

Pet Store 851

Chapter 851: Duel

The space at the center of the arena was a collapsed deeper space!

It was the dark and dangerous tertiary space!

Even those in the Fate State had to tread lightly, since they could perish at any moment. As for the fourth space... It was dangerous even to those in the Star State!

Weirdly enough, the space was incompatible with the environment, and it looked like a black curtain in midair.

To have the courage of entering Goddess Suha's Arena was already a sign of strength in the Amir Royal Academy; only the most distinguished students had the courage and abilities.

Normal students would have been killed even before setting foot into this real arena!

Two men were currently fighting in the arena located in the tertiary space; all sorts of battle pets, including dragons, were fighting alongside them.

The dragons were popular, and their abilities were comprehensive. It was also easy for them to deal with elements of all classes; they had great defenses and explosive power, being almost immune to deterrence skills. Dragons with rare bloodlines could even subdue enemies with their auras.

In addition, a dragon with a great bloodline could collectively deter all enemy pets.

All those advantages always made dragons the battle pet warrior's top choice.

Demon pets were better in terms of extreme explosive power! Some of them were used for support, some had massive power, and others were skilled assassins that could end a dragon's life with a single attack!

Apart from them, the category belonged to the elemental battle pets, which were the largest in number, but they were mostly support pets.

The current battle taking place in the tertiary was almost evenly matched.

Therefore, it was obvious to see their pets lineup; one side had three dragons, two demon pets, and four elemental pets.

The three dragons had been placed in the vanguard. One of the two demon pets imposed fear and mental interference on enemies, and the other one moved unpredictably like a ghost. It was obviously an assassin pet.

The other four pets were casting all kinds of elemental enhancements and shields; the dazzling elemental waves turned the battlefield into a glamorous oil painting.

The opposing lineup included two dragons, three demon pets, three elemental pets, and a combative pet.

Combative pets were the most common pets. They had nothing remarkable except their higher-than-average speed and strength. However, surprisingly enough, such a pet was fighting a dragon without being intimidated. Its scales were as hard as those of a dragon!

“I had long heard that Virgil’s combative pet is a special mutant. I didn’t know it was true!”

“It’s unbelievable! A combative pet is fighting a dragon head-on!”

“Was that combat pet born from a dragon?”

All the students who were watching the battle outside of the arena were surprised. There was a saying among the battle pet warriors: there are no weak pets, only weak battle pet warriors.

However... nobody truly believed that.

Some pets had much more advantages than others. If not, what would the students be learning in the academy? Just the offensive skills?

Most battles happened between equally strong people; it was rare that one party could crush the other, except when the latter pissed off people they shouldn’t have. However, there weren’t that many imbeciles in real life.

Therefore, most people who fought were evenly matched. That was why the features of their pets and how they were arranged would decide the outcome of the battle!

That was what the students had to learn.

Some of the elemental pets, when grouped together, were able to crush dragons on the same level. That was exactly a feature buff!

“Virgil’s dragons are all a bit weird!”

Outside of the arena—Offit’s eyes glittered as she realized that the two dragons hadn’t been developed in a balanced way. Rather, they were extremely inclined to act as tanks!

One of the dragons was of the fire class, while the other was a wind type. They looked like explosive pets in every perspective, but all their skills were defensive. They also had a high resistance to relevant elements and they remained unscathed even when hit.

Most shockingly, all three demon pets were assassins!

They wandered at the edge of the clashes, waiting for opportunities to attack while the dragons and the combative pet resisted the pressure.

One of the elemental pets had almost been killed by the three sordid demon pets!

Three demon pets attacking one elemental pet at the same time was definitely a shameless fighting method!

“Why do I feel that Senior Brother Virgil is winning?” Mia was stunned by the ever-changing battle.

Nobody seemed to be losing, but she had the instincts of a woman.

Offit nodded slightly. "He has better moves. He must have asked a master trainer to do specialized training and adjustments to his pets. There's also the fact that Virgil is quite strong; it seems that he's been hiding himself."

The situation in the arena suddenly changed while they spoke.

The three demon pets quickly took action and surrounded the opponents' unpredictable demon pet. They were about to slay it, but then it was suddenly recalled.

The three demon pets reacted quickly enough, instantly marching towards the three dragons that had lost an ally and defeated them, crumbling their formation.

In the crowd, someone remarked with a casual smile, "Virgil has won."

The battle was over in ten seconds. The green-haired young man who only had two dragons won.

"Virgil!"

"Senior Brother Virgil!"

"You have the best combative pet!"

The crowd cheered for Virgil, who was a famous senior student about to graduate.

Another duel took place right after they left the arena.

The second duel was even fiercer; the abilities that the two contestants demonstrated were able to shock a lot of the students.

"They've grasped laws!"

"The man has two Star State dragons! That's a violation!"

"Which powerful families are they from?"

"I've never seen them before. I heard that they came to our academy in order to get the recommendations for the Universe Geniuses' Contest."

The tertiary space seemed about to be torn apart as the battle in the deeper space got more and more intense, which further excited the audience. All of them wanted to see what the fourth space looked like; they had heard that the space torrents in such environment could kill dragons instantly!

"Those guys..." Offit narrowed her eyes solemnly.

Mia changed her expression multiple times, then looked at her sister Offit with concern. She was too weak to get a recommendation this time; she had signed up for the screening matches and considered them as a chance to practice. However, she knew that her sister was a genius in her family and the whole academy!

She was supposed to dazzle everyone, even in the Universe Geniuses' Contest where all geniuses were gathered.

However, the two men who had emerged out of nowhere were already strong enough to be listed on the Royal Rank; they could threaten Offit's position.

The battle was soon over, rounds of exclamations ongoing. Both of the men had merged with Star State pets and fought with laws, rendering the students shocked and silent.

Even the worst student present would still be a genius in the outside world, and all geniuses were proud.

Those who were proud would only measure themselves with those who were stronger, not those who were weaker.

The two strange men who had fought, however, were eye-openers to them.

A lot of exceptional guys in the crowd were silent, while their eyes glittered.

"They're something, but that's it. Do they think they deserve recommendations?" A young man with white long hair chuckled in the crowd. He was as handsome as a god and reflected arrogance in his eyes despite the smile on his lips.

Another young man—who was holding an orange cat—smiled and said, "They're not bad. Do you think everybody is a monster who has grasped five laws before reaching the Star State like you? Highly unlikely!"

The white-haired young man said casually, "Who told you it's five? I've accidentally grasped another one. I'll show it to you if there's a chance."

"What the heck?"

The young man who held the orange cat shrieked, "Accidentally? Damn! I don't deserve to have such a monster like you as a friend!"

"Yes, you do," said the white-haired young man solemnly.

The other young man: "..."

Suddenly, a man flew to the arena. He wore a golden robe and a crown, looking like an ancient emperor. He stood in the tertiary space; his astral power staved off the undercurrents of space with ease.

"I am Yuwen Feng. I heard that all the geniuses on the Royal Rank are unparalleled. I would like to challenge them... Are any of them here?" said the young man gracefully.

All the students seethed with excitement and whispered.

"That guy is so arrogant. He dares to challenge the warriors on the Royal Rank!"

"Where is he from? I don't know him. He sounds rather confident."

"Yuwen Feng? I know a Yuwen family. I heard it's a long standing family; they are masters of three planets."

"Another competitor for the recommendations. Tsk, tsk. I feel like we're watching the Universe Geniuses' Contest in advance."

Whoosh!

A man suddenly stepped out while they whispered, shooting into the deeper space of the arena like a sharp arrow.

He was a brawny young man who had glittering eyes and bulging muscles. Space was torn apart underneath his feet and a bloody lion strode out, roaring aggressively.

“He’s the Blood Lion King, who ranks ninth on the Royal Rank!”

“Tsk, tsk. The ninth of the Royal Rank. The man from the Yuwen family will be beaten blue!”

“Yuwen Feng must be thinking, ‘is there still time for me to quit?’”

“And the Blood Lion King will say, ‘prepare to tremble, mortal!’”

All the students were whispering and cheering. Someone had even roared the Blood Lion King’s name to cheer for him.

“That your classmate...” Outside of the arena, Mia looked at Offit.

Offit put on a smile and said, “He’s always been too impatient. Let’s find out if he’s made any progress.”

The battle began in the arena while the audience laughed and cheered. In the meantime, a couple of men were drawing close unhurriedly. They were none other than Alan, Su Ping and the rest of the group.

“Goddess Suha’s Arena is right there.”

“Everyone seems to be here. Have they already run out of patience?”

Xingyue Shen’er introduced the place to Su Ping and the other members of the alliance. The mentors next to Alan, however, squinted and smiled.

Chapter 852: Nine Candidates

“It’s President Alan!”

“President Alan is here!”

“He actually taught an Ascendant State student...”

Outside of Goddess Suha’s Arena—many men with remarkable auras noticed Alan and the others who were approaching. All of them looked at the newcomers earnestly and respectfully.

A lot of keen students also noticed the new arrivals and turned their heads, immediately cheering when they saw Alan.

“President Alan!”

“President Alan is here!”

More and more students turned their heads because of the commotion, not even caring to watch the spectacular battle in the arena.

Even the students of the Amir Royal Academy would hardly have a chance to meet him. He was a legendary figure!

“Mr. President?”

“I didn’t expect that Mr. President would come in person.”

Some guys in the crowd looked at him with awe and passion. For them, the Star State was not their goal, but a stage they would eventually cross; their purpose was to reach the Star Lord State or the Ascendant State!

Offit raised her head, her eyes dead earnest. She craved to reach the Ascendant State, but she had never mentioned it to anyone, because she hadn’t shown enough talent for her to achieve her dream!

She would only be laughed at if she spoke with anyone about it.

However, they wouldn’t mock her if she stated that her goal was to become a Star Lord, because she had a clear chance of achieving it!

However... She didn’t want to just become a Star Lord.

The leader of the Laiyefa family was a Star Lord. Although she belonged to the Laiyefa family, she was tired of such a life. She didn’t want to just become a Star Lord.

“Huh?”

An exclamation was heard just then.

Offit couldn’t help but turn around, only to see Mia rubbing her eyes in shock, as if unable to believe her eyes.

“What’s wrong?” Offit was puzzled, as it was rather disrespectful to behave like that after seeing President Alan.

“The man next to President Alan looks familiar. Isn’t he Boss Su?” Mia quickly blinked her eyes. At first she thought her eyes were deceiving her, but then she finally confirmed that the man was exactly the boss of that store. The person had the same hair color, height, and aura!

He even wore the same expression as she remembered.

There couldn’t have been two people with such an uncanny resemblance!

She soon remembered that Su Ping was a grandmaster trainer!

Even Star Lords had to treat him courteously. *Was he invited to help students train their pets?*

The idea flashed in her head and made her feel excited. She had witnessed his training expertise; the man was undoubtedly the fastest and most effective trainer she had ever seen. She wouldn’t have been qualified to ask for a master trainer under normal circumstances—not to mention a grandmaster trainer—to train pets for her!

“Who’s Boss Su?” asked Offit in confusion.

Mia came back to herself and said excitedly, "Sister Offit, look at the black-haired man over there! He's the grandmaster trainer I told you, and the person who warned us back in the divine residence! I didn't expect that he would be invited here! Fantastic! The president must've invited him to help those listed on the Royal Rank such as yourself. You're lucky!"

Stunned, Offit's eyes moved and instantly saw Su Ping, as well as... *her?*

She was instantly frozen. *Xingyue Shen'er?*

Wasn't she on the top of the Royal Rank for ages?

"Is he the grandmaster trainer you mentioned? He looks rather young," said Offit, withdrawing her gaze and clenching her fists.

Mia said, "Yes. Boss Su must have changed his appearance. In any case, he is undoubtedly a grandmaster trainer!"

Offit nodded solemnly. "That's true."

Being a grandmaster trainer, most Star State people would act respectfully before him. She wouldn't dare do otherwise, either.

However... Why did Xingyue Shen'er come back?

Didn't she graduate a long time ago?

Offit's eyes flashed. She couldn't help but look at the girl again. For hundreds of years, many male students had been fighting for the top place on the Royal Rank, but nobody had ever broken the girl's record!

She had dwarfed countless males!

She was one of Offit's role models!

"President Alan!"

"Yuwen Xie pays respects to you, Mr. Alan. I've heard so much about you..."

Many people flew over and paid their respects; most of them were Star Lords. Star State warriors were not qualified to meet him.

Alan smiled and said, "How did the communication go? Have the candidates been chosen?"

"Mr. President, duels are being conducted for the selection as we speak. Those who make it to the top ten of the Royal Rank will receive recommendations. So far, nobody has challenged the top five; getting recommendations is basically a given for them," said a mentor respectfully.

The other people's expressions changed slightly. Indeed, the top five geniuses on the Royal Rank were strong and had powerful backgrounds. Their backers would be enraged if they were beaten. It was also difficult to beat them, as they had not secured their rankings merely with their background.

The top five on the rank were all super geniuses among hundreds of billions of people!

There might not be one of them in dozens of planets. They were extremely rare!

“So, you’re going to fight for the remaining four recommendations?” Alan nodded and looked at them.

“Four recommendations?” an old Star Lord asked in confusion, “Shouldn’t there be five?”

Alan smiled and said, “There were ten recommendations, but one of them has been given to this young man. You can distribute the other nine.”

Everybody looked at Su Ping, only to be surprised.

He reserved a recommendation directly through the president?

Who is he?

They didn’t dare to scan him too blatantly, but a subtle investigation suggested that Su Ping was indeed just in the Star State.

“I asked the president for one recommendation.” Xingyue Shen’er suddenly stood in front of Su Ping, blocking everybody else’s eyesight. “All of you have a lot of connections; you can always cut in line again, even if you miss the screening phase. It’s better to let your juniors get more practice in the screening matches.”

Some frowned when they saw Xingyue Shen’er, as they didn’t know her, but then more people recognized her and became shocked.

The genius who became famous in the Amir Royal Academy decades earlier had turned into a Star Lord?

What has she been eating to grow so fast?

It is said that she’s from an Ascendant State family... Once they thought about that, many people dropped their dissatisfaction and wore bitter smiles.

If you think practice is good, why don’t you let the young man next to you do that?

Isn’t it a waste of time?

Time was extremely precious for geniuses; it was pointless for them to fight the worthless garbage!

Those who didn’t know Xingyue Shen’er frowned, but they held back their fury when they saw that Alan was smiling in silence, knowing that she surely had a powerful background.

Exclamations began to spread out in the arena.

Very soon, the ongoing battles ended.

Alan looked at the arena and smiled. “Let’s go and check out the growth of our kids.”

Nobody disagreed. All of them followed him.

However, many were looking at Su Ping with unfriendly eyes, thinking that they had just been robbed of a spot for the recommendations.

The students near the arena became more excited after President Alan and the others arrived. The host resumed the matches at that point.

A student rushed out from the crowd and proudly entered the arena. "Let me!"

"The Golden Dragon Warrior!"

"He's Hescranton!"

"The sixth on the Royal Rank! He's here to show off!"

"Let the foreign competitors see what kind of geniuses our academy has!"

Everybody outside the arena was cheering.

A dozen men were also watching close to the stage; some of them changed their expressions and frowned.

The rest of them remained calm.

"Hehe, let me deal with him," said a sexy woman. She wore knight armor that highlighted her breasts and bottom, and was carrying a sword. She summoned a unicorn dragon as a mount.

"She's from the Knight Kings Family!"

"I heard that she's the eldest daughter from a knight king family. She grew up in a mysterious realm of theirs and has never studied in any academy. She's unimaginably strong!"

"Humph. They're nothing in front of the Golden Dragon Warrior!"

All the students cheered for the Golden Dragon Warrior.

The female knight in the arena, however, remained calm.

They instantly summoned their pets and fought fiercely.

What shocked the audience was that both of them had mastered laws!

They were in the Fate State, and still they had mastered the power of laws and fought in the tertiary space; their pets were in the Star State too and were very strong!

It was clearly an ultimate Star State battle!

"Is that the performance of a top ten genius of our academy..." Mia mumbled to herself.

Offit frowned solemnly.

It was of note that she was also on the Royal Rank; she held the seventh place!

She was already at a high position in the Amir Royal Academy; countless people looked up to her!

Her standing on the Royal Rank even influenced the Laiyefa family's standing in Silvy!

She had received the attention of many forces that adjoined her family due to her potential!

However, the battle she was witnessing was too fierce. Offit almost felt as if they weren't fighting for the recommendations, but the championship of Silvy!

The fact was that more than a hundred billion people would be screened out in every contest.

A few minutes later—the tertiary space was torn apart; the two warriors reached the fourth space of the arena, where the battle ended half a minute later.

Surprisingly, the winner was the female knight!

The Golden Dragon Knight had been crushed; his golden armor was ragged, and his pets were heavily wounded!

The cheering students instantly fell quiet when they watched the female knight return triumphantly.

Many mentors looked at Alan awkwardly. After all, it was an embarrassing sight for their own student to be beaten so badly.

Alan, however, smiled and wasn't upset at all; he had been in the Ascendant State for a long time; such trivia would no longer disturb his peace.

"Humph, useless garbage."

In the crowd, the white-haired young man snorted and flashed from the crowd to the arena.

The audience were excited again by his appearance.

"Silver Lord, who ranks third on the Royal Rank!"

"Silver Lord! He's my favorite!"

"I've already fallen for him! He's so handsome!"

"I'm wet!"

A lot of girls were crying. They might be geniuses, but Silver Lord was a genius among geniuses, a monster who ranked third on the Royal Rank!

The Star Lords from other organizations changed their expression and looked solemn when they saw him appear.

Outside of the arena—a pair of the formerly casual looking men frowned.

"Who's going to fight me?" the white-haired young man coldly announced from the arena, just like a king.

Even though he was only in the Fate State, he had indeed shown the potential of a king!

The students then looked at the outsiders who were there for the recommendations. The latter hesitated, not daring to challenge him.

"Humph, nobody?" said the white-haired young man with a sneer.

The frowning guys next to the arena remained silent .

Moments passed, but no one responded to the challenge. The host had to declare the white-haired young man as the winner.

The Golden Dragon Warrior had been defeated earlier, but then Silver Lord intimidated the competition. He had won pride for his academy again.

Next up, other geniuses that weren't on the Royal Rank appeared and fought each other.

Some fought the outsiders.

Ten names were finally settled in the end.

Only the fifth place was pushed down from the top five on the Royal Rank. The other four won by default; no one challenged them.

The former fifth place was pushed back to ninth place and nearly lost the qualification.

The rest of the candidates were the outsiders, including the female knight.

There were ten of them in total!

Offit took part in the match too, but was defeated by a strong and confident outsider; he had grasped four laws and caught Offit unprepared.

The announcer received a message when he was about to announce the candidates for the recommendations. He turned around to look at Alan and was stunned for a moment, since he instantly recognized Xingyue Shen'er; he wasn't expecting that Michelle's famous genius would return.

He held back his surprise and made an announcement.

"The nine of you will receive recommendations from our academy. You will directly participate in Silvy's Galactic Matches of the Universe Geniuses' Contest!"

The young man at the left end of the line was stunned and couldn't help but look at him. "Sir, are you sure? What about me?"

Chapter 853: One Punch

"Sorry, there are only nine recommendations left; you missed out. However, it shouldn't be a problem for you to pass the screening phase and move on to the galactic matches. Keep it up!" the announcer instantly comforted him.

The stunned young man couldn't help but ask, "Shouldn't there be ten recommendations? I fought hard for one, even my pets were wounded. And yet, you're telling me there aren't any recommendations left?"

The other nine candidates were equally puzzled; why would one of the ten recommendations be missing?

The student ranked fifth on the Royal Rank—who ended up in ninth place after the duels—felt sympathetic for the guy and lucky for himself. He could have been eliminated if he would have ended in a lower rank.

“Koro, just let it go.” A tall and strong Star Lord flew close and sighed.

“Leader, about that...” The young man looked at his family leader with confusion and repressed fury; he felt tricked.

“One of the recommendations was just given away; we were just unlucky,” said the family leader solemnly. He was also frustrated and angry, but he was mindful of his status; he didn’t dare to disrespect the Amir Royal Academy.

He had to hold back his fury no matter how furious he was.

He wasn’t an Ascendant anyway.

“It was just given away?”

The other nine candidates were also surprised, wondering who had gotten the recommendation directly from the president; all the competitors present had Star Lords backing them.

“Who got it?” With wrath in his eyes, Koro looked around and noticed Alan’s followers. He quickly focused his attention on Su Ping.

The reason was simple; Su Ping was too eye-catching, being a Fate State warrior standing next to Star State experts.

“It’s him?”

Koro gritted his teeth in fury.

The recommendation wasn’t that important. Just like the announcer said, he could always distinguish himself in the screening matches.

However... he didn’t like that feeling of failure!

He had always gotten everything he wanted since birth; nobody was allowed to take what belonged to him!

“Don’t make a fuss!”

The family leader frowned. He sympathized with Koro, but it would be pointless to offend that young man who had gotten the spot through his connection with Xingyue Shen’er.

“I challenge you to a duel!”

Koro couldn’t hold it any longer and soared to the sky. The family leader changed his expression and snapped, “Don’t make a scene!”

“I’ve already won. Why must I give away my recommendation to him? They can’t take away what’s mine just like that!” Koro gnashed his teeth.

The family leader was gloomy and began to feel a headache. That young man was strong, but he was truly terrible at reading the environment!

Even if the person who had snatched his recommendation was weak, his background was still too powerful!

It seemed that the family had spoiled him rotten; he was completely out of touch with how the world functioned!

The family leader decided to teach him a good lesson to fix his personality after they returned, as most geniuses had died because of arrogance!

Everyone turned and noticed Su Ping who was next to Alan after hearing what Koro said.

Su Ping was the only one in the Fate State next to Alan; the others were either in the Star State, or were Star Lords.

“Huh?”

The other nine guys who received the recommendations glanced at him too, but they soon lost interest in him.

Outside of the arena, Mia was quite shocked by the turn of events.

“He’s going to challenge Boss Su?”

How is Boss Su involved in this?

Did Boss Su receive the recommendation?

Offit, who stood by her side, was also confused. Her clothes had been ruined in battle, but she had donned a set of golden armor to cover it up; this accentuated her amazing body curve.

“Ha!”

Xingyue Shen’er, who stood next to Su Ping, couldn’t help but laugh.

The close-by instructors couldn’t help but look at him. They all knew full well that the recommendation had indeed been taken by that young man; they wondered why she was in the mood to laugh when the young man was being challenged.

While Koro was the last of the ten candidates, he wasn’t that much weaker, except when compared with the geniuses ranked at the very top.

“He’s truly naive!”

“He wants to challenge Brother Heaven Destroyer? He’s probably never heard of him.”

“I think he’ll tremble with fear when he hears Brother Heaven Destroyer’s awe-inspiring name.”

“Should we make a bet?”

“On what?”

“Whether it’ll take Brother Heaven Destroyer three seconds to finish the battle, or ten seconds.”

“Well... That’s too insulting. I bet on three seconds!”

“Me too!”

“Brother Heaven Destroyer has always kept a low profile. I don’t think he’ll do his best. I’ll be betting on ten seconds, just to be safe!”

“Have you no respect for Brother Heaven Destroyer? You don’t have a ‘one second’ option? Brother Heaven Destroyer will definitely be a One Second Man when fighting someone of his level!”

“...”

The Alliance of Stars members discussed heatedly in Xingyue Shen’er’s small world.

Su Ping was outside of the small world and couldn’t hear them; he only saw that Xingyue Shen’er was laughing so hard she could hardly catch her breath.

What’s so funny?

Su Ping didn’t know what to say.

“Do you dare accept my challenge? The recommendation will be the winner’s prize!” Koro was even more infuriated given that Su Ping was ignoring his challenge.

“...”

Su Ping felt like he had been bitten by a rabid dog. *Why are you accusing me of stealing your recommendation? Fine... your instinct is spot on. It was me...*

“I don’t think a duel is really necessary, is it?” said Su Ping helplessly.

Everybody was stunned upon hearing that, including the students outside the arena; they didn’t expect Su Ping to cower so openly in front of a challenger.

All the instructors glanced at Su Ping, wondering why the young man backed by Xingyue Shen’er was that cowardly.

Xingyue Shen’er herself would have challenged anyone who would have looked at him disrespectfully, let alone someone directly asking for a duel!

Everybody knew she had been an aggressive little devil that defeated and subdued all the geniuses in the academy.

And yet, that unknown young man had an entirely different personality in comparison. He was that much of a coward?

“Are you scared?” Koro laughed and said, “If you’re this weak, what’s the point of even getting the recommendation? Might as well just give it to me.”

The nearby family leader no longer tried to stop him; he didn’t expect Su Ping to retreat, either. He could only heave a sigh, planning to teach Koro some more after seeing his arrogant ways. However, it was impossible to unsay what had been said; he wondered if they could actually get the recommendation at that point.

“Scared?”

Before Su Ping said anything—the previously laughing Xingyue Shen'er became rigid and smiled. "What is there to be afraid of? We don't accept your challenge because you don't deserve it!"

"Who is she?"

"She—She is Xingyue Shen'er!"

"The person who established a record decades ago? You can't be serious. Wait. I just checked. It really is her!"

"She's back. She has a small world... Is she a Star Lord too?"

"Seriously? How long has it been since her graduation? It's said that she reached the Star State right after graduating. It only took her a few decades to become a Star Lord?"

"She's so arrogant... To be declining a challenge and calling him unworthy. Koro is already a genius in his level; he's as strong as some of the early Star State warriors."

"I've long heard that she is extremely conceited. The rumors were true."

All the students were shocked by Xingyue Shen'er's level; a student who had graduated merely decades earlier had become a Star Lord. It was almost like a regular college student becoming a billionaire a few years after graduation!

"You!"

Koro's face quickly changed after hearing such exclamations. The small world next to Xingyue Shen'er indicated that she was obviously a Star Lord; he was too intimidated to offend such a monster. Even his family leader would have to lower his head in front of her!

Both were Star Lords, but that girl was a genius!

"Are you only capable of hiding behind a woman?" Koro gritted his teeth, only being able to transfer his fury onto Su Ping.

Su Ping was lost for words, feeling that the man was an idiot who knew nothing but training. Little did the man know that strength was not the only thing that mattered; even if he was stronger than someone else, he would have to kneel if his opponent was from a powerful background.

Su Ping simply said, "Let's do it then."

He then flashed over and stood before Koro.

Koro didn't expect the flash, nor did the family leader next to them; they didn't realize that Su Ping would be that arrogant, to be willing to go for a melee battle.

"Good one!" Koro became incensed in a blink, immediately unleashing his astral power. Su Ping then blinked ten meters away from him and then returned when the latter was about to summon his battle pet.

He didn't flash a second time, because Koro had already locked the space around him; Su Ping was capable of tearing it apart, but he was too lazy to do that.

Whoosh!

Su Ping laid his hand on Koro's neck and then smashed him down.

There was a bam; the ground of the arena fell apart. But the next moment, a stream of astral power and a furious roar burst out; Koro dashed out of the dust and looked around. His eyes turned bloodshot when he saw Su Ping standing in midair.

"Huh?" Su Ping frowned. He had already gone easy on the man, yet the guy didn't realize the gap between them?

Three of the nine winning candidates changed their expression; they frowned and gazed at Su Ping.

The other six of them were completely shocked; none of them expected Su Ping to suppress Koro that easily, without using his pet!

"Merge!"

Koro merged with a dragon. He was enraged to see no pets around Su Ping, so he didn't summon his other pets; he simply charged at the opponent.

Su Ping raised his hand; his fingers glowed dazzlingly in the blink of an eye.

The golden light emanated a surge of energy like sunlight; he seemed to have grabbed a sun when he clenched his fist, and a bloodcurdling feeling was spread out.

Phew!

Su Ping suddenly waved his fist. A golden aura arose from an ancient deep void and was pushed forward.

The fast-approaching Koro was suddenly woken up, as if doused by cold water. He had an ominous feeling; all he could see was the invincible and dazzling fist aura!

His fury had already been discarded; he was completely stunned, and could go by instinct to defend himself.

The fist aura brushed past Koro and entered the void in the rear of the arena. There was no sound, but the void seemed to be shaking. Even the primary space was shaking a bit!

"Well..."

All the instructors next to Alan had different expressions. *A power that could influence the shallower spaces from within the deeper spaces? How violent was it?*

If it had hit the primary space, half of the academy might have been ruined!

"That punch seemed to contain ten laws..."

All the Star Lords who had shown up for recommendations were frightened. Someone in the Fate State had grasped ten laws?

If he could perfectly combine the ten laws... he might already have an opportunity to become a Star Lord!

What kind of monster is he?

The punch was soundless, and rendered everyone silent at the venue.

The students outside of the arena were no ordinary battle pet warriors; they all had keen eyes. None were able to tell how many laws Su Ping's punch contained, but they sensed how horrifying it was!

It seemed that the fist aura could suppress and erase everything; it made them feel like ants.

"Boss Su?"

Outside of the arena—Mia was stunned; she opened her mouth, completely dumbfounded.

Was he really the Boss Su she knew?

She suddenly remembered how Su Ping had defeated three Star State experts on Rhea outside his store.

Su Ping was asking for a recommendation, and yet he had defeated Star State experts... *Doesn't that mean that he's never concealed himself?*

However, Mia remembered that Su Ping seemed to only be in the Void State when he defeated them...

Mia felt goosebumps all over her body and her blood was freezing upon thinking that. She turned around and looked at Offit, who was the most eye-catching genius in her family. However, compared to Boss Su, it seemed that she was just an ordinary person.

Chapter 854: S-Rated Mysterious Realm

Offit looked at the scene in shock and asked Mia, "Is he the grandmaster trainer you mentioned?"

Mia smiled bitterly and said, "I didn't expect this either. Training pets is probably just his hobby."

"His hobby?" Offit widened her eyes, lost for words.

Many people worked their entire lives and failed to become grandmaster trainers. And yet, it was only a hobby for that guy.

To top it off, he was a horrifying monster whether or not it was his main career.

He had a horrifying combat ability for being someone below the Star State, plus he was a grandmaster trainer... Offit found it unbelievable.

In the arena—the nine candidates changed their expressions, including the three who had always remained poised. They looked at the void inside the arena and found that the cracks in the fourth space were healing.

He had punched all the way into the fourth space, and the aftermath of the punch was too much to bear for someone in the Star State!

The previously heated arena suddenly fell quiet.

Su Ping retreated his fist and slightly shook his head at Koro; he then returned to where Xingyue Shen'er was.

Koro felt like an enormous shadow had just moved away as Su Ping left, just like a mountain. He shivered after the pressure was gone; he opened up his mouth, only to come up with nothing. He was too frightened to believe that the guy was in the Fate State.

Su Ping's punch even shocked a lot of instructors. Everyone had finally realized why the president had directly handed him a recommendation.

He would have won a recommendation easily if he had participated in the competitions, considering his strength.

Even the Oasis Dragon King—the one at the top of the Royal Rank—might have been defeated!

"Brother Heaven Destroyer is as domineering as always..."

"As expected, Brother Heaven Destroyer has become even stronger with the fruits of law. He probably can suppress the genius we met in the divine residence should he meet him again!"

"Tsk, tsk. I didn't expect I would have the fortune to be in the same alliance Brother Heaven Destroyer is. He will surely become a Star Lord someday!"

"He's too strong! I feel like I'm witnessing the rise of an astonishing genius, one who will distinguish himself in this Universe Geniuses' Contest!"

"I think it's almost certain that Brother Heaven Destroyer will make it to the finals!"

In the small world—members of the Alliance of Star were glowing with excitement; they weren't jealous at all, because Su Ping was evidently better than most of them.

He was stronger than most of them, even while being in the Void State.

He became even stronger after reaching the Fate State. Monsters such as him could only be dealt with by the super geniuses born in Ascendant State organizations.

There were too many Star State experts in the Federation; nobody would remember all their names. But Su Ping was different; even if he would soon decline, people would still remember him as a genius!

Xingyue Shen'er's eyes glittered; she felt she had found the right person. Su Ping had shown the strength of an advanced Star State warrior while still not giving his all.

He was only in the Fate State, yet he was as good as those at the peak of the Star State. He had broken her record!

If he were to challenge everybody that had been listed on the Royal Rank... He would definitely have a chance to reach the top!

However, she didn't think it was necessary. After all, standing out in the Universe Geniuses' Contest would be a much better proof of his capabilities!

"The man you found is not bad," said Alan, who was nearby, when Su Ping returned.

All the instructors were shocked; Su Ping was definitely a genius, to receive praise like that from an Ascendant State expert!

They wore complicated expressions; they had felt uncomfortable when Xingyue Shen'er asked for a recommendation for him, but now he seemed absolutely qualified!

They had also been teaching at the academy for hundreds if not thousands of years, and they had seen countless geniuses. However, there had never been one like Su Ping.

If he were a student in their academy, he would be bound to grow up as another super prodigy like Xingyue Shen'er!

He would certainly become a Star Lord!

After all, Su Ping was definitely capable of rising to high places in Silvy. It would be easy for him to become a Star Lord if he managed to win the appreciation of an Ascendant and was recruited as a disciple. His future would certainly be smooth after that.

If he made it to the finals, he would even have a chance of reaching the Ascendant State!

"Where is this monster from? I've never seen him before."

"I've never heard of this guy in the nearby solar systems."

"Has he been raised in secret by some family?"

"I don't know. He came with Xingyue Shen'er. Is he her brother?"

The other men who had come for recommendations observed Su Ping and committed his image to memory; they would add him to their familial databases, so that nobody in their corporations would mess up with him.

"Apologize to him right now. I've already told you that there's always someone out there who's stronger than you; just polish yourself in the screening matches after this failure!" reprimanded the family leader after he flew closer to Koro; he was scared of Su Ping's potential.

Koro sobered up and gritted his teeth. *Do I have to apologize to someone in public?*

He caved in after some hesitation; he flew to where Su Ping was, then bowed in the humblest manner, as taught by his family. "I've lost. Receive my apology for my reckless affront."

Reckless affront? Su Ping thought of something and said, "You could have been more reckless, right?"

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Koro was confused.

Su Ping smiled and said, "It's nothing."

Koro slightly gritted his teeth and meant to declare that he would catch up, but he didn't say it out loud; he felt more frustrated than ever.

The final candidates were confirmed after the incident; Su Ping cemented his win and got one of the ten recommendations.

He and the other nine candidates returned to the president's manor along with the instructors and Xingyue Shen'er.

Once they were settled in the hall, a mentor stood in front of everybody and announced coldly and solemnly, "The screening matches for the Universe Geniuses' Contest have begun in every galaxy and every planet.

"Different planets have different quotas. The elimination rounds on planets, solar systems, and galaxies will take three months in total!

"The ten of you will be exempted from those matches. You will take part in the galactic matches at the end, where you will fight the other contestants who passed the screening matches. There will be ten thousand contestants in total!

"Only the top hundred of the ten thousand contestants will be qualified to participate in the regional match on behalf of Silvy! If you make it to the top hundred of the Golden Star Zone, you will go to the finals of the Federation as the regional representatives. Your performance will be live-streamed across the universe!

"We're hoping that you can pass the qualifiers in our galaxy and enter the regional match in the Golden Star Zone. Then, you'll set out as representatives of the Golden Star Zone and defeat geniuses from the other star zones!

"All your performances will be watched by Ascendant State masters. Those who enter the regionals may even garner the attention of Celestial State experts!

"Therefore, you must practice harder and ensure you're in your best condition. Don't let anything affect your performance in battle, since it will decide your future!"

He gave a sharp stare to everyone present, but he became less solemn when he looked at Su Ping; his punch had left a deep impression on him. Given his experience in previous contests, it wouldn't be a problem for him to enter the regional matches.

However, it would be a tall order for the others.

All of them were geniuses among geniuses from hundreds of planets, but the universe had an impossibly numerous population. They could be eclipsed even after distinguishing themselves amongst billions of people, because there was always someone who was better!

Everyone became solemn after hearing what the instructor had said. Su Ping was also left in deep thought too.

To be honest, Su Ping had signed up for the Universe Geniuses' Contest without knowing the rules.

However, he finally had the general idea after the instructor's briefing.

As it turned out, they could directly go to Silvy's galactic match with the recommendations from the Amir Royal Academy, but that was just the first step. They had to win the galactic match on their own in order to be recommended to compete in the Golden Star Zone.

The Golden Star Zone was one of the nine star zones in the Federation!

Each star zone contained dozens of galaxies, such as Silvy; some even had a hundred galaxies!

They had thousands of planetary systems and countless worlds!

"We'll take you to a place where you'll have a chance to train yourselves during the two and a half months the screening matches will take. That will be your last chance to make some self-improvements!" the instructor said solemnly, "It's an S-rated Mysterious Realm. The candidates recommended by other academies will also go there. I hope you'll seize the opportunity to better consolidate yourselves!"

"An S-rated Mysterious Realm!"

Many people's eyes glittered.

Su Ping was actually surprised to hear that. S-rated Mysterious Realms were very precious; most of them were owned by Ascendant State experts.

Ascendants would often fight to claim SS Mysterious Realms; this was impossible at times because they were usually controlled by Celestials!

As for the SSS Mysterious Realms, which were the rarest, they contained infinite secrets and treasures that even Celestials would have difficulty getting them all!

Su Ping realized something. *No wonder these recommendations are in such a high demand. So, getting one can help you skip the screening phase and give you a chance to enter an S-rated Mysterious Realm...*

No wonder the reckless guy just now was so competitive.

"Now, do you have any questions? Feel free to ask. You can go and say your goodbyes to your families; we shall meet here in three days to send you off to the mysterious realm," said the instructor.

"Sir, what Mysterious Realm will it be? I'd like to look for relevant information first," said a young man at the center.

The instructor said, "It's called the Illusionary God Monument Mysterious Realm. You must have heard of it. It is said that those who crack all the monuments can inherit the mysterious realm. However, they've already been cracked by an Ascendant senior. You can only challenge the monuments if you go there; there will no longer be a chance to inherit the mysterious realm."

"So, the Illusionary God Monument Mysterious Realm..."

All the others were enlightened and hopeful.

However, Su Ping was puzzled but he didn't ask. He could always look it up, or consult with Xingyue Shen'er.

“Sir, will the academy provide training resources for us while we’re there?” asked a student on the Royal Rank. She was a beautiful woman, who looked neither cold nor condescending. Instead, she wore a gentle and approachable smile.

The instructor smiled and said, “Of course. The academy will provide fundamental training resources of the highest quality! If you need any special resources, you can exchange for them with points depending on your performance. The stronger you are, the more resources you’ll get!”

“Got it.”

Following that, a few other people asked more training questions and about the challenge; the instructor was forthcoming, clearing all their doubts.

The latter then asked them to wait until they reached the mysterious realm; all their remaining questions would be answered.

“All of you are being recommended by this academy. You represent our dignity. I hope that you work hard.”

President Alan concluded with an encouraging smile, “Keep it up, everybody!”

“Yes, sir!”

“We will follow your instructions, president!”

His short concluding remark left everyone in high spirits. They were clearly more enthused than when the instructor was speaking.

Even the unruly geniuses behaved in a docile manner while they were before him, without showing any prideful stances.

After all, the geniuses present already had the potential of becoming Star Lords, but it remained unknown whether or not they could reach the Ascendant State. It was even safe to say that the odds of success were high!

Ascendant State warriors were bigshots in the entire Federation; they were at the top of the pyramid.

After the encouragement, Alan dismissed everybody and sent them home.

Su Ping later found Xingyue Shen’er. They left the president’s manor and rushed to the campus.

“I’ve found most of the materials you need. However, one of them is still missing. I’m still searching for it. Given more time, I should be able to find it,” Xingyue Shen’er said to Su Ping.

After a moment of shock, Su Ping said in delight, “Thank you so much!”

Chapter 855: Making Friends

“No need to thank me. It’s no biggie.” Xingyue Shen’er smiled proudly. Then she asked curiously, “Are you going to use those materials for training?”

She was quite curious. In her eyes, Su Ping was already at the upper limit of the Fate State; it would be impossible for him to make further improvements without advancing to a higher level.

“Yes, to polish my body.”

Su Ping nodded, not being secretive about it; after all, she had just done him a big favor.

“That explains a lot...” Xingyue Shen’er was even more surprised. Did Su Ping want to reach the limits in every aspect? She sensed that he already had an ocean of astral power inside his body. It was immensely larger and purer than that of many in the Star State.

Su Ping also wants to achieve the best condition in body tempering?

Her eyes glittered; she secretly remembered the materials Su Ping asked her to find; she could later try to figure out what technique required them.

She wasn’t maliciously trying to figure this out; she was merely curious about the body-tempering technique that Su Ping practiced.

“So, it seems that your combat ability can further improve...” Xingyue Shen’er didn’t know what to say, as Su Ping was already a genius among geniuses. He truly had a chance of winning the finals.

Su Ping gave her a slight nod. He was thinking about the Illusionary God Monument Mysterious Realm; he was currently only missing one material for the third level of the Solar Bulwark.

Should I start looking for the fourth level materials?

He could already turn into a little Golden Crow while in the second level of the Solar Bulwark!

He would be a young Golden Crow in the third level, and his body would be as hard as a Star State demon.

Demons were definitely the sturdiest of all creatures in their rank; nobody in the Star State would be able to hurt him, according to the cultivation system that humankind had established.

That is, unless a Star Lord stepped in and attacked him with the power of faith, which was on another level.

On the other hand, the fourth level of the Solar Bulwark would be as good as that of a Star Lord!

He would have the ability to suppress many Star Lords with his physical strength once a minor universe of the Golden Crows was born in his body!

The more he thought about it, the more tempted he became. He then told Xingyue Shen’er about the materials he needed for the fourth level of the Solar Bulwark after some deliberation.

He wanted more of her help.

He wasn’t worried that she might steal the technique from him after learning the list of materials; the materials themselves only worked as support for his training. Only he had the method for the Solar Bulwark. Even taking the materials hundreds of times would be in vain without the method.

Was it possible that she could infer his technique based on the materials?

Su Ping wasn’t at all anxious; he had learned from the system that it was a long lost technique that probably wasn’t recorded in the federal database.

Even if it was, it was probably among the most classified documents!

After all, the seventh level of the Solar Bulwark was beyond the Celestial State!

“You need more materials?” Xingyue Shen’er was stunned to receive another bunch of names from Su Ping, but she soon relaxed. She then said with glittering eyes, “Don’t worry. I’m on it. I’m eager to find out how far you can reach in this Universe Geniuses’ Contest. Years ago, I made it to the top hundred in my star zone and was quickly eliminated in the finals. You’re ‘slightly’ stronger than me and may become one of the top ten in the finals!”

The members of the Alliance of Star currently in her small world were completely shocked. They didn’t know that Xingyue Shen’er had entered the finals years before!

They were too devoted to their own cultivation to pay attention to the contest.

No wonder Xingyue Shen’er had become a Star Lord; it was true that every Star Lord had been awesome in the past.

“I’ll help Brother Heaven Destroyer look for it too.”

“I’ll tell my herb suppliers and ask them to pay attention.”

“Won’t Brother Heaven Destroyer become even stronger if he acquires those materials? He may indeed reach a top ten spot in the finals!”

All the alliance members made similar comments.

Su Ping felt quite happy, seeing that they were glad to help, but he secretly disapproved of what they said. He wouldn’t just be among the top ten if he did get the materials for the fourth level; he was confident of easily becoming the champion!

After all, he didn’t think that there would be any other Fate State contestant able to kill a Star Lord.

That would be completely unreasonable!

But of course, Su Ping himself was already unreasonable and unbelievable in the eyes of ordinary people!

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Time flew.

Xingyue Shen’er took Su Ping and the members of the Alliance of Stars to the Paratian Continent where they could watch the screening matches; a lot of arenas had been set up in every city. However, not all contestants were strong; some were just normal in the Fate State, and some had grasped rules, setting themselves apart from regular geniuses.

In Alan’s manor—

Everybody was gathered again. The other nine people had arrived; everyone was ready to go.

Su Ping entered with Xingyue Shen’er; his arrival caught a lot of attention as he had left a deep impression on them. Everyone looked at him solemnly.

Even though Su Ping had just launched one punch, no one of those present was confident of resisting it, even considering that they were surely concealing other trump cards.

Alan gave everybody a glance, not stopping to focus on anyone in particular. He waved his hand and said, "It seems that everyone is ready. Let's go."

An instructor swiftly stepped out to lead Su Ping and the others to the sky; they reached a place ten thousand of meters high where a comb-shaped spaceship with a huge silver sword emblem was docked.

"This is President Alan's personal spaceship. You can ask the flight crew about the regions on the spaceship. Do not fight on the spaceship, nor cause any damage," the instructor reminded the group.

Everyone nodded.

Who would dare to mess up with a spaceship that belonged to an Ascendant?

Standing outside of the spaceship, Xingyue Shen'er waved her hand and smiled. "Just go without worries. I'll help you look for the materials. I'll pay you a visit in the mysterious realm if I have a chance; I think I have a way to go there."

Su Ping nodded.

In the small world—the members of the Alliance of Star were also waving affectionately at him... or at least they seemed to.

"Materials?"

The other nine candidates overheard their conversation and couldn't help but glance at Su Ping.

The guy hasn't reached his limits yet?

Materials? To what end?

They obviously weren't intended for a breakthrough; after all, Su Ping was bound to distinguish himself in the contest after receiving the recommendation. Why on earth would he seek a breakthrough at such a moment?

He would lose his right to participate if he made a breakthrough.

Some contestants in previous contests had broken through the bottleneck and advanced into the Star State during battle because they were too eager to win.

They had won those battles, but then lost the following matches.

They would automatically lose the qualifications for the following matches once they reached the Star State!

Soon after, everybody made a line and got into the spaceship.

The spaceship didn't seem to be large, but its internal space was as vast as a continent!

That was the power of the Ascendant State; they could influence a small part of the real world with their laws!

The spaceship took off right after, tearing through the void and leaped into space.

Su Ping and the other passengers in the spaceship didn't sense any bumps; they simply saw that planet Michelle outside of the window had been replaced by a starry darkness. They knew they had left the planet far behind.

None considered this a big deal. They then toured the spaceship while led by the instructors, eager to find out what an Ascendant State expert's spaceship was like.

How luxurious.

Su Ping wandered around with mixed feelings. That spaceship was massive. The resting areas had forests, lakes, entertainment facilities and a lot of servicemen.

It was possible to live like an emperor in such a place!

Su Ping wandered around for a moment and then asked a crew member the estimated time of arrival.

He was surprised to hear that the trip would take two days. *Even an advanced spaceship such as this has to fly for two days?*

Su Ping suddenly remembered Green Lady back on Rhea and cried. If she found that he was gone from Michelle, would she push Rhea to chase after him, all the way to that mysterious realm?

It was an S-rated Mysterious Realm, owned by an Ascendant State cultivator; would she be exposed if she went there?

Su Ping instantly contacted Xingyue Shen'er via the Lord Badge and asked her to inform Green Lady about the situation on Rhea; he wanted Green Lady to keep the planet next to Michelle.

Xingyue Shen'er accepted the task and hung up.

Ten minutes later—Xingyue Shen'er called back in confusion. "Rhea is gone. The guys at the space station said that it had just disappeared."

"..."

Su Ping almost vomited blood. Just as expected, Green Lady had pushed the planet towards him again.

He didn't know what to say about a girl pursuing him with such persistence; he was more or less touched.

"Never mind."

Su Ping heaved a sigh; he could only give up. Green Lady would probably not cower before normal Ascendants. Everything would be fine as long as no Celestials showed up.

Besides, she could only stay in the store; any challenger would first have to face the system.

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"Hello? I hope I'm not disturbing you."

A woman with a sexy body figure flew towards the place where Su Ping was resting. She was actually the one from the knight king family who had distinguished herself earlier on.

“Hello.”

Su Ping was slightly surprised, but he politely greeted her back.

“My name is Ibetaluna.” The girl had glittering eyes, which seemed to contain countless stars; they were dazzling and beautiful. She smiled and said, “I’m from the knight king family. I hope we can get to know each other.”

Su Ping quickly noticed her friendly intentions.

Indeed, they were both geniuses who could help each other if they could set aside their competitive drive.

After all, they were bound to rise as experts in the future if they were able to survive!

Su Ping didn’t mind making a new friend. He introduced himself with a smile, “My name is Su Ping.”

“...”

The girl unconsciously lowered her head, but then raised it again and said with a confident smile, “Where are you from, Brother Su? I’ll visit you when I get a chance.”

“I’m from the Blue Planet, or as you call it, the Planet of Origin,” said Su Ping with a smile. “Feel free to drop by; it has great views.”

“The Blue Planet?”

Ibetaluna was stunned for a moment. She obviously didn’t expect that he would be from the Planet of Origin, a place known to have been desolate for a long time.

Is it possible for such a genius to be born there?

She thought that the matter was quite suspicious; not about what Su Ping said, but about whether or not the news she had read had just been made up by questionable media outlets.

Whoosh!

Another person flew close at that moment. It was a young man with white hair, the one who defended the honor of his academy after Ibetaluna defeated the student on the Royal Rank.

He was currently ranked third on the Royal Rank!

“Huh?”

The white-haired young man noticed Ibetaluna. Sparks seemed to be bursting when they looked at each other, but they both remained calm.

The white-haired young man looked at Su Ping and smiled. “I am Claesabe. People prefer to call me Silver Lord at the academy. I hope we can be friends.”

All geniuses seemed to be straightforward.

Clueless about what to say about that, Su Ping simply smiled and replied, "I am Su Ping."

"Brother Su, you have a special name. Your punch was so awesome... I thought I was strong enough after having grasped six laws, but I still have a lot to do in order to catch up to Brother Su!" sighed Claesabe.

Ibetaluna narrowed her eyes after hearing that. *Six laws? How deeply have you grasped them? This one seems to be a genius too!*

"I agree." Su Ping nodded with an honest attitude.

Claesabe: "..."

Ibetaluna was equally stunned and amused. People always said that geniuses were quite peculiar. Wasn't this a classic example?

Claesabe was lost for words. *I was just being modest. You're making me look awkward by replying so solemnly!*

He made up his mind, committing himself to grasping another law that evening no matter what!

He had some time anyway; he believed he could catch up to Su Ping in the Illusionary God Monument Mysterious Realm.

After all, the higher one went, the slower the progress; he had a massive room for improvement when compared to Su Ping!

Another person joined them right then.

Both Claesabe and Ibetaluna were surprised to see the newcomer; their pupils contracted.

Chapter 856: Candidates From All Academies

"Oasis Dragon King!"

Claesabe narrowed his eyes solemnly; that guy was the unquestionable top of the Royal Rank at the moment in the Amir Royal Academy!

He had challenged the man seven times, failing each and every time!

He only looked up to that guy in the academy.

Ibetaluna was also aware of the Oasis Dragon King's feats. Her body became taut as she unconsciously got ready to defend herself.

"You're here too?"

The Oasis Dragon King was a young man with soft golden hair; he had an athletic body with perfect proportions. He glanced at Claesabe with a casual smile.

Claesabe coughed and said, "I'm here to make friends... What about you?"

The Oasis Dragon King looked at Ibetaluna but chose not to reply. He focused his prideful eyes on Su Ping and smiled. "I wonder where you're from. I hope we can practice if there's an opportunity."

Claesabe and Ibetaluna were both astonished, not expecting him to actually issue a challenge to Su Ping.

Su Ping was stunned and then said with unwillingness, "I don't think it's necessary for us to practice, is it?"

"!!"

Claesabe was stunned, not expecting Su Ping to turn him down that easily.

Although declining was always an option, every genius was proud and would never flinch before a challenger.

The Oasis Dragon King was also surprised. He narrowed his eyes and said, "It shouldn't be a problem for you to pass the selection match and enter the star zone match. We won't have a chance to fight there. I hope you can show your full abilities if we happen to meet in the selection match."

Su Ping was lost for words. *Why is everyone so aggressive? If they want to fight, they could always challenge the Star Lords.*

"OK." Su Ping didn't say anything else; he could always beat up the guy if they did meet. After all, there had to be a winner.

Oasis Dragon King gradually dropped his smile and stared at Su Ping after hearing his reluctant response, then he left without saying a word.

It wasn't until the Oasis Dragon King left that Claesabe and Ibetaluna finally felt that they were breathing smoothly; they had felt as if a mountain had been laid upon them.

"Brother Su, you've offended Oasis Dragon King."

Claesabe wore a bitter smile.

Su Ping was stunned. "I did?"

Claesabe didn't know how to explain, seeing the confusion on Su Ping's face, and remembering his sincere reply moments earlier.

Ibetaluna's face was rather cold. She didn't like Oasis Dragon King, because she felt she had been ignored!

Although she had heard about his accomplishments and wasn't confident of beating him, she was still upset after being ignored.

"So what? Brother Su isn't scared of him!" Ibetaluna snorted.

Claesabe looked at her and knew why she was angry. He put on a bitter smile; he too had been ignored until he issued a challenge; he fought the man seven times to make him remember his name and admit he was a nice opponent.

However, he felt like he was more of a sparring partner than an opponent to that man

He shook his head and said, "That's just how he is. Brother Su, you must try your best if you do meet him in a match. He came here because he sees you as worthy, but you declined his invitation. That was insulting."

Su Ping could only say, "Okay, I'll do my best."

Claesabe put on a bitter smile, not knowing what to say.

They stayed and talked to Su Ping for a while, then they left to train themselves.

They were much stronger than others in their level because they were talented and hardworking; they mostly preferred solitude over socializing.

Having nothing else to do, Su Ping stopped wandering around and sat down to train.

The nearby astral power was drawn to him forming a funnel when he activated the Chaos Star Chart. The flight crew in that area was shocked, thinking it was an accident.

They were relieved to find it was being caused by Su Ping's training, but then they were shocked again.

Su Ping was already able to loot the astral power within several hundred meters with the Chaos Star Chart when he was a third-level battle pet warrior. His current attainments allowed him to attract the power located in half of the rest area, once again forming a funnel.

Su Ping was at the center of the funnel; astral power was being accumulated in his body from the top of his head, then it was purified and compressed.

The pure astral power was further compressed until it was like water drops.

Those water drops were compressed again into solid crystals of astral power.

Such crystals melded with his cells, making them even bigger and sturdier!

Normal battle pet warriors' astral power was in the form of gas.

If it was refined, it might appear as mist; if the refinement was taken a step further, it would manifest as water drops.

Su Ping's astral power had been purified again and again, which had made the intensity of his astral power even higher than that of Star State warriors.

"What is going on?"

"The surrounding astral power... Seems like it's being lured away."

Su Ping's cultivation soon shocked a few men close by; they followed the flow of astral power and immediately saw Su Ping in the eye of the astral power storm.

Is he cultivating?

What kind of technique is that? It's so domineering!

"Damn, I thought my training technique was brutal enough, but it's like a tame sheep compared to this!"

“If he were outside in the world, he would have looted the astral power of half a continent!”

“He’s not cultivating, this is robbing!”

More and more people went there to see; they stood in complete shock outside the astral power storm caused by Su Ping.

The Oasis Dragon King was also cultivating on a mountaintop on the east side of the resting area. He suddenly felt that the nearby astral power was flowing away, as if it were being absorbed.

Is someone trying to steal what is mine?

Oasis Dragon King coldly opened his eyes. He didn’t stand up, but his senses were spread out like a hurricane along with his astral power. He quickly found Su Ping who was like a whale sucking water. His face showed a changed expression.

It’s him?

His face turned cold. He remembered his challenge. *Is this the guy’s way to counterattack?*

He closed his eyes again and fully activated his technique. Very soon, the astral power around him also began to seethe, violently surging to enter his body in a violent manner.

The astral power inside the resting area was then divided into two storms that surrounded Su Ping and the Oasis Dragon King.

The people in other areas had stopped cultivating; they were dumbfounded when they scanned the rest area.

“The astral power in this place has been gobbled up by those two people!”

“It’s so domineering! Oasis Dragon King is also a madman!”

“How are we going to cultivate? We have to move on to another region.”

“I didn’t expect to see such a pair of monsters among us.”

“I’ve long heard that the top of the Royal Rank is a rare genius; I didn’t expect to see another one.”

The other eight candidates whispered, then chose to go to other areas.

Although they could still cultivate there, they would inevitably be affected.

The eight of them left, having no interest in watching more of that drama.

In the rest area—both Su Ping and Oasis Dragon King were cultivating, a boundary was formed right between them. More astral power flowed towards Su Ping as time went by.

Oasis Dragon King coldly widened his eyes while sitting on the mountaintop.

He unleashed his astral power again. This time, he was going to loot astral power even at the cost of his own!

On the other side, Su Ping sat at the center of the astral power storm, his face showing frowns and smiles at times. He had already forgotten where he was while meditating and understanding laws on a deeper level.

It was hard for others to meditate; however, Su Ping had been through countless battles in cultivation sites and could do that easily.

He could easily meditate even when caught in grave danger.

That was a huge test about willpower.

Oasis Dragon King looted the astral power in the resting area with increased seriousness; space was evenly divided again. The leading instructor in the spaceship was also stunned, then he detected the situation in the rest area.

“I knew that Oasis Gray is a freak. But where is this one from? It’s true that freaks love each other’s company. I wonder whether those two can reach that astonishing girl’s height.”

Time flew.

Two days passed in the blink of an eye.

The instructor announced telepathically that day, “We’ve arrived at the Illusionary God Monument Mysterious Realm!” All ten of them woke up, including Su Ping who had been meditating and understanding laws.

The other eight candidates returned to the rest area after the instructor’s announcement. The astral power had been gradually recovering since Su Ping and Oasis Dragon King stopped cultivating, but it was still thinner than before and hadn’t been fully replenished.

Everybody was looking at the view outside the spaceship. The transparent wall made everybody feel like they were in space; they saw dazzling stars, mottled nebulae and enormous, spinning galaxies.

A gargantuan vortex that looked like a black hole was spinning silently in the space ahead of them.

That was the actual Illusionary God Monument Mysterious Realm.

There was a space station orbiting the mysterious realm; many Star Lords have watched the place.

The spaceship sent out a signal and passed the inspection of the space station.

Everybody saw colorful streaks of light in the darkness above their heads after the spaceship flew into the mysterious realm; they seemed to have instantly crossed millions of galaxies.

Then, all the light was gone, but then the environment was brightened. They found themselves in a world where a lot of monuments were standing.

Many great monuments floated everywhere in that place; they were vaguely forming a pyramid.

Far in the distance—there was a square, and a couple of islands and temples that floated in the void.

“The living quarters are over there,” said a beautiful woman who looked gentle and obedient.

Many people looked at her. She didn't look intimidating, but nobody underestimated her, for she was only second to Oasis Dragon King on the Royal Rank!

Oasis Dragon King looked back at her. "You've been here before?"

"Only once," replied the girl softly.

Oasis Dragon King nodded, choosing to remain silent. He turned around and glanced at someone at a distance, but received no response; he became cold, so he withdrew his gaze.

The spaceship at the moment was flying towards the square in the distance.

It looked like a regular square, but it became bigger as the spaceship moved closer; the square became bigger and bigger, until it turned out to be a continent floating in the void!

"Look, it's a spaceship from the Hugh Mia Academy!"

"The Dragon Tomb Academy's is over there. They're also here! That dragon carries the mark of their president, Tex!"

"The Holy Oriole Academy is here too. It was once one of the five best academies in Silvy. It seems that it's still trying to reclaim its former glory."

The spaceship approached a corner of the square while they spoke.

Everybody was in the process of meeting candidates from other academies.

"You're late," said a smiling, brawny gray-haired man who seemed to know the instructor.

The academies were competitive, but the instructors had led many students to that place and already knew each other very well.

"What's the point of coming early? You had to wait too," replied the instructor casually.

The other academies also had ten candidates. All of them turned around and looked at the newcomers.

All of a sudden, a girl from the Hugh Mia Academy trembled with widened eyes. She seemed to be utterly shocked. "It's him?"

The woman next to her—who was dressed in a more mature way—asked in surprise, "What's wrong? Do you know any of them?"

"He..."

The girl looked at the young man; she was stunned, oblivious to every word her friend had said. Her head was completely muddled; she didn't expect to see him there!

She had thought that she had surely left him in the dust, given her position and privileges in the Hugh Mia Academy. She had been planning to return to the Blue Planet in a glorious manner as the strongest person across the world.

Then, she would reclaim the dignity she had once lost when her legacy was stolen and her grandfather humiliated.

However, little did she expect she would meet the guy in that place!

She was none other than Yuan Linglu, who had been scouted on the Blue Planet!

Chapter 857: Challenge

“Huh?”

Su Ping was looking around curiously, then sensed something and looked in a certain direction, only to see a familiar face.

He stared at her purple-and-black hair for a moment and searched his memories.

The person who vied for the legacy on Longtai Mountain? Su Ping was surprised to see someone he had met on the Blue Planet.

Yuan Linglu’s heart raced when she made eye contact with Su Ping. She felt panicked.

But she soon remembered she was much stronger than before. Su Ping had won the legacy back then, surpassing her in every aspect. However, things had changed!

She had awakened her constitution and was being groomed in the Hugh Mia Academy; she was no longer the same.

The legacy from Longtai Mountain that Su Ping took away from her wasn’t even worth mentioning anymore.

It had been left by a mere Star State dragon.

She might have still been interested if the dragon were in the Star Lord State.

“That man has black hair too. Is he from the same planet as yours?” asked the graceful woman next to Yuan Linglu in a low voice.

Yuan Linglu nodded. “He’s from my hometown.”

“Is that so? The instructor who picked students in your hometown took away all the geniuses. I didn’t know that someone had escaped his attention,” said the woman with a smile; there was no telling what was on her mind.

Yuan Linglu sneered and said, “He’s just a lucky guy!”

The woman looked at her and then realized something. She smiled in silence.

Next to Su Ping, Claesabe, Ibetaluna and the others were also observing the candidates from other academies. Claesabe stared at one group of people and said solemnly, “I heard that a rare genius has emerged in the Sword Deity Academy. He has mastered an ancient extraordinary sword technique. I wonder who he is.”

“I’ve heard that too. He’s going to be a tough rival!” another student on the Royal Rank remarked with a grim and wary mood.

Oasis Dragon King glanced across the candidates from the Sword Deity Academy and soon fixed his eyes upon a plain-looking young man who carried a wooden sword.

His eyes glittered, then he frowned.

“Dragon Emperor from the Dragon Tomb Academy is not to be underestimated, either. It’s said that he opened the dragon coffin deep inside the academy and received power from ancient dragons; it’s a dragon constitution in the demon class.”

“A dragon constitution in the demon class? He must be another genius.”

“Some say that two geniuses from the Hugh Mia Academy also came. We have a lot of tricky opponents this time!”

“What’s there to be afraid of? We have Oasis Dragon King and Sister Apocalypse. It remains to be seen who will win in the end!”

Three Star Lords flew close with an intimidating aura while the candidates of the Amir Royal Academy were discussing; all the students on the field stopped talking.

The great pressure produced by the Star Lords was tremendously awe-inspiring to those who weren’t Star State warriors.

Even the talented students became solemn.

The three Star Lords didn’t bother to hide their aura; they stood like three suns, leaving the recent candidate arrivals in awe.

The Star Lord in the lead, who wore a cape that covered his face, looked down at everybody like a god and said indifferently, “People from the five academies, keep your students under control and have their identities verified; you can wait at the Monument Field. The first round of tests will be conducted in ten hours; their regions and credit points will be decided based on their score.”

The instructors of the five academies remained calm and silent.

The Star Lord turned around and left after that; the other two Star Lords directed the instructors and students to a hill next to the square.

It was more like a statue than a hill, as it was absolutely bare from the foot to the peak. There were glittering circles on the hill and an ancient seat inside each circle.

“Have a seat. You can cultivate there. Make sure that you’re prepared,” said the instructor to Su Ping and the others.

The other academies’ instructors similarly advised their students. Soon, the students of the Dragon Tomb Academy were the first to march to the glittering circles.

The candidates from the Sword Deity Academy followed them. After a swoosh, the plain-looking young man with a wooden sword moved as quickly as a sharp sword, instantly reaching one of the circles; he took a seat while full at ease.

There were only eight circles on the hilltop; only seven remained after he claimed one.

The students of the Dragon Tomb Academy moved first, yet someone had beaten them to it. All of them changed their expressions as they moved faster.

Two men flew out like eagles and reached the hilltop in the blink of an eye; each claimed a circle.

“Hurry up! Go for it!”

“The energy circles on the hilltop receive the divine power of the Monument Mountain. Training in them is the same as training inside the Illusionary God Monument!”

The people of the Amir Royal Academy quickly took action too. Oasis Dragon King snorted and unleashed a golden astral power, which gave him a huge boost to surpass the others like a roaring jet.

Following him was the gentle-looking woman who ranked second on the Royal Rank. Elements of wind, fire, lightning and earth surfaced on her body and propelled her.

“Is it that good?”

Su Ping was surprised after hearing what the woman called “Apocalypse” had said; he didn’t expect a seat to be that useful. Having no time to be lazy or casual, he unleashed the astral power in his cells and a huge vortex suddenly appeared behind his back.

Su Ping moved forward at a fast speed, just as if he would have installed thrusters in his body. He surpassed many students and caught up to Oasis Dragon King.

“Huh?”

Oasis Dragon King showed a slight change in his expression. He accelerated again with coldness in his eyes.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Several people arrived at the hilltop at the same time; they flew to claim the remaining circles.

Su Ping successfully got one of them and sat down.

He sensed a stream of profound astral power the moment he sat down; it sprung up and flowed into his body. He didn’t even have to try absorbing it!

A battle pet warrior of a lower level could have made multiple breakthroughs if given the chance to stay a full day on the seat.

On the other side—Oasis Dragon King and Apocalypse had also claimed seats. The eight circles were soon taken; some of the people who had arrived late flew to the lower seats, but others chose to stay on the hilltop with grim faces.

“It seems that we don’t have a shot.”

Claesabe looked at the hilltop. The Amir Royal Academy had claimed three spots, while the other five seemed to be controlled by bad a**es. She hesitated for a moment, but then abandoned the competition and turned to lower circles.

There's indeed a lot of geniuses. Ibetauna's lips twitched. She noticed that all of those who had claimed the seats on the hilltop were faster than her; they surely were the top representatives of their respective academies, and she was quite frustrated about it.

Any one of them was an admired genius in the outside world, but they were just common in that place!

Right when other students were giving looks to the places on the hill, a tall and handsome young man slowly descended to where Apocalypse was, next to Su Ping. He said with a condescending tone, "Humph, this spot is mine. Move away!"

Apocalypse dropped her gentleness and said coldly, "Get lost!"

The handsome young man remained impassive. "Come and fight me since you're too stubborn to yield. If you lose, crawl away; if you win, I'll give the spot to you."

Geniuses didn't need too many words; Apocalypse spoke with her actions.

She stepped out of her circle and looked at the stranger indifferently.

Colorful elements surfaced on her body. She only had an elemental constitution, but it was a rarely-seen multi-elemental type!

Some of the geniuses were born with a two-element constitution, but she could harness four kinds of elements!

Even though they were just the fundamental elements in the universe, such a quadruple constitution could defeat most demon constitutions.

Apocalypse's multi-elemental constitution shocked many people.

It was true that no one present was easy to deal with; they were all beyond the scope of common sense.

"Well, well!"

The handsome young man, however, wasn't surprised; elements then surfaced on his body. The sacred light and the cold darkness started interweaving on his back... He turned out to also have an elemental constitution, which was the combination of light and darkness!

"He's Holy King, one of the two top geniuses from Hugh Mia!"

"I've heard so much about this guy. Are they going to fight?"

"It's true that no genius will give in in front of another."

The students who had claimed the seats down below were looking up at the hilltop. All of them became excited when they saw the tension rising.

They knew they were too weak to compete with those at the top, but it would also be great if they could watch them fight; that would be like a free tutorial.

Somewhere at the middle of the mountain, Yuan Linglu and the graceful woman were sitting next to each other; the woman saw what was happening on the hilltop and said with a smile, "Is she Apocalypse who ranks second on the Amir Royal Academy? She wants to compete with Holy King? She's doomed."

Yuan Linglu, however, was in a trance.

She almost exclaimed when she saw how fast Su Ping was when she was flying to reach the seats earlier!

It was completely beyond her expectation!

Didn't that guy come here by pulling connections?

How could he have such explosive power?

Yuan Linglu came back to herself and looked at the woman next to her when the battle was about to take place on the hilltop. "Sister Selita, are you going to challenge him?"

"Your compatriot?"

"Yes."

Selita couldn't help but glance at her, knowing that she was right; those two people had grudges, even though they were from the same planet.

Selita shook her head and said, "I won't be able to keep the seat even if I defeat him. Look, the Dragon Tomb Academy and the Sword Deity Academy are waiting. I don't know about the Holy Oriole Academy, but it doesn't seem weak either."

Yuan Linglu looked around and then became relaxed.

It would have been proper to feel close to someone from her hometown, but it just so happened to be Su Ping, the person who had snatched her legacy on Longtai Mountain. She felt quite upset when she saw Su Ping's speed and how he claimed a seat on the hilltop.

She was somehow agitated.

All the Star Lords and instructors from the several academies flew over while the girls were speaking. Once they saw the situation between Holy King and Apocalypse, one of the Star Lords said, "Duels and challenges aren't forbidden here, but you must not act randomly or damage this place. Fight here if you must."

He waved his hand and brought an island closer.

The island was bare, seemingly protected by a special shield.

"The space here is rather special; you can hardly tear it apart. This island is an area specially designed for you. Go there if you feel the urge to fight," said the Star Lord.

An instructor from the Hugh Mia Academy chuckled. "Holy King, don't be hard on a girl."

The instructor that came with Su Ping said, "That's a nice nickname. Will he cry after getting beat up by a girl?"

The two instructors were obviously at loggerheads.

Neither of them stopped the students; they had traveled to that mysterious realm to train their students for the Universe Geniuses' Contest. How could they cave in?

Besides, everybody was watching. It was about the honor of their academies, they couldn't give in!
"Let's go."

The Holy King flashed a casual and chivalrous smile.

Apocalypse flew into the island first.

Holy King followed her closely; the battle began immediately after both arrived.

Holy King was surrounded by black and white light; his skin was half pure and half dark after activating his constitution. He also merged with a rare Star State dragon.

The dragon alone could have suppressed many mid-phase Star State warriors.

Apocalypse activated her constitution too. She could easily control the elements in the environment thanks to her quadruple elemental body. Adding her attained laws and her pets, she was able to unleash a horrifying strength. Soon, dazzling blasts were swept out on the island.

Both of them were in the Fate State, yet their battle was even more intense than some in the Star State level!

Their battle would have pierced into the deeper spaces if it were the outside world, but it was impossible to flash there, and they had to fight head-on with other secret techniques!

"They're truly monsters!"

"Their fame is well deserved. Both are qualified to sit on the hilltop."

"I admit I can't defeat them."

On the hill—many people were watching the battle with solemn faces. They soon realized the strength gap between them.

Chapter 858: First

The battle on the island ended while everybody was discussing.

It only lasted a quarter, but every second of it was spectacular.

Apocalypse performed a secret technique that combined four laws, which then turned into a storm of elements. It seemed as if she were about to tear the universe apart; her destructive aura made the audience gasp.

Even those on the hilltop became solemn.

Holy King, however, seemed to be in possession of some sort of ancient skills; a magnificent shadow that looked like the projection of a god had blocked Apocalypse's attacks for him.

A blast resounded after a noisy collision; Apocalypse and her pets were pushed to the periphery of the island. All of them were heavily wounded.

On the other side—Holy King stepped out and charged at his opponent; he didn't seem affected at all except for his damaged robe.

Apocalypse was shocked to see that; her only choice was to resign herself and admit defeat.

The previous attack was already one of her ultimate skills; she had been saving it for the real battles later on. Little did she expect that she would have to use it there, or that she would fail even after using it!

“Humph!”

Holy King stopped with coldness glittering in his eyes upon hearing what Apocalypse had said.

A man flew over to the island when he stopped. It was actually the instructor representing the Amir Royal Academy.

He was afraid that Holy King would continue until he killed Apocalypse. That could be a nasty outcome!

Killing wasn't forbidden in the Illusionary God Monument Mysterious Realm, but it could not violate the owner's rules!

“Oh damn!”

“Is he one of the two top experts from Hugh Mia? He's horrifying!”

“Apocalypse is a genius too; no wonder she ranks second on the Royal Rank. I wonder how strong the person who ranks first can be.”

“Damn it, I have to admit they're good. We're all geniuses, but they are real ones, unlike us!”

“All I want to say is that everyone other than me is a genius!”

The audience on the hill sighed in shock.

All of them had been acknowledged as geniuses, each having won a recommendation. But then they realized the massive gap between them once they got there.

Whoosh!

Holy King then flew out of the island and reached the circle where Apocalypse had been seated. He stepped over and sat down disdainfully while everybody else watched.

There were a few other men on the hilltop who didn't have a seat yet. Their eyes flashed, but none of them did a thing.

They had a good chance of taking Holy King's seat if they were to challenge him immediately, but they were too proud to take advantage of his weakness.

Even if they defeated the guy, such a victory wouldn't be glorifying.

A girl inside another circle—holding a blue scepter, wearing a dress and an emerald crown—tilted her head and chuckled. “I knew you could make it.”

She was dressed like a majestic queen, even though she was just a student.

Her looks were sacred and gorgeous; no one was able to harbor any inappropriate thoughts when they laid eyes on her.

“Of course,” Holy King replied casually.

They didn’t communicate telepathically. All the candidates from the Amir Royal Academy heard that and their expressions changed, clearly becoming angry.

“How arrogant!”

Claesabe, who was at the middle of the hill, gritted her teeth in fury. Apocalypse ranked second on the Royal Rank, while he ranked third. If the guy was disrespecting Apocalypse, he would have only thought even less of him.

Oasis Dragon King, who was on a seat on the hilltop, said with cold eyes, “It was just a minor victory. Don’t get ahead of yourself!”

“Huh?”

Holy King stared at Oasis Dragon King and chuckled. “What’s the matter? Reluctant to admit defeat? Talk to me with your fists if you dare!”

Coldness flashed in Oasis Dragon King’s eyes. “I don’t want to take advantage of your wounds, or else you would be talking to me on your knees by now!”

“Ha. These mild injuries are only due to my carelessness. I can easily deal with you as I am!” said Holy King with a sneer.

“Is that so? Do you want to try?” Oasis Dragon King narrowed his eyes aggressively.

“Why not?” Holy King only smiled in disdain.

The girl who was dressed like a queen covered her mouth and laughed. “Do people from the Amir Royal Academy love fighting the same person in turns? Let’s have a fight if we have a chance.”

She was also from the Hugh Mia Academy, the second top warrior!

“I’m a man; I don’t fight women,” said Oasis Dragon King and snorted.

Recognizing his mockery, Holy King chuckled and said, “Then you’ll die in a woman’s arms sooner or later.”

Oasis Dragon King glanced at him coldly but kept silent.

The instructor had already taken Apocalypse back and given her medications; her face was no longer pale, but she still looked grim. She glimpsed at Holy King in silence, then she nodded at Oasis Dragon King as a gesture of gratitude for defending her.

After that, she flew down to the middle of the hill.

She wasn’t in her best shape, and it was hard for her to compete for the seats on the hilltop.

Su Ping was watching everything unfold, then a tall, muscular man with dark skin flew towards him and said condescendingly, “I don’t want to fight those women. Kid, it’ll be you then. Your spot is mine!”

Su Ping looked around, only to find that there were indeed two women flanking him; both of them were very beautiful.

"You'd better find someone else," Su Ping tried persuading him.

He was getting too lazy to rise from his seat.

"Cut the crap. You're from the Amir Royal Academy, right? Never heard of you before. You can join the woman from your academy back on the middle of the hill!" snapped the muscular man impatiently.

A young man who was on another seat said casually, "I've told you a million times, be respectful to women!"

The young man seemed to be ensconced on a throne, like an emperor.

"Dragon Emperor!"

Many people were stunned after noticing the young man; it was a famous genius from the Dragon Tomb Academy; all the young men in Silvy had heard about him.

The muscular man frowned after hearing what the Dragon Emperor said and obviously disapproved of it. However, he didn't argue with the man; he simply said to Su Ping, "Hurry up! Are you a mediocre woman too?"

Su Ping could obviously feel the temperature on his sides dropping while the other spoke; several women seemed to be looking at the burly man with cold stares.

Su Ping turned his head and asked a girl to his right, "Aren't you going to do anything?" He could sense the magnificent energy hidden inside her. Although it was well hidden, he could still tell that she was stronger than the one on the left.

The woman's face was cold. There was a green leaf adornment on her forehead, which revealed to many that she was the famous Thousand Leaves Holy Lady from the Holy Oriole Academy.

It was said that she was a living treasure in her academy; a super genius like none had seen in hundreds of years!

Obviously, the Thousand Leaves Holy Lady didn't expect Su Ping to talk to her instead of accepting the challenge. Her face was cold; although she hated the brutish man, she also despised cowards like Su Ping who planned to hide behind a woman's back.

"You want me to help you?" asked the Thousand Leaves Holy Lady with a cold tone.

Before Su Ping could reply, Oasis Dragon King was unable to bear watching any longer. Even though Su Ping wasn't a student of the Amir Royal Academy, he had gotten a recommendation through them and represented its honor. *Not only did he dodge my previous challenge, he's dodging again now?*

"The president didn't give you a recommendation so that you would desert at the first chance!" said Oasis Dragon King coldly.

"..."

Su Ping was lost for words. *Fine*. It was impossible for him to explain himself. He had planned to give the girl a chance to get back at the challenger for his disrespect toward females, but since she refused it, so be it.

“Let’s do it then.”

Su Ping rose from the circle and flew straight towards the island without delay.

At the middle of the hill—the woman next to Yuan Linglu shook her head and said, “He’s rather strong, but too much of a coward. How embarrassing!”

Earlier on, Su Ping had been faster than most people and claimed a seat, which was a clear sign of his capabilities. However, personality was just as important as talent when walking on the path of cultivation, and there was obviously too much cowardice in Su Ping’s personality. Nobody else here would have dodged a challenge.

Even if they couldn’t win, they would still stand to the end!

Yuan Linglu frowned in confusion; she didn’t think that the Su Ping she knew was a coward.

The man had made a scene at the Tower before he even became a Legendary warrior!

It wouldn’t be outrageous to call Su Ping lawless on the Blue Planet!

She was quite pissed when Su Ping competed with her over the mysterious realm back on Longtai Mountain. *How could such a man chicken out?*

Has the vast world in the Federation left him in awe and changed his attitude?

“Is he Dragon Devil from the Dragon Tomb Academy?”

“I wonder if Brother Su can handle him. It’ll be embarrassing if he’s defeated.”

“We can’t afford two consecutive failures. Although these failures wouldn’t alter any ranking...”

At the middle of the hill, a few candidates from the Amir Royal Academy frowned in worries.

Su Ping had shown enormous strength when he had bested Koro with one punch, but his current opponent was a monster that couldn’t be underestimated, just like any other contender seated on the hilltop.

Whoosh!

The tall and dark Dragon Devil followed after Su Ping and entered the island.

Very soon, glittering chains rose from the edge of the island and locked it up.

The people at the hilltop watched in a quiet and relaxed manner, except for Oasis Dragon King who was staring at Su Ping with grim eyes.

The moment they came to the island, the Dragon Devil said to Su Ping proudly, “I’ll give you a chance to admit defeat, that way you won’t get hurt!”

His blatant arrogance was present in every expression and every look.

Su Ping: "You just stole my line."

"Ha, you're asking to be killed!"

The Dragon Devil laughed, and soon turned cold. He was indeed arrogant, but he was never careless when it came to battles.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

He summoned his battle pets. Many dragons and demon pets appeared; all of them had a Star State cultivation and were releasing daunting auras.

His pets were of a very high quality; they had surely been trained extensively.

Su Ping glanced at them and nodded.

He found that the geniuses' pets were evidently much stronger than those of normal battle pet warriors he usually received in his store.

"You seem to love dragons." Su Ping saw that his opponent had summoned six dragons. Although dragons were the best pets, their inclusion could alter the balance in a lineup if there were too many of them.

"Of course. The Dragon Tomb Academy respects dragons more than anything else; Dragons are the strongest pets. You may get to see a full lineup of dragons if you're lucky!"

Dragon Devil sneered.

Training dragons was much more costly than training regular pets. Even a genius such as himself didn't have enough resources to establish an exclusive lineup of dragons, unless he filled some spots with inferior breeds. Still, that would be a pointless choice.

Su Ping nodded. A vortex appeared next to him, and the Inferno Dragon stepped out.

"Come on and warm up." Su Ping chuckled. "I've found some sparring partners for you."

Intense fire arose in the Inferno Dragon's eyes; its bones cracked, and auras ascended from its claws, making it increasingly stronger. Then, it opened its mouth and roared!

Roar!!

The roar was utterly majestic!

It echoed throughout the island and the hill. All the students who were seated on the hill felt that their hearts had skipped a beat and their muscles were contracting.

What a menacing dragon!

Many people were shocked by the horrific beast!

Dragon Devil changed his expression as he stood right in front of the Inferno Dragon. The six dragons next to him trembled as if in awe; hierarchy was very important for dragons, and they were more strongly intimidated than other pets.

“This dragon... is good!”

Dragon Devil’s eyes suddenly glittered. He gazed at Su Ping’s Inferno Dragon and roared with madness rising in his eyes before he merged with one of his dragons.

“Go!”

Su Ping gave a command.

The Inferno Dragon roared excitedly and flew out, raising an ocean of flames. The power of laws was surfacing on its body.

Chapter 859: Surrender

“Is that dragon... in the Fate State?”

“He’s not using a Star State dragon? What’s going on? Are my eyes deceiving me?”

“Seven, eight... Seriously? A Fate State dragon can grasp that many laws? I can’t even compare to a pet?”

“Damn, what’s the bloodline of this dragon? It feels more intimidating than the pets of that guy from the Dragon Tomb Academy!”

“He’s not merging with the pet. Is he going to let the pet fight them on its own?”

Everybody on the hill was astonished when the Inferno Dragon revealed its strength, as the dragon was definitely weird. It was a mere Fate State pet that could somehow wield eight laws; half of the geniuses present weren’t capable of doing that.

They preferred to believe that they weren’t perceptive enough to detect the dragon’s real level.

Or maybe, the dragon had a top bloodline and could be counted as one of the best hundred pets!

Otherwise, how could a normal dragon be that capable?

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On the island—

Boom!!

The Inferno Dragon collided with the Dragon Devil, raising a torrent of flames that contained various laws.

Those laws were perfectly matched with the Inferno Dragon’s skills, making its flames so horrifying that they easily dispelled the law attacks the Dragon Devil was launching.

The Inferno Dragon dashed forward as the ocean of flames were swept out. It seemed tiny when it stood in front of the Star State dragons, being only two hundred meters long; most of the Star State dragons were a thousand meters long.

However, the horror of the Inferno Dragon couldn’t be neglected. Dragon Devil was flung back after only one collision, all while being merged with his pet. The Inferno Dragon had simply whipped him.

Dragon Devil was shocked. He sensed that the strength of his opponent was unimaginably terrifying the moment they collided, just like being run over by an interstellar warship. He hurriedly summoned his pets when the flaming dragon tail was whipping him.

In fact, the already summoned dragons charging along with him had already taken action before he called out his other pets.

Roar!!

A dragon fully covered in blue scales roared and revealed daunting pressure. It was furious as it found that it had been awed by a dragon whose level was lower than itself; it whipped back with its own tail, trying to block the Inferno Dragon.

The dragon was a thousand meters long, and its tail was five times as big as the Inferno Dragon's; it was like a bat hitting a chopstick.

However, a shocking scene happened: the Inferno Dragon's tail was like a sharp knife able to cut apart the other dragon's tail!

That thick tail was ripped apart from the middle as if made of tofu.

The flames next to the wound were burning furiously, spreading to the rest of his body like parasites.

The Inferno Dragon's tail had enough strength left to whip Dragon Devil brutally.

Dragon Devil narrowed his eyes. He was able to establish defenses thanks to the time his pet bought him. A web appeared in front of him and knocked the dragon tail away, but he was also pushed thousands of meters back, tumbling as he went.

The Inferno Dragon roared and charged again, gathering the power of laws on its claw. Then, it waved its claw, launching a glittering aura, which made Dragon Devil change his expression again; dark black light burst out over his body as he activated his constitution.

He had a demon constitution. His combat ability soared along with the dragon he had merged with, and he fought his opponent with bloodshot eyes.

The Inferno Dragon roared excitedly; divine light emerged on its body. Its attack became even more powerful, suppressing Dragon Devil again, even though he had just activated his constitution.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The man and the dragon fought fiercely on the island. Dragon Devil's other pets supported him by buffing him with enhancement skills, making him as strong as anyone in the Star State. Adding his demon constitution, even someone in the advanced phase of the Star State could be defeated.

However... the more the Inferno Dragon fought, the braver it became and the more power of laws it unleashed!

It was already capable of launching ten laws in the end, which was something only those in the advanced phase of the Star State could do.

The Inferno Dragon suppressed Dragon Devil the whole time by leveraging its divine power and magnificent astral power.

Su Ping's dragon unleashed a great power every time Dragon Devil burst into an outrage.

The audience on the hill were already stupefied by the weird battle.

Nobody expected that the genius from the Dragon Tomb Academy would have been taken care of by Su Ping's pet.

It was an absolute domination!

Su Ping—the one being challenged—simply stood in one corner of the island, as if he were enjoying the fight.

Wasn't that insulting?

Many people wore weird expressions and felt sorry for Dragon Devil.

It was okay to lose, but losing to someone's pet was awfully humiliating!

Dragon Emperor who was at the moment sitting inside a circle lost his casualness. He solemnly gazed at the pet fighting on the island.

Of all people, he knew how strong Dragon Devil was.

Dragon Devil had challenged him a dozen times in the academy, and he failed every time. Although he was the winner, he admitted that the guy was very strong and only second to him in the Dragon Tomb Academy!

"It seems that the dragon is not showing its full strength. It can't be a Fate State pet..." Dragon Emperor thought of many things.

For example, there were certain forbidden skills that could lower pet levels, so that the Fate State cultivators could sign contracts with them.

However, such forbidden skills could only be used by Ascendant State warriors, and they were very dangerous.

"His pet..."

On another seat—Oasis Dragon King's face had a grave expression too. Unlike others, the candidates from the Amir Royal Academy had seen Su Ping's punch when he competed for the recommendation; they knew he was probably even stronger than Dragon Devil on his own. They didn't know he also had such a horrifying pet!

Su Ping would definitely become significantly stronger if he merged with the pet; he could kill that Dragon Devil easily!

His heart was heavy when he thought of his previous challenge; he was at least 30% less confident of defeating Su Ping after seeing the pet!

The Thousand Leaves Holy Lady—next to Su Ping’s seat, who wore a green leaf on her forehead—glanced at Su Ping and remarked, “He seems to be a pure controller.”

The woman on the other side was clad in a white robe; she was holding a soft cat in her arms. She said with weird eyes, “But he doesn’t seem to be planning to help his pet. Even pure controllers can be terrifying if they cooperate with their pets, especially such a horrifying one.”

The Thousand Leaves Holy Lady said calmly, “No wonder he was unwilling to accept the challenge. That pet is probably his trump card and was unwilling to expose it.”

“Dragon Devil isn’t bad. He’s mastered seven laws. He’s capable of fighting advanced Star State foes with the boost of his dragon lineup. Unfortunately, his way of fighting is too barbaric and unenjoyable.” The white-robed woman chuckled.

She was from the Holy Oriole Academy, which only admitted female students; that was the reason why it was no longer compared to the four best academies.

The two Star Lords and the instructors from all the academies were also watching the fierce battle unfold on the island.

“Do you feel it? That dragon does seem to be in the Fate State.”

“I don’t think it’s hiding its level either. Even if it’s hiding it, there’s bound to be flaws when fighting so fiercely. But I haven’t noticed anything.”

“Without a doubt, it is a Fate State dragon...”

“...Are you saying that a student of the Dragon Tomb Academy is going to be defeated by a pet of his own level?”

“Ha!”

Someone couldn’t help but burst into laughter.

The others looked weird too; the instructor from the Dragon Tomb Academy had awful and shocked faces.

A pet had suppressed a genius from their academy. It was absolutely unbelievable!

What mattered most for battle pet warriors in the Federation was to overwhelm their opponent.

Battle pet warriors could easily defeat beasts of their same level in the wilderness, by merging with their pet and using the help of other pets!

The stronger they were, the more useful the pets were. If someone in the Ascendant State could ask a Celestial State expert to get a Celestial pet for them, they would be invincible in the Ascendant State!

“A dragon has taught the Dragon Tomb Academy a lesson. What an eye-opener,” remarked an instructor from the Hugh Mia Academy.

The Star Lord from the Dragon Tomb Academy was gloomy and silent.

The battle on the island ended just then.

Dragon Devil had performed all kinds of skills, but he couldn't defeat the Inferno Dragon. He was exhausted, and could not resist the Inferno Dragon's attacks anymore. Eventually he was caught and smashed into a pit on the ground.

Then, the Inferno Dragon descended from the sky and stomped the pit, raising a storm of dust.

"We admit defeat!"

The Star Lord from the Dragon Tomb Academy suddenly emerged next to the Inferno Dragon. He seemed angry after seeing that it was about to attack.

He couldn't counterattack; not after the Star Lords of the other academies had teased him. He simply punched after seeing that the vicious beast ignored him and was about to attack again.

However, he didn't use the power of faith; he simply wanted to push the beast away and teach it a lesson.

The Inferno Dragon seemed to have detected the threat and stopped attacking Dragon Devil. The joy in its eyes was replaced by fury. Then it roared.

Roar!!

Splendid divine power emanated from its body!

It was so dazzling that the entire island was illuminated. Everybody was shocked.

The Inferno Dragon gathered the power of laws on its claws after it unleashed divine power. The number of laws increased from ten to twenty before it hit back to meet the punch.

After a boom, as if a nuclear bomb would have just exploded, the entire island trembled.

The Inferno Dragon slid hundreds of meters back, then roared even more furiously.

It could sense that the guy's level was much higher than its own, but it had already seen too many Star Lords!

It had even met a lot of Ascendant State creatures by Su Ping's side; the pressure of a higher level didn't affect it, at all.

"Huh?"

The Star Lord was stunned; his expression changed, not expecting his punch to be blocked.

Besides, he was shocked to see that the dragon had launched the power of twenty laws!

The number was twice as large as before!

That dragon had been hiding its strength!

Suddenly, a roar burst out, "What are you doing?"

The mentor of the Amir Royal Academy appeared and glared at the Star Lord from the Dragon Tomb Academy.

Su Ping wasn't a student of the Amir Royal Academy, but he was there thanks to a recommendation of theirs; it was impossible for the instructor to turn a blind eye to that.

The Star Lord from the Dragon Tomb Academy was momentarily lost for words.

Su Ping had also flown over right then; the smile on his face was gone, and his eyes were cold.

He didn't expect that a Star Lord would suddenly attack. Fortunately, the guy didn't use the power of faith, or the Inferno Dragon would have been wounded, even though he had taught it a hundred laws!

After all, the Star Lord State and the Star State were completely different. Su Ping had mastered a hundred laws, but he wasn't confident of fighting a common Star Lord!

Star Lords were in a completely different dimension; it wasn't just about the number of laws!

"Are all the people of the Dragon Tomb Academy sore losers?" said the instructor with an unfriendly tone while standing in front of the Inferno Dragon and Su Ping.

The Star Lord slightly changed his expression and snorted. "You kept attacking after we had already admitted defeat. You violated the rules first!"

"Cough! Cough!"

Dragon Devil crawled out of the pit as they spoke; he had been hearing everything that happened outside; although beaten up, his senses hadn't been disrupted. He had such troubling feelings that he wouldn't have had the courage to raise his head if he hadn't failed countless times.

It was humiliating to have lost to a pet!

"What's an instructor doing here? Don't come here if you can't afford failing!" snapped the other instructor.

The Star Lord glanced at him coldly but didn't argue.

The instructor snorted; he didn't plan on continuing, as nobody could ever really win such a debate. All that he could do was to say something nasty and make them feel uncomfortable.

The mentor turned around and said to Su Ping, "Check if your pet is wounded."

Su Ping gave a slight nod. He had already examined the Inferno Dragon, and it was fine.

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Su Ping didn't say anything as he was incapable of retaliating against Star Lords yet; it was also pointless for him to yell at the guy. Never reveal your real intention to your opponent.

Su Ping left with the instructor after putting the Inferno Dragon away.

Everybody on the hill looked at Su Ping with utmost shock when Su Ping returned.

"Twenty laws!"

"Did my eyes deceive me? Isn't that already the limit of the Star State?"

“That dragon didn’t use its full strength just now...”

“What the heck? Even pets know how to trick people now?”

Everybody had seen how the Inferno Dragon reacted to the Star Lord’s attack moments earlier; it was surreal to them. The dragon was even more of a genius than all of them were since it had mastered twenty laws!

“That dragon probably has SS aptitudes!”

“SS? Why do I feel like it should be SSS? It should be one of the best geniuses, provided that it really is in the Fate State...”

“F*ck. To think that we can’t even compare to his pet!”

“I should be at the foot of the hill, not here...”

“He’s just counting on his pet. That’s not an achievement; he’s just a weakling without the dragon.”

“A weakling? Didn’t you see how he raced to the seats on the hilltop? He might not be as good as his pet, but he’s definitely not a weakling!”

Su Ping and the Inferno Dragon raised a round of discussions; many were unable to mask envy and jealousy. They felt they could have competed with those on the hilltop if they had such a pet!

Still on the island—Dragon Devil clenched his fists with an awful expression.

“It’s already a fact that you’ve lost, consider it a lesson. You’ll encounter more geniuses at the upcoming Universe Geniuses’ Contest. Work harder in your training,” said the Star Lord instructor with a stern tone.

Dragon Devil clenched his teeth as he coped with the humiliation.

He knew there would be countless geniuses at the Universe Geniuses’ Contest, especially those in the star zone and the finals, but he didn’t expect to run into a bad a** that quickly.

Besides, such a way to lose was too humiliating; the guy had crushed him with only one battle pet!

“If your performance is good, the president will ask an extraordinary trainer to help you and Dragon Emperor train your pets. All you need to do is strengthen yourself,” the instructor continued.

Dragon Devil was stunned to hear “extraordinary trainer.” He quickly asked, “Really?”

“Yes, but only on the condition that you deliver a satisfactory performance.”

The instructor nodded; he had to give the student something good to look forward to. He wasn’t just making it up; if the student distinguished himself in the Illusionary God Monument Mysterious Realm, the president would indeed offer help. After all, his academy would become famous if they landed a high ranking at the Universe Geniuses’ Contest!

“Got it.” Dragon Devil took a deep breath and calmed down, but he clenched his fists even harder; he engraved this day’s humiliation in his heart.

On the other side—Su Ping had returned to his seat on the hilltop.

Several others who had yet to grab a seat looked at him but showed no intention of challenging him.

Su Ping had only used his pet in the previous battle; nobody was sure whether the pet was Su Ping's ultimate trump card or not.

Besides, the twenty laws the pet had unleashed against the Star Lord instructor had already made them uncertain of defeating it.

"Is your pet really in the Fate State?"

On Su Ping's left—the Thousand Leaves Holy Lady changed her opinion about Su Ping. Considering his pet's dominating strength, the man was probably too lazy to attack; he hadn't been at all scared.

She was the same. Although Dragon Devil had been rude, she didn't do anything to him because she thought it would taint her hand, not because she was scared of him.

"Yes."

Su Ping nodded, not intending to keep it a secret. Normal people wouldn't reveal their pet's level, but he didn't think it was a big deal; it was not his biggest trump card anyway.

"..."

The Thousand Leaves Holy Lady was silent for a moment. Although she had indeed sensed it, she was still shocked when Su Ping confirmed the fact.

She didn't think that Su Ping was lying; after all, such geniuses would either keep their mouths shut or mock whomever asked the question. They were too proud to lie.

On Su Ping's right side, the woman wearing a long white robe also heard the conversation. Her expression changed; she somehow found her seat uncomfortable.

The pet was only in the Fate State... It seemed to be a bigger genius than she was.

She had been training hard for many years, and had been praised as a one-in-a-trillion genius. And yet, a pet had surpassed her?

Once they became silent, Dragon Emperor—who looked as majestic as a real sovereign—stared at Su Ping and asked, "What's the breed of your pet?"

This drew the attention of a lot of people. People on the other seats looked at Su Ping curiously too.

Its performance would have been more understandable if it was one of the legendary pets they knew of.

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Su Ping asked with a puzzled expression, "Do I know you?"

He didn't forget the guy's mockery just then. Besides, wasn't the guy from the same academy as the person he had just defeated?

So, why bother chatting?

“...”

Dragon Emperor fell silent. He unconsciously clenched his fists, but he didn't make a move in the end, because it would reveal his anger.

“Heh.” The Dragon Emperor chuckled and didn't say anything else.

The others were slightly regretful since Su Ping wasn't saying anything, but none of them were too surprised. After all, nobody was obliged to introduce their pets to other people, since they were their ultimate weapons.

Everybody held their curiosity in check and thought of other things.

The battle between Holy King and Apocalypse had taught them a lesson about the prodigies from other academies, and Su Ping's made them respect those on the hilltop.

None of the people on the hilltop was a weakling!

“Amir Royal Academy...”

Holy King, who sat on another side, narrowed his eyes and withdrew his gaze from Su Ping. Although reluctant to admit it, he felt lucky he had chosen Apocalypse instead of Su Ping.

He had indeed considered picking Su Ping as an opponent. However, considering the latter's speed and vague dangerous aura, he keenly realized that the man was stronger than Apocalypse, so he chose her in the end.

What happened later proved that his instincts were correct.

That man was truly a monster. Even his pet was terrifying!

Dragon Devil returned from the island. He looked at Su Ping but chose to remain silent. This time, he approached the white-robed woman on the latter's right side.

“I'll have your seat!”

He repeated what he said earlier, but not as arrogantly as before; he was especially grim.

The white-robed woman raised her eyebrows in surprise and stared at him, before she giggled. “I admire your courage.”

After saying that, she rose and flew towards the island.

Dragon Devil snorted and swallowed a pill; his wounds were soon healed, and he seemed as strong as before.

Very soon, another fight broke out on the island.

“That guy has learned better. He's challenging the Holy Oriole Academy.”

“Smart choice. The Holy Oriole Academy is easier to deal with; the others are all top geniuses from the other academies.”

“Don't lose again, or you'll be too ashamed to see anyone.”

The battle on the island became fiercer as they discussed. The white-robed woman was also a highly talented genius in the Holy Oriole Academy, known as the Goddess of Light. She had one of the top ten constitutions in the light class!

She was still on the winning side as she faced Dragon Devil's demon constitution.

However, Dragon Devil unleashed more and more brutal strength as the battle went on, and performed skills he had failed to use in the previous battle against the Inferno Dragon, catching the Goddess of Light off guard.

Five minutes later, the battle ended.

Dragon Devil won!

He had revealed a horrifying strength that ultimately crushed his opponent. Many people who were expecting him to fail again were frustrated.

The Thousand Leaves Holy Lady looked cold. Although she and the Goddess of Light didn't see eye to eye in the academy, they were still on the same side as they moved outside the academy.

"Humph!"

Dragon Devil returned to Su Ping's right side and sat down. He glanced at Su Ping and snorted as a way to say that he was still qualified to be seated on the hilltop, even though he had lost to the latter.

However, one of the people who were waiting challenged him soon after he sat down.

The man was from the Sword Deity Academy, known as Sword Maniac. He was a messy haired guy carrying a sword that looked like a coffin cover. He obviously didn't care about his image.

Dragon Devil changed his expression. Although he won the previous battle, it was a close one as the Goddess of Light wasn't at all easy to deal with.

"I didn't expect the Sword Deity Academy to take advantage of others," said Dragon Devil in a mocking tone.

Sword Maniac said indifferently, "You think you're the only one who can do that? Take some more of those pills of yours and let's fight!"

"Fight my a**!" yelled the Dragon Devil. He had never been a civilized man to begin with, and he couldn't hold back his fury anymore.

Those pills were awfully precious. He wouldn't have taken one to challenge another person to reclaim his dignity if he hadn't lost to Su Ping in such a humiliating manner.

You want me to gobble more pills? Why don't you give me some?

"If you want to challenge someone, how about me?" intervened Dragon Emperor to lend a hand.

Sword Maniac frowned, but before he said anything, the young man next to Dragon Emperor who carried a wooden sword put on a smile and said, "If you're free, let's have some fun."

He looked like a harmless little boy.

Dragon Emperor said coldly, "I heard that you're Sword God's disciple. I've always been eager to find out how good you are. I hope you won't embarrass your master."

"You think you're qualified to talk about my master, an Ascendant State expert?" said the young man with a smile.

"Humph!"

Dragon Emperor snorted but didn't pursue the matter. Indeed, he couldn't afford offending an Ascendant.

"Are you up for it? Get the hell out of here if you aren't," said Sword Maniac to Dragon Devil in an even harsher tone.

"Let's have it!"

Dragon Devil could not stand such provocation; he gritted his teeth and swallowed another pill before he followed Sword Maniac to the island.

Yet again, another battle burst out. Dragon Devil showed all kinds of skills, but so did Sword Maniac, whose sword techniques were incredible. Five minutes later, Sword Maniac defeated Dragon Devil by a slim edge.

"They're truly geniuses."

"Dragon Devil be like, 'I have more pills and I can still fight!'"

"Even if he has more pills, he doesn't dare eat them anymore. None of the remaining guys on the hilltop is easy to deal with."

"Maybe he can take advantage of the other candidate from the Holy Oriole Academy?"

"What do you mean? Are you implying that the Dragon Tomb Academy only takes advantage of women?"

"Enough, Hugh Mia Academy!"

"Those in the Dragon Tomb Academy are losing it! Haha!"

"What do you mean? Do you really think the Holy Oriole Academy is weak? The Thousand Leaves Holy Lady is our strongest student. He wouldn't have touched the seat if he dared to challenge her!"

Down the hill—all the students were involved in heated discussions; the girls of the Holy Oriole Academy also joined the debate. Their candidates weren't at all weak.

The Thousand Leaves Holy Lady in particular; she was a super genius of the like that only emerged once every couple of hundred years. They believed she would have easily suppressed Dragon Devil!

Dragon Devil gritted his teeth and went to the middle of the hill after Sword Maniac claimed his seat.

A few others challenged the seat takers; some chose the Thousand Leaves Holy Lady, and some chose Queen of the Seas, the other top genius from Hugh Mia.

Still, all the challengers failed and the seats were eventually uncontested. The Dragon Tomb Academy and the Holy Oriole Academy each claimed a seat of their own, while the other three academies ended with two each.

The coordinating Star Lord stepped up and asked everybody to train until the challenge of the Illusionary God Monument Mysterious Realm in ten hours from then.

The sun was permanent in that mysterious realm and thus there was no night time. Everybody started cultivating after finding a seat.

On the hilltop—Su Ping detected the surging astral power coming from the seat and quickly absorbed it through the Chaos Star Chart to strengthen himself.

The circle of light on every seat covered their cultivation techniques, so they couldn't be seen from the outside. It was a peaceful experience.

There's also divine power and a vague understanding of laws...

Su Ping's eyes flashed. The seats on the hilltop did have a lot of advantages; both astral and divine powers were extremely abundant, and they were mixed with some thoughts left by others. Such thoughts could be a source of inspiration if any of them were stuck in a bottleneck.

Time flew by quickly.

Su Ping combined his own laws while absorbing astral and divine powers. He had accumulated much more laws than those in the Star State did; he could already try constructing a small world.

However, he didn't know how to construct one, so he could only find out on his own.

Ten hours flew by in a flash.

A Star Lord flew over with a cluster of monuments.

Those monuments were of different sizes; they were surrounded by bloody streaks that looked like weird arrays.

"The Illusionary God Monuments challenge starts now." The Star Lord's voice echoed throughout the hill and brought everybody back to reality. "You're free to choose any of the monuments. You'll encounter different enemies in them, but their level will be the same as yours, even though their attacks are different. You will learn more about that before you enter.

"It's recommended that you choose opponents that are most vulnerable to you. The higher points you get from the challenge, the more rewards you'll get."