

Pet Store 681

Chapter 681 Head of the Tang Family

“Will the aptitude assessment aid in increasing the price?” Su Ping asked the system after he went through the basic information of the battle pets.

The system replied, “That will depend on whether the aptitude is good or bad. It’s not shown right now. Without seeing that data, the customers can only rely on the combat strengths to see if the battle pets are good enough or not. But, if you allow the aptitude to be tested and shown, the customers will be able to tell in a more straightforward way whether a certain battle pet is average or poor, or something else.”

“So, the aptitude assessment is used to obtain more comprehensive data.”

“True.”

The system... was such a profiteering merchant! Su Ping felt glad that he had not paid the ten thousand energy points yet. He could see if the battle pets were good enough by comparing their combat strengths with the average combat strength of beasts of the same kind. Why would he have to pay extra money to see that?

“You cannot tell for certain. Some people just don’t bother to do the math. It is better to show them directly. Let’s say some battle pets have a high combat strength. But how can you say for sure if they’re among the good ones or the poor fellas of the same family?” “Let’s take some dragons with very outstanding bloodlines as an example. A dragon may be at the later stage of the Void State with a combat strength of 40 or even 50. Still, would you say that the dragon’s aptitude is above average? The truth can be that this dragon only has a poor aptitude compared with other dragons of the same kind!”

This system... is snooping around again... Su Ping was still unconvinced. “What’s the difference? If you put all the battle pets together, I would have still chosen the dragon even if its aptitude was poor. I would choose the battle pet with the best combat strength. I want to get the one that is cost effective.” “Your vision is limited,” the system corrected him, “Some battle pet warriors only go for the battle pets with the best aptitude. Say you have a dragon and its combat strength is way above beasts of the same rank, but the dragon is quite poor when compared to the other dragons. What would I want the dragon for? I want the best dragon, a dragon that is more powerful. Don’t you see?”

Su Ping raised his eyebrows. He understood this point.

Some battle pet warriors who aspired for outstanding battle pets would pay attention to the aptitude assessment.

However, such standards weren’t as useful on the Blue Planet.

After all, combat strength was everything on the Blue Planet. No matter how good the aptitude was, the battle pet would have to be trained and developed. What if the battle pets got killed before they could grow? Good aptitude would not help.

“Let me try this with one.” Su Ping chose the beast king with a 38.7 combat strength, the strongest of all.

“Are you sure?” “Yes.”

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Ten thousand energy points were deducted from Su Ping's account. In the meantime, in front of Su Ping's eyes, the avatar of that beast king began to light up with a colorful glow; the light disappeared a second later and everything quieted down.

Su Ping clicked on the avatar and he saw some additional information related to that beast king.

Aptitude: Poor

Poor...? Su Ping was surprised. That was not the result he had expected. He thought that it would at least have an average aptitude. However, it turned out that the beast king was not even that good.

"This Blue Crystal Dragon's bloodline is at the Star Rank; it has also consumed many miraculous herbs and has been mutated a little bit. The dragon is off to a good start so this combat strength is not surprising. Also of note, the Blue Crystal Dragons with above average aptitude can usually kill Fate State beasts when they're at the Void State," the system explained.

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Su Ping suddenly realized something. He quickly looked at the price.

The price had dropped from 38.8 million energy points to 34.83 million.

The price dropped!

Su Ping glared at the price.

What the f*ck!

After the assessment, the highest price had dropped by a few million. Su Ping did a rough calculation. The price dropped by 10%! "Just as I said, the price would increase if the aptitude evaluation turned out with a good grade. On the other hand, the price would drop if the aptitude was inferior."

The system went on, "Since it's the best pet store in the entire universe, you cannot sell battle pets that are not good enough. The price won't change if the battle pets' aptitudes are average. The price will go up if the aptitude goes up and vice versa." "You didn't tell me about the price drop!" Su Ping bit his teeth. He was sure of that!

"Really? I guess that can happen. But you should have thought of this when you heard me talking about the aptitude evaluation. If a good aptitude can increase the price, a bad aptitude would make the price drop. That is a reasonable rule. Price increases and decreases go hand in hand!" The system sounded quite calm. It didn't sound remorseful about "forgetting to mention the drop in price." Su Ping: "..."

Su Ping took a few deep breaths to clear out all the angry thoughts in his mind. "So, the battle pets sold in this store should have at least an average aptitude to be qualified for the store."

"Yes. You learn fast."

"Then I won't assess the aptitude of the other battle pets," Su Ping said.

“No problem.” The system knew that Su Ping was hopping mad. “When you find such battle pets and you have no confidence about their aptitude, I suggest you don’t make the aptitude show, in case selling the battle pets would embarrass the store. Just let the customers choose by themselves.”

Su Ping was speechless.

He was selling those beast kings at such a low price. He was doing the customers a favor. However, the system was making it sound like he was scamming his customers’ money as it

was.

Never mind...

Su Ping decided not to check the aptitudes of the other battle pets. Even that dragon’s aptitude wasn’t good enough. He didn’t have the courage to do another check again.

“Maybe you’ll find a beast king with low combat strength and a poor bloodline but a good aptitude.” The system was trying to tempt Su Ping.

Again with the snooping around... Su Ping had become used to it. He snorted, “I’ll think about this after I’m able to understand beast kings better!”

He realized that he didn’t have enough knowledge about the beasts.

He had seen more kinds of beasts than anyone else on the Blue Planet.

Still, the question was that he had seen them but he didn’t know them; he didn’t know anything about their bloodlines or their combat strength. If he wanted to be confident and save some money when he tried to evaluate the battle pets’ aptitudes, he would have to pick up some knowledge in that regard.

Soon, Tang Ruyan arrived at the store. She looked at Su Ping who appeared to be in high spirits and Joanna who was standing outside the pet room quietly. Tang Ruyan pouted and complained, “Why are we opening up the store at this hour? I thought you would cultivate at night. What is wrong with you today?”

“I would be in danger if you really knew my patterns. I am breaking the norm, you know?” Su Ping made up an excuse.

Bah... Tang Ruyan curled her lips. She looked at the night sky and asked, “Who would come at this time? How about I be your first customer? Train my battle pets. I want to make some contributions since the wild beasts are striking everywhere in the world.”

Su Ping was about to say no when the system gave him a warning. He had to accept her order. “Get ready to pay the fee.” Refuse no one. That was a rule from the system, not Su Ping’s. But... with the system in the picture, he couldn’t have set any rules himself.

“I cannot believe the time for you to serve me would come. Now, Su, give me a big smile.” Tang Ruyan was overjoyed since Su Ping agreed to it. She knew asking Su Ping to train her battle pets wasn’t easy. When comparing the effects of his training, the money she would have to pay him was nothing.

“Piss off.” Su Ping rolled his eyes.

The system said that he had to accept all customers, but it didn’t say he had to sell with a smile.

Tang Ruyan chuckled and stuck her tongue out. She then quit fooling around and summoned her battle pets, choosing the professional training.

She had four battle pets of the ninth rank in total; the professional training fee was one million for every pet!

The price for professional training was one hundred times higher than the average training. She had to pay four million in total! Tang Ruyan didn’t mind that amount of money. She transferred the amount to Su Ping without batting an eye and soon, the beautiful beeping sound reminded Su Ping that money had entered his account.

“What? Since when did you have this much money?” Su Ping was curious. When did this girl become rich?

Huh, surprised, aren’t you? I’m the family head right now and I have much more money! Tang Ruyan grinned. She soon remembered the past dispute between Su Ping and the Tang family. Her grin vanished after that.

“Recently, after the strikes began, the Tang family anticipated that the world could change drastically and many major forces would be re-organized. The Tang family asked me to be the family head several times. I said no, but the situation is critical at this time. Even though the Tang family is... Anyway, some of the family members were there when I grew up. I didn’t want to see anything bad happen to them.”

“So, you’re the family head now?” Su Ping raised his eyebrows. That girl was the family head of one of the four ancient families in that Subcontinent District.

“Just for now. I will quit when a suitable person is found, either by me or by them.” Tang Ruyan bit her lips.

She stole a glance at Su Ping. Compared with the position of a family head... she preferred to stay there as a temporary employee.

“Good for you and for me. See, you have money now and you can support my business,” Su Ping said casually. He didn’t want to increase her burden. What happened between him and the Tang family was in the past and he no longer minded that. If he were still obsessed over it, he wouldn’t have allowed her to go back and lend them a hand.

“That is not the point.” Tang Ruyan stomped her feet.

“Yes.”

“Hmm, you’re clever. Wait a minute... Yes to what?!”

Right then, they heard some people coming. Su Ping said to Tang Ruyan, “Now, be a good girl and entertain the customers.” “I am also your customer!” Tang Ruyan shouted at him.

Su Ping told Joanna to take Tang Ruyan's battle pets to the pet room and replied to Tang Ruyan, "But you're also my employee, a temporary one."

"You don't have to stress that!" Tang Ruyan was clenching her teeth. They then heard a gentle voice. "Mr. Su, Miss Tang." Qin Duhuang arrived at the store. He cast a glance at the purple rat that was sleeping soundly by the feet of one of the dragon statues and went into the store.

Tang Ruyan knew that Qin Duhuang had reached the legendary rank. However, she was no longer that wary of them ever since she went back to the Tang family and saw a legendary battle pet warrior get killed with her own eyes.

Tang Ruyan pushed down her fury against Su Ping and went to greet Qin Duhuang, "Mr. Qin, how come you know we are in business at such a late hour?"

"Mr. Su told me," Qin Duhuang said to the girl with envy, "Miss Tang, you're still young and yet you've already been named the family head. I might have had to bow to you if I weren't lucky enough to have reached the legendary rank."

"You know about that?" Tang Ruyan raised her eyebrows.

"Yes, I do. It's kind of hard for me to ignore the fact when your family has sent over quite a few titled warriors." Qin Duhuang laughed. Right then, Zhou Tianlin and Xie Jinshui arrived.

"Hi, you're all here." Xie Jinshui was surprised to see such an ensemble. Indeed, those people would always show up whenever Su Ping opened his store for business.

Zhou Tianlin felt frustrated since he had to compete against all of those people for battle pets. He hurried to greet Su Ping and then saluted Qin Duhuang.

He didn't have to be so polite around Qin Duhuang in the past. But he had to act respectfully since the latter had reached the legendary rank.

"Mr. Su, where are the battle pets that you're going to sell?" Qin Duhuang went straight for the kill.

Su Ping said to his customers, "Have you gotten the money ready? I have placed the battle pets in the showroom and you can choose anyone you like. But you can only buy the battle pets for yourselves. You will also have to sign the contracts right here."

Su Ping took his customers to a side hall. The light was bright and on the wall hung a screen upon which many battle pets' images were being projected. In the middle of the showroom were the holographic images of the available battle pets. The projections allowed the customers to see all their details.

Of course, the projections were only a dozen meters tall, instead of hundreds of meters tall.

Everyone widened their eyes in astonishment as they saw the rotating projections. Those projections were quite lifelike; the violence in their eyes was clear. They could tell right away that those were all beast kings! It was also the first time that Tang Ruyan had seen those battle pets. Her jaw dropped. It was an amazing feeling to be surrounded by that many battle pets.

Whoosh!

Whoosh!

Two more people arrived.

"Mr. Su?" someone shouted in the store.

"I'm here." Su Ping recognized that it was Venerable the Blade's voice. He arrived with Wu Guansheng in tow.

Following the voice, Wu Guansheng and Venerable the Blade soon arrived at the showroom. The projections took them aback as soon as they stepped into the room.

"All those battle pets are on sale. You can choose anyone that you like. Basically all of them are at the Void State, which works perfectly for you," Su Ping briefly introduced.

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"All of them?"

Venerable the Blade could not believe this.

The battle pet projections were dazzling; they had to be dozens of beast kings there.

Su Ping was going to sell dozens of beast kings?

Where did he get all those beast kings?

They gazed at Su Ping with shock and questions. "Mr. Su, Mr. Su... I can have whichever one I like?" Qin Duhuang had to ask. He could not stop his voice from trembling even though he had reached the legendary rank.

"Of course," Su Ping nodded with a smile and said, "But not just one. You can get as many as you want as long as you can sign the contracts here, and that you have enough money for them."

As many as we want... His dear customers narrowed their eyes; they felt their hearts were racing. Su Ping was selling dozens of beast kings in one go and they were the first ones to arrive. They could get all they wanted... So, they could fill all of their contract spots with beast kings!

The thought of filling all the spots with beast kings excited them. "Go ahead and start choosing." Su Ping did not want to waste more time. Something could go wrong outside at any time; no one could tell when the wild beasts could get there. His customers thanked him and started to go around and check the projections of the battle pets.

"If you want to see their details, unleash your astral powers into the projections and the information will show up in front of you," Su Ping added.

His showroom had all sorts of advanced technologies. He believed that such a type of technology would be a commodity only seen in the Interstellar Federation.

Detailed information? They quickly poured out astral powers into the projections and the words began to merge in front of them.

Name, bloodline, rank, combat strength, skills... etc.

Such details!

They were even seeing what to feed the battle pets and what kind of environments they liked!

“The later stage of the Void State?”

Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang were in disbelief.

Those battle pets they were seeing were more powerful than they were! Of the entire Tower, only twelve were at the Void State!

At most, each legendary battle pet warrior would only have one or two beast kings of the Void State; the rest of their pets would usually be at the Ocean State.

Su Ping’s battle pets on sale could crush Void State legendary warriors...

The two curled their lips. They were at a loss for words.

In the meantime, Tang Ruyan, who was there as an attendant, Xie Jinshui and Zhou Tianlin poured out their astral powers into the projections of the battle pets that they liked. Soon, they were able to see the description.

The three of them were surprised by what they were seeing: those beast kings were at the later stage of the Void State!

One more step and those beast kings would reach the Fate State!

The three of them read the information carefully; the more they read, the more envious they became. They eventually stopped pouring out astral powers and the information vanished.

Later stage of the Void State... Those battle pets were too powerful for them.

Xie Jinshui and Zhou Tianlin felt sorry. They began to check the other battle pets.

Again? The later stage of the Void State!

Xie Jinshui and Zhou Tianlin were dumbstruck.

That one was the same as the previous one they saw!

What...? The two wondered where Su Ping could have found those battle pets and why he was so eager to sell them. How rich would he have to be to be that generous?

The two lingered for a bit as they appreciated that battle pet before they switched to the next one.

Once again, they were frozen on the spot.

Yet again... The later stage of the Void State.

Once they had given up on that battle pet, they heard Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang shouting almost at the same time, “Mr. Su, I want this one!”

They seemed to be in a rush, as if afraid someone else would get ahead of them.

Qin Duhuang and Venerable the Blade had already run to Su Ping and they were ready to pay.

Su Ping cautioned them, "Are you sure you found the right one at first glance? Don't you want to go around and check out the others? There might be some battle pets with skills that don't work well with you... As for the price, it is included in the introduction at the bottom. Haven't you seen them?"

Introduction? Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang blushed. They didn't finish reading the information before they rushed over to say they wanted to pay.

After all, those were battle pets at the later stage of the Void State!

They couldn't have battle pets more powerful than those!

They did not care if the battle pets' skills were suitable. They didn't have to fight alongside the battle pets; those pets could overwhelm the enemies on their own!

"I am gonna go ahead and have a look!" Venerable the Blade hurried to check the information of the battle pet he was intending to buy.

Venerable the Blade felt that he was a lucky guy because the first battle pet he had seen was at the later stage of the Void State. It would be a good idea to try my luck at the lottery... Of course, he wasn't interested in getting any money. Winning a lottery was not as efficient as hunting beasts. After all, the cost of hunting and selling beasts was almost negligible.

The price... Venerable the Blade skipped the rest of the information and reached the end.

The price is... 317 million?! Venerable the Blade wondered if he was counting the zeroes wrong.

A battle pet at the later stage of the Void State was being sold at around three hundred million?!

Su Ping was practically giving out the battle pets for free!

Venerable the Blade was confused. He turned around and gazed at Su Ping who was calmly standing there. The former remembered how Su Ping was defending the Longjing Base City. He had been there to make vigorous efforts in order to turn the situation around. He then saved the day after killing countless wild beasts!

Maybe selling those battle pets is in a way like charity for Su Ping... Venerable the Blade exclaimed inwardly. He couldn't find any words to describe how much he respected Su Ping. "Mr. Su, the price is a little over three hundred million..."

"Yes, that is correct." Su Ping nodded. "I told you to bring ten billion. I don't know how much you have with you, but I think spending three to four billion would be enough to fill up all your battle pet spots." Venerable the Blade was stunned.

At first, he did wonder if Su Ping had written down the price wrong. But it seemed that... there were no mistakes. He was even thinking about letting Venerable the Blade fill up all the empty spots.

Venerable the Blade had not checked the other battle pets, but he could tell that those were all beast kings.

After a moment of silence, Venerable the Blade put forward his question, "Mr. Su, are you thinking about letting me get those beast kings so that I can fight better in the upcoming strike?"

Su Ping answered honestly. "That is true. The wild beasts from the Deep Caves are coming and they're going to reach every corner of the world. I cannot save the world by myself. I hope you can help me." But we would be using the battle pets you gave us and it would still be you who will save everyone... Venerable the Blade thought to himself. He gazed at the young man who deserved all of his respect and admiration.

Venerable the Blade took a deep breath and promised solemnly, "I understand. Together, we will defend the territory of all humankind till the last moment of our lives!"

"Don't get all sentimental on me. I know you will." Su Ping smiled. "Go and look at the battle pets. Take your time. Tang, come and help me."

Tang Ruyan, who was still absorbed in reading the information of the third battle pet she had seen, had to give up checking the beasts' stats. She ran to Su Ping and asked, "Help you with what?"

"Write down the names of the battle pets that they want to buy," Su Ping said. Tang Ruyan looked at Venerable the Blade, Xie Jinshui and Qin Duhuang—who were trying to move closer to stay something but were hesitant—then pouted at Su Ping. "I just saw some of the battle pets and they're all at the later stage of the Void State. I want more battle pets. Do you have any at the later stage of the Ocean State? Can I choose one...?"

"Do your job," Su Ping refused mercilessly.

He didn't recall whether he had any battle pets of that rank; he might have one or two. Of course he would have saved Ocean State battle pets for her.

Tang Ruyan curled her lips but said nothing else.

But Venerable the Blade was surprised by what she said.

She saw three and all were at the later stage of the Void State...?

He couldn't help but ask Su Ping, "Mr. Su, how many Void State beast kings do you have in total?"

Qin Duhuang, Zhou Tianlin, and Xie Jinshui had the same questions because all the other beasts they had seen... were at the later stage of the Void State!

Xie Jinshui didn't know if they should feel sad or happy about this. They wondered if all the battle pets were at the Void State... If so, no matter how astonishing the pets were, they would have wasted this trip. After all, neither of the two would have been able to choose battle pets like those.

"Basically all of them," Su Ping said, "That is why I told you to take a good look and find the ones that best suit you. Take your time." Silence fell.

They were all dumbstruck.

Tang Ruyan was the first to come back to senses.

No wonder this guy wouldn't let me choose. None of the battle pets would suit me. I knew that this guy would keep the goodies within the family...

"So? Qin, have you decided which ones you want to buy?" Su Ping asked Qin Duhuang.

Qin Duhuang laughed a hollow laugh. “No, not yet. I’m just, checking at the moment...” He didn’t have to rush into anything since all the battle pets were at the Void State. He could pick the ones that best suited him, or the one with the highest combat strength.

Venerable the Blade was still baffled.

“So many beast kings of the Void State... Mr. Su, you...”

“That’s my secret.” Su Ping smiled.

Venerable the Blade knew he had crossed the line. “Mr. Su, I’m sorry. That is not what I meant.”

“It’s okay. Go ahead and find the battle pets you want.” Su Ping did not mind that.

Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang strode away. Zhou Tianlin and Xie Jinshui looked at each other and both were smiling bitterly. Zhou Tianlin said, “Mr. Su... I don’t think there’s much for me to do here... since all the battle pets available are at the Void State.”

Xie Jinshui felt a little bit better than Zhou Tianlin. Even though he couldn’t buy those battle pets himself, he knew that having that many beast kings of the Void State on their side would form a force even more powerful than the Tower. Su Ping had made greater contributions on his own than the Tower itself!

“I called you here for a reason.”

Su Ping looked at Wu Guansheng who had not spoken; he had clearly been unable to hide his disappointment. “I have two fruits that can help the two of you reach the legendary rank. Afterwards, you’ll be able to buy those battle pets.”

“Fruits? Legendary rank?”

Zhou Tianlin and Wu Guansheng, were taken aback. They stared at Su Ping in disbelief.

They would have questioned that statement if they hadn’t seen all of those battle pets at the Void State first; they were sure that Su Ping was most likely serious! Su Ping was a man of mystery that they couldn’t fathom!

The fact that they could reach the legendary rank seemed too good to be true; they felt they were dreaming

Xie Jinshui was frustrated since Su Ping didn’t include him.

Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang stopped what they were doing and turned around in shock.

Tang Ruyan knew that Su Ping would not joke about those matters, but... He didn’t think of her!

She felt sorry for herself.

“Hold your horses and listen.” Su Ping smiled. “First of all, the fruit is expensive. Second of all, taking the fruits has some side effects. For example, you’ll be weaker than the other legendary battle pet warriors at the Ocean State and you’ll be limited to the legendary tier, or even just the Ocean State. You may not be able to make further breakthroughs...”

Wu Guansheng and Zhou Tianlin were sobered up by that explanation. Su Ping was serious. They were thrilled. As for the side effects, it was something they could live with.

They would never be able to reach the legendary rank on their own. At least that's what they thought.

The overall situation would continue getting worse; they believed that reaching the legendary rank could greatly benefit them. At the very least, their chances of survival would increase!

"I'll take it!"

As a family head, Zhou Tianlin was quick and resolute when it came to making decisions. "No matter how expensive it is, I am willing to pay for it, even if it means I have to break the bank. Mr. Su, thank you for this great opportunity..." He bowed to his waist.

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Wu Guansheng then snapped out of his shock. He bowed to Su Ping and expressed his appreciation.

"Mr. Su, the same goes for me!"

Su Ping knew that the two would be excited about it, but they were still taking it much too seriously, even more than he had expected. "Don't mention it. Remember, this is a business deal. Just think of it as regular shopping."

The two smiled bitterly inside. Yes, it was a business deal but Su Ping had the right to pick his buyers. They were grateful that Su Ping had picked them!

"The price of the fruits..." Su Ping remembered he had not seen the price yet. He quickly transferred the two fruits from his storage space to the store.

The fruits were categorized as pet food.

The price was...

Five hundred million?

Su Ping was surprised to see that the fruit was more expensive than the battle pets. Five hundred million for one fruit... Wait, was it expensive to make a person reach the legendary rank with five hundred million?

Su Ping felt he had been deeply affected by the system.

"Five hundred million per fruit," Su Ping announced the price. This made it seem as if he would have just decided the price right then and there.

Five hundred million?

Wu Guansheng, Zhou Tianlin—as well as Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang who were standing nearby—were stunned by the amount.

Since when reaching a legendary rank was this cheap?

A chance to reach the legendary rank was being sold at merely five hundred million?

They believed that Su Ping had just made up the price!

This guy... Why did he have to name a price when he was practically giving out the fruits for nothing? What a proud man. "Mr. Su, just five hundred million?" Zhou Tianlin was still unable to believe it; the price came as a shock to him. It wasn't that the price was too high; it was much, much too low!

That was a real chance to reach the legendary rank. Zhou Tianlin was below the legendary rank, but he held the conviction that legendary battle pet warriors could have their way in the world. Why else would the rank be called "legendary"?

Wu Guansheng was not any less surprised than Zhou Tianlin. He felt the same thing...

"Do you think the fruit is too expensive or too cheap?" Su Ping teased them.

The question left Zhou Tianlin wide-eyed. "Too cheap, of course. Mr. Su, this fruit is precious but you're merely asking for five hundred million in exchange. I, I don't..." He found no words to express his appreciation.

"Really? I told you that the fruit has some side effects. This is just the legendary rank; if you ask me, I think five hundred million is too high. After all, those battle pets at the Void State are just around three hundred million..." Su Ping tried to comfort Zhou Tianlin.

He was telling the truth. Even a battle pet at the later stage of the Void State would only be sold at about three hundred million. It came as a great surprise to Su Ping that the fruit would be priced at five hundred million.

"Er..."

Venerable the Blade, Tang Ruyan, Xie Jinshui and everyone else was speechless. Even five hundred million was too high? Indeed, Mr. Su was an enigma that... they could never solve!

Anyway, no sane person would sell battle pets of the Void State, let alone in such an amount. No one could have gotten that many Void State battle pets to sell!

"You, go ahead and pick the battle pets. You, come with me. The fruits are over here." Su Ping ended the discussion about the price. Since the two had agreed, he wanted to get on with the transaction and give them the fruits at once so they could start choosing battle pets.

Su Ping left Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang for Tang Ruyan to entertain while he ushered Zhou Tianlin and Wu Guansheng to another side where all kinds of pet food were on display.

The customers would rarely notice that side of the wall. After all, Su Ping was the most famous for pet training and the pets he sold...

"Here you go."

Su Ping took out two shining fruits from the array of various pet foods. Zhou Tianlin and Wu Guansheng were so excited that their lips were trembling. In the meantime, the two glanced over the other items. OMG. The fruit that could help them reach the legendary rank had been placed right here in a place open to the public? They were just past the counter!

Again, they felt awe-struck.

Su Ping gave each one of them a fruit and told them to pay for them first. If they ate the fruit before they paid... the system would strike them to death with the strongest lightning bolts they would ever see.

The two felt a certain weight in their hands; the fruits felt warm as if they were breathing creatures. The two were so thrilled that they would have forgotten to pay for the fruits without Su Ping reminding them; he was asking for such a small sum of money that they had barely remembered it.

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Ding.

He heard the alerts coming from his phone. Su Ping then looked at the balance of his account

-five hundred million per person. That amounted to five million energy points. At the moment he had ten million energy points in total.

That was enough to update the store from level 2 to level 3 ten times over!

But the store was already at level 3. He would need one hundred million energy points to get the store to level 4!

The amount of energy points required to get the store to level 4 from level 3 was much higher. Su Ping complained inwardly. But he also supposed that the store would experience a great change with the upgrade! Selling the two fruits alone wasn't enough to earn him enough energy points to upgrade the store. However, the Void State battle pets were being sold at about three hundred million each, i.e. three million energy points. Selling ten battle pets would earn him thirty million energy points. He could collect enough energy points with the sale of about thirty battle pets; if he could sell all forty of them, he would have more than enough to upgrade the store!

What a rewarding trip.

But it had also been an exhausting trip. Su Ping was acting as if he were fine, but signing and canceling contracts with forty battle pets one by one had taken a toll on his spirit.

He could revive in the cultivation sites, but the tiredness of his spirit would not be erased unless he died because of spiritual strikes. However, for the tiredness that came with continuously signing and cancelling contracts, it wasn't something that he could get rid of with revivals.

Zhou Tianlin scratched his head. He asked gingerly, "Well... Mr. Su, how do we consume this?"

Wu Guansheng gave Su Ping the same look... He did not know, either.

Su Ping came back from the math he was doing. He smiled at the two. "Just eat it. This is a kind of fruit, so eat it as you would a fruit."

Is that it?

But since Su Ping said so, it must be the truth. What a simple way...

A family head that could influence an entire base city and a senior healer at the peak of the titled rank were holding each shining fruit like the little match girl held with the last match she had. They carefully and gently... took a bite of the fruit. Somehow, Su Ping felt that view was offending to his eyes.

Plop, plop, plop!

A BGM from 'Chūka Ichiban!' would be the best for this moment. The two opened their eyes as if they would have just had an epiphany. The scent from the fruits was mild and the pulp was soft.

What made them lose themselves in the taste of the fruit was that the pulp would melt in their mouths. The pulp turned into pure and profound astral powers that surged into their bodies, spreading across all the cells. It was as if their bodies were a pile of firewood that had just been ignited!

Boiling!

Thrilled and intoxicated by the taste, the two abandoned all manners and quickly finished the fruits. Still, they made sure not to miss a single drop of juice. The fruit had no pits inside. They finished the rest of the fruit, including the small twig that remained of the fruit.

Su Ping wanted to tell them that the twigs had no effect whatsoever, but he held back the urge since the two seemed to be enjoying the fruits immensely. After all, titled battle pet warriors would easily digest those twigs.

Suddenly, their clothes were ripped open!

Soon after, after they ate up the fruits, Zhou Tianlin and Wu Guansheng suddenly felt a strong gush of astral powers inside them. Their clothes were blown up and their momentum was rising. Their astral powers were growing; there was a sense of vastness being integrated to their bodies. To grow from the titled rank to the Ocean State... Astral powers would not only grow in quantity, but also become purer.

To make a simple analogy, if the astral powers of a warrior at the titled rank was a hundred, then the astral powers of another at the Ocean State would be ten thousand. Added to that, the ten thousand worth of astral powers would be more powerful than a million worth of titled-rank astral powers!

Vast and profound, compressed and pure, that was why the warriors at the Ocean State could easily overwhelm titled rankers.

The former didn't have to use any skills; astral powers alone would be enough to crush someone at the titled rank!

That was the strength of the legendary rank!

Qin Duhuang and Venerable the Blade—who were at the moment looking at the battle pets

—felt something. Surprised, they shifted their attention to the new sources of energy. They turned around, only to see that there were two people catching up to their rank... the legendary rank!

Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang hurried over.

Tang Ruyan and Xie Jinshui went after them as well.

"You..."

Zhou Tianlin and Wu Guansheng's tops had been ripped to pieces, revealing their masculine chests, while their pants remained intact. Qin Duhuang narrowed his eyes. There was no Heaven's Test looming above them. However, the two had indeed reached the legendary rank!

Venerable the Blade saw that as well. He was surprised. He knew that Su Ping wouldn't have joked about the fruits' capabilities, but to actually witness how Su Ping helped two people to reach the legendary rank was still astonishing

Xie Jinshui and Tang Ruyan were stunned as well as envious. They didn't even try to hide the fact that they were jealous. They had to be. If Su Ping would have given them the chance, they would have also reached the legendary rank!

But Tang Ruyan quickly comforted herself. She was the head of the Tang family. She would reach the legendary rank by herself sooner or later! Xie Jinshui, while feeling disappointed, began to calm himself down as well. Whoever Su Ping picked, it would be good for them in any case. Xie Jinshui thought that he was on good terms with Su Ping, but he had to accept the fact that Su Ping had closer friends.

Wu Guansheng and Zhou Tianlin opened their eyes. They felt the flow of profound astral powers and how their senses had been heightened. They were so excited that they were beside themselves.

"Congratulations!"

"Congratulations, you two! We have two more legendary battle pet warriors! Haha!"

Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang approached them with bright smiles. Su Ping had the means to easily promote two warriors to the legendary rank, yet he always claimed that he was still at the titled rank. No one would believe that! Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang sensed that Su Ping was at the titled rank, but they didn't trust their senses.

Wu and Zhou came back to their senses. They knew that they had indeed reached the legendary rank.

The two noticed that, just like Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang, their astral powers were extraordinary, profound and compressed. They were at the legendary rank!

Zhou Tianlin turned around and bowed to Su Ping again. "Thank you, Mr. Su!" He sounded sincere.

Wu Guansheng bowed to Su Ping as well, "Thank you, Mr. Su!"

Su Ping helped them up. "I told you that this is just a business deal and you have already thanked me before. All right now, you have become Ocean State legendary battle pet warriors. If you have any questions, ask those two in your own time. Now, go ahead and pick your battle pets."

At the mention of the battle pets, Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang cupped their fists at Zhou and Wu and hurried back to the display room. Zhou and Wu had also reached the legendary rank, meaning that they were also going to compete for the battle pets as well. They had to hurry up. Wu Guansheng and Zhou Tianlin said more words of appreciation to Su Ping and dashed into the display room. Having just reached the legendary rank, the two ran so fast that they could hardly stop.

Su Ping went back to the display room with Xie Jinshui and Tang Ruyan. He patted Xie Jinshui's shoulder and said, "Xie, go and pick some battle pets at the Ocean State. Buy anything that you like. You have good potential; I hope you can reach the legendary rank by yourself in the future. Best of luck."

Xie Jinshui thought that Su Ping was merely comforting him but the sincere look in his eyes had proved him wrong. Xie Jinshui was baffled. Good potential? Why didn't I see it? He wasn't that talented when compared to Venerable the Blade. He was already in his forties but he was still at the titled rank. He wasn't confident that he could reach the legendary rank.

But Su Ping had just said he had good potential. Maybe that was true?

Xie Jinshui shook his head. He decided not to think about that. The priority was to get over the crisis.

Since Su Ping did not comfort her, Tang Ruyan pouted, "I will reach the legendary rank!" Su Ping rolled his eyes and said grumpily, "You should aim higher. Your goal should be to reach the Star Rank, okay? You will have to deal with more and more powerful customers. A legendary rank girl is not good enough to be my employee. Focus on your cultivation when you have time. Don't go and fool around."

Tang Ruyan glared at him, "Are you out of your mind? The legendary rank is not a high aim? The Star Rank? Are you kidding me? You can say that but I don't have the courage to think that!"

"Never mind. Set up a small goal for yourself. Hurry up and get to the legendary rank," Su Ping said. She wouldn't work harder if he didn't push her a little bit.

Chapter 684 The Contract Bond

Venerable the Blade and the others were checking the battle pets in the display room; they would at times inform Tang Ruyan about the ones that they wanted to buy.

"They are all at the Void State, the later stage..." They had seen over a dozen battle pets. They were surprised after confirming that Su Ping didn't lie to them. All those battle pets were at the Void State!

Did Su Ping find those battle pets in the Deep Caves?

That would be funny.

Defeating the Deep Caves with the Deep Caves?

Soon, many of them had decided which battle pets they wanted to purchase. "Six..."

There was hesitation as he looked at the projections of the other battle pets. He had eleven spots, but he already had many battle pets. He only had three spots left yet he was buying six. That was to say, he had to cancel three of his contracts!

Of the eight existing battle pets, he could decide on three that he could be okay with parting. But the other five... they had accompanied him for a long time and they had saved his life!

He could not give them up! Venerable the Blade wasn't the only one struggling. Qin Duhuang soon ended up in the same situation. He already had many battle pets; apart from the beast king that Su Ping had sold him, the other battle pets were his old pals.

Should I give them up?

Qin Duhuang's face reflected his inner struggle as he stared at the Void State battle pets.

Su Ping noticed that; he knew what they were thinking. That struggle was something he had expected and he saw it as a test for them.

Would they give up their old pals and choose the new ones that were more powerful? Or would they stick with their old friends?

Either way, there was neither right nor wrong.

After all, the wild beasts were coming. Choosing their old friends would mean that they were loyal, but it would also mean that they would not become powerful enough. They would be doomed in times of crisis.

But to give up all the existing battle pets... Su Ping didn't think he could do that, either.

"Mr. Su."

Vexed, Venerable the Blade asked Su Ping in a low voice, "Do you have any Locking Chains or Beast Cages?"

What are those things... Su Ping was confused but the system offered a timely answer, "Locking Chains and Beast Cages are low-rank beast containing tools developed on the Blue Planet. They can keep the beasts contained but if they can easily struggle free if the creatures are vicious enough."

That answered the question.

So, a low-level beast catching ring. "That is correct," the system said.

Su Ping said to Venerable the Blade. "I don't have them but I think the other pet stores should sell those things. You want to use them on the battle pets you'll cancel contracts with, right?"

Venerable the Blade was surprised to learn that Su Ping didn't have those things in stock... How did he capture those beasts, then? With his fists?

Venerable the Blade curled his lips. That's not impossible...

"If so, I'll have to go to another pet store," Venerable the Blade answered, "I want to keep the battle pets that I cancel contracts with by my side. I'll have more room for contracts when I reach the Void State; I will take them back by then."

So, he's unwilling to give up his old friends... Su Ping nodded, "No problem. You can cancel the contracts here and you can leave them in my nursing pens. You can come back to fetch them when you find the Locking Chains. Of course, I do charge fees for the nursing pens."

Venerable the Blade was relieved. "That's fine."

He could cancel the contracts first without having to shop for Locking Chains.

Qin Duhuang strode over and said to Venerable the blade with a forced smile, "Hey man, I see that we haven't chosen the same battle pets."

"Alas, Mr. Su has more than enough battle pets..." Venerable the Blade answered.

I would have fought with you to get the battle pets if Su Ping were only selling one or two! Qin Duhuang twitched his mouth. That was true.

Qin Duhuang asked Su Ping, "Mr. Su, I have chosen eight. I heard that you have nursing pens. Do you have more left?" "Yes." Su Ping answered briefly while casting a glance at Qin Duhuang. So, he was keeping two or three of his battle pets. One of them would be the beast king he had bought the last time. Back then, he said that Qin Duhuang could only cancel the contract with the beast king after 10 years. The rule had been set up to avoid any reselling or anyone from torturing battle pets.

But in special cases, the contact could be canceled earlier with his approval.

For example, Su Ping would have given his permission if Qin Duhuang wanted to replace that beast king with those at the Void State. After all, he had gone through the trouble of getting so many battle pets over in order to help everyone be well equipped to deal with the upcoming strike. "Good..." Qin Duhuang was relieved. Knowing that Su Ping was serious when it came to battle pets, Qin Duhuang explained, "I will ask my family members to come back and pick up those battle pets soon. They have been with me for a long time. Truth be told, I feel sad about parting with them, but the good thing is that I can give the battle pets to our young family members. That way, my battle pets can guard the Qin family for generations to come!"

"That would be great," Su Ping praised.

That was a smart choice. If the day came when he had to cancel a contract with a battle pet, he would try to let Su Lingyue have his battle pet. That way, his battle pet would eventually take care of her and he would still see his battle pet.

Venerable the Blade heaved a sigh.

He was alone; he didn't have a big family. He would have to take back the battle pets he canceled contracts with someday in the future.

Wait, maybe... I could take in on some students?

Venerable the Blade was interested in that idea. He could give his battle pets to his students later on. That would be good for his students and his old pals would still be close.

Good idea!

The more he thought about it, the more he liked the plan. A smile returned to his face.

"Hurry up and cancel the contracts. You will feel vulnerable in the next couple of days. Let's just hope the wild beasts don't come soon," Su Ping said.

Of course, there was nothing he could do to change that. The good thing was that, even if they were vulnerable, they could still send out their battle pets to the battle.

After all, those battle pets might be of greater help than Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang themselves.

"Sure."

The two summoned their battle pets and canceled the contracts one by one.

A glow covered the two and their respective battle pets. Once a contract was canceled, the memories of their time together would be wiped away from the beasts' minds. They would see their past masters as strangers.

On the other hand, humans wouldn't be affected by this.

Roar!

After a short moment of confusion, a ninth-rank Wind Ape that Venerable the Blade had started to get violent. The beast showed its teeth and made threatening gestures. The Wind Ape felt that something had been removed from its head; the loss brought discomfort. It could not determine what had been lost since there was no longer any recollection of it. The resulting frustration stimulated the Wind Ape's violent nature.

Venerable the Blade gazed at his Wind Ape, feeling sad and sorry; he tried to reach out and comfort his battle pet.

Roar!

The Wind Ape stared at Venerable the Blade while being on high alerted; it seemed to be saying, "Do not come over"!

Venerable the Blade felt sick at heart. He heaved a sigh. "I'm sorry..."

Roar!

The Wind Ape felt a certain threat from him.

"Mr. Su, where are the nursing pens?" Venerable the Blade asked Su Ping. Whoosh. A girl with a perfect figure and a perfect face appeared next to Su Ping; it was Joanna.

She wore her golden hair down and her collarbones were sexy. She stared at the Wind Ape and a glow of golden light emerged from her eyes.

She didn't do anything, and yet the Wind Ape's eyelids suddenly closed. The pet almost collapsed on the ground; some invisible energy lifted its body.

"Take it to the nursing pen," Su Ping said.

Joanna nodded. She turned around and took the Wind Ape to the pet room.

Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang narrowed their eyes. Joanna didn't unleash any astral powers; even so, they both felt a tremble in their heart when she was standing next to Su Ping. Their instincts urged them to drop to their knees and bow.

That girl had almost killed Yuan Tianchen when he visited the store. Venerable the Blade forced a bitter smile.

Su Ping's store hid a lot of undiscovered talents!

Venerable the Blade went back to canceling contracts when he calmed himself down.

Before he canceled the contract, Qin Duhuang also said to a ninth-rank Stone Turtle with a sigh, "Good bye, my old friend."

The turtle was large and it moved slowly. The Turtle then raised its head and tenderly gazed at Qin Duhuang; the look that expressed its affection and sadness.

Qin Duhuang could barely look at the turtle. He canceled the contract.

Soon, a glow appeared over the turtle and disappeared. The creature appeared to be baffled, but the confusion disappeared not long afterward. The turtle looked around on full alert. It built some defensive layers and stepped back, viewing the nearby people as enemies.

Joanna stepped over. The turtle felt drowsy and soon after, Joanna moved it to the pet room.

Qin Duhuang was turning pale. No one could tell whether the cancelation had worn out his spirit or if he was saddened by the goodbyes. He kept silent for a moment, then he summoned another one and canceled the contract.

One after one...

Goodbyes after goodbyes. Soon, they had finished the process. The two looked ghastly pale; they could barely stand. The process had taken a toll on their spirits; they would feel weak for a couple of days.

Su Ping sighed.

He suddenly had a question. Why couldn't the pets preserve their past memories when the contracts were canceled? It would be much better if a contract that could protect the pets' memories existed...

This time, the system didn't answer. He didn't know if the system had chosen not to peep into his mind at the moment, or whether it simply didn't have an answer. The two rested for a while. They paid Su Ping for the battle pets and they picked them one by one.

The battle pets that were hundreds of meters tall would shrink to dozens of meters according to the rules of the system. But the sizes of the battle pets would not affect the contract signing whatsoever.

Roar!!

The battle pets were no longer mere projections. The energy that belonged to beasts at the later stage of the Void State began to spread out, startling everyone present.

They would have run away if it weren't for the fact that Su Ping was there.

Terror!

Venerable the Blade—who was getting ready to sign new contracts—stared at the battle pet he had just bought. The coldness and violence were visible in the battle pet's eyes, but there was something he had not perceived from the projections. He started to get goosebumps.

"Don't worry, it won't attack you. Go ahead and sign the contract," Su Ping encouraged him.

The system would stop the beasts from striking no matter how vicious they were.

Out of instinct, Venerable the Blade wanted to ask Su Ping if he was sure that the beast wouldn't strike, but eventually decided otherwise. He reached out with trembling fingers and drew the lines of the contract.

Soon after, a glow covered the battle pet and Venerable the Blade.

As the force of the contract vanished, the battle stopped looking at Venerable the Blade with violence, but the coldness in its eyes was still frightening

Venerable the Blade was able to perceive the battle pet's feelings and thoughts through the bond established by the contract. He immediately told the battle pet that he bore no ill will, then he carefully patted the beast.

The battle pet didn't fight back.

Venerable the Blade felt relieved. He did feel violence, coldness, anger and pain in his mind. This vicious guy... had surely gone through a great deal of suffering.

Venerable the Blade felt sorry for the beast. It was just like when you saw an unknown person wallowing in misery; you might not even feel a thing. But the contract made everything different; he was looking at the battle pet as his family. He felt sorry and he wanted to take care of the battle pet.

"Let's fight together from now on," Venerable the Blade whispered to the battle pet.

The battle pet darted a glance at the person that was patting its legs and snorted. That expression could have been a show of contempt or its approval.

Qin Duhuang immediately began to build contracts with the battle pets he had bought.

Zhou Tianlin and Wu Guansheng looked at each other in astonishment. Those were battle pets at the later stage of the Void State. How terrifying!

They believed they would have soaked their pants if they had seen those beasts in the strike.

The two focused their minds and quickly began to choose battle pets for themselves.

Chapter 685 Level 4 Store

Soon, Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang finished signing contracts with all the battle pets they purchased.

With the addition of so many battle pets that were at a state higher than theirs, both felt that even their spirits had been improved.

"Mr. Su, thank you."

The two expressed their appreciation with sincerity and respect.

They had become new men within a matter of hours, and that was all because of Su Ping.

Not even the legendary battle pet warriors from the Tower could have defeated them. If anything, the two believed they could easily route the former...

Su Ping smiled. This time, he didn't stress that this was just a business deal. If they wanted to thank him, he would gladly accept.

The two purchased fourteen battle pets in total with an average price of three hundred million. He had made forty million energy points in total. Counting the two fruits he sold, he had earned fifty million energy points.

The rest of the energy points would come from Zhou Tianlin and Wu Guansheng.

Wu Guansheng and Zhou Tianlin then selected the battle pets they liked. The two favored the same battle pets several times. But they discussed it and agreed to mutually compensate depending on each choice.

They managed to settle all the issues personally. Su Ping didn't have to intervene; he just waited to get the money.

Zhou Tianlin bought ten battle pets. He had eleven spots and he only kept one of his original battle pets, the first one he ever had. The battle pet was with him when he grew up and they went through hardships together, especially when he was still a young man. The emotional bond between them was deep; he wouldn't trade it for a stronger pet. As for the other battle pets—just like Qin Duhuang did—he was going to leave them to the young people in his family.

He would no longer use those battle pets, but the young in the family would surely contend over those battle pets. That would help in solving problems like the lack of battle pets for the core family members.

Wu Guansheng picked nine battle pets. He already had four vacant spots before he reached the legendary rank. After all, he was a healer and an assistant to battle pet warriors. He was a quiet man who never liked fights. As such, he didn't need many battle pets to add to his strength.

But things were different that day, because most of the battle pets were at the later stage of the Void State. He had to buy them, he had to!

All of them had to say goodbye again and again to their old pets. Su Ping was getting emotional; however, he also knew that life was always like that.

Wu Guansheng and Zhou Tianlin's combat strength had a drastic increase after signing contracts with new battle pets.

The two were new legendary battle pet warriors. Theoretically speaking, such legendary battle pet warriors would have barely gotten a hold of one or two Ocean State beasts.

However, the two had better battle pets compared with some of the senior legendary battle pet warriors of the Void State in the Tower!

One of them had ten battle pets at the later stage of the Void State!

The other one had nine!

They could simply stand there and let their battle pets out; they would be able to defeat many Void State Warriors.

This was to change a fowling piece for a big gun. Venerable the Blade and Qin Duhuang exclaimed that they hadn't been as lucky when they reached the legendary rank. Unlike those two, they didn't have the chance to reach the peak of their lives the moment they reached the legendary rank!

I am so glad that Mr. Su is in our Longjiang Base City... Qin Duhuang thought. He felt honored by him.

Venerable the Blade looked at Su Ping and he was thinking along the same lines. He got curious all of a sudden. Su Ping was willing to sell that many battle high ranking pets. So, how powerful would his battle pets be?

He found it too intimidating to ponder any further.

And yet, his curiosity was growing. His nature was not of the gossiping kind, but interest got the better of him. He felt compelled to ask, "Mr. Su, you're selling so many outstanding battle pets at the Void State. What are the battle pets that you're using?"

Qin Duhuang, Zhou Tianlin and the others locked their stares onto Su Ping as soon as the question came out.

"Me...?" Su Ping answered at once, "You've seen my battle pets, like that Inferno Dragon."

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"Well..."

They indeed had seen that Inferno Dragon. They would have definitely regarded that Inferno Dragon as the most outstanding battle pet they had ever seen before their purchasing visit. After all, it was a dragon at the upper position of the ninth-rank. Of course, the dragon would not seem as frightening when compared to beast kings.

They could tell that Su Ping would not give up that dragon. Su Ping was a man who upheld loyalty. Besides, they were amazed by that dragon's combat strength. They believed that the dragon was not any weaker-or was probably even more powerful-than the average beast kings at the Ocean State!

They had no idea how Su Ping had trained his dragon. Anyway, since Su Ping is selling Void State battle pets, he had to have some... Void State battle pets too, right?

Su Ping showed no intention to keep talking. Venerable the Blade didn't pursue the matter.

Battle pets were critical for battle pet warriors; just like secret skills, battle pets could also act as secrets.

"You can head back home to continue with your businesses if you're done here," Su Ping said.

Remaining there to continue that conversation was pointless; he had other things to do.

His customers weren't happy after Su Ping urged them to leave. They came back to reality from the joy of getting new battle pets.

What was reality?

The reality was that they had to deal with the wild beasts from the Deep Caves and a strike of unknown proportions!

They had obtained a lot of Void State pets, but they fell back into a cloudy mood when they thought about the Nordic Continent's demise...

Qin Duhuang was the first to say goodbye. "Mr. Su, I will never forget about your kindness. I'll excuse myself for now, so I can make further arrangements."

Su Ping nodded.

Venerable the Blade, Zhou Tianlin and Wu Guansheng also bid him farewell. Before Wu Guansheng left, Su Ping suggested, "I will leave the Sheng-Long Defense Line to you. Remember, you must have at least one battle pet with you to protect yourself. After all, some legendary battle pet warriors or Void State beasts can teleport and kill you on the spot."

Wu Guansheng nodded. "I will."

"Don't push yourself too hard. After all, there's another legendary battle pet warrior at the Void State in the Sheng-Long Defense Line. Don't do all the work on your own," Su Ping added.

Wu Guansheng knew what he was referring to and nodded in understanding.

After Wu Guansheng left, Su Ping asked Xie Jinshui, "So, have you found beast kings you like?"

Even though most of the beast kings were at the Void State, he had also shown the Ocean State beast kings he had captured before.

Xie Jinshui smiled and said, "Three. Can I buy them all?"

"Of course," Su Ping replied. Xie Jinshui was overjoyed. He didn't get any Void State battle pets nor reach the legendary rank, but he was happy enough to have bought three Ocean State battle pets in one deal.

Su Ping sent him out from the store after he paid and signed contracts with the battle pets. Soon, Su Ping, Tang Ruyan and Joanna were the only ones in the store.

Regardless of the presence of the two girls, Su Ping went straight to check at his books.

Su Ping earned sixty-five million energy points with the battle pets that Zhou Tianlin and Wu Guansheng had bought. He then made over seventy million energy points with the three battle pets that Xie Jinshui got.

Adding the other fifty million energy points, he had made 120 million energy points. Counting his previous balance of twenty million energy points, he had amassed a total of 140 million!

He could upgrade the store!

Su Ping was in a happy mood. He asked the system, "What are the new functions of level 4711

"Functions of level 4 store include:

"1: Advanced nursing pens (a hundred thousand astral coins per hour) "2: Level 5 Chaos Spirit Pool for Incubation (Update requires 100 million energy points)

"3: Dummy trainer can train advanced battle pets in bulk

“4: Virtual battle venue

“5: A chance to relocate the store within a certain range randomly

“6: The system’s shop will reach level 4 and there will be one refresh per week. The merchandise will be better...”

Su Ping clicked his tongue every time he heard a new function. The fifth one was of particular interest to him. Relocate the store randomly?

So, the store could be moved to another location?

That was a strange function, but he wouldn’t use that function right then. The wild beasts could arrive at any time; he had to stay at the Longjiang Base City. He had to protect his home.

Chapter 686 Chaos, Migration

“How long will it take to upgrade the store?”

“24 hours.”

The system knew what Su Ping was thinking. “All functions of the store will be suspended during that time, including the safety zone.”

Su Ping was prepared for that answer. He pondered about it.

24 hours... Given his current combat strength, he should be able to manage...

Some of the store’s functions would not help him deal with the beast strikes. After all, his focus would be on the outer wall, beyond the store’s range of influence.

As for pet training and selling, they weren’t features that could directly turn into combat strengths on the spot.

He could also sell all the battle pets he had before the upgrade.

The only thing he worried about was that the wild beasts could show up in a too violent manner; they would be able to breach and flatten the Longjiang Base City...

Su Ping decided to upgrade the store after assessing his own strength.

He should be able to stop or distract the wild beasts for a while unless the beasts were at the Star Rank.

Also, it might be of help on the battlefield if the system’s shop could offer high-quality products after the upgrade.

Su Ping decided at once. He turned over to look at Tang Ruyan.

Tang Ruyan: “?”

“You’re the head of the Tang family, right?”

Tang Ruyan was alerted. “Why?”

“You should have titled battle pet warriors in your family who serve under legendary battle pet warriors from the Tower, also to go there and collect information there, correct?” Su Ping rolled his eyes at her.

He wasn’t trying to pick a fight with the Tangs? Tang Ruyan was relieved. “Of course, even though we don’t have legendary battle pet warriors, we have to know what they’re up to. We don’t want to offend them and get into trouble. And of course, any small present coming from a legendary battle pet warrior would mean a great deal of benefits to us.” We...? Su Ping looked at her. Regardless of what the Tang family had done to her, she still thought of herself as a member of the Tang family. She might never think otherwise.

He didn’t blame her. He was in no position to say otherwise if she could find it in her heart to forgive the Tang family.

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“So, you must know some basic information about the legendary battle pet warriors in the Tower. Do you know anyone who has a kinder personality?” Su Ping asked.

Tang Ruyan thought of something. “Are you planning on selling the other battle pets?”

“Yes.”

Su Ping didn’t say anything else about it.

He had to get rid of the battle pets so he could upgrade the store at once.

Tang Ruyan was curious, “Why won’t you sell the battle pets publically? Those legendary battle pet warriors would swarm over. You can gain popularity if you sell one to each of them, and you can also solve the hatred between you and the Tang family.”

“Solve it...? They do not deserve it.” Su Ping sneered.

“I would have sold all those pets to you or any of the titled battle pet warriors of the five major families, if it weren’t for the fact that those battle pets are at the Void State and can only be sold to legendary battle pet warriors. No one from the Tower has the right to enjoy this,” he said calmly as if stating a fact.

Tang Ruyan was speechless.

She had always known how proud Su Ping was and he had always been like this...

However, she knew that Su Ping had every right to be that arrogant.

As a matter of fact, the Tower had made the wrong decision by turning hostile against him!

“The Tang family is on friendly terms with some legendary battle pet warriors, but merely at an acquaintance level. I don’t know them well... I’ll have to ask,” Tang Ruyan answered after some thought.

He knew what she meant by acquaintances.

That meant relationships built on money!

Not just astral coins, but also rare and cherished resources.

They would eventually earn a legendary battle pet warrior's friendship, or pity, with such wealth.

"Okay." Su Ping nodded. "Do hurry."

"Okay."

Tang Ruyan knew that time was of the essence. She took out her phone and called Tang Linzhan, her father and the former family head.

Several reports reached the intelligence station of the Subcontinent District while she was making the call.

The West Ocean Continent was gone...

That was a bolt from the blue. Once again, the intelligence station was in complete silence!

The West Ocean Continent was gone?

Overnight, two continents were destroyed!! But the Tower Master had actually gone to the West Ocean Continent. Why had it been destroyed? If so, had the Tower Master... died?

Everyone knew that the Tower Master was the most powerful man in the world!

The most powerful!

If he were to die, what... else could be done? Would there be any hope left?

This time, even the legendary battle pet warriors in the intelligence station were struck speechless.

Aside from the reports about the West Ocean Continent, another piece of news reached them from the Dragon Swamp Continent; that continent's inhabitants were trying their best to get to the Subcontinent District but there were problems. The wild beasts had reached their last line of defense. Humans and beasts were fighting a desperate fight. The flames of war were raging high.

That was a piece of bad news, but those in the intelligence station were relieved.

The fact that people of the Dragon Swamp Continent could relocate was because of the Tower Master's battle pet Vulture. Since the relocation was still ongoing, it would mean that the Vulture was still there. If the Tower Master would have died, the contract with the Vulture would have disappeared; a masterless Fate State battle pet would have joined the wild beasts' ranks.

The people in the intelligence station were able to calm down after confirming that the Tower Master was still alive. Still, the doom of the West Ocean Continent was still threatening to hear. Not even the Tower Master had been able to stop it. The wild beasts were frightening!

There was another concern related to the migration news.

What could they do with the people that came from the Dragon Swamp Continent?

People got to work and soon devised a plan. Those migrants would be sent to the base cities across the three defense lines.

That wasn't a hard plan to come up with. The hard thing was how to settle interests-related disputes.

The night had fallen, but the base cities were as bright as day.

Longjiang Base City.

The gates around the outer wall were slightly opened; many vehicles were coming inside. There were lots of people riding on the car hoppers; some of them were in suits and some were in rags, but they were staying together. What a visual contrast. Whatever they were wearing, they had the same expression on their faces: terror, and confusion.

Those people had been sent to the Longjiang Base City.

Apart from those citizens, there were battle pets following the vehicles. Some of the battle pets were like bears, some like wolves, and some like lizards. Battle pet warriors were also relocating. They could be of some help to the base city.

Those people came from different base cities across the Subcontinent District and some were from the Dragon Swamp Continent.

Per Xie Jinshui's orders, the shantytown residents were relocated in the uptown area. If they were able to survive after that disaster, their descendants would later become residents of the uptown area. It was a great chance for those people.

After all, they would mostly struggle their entire lives without ever being able to get out of poverty. It was hard to make a living!

It was even harder for the poor!

But in times of chaos and disaster... hope and opportunities would come along as well.

An area was prepared as a refugee camp to receive people from other base cities.

The general public would settle there and the battle pet warriors would go to the less developed areas in the uptown area.

A curfew had also been enacted.

As for the battle pet warriors, the ones of advanced rank were included in the official army troops. They had to go to the battleground, while having gained some "freedom" at the same time.

The titled battle pet warriors who had moved in had more say. They could buy a place for their family members elsewhere, but those family members would have to register their information at the government offices. Those people would then become residents of the Longjiang Base City and they would have to pay taxes. Everyone was jittery in the face of disaster but orders were being followed. "Is this the Longjiang Base City?" "I heard they have a legendary battle pet warrior here."

"He's a member of the Qin family and his title is Raging Spirits, the one who earned his name thirty years ago."

"I heard that this base city once survived a strike from one of the Heavenly Kings, the Otherworld Heavenly King." "You're right. This base city has more talents than we know of. We should be careful." "My battle pets are starving. Do you know any high-end pet stores around here?" "Let's find out."

“I heard that the Nordic Continent and the West Ocean Continent are f*cking destroyed. Damn it. Do you think the Subcontinent District can survive?”. “We have to, right? Or else what? Should we kill ourselves?”

The relocated titled warriors soon formed groups of their own. They knew that the five major families would devour them one by one after the disaster if they didn't.

Inside the Pixie Pet Store.

“Okay, I got it,” Tang Ruyan hung up and said to Su Ping, “There's a legendary battle pet warrior known as 'Night Eagle'. He's a good person and he has done some charity work, like adopting many children. He trained them to become titled battle pet warriors who are staying in different continents.”

Su Ping nodded. “Call him and ask him if he wants to buy battle pets.”

Don't you need more information...? Tang Ruyan was gloating after Su Ping said yes without hesitation. “I will tell them to call him.”

She called her father again.

While they waited, Su Ping summoned the Little Skeleton, the Inferno Dragon and the Dark Dragon Hound and sent them back to his contract space. He noticed that some people were walking over; it was four in the morning, way past curfew. Those people didn't seem to belong to the five major families across the street.

“Is this the one?”

“Yes, I heard word that this store is the best. The battle pets trained here are completely different.”

“Really? Woah, those two statues sure are scary.”

The four approached the store and they were attracted by the dragon statues. Surprised, they cast a few more glances; the more they looked, the scarier they would be. It was as if the dragons were coming to life because of their gazes.

Whoosh~!

A faint purr dragged them back to reality.

They saw a purple-fur rat under the statue.

What a large Lightning Rat!

Is this even a Lightning Rat?

The four looked at each other. A Lightning Rat with a third-rank bloodline was at the sixth rank!

“We have customers. Go and receive them,” a man said coldly inside the store.

The next second, a pleasant and at the same time enticing voice said yes. A girl with a pretty figure came out and stood by the door. “Welcome. Please come in.”

What a beauty!

That was the first thing the four thought, but then they were wide-eyed the next second.

They were able to tell that the pretty attendant had profound astral powers. She didn't unleash them but they could still sense this.

She wasn't any weaker than they were!

Is she at the titled rank?

A titled rank girl is the greeter?!

They looked at each other speechlessly.

A moment of silence later, a middle-aged man came back to his senses. He gazed at Tang Ruyan and asked, "I heard that this is the best pet store in the Longjiang Base City. Is that true?"

"What you heard is true." Tang Ruyan smiled happily. She had become more and more skilled with that professional smile. She was smug about it.

Look, I'm such a professional. Dude, you really should think about making me a full-time employee!

It was clear that Su Ping didn't have the ability to read her mind.

"Well..."

That pet store had to be the best in the base city since a girl at the titled rank was receiving them. Not even the multi-city or continent-wide franchises could offer that level of service.

"Hi, hi."

The middle-aged man smiled and walked up the stairs. He didn't treat Tang Ruyan as an attendant. That girl was younger than they were.

Of course, unless she had altered her looks with some secret skills.

"This way, please. Are you here to train battle pets or to buy battle pets? If you're buying, we don't have any ninth-rank battle pets at the moment. We only have some beast kings left." Tang Ruyan was having fun.

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"Beast kings?"

The naughty girl's teasing worked. Those people were startled. Tang Ruyan was chuckling but she sounded serious. Was she telling the truth?

They could hardly believe it. "Beast kings? Are you teasing us...?" "Seriously?" They would have pulled long faces at any other person for making such an inappropriate joke.

However, that girl was at the titled rank... They didn't know much about her; as such, they were afraid to provoke her. After all, they had just moved to Longjiang. They were completely unfamiliar with the place and the people. "Of course I'm telling you the truth. Our store doesn't lie," Tang Ruyan said with pride, "But whether you can buy them is dependent on whether you're powerful enough."

“What?”

They looked at each other speechlessly.

Tang Ruyan didn't elaborate further. She showed them to the display room with a mysterious grin and said, “You can choose any of the beast kings here.”

The display room was quite spacious and the lighting effect added a certain futuristic feel to it. Many large 3D projections were shown in the middle of the room.

“This...”

Those people had never seen that style of decor which surprised them. Tang Ruyan then taught them how to use their astral powers to see the information of each beast king.

Following her instructions, they walked to a beast king's projection and poured in their astral powers.

Information popped out soon after. The four were dumbstruck.

Beast king? Later stage of the Void State?! Since the crisis was at hand, many legendary battle pet warriors would move around in public. Many titled battle pet warriors had learned about the different states of the legendary rank. What the four were seeing in the information came as a complete shock.

“Tang, don't be naughty,” Su Ping said grumpily.

Tang Ruyan smiled embarrassingly and stuck her tongue out. “The only battle pets available at the moment are those Void State beast kings. You have to be at the legendary rank if you want to buy them. If you want pet training, please come this way...” The four put away their astral powers and the information vanished in front of their eyes. They looked at each other and they began to understand what was going on. So, all the beast kings were at the Void State; they could buy them but they would be unable to sign contracts. So, this girl... was making fun of them.

They pulled long faces at the thought.

They didn't know the girl and what she was capable of, but they would not allow themselves to be teased like that.

“I knew that they couldn't have beast kings on sale. Those are just projections. What a big load of nonsense!”

“I don't know where they got those fancy devices but I cannot believe this is the best pet store in the Longjiang Base City. You're only using those things to fool us!” “Hmm, we came here to buy pet food. I didn't know your store was like this. Don't think you can bully us just because we're not locals!” “Let's go. So this is Longjiang Base City... How disappointing!” Once angered, those customers dropped all politeness. They were no longer in the mood to buy anything there.

Tang Ruyan was at loss; that was just a spur of the moment. There were so many Void State battle pets there, she was so excited that she wanted to show off. She didn't know she would get in trouble. She started to panic; she then turned to look at Su Ping, afraid that he would blame her.

He didn't blame her though; he merely rolled his eyes at her. She knew at once that she had truly screwed up!

"Well, good sirs... I didn't mean it. This is just a joke. We have some of the best high-quality pet food you can buy. You won't be disappointed." Tang Ruyan tried to save the customers. She finally understood that her job was not an easy one.

Customers would even beg to get Su Ping to train their battle pets in the past. As such, she had also become the target of such buttering-up efforts. However, those four at the titled rank had never been there before; it was unlikely that the four would surrender to her pretty looks at once.

"Hmm, this is your marketing scheme, right?"

"You have a girl at the titled rank to greet customers and you pretend to be all mysterious. Then you showed us all those useless things. Huh..." Two of the four titled warriors showed their contempt. They believed they had seen through the store's methods.

All bark and no bite. Just the same old, same old.

They were so familiar with the customer tricking schemes with fancy overlays to rip them off. The four had run some family businesses themselves and they knew all about it.

Tang Ruyan was panicky. "This isn't a lie. The battle pets are real and they are on sale. It is just that you're not at a high enough rank to sign the contracts. Our stuff is real!"

"Humph, let's see how long you can keep pretending. Everyone can manipulate those projections. Why didn't you write down Fate State while you were at it?" A short middle-aged man snorted.

"Forget about it. Let's go." The middle-aged man who seemed to be the leader of the four was more composed. He didn't argue with Tang Ruyan; he believed it was best for them to simply leave. That store had a girl at the titled rank as the greeter and was known as the best pet store in all of the base city; the store had to have some secrets. Probably the source of their funding came from the five major families.

Since they had just moved in, it would be to their best interests not to get into any conflict with the five major families.

The other three knew what their leader was thinking about. They stopped arguing.

It wasn't like the store could rob them directly.

"You..."

Tang Ruyan was worried since they were leaving for good. She wanted to ask them to stay but didn't know how to go about it. Should I beg? But she could not bring herself to do that. She was at the titled rank and she was the head of the Tang family. She would feel humiliated to be servile just to appease them.

"Wait a moment, please."

Su Ping stepped forward.

He frowned at Tang Ruyan who was still hesitating. He didn't scold her; he would deal with her later.

"I am the owner of the store. I am sorry if my employee has offended you. I apologize on her behalf." Su Ping stood in their way and apologized sincerely. Next, he bowed to them.

Tang Ruyan was dumbstruck. She would have never believed this.

She always thought Su Ping was a man of pride. He had never treated anyone differently, not even when it came to his recurrent customers. And yet, he was at the moment apologizing to some titled battle pet warriors.

Just two hours before, Su Ping had promoted two people to the legendary rank! "Huh?"

The middle-aged team leader frowned; Su Ping's apology made him feel a bit better. "You don't have to apologize. We have other things to do, we won't be taking any more of your time."

He didn't mention the fact that they had been teased. It wasn't necessary.

Su Ping shook his head. "My employee has offended you but she didn't mean ill. Also, all the items you saw on sale in the store can be bought as long as you are qualified to buy. Like the battle pets you saw, only legendary battle pet warriors can buy them. But you can enjoy the pet food and the pet training services."

Again? Enough is enough!

The middle-aged man was getting impatient but he controlled himself. "I see. We were just window shopping. We didn't find anything particular we wanted to buy."

He gave a look to Su Ping that said, 'you cannot force me into buying anything.'

Su Ping knew what the four had to be thinking. What a troubling problem. "To show you how sorry I am, each of you can enjoy something for free, but the spending cannot exceed ten million astral coins."

Ten million?

The four were astounded. A pet store could only offer so many services and none of them should be that expensive.

Ten million... It would be like a super annual card that could allow them to enjoy all services for free till the end of their lives.

"I am sorry but we don't need anything." The middle-aged man shook his head.

He was determined to cut all possible ties with the store.

Free stuff wasn't easy stuff. The store could hunt them down and make trouble for them! Staying away from the store is the safest option. As long as the store owner isn't crazy, he wouldn't badger us like a crazy dog. That was what the middle-aged man was thinking.

Su Ping immediately guessed what the middle-aged man was considering. He heaved a sigh inwardly and said to them, "I see that you don't trust my store. I have no other choice but to let them out and meet the customers."

The four raised their guards, livid with rage.

Is this guy going to resort to violence?

What a gangster store! He was trying to coerce them in broad daylight... well, night light... but still!

How dare he force them in broad moonlight!

They readied themselves for a fight and fixed their eyes on the door. They would be safe as long as they could make it out the door. They believed that the Longjiang Base City would still aim to uphold law and order!

Internal strife among humans would be frowned upon at that critical time!

However, the next second, the four felt chills running down their spines.

There was something sinister, terrifying, vicious and it was... right behind them.

They summoned the courage to turn their heads, only to see something that scared them out of their wits.

It was a beast that was over a dozen meters long crawling on the ground. The beast turned its spine-covered and black-scaled head toward them; they smelled a foul stench coming out from that mouth.

Horrible! This was the beast they had seen the projection of!

But that was not a projection. It was real!

"The beast is shrunk while it is inside the store. If you still doubt me, I can let the beast go out of the store and you will be able to see its true form," Su Ping said with a sigh, "We never practice fraud in the store. I sincerely hope that you can trust me."

Sincerely? Sincerely! They were so frightened that their legs were shaking.

The beast was too close to them. They could smell that fetid odor and feel that warmth. Of course they would believe it was real!

What is up with this store?!

Seeing that the four were pale with fright, Su Ping said to the beast, "Go back."

In a blur, the beast went back to the projection. That overwhelming stress vanished, but the presence of the beast had already left a mark on the minds of those four.

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean to scare you," Su Ping said with pure-heartedness.

The four titled warriors came back to their senses. They tried to turn around to look at Su Ping, only to find that their necks had been rendered stiff from the shock. Finally, they were able to see him; the sincere look on his face made them feel a spread of warmth. Their hearts started to work again.

"Was that...?"

"Really?"

Two of the four started to talk but they seemed to have lost their ability to articulate.

“Yes, really.” Su Ping was patient. “It was my employee’s fault; she has an attitude so she unwittingly misled you. But everything in the store is the real deal. I can promise you that.”

The four looked at each other. They had to believe him after seeing that vicious beast.

But... that beast was at the Void State. Is it really on sale?

The four no longer dared to ask another question under Su Ping’s gaze. They were afraid that he would get that beast out again so they would “trust” again.

“Well, we understand.” The middle-aged team leader was still pale. He had a strong mind but he was nevertheless merely at the titled rank, way weaker than the Void State beast king. That beast was more violent than any other beast kings they had ever seen.

“I heard that you were looking for pet food. I wonder what you want. Maybe I have it,” Su Ping asked but he was focused on what the system had just said.

Mission to save the store’s reputation was completed!

The reward is... Elementary Rules of Wind!

That was a great reward!

Just then-when those men were leaving while questioning the store—the system got pissed and gave him that mission. Of course, he gladly obliged.

He hadn’t received any side missions like that one ever since his store had become famous.

A long time before, he noticed that the system would get angry and give him some missions every time someone questioned the credibility of the store or his training skills.

However, later on, his reputation became so good that all the customers became regulars. No one ever questioned him again.

It wasn’t as if he could just go and ask someone else to challenge him. The system would read his mind all the time and the challenges he begged for would not count.

That being said, even without the system giving him a mission, he would not have allowed the four to leave just like that. He cherished the reputation that he had worked so hard to build.

At the end of the day, he had to strengthen the employee training Su Ping darted a glance at Tang Ruyan who was peeking at him; she immediately looked away when she noticed he was looking at her. She interlocked her fingers nervously. She was getting ready for some reprimanding. “Well...” The four titled battle pet warriors looked at each other. They had to think twice before saying no under the circumstances. They were still panicking because of that beast.

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Pressured by Su Ping’s gaze, the four had to say what they were looking for; only two kinds could be found in the store.

He randomly collected pet food in the cultivation sites, never aiming for bulk or variety. The other pet stores would grow or procure pet food for all families and all ranks of pets. That was basic for pet stores.

The four were surprised after seeing that Su Ping had only been able to find two of the ones they were looking for. Still, they held down the urge to ask questions after the recent scare.

They were the customers... and Su Ping was polite... but somehow, they felt a knife was being held to their throats. "This is Diamond Dragon Grass, which is suitable for your battle pet, the ninth-rank Three-clawed Flame Dragon. Unit price is 1.85 million astral coins." Su Ping handed over the grass.

"Did you say 1.85 million astral coins?"

The four were wide-eyed. One measly bite of pet food was that expensive?

They would have to spend over ten million if the dragon wanted to take a few more bites!

They were at the titled rank and were quite well off. Still, spending almost two million in one blow was a bit of a stretch. It's just one bite! That's outrageous!

The middle-aged team leader asked, "Do you accept payment by card?"

"You don't have to do that," Su Ping said, "I told you. You can enjoy getting anything below ten million for free."

The middle-aged man replied, "I cannot do that... I have to pay. I insist."

"If you say so." Su Ping nodded. He didn't turn the man down.

The middle-aged man: "..."

I was just being polite because I was afraid you would target me!

Why did you agree to that? The middle-aged man smiled instead of revealing his frustration. He swiped his card while cursing inwardly.

He took over the glass jar that Su Ping handed him. The man found that the jar was hot and the heat was radiating from that diamond-shaped red grass blade inside the jar.

How could a single blade of grass give off such heat? His interest was piqued; the man observed the grass in more detail.

"This is a Thunder Vein Fruit, suitable for all battle pets of the thunder family. I only have two left and they are sold at 1.5 million each. You can have both if you want." Su Ping took another jar from behind the counter. The two purple fruits were the size of cherries and the veins on the surface were twisted, like dragons.

"Well...."

The old man who was talking with Su Ping felt his jaw drop. Three million for two fruits?

This man is robbing us!

Since that middle-aged man had made the previous purchase, the old man decided to buy the fruits after a moment of hesitation... He would consider it as money being spent to fend off evil.

“Do you need anything else?” Su Ping asked.

The four shook their heads at the same time. Nah. We’re good.

Saying yes was daunting at this point. No kidding. Even pet food is forbiddingly expensive. They could not even imagine how expensive the rest of the items were!

They pocketed their stuff, said goodbye and left.

The four then finally felt they could breathe again after they went out the door. The main pet store in the Longjiang Base City was... a trap! They hurried away and soon began to fly. They were heading to the uptown area where they had recently moved into.

“I cannot believe I had to pay three million for the two fruits. F*ck! I thought we were making quick cash in the past. This is what making quick cash really looks like. So, this is how things move in Longjiang...”

“What a dirty base city!”

“I agree...” The four’s hearts were still fluttering with fear.

“Anyway, I cannot believe that battle pet is real. The Void State. Heavens! Can you imagine that?”

“I’m wondering if we were suffering from some illusionary skills. I still cannot buy it. It is beyond reason that a store like that can sell a battle pet at the Void State. Or, do you think the actual boss is a legendary battle pet warrior?”

“I heard that a member from the Qin family has reached the legendary rank. Is the store one of the Qins’ businesses?”

“I’m just glad that we didn’t do anything out of impulse. I’m sure that we would have died miserably if we had fought a legendary battle pet warrior!”

They looked at each other, still panicking. They had just gone out to find food for their pets, but they almost ended up becoming someone else’s food!

That store was surely being run by brigands!

Su Ping turned his attention to Tang Ruyan after the four customers left.

“Heehey... I’m sorry...” Tang Ruyan laughed a hollow laugh and apologized sincerely.

“Sorry for what?” Su Ping said calmly.

“Sorry that I teased them. I shouldn’t have bragged...” Tang Ruyan said quickly and stole a glance at Su Ping.

Su Ping was unable to get angry at her looking like that; he merely snorted to show his attitude. “I’m glad you realize what you did. I don’t care if you’re the head of the Tang family. Remember this: you are my employee while you’re here, and your duty is to receive customers. If they don’t offend you, you cannot offend them. Do you understand?”

“Yes, I do. I do...”

Tang Ruyan bobbed her head with unfettered enthusiasm. Her attitude could not be better.

Su Ping added snappily, “Don’t be so goody-goody now. You almost destroyed the store’s fame. Tell me. What should I do to you?”

“You can do whatever you want...” Tang Ruyan suddenly blushed. “You will have to clean the bathroom for a month,” Su Ping said.

Shocked, Tang Ruyan raised her head and looked at Su Ping with her watery eyes. “That would be an awful waste of my skills. I can warm up your bed or get you drinks instead. How about that?”

“Getting me drinks is part of your job,” Su Ping said, “And I am too busy cultivating to sleep in beds.”

“If you have nothing to object to, this will be the end of the discussion.”

“No, I do object. Can’t you think of something else?”

“Since you already said yes, we will start from today. I will leave the bathroom duties to you during this month.” In the meantime, Su Ping told the system that it didn’t have to take care of the bathroom in the store.

The system answered gladly, “Yes, sir!”

“You...”

Tang Ruyan was dumbstruck. Su Ping then left without hesitation. Tang Ruyan was so pissed she wanted to crush something but the only thing in her hands was air.

In the meantime, the four titled battle pet warriors had already returned to their residence. One of them teased the two who had bought the pet food, “Do you want to find out the effects of millions of worth of pet food?”

The middle-aged team leader and the old man looked at each other. The old man snorted and opened up a swirl; amid lightning bolts, a ninth-rank Thunder Horn Pegasus stepped out.

“Eat this.”

The old man opened the jar and threw the two fruits to the Thunder Horn Pegasus which seemed to be quite interested in the fruits; it opened up its mouth and swallowed the fruits whole.

The two cherry-sized fruits were not enough to make it feel full.

Still, the Thunder Horn Pegasus seemed to be ecstatic. It stomped the ground with its hooves; moments later, strong bolts of lightning surged out from the pet.

“Huh?”

The titled battle pet warriors were surprised. Three of them stepped away, in case they would get hurt.

The old man stood on the spot, wondering what was happening to his ride.

He saw that the lightning bolts around the Thunder Horn Pegasus were growing until the Thunder Horn Pegasus was submerged in lightning. A few minutes later, the lightning bolts began to contract, converging on the pet's horn. The horn was getting thicker and thicker!

"Is it growing up?" The old man opened his eyes wide.

His Thunder Horn Pegasus had a bloodline at the upper position of the ninth rank but the pet had just reached the ninth rank. However, it broke through to the intermediate position because the thunder grains on its horn had increased from three to six!

The Thunder Horn Pegasus gradually calmed down but it was obviously happy. It rubbed its head against the old man's neck, while the latter was at a complete loss. The other three were also speechless.

Two fruits and the pet grew. How strange!

Soon, the two of them turned their gazes to the middle-aged man. He looked at the Diamond Dragon Grass and he was full of anticipation. Would his battle pet...

Soon, he summoned his Three-clawed Flame Dragon, a beast with bloodline at the peak of the ninth rank. But the dragon was not that powerful when compared with other dragons. An Inferno Dragon could have overwhelmed a Three-clawed Flame Dragon by its mere presence.

Even so, that dragon was still a good battle pet. "Here."

The middle-aged man opened the jar and the surge of heat surprised and excited him.

He used astral powers to pick up the Diamond Dragon Grass and feed it to the Three-clawed Flame Dragon.

The latter had a lazy look in its eyes, but that soon changed upon seeing that blade of grass. The beast then concentrated, keeping a firm gaze upon the blade of grass. The dragon had stuck its tongue and eaten that blade of grass before the grass even reached its mouth.

The red blade of grass appeared to be tiny when compared to the dragon's mouth.

The middle-aged man could tell that his battle pet was happy and thrilled. He was also getting excited. His dragon pet had reached the intermediate position of the ninth rank. A dragon would be perfectly safe after being able to reach the upper position; it would be perfectly safe unless it had to deal with some beast kings!

A few minutes later, the Three-clawed Flame Dragon roared so loudly that the others in the neighborhood were alerted. The Three-clawed Flame Dragon's scales were trembling and its wings were flapping. The dragon seemed to be in so much pain that it was going to fall at any time.

The middle-aged man was able to sense that the dragon was experiencing pain and a burning sensation. Is this food harmful to the dragon? the middle-aged man asked himself.

He was anxious but there was nothing he could do, other than sharing his astral powers with the dragon.

But the Three-clawed Flame Dragon seemed to be in a much bigger pain. Its cry was miserable.

The dragon scales began to crack and the wings began to crack as well. The broken pieces of dragon scales fell to the ground, like burned pieces of skin. The dragon fell to the ground and its bones were making sounds.

“Damn it. Why!”

The middle-aged man stared at his battle pet in agony. He was losing his mind. Was he sending his own battle pet to his death?

Roar!

The next second, he heard a different kind of dragon roar.

It was similar to the dragon’s previous roar and yet different at the same time. The new roar was more violent!

And it had been the Three-clawed Flame Dragon that was roaring!

While the middle-aged man’s gaze held surprise, the dragon pet’s wings were split; new wings emerged, and from the wound new wings were developed; they were larger, and they had sharp spines on them. New dragon scales were growing out as well. The new dragon scales were of a blood red color.

“Is, is that...”

“I think the dragon has just mutated...” The other two titled battle pet warriors were transfixed.

The Three-clawed Flame Dragon was much more intimidating than before.

The cry of misery vanished. The Three-clawed Flame Dragon stood up again; But this time, the dragon seemed to have become a king of fire.

“I’ve never seen any dragon like this in the Illustrated Book. I think this is a mutation...”

“So intimidating. I’ve only felt such power among the top ten dragons.” “Is it all because of the pet food?” The old man approached the others with a dull look on his face.

He still thought that he had been extremely lucky that the food made the Thunder Horn Pegasus grow. However, this middle-aged man’s dragon mutated directly!

The middle-aged man came back to his senses. The bond of contract confirmed that this familiar and yet strange dragon was his Three-clawed Flame Dragon. “What is that?”

“A battle?”

From the distance came many titled warriors while living nearby.

The middle-aged man then sent his Three-clawed Flame Dragon back to the contract space, but he was still all worked up.

Once could be a coincidence but not twice.

It was beyond comprehension, for that pet food to have such effects!

No wonder that was the best pet food in Longjiang!

Remembering that Su Ping still had much more pet food at the store, the middle-aged man turned around and left; he had to get there.

“Hey, what’s up?”

Someone arrived and stopped them.

An old man with gray hair and a pair of emerald earrings came out from the ground. He smiled a refined smile, “Oh, it’s you. Tell me. What’s that noise?”

The middle-aged man seemed to be scared of the old man. He told the old man their story after a second of hesitation.

Chapter 689 Return

At the store.

Tang Ruyan was cleaning the bathroom for five minutes when her phone rang.

Her family was calling. “So, how is it? When will Legend Night Eagle get here?” Tang Ruyan shot out the question.

“...” But the caller said nothing for a few seconds. Eventually, an old man said bitterly, “My lady, Legend Night Eagle said he wasn’t free...”

Not free? Tang Ruyan rolled her eyes. You can’t make time to buy Void State beast kings? “What is he doing? Did he leave to support the other continents?” Tang Ruyan asked. She would understand and admire him for it if that was the case. After all, if that person valued humans more than acquiring new battle pets, it would mean the Tang family had not befriended the wrong person.

“Well...”

The Tang family elder didn’t know whether to tell her the truth or not.

“Uncle Seven, be honest.” Tang Ruyan frowned. She ordered like a family head.

The Tang family elder forced a bitter smile. “My lady, he didn’t believe us, at all. He thought we had made it up. He just found an excuse and... he warned us not to butter him up by playing such games. He said he didn’t have time for this.” What the hell?

Tang Ruyan wanted to call names right away.

Buttering him up? The Tang family doesn’t need to butter up an Ocean State legendary warrior!

She would be more careful if Legend Night Eagle was at the Void State, but the fact was that he was only at the Ocean State. She had in fact witnessed how someone of the same rank got killed right in front of her eyes!

She wasn’t at the legendary rank but her mind was.

She could not help it since she was working for a freak like Su Ping.

Who else in the world could have sold that many Void State battle pets?

As far as Tang Ruyan could tell, not even the Tower Master—the de facto leader of the Blue Planet—could have such... courage!

She had never met the Tower Master but she was sure of it!

“Doesn’t he know me? Didn’t he know where I’m working?” Tang Ruyan asked.

She went back to aid the Tang family and wiped out two ancient families in the process; that was sensational enough. The whole upper class of the entire Subcontinent District learned her name after that fight. She never hid the fact she was working for Su Ping; anyone could find out about this. Not only was she powerful... The most important thing was that she was working for Su Ping!

They could ignore her identity as a family head but they would have to be mindful of the fact that she worked for Su Ping!

But Legend Night Eagle still thought the Tang family was trying to get in his good graces. Tang Ruyan was so angry that she burst out laughing. After the outcome broadened her mind, she stopped caring about that legendary battle pet warrior.

“He didn’t know about your exploits, and he, he didn’t think much of Mr. Su...” the Tang family elder said in a low voice. He was afraid that a certain someone would overhear their conversation through Tang Ruyan’s phone.

What Tang Ruyan did during the Tang family crisis had stunned everyone.

Afterward, the Tang family did some analysis and realized that Tang Ruyan’s achievements had everything to do with the young man that captured her.

The Tang family kept the information about that young man as a closely guarded secret.

“Damn him...” Tang Ruyan used foul language directly. Doesn’t he know what I did? I finally had a chance to pretend to be something and he didn’t see that?!

He didn’t know?!

How unfair!

“We’re giving him a chance to develop and he doesn’t want that. Hmm. We will find someone else then. I will videotape how we sell the beast kings and you will send that video to him without saying a word to him. Let’s see how he feels about that!” Tang Ruyan was clenching her teeth.

“Okay, sure...” The Tang family elder felt their family head was no longer the fair lady she used to be. She was setting herself free...

That had to be due to the company she kept...

Su Ping had indeed heard the conversation. Still, he couldn’t care less; it was Legend Night Eagle’s loss. He had no trouble finding customers.

Beep...

Right then, Su Ping’s phone rang.

Su Ping recognized the number. "Mr. Li?"

"Don't call me Mr. Li, I don't like that. We're brothers, remember?" Li Yuanfeng laughed.

Su Ping smiled, "Have you finally come out?"

Li Yuanfeng couldn't have reached him on the phone if they were still in the Deep Caves.

"Yes, all of us made the trip." The wind seemed to be heavy where Li Yuanfeng was but his voice was clear.

"Long story short. We began to ask around about you as soon as we came out. You're awesome. I cannot believe you managed to escape from the Corridor again. I don't think there are many among us across the five fields who can do this."

Su Ping replied, "I got lucky. It wouldn't have been easy if the beasts hadn't left the Corridor."

"They weren't there when you got in? Damn it. Those bastards had a plan and I knew it. We almost got trapped in there and we had no idea about the things happening on the surface!" Li Yuanfeng interspersed his talk with curses.

He then thought of another question. "Have you gone to the deepest level?"

"Yes." Su Ping told Li Yuanfeng about everything he had seen, including the formation. What if he knew something?

His explanation was received by silence.

He then heard some gasps after a dozen seconds passed.

"Eight Fate State beast kings were in there? There are more that have already gotten out. How many beasts were able to reach the Fate State inside the Deep Caves over the years..."

"What should we do now?"

"So, we only got out to seek our doom?"

"Listen, how did Brother Su managed to hide himself when so many Fate State beast kings were inside?"

"That's a great question." Su Ping recognized those familiar voices. "Are you all staying together?" Li Yuanfeng came back to his senses. "Yes. We're heading to your hometown; we should be arriving shortly. We heard about what happened, so we're going there to discuss a plan with you. Let's talk in a bit."

"Okay."

Su Ping agreed and exhaled in relief. He was glad that Li Yuanfeng and the others had gotten out at such a critical time. Their help would aid in lifting some stress in the coming battles and Su Ping could find masters for his remaining battle pets.

"I have friends coming. Tell your family that they don't have to find anyone else," Su Ping said to Tang Ruyan.

Tang Ruyan had also heard the conversation and she knew about Li Yuanfeng, the senior legendary battle pet warrior who had been staying inside the Deep Caves for a long time. She had once taken care of Li Yuanfeng's family for a while. "Sure."

Tang Ruyan called her family at once.

If Legend Night Eagle would have gone there and bought those battle pets, he would have thanked the Tang family and the Tangs would have found a good friend. However, Legend Night Eagle just had to be too blind to notice. There was nothing she could do about it.

As long as I am still here, I will forever be my family's anchor... she said to herself.

Many people entered the store moments after Su Ping ended the call.

Su Ping thought it was Li Yuanfeng; he was surprised since they had gotten there in a flash. But he then noticed that it was a group of titled battle pet warriors.

Wait, what??

Su Ping was curious. He went outside.

Dozens of titled battle pet warriors had arrived at the store. They stood by the door and made a large enough crowd. The titled battle pet warriors of the Qin family who were staying across the street were startled. They hurried out to look.

"What is that?"

"Did Mr. Su summon them?"

"I can't believe Mr. Su knows that many titled battle pet warriors..."

"I can. Mr. Su is a person who sells beast kings. But why are there so many of them here? Are the wild beasts coming?"

The titled battle pet warriors of the Liu and the Zhou families were also outside and observing the situation.

"This is the place."

"This?"

The titled battle pet warriors noticed the people from the Qin, Liu, and Zhou families. They were surprised to find that many titled warriors living on those poor-looking streets.

Those people were local titled warriors.

"We bought our pet food here. We asked around and people say this is the best pet store in the Longjiang Base City. Go in and have a look. You will find beast kings on sale..." said the middle-aged man who visited Su Ping's store to an old man with emerald earrings.

The old man was at the peak of the titled rank; he had great resources and connections. At one time he had fought against five others at the peak of the titled rank to be the leader of all the relocated battle pet warriors.

There was a lot of open and covert strife, and that old man had easily defeated his competitors, eventually becoming the leader.

“Beast kings? Really? I heard that Longjiang has a legendary battle pet warrior. Is he in fact the owner of the store?”

“If so, he can indeed put his battle pet here as a marketing ploy. “Either way, let’s check it out.”

They were all curious.

They were new to the Longjiang Base City, but they understood the place was in the shantytown area. And yet, the street wasn’t at all shanty.

No local titled warrior would want to live in a shantytown area for nothing.

“Look, such a fat Lightning Rat.”

“A Lightning Rat? I don’t think so. The energy inside it is too profound.”

Someone noticed the Lightning Rat under the statue. It looked like a Lightning Rat but they were able to tell that it had been able to reach the sixth rank, which was strange.

“We have customers. Go.” Su Ping saw the four titled battle pet warriors who had previously visited the store and quickly understood the purpose of that hubbub.

Tang Ruyan was surprised. The store had been closed for days. Why would that many people decide to go there in the middle of the night?

She also understood when she saw those four. She pouted; she had tried every possible way to make them stay but they had insisted on leaving. They then realized how good the store was and visited them again, but she got punished nonetheless.

Though unhappy, she still remembered what Su Ping had told her. She took a deep breath and adjusted her mindset. Since she was there, she had to do her job well.

“Hi, welcome.” Tang Ruyan flashed a professional fake smile.

It was a fake smile but it was a smile on a pretty girl’s face nonetheless; even a fake smile would be pleasant enough. The titled warriors were surprised to notice that Tang Ruyan was also at the titled rank.

Several people in the crowd seemed to be more dumbstruck than others.

It’s... her.

Those people shuddered in fear as they stared at the pretty smile on that pretty face. They would never forget that girl. She had been the girl who had once calmly destroyed ancient families, slaughtering more titled battle pet warriors than anyone could imagine!

Chapter 690 Feeling Him Out!

“My lady... you must be the current head of the Tang family.” The old man wearing emerald earrings stepped forward from the stunned crowd. He didn’t appear as composed as he did when the group arrived.

He never expected that he would see that vicious girl from the Tang family there!

Also...

Why was she acting like a greeter girl?

Wow, he knows me... Tang Ruyan raised her eyebrows. She was gloating again. It seemed that her heroic deeds when she helped the Tangs had impressed many people. She had surely earned fame across the Subcontinent District.

She cleared her throat and answered, “We have no head of the Tang family here, only a working girl. You’re welcome to come in and have a look if you’re here to buy something, but please don’t gather around like this if you’re not.”

A working girl... the onlookers were speechless.

The head of a family—the biggest ancient family of the Subcontinent District—was calling herself a working girl... You’re insulting the working class!

The old man wearing emerald earrings answered after hesitating for a bit, “Well, we are indeed here to buy pet food.” He suspected that the new head of the Tang family probably didn’t want people to know she was working there; she had to have some secret agenda. He then decided to play dumb in case he found out something he shouldn’t.

After all, the Tang family had become the most powerful family in the continent after devouring the resources of the other two families. They had at least a hundred or so titled battle pet warriors, including Tang Ruyan. No one would dare to offend the Tang family.

“Come in.” Tang Ruyan nodded.

The old man with earrings nodded. He was about to walk up the staircase with the crowd in tow when he heard a noise approaching.

The noise was loud but the titled battle pet warriors were still able to hear it when it was still far in the distance. They were able to tell that more than a dozen people were approaching

They turned around and saw the dozen people coming close in an instant.

Whoosh!

One of them vanished in the air, then reappeared right above the crowd. “Brother Su, we’re here!” He laughed heartily.

“Brother Li.”

Su Ping came out from the store.

Apart from Li Yuanfeng, he saw captain Ye Wuxiu, the old man that they called Mo, and a man from the Han family.

The four were old acquaintances from the Ice Field and the other legendary battle pet warriors were guarding the other fields; he had met them the second time he visited the Deep Caves.

“You’re all here!” Su Ping was surprised.

“Yes, I dragged over. We’ve heard about everything that’s happened. The Tower is disappointing... I heard that a whole continent was already gone...” Li Yuanfeng was laughing one moment but he pulled a long face the next second. A continent was destroyed. How many died!

He could not even imagine that!

Su Ping knew that their information wasn’t up to date because a second continent was added to the list.

As such, he could estimate the time when those legendary battle pet warriors left the Deep Caves.

While Li Yuanfeng was talking to Su Ping, the many titled warriors present gazed at them in confusion.

They realized they had never seen those people before.

The Tower? Disappointing?

Those words did not make sense. Why would a titled warrior... talk about the Tower like this? They remembered how he teleported over. Only the legendary battle pet warriors—aside from some freaks—could master that skill!

Is this man a legendary battle pet warrior?!

The elders of the Qin, Liu, and Zhou families were also stunned speechless. Since they knew that Qin Duhuang was at the legendary rank, they immediately noticed that the new arrivals had a similar rank!

Some of them were ten times or even a hundred times more powerful than Qin Duhuang!

Horrible!

How could Mr. Su gather so many legendary battle pet warriors?!

He’s like a second Tower Master!

“Brother Su, I heard that you have the ability to finish warriors at the Void State,” said a middle-aged man in black armor who stepped closer from behind Li Yuanfeng. The look in his eyes was cold and determined; that was due the prolonged battles he had experienced. Just standing there was threatening enough.

Su Ping didn’t feel offended by that challenging statement. He replied with a smile, “Brother Li has told you, right? He always says wonders about me. Don’t take that too seriously. But...”

His smile disappeared. “He was telling you the truth.”

He would be modest when necessary and not when unnecessary. Otherwise, he would be seen as a fool.

Li Yuanfeng had pooled this crowd together to fight against the wild beasts. It would reflect poorly on Li Yuanfeng if they questioned Su Ping's ability and he merely used the humble card.

"Really?"

The legendary warriors still hovering in the air were wide-eyed, as well as the titled battle pet warriors on the ground.

The four people who had returned were dumbstruck. Dude, spare us the nonsense! This level of arrogance could get you killed!

"Is that so?"

The middle-aged man in the black armor squinted his eyes. They were willing to travel with Li Yuanfeng to meet the so-called "Brother Su." For one thing, Li Yuanfeng had recommended Su Ping with passion. For another they were disappointed with the Tower upon finding out the things that happened above ground.

Li Yuanfeng had also said bad things about the Tower after a brief trip to the world aboveground at the Tower. Their impression about the Tower worsened after that. The fact was that the Nordic Continent had been destroyed. That was why they were willing to meet that Su Ping since Li Yuanfeng had been praising him all the time.

Some of them had seen Su Ping stepping into the Corridor, which had stirred up a sensation. They would, for now, believe that Su Ping had gotten some abilities since he could get out of the Corridor twice.

Su Ping did not answer. He gazed at the middle-aged man calmly and confidently.

The middle-aged man in the black armor gazed at Su Ping. He wasn't intimidated like the others. "If that's the case, why don't he have a one on one bout, Brother Su? If you're able to take it, I will sincerely believe you. I would be willing to work with you and talk about fighting the wild beasts!"

Li Yuanfeng said nothing. He understood that words would be useless from that moment on; whatever he said would be taken as inconsequential. Seeing is believing.

Su Ping had to settle this matter himself.

He had seen Su Ping in battles. He knew Su Ping could do it!

The other three old acquaintances of Su Ping didn't comment, either. Su Ping had to get over that difficulty himself. They were also interested in finding out what Su Ping could do.

"No problem," Su Ping said calmly.

The silence was caused by them. It was because of this calmness; that was a man who deserved respect.

"Okay."

The middle-aged man in black armor such a calmness. "Guys, please set up a seal for us."

"Sure thing."

“Mind your strength. He is Brother Li’s friend after all.”

Two legendary battle pet warriors stepped forward.

Though the two did not deliberately show their energy, their mere presence was overwhelming. That was because of their experience in the Deep Caves.

An old legendary battle pet warrior said with a smile, “Please make some room for us, please.”

The titled warrior with emerald earrings and the others felt they were lifted off the ground before they knew what happened. They were all dumbstruck when they were able to see things again.

They were standing just outside Su Ping’s store, But then, they were over a dozen meters away!

All of them had been transferred over!

It happened so quickly!

What was that?

The titled warriors gazed at those standing in the air. They felt as if they were standing underneath more than a dozen beast kings.

Were they all... at the legendary rank?

That was a crazy idea that was taking root.

A lady at the legendary rank said indifferently, “Let’s go!” The old man who had moved away those at the titled rank unleashed his astral powers in full force. A seal was quickly formed in the air.

“System, don’t intervene,” Su Ping said to the system.

Those people were standing within the range of the store. He worried that the system would automatically try to protect the system protected by him, directly obliterating that middle-aged man.

He would have to change a location.

“Don’t worry. He’s weaker than you and he doesn’t mean you any harm. You are ready; I won’t intervene,” the system answered.

Su Ping nodded.

“Do you need to summon your battle pet?” the middle-aged man asked. Su Ping shook his head. “No.”

So, a man of confidence. The middle-aged man said, “I won’t summon battle pets, either. I’ll tell you this, though. I’m at the later stage of the Void State and I’m one step away from reaching the Fate State. The strength I am going to use is at about the middle stage of the Void State.”

Wow... that was detailed. Are you cautioning me?

Su Ping felt a bit humiliated but he knew the man did not mean it. “I suggest you wield all your power since you’re going to test my strength. Sir, don’t you worry; I can take it.” The middle-aged man looked at Li Yuanfeng.

Li Yuanfeng didn't say anything after some hesitation. Su Ping had taken him out from the Deep Caves, and the kicker was that he wasn't a man of impulse.

The middle-aged man smiled, since Li Yuanfeng didn't object. "Good. I will do that, then."

"Okay," Su Ping replied with a smile. The lady and the old man powering up the seal looked at each other in surprise; they asked Ye Wuxiu who had remained quiet for quite a while. "Ye, what are you doing over there? Come and help us. Or do you want to see the Black Lunatic destroying a base city?"

The titled battle pet warriors could not believe what they had just heard.

Destroying the base city? How strong would the energy have to be? They held their breaths. Ye Wuxiu came back to his senses. He stepped forward and poured his astral powers into the seal.

While Ye Wuxiu was doing so, the middle-aged man in the black armor had already started to unleash his own astral powers. The air was twisting around him and that was because of the radiation produced by his cultivation. He had combined spatial rules with his astral powers which could disturb space in unknown ways.

Only those with a profound understanding of space could have done so.

Su Ping stood by the door and watched with his hands clasped behind his back.

His astral powers were pure and condensed after all the Heaven's Tests he had taken. His astral powers would be better than that of any legendary battle pet warrior present!

Astral powers were light when they were pure. As such, he could act faster than any regular warrior. If someone had to use three seconds to prepare a skill, he would only use 0.3 seconds!

Boom_!

Lightning bolts came into being all of a sudden; they had emerged from the middle-aged man in the black armor. All his hair was standing on end.

He withdrew his sword.

The light from the sword was so bright that the titled warriors felt their eyes were burning up. They had to close their eyes.

However, they were very curious about the upcoming battle. They used astral powers to repair their eyes so that they could keep them open. Lightning bolts and astral powers were converging on the blade. The middle-aged man's eyes were flickering. He stared at Su Ping who was still composed, so composed that it made things seem as if he would have given up. The middle-aged man did not stop.

"I cannot believe he is doing this." The old man realized that the matter was more serious than expected. The Black Lunatic was using his best move. He had learned that skill in some Mysterious Realm and he combined it with the lightning skills he had learned.

"Go ahead!"

The middle-aged man shouted and held his sword. The many lightning bolts around the blade dashed forward and the ray of sword light whooshed out!

Su Ping also took action the moment the middle-aged man waved his sword. A golden glow came over his eyes. Su Ping was using the actual Divine Energy, strong and pure; he was becoming something akin to a god!

The next second, he focused his astral powers on his fist.