Xu Kuang came back, one of his friends voiced his curiosity. He found the girl that Xu Kuang had been talking with appeared to be a bit familiar.

“You don’t know... Anyways, when you meet her on stage, save your strength. You’ll lose the game and get yourself hurt,” Xu Kuang sat down and answered casually. His attitude had changed completely from the modesty he demonstrated in front of Su Ping.

His name was Xu Kuang.

In his name, Kuang was the character that meant wild or undisciplined.

“What do you mean? Are you certain that I will lose to her?” The young man was a bit offended by his words.

Xu Kuang looked at the young man through the corner of his eye. “Hey, Chickens, don’t take it personally. Have you heard about the Pixie Pet Store? She is the one that is going to win the championship.”

“That’s her?!”

Xu Kuang’s words stunned all the people from the Ares Academy. All of them gave Su Lingyue a curious look.

The young man nicknamed “Chickens” turned angry at once. “I told you not to call me Chickens! Besides, I’ve seen her video from the matches before. She has a rare dragon, right? But I can tell that the dragon has just reached adulthood. I think I can win against her!”

The others nodded in agreement. Their calmness had been restored.

She claimed she would win the championship.

What a tone. But who wasn’t capable of talking big?

I could win the global-championship then!

“Hmm.”

Xu Kuang sneered at their reaction. He did not care for their attitudes but he didn’t feel in the mood to argue back. After all, those sitting around him were not merely his friends, but others who had graduated from the Ares Academy years before.

Xu Kuang had experienced the training in Su Ping’s store. Therefore, he was well aware that the pets’ size and rank did not matter. What mattered was their combat strength.

He had seen all of Su Lingyue’s videos. He could tell right away that the Moonfrost Dragon wasn’t anywhere near to displaying all of its powers. Every time, the Moonfrost Dragon only had to make one move and her opponent would be defeated!

Besides, who could tell if the Moonfrost Dragon was even her major pet or not?

Su Ping’s store had the Inferno Dragon. It was likely that the Moonfrost Dragon was Su Lingyue’s secondary pet. Then what would be her major pet like? It was appalling just to think about it!

"I will be one of the Top 10 winners!" Xu Kuang calmly asserted. He kept his eyes on the stage without saying anything else to his friends. He didn't care who his opponent would be as long as it wasn't Su Lingyue. He had absolute confidence in Su Ping and in the pet that he had trained for him.

Just thinking about the recent changes in his pet filled Xu Kuang with excitement.

The young man nicknamed Chickens was speechless. He knew his best friend well. Xu Kuang had always been arrogant. He had become used to his friend bragging like this already. But, this wasn't a proper place for Xu Kuang to make big claims. "Oh?"

"Is that so?"

Several others sitting there had graduated from the Ares Academy years back and had been in the explorers' business for a long time. They all cast a glance of contempt at this student.

They had heard about some of his achievements in the academy... But, they had once been star pupils in the academy.

A young man with several dull red scars on his arm cautioned Xu Kuang coldly, "Brother, you should know that keeping a low profile is for the best. To make it to the Top 100 will be a nice result for you already. Don't push yourself too hard."

"Hmm, I see that the students in our academy have become more and more 'confident' during the years we've been away." Another person chuckled but his words were full of sarcasm.

"I say the younger generation will surpass the older."

"Top 10... ha, ha, ha."

Xu Kuang replied to all those ridiculing remarks with a cold grin. He wouldn't have dared to say those big words before. However, he wasn't afraid at the moment. Those people had trained in the barren land for years. So what? That wouldn't be as useful as him spending some money on Su Ping to train his pets!

Xu Kuang gazed into the distance at the place where the Mu Family was.

Mu Chen, his arch-nemesis at the academy, who would always be the top student, was sitting there, instead of with the others of the Ares Academy. After all, Mu Chen was from the Mu Family whereas those sitting in the warriors seating area were not from the major families.

"Hmm, after you exhaust your means just to get into the Top 100, I will be among the winners of Top 10 or even the Top 5. Let's see what the look on your face will be like." Xu Kuang was filing his teeth. He could not wait for the battle to begin. He was going to establish his name!

What an achievement it would be, once he made it to the Top 10!

Back to where the family members were sitting.

Su Ping found a random spot to sit down. Compared to the participants' seating area, this place was livelier. Some family members were calmer while others were more excited. The latter would point here and there, discussing something. It seemed that this was their first time in such a big venue and enjoying such good seats.

"Mr. Su, we meet again."

Soon, two people came and sat down on the empty seats next to Su Ping. "Anyone here?"

Su Ping opened his eyes. It was Fei Yanbo and his son Fei Fei. He could already tell that they were headed there from other seats on purpose. Su Ping knew that Fei Yanbo was trying to forge a closer relationship, to which Su Ping did not oppose. Fei Yanbo could become a potential customer.

When he could train advanced pets in his store, people like Fei Yanbo with advanced pets would be his major targets and his major source of income.

"Say hi," Fei Yanbo said to his son.

Compared to last time, Fei Fei was much politer. Fei Yanbo must have taught his son a lesson after they went back.

"Mr. Su." Fei Fei's cheeks blushed. He was not used to the exchange of pleasantries among adults.

Su Ping did not reply. Others might address him as Mr. Su merely to be polite but since Fei Yanbo had made just a big deal about it, this might mean something entirely different for Fei Yanbo.

"I think those two students of yours can both make it to the Top 100," Su Ping said casually.

Su Ping had shifted the subject. Fei Yanbo smiled an awkward smile. "I don't think so. Them making it to the Top 500 will be good enough for me."

Ashamed that Su Ping did not reply to his greeting, Fei Fei blushed even more. In indignation, he sat down and looked away.

Fei Yanbo was embarrassed by his son. Soon, he hid his embarrassment and continued to chat with Su Ping.

"Brother Su?"

Su Ping heard a voice that was gentle and mild. Someone else had come.

Surprised, Su Ping and Fei Yanbo looked over at the same time, only to see a middle-aged man in elegant bearing walking toward them with a smile.

"Qin Shuhai?" Su Ping didn't expect to meet him there. But since he was from the Qin Family, this was nothing strange.

"Do you mind me sitting here?" Qin Shuhai asked.

"Of course not."

Qin Shuhai sat down to Su Ping's right. "We never met again after we said goodbyes at the Mysterious Realm. What a coincidence to run into you here."

Su Ping sneered inwardly. There weren't so many coincidences. They were all arranged "accidental encounters".

"And this is?" Qin Shuhai looked at Fei Yanbo.

Fei Yanbo was curious about Qin Shuhai as well. When the latter was walking toward them, Fei Yanbo picked up a faint overwhelming sense from him. This person must be a mighty warrior.

### **Chapter 313 A Letter of Invitation**

"Fei Yanbo, an advanced teacher at the Berserking Blade Academy."

"This is Qin Shuhai."

Since he was sitting in the middle, Su Ping had to do a brief introduction for them.

Qin Shuhai?

Fei Yanbo frowned. He was trying to recall the name which sounded familiar.

A moment later, with shock on his face, Fei Yanbo jumped up from his chair and stared at this middle-aged, refined man. "Are you Qin Shuhai the 'King of Swords', the titled battle pet warrior of the Qin Family?!"

Qin Shuhai was surprised that this person who was sitting with Su Ping would be so skittish, after seeing him freak out upon hearing his title.

But Qin Shuhai did not hold Fei Yanbo in contempt. He replied with a warm smile, "Basically, yes."

Fei Yanbo's legs were shaking. To his astonishment and surprise, he had met the famous "King of Swords" right there!

At the Longjiang Base City, the number of titled battle pet warriors wasn't large. The powerful ones among the titled battle pet warriors would get tremendous attention from the public. And Qin Shuhai was such a man!

King of Swords, Qin Shuhai.

He had established his name when he was young and became a titled battle pet warrior when he just became middle-aged!

With one sword, he was able to slay seven ninth-rank beasts in a row. As such, he was titled "King of Swords"! He had earned his title with blood!

He took a clean sweep of a Class B uncultivated land outside the base city. He utterly defeated the beasts there and turned that place into a Class D area. It was said that after over a decade, the soil there was still blood-red. The blood and corpses of advanced beasts scared away many other beasts!

This vicious and powerful person was sitting there, talking in a jovial mood!

Fei Yanbo felt this was as unreal as a dream.



Sitting behind him, Fei Fei turned around after his father's scream of surprise. A titled battle pet warrior? Fei Fei was baffled. Su Ping didn't know that Fei Yanbo would get so worked up. He yanked Fei Yanbo's clothes and signaled him to sit down first.

Fei Yanbo came back to his senses and realized that he had forgotten himself. Blushing, he sat down in embarrassment. Then, he felt he should be standing up. That was a titled battle pet warrior right there. How could he sit as equals with him?

There was a world of difference between the eighth-rank and the ninth-rank, not to mention the fact that Qin Shuhai was one of the more powerful ones even among all the titled battle pet warriors.

Fei Yanbo was unsettled. He sat down on the edge of his chair and apologized, "Sorry, I was too excited. Mr. Qin, I am Fei Yanbo from the Berserking Blade Academy. I have heard so much about you!"

Although Su Ping had introduced him, Fei Yanbo thought a self-introduction would seem more appropriate.

Qin Shuhai realized that Fei Yanbo and Su Ping seemed to be ordinary friends only.

In that case, there was no need for him to pay much attention to Fei Yanbo.

"Nice to meet you. Don't be so on edge. I don't want people to recognize me. I hope you understand that."

Fei Yanbo blushed again. His scream had caught a lot of attention.

"Of course.... I understand. Mr. Qin, you know Mr. Su?"

"Yes, I do."

Qin Shuhai asked Su Ping with a smile, "Brother Su, do you have any free time recently? How about you come to the Qin Family estate for a visit?"

Fei Yanbo gulped.

Was Qin Shuhai trying to pull Su Ping to their family?

A fire of excitement began to burn in Fei Yanbo's eyes as he stared at Su Ping. If Su Ping could bond with the Qin Family, then he could basically do anything he wanted in the Longjiang Base City!

Su Ping knew that Qin Shuhai must have approached him with an agenda but not that the latter was inviting him to the Qin Family again. Su Ping shook his head. "I have been too busy with the store recently. Let me take a rain check. Some other time, maybe."

Fei Yanbo opened his eyes wide. He could not believe what he was hearing.

Was Su Ping turning down Qin Shuhai's offer or did he not understand the latter at all? Busy at the store? My man! This is not the time to mind that crappy store of yours! How much can your store be worth?

You'd never be in want of money if you can build some relationship with the Qin Family!

Besides, to receive an invitation from the King of Swords was a great honor. After you joined the Qin Family, you would enjoy high status and prestige. A man's livelihood or career would be assured if he had influential friends. Joining the Qin Family must be better than you surviving the world alone! If it weren't for the fact that he couldn't say yes on behalf of Su Ping, Fei Yanbo would have already done so.

He's killing me!

Qin Shuhai was disappointed. Of course, it was within his expectation that Su Ping would not join the Qin Family so easily. According to their intelligence, Su Ping had a powerful background. Otherwise, Su Ping would not have grown to be a titled battle pet warrior at such a young age!

As far as Qin Shuhai could tell, Su Ping had more potential than him because he only became a titled battle pet warrior at the age of thirty. Venerable the Blade made this breakthrough in his twenties.

But Su Ping was barely twenty and he had already been as powerful as a titled battle pet warrior.

What a genius. Only the "blessed" ones, the "chosen" ones could have done so...

People would say that the young were impulsive. Qin Shuhai had his impulsive days as well. He had learned from the seniors in the family that Su Ping seemed to have been the one who went to challenge the Zhou Family all by himself...

But without confirmed details, he wasn't perfectly sure yet.

That being said, even without what happened to the Zhou Family, after seeing Su Ping's performance in the Mysterious Realm alone, Qin Shuhai had already considered Su Ping as an equal. Taking a deep breath, Qin Shuhai replied with a smile, "Then we will revisit the matter later. Brother Su, you must know that you will always be welcomed by the Qin Family."

Su Ping nodded. He knew that Qin Shuhai was implying.

"Of course."

The two had finished their discussion. Fei Yanbo had a feeling that he had just kissed a huge sum of money goodbye. He was not involved in this in any way, and yet he had a great sense of disappointment.

Joining the Qin Family was an opportunity that many people yearned for. However, Su Ping had turned it down.

Were all talents this arrogant?

Fei Yanbo forced a bitter smile. Remembering Su Ping's strength, Fei Yanbo decided not to think about this anymore. He would never understand the freaks.

"Brother Su, are you interested in this?"

Qin Shuhai took out a card from his chest pocket and gave it to Su Ping.

That was a card made purely of gold with some words written on it.

Su Ping had thought that Qin Shuhai was going to bribe him with a bank card but he took it over and noticed that he was wrong. This was an invitation!

“The Supremacy League?” Su Ping was confused.

The golden card was an invitation to get into the Supremacy League. With this card, he could enter the Supremacy League directly.

Fei Yanbo saw the card as well and once again, he was startled.

He knew the golden card very well. He didn't have one, but it was for this very same reason he was familiar with it. He had seen information about this card via many other means. This card was exclusive to titled battle pet warriors!

With this card, the participant could skip over the primary selection and join the latter matches directly!

The Supremacy League was open to seventh to ninth-rank battle pet warriors. The weakest of the participants would be advanced battle pet warriors and the most powerful would be the titled battle pet warriors! The age limit was not as strict. Anyone younger than 60 could participate!

Without a doubt, the Supremacy League would have many participants, no less than the Elite League. However, those who could fight till the end would still be the titled battle pet warriors!

With the abilities of a titled battle pet warrior, the participant wouldn't have to go through the mass-election.

Giving Su Ping this card was enough to say that Su Ping was a titled battle pet warrior!

Before this, Fei Yanbo still had some doubts. Su Ping had demonstrated skills and abilities unique to titled battle pet warriors but he always found it unbelievable that a titled battle pet warrior could be so young. But finally, he had seen the proof!

A titled battle pet warrior younger than Qin Shuhai!

Younger than many other famous titled battle pet warriors!

All of a sudden, Fei Yanbo understood why Su Ping was confident enough to turn down Qin Shuhai's offer.

Such a talent was rarely seen in a century across the entire planet. Indeed, it was within reason that Su Ping would reject the Qin Family. Fei Yanbo slowly moved further back on his chair to keep a distance from Su Ping. If he was admiring Su Ping before this, at the moment he was in complete awe of him.

He felt lucky that he had not been so stupid as to seek revenge after the exchange match. Otherwise, he would have kissed the world goodbye already.

### **Chapter 314 The Tower**

“Right. The Supremacy League comes after the Elite League.”

Qin Shuhai continued after a smile, "Given your strength and talent, Brother Su, that will be a perfect platform for you to demonstrate your abilities. The Supremacy League is the stage for us titled battle pet warriors."

Su Ping had already heard about the Supremacy League but he lacked the interest. He could tell that Qin Shuhai was going to participate. "Any rewards?" asked Su Ping.

To win a reputation in itself was pointless. There had to be something else.

Take the Elite League for example. The global champion could receive instructions from legendary battle pet warriors or even take the latter as their teachers.

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That was the most notable benefit that countless people earnestly longed for. Even some titled battle pet warriors would hope that some legendary battle pet warriors could give them some pointers and that also applied to people like Venerable the Blade. He wished for a chance to communicate with legendary battle pet warriors to learn about how to advance to the legendary level. Naturally, this reward was valuable. Legendary battle pet warriors usually wouldn't tell people, not even their students, about their experiences as they rose to the legendary level.

That was the reward of winning the Elite League. One could imagine how enticing the reward of winning the Supremacy League could be.

Su Ping didn't care about taking any lessons from legendary battle pet warriors. Nevertheless, he was interested to find out whether there could be a more valuable reward than taking instructions from a legendary battle pet warrior.

"Benefit?"

Qin Shuhai appeared to be confused by Su Ping's words.

It sounded like Su Ping would not participate if he could not receive any reward...

Also, Qin Shuhai was surprised that Su Ping would ask this question. Usually, titled battle pet warriors would know about the significance of the Supremacy League, which Su Ping seemed to be ignorant of.

Qin Shuhai never questioned if Su Ping was a titled battle pet warrior. It was just that the information Su Ping mastered did not match his strength, which could not support Qin Shuhai's speculation of the mysterious supporter Su Ping had. "The reward, naturally, is appealing," Qin Shuhai adopted a more serious look as he explained, "If you can make it to the Top 10, you will earn a chance to work in the Tower."

"The Tower?"

Su Ping didn't understand. That was the first time he had heard about this name.

Again, Qin Shuhai found Su Ping's reaction strange but he did not show it.

From his reply, Qin Shuhai could tell that Su Ping's backer was unlikely to be a legendary battle pet warrior.

Such being the case, Qin Shuhai decided that he would have to adjust his view of Su Ping. He wouldn't have to be so scared of the force behind him. Of the entire Subcontinent District, there were merely two legendary battle pet warriors and they both stayed within their own cities. If Su Ping were related to one of them, why would they send Su Ping so far away to the Longjiang Base City? "Brother Su, you should know that the Blue Planet is autonomous under the command of the Federation.

"On our planet, there are four continents. Usually, they each are administered in their own way but they are actually controlled by one central government. "Of course, the central government only manages the economy and the general operation of the Blue Planet. As such, the central government is not the strongest force on the Blue Planet, but the Tower!

"Rarely anyone is aware of the existence of the Tower which has few members. In theory, not even titled battle pet warriors would know where the Tower is. But I can say this for sure. Every member of the Tower is a legendary battle pet warrior!

"I heard that when people break through to the legendary level, they would become eligible to join the Tower."

Qin Shuhai spoke with reverence. A force made up entirely of legendary battle pet warriors. How stunning it was. Just thinking about it had filled Qin Shuhai with dread.

"Oh, I see."

The Tower turned out to be an organization of the best in the world.

The Tower. Interesting name.

"And by working at the Tower, you mean...?" Su Ping posed another question.

"The legendary battle pet warriors have to live their lives in the Tower, you know, and they cannot be hands-on in everything. They need some assistants or someone to run their errands," Qin Shuhai went on, "The Top 10 winner at the Supremacy League can go and work at the Tower. Though they will only be running errands for the legendary battle pet warriors, the job is not as boring as it sounds like. When you join the Tower, you will meet legendary battle pet warriors often. If some legendary battle pet warrior likes you and gives you some instructions, you will stand to gain more cultivating for decades on your own!

"Besides, working with the legendary battle pet warriors means that you will get to see things you won't normally see. That will be quite an eye-opener. "I heard that there was this person who worked in the Tower and got his hands on an artifact that a legendary battle pet warrior had discarded. Guess what? That titled battle pet warrior could defeat almost all the other titled battle pet warriors with that artifact. Only the truly experienced and senior titled battle pet warriors could control him. Imagine that!"

Su Ping nodded.

As the saying goes, he who touches rouge will be stained with red.

Even if it meant running errands, but to work with legendary battle pet warriors could bring about huge benefits.

That being said, he was still uninterested. He was too busy for that.

Besides, he had Joanna in his store. Her true self was much more powerful than legendary battle pet warriors. He would rather go to her for some instructions.

“Anything else?” Su Ping continued asking.

“What?”

Qin Shuhai’s explanation had filled himself and Fei Yanbo with an adrenaline surge. However, Su Ping’s question threw a wet towel over them.

He didn’t know about the Tower, so he had no legendary battle pet warrior as his supporter.

If so, shouldn’t Su Ping be excited by this chance?!

Though speechless, Qin Shuhai managed to find some words. “Of course. Working at the Tower is just one of the benefits. Some titled battle pet warriors who tend to stay alone wouldn’t want to go to the Tower because they don’t like the restrictions.

“Aside from joining the Tower, winners can get astral power stones which can generate miracles in cultivation and can even greatly help titled battle pet warriors advance.

“The winner can also have the chance to pick up what others have learned after becoming legendary battle pet warriors, and that experience is an invaluable asset!”

Su Ping raised his eyebrows.

Up until then, nothing was able to stir up his interest.

Experience in reaching the legendary level?

Every legendary battle pet warrior would have different experiences. He could ask Joanna about this or have her find some legendary warriors in the Divinity to teach him daily.

As for the astral power stones, they were consumables and he could never have too many of them. That was the only reward he was interested in.

“Is that all?” Su Ping wondered.

Qin Shuhai couldn’t find words to reply.

What more could he want?

“That is pretty much it for the Top 10 winners but if you can get a better ranking, for example, the championship, you will have awards that even legendary battle pet warriors would want. For instance, there is this thing called the Talent Stone. It can help a pet learn a talent skill and increase its combat strength!”

“Talent Stone? Talent skill?”

He had never heard of it.

"I don't know about the details. You can ask about it some other time," Qin Shuhai said. Because of Su Ping's reaction, Qin Shuhai was not in the mood to go on.

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Su Ping nodded. He would remember to find out about Talent Stones.

He thought he knew pets well but he had never heard about pet's talent skills.

He merely knew about the inherent skills contained in bloodlines. Every pet had its inherent skills. For the Lightning Rat, [Lightning] would be its inherent skill, its born instinct.

But this was the first time he had heard of talent skills.

That is to say, with the talent skill, the Little Skeleton's combat strength can have another great boost? Su Ping decided to ask the system when he went back.

Qin Shuhai forced another bitter smile when he noticed that Su Ping remained unmoved. Qin Shuhai said nothing else and leaned against the chair to have a rest. This minute-long conversation was more tiring than having spoken for months.

Fei Yanbo felt his heart had been pounding throughout the entire conversation.

He had learned more in this conversation than he could ever have found via his own means.

"I heard that your store picked out a girl to be the champion?" Looking at the stage, Qin Shuhai brought it up casually.

Su Ping nodded. Qin Shuhai must have asked about this matter and he most likely also knew that the girl was his younger sister. Qin Shuhai just left it unsaid.

"At first I just wanted to join in the fun and make some money along the way. But someone had to compete with me. Therefore, I have to use the championship to defeat them," Su Ping answered.

Qin Shuhai failed to utter a reply. This was the championship they were talking about. Not even the Qin family could claim for sure that they would get the championship. But Su Ping made it sound like the championship was already theirs.

"So it is. The ignorant Liu family."

Qin Shuhai did not reveal the unspoken comment he had about Su Ping. As for the Liu family, Qin Shuhai never concealed his tone and he was not afraid that people might hear him.

"I was just wondering why you, Brother Su, would meddle in this nonsense. The Liu family needs to be taught a lesson. During the recent years, they have taken control over the pet store business. They have become so greedy that they would skin a flea for its hide. This is sheer effrontery!"

Su Ping replied with a smile.

For Qin Shuhai, the Elite League was just a boring game for kids.

Both the participants' pets and the commands given by the participants appeared to be rough and childish in his eyes.

That being said, on the international stage, the competition would become more meaningful. At the base city level, there wasn't much to see. Even winning the Top 10 was a piece of cake and the only thing which could be a little bit harder to get was the championship.

"But we do have a promising young man in the Qin family."

All of a sudden, Qin Shuhai changed the subject. He still kept his casual gaze on the stage while he continued, "He is our future family head and is more talented than me back in the day. He is here and decided to win the championship. I think your sister and he might run into each other..."

There it is, Su Ping said to himself.

"Congratulations on having such a talented youth in your family." Su Ping smiled.

Qin Shuhai rolled his eyes at him. "Others can call him 'youth', but it sounds awkward when you say it. He's a young man but you should know that he's a few years older than you.

"We got lucky." Qin Shuhai heaved a sigh.

Su Ping chuckled. He didn't banter with Qin Shuhai again. "Since this is a competition, then let's compete fair and square. The more powerful will win the championship. I won't have any problems regarding whoever wins."

Qin Shuhai's eyes glowed. This was what he had been waiting to hear.

He was afraid that on the stage, their young man defeated Su Ping's younger sister and he would make a scene at the Qin family territory, like what he did with the Zhou family. That would be too embarrassing for the Qin family.

"Brother Su, how open-minded you are. Indeed, this is a fair game and it's only for the kids. To set up some traps here would be a low move for anyone."

"You said it."

"Then, I will say congratulations to you in advance and hope you can achieve your goal. I am also glad that the Liu family will be able to taste failure this time." Qin Shuhai laughed.

Su Ping forced a smile. You would be much happier if your future family head could win, he said to himself.

While their conversation continued, the beginning of the match was approaching.

The staging area was fully packed and the corridors had been closed. Amid everyone's attention, the first match started!

Qin Shuhai stayed and watched the matches with Su Ping.

One thousand participants sat in the staging area, waiting for their turn for the first round.



On the stage was a piece of huge equipment; behind it stood a beast that was over 10 meters long, surrounded with mist. That was the Incubus Beast, one of the demon family.

### **Chapter 315 Su Lingyue: A Diamond in the Rough**

The first round was a test on participants' abilities in comprehensive settings. With the help of the equipment, the scope and strength of the Incubus Beast's skill (Incubus) would be increased. The participants would be guided into the imaginary world and complete their trials there.

In the world of the incubus, any environment could be constructed and a building could rise from the ground with a single thought.

Also, if the participants died within the incubus' world, they would still be alive in reality. Their death in that place would only inflict some trauma on the participants' spirit and they could recover slowly. What was happening in the incubus' world would be live-streamed on the screens located at many places in the venue.

The participants would be randomly divided into groups of one hundred to go through the trail and only ten of them from each group would be able to pass!

The commentator finished reading the rules and announced the beginning of the trail.

A machine picked out the names of the first group. They came out from the staging area one by one and walked to where the ninth-rank Incubus Beast was.

Compared to other ninth-rank beasts, the Incubus Beast was not a large one. However, its spiritual attack was powerful and could catch people off guard. As such, the Incubus Beast would make for a troublesome opponent.

All the participants standing in front of the beast could feel the pressure on their spirit.

Su Ping saw that Su Lingyue was in the first group and so was Ye Hao.

Qin Shuhai saw her as well but he offered no remark.

Fei Yanbo's attention was on his students. Luo Fengtian was in the first group as well. Fei Yanbo had his heart in his mouth.

The participants, with the help of the working staff, put some special helmets on. With this, their consciousness would be guided into the world created by the beast.

First, they entered the staging area in the imaginary world.

There was a screen there. By the content displayed, the participants could see that they were at an ancient battleground.

One hundred people walked and looked around. Some thought that the trial had begun so they launched attacks at those around them. However, their strikes penetrated their targets and failed to exert any effect.

How embarrassing. The trial began moments after. The hundred people vanished from the ancient battleground and were sent into a vast forest where they could see sand, swamps and hills. That was one of the comprehensive environment settings.

The audience could see one hundred screens with the 10 in the middle larger than the others. Participants performing well in the trial would have their videos pulled up on the larger screens.

At the moment, the 10 screens showed no image other than a bird's eye view of the forest for the audience to see the environment.

Su Ping soon found Su Lingyue on one of the screens by the edge.

She was standing by a flourishing plant. As soon as she arrived, she had summoned the Phantom Flame Beast and the Moonfrost Dragon.

The dragon had gained popularity. Many people shifted their attention to Su Lingyue's screen as the dragon came out.

Su Ping nodded. He was relieved to see what Su Lingyue did first.

She would be better off with the protection of the Moonfrost Dragon. That was a test of the participant's spirit, their consciousness. In such a place, the Moonfrost Dragon would be unable to demonstrate its abilities to the fullest. However, Su Lingyue could replicate what the Moonfrost Dragon could do in her consciousness and that was enough for her to pass the trial. To get through the trial, participants had two options. The first was to kill others.

For every person killed, the participants could win one point and those with the highest score would pass.

The second was to find the Dreamland Stones.

One Dreamland Stone was worth twenty points. But, Dreamland Stones came with a special setting. They would cast a beam of light from above the participants' heads to reveal their location. Many people would hunt down those with the Dreamland Stones.

Gradually, three people appeared on the 10 larger screens in the middle. The three had higher points because they had started killing off opponents.

"I think that kid is from the Ye family." Qin Shuhai stared at one of the three.

Su Ping looked over. On one of the screens was a young man standing up tall and straight with a freezing look on his face. He had three pets with him but none of them was his major combat pet.

The three pets were good at tracking, hiding, and scouting.

Above his head in the sky, a bird was flying around in stealth mode. That was a pet with a sixth-rank bloodline but it could already exhibit abilities of the seventh-rank.

Su Ping noticed that this wasn't Ye Hao.

It turned out that the Ye family had other participants in addition to Ye Hao.

On the next screen was a person he was familiar with, Luo Fengtian, Fei Yanbo's student.

Luo Fengtian had summoned his major pet, the Black Pit Dragon. Since he had revealed the dragon already, he no longer planned to hide

it.

Thanks to the Black Pit Dragon, Luo Fengtian had finished off two participants. He pressed forward. It seemed that he was going to kill as many as possible before the other participants began to cooperate.

Admittedly, this was the right decision.

Under the premise that he had to have absolute confidence in his abilities!

Su Ping shifted his attention back to Su Lingyue. To be honest, at the base city level, he didn't think the final game was the most dangerous one; it was actually this trial round!

The Moonfrost Dragon was strong. But on the off chance that Su Lingyue would wander around aimlessly without killing anyone or obtaining the Dreamland Stones, then no amount of Moonfrost Dragon power would do her any good.

Even the strongest help would be unable to guarantee a win. That was a lesson learned in Su Ping's previous life.

Without enough personal power, would a mere bit of help secure a win for you?

Of course not!

"Come on, find someone..." Su Ping mumbled and prayed that some "stroke of luck" would bring a large crowd of people to her.

Qin Shuhai could sense Su Ping's nervousness.

Su Ping was nervous?

Qin Shuhai could not understand.

He claimed his sister would win the championship. Why would he become nervous at the trial stage?

Besides, she had the strange Moonfrost Dragon. That was one of the 10 rarest dragons and should have at least seventh-rank abilities. It was very likely that she could make it to the Top 100.

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"Oh no, someone is coming after your sister," Fei Yanbo shouted in fright.

From the red dots on the small map at the corner of the screen, Fei Yanbo could tell that many people were approaching Su Lingyue from the surrounding area. That was a crowd of at least a dozen people and they were going to besiege her.

Those people didn't know Su Lingyue's exact location and weren't even aware of each other. But their encounter was destined.

Contrary to what Fei Yanbo thought, Su Ping was glad.

Good!

Su Ping felt he could breathe again.

Soon, Su Lingyue met the first opponent. When they ran into each other, both became dazed for a second.

Out of instinct, Su Lingyue wanted to run away, only to see her opponent run away first.

Huh?

Su Lingyue then realized that it was because of the Moonfrost Dragon.

That person had most likely been scared away by the dragon.

Su Lingyue stood there still for a moment. She had not become used to the fact that she had the powerful Moonfrost Dragon as a pet.

Seeing that Su Lingyue had let go of one point, Su Ping was hopping mad.

That was a sure win and she lost the chance?!

How silly could you be?

You are not going to fail the trial, are you...? Su Ping's nervousness came back. He was even more stressed out than when he had to fight several beast kings alone. The trial was torture to his heart!

Back to Su Lingyue. She regretted her behavior and went forward.

Soon, she ran into another person. This time, with the lessons learned, she told the Moonfrost Dragon to attack when she saw that person riding towards them on a seventh-rank Cyan Wolf.

Roar!

The dragon's roar overwhelmed the wolf and they had lost the courage to run.

The Moonfrost Dragon went ahead and tore them apart. One point gained.

Su Lingyue was glad about this win and she put on a bright smile. But Su Ping was fuming at his mouth.

Who told you to use the dragon's roar?

You've alerted your enemies! The other surrounding red dots are running away in fright!

This is a hunt. A hunt, okay?

Su Ping was boiling with anger. But he knew that his anger would not help her at this moment. He blamed himself for not teaching her well. At the end of the day, she was still a student and lacked practical experience. She was familiar with all the theories but when it came to a true battle, she would forget all the theories she had learned due to the pressure.

Time moved on. Half an hour had passed.

During this time, Su Lingyue had collected five points. She still had not gained a place on the larger screen yet. Many small screens had dimmed down as the participants left after their deaths.

All of the 10 larger screens were playing live stream feeds. The participant with the lowest point on the larger screen had collected 28 points.

That was because of one Dreamland Stone and eight kills. Su Lingyue didn't have enough points. However, at this time, Su Ping had recovered his calmness. He had been nervous for half an hour and as of this moment, he had decided he had to let it go. Him stressing out was of no use.

He could tell that the trial was a fair game.

The Dreamland Stones were the key. Every time a Dreamland Stone was dug out, it would begin to glow brightly and the glow would continue even when the participant hid it in the forest.

Once the Dreamland Stone was dug out, it would become a beacon for killing.

The fight would become more intense and those could stay till the end.

Su Lingyue was chasing after a beam of light. Unfortunately, she was unable to find a Dreamland Stone by herself. So, she had to snatch one from the others.

Su Ping could see that she had become anxious and worried, which both comforted him and made him sigh.

He wished she could be stronger.

At the same time, Su Ping knew that this wasn't entirely her fault. He had not told her any strategies clearly. He should have told her that she could kill anyone in sight and not be so prudent. Otherwise, she wouldn't have been at such a disadvantage. Ten minutes later.

Su Lingyue found the person with the Dreamland Stone by following the beam of light.

That person was one of the Top 10 performers but with some heavy injuries.

To protect the Dreamland Stone, this person had killed over a dozen but the fight had left him in a terrible state as well.

This person pulled a long face when Su Lingyue walked over.

He said some provocative words and Su Lingyue took action. The Moonfrost Dragon roared and joined the fight. The battle ended in less than half a minute.

The person who had been hogging the large screen for half an hour couldn't even survive for half a minute. He had suffered a dismal failure.

Su Lingyue then jumped up to the large screen.

"Enough brawns but not enough brains," Qin Shuhai commented.

Su Ping knew that he was talking about the young man who previously had the Dreamland Stone.

The young man could kill over a dozen, which was proof of his strength. He should be able to pass the trial. However, he had been unable to resist the appeal of the Dreamland Stone. He had collected it too early, which was of no benefit for him.

“Your sister sure knows how to hide her strength. She is patient enough to wait until this moment,” Qin Shuanghai said to Su Ping with a smile.

Su Ping was smiling as well.

But he was hiding a bitter smile within him.

Su Lingyue was not concealing her strength.

She was just stupid!

Considering the strength of the Moonfrost Dragon, Su Ping believed Su Lingyue could have fought against all the others at the same time. Only the ones who were performing well and able to pass the trial could have defeated her if they snuck up on her altogether.

But considering their pets alone, the Moonfrost Dragon could have defeated twice the amount of enemies.

“Now I don’t have to worry,” Su Ping said.

With the Dreamland Stone, Su Lingyue could no longer wander around. She had become the target.

She could scare someone away but there would be more coming for her. Sooner or later, she would collect more points.

Su Ping had to admit that he liked the setup.

Tik, tok.

The competition became white-hot.

Su Lingyue had been accumulating more and more points.

Everyone’s attention was directed at the girl.

For the first half of the trial, the girl had remained invisible and few people had noticed her because they were only paying attention to the larger screens. As her image climbed to the larger screen, more people began to see her.

Her performance turned out to be stunning. That dragon was amazing!

The girl turned out to be a diamond in the rough!

### **Chapter 316 Rising Storm**

The countdown ended. The trial had been completed.

The names of those who passed the trial were on display. “The diamond in the rough” Su Lingyue’s name was on it as well. She had accumulated enough points to land on spot No.5!

Luo Fengtian passed the trial as well. Of the 10 winners, he was the only one who had passed by killing opponents alone without getting a Dreamland Stone. He ranked No.7 with 36 points!

One-third of the participants in the trial had been finished by Luo Fengtian!

His performance proved that he was a remarkable and impressive player. He was deemed as dangerous by all the participants; his combat strength should be among the Top

50!

Of the ten winners, apart from Su Lingyue and Luo Fengtian, the performance of the other eight was also stunning—they were disciples from the Ye, Liu, and Qin Families.

Some of them had been born in the immediate family and already enjoyed a noticeable status in their respective families. Some were children of concubines in their families and had no big fame to account for, but they managed to establish their names there!

The names of the ten were published. The first trial had ended.

The winners stepped off the stage amid the passionate applause and everyone's gazes.

Those who failed got off the stage in low spirits. Some were even trying to find the ones who killed them in the world of the incubus, casting the latter angry stares. Luo Fengtian was the one hated by most. A lot of the defeated participants were eyeing him with ill intent. Even so, Luo Fengtian remained calm; he didn't seem to care about those vicious glares.

Su Lingyue felt her heart was still fluttering with fear and that she had been blessed with good fortune. When she found out that she had passed the trial, she felt a burden had lifted off from her shoulders.

Su Ping watched as Su Lingyue made her way back. He found it necessary to educate her about the abilities of the Moonfrost Dragon in case her extra prudence would slow the Moonfrost Dragon down.

"Brother Su, congratulations." Qin Shuhai smiled.

"Those of your family have also done well. They have great potential." Su Ping reciprocated, extending cordial congratulations to Qin Shuhai.

Qin Shuhai replied with another smile.

The second trial had begun.

Still, one hundred participants joined this round.

After observing the first trial, this time, no one took action against people around them at the ancient battleground. They all waited quietly.

Again, this was a comprehensive setting but it was no longer a forest, but a plain with copses and thickets to hide, as well as swamps and boulders.

The location would change every time to ensure fairness.

Su Ping was no longer interested since Su Lingyue had passed her trial. He leaned against his chair to take a rest.

Qin Shuhai was speechless. He was hoping that Su Ping could see the performance of the young man that was going to be the future family head of the Qin Family. Qin Shuhai thought this would be a good opportunity for Su Ping to learn about that young man's talents.

Only that Su Ping was not curious at all.

Was he really that confident?

Time flew by quickly.

More and more trials began and ended. Every now and then, the audiences would cheer and chant.

Some participants had revealed their ferocity during the trials. There was one that killed almost seventy participants and snatched five Dreamland Stones, getting the most points as a result. Of all the winners, he still ranked at the top and caught much attention.

“The young man from the Ye Family has such a foul and evil spirit!”

“I know that those people didn’t actually die. That being said, this young man must have offended many people after what he did in there.”

“I heard that this young man, the future family head of the Ye Family, is very talented. He didn’t move up to the advanced level because he wanted to participate in this year’s Elite League.” “He can use powers at the ninth-rank when he is at the sixth-rank! What a genius!”

In the staging area, the participants were in a heated discussion.

The Mu Family participants stayed in one area. A young man was clearly the leader. He was going to lead the Mu family in the future and was a few years younger than the Ye family youth. This year, the Mu family boy did not plan on achieving a high ranking. He was merely here to gain experience.

“This year, the competition between the Ye family and the Qin family is going to be interesting,” a young man of the Mu family commented.

During the previous Elite League, the champion was a person from the Mu family. This time, Mu Chen had just graduated from the academy. He was still a green hand and naturally did not plan on fighting for the championship.

Every dog has its day. The Mu family never expected that he would become the champion.

“Liu Jianxin is a nice one as well. He is a gifted person,” Mu Chen said calmly.

His target was to make it to the Top 10 this time. Yet, he would still hold those that could be among the Top 5 or Top 3 in contempt.

Just because he was the future family head of the Mu family.

In three years at the next Elite League, his target would be the championship!

At the Liu family gathering spot.

“Brother Jianxin, that girl is Su Lingyue. She sure is pretty.” A Liu family boy grinned.

Liu Jianxin first darted a glance at Su Lingyue and then replied, “Do not underestimate her. That dragon has not displayed its full power.”



“That won’t be a problem. If you ask me, I think that dragon is at the eighth-rank at most, just like what our family head speculated. That girl is weak. When we take her out, her pet won’t change a thing no matter how strong it is.”

“Alas, I didn’t run into her. Otherwise, I would have made her cry and lose the trial.”

“I was in the same round with her but I didn’t find her.”

“Quit it. Our true opponent is the guy from the Qin family. Qin Shaotian hasn’t used his major pet yet. He can pass the trial with a pet of the seventh-rank bloodline. I heard that the guy killed ninth-rank beasts in the Mysterious Realm but I don’t know if that is true.”

“Ninth-rank? How is that possible!”

“He might have done it but he must have had the help of the seniors in his family. Where did you hear this?”

The Liu family participants fixed their gazes on the Qin family with worry. They couldn’t confirm whether that piece of news was true or fake, but indeed, they found Qin Shaotian dread-inspiring. The scariest thing was not his pet, but his grace in battle. He conducted himself with skill and elegance during battle, as if the matches were meant for creating pieces of art. That was both beautiful and frightening.

The Qin family.

A young man with a composed look and a tall figure sat in this area with others from the Qin family sitting around him. He was not looking at other participants. Rather, he raised his head and gazed at the blue sky and the white clouds.

The floating clouds seemed to have intrigued him.

“Sir, Mu Chen is still inexperienced but his guardian is terrifying. The latter has kept a low key but I believe he is at least at the eighth-rank!”

“The same can be said for the Liu family. Apart from their future family head, that Liu Jianxin is aggressive as well. I heard that he is guaranteed to get into the Top 5.” “The talent of the Ye family is not to be underestimated!”

Those of the Qin family were keeping Qin Shaotian up to date.

They had finished their reports but Qin Shaotian was still looking into the sky. They raised their heads as well but failed to find anything interesting in the heavens.

They looked at each other with a bitter smile. Finally, someone worked up the courage and asked, “Have you heard... What we said?”

Qin Shaotian closed his eyes for a second and then opened them again. “Do you see the sword?” he said in a low voice.

The sword?

They looked up to the sky again. All they could see were the clouds. What sword?

## Chapter 317 Sibling Contract

The first day of trials came to an end.

The names of the Top 100 winners came out.

Along with the names of the Top 1000 winners.

The two name lists occupied the first pages of all the major media and Longjiang Base City's intranet.

The ones receiving the most attention were the more outstanding ones on the Top 100 list. Many websites were hosting voting activities. The one that people thought was the most promising to win the championship was Mu Yuanshou from the Mu family.

That man was stunning. He defeated countless participants in the trial. No one stood a chance to win against him!

He was from the Mu family.

Naturally, the general public believed Mu Yuanshou was going to win, just like Mu Yunfei did, the last champion of the Elite League.

However, every one of the upper class elites was aware that Mu Yuanshou was merely Mu Chen's guardian. A guardian would never be allowed to win the championship.

Coming up in the second place was Ye Longtian!

With his excellent and violent performance during the trial, he had become the center of attention. He single-handedly killed off almost half of the participants and demonstrated his unmatched power.

He was the current future family head of the Ye family!

Liu Jianxin was in third place.

Also from the Liu family.

The fourth one on the list was from the Liu family, Liu Qingfeng. At fifth place was Zhou Yun.

The sixth one...

And the seventh...

Qin Shaotian had the eighth highest support rate.

Then Xu Kuang.

Su Lingyue was at the thirteenth place.

With the Moonfrost Dragon and the championship event that people animatedly discussed had increased her popularity.

As of that moment, the negative voices bashing Su Lingyue had died down on the internet. Her beautiful performance had saved her reputation. The Liu family no longer employed any dirty tricks. At this point, to disturb her with those negative reviews was pointless.

Su Ping bade farewell to Qin Shuhai and Fei Yanbo, then drove Su Lingyue back home.

Since all the TV channels were broadcasting the trials, their mom watched it as well. When they arrived home, their mom walked over to greet them with excitement and happiness visible on her face. She took Su Lingyue's hands and rambled on and on about the trial. She shared with them how nervous she was during that time and how proud and thrilled she was when Su Lingyue saved the day in the end.

Su Lingyue felt a bit awkward to be drowning in praises.

Su Ping was jealous since their mother was saying so many nice words to Su Lingyue. However, after an hour, he realized that sometimes, praise could be torture.

He felt that he was lucky his ears didn't have to suffer. Good.

That night, Su Ping enjoyed a feast with Su Lingyue.

Even at the dinner table, their mom kept going, complimenting Su Lingyue nonstop. She said that she could tell Su Lingyue was "promising" from her bedwetting days when she was three, currently living up to everyone's expectations.

And then Li Qingru said she could tell that Su Lingyue would make a good battle pet warrior when she beat up a boy to tears since he had pulled her hair, making him run back home to his parents. Su Lingyue wished she could find a hole to bury herself in.

Su Ping tried so hard to stop himself from laughing that his stomach ached. He had no recollection about her wetting her bed at that age. He never knew that this girl, who was as pretty as a flower and was regarded as a muse in her class, was capable of such gallant deeds in her childhood.

The dinner finally came to an end. Same as before, Su Ping went to the store to make use of the time to cultivate in a nursing

pen.

Since it was still early, Su Lingyue went to the store as well.

Su Ping didn't drive her away. It was his plan for her to become more familiar with the Moonfrost Dragon as well, in case she would slow her pet down later on.

A weak teammate could jeopardize everything. Not to mention that she was awfully weak.

"What are you laughing at?" Su Lingyue walked behind him, biting her teeth.

"I'm not laughing."

"But your shoulders are shaking!"

"It is late. I'm cold."

"You!... You'd better forget all of that!"

"Forget that you used to wet your bed?"

Su Lingyue was losing her mind. I knew it! This guy is laughing at me!

“Mom is making things up. I remember my childhood. I couldn’t have done that. You’re the one who wetted your bed. Mom said it wrong!” Su Lingyue kept on grinding her teeth.

Su Ping grinned. Scapegoating, huh? They had arrived at the store. Su Ping gently pushed the door and it opened. He needed no keys because his spirit was the key.

Su Ping went into the test room. He was no longer laughing. “I suggest you get used to the Moonfrost Dragon. At the moment, you cannot tap its full potential yet. You won’t make a qualified battle pet warrior if you cannot master your pet completely.”

Su Lingyue pouted and glared at him. She was well aware of what she had done that day. She was no longer in the mood to badger Su Ping over childhood anecdotes he heard over dinner.

“Would I break your room?” Su Lingyue went into the test room.

Su Ping grinned. “Try it.”

Su Lingyue raised her eyebrows. She summoned both the Phantom Flame Beast and the Moonfrost Dragon.

“How about you train with me?” Su Lingyue thought of an idea. She sized Su Ping up and down with a malicious look.

Su Ping did not expect this. “You said it.” He smiled.

“Hmm. Have at it.”

Su Ping curled his lips. He closed the door and asked, “What kind of setting do you want?”

“Comprehensive,” Su Lingyue decided.

She knew that a world of ice would be better for the Moonfrost Dragon and she would have it easier when fighting against Su Ping. However, there may not be a freezing environment in the matches of the following day. Usually the settings would be for comprehensive environments. She was training to be prepared for the next round.

Su Ping nodded and adjusted the setting.

A plain with woods, lake, and boulders appeared.

The battleground seemed to be able to extend to infinity. The inside of the room was much bigger than the outside. People could fight as much as they liked.

Su Lingyue hopped into the battleground at once.

Her pets followed her closely.

“First things first, you cannot use that skeleton,” Su Lingyue said, The skeleton remained fresh in her memory. Back at the exchange match at the academy, the terrifying skeleton almost killed the Abyss Snake with one slash.

Su Ping smiled. “Using the skeleton against you is a waste.”

Su Lingyue was angry to see Su Ping belittling her. Without further ado, she initiated the fight. First, she had the Phantom Flame Beast blast at Su Ping.

Su Ping dodged to the side with agility and remained unharmed after the Phantom Flame Beast's bombardment.

"Terror Shrii."

The Phantom Flame Beast suddenly uttered a piercing scream that could cause mental confusion. For some people whose mental power was weaker than the Phantom Flame Beast, they would feel dread because of this scream. In more serious cases, people affected by the scream could become confused, or immobilized and unable to think.

Su Ping could feel the incoming spiritual attack. He squinted. He formed his spiritual power into a ring and then forged another hammer with his spiritual power. The hammer landed on the ring, causing some vibrations.

The spiritual attack that was coming at Su Ping was worn off by the vibrations.

"Breath of Ice!"

While the Phantom Flame Beast was using the "Terror Shrii", Su Lingyue had the Moonfrost Dragon take action. The two skills should have cooperated well. However, the Moonfrost Dragon had just breathed out ice when Su Ping hopped to the side and avoided the strike.

Su Lingyue couldn't believe that the Phantom Flame Beast's spiritual attack would be ineffective.

Whoosh!

Su Ping dashed toward Su Lingyue all of a sudden.

The Phantom Flame Beast and the Moonfrost Dragon reacted fast and stepped forward at the same time.

Roar!!

Su Ping's throat widened. He opened his mouth and let out a dragon's roar!

That violent roar stunned both the Moonfrost Dragon and the Phantom Flame Beast, especially the latter. The Phantom Flame Beast fell to the ground, shivering, and fear filled its clear eyes.

Then, Su Ping ran ahead past the Moonfrost Dragon and approached Su Lingyue.

Ding!

He flickered his finger on her forehead gently. The girl came back to her senses as if awakening from a dream.

Staring at Su Ping who was standing right in front of her, Su Lingyue felt sad and fearful all at once. She realized that she was much weaker than she had imagined.

Could she win in the next round?

Su Ping noticed the fleeting confusion and doubt in her eyes. He seemed to have crushed her confidence.

He could not let her go to the competition like this. She would be even more scared. "I will take you to a place," Su Ping said after some thought. He was going to take her to a cultivation site!

Death could be reversed in a cultivation site. There, he could let her see the full power of the Moonfrost Dragon!

That was the first time he was going to take a human being to a cultivation site.

"Where?" Su Lingyue asked.

Su Ping said nothing. He turned around and left the room so he could pull up the list of cultivation sites.

No one could see the list, including Joanna, unless she had his authorization.

Soon, Su Ping found one. The place was similar to the Blue Planet but it was deserted.

"Close your eyes," Su Ping said.

"What?"

Su Lingyue's confusion deepened.

She could tell that Su Ping was serious. After a second of hesitation, she closed her eyes. But her jittering eyelashes indicated that she was still nervous.

When she closed her eyes and remained quiet,

seem to be a pretty girl.

Only till then did Su Ping realize that he had a beautiful baby sister.

He looked away from her blushed cheeks and opened up the portal to the cultivation site. A dark swirl emitting an unfathomable aura appeared.

Joanna picked up the feeling of a strange world. She came out from the nursing pen and eyed Su Ping with questions but did not ask them outright.

Su Ping was not going to take her. He took out a temporary contract.

He had to sign a contract with anyone or anything he planned to take into the cultivation site, except for Joanna who was an employee.

Su Ping had never done this with a human before but his experience told him that humans could sign contracts to be regarded as pets as well!

After all, Joanna the goddess could enter into a contract.

Then, why not humans?

However, since he had never done this before, Su Ping was under stress, not to mention that his first experiment was with his younger sister.

He took a deep breath and poured out astral power into the contract.

The golden pages of the contract turned into a stream of pure energy, flying towards Su Ping and Su Lingyue's eyebrows respectively, and submerged into them. At the same time, a mysterious connection appeared between the two, invisible and intangible, but it seemed to be an invisible thread that was able to connect their fates.

Su Ping felt another consciousness appear in his mind.

That consciousness was feeble but full of complicated emotions.

Su Ping seemed to see that in the darkness of the ocean of his consciousness, her consciousness curled up in a ball, and that was a little girl hugging her knees.

Was that her?

From this consciousness, Su Ping felt weakness, tenacity, stubbornness, loneliness, sadness, and other feelings.

At this moment, he was closer to her than ever and wanted to get to know her more.

This was a bond between their hearts, just like what he would feel from his pets.

At the same time, Su Lingyue opened her eyes all of a sudden in a fluster. She could sense a sudden and surprising presence in her closed off heart. That was Su Ping.

She had to admit that she no longer loathed this guy so much recently, but since when could he reach her heart?

No way!

In fear, she stepped back.

Su Ping looked at her, only this time, not so coldly. He asked her gently, "Close your eyes. I will take you somewhere." Out of instinct, Su Lingyue closed her eyes.

Somehow, she was unwilling to fight against him. At this moment, whatever he asked, she would do it.

Why would I... follow his orders?

Su Lingyue's heart pounded.

Su Ping took her hand and took her into the cultivation site.

The spinning made her feel like her mind and her body had been separated but that feeling lasted only a few seconds.

"You can open your eyes now," Su Ping said.

Su Lingyue opened her eyes. Leaping into her sight was a vast, desolate world. She was awed. "Where is this?"

She was just at the store and she didn't think she had moved an inch. How could she open her eyes and see a completely strange world?

“You can regard this as an advanced piece of tech, like a hologram,” Su Ping fooled her. With the help of the contract, his words sounded convincing to her.

Su Lingyue had a sense that something was off but she bought his explanation.

She would trust him no matter what he said.

“Summon your Moonfrost Dragon,” Su Ping told her. He summoned his Purple Python and the Dark Dragon Hound to be the Moonfrost Dragon’s training partners.

After he spoke, she called out her Moonfrost Dragon.

The three pets stood together in line. Su Ping told them to step away for a hundred meters and fight each other.

“Come here and take a look.” Su Ping took her hands and flew up. They had a better view from the sky.

Su Lingyue didn’t fight back. She and Su Ping had some physical contact before but that had never made her feel anything. However, she felt safe at this moment, as if she liked to be close to her brother.

When Su Ping took her hands, he, too, had unfamiliar feelings.

The power of the contract was potent. He realized he couldn’t maintain his usual calmness.

### **Chapter 318 Witness True Strength**

In front of them.

Boom

A battle broke out on that bleak and desolate land. Following Su Ping’s command, the Dark Dragon Hound and the Purple Python released all of their skills at the Moonfrost Dragon.

Su Ping told Su Lingyue to instruct the Moonfrost Dragon to fight back with all its might.

This was so that she could see the true power of the Moonfrost Dragon!

Roar!!

Having had the permission from Su Lingyue, the Moonfrost Dragon let out a roar that echoed between heaven and earth as if it had just been freed from the shackles!

The roar was resonant, with penetrating power, fury and violence.

The Moonfrost Dragon was a female, and of all dragons, the Moonfrost Dragons were usually mild in character. However, having grown to this level because of Su Ping’s training within such a short time, the Moonfrost Dragon had gone through a lot... especially killings! The planet, which had been sitting still in the universe for billions of years, issued a sound to the rest of the universe for the first time.

The dragon’s roar was powerful. As the Moonfrost Dragon’s master, Su Lingyue would not be affected by the spiritual corrosion and deterrence contained in the roar. The wind which had sprung up still blew her hair back. Su Ping had been prepared for this. He had set up a defense in his spirit so he stayed unaffected.



He had grown almost immune to dragon roars.

After the roar ended, the golden scales on the Moonfrost Dragon began to wiggle. A tyrannical aura surged from the dragon's body and quickly condensed on the surroundings. At the same time, strange purple flames grew out of thin air! Fire and ice existed together!

The golden divine energy inside the Moonfrost Dragon began to move about as if it had come to life.

Bang!

The ground collapsed, and a series of oppressive electric arcs in the void were forming a terrifying force field.

Su Lingyue was completely stunned by what appeared to be the end of the world.

Was that her... Moonfrost Dragon?

In her mind, the Moonfrost Dragon would always be gentle and intimate to her, like a lovely baby. But at this moment, amidst the maddening dust, thunder and lightning, the Moonfrost Dragon had turned into a dragon emperor with a terrifying aura that was hard to describe...

Several hours later, the battle ended.

Su Ping took Su Lingyue back to the store. She was ghastly pale.

He only told her to open her eyes after they landed back in the store.

Su Lingyue had called back the Moonfrost Dragon. The contract between Su Ping and Su Lingyue was canceled automatically the moment they returned. That was a disposable item.

Without the contract, Su Ping felt he was instantly "distant" from Su Lingyue. Naturally, he would not keep her at a distance. However, the intimate and close bond was indeed less strong.

Even so, there were still some traces of that bond between them.

Su Ping's view of his younger sister had changed a bit... He was looking at her as a girl for real.

"Now you know, right?" Su Ping asked casually.

Only then did Su Lingyue come back to her senses. She noticed that were back in the store.

Her mind was still wandering. The battle at that wild place was still fresh in her mind. The view was so shocking that she had been struck dumb.

As it turned out, that was the extent of the Moonfrost Dragon's capability.

Her heart pounded. Finally, she could see why Su Ping was confident to announce that she would become the champion.

With such a horrifying dragon, even a pig would have won the championship!

Wait a minute.

Something didn't sound right in those words. Even a pig? Su Lingyue shook her head. This trivial detail didn't deserve her attention. She asked Su Ping, "Was everything that just happened real?"

Su Ping turned around so that he didn't have to look into her eyes. She knew him too well. Somehow, he felt a bit afraid that she would tell he was lying. "You can say it's partly true, partly fake. That place is not real but the battle is as real as it can get. You just witnessed the true power of the Moonfrost Dragon."

"Are you... sure?"

Su Ping gave an affirmative answer. Su Lingyue felt her blood was boiling. Somehow, she was still unable to believe this.

At the same time, she noticed that the unusual feeling she had toward Su Ping was gone. Something was missing.

Su Lingyu's cheeks turned rosy. What are you thinking? She asked herself.

All the closeness she felt toward Su Ping had to be an illusion!

It must be that fake scene that had twisted this guy's look. That was the only reason that for a second there, she began to admire him!

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Yes! That explains it!

She nodded and was more convinced of this speculation-this was the only explanation that could work!

"The skills were not fake."

Su Ping looked at her from the corner of his eye. "You've seen the Moonfrost Dragon use its skills. You can go to the test room and try them. But do remember not to wear your dragon out. You have matches tomorrow."

"Right."

Su Lingyue patted her head. Immediately, she ran away without wasting another second with Su Ping. Su Ping raised his eyebrows. She left without saying anything. What a pity. Indeed, she was more lovable when the contract was still in effect.

"Anyways.

"I can sign contracts with human beings. "That is to say, the pets that I can take into my store... include human beings.

"Doesn't it mean that I can... train other battle pet warriors?"

This realization filled Su Ping with excitement. His eyes were glowing.

Yet soon, he thought of a much bigger problem.

He could take humans to the cultivation sites as he did with pets. Yet, humans were different from pets.

Humans were highly intelligent, they were sly, scheming, smart, and at the same time, greedy. If he were to take humans to the cultivation sites, the secrets of his store would be revealed, which could incur in huge troubles or even alert the federal government.

Sure, he could stay within the safety zone of the store. Yet, if the federal government were to be alerted, he would have made himself an enemy of the entire human society. He could not have curled up in the store for the rest of his life.

How troublesome that would be. "I think to the system, humans are like pets and can be trained. But training humans is obviously more bothersome than training pets."

Su Ping shook his head. He dismissed the idea of training humans.

He had taken a risk by taking Su Lingyue to a cultivation site.

She was his younger sister and he always thought she was not that smart so he could fool her.

However, he decided that he'd better not do this again. Otherwise, the secrets would be out sooner or later.

Su Lingyue came out from the test room.

Su Ping drove the thrilled Su Lingyue out of the store and told her to go back home and get some rest for the night.

Su Lingyue didn't get any tangible reward and all she did was to experience the true power of the Moonfrost Dragon. But she felt this finding rewarding. She was just as excited as the first day she got the dragon.

Su Ping wanted to caution her and tell her to turn in early because of the match the next day. But seeing how worked up she was, he knew she was going to lose sleep that night.

Luckily, for a fifth-rank battle pet warrior, losing one night's sleep was nothing.

Having gotten rid of Su Lingyue, Su Ping went to the test room and worked on his Fist of Exorcist to burn off some strength and then went to a nursing pen.

When he was physically exhausted, he would absorb astral powers at a speed one percent quicker than usual.

Joanna sat in another nursing pen, also cultivating.

The two of them spent a silent night.

The next day.

When Su Ping opened the door, to his surprise, he saw many customers waiting outside. Su Ping's store didn't have much business during the past couple of days. The fact that people, many people, would be waiting in line on a day of intense competition to decide the Top 100 winners was unexpected.

"Did something happen?" Su Ping asked a customer at the front of the line.

That was a student from the Phoenix Peak Academy and a repeated customer. Su Ping's question caught him off guard. "Wh... what?" "Huh?"

"Well, I mean, nothing is happening." "Then why are you here?" "...Well, I have money and time so I came here."

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What a good reason. Su Ping couldn't find any fault with that.

Then he asked a few more people and learned that they had failed to get tickets. It just so happened that recently, the academies and companies in the pet industry were giving people time off.

Therefore, they would have a lot of free time when they couldn't go to the venue to watch the games. So, taking advantage of this time, they had gone to Su Ping's store.

They could make it back to see the live streaming after they finished their transactions there.

Even if they couldn't make it back home, they could watch it on their phones or go to some café and watch it there.

There were TVs or large screens set up for people to see the Elite League in many diners and supermarkets. Watching it in public places was better than being alone at home.

Su Ping realized that he should get a TV in his store as well.

That way, the customers wouldn't have to hurry back and they could watch TV while they waited for their turns.

A TV set wouldn't cost much. To better the store's amenities so that more customers stayed for longer, on the other hand, could make him much more money.

Having decided this, Su Ping left the store to Joanna. She could take care of the customers. In the meantime, he went back home.

He saw that his mom was making breakfast in the kitchen. Su Lingyue appeared to have been unable to sleep the night before, because she was still fully dressed in the clothes from the day prior. She was bent over the table, with her hands fondling the fur of the Phantom Flame Beast that had shrunk down to a small size. She was lost in her thoughts, and would flash a silly grin every now and then.

That strange scene filled Su Ping with chills.

The boys in her class would never believe that their muse would grin in such a goofy way.

### **Chapter 319 A Battle Amongst the Top 100**

"There you are. Come on and sit down for breakfast," Li Qingru said to Su Ping.

She saw Su Ping when she came out of the kitchen.

Su Lingyue finally snapped out of her reverie. She blushed when she noticed the weird look in Su Ping's eyes, then she retaliated with a glare.

Su Ping curled his lips and sat down. He grabbed a steamed bun with meat stuffing.

After their mother walked over and sat down to get some congee, Su Ping told her about buying a TV for the store. He asked her to handle the TV purchase for him; he would have to drive Su Lingyue to the game during the day, so he had no time for this. To find someone online and pay them to set up the TV would be too troublesome. After all, installing a TV was not a complicated issue.

Their mom asked some questions. Upon knowing that this was to drive up business in the store, she agreed without hesitation and promised him that she could take care of it.

She had seen how the store was often packed and people would line up outside. She was not skilled in searching for news online but she didn't have to do that to understand that business in the store was booming. She was proud to have a son with such a good business sense. Therefore, she never doubted Su Ping's reasoning. Su Lingyue heard her mother praising Su Ping's business sense. She looked up and cast a glance at the two, wondering what their mom would think if she found out that Su Ping had once hired celebrities to advertise for the store, and about the championship matter.

Su Lingyue felt an urge to ask Su Ping about the celebrity spokesperson. However, she decided not to mention it. She knew that Su Ping was unwilling to let their mom know too much about the store, all to prevent her from becoming a bundle of nerves, constantly on tenterhooks.

After breakfast, Su Lingyue and Su Ping left.

"Drive slowly. Don't worry. You'll make it in time," their mom said to Su Ping in haste.

Both replied with a yes and got in the car.

After they drove away from their street, Su Lingyue asked the questions that had been on her mind since breakfast. "Mu Shuangwan used to advertise for your store. Then she said she would quit the contract. What happened then?"

"Nothing happened. That was it," Su Ping answered. He kept his eyes glued on the road ahead, demonstrating that he was a qualified driver.

"You mean she did cancel the contract, right?"

"Uh-huh."

"But..."

Su Lingyue was angry since Mu Shuangwan eventually did end the cooperation. What a nice way to kick them when they were down.

She wasn't happy. She could take advantage of Su Ping, but she wouldn't allow other people to bully him.

"I once liked her. I didn't know that she would be like this. Hmm! I will never buy her CDs again!" Su Lingyue gnashed her teeth. She sounded so furious, as if she were the victim.

Su Ping darted her a glance. One less person buying her CD wouldn't mean anything to Mu Shuangwan. He kept the words to himself. After all, Su Lingyue was speaking in his defense. Having said that, he was not touched by her heroic words at all.

"You sure have some free time to think about this. Don't you have a match to be ready for today?"

"You! I am speaking up for you!"

"Winning the championship for me is better than anything else!"

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Su Lingyue was speechless. She turned away from him.

Silence returned to the vehicle. He pulled up some music and hummed along. He was in quite the bright mood.

But next to him, it was cloudy over the passenger seat.

They arrived at the venue.

Still, no empty seats. If anything, the audience was even more excited than the day before.

However, the staging area was much less crowded. Merely one hundred participants were there.

The staging area was large enough to hold one thousand people; it looked a bit bleak with just a hundred people sitting there, which was a sharp contrast when compared to the spectator's seating areas. Su Ping walked Su Lingyue to the staging area. "Focus and be careful," He cautioned her.

Su Lingyue nodded. She knew this was a serious matter.

They did have a bit of an argument while on their way to the venue. Since they arrived, she had shifted her entire focus to the game and she would note down everything Su Ping said. "Go on now."

Su Ping went away and found himself a seat. The family members' area was even more crowded than the day before. The participants who didn't pass the trial could still take their family members there and they could stay there to watch the competition.

More and more people arrived.

The family members' area had become overly packed.

This day, Qin Shuhai didn't sit with Su Ping, much to Su Ping's delight. He casually looked around the venue. Soon, he saw Fei Yanbo approaching. He had arrived a bit later; his son and some students who failed the trial were following him. Apart from Luo Fengtian and the girl with the ponytail, the other students had failed. They had gone there to watch the competition.

Fei Yanbo saw Su Ping as well. However, since the seats around Su Ping had all been taken, Fei Yanbo did not go over. He nodded to Su Ping across the distance as a greeting and then took his students to find seats.

All of a sudden, Su Ping heard a voice. It was a young man sitting next to him. "Molly, another point and I would have passed the trial yesterday. I was unlucky. I ran into that freak from the Ye Family. Otherwise, I would have won a place for today's round!"

Affected by the lively atmosphere in the venue, the young man sounded excited, albeit disappointed at the same time.

"Of course! I know that you're awesome! I can always read people accurately!" a girl with a sweet voice replied with admiration.

"Hey, naturally. It is too bad that I'll be too old for the next Elite League. Otherwise, I would have definitely made it to the Top 10!"

Sensing the look of admiration from his girlfriend, the young man was beaming with more pride.

Su Ping turned around. He didn't know that he was sitting next to a young couple. He had a feeling that he was going to be smothered by their public display of affection.

He was right. The boy and girl continued to bully Su Ping's nerves with their honeyed words.

All of a sudden, Su Ping missed the days when he would sit with Qin Shuhai and Fei Yanbo.

Soon, the game began.

The commentator went up to the stage to read the rules.

The one hundred participants would be placed in ten groups.

The participants in each group would have one-on-one battles. The winner of each group's finals would be on the shortlist to become the Top 10 winner. The losing party of each group's finals would still have other chances.

They would battle against the losing party of another group.

The winner of that match would still have an opportunity to make it to the Top 10.

This mechanism was set up in case two powerful participants would be in the same group.

After the rules were read, the cheerleaders entered the stage for their performance.

Their bodies were nice and curvy, and the clothes they had on were revealing. They performed a sexy dance.

Many parents hurried to cover up their kids' eyes while they enjoyed the show through telescopes to their hearts' content.

Su Ping found this show amusing as well. But, an argument broke out next to him. "They are pretty, aren't they?" "Ah? Yes... No, of course not. You are much prettier."

"Oh? So, you have been watching carefully, right?"

Danger! Danger! "No, I wasn't. I just glanced at them a bit. Molly, to me, you are the most beautiful girl in the world."

“Oh, really? Just to you? So you’re saying that I’m not as good looking as they are.”

“I...”

The couple soon stopped talking to each other after this “friendly” exchange of views.

Su Ping felt nice, as if having just eaten ice cream on the hottest day. There were benefits of being single after all!

After the cheerleaders’ performance, the audience became more excited than ever!

Then the participants began to draw lots to decide their groups.

The names were picked out randomly.

When the names of promising participants were read, the audience would chant and shout.

However, for participants that were in the same group, they were less happy.

Soon, Su Ping saw Su Lingyue’s group. She was in Group D.

The others in Group D pulled long faces. That was not because of Su Lingyue. It was because there were other powerful opponents in that group!

Qin Shaotian!

One who people regarded as a likely prospect to win the championship!

Of course, that was the opinion online. The participants were fully aware that Qin Shaotian had yet to exhibit his full strength in the previous matches. He had not won the most votes online because his performance had been average.

After all, most people that would participate in the voting activities online were average citizens. They weren’t aware of all the secrets and they would only judge the participants by what they did in a match.

### **Chapter 320 Group Match**

Qin Shaotian was the one always acting low key. There was another formidable opponent.

Liu Jianxin.

He had been rated third in the online competition where people voted for promising champions!

Liu Jianxin, a genius from the Liu family’s direct line.

Liu Jianxin had participated in the previous Elite League. With his stunning performance, he had managed to win a spot among the Top 10. This year was his last chance to take part in the Elite League. Afterward, his age would exceed the upper limit and he would no longer be eligible.

He was determined to win this time. Before the Elite League even began, he had attracted much attention.

Besides, Primo, which was well-known in the base city, had publicly stated that they guaranteed Liu Jianxin would be a Top 5 winner this time!



This publicity had built up his fame even more. Since he started at the branch venue, he had stayed at the center of attention and many believed that he was very likely to win the championship!

Indeed, Liu Jianxin had not let people down thus far. Every time, he would defeat his opponent and end the fight almost instantly. It would be either by killing his opponent immediately or his opponent directly admitting defeat.

During the hunting match at the trials, two other participants were ferocious enough to finish off half of the participants in their groups. Otherwise, people would think Liu Jianxin was the most likely champion.

When the audience saw that Liu Jianxin and Qin Shaotian were in the same group, their chanting was loud enough to wake the dead. Everyone was looking forward to the group match which would certainly be more intense than ever!

With those two popular opponents in the group, fewer people paid attention to Su Lingyue. Even so, she wasn't invisible. Those that did notice her knew that she was the girl that an emerging pet store claimed was going to be the ultimate winner!

That store had said big words. Whether they could make it happen, well, the next match was going to be important.

If the girl couldn't even make it to the Top 10, then that store's claim would become a joke.

In the staging area.

The Liu family.

Sitting in the middle was not Liu Jianxin, but Liu Qingfeng, the current future family head of the Liu family.

He was wearing a cyan robe which gave him an elegant look. He was not as popular as Liu Jianxin but he didn't seem to care at all.

Those of the Liu family who sat around him obviously regarded him as the most important. Not even Liu Jianxin took the voting online seriously.

That voting activity was open to everyone. As far as they were concerned, the public was always blind and ignorant. The public could only see what ringleaders wanted them to see. Without standing at the peak, one could never truly see the outline of the world and the minute details.

"Jianxin, that Qin Shaotian has been hiding his abilities well. Not even I am confident to win against him. When it comes to the worst situation, you can admit defeat," Liu Jianfeng said. His voice was gentle and composed.

Hearing the words, Liu Jianxin wore a different look.

He knew that Qin Shaotian was a rare talent in the Qin family, even having claimed his father's place as the future family head. Liu Jianxin had once seen the videos of Qin Shaotian's battles at the branch venue and the trial but he had failed to see Qin Shaotian through.

“Sir, do you want me to try and find out what trump cards he’s hiding? At the very least, we have to know what his major pet is,” Liu Jianxin replied after some thought.

Liu Qinfeng darted him a glance. “We of the Liu family cannot be stepping stones of another. We can let others deal with this tough issue.

“Do not forget that you must make it to the Top 5. I know that it should be Liu Yuan’s problem but you said yes and the competition between the Liu family and that store is known by all. If you lose, Liu Yuan won’t be the only one embarrassed, but the entire Liu family!”

“Right.” Another young man of the Liu family nodded, worried.

Liu Jianxin took a deep breath. “I understand.”

“Save your strength if necessary. Make sure that you can get to the Top 10 first.” Liu Qinfeng’s calmness never changed.

Liu Jianxin nodded.

At the same time.

At the place where the Qin family was gathered.

Only four from the Qin family were among the last one hundred participants.

Including Qin Shaotian.

“That Liu Jianxin is going to be a problem. He participated in the previous Elite League and is aiming for the Top 5 places. You must be careful!” a young man whispered.

Another man was also visibly concerned. Of course, he was not worried about Qin Shaotian losing against Liu Jianxin. However, he was afraid that Qin Shaotian might be worn out at this group match. He would have to face tougher characters later on. Indeed, it wasn’t Qin Shaotian’s luckiest day, for him to be in the same group match as Liu Jianxin. Qin Shaotian seemed to be about 23 years old. The childishness had just vanished from his face; he had a handsome look. However, since he was serious in speech and manners, he appeared to be aloof and proud.

He sat up straight. “I heard that this man also uses swords. Interesting.”

The other young men who had tried to warn him produced bitter smiles. This Qin Shaotian was not only a formidable battle pet warrior but also a sword maniac.

“I’ll have to fight them...”

Su Lingyue sat on a chair alone. She turned a bit pale when she saw the group she was in on the screen.

She remembered Qin Shaotian well. When she took the test to select the Top 1000 participants, she heard that loud noise which was still fresh on her mind.

Apart from Qin Shaotian, Liu Jianxin was another one whom she had been watching closely. He, too, was a powerful opponent. She didn’t expect that she would meet the two so early at the group match.

"I can do it. I can do it..." "Nope, Frosty can do it. Frosty can do it..." "I cannot drag her down. I must stay calm. Calm down.."

Su Lingyue rumbled on and on in a low voice to free herself from the pressure and to keep her mind sane.

She had seen the true strength of the Moonfrost Dragon. Otherwise, she would have been reduced to tears.

As of that moment, although nervous, she could still find some confidence in her.

Right. I should be fine as long as I don't slow my pet down.

"Hi," someone said to her all of a sudden.

Startled, Su Lingyue turned around. It was the guy who had claimed to be Su Ping's student.

"Aunt." Xu Kuang grinned shamelessly. Su Lingyue was confused. "Aunt?"

"Right, you're my teacher's younger sister so I should call you aunt." Ku Xuang sounded quite serious.

Su Lingyue finally understood what he meant. She rolled her eyes at him. "Don't call me that; I asked him. You're not his student... Half a student at best."

Of course, she was happy to find someone who would talk to her with such respect. Yet, she knew that things had changed. She would rather not take such trivial advantages. On the off chance that this guy had some malicious intent, and she admitted that Su Ping was his teacher, this guy could take the chance to strut about using Su Ping's name. That would tarnish Su Ping's reputation.

"Well, half a student is still a student," Xu Kuang answered but soon gave up on the topic. He lowered his voice and continued, "Anyways, your group is tough with those two. Has my teacher given you any secret weapons?"

Su Lingyue put her guard up at once. "Why?"

Seeing her reaction, Xu Kuang realized that he had pried into her secret. "Nothing. Don't misunderstand me. I was just asking," Xu Kuang explained in a hurry. "Hmm." Su Lingyue pulled a long face. "None. I am relying on myself."

"Er..."

Xu Kuang couldn't find any words to reply.

"Go back and get ready. Be careful." Su Lingyue threw him a glance. His question was offensive but she could tell that he didn't do that on purpose.

Xu Kuang was relieved to see that Su Lingyue was less angry. He nodded with a smile. "Don't worry. I won't let you down!"

After Xu Kuang left, Su Lingyue saw someone else walking towards her.

It was Ye Hao, Su Yanying, and two other people: Luo Fengtian and Yu Weihang from the Berserking Blade Academy she had met once.

The four didn't know that they would look for Su Lingyue at the same time. The surprise encounter made them stop for a second. Since they were already there, to turn around and leave would be more embarrassing. Ye Hao took a look at Luo Fengtian. The latter had once pinned him on the ground and shamed him at the academy. They met yet again. Enemies sure walked a narrow path.