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### **Chapter 841: Beginning of the Universe Geniuses' Contest**

"A bunch of monsters appeared from the depths of the divine residence."

Xingyue Shen'er looked at Su Ping weirdly and said, "Those monsters were terrifying. They ignored the power of laws. Some could even absorb the power of faith. Even Star Lords weren't able to do anything about them. Fortunately, the three Ascendant State experts covered up for us, so that we had a chance to escape."

"Monsters..."

Su Ping's eyes flashed. They had to be the creatures in the Heavenly Pit that the Twilight Deity King sacrificed himself to block.

"Thanks to your timely warning, we retreated as soon as possible, otherwise it would have been dangerous even with the three Ascendant State experts' help. Something horrifying seems to have been revived inside the divine residence. Even the three Ascendant State experts had to retreat after sealing the place."

Xingyue Shen'er gazed at Su Ping and asked, "How did you find out about the monsters? Did you find the legacies in the divine residence after passing the stairs?"

Everyone involuntarily looked at Su Ping.

That divine residence probably belonged to an ancient Ascendant State deity or someone even stronger. Those kinds of legacies were tempting even to the Ascendant State experts.

Feeling their gazes, Su Ping replied with a bitter smile, "Of course not. The stairs seemed to be just a test. It was nothing usual to pass them; the guy who fought against me passed them too. Then we split up and explored the place."

"Nothing unusual..."

Everybody's lips twitched after hearing that. *All the Star State experts and the Star Lords were blocked, and only the two of you passed. Was that nothing unusual?*

Had it not been for Su Ping's casual expression, they would have thought he was bragging.

"How did you notice there was danger?" Xingyue Shen'er stared at Su Ping, as if she was seeing through his heart.

Su Ping, however, replied calmly, "I happened to reach an area where there were living creatures. They said they were going to summon guardian beasts to beat the intruders. I slipped off when I heard the guardian beasts, and then I saw you on the square as I made my way back, so I warned you."

"Guardian beasts?"

Su Ping's words produced shock and suspicion in everyone present.

That divine residence had been desolate for so many years, yet there were still living guardian beasts in it?

Xingyue Shen'er frowned and gazed at Su Ping. "Even if there were guardian beasts, we had three Ascendant State experts too. Why did you think of running?"

Indeed, that was a flaw in Su Ping's excuse.

Su Ping knew she would ask that. He didn't mention the real reason because those things were irreversible. Even if he said that the three Ascendant State experts had caused the mysterious monsters to reappear, it wouldn't change a thing and it wouldn't do him any good.

After all, if the news were to spread and the three Ascendant experts were punished by Celestials, they would probably bring trouble to his door.

He didn't intend to hide in his store forever, so he preferred not to piss them off unless he had to.

"It's true that Ascendant State experts were there, but a battle in the Ascendant State would have easily killed someone as weak as me. So, I had to run away first. There would always be a chance to explore once the battle was over," said Su Ping calmly.

That was the excuse he came up with. He didn't really care if they were convinced.

It was better to let them speculate about him than to piss off three Ascendants.

That was how the world worked. It's better not to tell the truth unless you're capable of handling it!

Everybody wore a different expression after hearing what Su Ping had said. Xingyue Shen'er frowned; his theory sounded reasonable, but she felt that the guy was hiding something.

She had her own guesses; even though she was jealous because of those guesses, she wouldn't grill him just for that.

She had her own pride. Besides, Su Ping had done her a favor by warning her as he was making his escape.

After thinking for a moment, Xingyue Shen'er nodded and said, "You were quite smart! We would have been annihilated without you. I didn't know that the monsters were the guardian beasts of that divine residence. It seems that the place is even more horrifying than I thought... It may have very well been from a Celestial expert!"

Celestial State!

It was a shocking idea. Everyone's eyes glittered.

Someone subtly peeped at Su Ping, deep in thought.

The latter chose to simply ignore them. Sometimes people would think that you picked more benefits than them, even when you don't find anything and they do!

However, Su Ping had indeed picked up something, such as Green Lady.

Xingyue Shen'er looked at Rhea above her head and asked curiously, "How did this planet end up here?"

It was impossible for Su Ping to move a planet across a hundred light years, passing through multiple planetary systems.

O'Neil also looked at Su Ping with curiosity; he was also eager to find out how Su Ping had lured his planet away.

"Well, my hometown was in trouble, and spaceships were too slow. It just so happened that a bigshot I knew learned of the matter and helped me push the planet here," said Su Ping, not entirely truthfully.

"Spaceships were too slow?"

"So they pushed the planet here?"

Everybody was dumbfounded. *What kind of reason was that? He took a planet, because there was no time to take a spaceship?*

*Were all bigshots this creative?*

Xingyue Shen'er was quite stunned by this as well; she couldn't help but look up at Rhea. As far as she knew, those able to push planets were mostly in the Ascendant State!

Star Lords could have also done it, but it would have been an exhausting task, and not as fast!

"Is this Brother Heaven Destroyer's hometown? It feels like a tier-3 planet. The astral power density is below average."

"What the hell is that tree? Why is it so huge?"

"The Star Lord who was beaten just now came for the tree."

"It must be an incredibly wondrous tree!"

They weren't bothered by the movement of the planet for too long. Su Ping had shown such magnificent strength that they expected bigshots would be backing him.

It would have been a miracle if no one would have been backing him thus far!

O'Neil, however, was hesitant about this and was at a loss for words. *Did you consider my feelings when you pushed my planet away?*

*It's easy for you to push it here. How can I take it back?*

"Indeed, this is my hometown called the Blue Planet. It's also where human beings originated. It's currently a tier-5 planet. I hope you can extend your trades and businesses here. I'll definitely give you privileges for it."

Su Ping seized the opportunity to seek patrons for his planet.

All those guys present were Star State warriors with a lot of connections. Their help would boost the planet's development. People would have to think carefully if they wanted to cause trouble once it became a tier-1 planet.

"The Blue Planet?"

“Is it the legendary Planet of Origin?”

“I heard that the stars around the Planet of Origin had already been exhausted. I didn’t know that it was still here...”

“Brother Heaven Destroyer is from the Planet of Origin? It’s impressive that there are still living creatures here after so many years...”

Everybody looked around in amazement. All of them had heard about the place, but none had ever seen it or searched for it.

Even the curious explorers who looked for it never found it where it was supposed to be.

Some abandoned the idea because the trip was too long.

“Brother Heaven Destroyer, you managed to reach the Star State on the Planet of Origin. How remarkable!”

“It’s said that the Planet of Origin is dry, but it doesn’t seem as barren as I imagined.”

“This is the place where humankind originated. We should care for it...”

Everybody accepted Su Ping’s proposal; they were happy to get closer to Su Ping. After all, Su Ping had shown a peak Star State combat ability back in the divine residence, and there was a good chance that he would become a Star Lord!

O’Neil was quite courteous too, although he was still wondering about how to move his planet back to where it was.

“Since this is your hometown, I’ll ensure it’s safe in the future,” declared Xingyue Shen’er. She then asked Su Ping, “That guy wanted the tree. What kind of tree is this?”

“I don’t know. It just started to grow recently,” said Su Ping truthfully.

There was no point in lying about that, because they could easily find out about it on the news.

“It grew recently?” Xingyue Shen’er couldn’t help but look up at the tree curiously. She sensed that the area underneath the tree crown was being blocked by a mysterious power, and that the tree seemed to have the power of a Star Lord; it was definitely a valuable tree, even though she didn’t know what it was.

“Right, speaking of trees, the Tree of Laws is still here.”

Xingyue Shen’er suddenly patted her forehead and took out the Tree of Laws from her small world.

Everybody’s eyes glittered when they saw it.

The tree emitted the divine aura of laws, and there were a hundred fruits hanging amidst the leaves. Each fruit contained a law!

If they were handed to Fate State warriors... A hundred Star State experts could be instantly raised!

“As I said earlier, the fruits belong to you and the tree belongs to me. You made the greatest contribution, so you get to distribute them,” said Xingyue Shen’er to Su Ping without the least bit of hesitation.

Su Ping’s eyes glowed. He had been waiting for that tree.

“How many fruits do you want?” Su Ping asked Father Time and Shennong’s Three Punches.

Since he was the distributor, he wanted to get all the best fruits, but there was a chance that he could offend others if he did it straight off. So, he asked for their opinion.

“Brother Heaven Destroyer, just allot them as you see fit.”

“Indeed, although we did our best, we would have been annihilated without you.”

“Brother Heaven Destroyer, just give us what you don’t need.”

All three of them replied with a smile.

Seeing that they kicked the question back to him, Su Ping thought for a moment and asked, “How about one for each of you?”

“...”

The three looked at each other in bewilderment, lips twitching.

They had proposed that he did as he saw fit, but wasn’t that too greedy of him?

There were a hundred fruits there, yet he was only giving away three!

They were all lost for words, but they didn’t want to go back on their word.

“Let’s go with that since everyone agrees.” Su Ping waited for a moment and was delighted since there was only silence. “Thank you for your generosity.”

“...”

The three of them looked at each other, obviously asking the others why they didn’t say anything.

But there was nothing they could say anymore; sighing was their only choice. Even though they couldn’t have gotten the Tree of Laws without Su Ping’s help, it was still rather frustrating to only receive a single fruit from a hundred.

Su Ping knew that such a way to distribute was greedy, but the fruits of law were extremely rare resources!

Any one of them could make a Fate State warrior fight for them at whatever cost!

They were very precious even to those in the Star State. Why else would so many of them be willing to be champions for the Star Lords behind them?

Su Ping couldn’t afford giving such important resources away.

The others looked at the three guys sympathetically after Su Ping finished distributing the fruits, but they also knew that they would have acted similarly if they were in Su Ping's shoes.

Xingyue Shen'er remained calm and silent the whole time; after all, Su Ping was the one who had gotten her the tree. She owed Su Ping a favor for that. Considering the warning, she actually owed him two favors in total.

Whoosh!

Su Ping then took action; he quickly fetched the fruits and stored them, leaving only three of the mid-sized ones.

The size and year of a fruit indicated the law it contained.

Seven of them were the biggest and most mature; the laws they contained were at the peak of the Star State and were almost complete paths!

The seven fruits alone were enough to create seven experts at the peak of the Star State!

Everyone felt a thirst as they looked at the three fruits on the Tree of Laws. They only regretted having been unable to fight for their leader and obtaining the Tree of Laws on their own. Otherwise, they would have been strengthened multiple times!

Some rolled their eyes and considered whether to trade for fruits with rare treasures.

After all, Su Ping couldn't have a need for that many fruits; some of them were surely intended for his relatives.

Not even those at the peak of the Star State would need that many fruits; they could only further their understanding as they got close to the ultimate truth. Observing other laws couldn't help much.

While they considered their options, there was a sudden earthquake.

To be honest, the entire space was trembling!

A deep and ancient voice echoed throughout the space, making everybody fall silent.

"The Universe Geniuses' Official Contest begins on April 1!

"Everybody under the Star State is free to join!"

#### **Chapter 842: The Four Best Academies**

"The Universe Geniuses' Contest has begun..." a Star State warrior mumbled.

The others looked at the profound universe above their heads in shock.

"It sounds like Supreme Mu Shen's voice..."

"Is Supreme Mu Shen going to supervise this contest again? This is the power of the Celestial State..." said someone earnestly.

Su Ping was stunned for a moment upon hearing the unexpected voice and the whispers of the guys nearby. *Was the person speaking a Celestial?*

The man could compare to the four Superior Gods in the Demigod Burial!

Even Joanna's original self was much weaker than him!

"The power of the Celestial State is truly immeasurable. They can spread their voices to the entire universe..." Xingyue Shen'er mumbled to herself, as it was her goal.

The Ascendant State?

For her, it was a step that she would reach sooner or later.

The Celestial State was the level she was really passionate about and was craving to reach.

However, she knew that the level was too far away; countless geniuses were born every year, but there might not be anyone in the Celestial State in a thousand years!

Any Celestial was a God of War in the Federation. They represented the greatest power!

They were valued just like the nuclear weapons human beings had when all of them used to live on the Blue Planet.

Those in the Celestial State were the nuclear weapons among battle pet warriors; they had the power to destroy everything!

"I wonder what kind of prodigies will emerge in the Universe Geniuses' Contest."

"The man we saw in the divine residence will surely participate and reach a high ranking."

"Not necessarily. He might have been killed by the monsters back there."

"It's hard to say. Such geniuses definitely have lifesaving treasures. I don't believe that there aren't Ascendant State bigshots backing him."

"Too bad we can't participate again. I was only in the Fate State when I participated... I only made it to the top ten thousand in my region," remarked Shennong's Three Punches.

All the others were shocked to hear that.

"Top ten thousand? That's so awesome!"

"There are hundreds of galaxies in each region, yet you were able to make it to the top ten thousand. No wonder you can reach the peak of the Star State!"

"Speaking of which, Brother Heaven Destroyer's ranking must have been higher when he participated in the Universe Geniuses' Contest, right?" asked Father Time curiously.

All heads instantly turned to look at Su Ping, who had shown a peak Star State performance back in the divine residence; he was one of the best Star State cultivators in the entire Federation.

It would be impossible for them to believe that Su Ping was unknown when he was in the Fate State.

"When I participated?"

Su Ping was stunned for a moment. After seeing everybody's expressions, he said with a bitter smile, "I haven't participated in that contest yet. What are the rewards if I win?"

"The rewards?"

Everybody was astounded.

Even Xingyue Shen'er raised her eyebrows and looked at Su Ping.

He seemed truly ignorant of the matter; there was no need for him to play dumb.

Playing dumb would be demeaning for someone as strong as him.

"Brother Heaven Destroyer has never participated in a Universe Geniuses' Contest? Did you miss it because you were training in seclusion?" Everybody was surprised to find he had yet to participate; they were very much aware of the gala and its rewards!

"Brother Heaven Destroyer is truly unlike us; he didn't even bother to participate in the contest. There are actually a lot of rewards. First of all, publicity; if you win a high ranking, such as Senior Three Punches, you may be appreciated by the lord of a star region..."

"All the lords of star regions are Ascendant State experts!" someone in the Star State remarked with envy.

The others nodded. Being distinguished and appreciated by an Ascendant equated to a promising future. The odds of becoming a Star Lord would be much higher if recruited as a disciple!

"The appreciation of the lord of a star region?" Su Ping asked curiously, "What if I get a higher ranking? For example, the championship?"

"The championship?"

Someone looked at Su Ping and explained, "If you win the championship of a star region, you will most likely be recruited by the lord of said star region as a disciple. You can easily reach the Star State and become a Star Lord with the enlightenment of an Ascendant State expert."

"That is correct."

The others nodded.

Seeing that he was being misunderstood, Su Ping could only say, "What if I get the final championship?"

"The final championship?"

Everybody looked at Su Ping with surprised faces.

*He even dares to dream that far?*

The final championship? That was a contest of all the geniuses throughout the universe!

To win the final championship meant to be the strongest below the Star State in the entire universe!

All the contestants were the top geniuses that had been picked in every star region. There were a huge number of them!



To be distinguished amongst the top geniuses and win the championship was a billion times harder than winning the lottery!

Xingyue Shen'er, however, raised her eyebrows and looked at Su Ping in appreciation. She liked his ambition; every person should aim to become the champion!

It was another matter whether or not they could achieve it, but they should start by wanting it!

If they didn't dare to dream about it, they would never achieve it.

If you didn't want it but accidentally made it, that would only be because you were lucky!

"The final championship has great benefits," said Xingyue Shen'er. "For starters, you can learn under a Celestial State expert as one of their core disciples!

"Celestial experts never recruit disciples easily. If you're taken as a disciple, it would mean that all your senior brothers and sisters would be Ascendants!

"Even the weakest among them will be the super Star Lords!

"All of them will become your new connections!

"Secondly, as a prize for the top ten, you will have a chance to enter an SSS mysterious realm of the Federation where you can peep into the secrets of the Ascendant State. That's why at least two or three of the top ten in each Universe Geniuses' Contest have reached the Ascendant State!

"The odds are already extremely high. The birth of an Ascendant State cultivator is one in a trillionth. Only one of them emerges in hundreds of galaxies!

"However, the odds of the birth of an Ascendant are at least one fifth for the top ten!

"Of course, only the super geniuses are able to make it to the top ten; they have already been filtered in the first place.

"Aside from that, if you make it to the top ten, you will receive offers from countless organizations. In short, you will have a Celestial as your master, and all kinds of training resources at your disposal. All you would need to do from then on is to cultivate and bring out your potential."

Su Ping was definitely shocked.

*An SSS mysterious realm?*

*Secrets of the Ascendant State?*

He was definitely tempted.

Although he wasn't even a Fate State warrior, he knew he would embark on the journey to the Ascendant State sooner or later!

It was very hard to reach the Ascendant State. Even Joanna who had fought for years in the Demigod Burial had been in a plateau, unable to make further progress!

The higher one was, the harder it was for them to advance.

However, he had a chance to peep into the secrets of the Ascendant State. That was definitely a great benefit!

“The only requirement to participate in the contest is being below the Star State, right?” asked Su Ping.

Xingyue Shen’er said without thinking, “Yes, your cultivation has to be below the Star State. There are always idiots who try to hide their cultivation to enter. All of them are detected in the end, and punished harshly!”

Su Ping nodded. He was authentically below the Star State; there was no need to worry about that.

“I’d like to participate. Maybe I can make it to the top ten in the finals,” said Su Ping with a smile.

He knew there were plenty of geniuses in the Federation; the purple-robed young man back in the divine residence was exactly one of them. He didn’t know how many guys out there were stronger than him, and he wasn’t confident of making it to the top ten. However, the rewards were tempting enough for him to try.

“You want to participate?”

Everybody’s mouths were wide open due to shock after hearing what Su Ping had said.

After some seconds passed, someone finally said, “Brother Heaven Destroyer, the Universe Geniuses’ Contest is reserved for those under the Star State. As the leader said, no disguise is good enough. That is particularly true during the finals, since several Celestials will be there to watch the fights. Nothing escapes their eyes.”

“Indeed, you’d better not take the risk, Brother Heaven Destroyer.”

The others quickly persuaded him. They saw that Su Ping was quite tempted by the rewards, which was understandable. But they didn’t even dare to dream about making it to the top ten in the finals, not to mention that their level had surpassed the entrance requirement.

Nobody would dare to cheat under the noses of Celestial State referees. It was impossible!

Xingyue Shen’er frowned and looked at Su Ping in confusion.

Seeing their reaction, Su Ping knew that he would be exposed sooner or later if he was to participate in the contest. He said, “Who says I’m cheating? My level meets the requirements perfectly.”

“!!”

Everybody was stunned and silent for several seconds.

They stared at each other in confusion.

After processing what he had said, they gasped and widened their eyes. Father Time said with a trembling voice, “B-Brother Heaven Destroyer, you’re saying that your level meets the requirement perfectly? Does it mean...”

“You’re not hiding your level?” The nearby Xingyue Shen’er also realized what was going on. Even she lost her cool.

She had never detected a higher cultivation than the Void State from Su Ping, so she was the first one who thought of the reason.

The only reason she couldn't see through Su Ping's disguise was because that was his actual level!

How could she see through any disguise if there wasn't any?

Xingyue Shen'er felt a bit dazed after thinking it through; her deputy appeared to be similarly shocked.

*This young man is only in the Void State?*

All of them had seen him display his strength in the divine residence earlier on. He was as good as any peak Star State warrior!

The purple-robed young man who had crushed many Star State opponents while being a Fate State cultivator was already astonishing enough.

And yet, he was defeated by Su Ping, who turned out to be a level lower than him?

What kind of monster was he?

Everybody's mouths were on the floor as they looked at Su Ping in shock after realizing the truth.

*Our revered "Brother Heaven Destroyer" is only in the Void State?*

*It doesn't make any sense!*

O'Neil, however, felt that his ears were ringing and his head was humming.

*Void State... Void State...*

Those words were being repeated over and over in his head. At the same time, he remembered Su Ping's store; he knew that the young man was not just a battle pet warrior but also a grandmaster trainer!

He would have accepted it if Su Ping were someone who had lived countless years at the peak of the Star State, but how old could a Void State warrior be?

Besides, Su Ping's combat ability was horrifying and unbelievable!

Not only did he have such extraordinary fighting skills, he also had time to work as a grandmaster trainer!

*Am I dreaming?*

O'Neil was stupefied, as if hit by lightning.

The silence was finally broken several minutes later. Xingyue Shen'er gazed at Su Ping and asked, "Do you mean it? Are you really in the Void State?"

Although she had reached such a conclusion on her own, she still found it hard to accept the fact.

Even though she was a genius, she wasn't as strong as Su Ping when she had been in the Void State; the best she had been able to manage was to fight mid-phase Star State experts, which had already made her feel proud.

After all, there was an Ascendant State member in her family!

That was the best she had been able to do thanks to his teachings, and she was among the best juniors from Ascendant State families.

"Yes..." Su Ping was rather helpless. *I've never kept it a secret from you. Did you never realize this?*

Everybody fell silent again upon seeing him nodding.

They felt as if a storm were raging in their heads; they needed more time to process the shocking news.

Su Ping coughed to break the silence. "Well, feel free to look around. I'm planning to train in seclusion. Right, do you know where I should go to sign up for the Universe Geniuses' Contest?"

Xingyue Shen'er came back to her senses and said, "You don't need to sign up. I'll take you to an academy and sign you up there, so that you won't need to go through the elimination phase."

#### **Chapter 843: Visit**

"An academy?"

Su Ping was stunned for a moment. He asked, "One of the four best academies?"

"Yes. Only they would have such privileges; other academies are left out," said Xingyue Shen'er with glittering eyes. "You won't have to worry about the contest now that I've confirmed that you're in the Void State. I'll cover up for you, that's what your older sister should do!"

"Older sister?"

Su Ping noticed the weird little title, mainly because the girl had left too deep an impression on him. If she called herself his older sister, wouldn't he be even more childish than her?

"May I know how old you are?" asked Su Ping curiously, not showing any disrespect.

Age was only one factor; she was a Star Lord anyway, and deserved respect.

"Huh?"

Xingyue Shen'er instantly realized what was on his mind. She almost laughed due to rage. She was trying to get closer to him, yet she seemed to be despised?

"Do you not know it's rude to ask a girl her age?" she said with a rigid face, "In any case, I'm your older sister, even if I'm eight hundred years older than you. Just call me older sister until you're stronger than me. Got that?"

She raised her head proudly.

"Okay, sure."

Su Ping was helpless, and could only accept it.

He suddenly remembered that the girl mentioned she had become a Star Lord in her eighties back in the divine residence. In any case, she had to be older than eighty, almost his grandma's age.

However, that young grandma seemed too childish for his taste.

All the members of the Alliance of Stars had weird looks. Although their leader would normally act like a little girl, she was undoubtedly a strong Star Lord and would never address herself in such an intimate way. Alas, such intimacy was scorned by Su Ping, but a genius such as him deserved to talk to a Star Lord on equal terms.

Everybody admired him. They were also jealous, as it was almost certain that Su Ping would become a Star Lord in the future.

He was already capable of fighting enemies at the peak of the Star State when he was only in the Void State. Nobody could possibly become a Star Lord if he couldn't.

The more they thought about it, the more helpless they became. Why was the gap between them and him so wide?

They were almost feeling too ashamed to talk to him?

"When are you planning to go?" Xingyue Shen'er was delighted and happy when Su Ping accepted their new form of address. She didn't mind getting closer to Su Ping, not only because she owed him favors but also because he had great potential.

Even though she would soar with the old man's help, Su Ping still had a chance to rise in parallel with her in the future.

It meant that they wouldn't drift apart because of the strength gap, and they could be good friends!

It was definitely a lucky thing to have a good friend in a life of hundreds of thousands of years!

"Let's wait until my training is done," said Su Ping, "or is there not enough time?"

"There is. And you can also train in my spaceship. I have a level-1 astral power room that is perfect for training; we can travel to the academy while you train."

Su Ping nodded and looked down at the blue sea with affection. He said, "I've just returned home, so I want to visit my old friends. If you have nothing to do, feel free to come with me or just wander around. This is a beautiful place."

"Sure."

"I'm coming with Brother Heaven Destroyer."

"I'll just take a look around and see the views on the Planet of Origin."

All the others accepted with smiles.

Xingyue Shen'er looked at the magnificent tree behind them and said, "This tree is rather strange. Those guys must have been attracted to it, right? Have you thought about how to deal with it? If it stays here, someone else will come for it after we leave."

Su Ping raised his head and hesitated, as the tree was too strange and he didn't know its effects yet. However, he could always ask his friends on the Blue Planet; they probably knew how the tree popped up.

"I'll learn more of the matter first and handle it before we go," said Su Ping.

Xingyue Shen'er nodded.

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Next, Su Ping took her and many Star State experts to the Subcontinent District.

Some of the other Star State experts were wandering about and appreciating the sceneries on the Blue Planet.

The battle had already ended. All the people on both planets had seen Xingyue Shen'er and her entourage; they knew that most of these newcomers were Star State experts and the one who had beaten the weirdly-dressed young man had to be a Star Lord!

And yet, the man was standing respectfully next to Xingyue Shen'er, which meant that her identity was even more extraordinary.

Those people seemed to be Su Ping's friends!

"It's our lord!"

"Our lord is back!"

"He stands in that crowd like an equal. Tsk, tsk..."

Everybody on Rhea was just as excited as they watched.

The members of the Ryan family were greatly relieved, feeling they had recovered their backbone once they saw O'Neil.

On the mountain in the Rumbling Thunder Continent—

All the Vast Sky Thunderous Dragons had complicated expressions.

Once they saw O'Neil, they understood that it wasn't an opportunity for them to break free from that planet. If they did, the lord of the Ryan family would definitely go after them and drag them back.

"It's over..."

"Just now, the mutant seemed to have killed Star State humans..."

"How can the mutant be that strong?"

Some of the dragons looked at the long white serpent and the strong Vast Sky Thunderous Dragon that were still impaled to the execution ground.

They had been sentenced to death because they had given birth to a mixed breed, bringing shame to dragons!

However... Was it really a shame?

The Vast Sky Thunderous Dragon with white scales was born from the humble body of that long white serpent, yet it carried unimaginable power!

Was it really an inferior bastard?

“Lin’er...”

The long white serpent and the large dragon looked at each other and mutually saw their delight and tears. They felt comforted after seeing that their child was safe and strong.

They could die without regrets.

At least, they had seen that their child had grown much stronger in the hands of that human being!

“Clan master...”

One of the elder Vast Sky Thunderous Dragons couldn’t help but look at their clan master, which was the only Star State being.

Many dragons turned their way upon hearing that.

The magnificent dragon shivered, as if having just woken up from a dream, then waved its tail as if the attention was uncomfortable. It was an involuntary reaction of awkwardness.

“Shall we proceed with the execution?” asked the elder in a low voice.

Silence.

A long silence.

There was not a sound on the mountaintop. The Vast Sky Thunderous Dragons who demanded to execute the wretched long serpent fell quiet. Although they still despised the creature, they were somewhat scared.

If they really killed them, would the mutant child come back for revenge?

The Vast Sky Thunderous Dragons had been caged like cattle... Should they really continue brutalizing each other?

After several minutes of silence, an old voice sighed and said, “Keep them in prison for now. Postpone the execution.”

Many dragons felt somewhat relaxed after such a command.

The elder was obviously relieved too and quickly got to work.

The long white serpent and the Vast Sky Thunderous Dragon on the ground looked at each other, eyes showing delight. They didn’t expect their child to be so intimidating, enough for their lives to be spared!

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On the Blue Planet—

Longjiang Base City in the Subcontinent District.

Whoosh!

Su Ping, Xingyue Shen'er and the others entered the Longjiang Base City under the spotlight of global media.

Everybody knew it was the place where Su Ping, the Lord of the Blue Planet, had been born!

That reason alone had turned the Longjiang Base City into the economic center of the Blue Planet and the biggest city in the world!

Once they got closer to the Federation, the base city had grown tenfold. Even the former slums had become fancy neighborhoods.

The suburbs had also been modified and developed.

The street where Su Ping had opened his shop in the past had become one of the busiest business streets in the city. It was a globally famous site, because everybody knew that the Lord of the Blue Planet used to do business there.

It wasn't just a business street, it was a famous AAAAA scenic spot!

"It's Mr. Su!"

"Boss Su is back..."

Legendary warriors flew with high spirits in the base city.

They were the Legends from the five major families and the Tower.

The Legends in the Tower had once hated Su Ping, but no one harbored ill thoughts after he defeated Nie Huofeng and saved the planet.

Of course, there were exceptions, such as Yuan Tianchen.

He didn't resume his business activities in Longjiang; for that he chose a different city.

At the moment he could only watch Su Ping fly to Longjiang while the media followed him.

He never expected that the man who once competed with his granddaughter for legacies would reach such heights!

The man had killed Star State opponents easily. Even as he moved in a Federation full of experts, that young man remained daunting and unstoppable!

"Maybe I made a mistake. Lu'er, I wonder if you can keep up with him in that academy..." Yuan Tianchen mumbled with complicated feelings.

He knew that it wouldn't help even if he were to lower his head and apologize to Su Ping. It was better for him to just avoid the man. That way, Su Ping might just forget such an unimportant person as himself.

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Su Ping saw Xie Jinshui and Qin Duhuang.

Both of them flew out of their bases and quickly rushed to meet him.

Xie Jinshui had also broken through to the Legendary rank. He was in the Ocean State.

Earlier on, Su Ping had felt that he was talented and capable of becoming a Legend on his own. His judgment didn't fail him.

In fact, their new dealings with the Federation and the cultivation methods they could get from them had aided many to become Legends, including Qin Shujian from the Qin family.

In addition, Qin Shaotian, the young master of the Qin family, had stayed on the Blue Planet to eventually take over the family's leadership.

Qin Shaotian was already a Titled warrior at the moment. He tagged along with his father and uncles to meet Su Ping.

He no longer looked like the young man he used to be; he seemed much more mature and self-contained. Life had somehow worn out his edges.

Su Ping saw a lot of familiar faces. He couldn't help trembling all of a sudden as he saw his father and mother.

Su Yuanshan, his father, was flying from a distant place while carrying his mother with astral power. Both of them were excited.

However, Su Ping didn't see the girl who used to be his headache, and whom he always missed, next to them.

His heart was slightly heavy.

"Dad, mom."

Su Ping walked to them and asked, "Where's my sister?"

His mother laid her hands on Su Ping's shoulder and hugged him. Then, she took a good look at him and said, "You've lost weight..."

His father said with a smile, "Your sister said she wanted to go out so she could catch up with you. She went to another planet... I couldn't talk her out of it. Besides, young people need to gain more experience. The world is dangerous, but hiding in one place for life is boring."

Su Ping's lips twitched, as it wasn't something a father would normally say.

*She's your dear daughter. Although she doesn't always deserve it, this is a bit too casual of you!*

Considering her sister's abilities, she would probably have it hard on another planet.

Su Ping heaved a helpless sigh and admitted that there was nothing he could do. Nobody could be an eternal protector. Everyone had their own lives.

It was better to live a spectacular life than to live a long one.

“Mr. Su.”

“Mr. Su.”

Qin Duhuang, the leader of the Ye family and the others moved closer and greeted him respectfully.

Qin Shujian and Qin Shaotian, who stood next to Qin Duhuang, both wore weird expressions. Both had watched Su Ping grow up, but later on they had been left in the dust.

However, they weren't jealous at all. They simply had a lot of mixed feelings about this.

Some people were just geniuses that you could never catch up with. Competing with them would only bring you pain.

Su Ping was exactly one of those people.

Su Ping felt warm when he saw the familiar faces he had always missed. He nodded and said, “It's been a while. You've been troubled lately.”

“You're too kind.”

“Good thing that you returned in time, Boss Su.”

“Boss Su, are they all your friends?”

Everybody was courteous and respectful. Liu Tianzong also was among them. He and Su Ping had a history in the past, but it was already resolved when the Lius apologized. He knew that Su Ping wouldn't pick on them any longer. He simply felt that life was strange.

#### **Chapter 844: Ancient Tree of Sacred Beasts**

“Yes, they're all my friends,” Su Ping replied briefly.

Such an answer left Qin Duhuang, Xie Jinshui and the others in shock. The people around Su Ping felt as scary and immeasurable as the foreign invaders they had met before. All of them were undoubtedly Star State bigshots!

Su Ping had only been away for a short time, yet he had made friends with so many Star State experts?

Was it because experts were always attracted to each other?

Whoosh!

A person suddenly dashed close and then disappeared just then, before he reappeared next to them. He was exactly Nie Huofeng who had been recovering in a special hospital.

He was still seriously injured at the moment, but he stood straight, not showing any weakness.

“Boss Su...”

Nie Huofeng wore a complicated expression when he saw Su Ping. He even pondered whether to call him “Brother Su” or “Lord.” Eventually, he chose the title that Su Ping was called the most.

Right after greeting Su Ping, Nie Huofeng noticed Xingyue Shen'er who was next to Su Ping and quickly bowed respectfully. "I am Nie Huofeng. It's an honor to meet you, senior."

"Yes."

Xingyue Shen'er nodded. She could easily tell that the guy's astral power intensity was lower than the average of the early Star State, probably because of the lack of astral power on that planet and his lack of talent.

Nie Huofeng naturally didn't know he had left the impression of "untalented" on that Star Lord. He would have probably vomited blood if he did.

He was definitely not untalented. The astral power density had soared since the Blue Planet had been unsealed. It was truly barren in the past!

He had reached the Star State during an age of scarcity, which indicated his talent. He would have reached a higher cultivation if he would have been born on another planet of the Federation, considering his talent and tenacity.

"You're wounded." Su Ping looked at Nie Huofeng and easily noticed his condition.

Nie Huofeng was slightly shocked, feeling Su Ping's strength even more clearly. He couldn't help but remember how the latter had slaughtered the invaders. He said with a bitter smile, "You have keen eyes, Boss Su. I was indeed wounded when I tried to stop those who wanted to take the tree away."

He didn't exaggerate about his work, but he did state his contribution.

Su Ping nodded. "Thank you for your hard work. When you have time, bring me your pet. I'll help you train it."

Nie Huofeng had already learned that Su Ping was better at training than most on the Blue Planet. He was even distinguished even in the Federation.

"Thank you very much, Boss Su," said Nie Huofeng quickly.

Su Ping flipped a divine pill at him. It was one of the pills he hadn't had and could be used for healing. "Take it."

Nie Huofeng was slightly puzzled; he accepted the pill and nodded.

Someone from the Alliance of Stars asked curiously just then, "Brother Heaven Destroyer, why do they call you Boss Su? Are you a trainer too?"

Su Ping nodded and said, "More or less."

He wasn't feigning modesty. Having seen the awesomeness of the system, he knew that he was only a beginner in the system's eyes.

Just a beginner...

"Certainly not more or less..." O'Neil, who was at the rear of the crowd, said to himself.

*If a grandmaster trainer is this modest, how could the master trainers bear the shame?*

“Brother Heaven Destroyer, you’re truly multi-skilled...”

“I didn’t know that Brother Heaven Destroyer was not only a capable warrior but also a pet trainer. Both of them are time consuming.”

“So to speak, wouldn’t Brother Heaven Destroyer be even stronger if he would have only focused on cultivating?”

His fellow Alliance of Stars members remarked and sought the chance to adulate him.

None of them dared to underestimate Su Ping, even though he had claimed he was in the Void State; someone of that level would have never caught their eye.

Su Ping could defeat all of them with ease!

He was completely unlike those in the Void State!

O’Neil, however, didn’t join the rounds of flattery. He simply chuckled, as they didn’t know the first thing about the guy’s training capabilities!

However... it was good that they didn’t know!

Xingyue Shen’er looked at Su Ping in surprise but didn’t think too much of it. A lot of geniuses she knew had quirks of their own; some loved gambling, traveling, making movies while others loved making love.

Those geniuses would always spend a huge amount of time on things they were interested in.

Fighting and cultivating seemed to be their hobby, but their strength wasn’t affected, at all. Geniuses were never easy to understand, not to mention that Su Ping was a genius among geniuses!

“Brother Heaven Destroyer?”

Qin Duhuang, Liu Tianzong and the others all looked at Su Ping in confusion.

They had already picked up the Common Tongue, and were puzzled by the newcomers’ way of addressing Su Ping; they didn’t know when or how Su Ping had gotten that nickname.

Noticing the confusion on their faces, Su Ping blushed and coughed. “Let’s go back first. Dad, mom. Let’s head back too. I want to eat some dumplings.”

“Okay, okay, I’ll make dumplings for you.” His mother smiled and glanced at Xingyue Shen’er now and then, as if measuring her up.

Su Yuanshan was quite familiar with that kind of observation. His wife was assessing a potential daughter-in-law...

However, he was a Legendary battle pet warrior and could easily tell that she was clearly the commander of the Star State cultivators present, and probably stronger than all of them regardless of her seemingly young age.

Those who were beyond the Star State were dominators of their respective regions.

Obviously, there was no way that such a girl would be interested in his son. He knew his boy was excellent, but it would probably be really hard for him to conquer such a dominator.

*Nevertheless... Son, keep it up!*

Su Yuanshan secretly cheered for him and smiled.

Su Ping was really creeped out by his parents' weird smiles, although he didn't think much of it as he took them back to the Longjiang Base City.

Xingyue Shen'er and the others tagged along; they had already scanned the entire base city, but they didn't do it openly since it was Su Ping's hometown. They simply gave a secret scan and found that the city was definitely new.

*It seems that Brother Heaven Destroyer's hometown is still in rapid development...*

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Once they got back to Longjiang, Su Ping held a victory banquet with Nie Huofeng, Qin Duhuang and the others.

It was also meant to express his gratitude to them.

There were two tiers of tables at the banquet; those underneath the Star State, such as Qin Duhuang, were seated in a few tables, while those from the Alliance of Stars were in another pair of tables. Although Su Ping wanted Qin Duhuang and the others to make friends with those experts from the alliance, he didn't go as far as have them dine at the same table, which would've made them feel uncomfortable.

The whole base city, and even the entire Blue Planet, was cheering at the moment.

The foreign forces that had invaded the planet had been crushed; their lord had returned like a majestic king and suppressed all disasters!

All the base cities across the globe were cheering and celebrating on that day.

Even though some of the ordinary people would have to work on the next day, they actually felt more energetic to work the next morning, and kept on talking about the battle with their colleagues.

There was a heated discussion on the Blue Planet's Internet.

The most heated and acknowledged thread was that the Blue Planet was on the rise!

From that day onwards, the Blue Planet would no longer be a small planet that anyone could take advantage of!

Ever since the Blue Planet was connected to the Federation, many corporations had been trading with foreigners, but the trades weren't fair. The best goods were often sold for the cheapest prices in order to open the market. However, things would be different from then on!

Su Ping had defended the divine tree and the dignity of the Blue Planet in that battle, right when he returned!

Henceforth, nobody would dare to underestimate and exploit the natives of the Blue Planet as they had before!

While being in a good mood, Su Ping got drunk and dizzy. He later removed all the alcohol in his body with astral power, and regained his calmness.

He would occasionally have fun with others, but he knew how to live alone.

*I need to take care of the divine tree before I go.*

Su Ping wasn't in a hurry to train in seclusion. He looked at the distance where a tall tree could be vaguely seen.

Whoosh!

Su Ping flashed into the fourth space and then dashed out. Once he reappeared, he had already reached the divine tree, flying above the sea.

The base cities across the Subcontinent District were ablaze with lights from that view, which indicated their prosperity.

The wind was cold on the sea at night. Su Ping frowned as he saw the huge tree and thought of something. He took out the two divine fruits from his storage.

"System, can you detect what fruits they are?" Su Ping asked in his heart

"Yes."

"Great!"

"Don't be so quick to get happy!"

"..."

Su Ping gnashed his teeth, "You want energy again?"

"I never demand energy against other people's will," said the system casually and proudly, "It's a necessary skill for a trainer to distinguish pet food. Your pet food identification skill is too low. Once it's upgraded you'll know what the fruits are."

Stunned, Su Ping asked, "But is the divine tree pet food too?"

"Everything is a pet, everything can be trained, and everything is pet food!" declared the system with an indifferent and majestic tone.

"..."

Su Ping was left speechless. He was always frightened by the system's definitions.

"Okay, I'll upgrade the pet food identification skill."

"It requires 100,000 energy points to upgrade it to the middle level."

"Sure thing."

Soon after, Su Ping felt a tremendous amount of information that contained many categories surge in his head.

It wasn't until a couple of minutes later that Su Ping finally digested the information.

However, he found that he still didn't recognize the divine tree.

"Keep upgrading."

"The advanced food identification skill requires fifty million energy points," said the system.

"..."

*Shouldn't it be ten times higher?*

*From a hundred thousand to fifty million... What kind of increase is that?*

"You may choose to refuse." The system sounded aloof.

Su Ping: "..."

*Damn you, system, you know I can't refuse, not after learning this much useful information!*

"First offense."

"I'll have it!"

"Hehe."

That chuckle was quite insulting.

Su Ping gritted his teeth and had to hold himself back.

Very soon, Su Ping sensed a torrent of information flooding into his head. His mind was overwhelmed for a long time before he was finally able to see the ocean of information that elaborated on countless fields.

"This is the advanced food identification skill..." Su Ping mumbled in shock.

He didn't know what to say.

*Should I have been less reluctant?*

No way! He would rather kill himself than to lower his head to the system!

"Is this... the Ancient Tree of Sacred Beasts?"

Su Ping focused his eyes on the tall tree. This time, a lot of relevant information popped up in his head. It turned out to be a rarely-seen super treasure!

In terms of value, it was at least in the Ascendant State!

What shocked Su Ping the most was the function of the tree. The fruits it yielded could breed strong sacred beasts, which contained refined bloodlines of the gods and the essence of the tree. They were born as divine beasts and would have the Divine Tree Constitution!

It was a rather powerful divine constitution, which would grant stamina in battles and extraordinary healing abilities!

However, that was not the greatest value of that divine tree.

If the fruits were eaten before they were fully mature, they would awaken human beings and turn them into demigods!

The more fruits eaten, the more effective they would be!

A complete Ancient Tree of Sacred Beasts could only yield 99 fruits in total!

However, if the 99 fruits were eaten by the same creature, no matter what level or species the creature was, it could later evolve into an ancient sacred beast in the Ascendant State!

“This tree... can breed Ascendant State beasts!”

Su Ping was too shocked to talk; it was too unbelievable!

He didn't know that a tree could possibly achieve that!

No wonder the system said that everything was pet food. That could indeed be counted as pet food, and it was among the best!

*Such trees went extinct in ancient times. I wonder if anyone in the Federation is aware of them. If the news were to spread, probably even Ascendants would come for it. After all, they can breed Ascendant State pets with this tree, or give the fruits to their own Ascendant State pets to strengthen them!*

Su Ping suddenly grew nervous. It wasn't necessarily a good thing that such a treasure had emerged on the Blue Planet. At least, he wasn't yet able to defend it against Ascendant experts.

He could only hope that the information about that formerly extinct tree was not registered in the Federation's database so that nobody could recognize it!

### **Chapter 845: Planet Sealing**

“I'll have to seal the blue planet Until the contest is over!” Su Ping said to himself.

If more people learned about the divine tree, some of the knowledgeable sort might recognize that it was one of the extinct wondrous trees; this could mean a disaster for the Blue Planet.

That is, unless he was willing to give the tree away obediently.

Even so, the experts who could be attracted to the tree would fight over it on the Blue Planet.

He had increased the planet's fame by slaughtering the invaders after his return. A lot of top organizations and corporations might have been attracted; this would later boost its economy, but he would have to abandon them for the sake of the divine tree!

Su Ping quickly came up with a plan after making the decision.

He returned to the banquet, aiming to talk to Xie Jinshui and Nie Huofeng who were drinking at the moment.



They were seizing the opportunity to talk to two Star State alliance members who were happy to talk to the two most powerful men of the Blue Planet, mainly as a friendly gesture to Su Ping.

Beep...

Suddenly, both of them received a message. Nie Huofeng lowered his head and read it, then he instantly said goodbye to the guests.

“?”

The guests were slightly confused, but they were less angry when they heard that they had been summoned by Su Ping. They let both leave, while asking to mention them in front of Su Ping.

Xie Jinshui and Nie Huofeng went quickly to meet with Su Ping.

“Boss Su, how may we help you?”

Both of them reeked of alcohol, but they pushed the alcohol out of their bodies and calmly offered a respectful bow when they arrived.

He was standing on the top of a skyscraper in the base city. As he looked down at the streets he said, “Although I’ve taken care of the invaders, I have to participate in the Universe Geniuses’ Contest, so I won’t be staying in the Blue Planet for long. Since the tree may cause more trouble while I’m gone, I plan to seal the planet!”

“Seal the planet?”

Both of them were rather stunned by the news.

Nie Huofeng quickly said, “Boss Su, you’ve shown unparalleled strength upon your return. There’s also a Star Lord behind your back. Even if others learn of the tree, they surely wouldn’t dare to invade the planet like before, would they?”

“Indeed, Boss Su. They’ve been scared off and certainly won’t be back. We’ll suffer huge losses if the planet is sealed; we would return to the old days on the Blue Planet.” Xie Jinshui was just as reluctant to seal the planet, too.

Sealing the planet would mean returning to the primitive age.

The Blue Planet at the moment was like a high-speed train, boosted by the locomotive that was the Federation.

“Greed is in the nature of every human being. My friends from the Alliance of Stars will leave with me. But even if any one of them stays, they wouldn’t dare to show up if another Star Lord invaded. You’d be the ones getting hurt in the end.”

Su Ping didn’t tell them the truth about the divine tree to avoid any leaks. After all, it was associated with Ascendant State interests, and he wasn’t sure that it wouldn’t invoke the greed in their hearts.

A lot of people were decent guys, unless there were enough temptations.

The two of them looked at each other in bewilderment upon hearing that; Nie Huofeng hesitated. "Boss Su, isn't it a bit rushed? Should we reconsider the matter?"

"I've already made a decision. Just follow my instructions. You'll get twice as much compensation after I distinguish myself in the contest. Don't be too shortsighted," said Su Ping with the authoritative tone of a lord who would not be refused.

Both of them were intrigued. Indeed, Su Ping was so talented that he probably would become famous in the Universe Geniuses' Contest! In such a case, they wouldn't need to persuade organizations to come to the Blue Planet. They would get to pick them!

Both of them became rather passionate.

It was true that those in higher places had better views; the short-term interests they had been obsessed with were just petty in Su Ping's eyes!

"I understand," Xie Jinshui nodded and said.

He had watched Su Ping grow up and was very confident in him. He had already learned about the general matters of the Federation, such as the cultivations beyond the Star State: Star Lord State, Ascendant State, and Celestial State.

Su Ping had killed a bunch of people in the Star State while being a Void State warrior; he was definitely going to shock a lot of people in the contest.

"Sure."

Nie Huofeng nodded too and accepted Su Ping's arrangement.

Su Ping told them to leave after giving detailed instructions.

Then, he went to see Xingyue Shen'er, who was drinking on the most honorable seat at the banquet. Her face was red and her eyes were invitingly hazy, attracting the attention of a lot of people. Still, nobody dared to leer at her, as she was a real expert who could butcher a planet!

"Anything I can help you with?"

Xingyue Shen'er seemed less drunk upon seeing Su Ping arrive in a flash, but she wasn't entirely sober. In fact, someone as strong as her could easily sober up whenever she wanted to.

However, the easiest moments in life were those when one was drunk.

"Yes."

Su Ping nodded.

Xingyue Shen'er glanced at him and said, "Okay."

She then made a quick move and followed Su Ping to the clouds tens of thousands of meters above the base city.

The square base city under their feet was only the size of a matchbox from that height; it was glittering with dots of light. Outside the base city was the darkness of the night.

“Speak.”

“Senior, I plan to train myself in seclusion for the contest, but the tree in my hometown has caught a lot of attention. I fear that someone else may come for it after I leave, causing damage to my planet in the process, so I intend to seal it,” said Su Ping in a straightforward manner.

Xingyue Shen'er nodded. “Understandable. Don't worry about that; I won't let anything upset you. You're absolutely talented enough to distinguish yourself in the contest, or even to make it to the top ten! Just let me take care of such trivia for you.”

“Many thanks!” Su Ping said sincerely, “You must have a lot of contacts and sources. A lot of news and rumors are still spreading on the Internet in nearby galaxies; I wonder if you can help me erase them.”

“That's easy,” Xingyue Shen'er replied calmly, “Since you're going to seal the planet, I'll ask someone to erase the news for you. I will also let everybody know that I'm protecting your planet. Nobody will dare to come for trouble, not even the Star Lords.”

Su Ping was quite amazed, so he thanked her again, “Many thanks!”

Xingyue Shen'er raised her eyebrows and said, “No need to be so courteous. I'll repay the favors I owe you, and this is in fact not a big deal. You should simply focus on advancing into the Fate State, so that you'll be even stronger in the contest. Also, I'll be accompanying you during the contest. You'll be my living advertisement when you win a good ranking...”

“No problem,” Su Ping replied with a smile.

Xingyue Shen'er glanced at him and said, “By the way, don't call me senior in the future. I'm a gifted girl... although not as gifted as you. But I'm still very young, all right? If you keep calling me that, people might think that I've cultivated thousands of years, and I don't want that.”

“Well...”

“Just call me Sister Shen'er, alright?”

“Fine.”

“What's that unwilling attitude? I would tear off anyone's tongue if someone else would dare to call me that!”

“...”

Su Ping could only accept with a bitter smile.

In any case, Xingyue Shen'er had agreed to help him in keeping the tree a secret, which was a relief.

Fortunately, that proud girl was too young and inexperienced to recognize that allegedly extinct tree. Otherwise, she might not have accepted the arrangement.

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The next day.

Su Ping spent the entire day in his parents' place.

It wasn't easy for him to leave. He watched TV with his mother and listened to her talk about trivia, such as the dog that a neighbor lost, and the best way to make dumplings...

Su Ping enjoyed the casual life.

He wasted the day, choosing not to train because he had been busy for such a long time that he had almost forgotten how it felt like to be relaxed.

While he was taking that time off, Su Ping couldn't help but consider what the purpose of his life should be. Was it to climb to the peak alone, or to live a happy life?

Su Ping thought that the latter was more important and significant.

However, in order to be really happy, he had to climb to the peak, or misfortunes would happen to him sooner or later. If he was unable to resist them, he would later end up wailing due to despair and regret because of all the time wasted.

On the third day—

Su Ping bid farewell to his parents and embarked on the expedition.

The divine tree had yielded another pair of fruits before he left; Su Ping collected them and left the Purple Python behind. Then, he asked Nie Huofeng to help collect the following fruits.

Su Ping was planning to leave the Purple Python to keep an eye on the fruits for him.

Among Su Ping's many pets, the Purple Python was the weakest except for the Void Bug. Even though it had a special-grade aptitude, it was restricted by its bloodline.

It was already unimaginable that it had Star State combat ability when it only had a sixth-rank bloodline.

Su Ping left it there partly because he thought that it was too weak for the contest, and partly because it could prevent Nie Huofeng from greedily claiming the fruits.

After all, if the tree yielded dozens of fruits in a row, the latter might secretly try a few of them no matter how firm he was.

The Ancient Tree of Sacred Beasts could only produce a limited number of fruits, and a person had to eat all the 99 fruits in order to reach the Ascendant State. Not even one of them could be missing!

The Purple Python had already become intelligent after having followed Su Ping for a long time. It bid farewell to Su Ping together with Nie Huofeng, Xie Jinshui, Su Ping's parents and the others.

Su Ping petted the Purple Python upon seeing its reluctant eyes, all to offer some comfort and then say goodbye.

Su Ping returned to Rhea right before he left the Blue Planet.

Rhea's Woffett City was crowded; it had almost become the most prosperous city on the Kamp Continent. It was much busier than before!

"The grandmaster is back!"

“Who would have thought that our grandmaster trainer was also a Star State expert?”

“He’s probably the strongest pet store owner in history, isn’t he?”

“I wonder if we still have the privilege to ask the grandmaster to train our pets. I’m almost too ashamed to present my pet...”

The street outside of the Pixie Pet Store was so crammed that many customers’ feet could hardly touch the ground. The city guards were busy and sweaty too as they tried to maintain the order.

Su Ping didn’t want to cause another riot. He asked Xingyue Shen’er and the others to wait close to the atmosphere above Rhea while he said goodbye.

Then, he flashed to the outside of the store and then quickly entered it.

He had still caused reactions, even though he had moved at a high speed. Countless people shouted, excited to see him.

The cheering was awfully chaotic, because they found that they didn’t know how to address that grandmaster trainer.

Tang Ruyan was delighted to see Su Ping at first. Then she called out to him with a complicated expression, “You’re back...”

Su Ping nodded, then said to Green Lady and Joanna, “I’ll be away for a while. The Universe Geniuses’ Contest has begun and I’m going to participate.”

“The Universe Geniuses’ Contest?” asked Joanna, “Is that the Holy Battle of the Elected in your world? I heard the voice that came from the universe. It must have been a... Superior God.”

Joanna was quite shocked to find that there was a Superior God in Su Ping’s world, but then she found it understandable. After all, whatever was behind Su Ping’s store was probably even stronger than a Superior God. She had never left the store to travel in Su Ping’s world, but she knew it had to be a horrifying world beyond her imagination.

However, she had been observing the customers in the store and found that their cultivation techniques weren’t as remarkable as she thought. She was quite puzzled, but she didn’t ask Su Ping, because she didn’t think he would answer, at least not seriously.

Green Lady nodded, who had their own way of addressing the matter; she had sensed that the voice contained the power that only belonged to the Deity Kings.

“I’m going too,” she said to Su Ping, “As I said, I won’t let you get away from my sight!”

“...”

Lost for words, Su Ping asked, “Are you going to push the planet again?”

“Why not?” Green Lady asked back.

“...”

O'Neil's face suddenly flashed in Su Ping's head. He thought, *Sorry dude, it seems that your planet is going to be pushed again.*

#### **Chapter 846: To Michelle**

Su Ping vanished from the store and then reached a place in the sky, tens of thousands of meters high. He saw that Xingyue Shen'er and the others were waiting.

"Let's go."

Once she saw Su Ping, Xingyue Shen'er said, "You can do your secluded training on my spaceship. I'll call you when we reach the Amir Royal Academy."

"About that..." Su Ping coughed and said, "Why don't we go there by planet? It'll be more convenient."

"Okay." Xingyue Shen'er unconsciously nodded, but then realized what she had just heard. "By planet?"

She suddenly realized that the planet didn't belong there, and that it was absolutely still, not interacting with the other planets, at all. She asked in shock, "Are you saying that the old... the bigshot behind your back is going to push the planet and escort you there?"

She was about to say "old guy," but she remembered that the other Ascendant State bigshots weren't not as close as her father; they could find such a form of address offensive.

O'Neil widened his eyes too. *Is that Ascendant expert still on the planet? Will the planet be pushed away again?*

"..."

He was dumbfounded, and then felt like crying. *Why does that bigshot have to push my planet? Was there not another way to escort Su Ping?*

Su Ping knew it was impossible to explain, so he coughed and said, "Well, she likes this planet."

"She likes this planet..."

O'Neil didn't know whether to cry or smile after hearing such a reply. It was definitely an honor that an Ascendant State expert would be interested in the planet he managed, but this expert seemed overly fond of it. Did his planet have to go anywhere Su Ping went in the future?

His planet would become a wanderer in space...

Everybody was lost for words. Someone looked at O'Neil sympathetically; he was the lord in name and a servant in practice...

"Fine." Xingyue Shen'er didn't know what to say either. Some Ascendant did have some quirks. But that was fine; it wasn't her planet anyway, and it was just one planet.

"If so, the journey will probably take longer," said Xingyue Shen'er.

Su Ping asked, "Will we get there in time?"

“Yes. Fine then, let’s take this planet too, and take this chance to meet the bigshot backing you,” said Xingyue Shen’er.

Su Ping was happy to hear that. “That’s great.”

Then, he suddenly thought of something and then found O’Neil. He asked, “Brother Zeus, are you fine with this arrangement?”

*Am I fine with the arrangement?*

*Definitely not!*

*But do you think I would dare voice it?*

O’Neil was quite depressed in his heart, but he didn’t show anything on the surface. Instead, he said with a smile, “It is my honor to be appreciated by an Ascendant State expert.”

“That’s good.” Su Ping nodded.

Then, he led them back to Woffett City.

All the customers fell silent when they arrived. They had previously seen the strangers beat off a Star Lord; it was truly horrifying.

They also saw the Lord of Rhea among them. However, the high and mighty lord whose statues were everywhere across the globe was following a girl, while the others were respectful and humble.

The position of a person in a crowd often indicated their importance. The Lord of Rhea was clearly at the rear of the crowd, while his peers seemed just as strong as him.

“So many bigshots. Are they all in the Star State?”

“Cut the crap. The two leaders might be Star Lords!”

“They’re almost like gods. To what does Rhea owe the pleasure of receiving this many bigshots?”

All the planet’s inhabitants had their eyes focused on that street. It was certain that Woffett’s economy would soar again, to eventually become the best city on Rhea.

“Is this your store?” Xingyue Shen’er looked at the Pixie Pet Store and gazed at the statues by the gate. Then, she glanced at the fat, low-level rat that was crouching underneath one of the statues. The rat wasn’t strong; it wasn’t even a Legend.

However... she easily recognized that the energy inside the rat was unbelievably disproportionate to its bloodline!

“Please follow me.”

Su Ping led the way. The members of the Alliance of Stars would be his potential customers as soon as his store became capable of training Star State pets.

Considering the store’s revenue, the function would be unlocked very soon.

Everybody entered the store and soon met Joanna, Tang Ruyan, and Green Lady, the most eye-catching of all.

In terms of beauty, Green Lady and Joanna were both impeccable in their own way; their styles were different, and yet both were stunningly gorgeous.

However, Green Lady was in the Ascendant State; she was more eye-catching thanks to her aura.

Joanna was just a clone. She was inevitably much less intimidating.

“Is she...”

Xingyue Shen’er looked at Green Lady with solemn eyes, while also amazed by her looks. She also sensed the same intimidating aura her old man radiated.

“It’s an honor to meet you, senior.” Xingyue Shen’er instantly lowered her head and paid respects.

She could act willfully before her father, but she had to show basic courtesy to other Ascendants. After all, they didn’t care for her at all.

The others quickly realized the situation based on her actions and hurried to pay respects.

Green Lady saw that they were the people who had lent Su Ping a hand; she then looked at Su Ping and asked, “Who are they?”

“They’re friends who dropped by to say hi,” said Su Ping with a smile.

Everybody including Xingyue Shen’er was surprised by Su Ping’s casual attitude. They guessed that the Ascendant was Su Ping’s backer, but they didn’t expect him to interact so casually with her. *Are they blood related?*

“Okay.” Green Lady nodded at the visitors, not bothering to add anything else.

She had followed the Twilight Deity King and met countless brilliant people in too many worlds. She was cold even to those who were as strong as her, not to mention to those who were significantly weaker.

“Everybody, I’m planning to close the store so I can cultivate. Why don’t you take a tour around the planet in the meantime?” said Su Ping, who planned to make the most of the time available to cultivate.

Xingyue Shen’er raised her head and glanced at Green Lady. Then she nodded at Su Ping and said, “Okay, just do what you must. Call me if you need anything. I’ll be right here on this planet. You don’t have my number, right? I’ll give it to you. Contact me if you need any help...”

Then, she looked at Green Lady again and realized that her help would probably be unnecessary, especially when an Ascendant State expert was by his side.

“Sure.”

Su Ping nodded and exchanged numbers with Xingyue Shen’er.

He had a sudden thought right before they left. The members of the Alliance of Stars were sort of his connections now. He asked, “Well, there’s indeed something that I wonder if you could help me with.”



“What is it?”

Everybody was refreshed. Helping Su Ping was actually an opportunity for them!

Most people would turn down weaklings when they asked for help, but it would be an opportunity to befriend the strong!

“I need some training materials. I wonder if you have any sources to get them. I’ll definitely repay you if you can find them for me.”

Su Ping intended to have them help him find materials for the third level of the Solar Bulwark. It was easier to find materials since he was at the moment connected to the Federation.

“That’s easy. What do you need, Brother Heaven Destroyer? Just tell me. I have a herb store and many suppliers.”

“I have friends who can help Brother Heaven Destroyer search for materials too.”

“What do you need?” asked Xingyue Shen’er with a solemn and straight face. She didn’t promise him she would get anything he needed, because she realized that what he needed was probably something extremely rare, or the Ascendant by his side would’ve gotten it for him.

Su Ping would remember their favor, seeing how friendly they were. That was the benefit of having a lot of friends.

“These are the things I need...”

Su Ping instantly listed the materials for the third level of the Solar Bulwark; he projected their pictures and descriptions with astral power.

All the materials were manifested.

Everybody watched and made notes, promising that they would try their best to help Su Ping find them.

“Thank you very much.” Su Ping cupped his hands and thanked everybody present.

“You’re too kind, Brother Heaven Destroyer.”

“I’ll do my best. No need to be so courteous, Brother Heaven Destroyer.”

“We haven’t repaid your favor yet, Brother Heaven Destroyer. This is no big deal.”

Everybody smiled politely.

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Su Ping began to cultivate in seclusion after seeing everybody off.

As usual, he closed the store. He had confirmed the planet’s trajectory with Xingyue Shen’er. They were leaving for Michelle, a planet where the Amir Royal Academy was located.

It was quite the respectable tier-1 planet, much more developed than Rhea in every aspect.

Su Ping gave the Lord Badge to Green Lady after setting the coordinates, asking her to follow the route.

Then, Su Ping took Joanna to the Demigod Burial.

Su Ping preferred training in the cultivation sites; he would be fine even if he accidentally died during training, since he could always revive himself. Joanna would also be there, looking after him in the Demigod Burial, so that he wouldn't be disturbed.

"Huh?"

Green Lady was slightly stunned to see the space channel that Su Ping had invoked. She vaguely sensed that it was linked to another world; that was something that even she might not be capable of doing: breaking the barrier between the two worlds.

However, Su Ping seemed to have opened the channel with ease. She didn't even feel the slightest energy waves.

*Is that the power of the terrifying will?*

The Green Lady was solemn. She was left in awe when she felt an ancient will as she signed the contract; there was indeed a veritable bigshot behind Su Ping's back. It could be a Deity King or someone even stronger!

Green Lady was further reassured that following Su Ping had been the right choice; he could really have a way to visit the Chaotic Realm of the Undead.

Tang Ruyan was nearby; that was the first time she had witnessed Su Ping enter a cultivation site, which left her dumbfounded. She had seen Su Ping entering rooms that she couldn't access, so she simply thought that he was training there. Never did she think that Su Ping could travel to another world with a power she couldn't understand.

No wonder the pets he trained became so strong. It was because they weren't trained in the store, which was too small for them to exercise.

Thinking it through, Tang Ruyan wore a troubled expression; she found that Su Ping was even more enigmatic and far away from her than she had thought...

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Once entering the Demigod Burial, Su Ping traveled with Joanna back to the palace where she lived.

The God Warriors on the mountain had been instructed to lock down the area and make sure that nobody disturbed Su Ping during his training.

Su Ping then trained in the following days on an open ground at the mountaintop.

He took out the fruits that Xingyue Shen'er gave him and swallowed them. He then enshrouded them with astral power for a quick absorption.

It would have been hard for an ordinary Fate State cultivator to absorb the fruit, just like digesting a pine. However, Su Ping only needed half an hour to absorb one.

The first fruit was quickly absorbed, and Su Ping grasped a law named domination during his state of meditation.

It was quite a powerful law that could dominate other laws. Of course, it would only be able to interfere if other laws were even more powerful.

Su Ping then swallowed the second fruit.

The second fruit brought the law of prophecy, which belonged to the time class. He wasn't able to directly grasp the law of time, but there was a possibility that he would reach the field of time if he attained a better understanding of the law.

The law of prophecy allowed him to predict dangers and foresee the enemy's attacks. It was very useful in melee battles and could work even against the laws that were even more powerful.

Other laws, such as Su Ping's Boom, was a pure offensive law that would be crushed by more powerful laws.

He continued ingesting more and more fruits...

All the fruits were absorbed, and the laws melded into Su Ping's body. Some of the laws contained in the fruits overlapped, but their repetitive ingestion allowed him to get a deeper understanding of the laws, finding more of their usages.

While Su Ping was training in seclusion, in the outside world—

Green Lady was already pushing Rhea towards Michelle, according to the map displayed on the Lord Badge. The planet disappeared with a blue, glittering trail in the dark and quiet universe.

#### **Chapter 847: Fate State**

Michelle was in the Hera Planetary System, which was the second largest in the Silvy Galaxy.

It was a tier-1 planet that had a good prosperity ranking, being one of the top ten planets in Silvy. Michelle's business taxes could compare to the GDP of some small planetary systems!

Michelle was quite enormous and had a population of several trillion. It had 22 continents, each being the size of seven Rheas and a hundred Blue Planets!

Not the old Blue Planet, but the new one, in its unsealed and expanded form!

All galaxies seethed with excitement when Mu Shen's announcement was spread across the universe; there was a carnival on Michelle, a place where everybody loved fighting.

Michelles' natives were of the aggressive sort; they would always have the greatest number of participants in every Universe Geniuses' Contest in the galaxy. The most appalling point was that they would also have the greatest number of winners!

The Amir Royal Academy, one of the four best academies, was located on the Paratian Continent, which was the most prosperous continent of all.

While everybody on Michelle was celebrating, a blue ball of light flashed out of the darkness of space and rushed over.

Underneath the atmosphere of this planet, in a store inside a crowded city—

The clouds that blocked the view were suddenly gone, revealing the top of a magnificent mountain.

Boom! Boom!

Humming noises came from a young man on the mountain, as if thunder were rumbling inside his body.

The young man was none other than Su Ping.

His torso was exposed, as he was only wearing a pair of short pants. His muscles were obvious, but not bulging, seeming to be strong in a contained way.

Lightning and flames were bouncing on his hair; he was shrouded in a strange energy field.

Several men were gazing at Su Ping from a palace in the distance.

“Your Highness, is Lord Su really just advancing to the Fate State?” one of the God Warriors asked in fear.

Not just him, another few God Warriors also looked at Joanna at the center.

Those God Warriors were in the Star State, and the Major Gods were as strong as Star Lords.

However, they felt threatened by that Lord Su, who hadn’t even become a God Warrior yet. His pressure was so enormous that even they felt wary.

“Yes...”

Joanna let out a nasal sound unconsciously; she was quite solemn at the moment. Not just the God Warriors, even she who had fought in the Demigod Burial for years felt that her blood was curdling. She thought that her clone might no longer be Su Ping’s match after his advancement.

Unless, she were to use forbidden skills. But such skills would produce a backlash and destroy her body!

*Such a storage is too much, even for my titanic celestial state to bear...* Joanna’s eyes twitched. The energy inside Su Ping’s body was horrifying. Not just the Void State, even those in the Star State could have hardly endured it, but Su Ping had weathered it through!

Joanna believed that it had something to do with Su Ping’s cultivation methods and his ancient body-tempering skill.

The aura of ancient Golden Crows left a deep impression on her. She didn’t know where he had gotten the long lost constitution, which gave him a huge capacity.

Su Ping’s cultivation methods were also a source of puzzlement for her. She felt that they were even more mysterious than her own.

“He has grasped a hundred laws, yet he’s only in the Void State...”

“Oh my god, I wouldn’t believe it if I hadn’t seen it with my own eyes.”

“No wonder he gets to stand alongside Her Highness...”

All the God Warriors wore troubled faces. They were not jealous, because they would rather not frustrate themselves by trying to compare themselves with such a genius.

They wondered if this Lord Su was the clone of a certain God of Rules, if not a Superior God.

A noise suddenly came from the divine mountain just then.

There was a boom, and the force field around Su Ping became violent. The power of laws that carried their original features—such as flames, lightning and ice—twisted the space around Su Ping, making it as chaotic as a big bang.

“He’s about to advance!”

Everybody felt refreshed after seeing that.

In the next moment, all the power of laws was condensed on Su Ping and wrapped around him like threads. At the same time, the illusion of a fiery bird emerged on his back and soared to the sky, shrieking.

The illusionary bird flapped its wings and attracted all the nearby energy, turning them into a furious pillar of energy that wreathed Su Ping.

“He’s still absorbing the energy...”

“...”

They were all lost for words; Joanna was equally stunned.

Su Ping’s body began to evolve under the magnificent energy. His cells were vibrating. The features of the laws learned entered his cells, separating his flesh from his bones. He seemed to have been torn apart, but no blood was shed.

His skeleton was entirely separated from his flesh.

His veins were nimbly floating like snakes too.

In the next moment, the independent flesh, veins and bones were reassembled, and all the energy in the environment was compressed in his body.

The energy was gone, and Su Ping’s new body was exposed after being reassembled. He was much taller than before, with a flawless body figure. His skin was as fair as that of a girl, yet it glowed with divine power.

Su Ping opened his eyes where thousands of stars seemed to be flashing. They were so brilliant that he seemed to be like an immortal that was independent from the secular world!

Phew!

Su Ping breathed out gently. He felt the abundant energy inside his body; he could not help but put on a smile, clench his fist, and punch at the sky.

A golden fist aura was pushed out. After traveling thousands of meters in the void, it bashed the array that locked the mountain and shattered it!

The scene was dumbfounding for the God Warriors near Joanna.

The array had been established by the God Warriors and Joanna together. Even if ten top God Warriors had attacked together, it would have taken them some time to destroy it. Yet, Su Ping had shattered it with one punch?

And he was only in the Fate State?

“...”

Joanna was lost for words too. She withdrew her gaze from the shattered arrays and looked at Su Ping. She loosened her fingers, secretly comforting herself that she was a God of Rules, and that she would very likely become a Superior Good when the time came when Su Ping fulfilled his promise and took her to the Archean Divinity.

She had been ahead of Su Ping for a long time. That guy couldn't possibly catch up to her... or could he?

“I have established a bridge that connects the sky and the earth. This feeling...”

On the mountaintop—Su Ping looked at the shattered array with a smile. He felt that he was much more closely connected to the sky and the earth.

At this moment he could enter the deeper spaces as easily as he could lift a curtain.

The moment he advanced to the Fate State, he had actually reached the very peak of the level.

He was almost halfway in the Star State!

Many people would reach that level when they vaguely grasped the power of laws.

They had mostly perceived the laws when they were more familiar with nature. They wouldn't have such a deep understanding when they had just set foot in the Fate State.

“I feel like I can enter the Star State any minute. It'll be very easy with my understanding of laws.” Su Ping smiled. Having swallowed a hundred fruits of law, he had gained a new understanding on the workings of laws.

What was the power of laws?

Laws were order, and how things in the world functioned!

Laws were like the routes the being who constructed that universe followed.

Everything had to follow their respective route. For example, planets needed to absorb sunlight, human beings needed to eat and defecate. Those were the basic laws.

Su Ping had long heard that the Star Lords could create small worlds, accumulate power of faith, and kill enemies with the power of faith instead of the power of laws.

However, Su Ping had a strange thought after eating the fruits. He wondered about what would happen if he used the laws in reverse. Would they lead to destruction, or result in something else?

Su Ping intended to find out, but he detected the auras far away. He turned around and saw Joanna. Then, he flashed towards her.

As for the God Warriors, Su Ping sensed that even though they were stronger than they looked, it seemed that he could still squeeze and kill them easily.

Earlier, when he just entered the Demigod Burial, the God Warriors were still unreachable beings that he had to look up to.

“How long have I been in seclusion?”

Joanna came back to herself and said expressionlessly, “Two months.”

“That long?”

Su Ping was stunned. He had never stayed in a cultivation site for two months in one go.

“I wonder if we’ve reached our destination...” Su Ping’s eyes flashed and he intended to find out. He said to Joanna, “Let’s return to the store.”

“Sure.”

Joanna accepted.

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More and more vessels emerged in space and flew towards Michelle.

As the Universe Geniuses’ Contest was just about to begin, they were all going to Michelle to sign up.

“It’s finally begun!”

“I can’t wait any longer! I wish I could meet the guys from the Amir Royal Academy.”

“Hehe, me too. The Amir Royal Academy refused to admit me. I’ll show them that I’m strong and they failed to recognize it!”

“Indeed!”

On a spaceship, a couple of young men were talking. They wore the same uniform, which indicated that they were students from a senior academy on a planet nearby. The academy wasn’t one of the best, but it had high requirements too.

“Look, what’s that?”

“What the heck?”

Soon, someone noticed that an enormous object was glittering and approaching their spaceship.

As it got closer, everybody widened their eyes.

Was it... a planet?

A planet or a meteorite?

Someone couldn’t believe their eyes and quickly blinked, soon recognizing that it was a planet, because there were seas on it. The contours of cities were also visible.

However, why was this planet moving like a meteorite?

Also, was it heading towards their spaceship?

Everybody on the spaceship was scared when the planet moved closer without decelerating.

The mentors on the spaceship changed their expressions too. One of them roared, "Hurry! Go to Michelle's space station! If it heads towards Michelle, experts will show up and destroy it!"

The pilot panicked, but quickly complied.

Very soon, the engines of the spaceship were fully activated and changed its course. But right when they dodged in panic, the planet slowed down and approached Michelle's space station at a lower speed.

Then, the planet came to a halt. It didn't revolve or get any closer to Michelle.

It didn't seem influenced by Michelle's gravity. Instead, it slowly followed Michelle as it moved in space.

"What's going on?"

The spaceships nearby were shocked too, and so were the staff on the space station, as they had never seen such a thing.

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On Rhea, countless people across the globe saw the enormous planet above their heads.

The planet was so vast that everybody was stunned.

Where had they drifted to this time?

Very soon, a powerful thought spread out of Michelle and shrouded Rhea.

Everybody on Rhea sensed the intimidating thought that felt like a giant looking down at them. They were terrified, feeling like insignificant ants.

At the same time, Green Lady narrowed her eyes coldly and responded with a thought of her own.

The first thought was a cold question.

The Green Lady's thought was a cold reply.

Sensing Green Lady's thought, the first thought retreated after a moment of silence.

If someone in the Ascendant State pushed a planet like this for fun... there was no way to restrain them.

That was the freedom and privilege of the Ascendant State.

If a Star Lord would have done that, they would have been taught a lesson about what rules and law meant!

In the following days, everybody who left for Michelle noticed the planet that was outside of its orbit. They were all curious, not knowing what it was about.

Some even speculated that it was a small celestial body that someone on Michelle had created.



However, they were soon distracted by the sign-up process for the contest, and nobody had any time to care about the weird planet any longer.

On this day, Su Ping returned from the Demigod Burial back to his store.

“You’re back.” Green Lady observed Su Ping solemnly, and amazement emanated from her eyes.

After such a short amount of time, she felt like Su Ping had been reborn.

Su Ping was a genius in the first place. He was the man whose combat ability was the most disproportionate to their level that she had ever seen. However, he seemed even more monstrous at the moment.

### **Chapter 848: The Amir Royal Academy**

“Have we arrived?” Su Ping asked the moment he saw Green Lady.

The astonishment in Green Lady’s eyes was gone; she looked at Su Ping’s naked upper body without batting an eye. “Yes.”

Relieved, Su Ping asked, “Was there any trouble on the way?”

After all, she had been pushing the planet all the way; there was no telling how many meteorites and other obstacles she could have met on the way. The people on Michelle had very likely done something as they saw the planet approaching.

A crash would have led to a huge disaster.

“Nope,” Green Lady said briefly. The Ascendant guy’s thought from that planet had been pushed back and no problem arose from this; it was pointless to mention it.

Su Ping looked at her; it didn’t seem that she was lying. He then nodded and reached out to Xingyue Shen’er via the Lord Badge.

The call soon went through. Su Ping informed her that he had finished his training.

“Okay, I’m on my way.”

Su Ping hung up and then put on a new set of clothes he had found in the store. Once he got out he found that the queue outside the store was still filling up the street. He would probably never end training even if he were to work all day for years.

Countless customers had turned up; business would never end.

Su Ping raised his head and saw an enormous planet—although it seemed more of a continent in the void than a planet. It was only possible to see part of it from Rhea, the rest went beyond their view!

Rhea was to the planet what a bean was to an egg.

Whoosh!

Xingyue Shen’er flashed out of the void, raising a round of exclamations.

“You...”

Xingyue Shen'er was about to talk when she saw Su Ping; she was stunned and wide eyed. Su Ping had concealed his aura, but she clearly sensed that the man was different from how he used to be!

He already had peak Star State combat ability in the past.

Still, he seemed to be breaking the limits at the moment!

However... Was it possible for someone in the Fate State to fight a Star Lord?

There was a gap of two major levels between them!

Xingyue Shen'er came back to herself after a moment. She shook her head and thought that it was impossible no matter how talented Su Ping was; nobody had managed such a feat in all of the Universe Geniuses' Contests!

"Has the contest started?" Su Ping instantly asked.

Xingyue Shen'er nodded and said, "The screening phase has begun, but it's not impossible. I can recommend you to the Amir Royal Academy so that they save a spot for you."

"Thanks."

"Should we go there now?"

"Okay."

Xingyue Shen'er was about to move when a few members of the Alliance of Stars arrived; O'Neil was among them.

All of them were astonished to see Su Ping, as they could detect that he had become even stronger.

"Brother Heaven Destroyer..." O'Neil coughed and said, "You missed the Pet Contest, but I've seen your pet's performance and it could have won the championship easily. Here are three Transcendence Fruits. Please keep them."

Su Ping finally noticed he had completely forgotten about the Pet Contest, mainly because the situation on the Blue Planet had angered him to no end and missed it. He accepted the black boxes and said, "Thanks. I'll help you train your pets when I get a chance. You can also come to see me if you need other help."

O'Neil's eyes glittered. He knew that Su Ping was a grandmaster trainer able to handle Star State pets. He had the idea that Su Ping had been training pets with inferior cultivation for fun, as it would have been very exhausting for him to train Star State pets.

O'Neil held back his excitement and said carefully, "Thank you very much, Brother Heaven Destroyer!"

Su Ping nodded.

Xingyue Shen'er and the others all looked at O'Neil weirdly. They knew how precious the Transcendence Fruits were, yet the guy had generously given three of them to Su Ping right then and there.

"Are you a good pet trainer? Do you have any certificates?" asked Xingyue Shen'er curiously.

She had noticed that those close to Su Ping were calling him Boss Su in his hometown. Her curiosity was piqued since O'Neil had once again mentioned that Su Ping could train pets, as the former seemed to be very excited about a promise of the latter.

"I had a level-8 certificate in the past. I'm not much of an expert, just a beginner," said Su Ping truthfully.

When Xingyue Shen'er and the others thought he literally meant it, he added, "But it shouldn't be a problem for me to train your Star State pets."

"..."

Everybody was lost for words.

*You say you're just a beginner, yet you want to train our pets?*

*Do you think we're your experiment subjects?*

Nobody was interested. They would rather not have their precious pets be Su Ping's toys.

"It's getting late. We should go to Michelle," Xingyue Shen'er said, ignoring Su Ping's proposal.

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Before they left, Su Ping asked Tang Ruyan, Green Lady and the others to carry on with business. They could do normal training even without him.

While normal training wasn't as profitable, it was more efficient and could be conducted more frequently.

"Let's take my spaceship." said Xingyue Shen'er as she took out her spaceship.

The members of the Alliance of Stars had almost all arrived. Some had even gone ahead to Michelle so they could meet their friends.

Whoosh!

The spaceship flew out of Rhea's atmosphere and entered Michelle after being inspected at the space station.

Su Ping instantly realized that Michelle's astral power density was three times that on Rhea and ten times that on the Blue Planet when they got closer!

A three-time gap meant that cultivating there for a year was as productive as cultivating for three years on Rhea!

People who reached the bottleneck prior to the Legendary level would need an environment where astral power density was suitable to make breakthroughs; this meant that anybody on that planet could become a Legend as long as they were talented enough. More astral power would be needed by the time they reached the Ocean State and their cultivation speed would drop. That would be the time when aptitude and hard work played a more important role.

Su Ping could not help but remark, "This is an excellent environment."

He decided he would consider modifying the Blue Planet when he advanced to higher levels.

“Michelle is one of the top ten planets in Silvy,” said Xingyue Shen’er casually.

Su Ping became even more earnest.

The ranking was only in Silvy—such a planet was probably nothing remarkable in the star region or the rest of the Federation!

How vast would the top ranking planets in the Federation be? All of them were probably cultivation sanctuaries that people had to wait in line to enter!

Xingyue Shen’er stored the spaceship upon arrival and led everybody to a continent along with the deputy.

“Michelle has twenty-two continents, and the Amir Royal Academy is on the one named Paratian,” said Xingyue Shen’er and tore into a deeper space. They then traveled through a channel for half a minute. They appeared in the sky of a continent when they reappeared.

The continent was extremely spacious. Enormous ships were docked in the seaside of the continent. Waves were surging further away, and scary shadows were moving about deep under the water.

Next to her, the smiling deputy leader said softly, “Miss, you’re back.”

Affection popped up from her eyes. She chuckled and said proudly, “Yes, I am. Let’s see if those kids have broken my records!”

All those present were stunned after hearing that. *Did our leader graduate from the Amir Royal Academy too?*

Su Ping aside, all of them knew that the Amir Royal Academy only admitted talented students from powerful backgrounds. All students came from families that at minimum ruled a planet. People like O’Neil were only mediocre in such an institution. Most of the remaining students had Star Lord parents.

The distinguished ones among them—such as Xingyue Shen’er—had Ascendant State experts as backers.

“Let’s go!”

Xingyue Shen’er was giddy and excited to return to her old school. She quickly carried everyone to the biggest city in the Paratian Continent.

The city was right at the center of the continent. It was mentioned as a city, but its size was actually half the size of their Blue Planet. The Amir Royal Academy was right at the center of the city.

### **Chapter 849: Asking For a Recommendation**

Inside the small world, the members of the Alliance of Stars whispered hopefully.

“I heard that there’s a guardian array outside of this continent.”

“This is the first time I’ve come to Michelle. I was told that all the beasts in the sea are tamed, all for appreciation purposes. Every inch of land on Michelle is precious and has been developed.”

“Tell me about it. It’s not easy to immigrate to Michelle. Even those in the Void State aren’t always approved.”

“Is this the Amir Royal Academy? My friend’s granddaughter studies here.”

This time, they had chosen to tag along; both to keep Su Ping company and to select potential students among the contestants.

Of course, they didn’t consider the geniuses whose ranking was too high. Those geniuses would probably not be interested in them, either; they would only choose students they could teach and were satisfied with.

Soon after, they reached the sky above the Amir Royal Academy.

Xingyue Shen’er was no longer able to tear apart the void, mainly because the deeper spaces in that region had been locked by Ascendant experts. Otherwise, the campus might get accidentally caught in battles in the deeper spaces.

Xingyue Shen’er looked up at a statue that was on the back of another statue, which depicted a tall and scholarly middle-aged man. He was the president of the Amir Royal Academy, and an Ascendant State expert!

The statue was quite vivid. Ordinary people would have felt pressured if they saw it.

“President Alan!”

“Lord Alan!”

The members of the Alliance of Stars became solemn, standing straight respectfully when they saw the statue. They knew that the current president was very strong and had personally taught an Ascendant State student.

Xingyue Shen’er, however, raised her brows, as if she didn’t like the president.

“Huh, what an old fogey.”

Whoosh!

Just then, a peak Star State man flew over. He glanced down at everybody with a cold and proud attitude. His expression changed a bit when he laid eyes on Xingyue Shen’er, but he still said with pride, “You’ve reached the Amir Royal Academy. Why are you here?”

“Huh?”

Xingyue Shen’er raised her brows and said coldly, “Have you just started working here? You don’t know me?”

“You...”

The middle-aged man was stunned for a moment. He would have scolded her if she were in the Star State, but she was actually a Star Lord. Feeling puzzled, he observed her carefully, only to tremble and widen his eyes a moment after.

“You—You’re Xingyue Shen’er, the one at the top of the Royal Rank?”

The members of the Star Alliance were also shocked.

“Top of the Royal Rank?”

“Damn. That’s the most golden rank in the Amir Royal Academy. Our leader is at the top?”

“Only the super geniuses can make it to that rank. Our leader is so awesome! She deserves to be the unparalleled Divine Lady of the Nine Heavens!”

“I’d like to worship our leader as my goddess!”

“Relax. This is nothing but a minor achievement that our leader has accomplished.”

“Chill, chill...”

Su Ping didn’t say anything, but he found the way everybody tried to suck up to her hilarious.

The Alliance of Stars was truly an interesting group.

When considering other alliances, even if the members wanted to please their leader, they wouldn’t have tried to flatter so blatantly. That girl was the only one who didn’t care. She even advocated it...

“The top of the Royal Rank is nothing. I made it there two years after I came here. It’s no big deal,” said Xingyue Shen’er casually, but there was an obvious delight in her eyes.

Reaching the top of the Royal Rank in only two years was an astonishing feat for the entire academy. Even the other main academies had also learned about the news and invited her to study there.

“Awesome. Our leader is truly unimaginable for us mortals.”

“Brother Heaven Destroyer is probably the only person who can catch up with the leader.”

Everybody remarked while torn by mixed feelings; All of them knew how hard it was to be listed on the Amir Royal Rank. Making it to the top ten was probably a tall order for them!

The middle-aged man had already fallen prey to dumbfoundedness, not expecting the girl to truly be the super genius who had broken the academy records. She was a genius who had graduated decades earlier, but her tales had been spreading even to the present day. Most of the older people on Michelle had almost been able to recognize her!

“I—I didn’t recognize you, Miss Shen’er. What brings you here?” The middle-aged man changed his expression and put on an ingratiating smile.

Xingyue Shen’er snapped, “Am I not allowed to come back?”

“Yes, of course you are. You have got to be kidding, Miss Shen’er. Your mentor will be so much happier to know that you’re back. Your school is your second home, one that will always welcome you,” said the middle-aged apologetically.

Many people in the academy knew that Xingyue Shen’er was not just a super genius but also a child of an Ascendant State parent. She was definitely someone not to be trifled with.

“Humph. It just so happens that I need to talk to my mentor. Help me inform him.”

“Of course. Please follow me, Miss Shen’er.”

The middle-aged man humbly led the way.

The members of the Alliance of Stars had mixed feelings when they saw the change of attitude. They were sort of bigshots too, but they were nothing in front of the Amir Royal Academy; only Star Lords mattered there. Besides, Xingyue Shen’er was not just a Star Lord but also a super genius.

Respect was not earned, unless someone was strong enough.

“The Universe Geniuses’ Contest has begun. You have ten recommendations, right? Have they been given away?” Xingyue Shen’er asked on the way.

The middle-aged man was stunned, but he realized the purpose of her visit. He shook his head and said, “I’m just a gatekeeper. I don’t know anything about that. Do you have anyone you intend to recommend, Miss Shen’er?”

Xingyue Shen’er raised her eyebrows, not even bothering to answer the question.

The middle-aged man smiled awkwardly after seeing that his question had been left unanswered, but he didn’t try to burst into fury. He simply led the way dutifully.

Soon, a man flew over from the forest at the rear. He wore a black and golden robe that was evidently some sort of uniform. There was a golden badge on his chest, indicating that he was a top-tier teacher in the Amir Royal Academy.

“Shen’er!”

The man was white-haired and old; he looked quite friendly. After a cry of excitement, he quickly moved close like an unpredictable snowflake. He instantly appeared in front of everyone, as if he would have used a flash movement.

The middle-aged man who led the way saw him and greeted him respectfully, “Mr. Frenkiel!”

The old man glanced at him and slightly nodded.

The middle-aged man had to bow before Xingyue Shen’er and retreated.

“Let me see... I’ve long heard that you rose to become a Star Lord. The waves of your small world are almost as powerful as mine. Good girl. Haha!” Frenkiel laughed after observing her.

He was also a Star Lord, and also one of the twelve golden mentors in the Amir Royal Academy!

“Almost as powerful as yours? I’ve already surpassed you. I’m just keeping a low profile,” boasted Xingyue Shen’er, as if she would become a student again.

Frenkiel smiled; he was already used to that. He asked, “Why didn’t you inform me of your return? Are you here to visit me?”

“No, I’m only visiting you by the way; The Universe Geniuses’ Contest has begun. Our academy has ten recommendations, right? I want one,” said Xingyue Shen’er casually.

“By the way...” Frenkiel put on a bitter smile, but he wasn’t truly upset. He knew that the girl didn’t mean what she had just said. He asked, “Why, do you have anyone to recommend? There might not be enough recommendations. There’s a lot of distinguished candidates this year. There are also some of the president’s friends who wanted recommendations too. I’m afraid...”

“You’re afraid?”

Xingyue Shen’er lost her cool after hearing that. She said, “It’s not easy for me to return to my academy, yet I can’t even have one recommendation? I’m the pride of the academy. Is this how you treat your pride?”

Frenkiel: “...”

*Where did that come from?* he said helplessly, “Don’t be too childish. The competition for recommendations is truly fierce. You’ll definitely get a recommendation first if you haven’t reached the Star State. We’ve never treated you unfairly, have we? Right, who are you seeking the recommendation for? I’ve just remembered that you’re just too proud to know people who are under the Star State. Isn’t that right?”

### **Chapter 850: Competition**

Xingyue Shen’er didn’t defend herself, merely saying proudly, “I’m too proud to make friends with untalented idiots, but I’ve met a brilliant genius as talented as me. Don’t you think I deserve a recommendation?”

Her comparison made the Alliance of Stars members smile.

They truly revered Xingyue Shen’er, but they knew that Su Ping was probably much more talented than her!

“As talented as you?”

Frenkiel was rather surprised to hear that. He knew that the girl had always been proud, and that she wouldn’t compare herself with anyone who wasn’t a real genius!

What kind of guy had won the admiration of such a proud girl?

“What about it? I deserve one of the recommendations, right?” she snorted and said.

Frenkiel searched and noticed Su Ping in her small world, since he was too eye-catching. The others were obviously Star State warriors—even though they were concealing their cultivation—but Su Ping appeared to be peculiar from every perspective.

*Is he hiding his cultivation?*

*He must be at least a Star Lord, to be able to hide his cultivation in front of Frenkiel, but most Star Lords were too proud to stay in other people’s small worlds unless they were really close!*

“It’s him?” Frenkiel asked in confusion as he carefully observed Su Ping.



“Yes. He’s a member of my alliance and has just made a breakthrough to the Fate State. He actually reached the peak of the Fate State right after he broke through,” said Xingyue Shen’er proudly after bringing out Su Ping from her small world.

“His nickname is Heaven Destroying Celestial. See, sir? It’s a name that’s only second to mine. He was already able to fight peak Star State opponents when he was a Void State warrior. He definitely has a chance of making it to the finals!”

Frenkiel: “...”

*Aren’t you afraid of being beaten because of that nickname?*

He was sweating bullets at the moment; he didn’t comment on the name, since he knew about her weird tastes, and only focused on what she said next. He asked solemnly, “He was able to fight peak Star State opponents when he was only in the Void State? Not even you were able to do that, unless you used your father’s forbidden items.”

There was a slight change of expression in her face. She coughed and said, “Who says I wasn’t able to? I didn’t try my best back then. As I said, Brother Heaven Destroyer is as talented as me!”

Frenkiel was lost for words. *You almost detonated your own constitution back then, and you weren’t trying your best!*

“If he’s so talented, he will advance smoothly even without having a recommendation. He’s probably going to be in the top ten of Silvy. Wouldn’t it be a waste to give him a recommendation?”

Frenkiel felt that the situation was somehow suspicious.

He knew that the girl was proud and would never approve of anyone easily, but he didn’t think that someone in the Void State could face a Star State warrior!

There might not be such a genius in all of Silvy!

“He trained himself in seclusion and missed the initial screening. Besides, it wouldn’t be fair for the others if he takes part in the screening battles, and it would be a huge waste of time. Don’t you know that time is precious for geniuses?” said Xingyue Shen’er, rolling her eyes.

Frenkiel: “...”

*Is it my fault that he missed the screening phase?*

Frenkiel refrained from contesting her arguments, seeing how defensive she was of the young man. He vaguely noticed the abundant power inside Su Ping’s body, which was dozens of times greater than what you would find in normal Fate State experts. The man was definitely a genius in his own right.

“Okay, but the recommendations are limited. I don’t know if they’ve been given away. I’ll take you to meet with the president.” Frenkiel turned around and added, “But don’t make a fuss if there aren’t any left. It’s said that the offspring of many senior experts will be taking part in this year’s Universe Geniuses’ Contest.”

“Humph. No matter which families they’re from, all of them will have to kneel before Brother Heaven Destroyer!” declared Xingyue Shen’er contemptuously.

She had participated in the Universe Geniuses’ Contest and knew it well. Even if the competition were to be fiercer that year, how fierce could it be? Su Ping had shown enough strength to make it to the top ten of Silvy while he still was in the Void State. His recent breakthrough doubled his combat abilities!

Frenkiel frowned and said, “You can say that to me, but don’t say it to others in case you cause trouble for your father. Those senior experts aren’t only Ascendants, there are also Celestials involved. You should keep a low profile!”

Xingyue Shen’er slightly raised her eyebrows, but the term “Celestials” was quite intimidating. She didn’t want to give in, but she no longer dared to say more.

It was OK to be rude when dealing with Ascendants, but Celestial State warriors were able to look down on the entire Federation. They could make Ascendants lower their heads with a single thought. Their names had to be mentioned respectfully!

The members of the Alliance of Stars wore troubled expressions while still inside the small world. Those who distinguished themselves in the contest would have a good chance of reaching the Ascendant State!

Even Celestials might pay attention to them. After all, they had grasped laws and found their own path; it would be easier to train and educate them.

Soon after, Xingyue Shen’er and Su Ping followed Frenkiel and headed to a certain manor in the academy.

They passed plains, forests and arenas on the way; the academy was as vast as a continent.

“Mr. President?”

Several men flew out all of a sudden when they were about to enter the manor. One of them was a tall middle-aged man who looked identical to the statue at the main entrance of the academy, except that he was even more extraordinary in the flesh; he was standing right there, but trying to detect his presence was impossible.

Once he overcame his shock, Frenkiel quickly flew to him and bowed respectfully. “President Alan.”

“Huh?”

The middle-aged man looked at him and immediately shifted his attention to Xingyue Shen’er in surprise. Then, he put on a smile and said, “What brings you here? Why didn’t you tell me that you were coming?”

The members of the Alliance of Stars in the small world were in awe, as the famous President Alan was an Ascendant State mentor who had tutored an Ascendant State student!

Nobody expected him to be that gentle towards Xingyue Shen’er.

The latter, however, was less rude than when she was interacting with Frenkiel. She paid her respects obediently and pouted her cheeks. "Mr. President, I was planning to surprise you while on my visit."

Frenkiel glanced at her.

*Little girl, that was not what you said to me just now. Have you learned better now that you're in front of the president?*

Alan smiled and said, "Indeed, I'm surprised. You're at the top of the Royal Rank and the most distinguished student in hundreds of years. Breaking to the advanced phase of the Star Lord State will soon arrive. Keep it up. You can come back when you reach the peak; I'll help you reach the Ascendant State."

Xingyue Shen'er's eyes glittered. She said quickly, "Thank you, Mr. President!"

Frenkiel also thanked him with glittering eyes.

Xingyue Shen'er was his student. It would be a remarkable feat in his career if she broke through to the Ascendant State!

"Who's he?"

Another mentor who wore the same uniform as Frenkiel did look at Su Ping and frowned just then, as he didn't pay respects to the president, at all, when he was only a Fate State expert!

He would have scolded the young man if the latter wouldn't have arrived together with Xingyue Shen'er; he could very well be her brother.

Alan had also noticed Su Ping, but he kept a nonchalant attitude. He didn't care if a little guy who hadn't even reached the Star State would revere him.

"He is my friend," Xingyue Shen'er quickly said to Alan, "Mr. President, by the way, I was hoping you could give me a recommendation for the Universe Geniuses' Contest to me. Is it possible?"

Frenkiel: "..."

*So, this is not a casual visit; you straight out asked for a recommendation?*

Alan was stunned for a moment. He glanced at Su Ping and realized what was going on. He chuckled and said, "Speaking of recommendations, we're about to distribute them. There are also a lot of promising candidates in our academy too; they should get the recommendations."

Xingyue Shen'er said anxiously, "Mr. President, the students should take part in the screening battles. Challenging opponents tier by tier will be a good practice, won't it? The recommendations should be given to those who are too strong for the screening phase, which will be a waste of time for them."

Amused, Alan said, "You're back mainly for the recommendation, aren't you?"

Xingyue Shen'er wasn't at all embarrassed; she flashed a big smile and said, "Of course not. I've always missed you since I left the academy."

"You never missed your teacher?"

“Him, too.”

Frenkiel: “...”

*Too?*

Frenkiel’s awkward expression made Alan burst into laughter and say, “What a mischievous girl. All right, now that you have expressly come for it, I’ll give you one recommendation.”

Xingyue Shen’er was stunned, not expecting to obtain it so easily. She asked in surprise, “Really? Mr. President, you must not go back on your word!”

Alan smiled and said, “Those recommendations aren’t too valuable anyway. It’s mainly for the guys who are too lazy to take part in the screening phase. Recommendations can only take them to the galactic elimination phase, not the finals. It will depend on their personal strength whether or not they manage to distinguish themselves in the galaxy.”

He looked at Su Ping and nodded. “Your friend looks strong enough. He’s deserving of a recommendation.”

Xingyue Shen’er smiled proudly. “Mr. President, you do have keen eyes. My friend is a super genius; you’ll soon find out how strong he is. Very soon!”

Alan smiled and said, “Now that you’re back, why don’t you come to Goddess Suha’s Arena with us? You’ll be an inspiration to the current younger generation.”

“Okay. I’ve been meaning to see the changes in the Royal Rank too.” Xingyue Shen’er accepted with delight.

Su Ping stood there, never having a chance to talk; he was quite happy since he was being ignored.

“Let’s go.” Alan waved his sleeves and flew forward.

Xingyue Shen’er followed Frenkiel while carrying Su Ping.

In Goddess Suha’s Arena—

It was the place where the students of the Amir Royal Academy fought for the Royal Rank. Goddess Suha was a talented student in the early years, having reached the Ascendant State back then. She specifically built that arena on a subsequent visit to the academy; that place had witnessed the rise and fall of countless geniuses.

The Amir Royal Academy only accepted geniuses from powerful backgrounds, who in turn were proud and mostly spoiled. They always challenged each other in the academy, making the Amir Royal Academy only less competitive than the Dragon Tomb Academy, known as the Academy of Lunatics.

Goddess Suha’s Arena was crowded at the moment.

The massive arena stood on a plain; the place was filled with students.

Countless of them were excited since the Universe Geniuses’ Contest had just begun; it was an opportunity for them to prove themselves.

They were also craving for the academy's recommendations, which would allow them to skip the screening phase and directly enter the galactic stage that everybody would watch.

"Sister Offit, are all the members of the Conduct Committee going to compete for the recommendations?" said a worried silver-haired girl in the crowd.

Next to her was another girl with silver hair; she seemed to be even younger, not older than twenty. And yet, she seemed calm and composed.

"It's fine even if they do. I can beat them," the girl named Offit said with a smile and a pair of sharp eyes.

"I believe in you, sis. Unfortunately, something did happen to the divine residence. I wonder what's going on in our hometown; otherwise, you could've visited Boss Su's store. You definitely could have benefited from a strength increase," said the first girl regretfully.

"Our family leader will find a way to prevent a disaster from happening. It is said that Ascendant State experts have been deployed to take care of it; we're too weak to help. I can still win without that pet store, it would not make a difference," said Offit gracefully and confidently.

A battle had already begun in the arena up ahead while they spoke.