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Chapter 1051: The Gods' Dominion

Su Ping lowered his head and said politely, "Thank you for your protection, master."

"It's your senior brother Bei Yan that you should thank," Shen Huang looked in a certain direction and said, "He's safe now. You can go about your business now."

Su Ping was surprised.

Ripples appeared in the void.

A tall, black clad young man appeared out of nowhere. He had quite the cold demeanor, with eyebrows that resembled swords. He bowed and said, "Yes, sir."

Then, he added, "About that Ascendant assassin's body..."

"It's all yours," said Shen Huang with a casual smile.

The young man left the matter to rest. He glanced at Su Ping and said casually, "Junior brother, reach the Ascendant State as soon as possible. We're all waiting for you."

He simply fled into the void and left after saying that.

Shen Huang noticed Su Ping's confusion. He smiled and said, "Your senior brother was protecting you on your way over. The Dark Tower didn't give up; they sent an Ascendant State expert to follow you and look for weaknesses. Unfortunately for them, Bei Yan excels at stalking..."

He showed regret as he added, "That Ascendant State assassin from the Dark Tower killed himself; we didn't have a chance to interrogate him. However, I think I know who sent an assassin against you this time."

Su Ping realized what happened and had mixed feelings about it.

The Dark Tower had truly kept on trying to kill him. However, the Ascendant assassin who followed him had chosen to kill himself under Bei Yan's pursuit. It was indeed shocking.

Is Senior Brother Bei Yan a Heavenly Lord? Su Ping thought.

He didn't ask though, as he would find out sooner or later.

"If I may ask, master, who was it that tried to kill me?"

"You don't need to know that just yet," said Shen Huang with a smile, "I'll get back at them on your behalf. The assassination is actually related to the upcoming trials. That is also why I summoned you."

Is my master not telling me who he is because he will notice if I figure it out?

Su Ping was intrigued. He found that his master's choice of words was rather strange. His master would just get back at them, not kill them. So, his enemy was likely another Lord Supreme!

"Master, what is that trial about?"

“The turbulence of the universe is escalating, which may lead to crises in the future. We have decided to concentrate our resources in order to accelerate the growth of the highest performing geniuses.”

Shen Huang said, “This trial will be held in an ancient treasure trove. It has limited openings, and high admission requirements. You can’t possibly survive there unless you’re as strong as the ones listed in the top fifty of the Divine Lord Rank!”

“Is it that difficult?”

Su Ping was surprised.

The top fifty of every Divine Lord Rank in the universe amounted to only six hundred people in total!

“You’ve experienced an assassination attempt from the Dark Tower. The last assassin didn’t manage to attack, the six Star Lords who surrounded you were the Dark Tower’s best assassins in the old days!”

“They hid in the Home of Havoc for years, and they certainly became stronger. You were able to kill them all and escape. So, you must be among the top three of the Divine Lord Rank by now, right?”

Shen Huang looked at Su Ping with a smile. He was indeed satisfied with his new disciple.

He was already surprising enough when Su Ping left the Celestial Court, and could easily meet the trial’s requirements. He rose to the top ten of the Divine Lord Rank so quickly that it was almost a miracle.

He was currently in the Star State, yet he was able to beat six top assassins, which attested to his shocking potential.

Shen Huang simply wished he could be delighted once again when Su Ping reached the Ascendant State.

He didn’t think that Su Ping would stop at the Heavenly Lord realm. He hoped that Su Ping would reach the Celestial State before the catastrophe of the universe happened!

If he was able to raise a Celestial State disciple, the balance of the entire universe might be tilted to their favor!

Unfortunately, there wasn’t a lot of time left, and he didn’t know if he could accomplish that.

“More or less.” Su Ping nodded.

Shen Huang was surprised to see how casual and confident Su Ping was. He chuckled and said, “Tell me the truth. How strong are you right now? This concerns the arrangements I’ll be making for you in the Gods’ Dominion. My reason to call you back in advance is because I wanted to measure your combat ability.”

Since his master phrased it that way, Su Ping found it inappropriate to keep his strength a secret any longer. He didn’t think his master would kill him because of jealousy. Besides, his real trump card was the system’s store.

Su Ping considered for a moment and said, “I haven’t tried my hand against all kinds of opponents yet, but I think I can beat anyone under the Ascendant State.”

Even the prince of a high-ranked gods' clan had been killed by him after cultivating a second small world. He didn't really think that the Star Lords in the Federation were remarkable in his eyes.

He had also been absorbing a tremendous amount of power of faith from the cultivation sites, which filled up his two small worlds and further increased his combat ability.

Although it was still impossible for him to fight anyone in the Ascendant State, he had yet to meet any Star Lord on par with him.

"You can beat anyone underneath the Ascendant State?"

It was obvious that Shen Huang wasn't expecting Su Ping to be that bold. However, all his disciples were unparalleled geniuses, who always considered themselves superior to the rest. Su Ping wasn't an exception.

He smiled and said, "Is that so? I'll run a test for you then. Get ready to practice with your senior brothers."

"My senior brothers?" Su Ping was stunned by his master's decision; he quickly waved his hand and said, "Master, my senior brothers are too strong for me. I can't possibly fight against Ascendants yet."

Shen Huang felt amused by the response. "You think I'm letting you fight against Ascendants? You have several senior brothers slightly older than you. They were recruited three thousand years earlier than you. All of them are Star Lords right now."

"Three thousand years..." Su Ping was lost for words, and then mumbled to himself, "That doesn't count as 'slightly'."

Soon after—

Shen Huang summoned his senior brothers. Diaz—who was recruited alongside him—was also there.

"All seven of you are my disciples who have yet to reach the Ascendant State." Shen Huang looked at the seven people in the temple. Apart from Su Ping and Diaz, the other five disciples were four males and one female. All of them kept their heads lowered at the moment.

They had only been under Shen Huang's tutorship for no more than three thousand years, and were still wary of him.

As for the senior brothers who had been recruited earlier on and had spent more time with him... They acted less awkwardly in his presence.

They kept their heads down, but they were also quietly observing Su Ping.

All of them had all heard a thing or two about the newly recruited disciple. After all, the elimination rounds of the Golden Star Zone were held in the Celestial Court. Su Ping became even more famous after winning the championship of the Universe Geniuses' Contest.

They had paid attention to him not because he was the champion, but because he had miraculously condensed a small world while still in the Fate State!

It had rarely happened in the past 100,000 years!

As for the championship, four of the five disciples were champions when they participated in the contest.

After all, the competition was held every three hundred years, and would produce a new champion with every edition. Some Ascendant State experts would spend thousands of years training in seclusion. There would be a dozen new champions of the Universe Geniuses' Contest when they came out.

Celestials were short of anything but champion disciples!

On the other hand, Diaz grimaced at Su Ping and kept dropping hints at him, as if reminding him that they should fight again someday!

Once Su Ping left the Celestial Court, Diaz learned of the requirement the former had to fulfill, and knew that Su Ping's combat ability could already rank among the top ten on the Divine Lord Rank. Fortunately, his family had given him a precious material for his cultivation. Two Ascendant State experts of the family had been killed in the process!

Luckily, the item had been quite effective for him, and further activated his Reincarnation Divine Constitution. It also boosted his level to the Star Lord State, making him a lot stronger.

His current combat ability ranked among the top ten of the Divine Lord Rank too!

"I've summoned you because you may take part in an upcoming trial." Shen Huang told them about the matters of the Gods' Dominion. Then, he said, "I'll offer you help according to your combat ability. You may spar today."

All of them rubbed their fists eagerly upon hearing that they were to compete in the palace.

Their families had already informed them in secret about the trial, so they weren't too surprised.

"Su Ping, you may pick any of them."

Shen Huang smiled; of the seven disciples, he thought most highly of Su Ping. Considering the latter's bold claim, and his achievement of having annihilated six Dark Tower assassins, he believed that Su Ping was already among the top three of the Divine Lord Rank.

None of the other six disciples were able to beat Su Ping, so he gave the latter a chance to pick.

Diaz and the other disciples looked at Su Ping in surprise after hearing what their master said.

Their master's tone was particularly gentle when he spoke to Su Ping. Also, he gave the young man a chance to pick. Isn't he biased towards Su Ping??

However, they found it understandable given the miracles he worked while being in the Star State.

"Junior brother, I currently rank seventh on the Divine Lord Rank. I heard you were allowed to leave the Celestial Court when you became as good as the top ten people of the Divine Lord Rank while still being a Star State cultivator. I should be the perfect match to practice with you," said a smiling young man to Su Ping. He seemed friendly and good-willed.

Su Ping knew that his master wanted to gauge his real strength, which concerned the following trial. He didn't intend to hide it any longer.

“Why don’t all of you come together?” Su Ping ventured.

The temple fell silent after he said that.

Diaz was dumbfounded, and so was the young man who had just spoken. The other disciples seemed to be doubting their own ears.

What the heck?

Has our junior brother lost his mind?

Or is he just too eager to show off in front of Master?

Shen Huang, however, laughed and said, “All right then. Like he said, all six of you will fight him together. Let’s see how good your junior brother is.”

All six disciples looked at each other in bewilderment. All of them had a similar standing given their disciple status. Why is he that exceptional?

“Junior brother, are you serious?” The only woman among the six disciples frowned and asked. She was slightly angered due to Su Ping’s arrogance.

Diaz gnashed his teeth and asked, “What’s the meaning of this?”

He had intended to compete with Su Ping and see which of the two was stronger. However, it seemed that Su Ping didn’t even care about him..

Chapter 1052: One Swing of the Sword

“Senior brothers and sister, please forgive me.”

Su Ping cupped his hands at his five senior brothers and sister.

As for Diaz, he purposefully avoided looking at him.

Diaz was so infuriated by Su Ping’s attitude he almost wanted to tackle and beat the latter hard. However, he also knew he would most likely be the one getting beat up in a one-on-one duel.

The other five disciples didn’t say anything else, seeing Su Ping acting that boldly. They would merely be carrying out their master’s orders, even though it seemed unfair.

“Just get ready.”

Shen Huang raised his hand and waved it, causing an opening in space. The opening was quickly extended, as if multiple layers had been broken. It went straight into a deeper space.

Then, a small world appeared in the cracked void, which turned out to be a vast, ancient arena. There were huge swamps and forests, as well as chaotic energy that could be absorbed.

Two of the five disciples flew in first; the other three glanced at Su Ping and followed the others.

“Humph, just wait for my beating!” Diaz glared at Su Ping and also flashed into the world. He had already come up with a plan, capitalizing on the opportunity to give Su Ping a few punches.

Su Ping didn’t wait too long; he also stepped into the world.

“You’re not allowed to use your pets in this battle,” said Shen Huang. He planned to measure his disciples’ personal combat ability. Although pets were also part of a battle pet warrior’s strength, they couldn’t be used under special circumstances.

The small arena was closed after Su Ping stepped in.

Creating a world by simply raising his head... Is this what Celestial experts are capable of?

Su Ping stepped into the arena and examined the auras given by the systematic laws around him; he couldn’t help but take a deep breath. The place was obviously too small to be his master’s small world; the latter had simply established a world with a mere thought!

“Junior brother, let’s fight first,” said the young seventh spot holder on the Divine Lord Rank who had challenged Su Ping earlier.

“Senior brother, after you.”

Su Ping didn’t say anything else, because speaking more would only make him sound more arrogant—might as well convince everyone with strength alone.

Diaz and the others didn’t move; they obviously trusted the young man’s combat ability. After all, he couldn’t have risen to the Divine Lord Rank’s seventh place with his tongue.

Bang!

The young man suddenly took out a spear, then dashed towards Su Ping like a dragon.

“Good movement technique!”

The man was tall and sharp, and yet unpredictable. He approached Su Ping at a high speed, crossing a long distance with every step!

He approached Su Ping in the mere blink of an eye. An oval illusion reflecting his small world appeared in front of the spear, and an overwhelming rush of faith power surged out, adding a dazzling brilliance to the spear.

“Freeze!”

Su Ping raised his hand, activating the path of time and space. Everything around him quickly slowed down until it was frozen. Even the dust that had been raised was solidified in midair too.

However, the young man was completely unaffected by the freezing wave. Rather, he suddenly accelerated, while a gray and black tornado was unleashed from his spear!

“Law of destruction. Not bad.”

There was admiration in Su Ping’s eyes; the guy’s law of destruction had been perfected, and it was being used to break the space-time confinement. He could barely be restricted by any laws in the world!

That was how powerful the law of destruction was!

However, Su Ping could do that too.

The space and time that had been destroyed were being regenerated and spread toward the young man again!

“Double covering!” Su Ping whispered.

Above the law of time and space—which was being regenerated with the law of vitality—another law of time and space was performed. The young man was then immediately slowed down and almost frozen.

The latter roared when he almost stopped moving, and the scorching sun at the tip of his spear burst out. The reflection of his small world exploded; the horrifying destruction law tore apart the dual spaces. Then, he quickly stabbed at Su Ping, like a bloody shark that had just crawled out of furious tides.

Su Ping raised his hand and knocked the unstoppable spear away with the speed of a phantom.

The young man moved dozens of meters back with the counterforce and breathed heavily, before he looked back at Su Ping in shock. That was a close one. He was almost frozen by Su Ping’s law of time and space. Su Ping could have instantly killed him if he was indeed frozen!

The young man gazed at Su Ping and spoke solemnly. “Your law of vitality has already been perfected!”

Their master had taught them the basics of said law. However, they would still need talent and opportunities in order to gain a deeper understanding.

He had been focusing on the law of destruction, and therefore his grasp on the vitality law was not complete yet. However, Su Ping had fully mastered both laws!

A single competition round had already made obvious which of the two was stronger. The young man had a grim visage. He had been a disciple for more than two thousand years, and yet his new junior brother had already surpassed him?

Most importantly, Su Ping was merely a Star State warrior!

“This guy...”

At the rear—Diaz changed his expression too when he saw the scene unfold; the guy had become even more unbelievable. Even his senior brother, the seventh place holder of the Divine Lord Rank, had been pushed back by one attack. He couldn’t have beaten the guy either.

The other four disciples looked at each other in bewilderment, not expecting Su Ping’s performance to be that shocking. No wonder he dared to look down at them.

At this moment, Shen Huang’s voice echoed. “You’d better attack together.” He was obviously smiling.

The grand senior seemed to have realized something, and didn’t want the others to duel with him, which would have been pointless.

The disciples’ faces changed upon hearing their master’s order, and they stopped hesitating. Having no time to consider shame, all of them unleashed their strength and charged at Su Ping.

“Brat, I have to punch your face!”

Diaz followed him closely. He concentrated his strength on his right fist, determined to bash Su Ping's arrogant face and let him have a taste of his strength.

The reflections of their small worlds were also manifested as they attacked. A huge pressure enshrouded Su Ping in an instant; he would have fallen on his knees and begged for mercy if he were a normal Star Lord.

Su Ping no longer held back upon seeing the joint attack. The reflection of his small world slowly appeared; a gray and desolate halo appeared behind his head with such an intimidating aura that it resisted all the pressure.

The aura's power increased as the halo revolved. An exuberant power surged out of the halo, which was like a furnace in Su Ping's body; he became much more intimidating, seemingly turning into a giant.

"Break!"

Su Ping stepped up, with light darting out of his eyes.

Although he was only making use of his first small world, he was able to burst out fifty percent of his strength with God's Arrival. After a boom, Su Ping swung his sword and cut the void apart. The terrifying sword aura turned into a dark crescent moon. The senior brother leading the charge was greatly shocked by the aura; he quickly stopped pressing forward and started defending himself.

However, his expression changed again when he touched the sword aura, and quickly stepped back.

His sword aura pressed forward, forcing all the five disciples to stop.

He pushed all of them back with one attack!

Everyone was currently looking at Su Ping in shock and disbelief.

Diaz was equally overwhelmed with disbelief; he had already released the Reincarnation Divine Constitution, with ancient secret patterns surfacing on his skin, plus an unusual power wandering inside his body. He was also enhanced with supreme laws, including vitality and chaos. Although those laws had yet to be fully mastered, they enhanced him with their corresponding features.

Once his Reincarnation Divine Constitution was fully developed, he would naturally grasp the supreme laws, and combine them with the features of his divine constitution!

That was exactly why the top ten constitutions of the universe were horrifying. Even those in the Ascendant State craved for them but couldn't get them!

Nevertheless, Diaz found it impossible to resist Su Ping's attack, even though he was trying his best.

Intimidating!

His hands were numb because of the hit.

The aura of laws in the attack made him find it hard to believe. He had detected all of the four supreme laws; all of them had been fully mastered!

“A perfected small world...” whispered the young man who had been pushed back by Su Ping. He wore a troubled expression, feeling deeply frustrated.

He had always been considered an unparalleled genius. He reached the Ocean State when he was six years old, and arrived at the peak of the Fate State when he was nine. He had held back his realm for ten years to participate in the Universe Geniuses’ Contest, just to polish himself further!

He gave an outstanding performance in the Universe Geniuses’ Contest when he was nineteen, all thanks to his ten years of hard work and self-suppression. The entire universe learned his name!

He was the champion that year.

Then, Shen Huang admitted him as a disciple, and he had cultivated there ever since.

He stepped into the Star State when he was twenty. Then, he continued with studies of secret techniques and laws, until he naturally advanced into the Star Lord State with plenty of knowledge.

After that, he followed with faith power absorption from all over, analyzing laws on a deeper level, and getting a better grasp of laws.

He also pursued real and complete laws, as he wanted to create his own path based on laws, and then enter the Ascendant State.

He searched and studied for two thousand years. His improvement wasn’t as significant as before, but he had been making constant progress, never hitting the bottleneck.

He also felt that he had already found his direction to enter the Ascendant State. Maybe he would solve the puzzle in a thousand years.

However...

How long had it been since Su Ping finished the contest?

And yet, he had already gotten a full grasp of the four supreme laws, even though he was only in the Star State?

The young man suddenly felt that his two thousand years of hard work were like a joke. He was on the verge of collapsing.

The other disciples also wore conflicting expressions; none of them was weak, and they could tell how talented Su Ping was. No wonder he had the audacity to challenge all of them, and their master allowed it. He was truly strong.

They knew that only half of the Divine Lord Ranks’ top warriors in the twelve star zones had fully grasped the four supreme laws.

Therefore, Su Ping was strong enough to be ranked among the top ten warriors of the Divine Lord Rank of the entire universe!

The most horrifying fact was that Su Ping was still in the Star State at the moment!

He would be no different from Star Lords whose small worlds had been perfected when he entered the Star Lord realm.. Considering the talent he had shown, maybe he could grow to become the strongest Star Lord in the universe!

Chapter 1053: True God's Legacy

Nobody wanted to continue fighting after Su Ping revealed his perfected small world.

Shen Huang didn't force them; he took everybody back to the temple.

"Not bad. All of you have performed well." Shen Huang praised everyone, and stared at Su Ping in delight. Just as he expected, Su Ping had already reached the peak!

No wonder he was able to kill six top assassins even though he was only in the Star State!

His disciple had shown the Celestial State potential even when he was only in the Fate State. He was again much stronger than his peers when he broke through and reached the Star State. He wondered what Su Ping's upper limit would be when he became a Star Lord!

Perhaps, he would grow into the strongest Star Lord in the universe in the next 100,000 years!

"Get prepared for the trial. I hope you'll try your best in the competition," said Shen Huang as he looked at his disciples in the palace, "You will be given rare training resources during the trial since other Celestials are investing, as well as other treasures. Most importantly, if you're lucky, you may get a true god's legacy!"

"A true god's legacy?"

All the disciples in the temple were shocked.

They had even forgotten the shock caused by Su Ping's performance, because a true god's legacy was beyond mind-blowing!

Celestials were also known as true gods!

So, did the news mean that they might get a Celestial's legacy during the trial?

Su Ping was equally stunned. A Celestial's legacy? Wouldn't that be too generous?

"That is correct."

Shen Huang smiled, seeing their reactions. "The universe is in turmoil. Although a disaster is underway, certain things that were hidden in the depths of the universe have been revealed."

"They're found in relics that belonged to an ancient true god, who somehow died in his temple and left his treasures as legacy.

"Supposedly, your Ascendant senior brothers and sisters are to explore the relics. However, they have condensed their own Divine Marks and cannot inherit the legacy. Therefore, we've decided to pick one of the Star Lords as the inheritor.

"Whoever is lucky enough to inherit the legacy will rise to the Ascendant State immediately. You will eventually reach the Celestial State when you fully absorb the legacy!"

Diaz and the other five disciples were already trembling with excitement due to Shen Huang's revelation.

They even wondered if they were dreaming.

However, such an opportunity would seem surreal even in a dream!

An opportunity to reach the Celestial State had been presented to them, just like that. It was unbelievable!

Su Ping was quite tempted too. However, he was puzzled by the information Shen Huang had left unsaid. The Celestial State would mean immortality.

Everybody who reached that level had an infinite lifespan, and could resurrect even if they died!

To put it simply, they could live as long as the universe existed, provided that they didn't want to perish!

Then, why did a Celestial die in his palace?

Did something happen to him, or was he caught in some sort of dangerous situation? One that forced him to make the decision?

His master didn't tell him the specific reason. Su Ping found it inappropriate to continue asking.

"Master."

Su Ping thought for a moment and asked, "If we inherit this ancient true god's legacy, will we still be able to create a path of our own?"

Shen Huang looked at Su Ping, who was the calmest of all, and smiled. "No. You will reach the Ascendant State the moment you inherit the legacy. Even if you create your own path in the future, you won't be able to condense a Divine Mark. To put it simply, you will reach the Celestial State with exactly the same path used by that ancient true god. You will reach his last level.

"The different paths that lead to the Ascendant State aren't equally powerful, right?" Su Ping asked again.

The twelve Celestial State experts of the universe were willing to give away the legacy to a Star Lord, so that the latter would grow to their height.

Su Ping didn't think the proposal was as decent as it appeared.

Of course, the legacy couldn't be a trap laid for Star Lords. After all, Celestials were too strong; they had no need to trick some insignificant Star Lords.

However, Su Ping did think that the Celestial who would grow via inheritance would not pose a threat to the twelve existing Celestials.

Celestials weren't equally strong.

It was just like in other realms, there were always people who were stronger than others.

The stronger Ascendants were known as Heavenly Lords; they were as respected as Celestials. The other Ascendants could only face them with awe.

The difference was probably the same in the Celestial State!

“Exactly.” Shen Huang nodded. “The more you accumulate while being a Star Lord, and the more laws and features related to the path you create, the stronger you will be! That’s the reason why everybody thinks highly of you and believes that you will become one of the Heavenly Lords when you reach the Ascendant State!”

Su Ping realized what was going on and asked, “Then, if I inherit this true god’s legacy and reclaim his cultivation, would it be possible for me to surpass him again?”

Diaz and the other disciples nearly vomited blood after hearing that, almost hitting the ground as they stared at Su Ping.

Dude, the opportunity to the Celestial State is right in front of you. What are you thinking?

Shen Huang realized what was on Su Ping’s mind, and was too momentarily dazed. Obviously, he didn’t expect Su Ping to be as ambitious. Su Ping had shown enough potential to become a Heavenly Lord, but the likelihood of him becoming a Celestial was not that high.

Still, that young disciple of his was dreaming so big... he didn’t want to just become a regular Celestial.

This little fella...

Shen Huang chuckled, but didn’t criticize Su Ping for his lofty aspirations.

The more visionary and ambitious a person was, the more determined and persistent he would be on the cultivation path!

Conversely, those who didn’t have dreams would only consider how they could spend money on personal entertainment, without any greater pursuits if they became rich overnight.

“Once you accept the legacy, you will attain the peak state reached by that true god someday, but it would be impossible for you to surpass him. You’ll be inheriting his path instead of creating one of your own, so you cannot grow further,” said Shen Huang with a smile.

“I see.”

Su Ping realized what it was all about, and felt rather regretful.

It was a deal where his future prospects would be forsaken in exchange for a fixed Celestial State cultivation.

Su Ping wouldn’t have hesitated if he hadn’t seen the top experts residing in the cultivation sites. His only emotion would have been excitement.

However, Su Ping’s eyes were opened after learning of the Deity Kings, Deity Emperors, the Ancestral Gods in the Archean Divinity, and the ancestor of the Golden Crows.

What a shame. It would be great if I had the option to continue growing stronger. Too bad progress is stunted if I inherit the legacy, Su Ping thought.

However, all of this was a mere conjecture as he hadn't seized the opportunity just yet; it was slightly hilarious that he was worrying about something that might never happen.

If I do seize the opportunity, I can have one of my pets inherit the legacy. That'll be great... Su Ping was both tempted and delighted.

He would become stronger if his pets were strengthened!

"That Celestial State expert was forced to die in his palace; it was rather humiliating. It's obvious that he couldn't deal with the problem!"

My master said that the turbulence in the universe was suffocating even for them. Even if I get the legacy, I may still be caught in a dangerous situation when the disaster happens. The Celestial State is not synonymous with invincibility!

If I give the inheritance to one of my pets, I will have a Celestial pet. Such an opportunity is not to be wasted!"

Su Ping's eyes glittered.

Shen Huang probably would have a hard time remaining cool if he knew what was on Su Ping's mind.

He had summoned Su Ping to profit from the precious opportunity, because he hoped Su Ping could inherit the legacy.

If Su Ping was among those who will eventually reach the Celestial State too, the two of them would have a much bigger say in the Federation!

However, Su Ping only wanted his pet to inherit the legacy... Just what does he think the Celestial State was?

"The trial will begin in three months; all of you should be making preparations. I'll give you more information about the trial in due time. Just stay in the Celestial Court and focus on cultivation."

Shen Huang added, "While you're here, your senior brothers and sisters will offer guidance to improve your cultivation; feel free to ask them questions if you have any."

Everybody accepted the orders and left.

Su Ping heard a cold and pleasant voice after they left the temple. "Junior brother."

He turned around and saw a tall, beautiful woman standing next to the temple. She wore white casual clothes, but her alluring figure was still evident.

"Fourth Senior Sister?" Su Ping was surprised. He had recognized her right away; it was Ji Xueqing, his fourth senior sister who had gifted him a piece of armor able to resist Ascendant State attacks.

However, he had yet to find a chance to use the armor.

“Elder Yan is busy. Master asked me to teach you,” said Ji Xueqing with a calm tone. There was a casual aura radiated by her eyes, as if she didn’t want to compete with anyone. She was an ice beauty in every aspect.

Su Ping nodded. “Thank you for the help in advance, senior sister.”

“Let’s go to your mountain now,” said Ji Xueqing. Then, she walked away.

Su Ping glanced at the other disciples; each of them was led away by an Ascendant State senior brother.

“I will catch up with you!” cried Diaz—who stood next to a young man—when he noticed that Su Ping was looking at him.

Su Ping simply ignored him and then walked away.

Diaz gnashed his teeth in fury. The young man next to him, however, asked with a weird expression, “Is that our miraculous junior brother? Master just measured your cultivation, right? What’s the gap between you and him?”

Diaz became gloomy when his senior brother asked that. He said, “Senior brother, please stop asking. He’s my lifelong enemy!”

The young man was amused by the response. He said, “But he doesn’t seem to consider you his lifelong enemy, at all.”

“That’s exactly the most annoying and arrogant part about that guy. I will surely beat him!” Diaz burst into a fit of fury, as if someone had just stepped on his tail. “I will get the true god’s legacy in this trial and reach the Celestial State!”

The young man chuckled with glittering eyes. “All right. I believe in you. Let’s go.”

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On Su Ping’s cultivation mountain—

Inside a magnificent palace...

Su Ping arrived with his fourth senior sister. He looked at the place where he had cultivated for three years and reminisced. Unfortunately, Elder Yan was nowhere to be seen.

He heaved a sigh, but didn’t start cultivating right away.

Given his current level, there were only two ways for him to progress at a fast speed. One way was to find the method of creating an extra small world, and the other was to condense the eighth Astral Painting.

However, the difficulty for the eighth Astral Painting wasn’t exactly as Su Ping had expected.

He thought it would be multiple times harder than the seventh painting.. In fact, it was as difficult as the previous seven Astral Paintings combined!

Chapter 1054: Path Source

The eighth Astral Painting is completely unlike the previous seven.

Su Ping had soon realized this when he made a first attempt to condense it. The eighth Astral Painting required seventy-two stars, nine stars more than what the seventh Astral Painting required.

However, those stars could no longer be condensed with energy alone; they required perfected laws!

Every star had to contain a perfected law in order for it to be fixed as part of the star array!

Su Ping didn't even have ten perfected laws in total!

Besides the four supreme laws, he only had the laws of fire, lightning, darkness, illusion, and sword!

There were nine of them in total!

His law of fire was perfected first; he had connected with it and grasped the law of lightning quite early too. The law of darkness was related to his Sorcerer's Divine Constitution; he grasped it in a natural way just as his constitution was awakened.

The law of illusion came from the Sea of Illusions.

The law of sword was his way of attacking. Once he mastered that, he could create sword techniques anytime, and meld plenty of other laws into that foundation law, performing unparalleled sword techniques as a result.

Only an eighth of them have been completed!

Although the stars in the eighth Astral Painting don't need the best laws, and even the weakest laws would suffice as long as they're fully mastered, I need seventy-two of them right now. It's impossible to grasp all of them that quickly. If I wasn't as smart, I would probably be unable to assimilate them in my entire life...

Su Ping smiled bitterly in his heart.

If it was like before, he would only need to exchange his resources for medicines to replenish his energy. Then, he would be able to cultivate and condense stars at a fast pace.

He would be capable of finishing the accumulation in a mere couple of years!

However, the case was different at the moment; he needed at least a hundred years.

I've only cultivated for a dozen years so far. A hundred years is too long... Su Ping heaved a sigh. He gradually felt the pain suffered by talented Star Lords whose level was stuck.

Inside the temple, while both of them were walking—Ji Xueqing couldn't help but ask, "Is there anything you want or need to know about your cultivation?"

She had been wandering inside the temple along with Su Ping. She felt that she wasn't there to guide Su Ping's cultivation. She was being shown around the place he lived.

The trial was only three months away. Ji Xueqing didn't understand how Su Ping could remain as cool and still waste his time there!

Did he not know what a precious opportunity it was?

She and her peers were quite intrigued when the news came out.

Everybody who was under the Celestial State would have been tempted, except the top Heavenly Lords that even the Celestials couldn't deal with easily.

Unfortunately, only those below the Ascendant State could inherit the true god's legacy. Otherwise, she and the other Ascendants would have fought hard over the treasure long before kids such as Su Ping showed up.

Such a rare opportunity—the like which one could only encounter once in 100,000 years—had been delivered to those lucky kids by the Celestial State experts. Still, instead of trying to become stronger before the trial to obtain the treasure, Su Ping instead wasted time wandering his garden.

After hearing what Ji Xueqing said, Su Ping came back to himself. Instead of condensing the eighth Astral Painting, he thought that it would be easier to improve his strength if he sought unknown laws and tried to establish a third world.

"I'd like to grasp more laws."

"More laws?" Ji Xueqing nodded; she was no stranger to that.

Su Ping was merely in the Star State. So, he truly needed to learn more laws and build up his storage. This would benefit him when he became a Star Lord or even when he reached the Ascendant State.

"What law are you working on right now? I remember that Master would usually teach his disciples the basics for the law of vitality, so that it would be easier for you to save your life."

Ji Xueqing glanced at Su Ping and added, "I have a way that can help you fully grasp the law of vitality. However, it requires a lot of precious medicines, and..."

"I've already grasped the law of vitality to completion."

What Su Ping had said made Ji Xueqing have to swallow what she was about to say. She looked dazed, then she stared at Su Ping. She was reminded that a certain junior brother was a monster who condensed a small world in the Fate State; she soon found it understandable.

She gave a slight nod. "It seems that you're quite talented, junior brother. I can teach you the law of destruction, but only the basics. If you want to fully grasp it..."

"I've fully grasped the law of destruction too," said Su Ping.

"..."

Ji Xueqing remained silent for a long time; she took a deep breath and said, "It's only been a few years since you rose to the Star State, junior brother. And yet, you've already made such achievements. No wonder Master thinks so highly of you."

"Does Master think highly of me?"

"Of course. Why else would he ask me to teach you?" Ji Xueqing rolled her eyes at Su Ping. All the mentors appointed to teach the rest of the disciples were Ascendants, while she was the only Heavenly Lord. Did this guy not notice?

Su Ping couldn't help but glance at her. According to Elder Yan, most of his senior brothers and sisters who had been recruited earlier had become Heavenly Lords.

"What about the law of time, or the law of chaos? Pick one," said Ji Xueqing casually, "I'm confident of helping you fully grasp either of them in three months. However, it will be..."

"Senior sister, I know both of them. I've fully grasped them too," said Su Ping in a low voice.

Ji Xueqing stopped and stared at Su Ping for a long time, before she finally said, "Junior brother, are you sure you're not messing with me?"

"I would never..." Su Ping couldn't help but put on a bitter smile. He raised his hand, showing auras of four laws in his hand.

Ji Xueqing glanced at them, and found it hard to move her eyes away; her chest rose and fell underneath her white clothes, returning to normality moments later. She looked at Su Ping thoughtfully and said, "So to speak, you've condensed a small world and fully grasped the four supreme laws. You're already qualified to perfect your small world. All you need to do is fill it with other laws..."

"My small world has already been perfected," said Su Ping.

"..."

Ji Xueqing almost lost her cool.

She looked at Su Ping, who had rendered her speechless again and again. Even if she was a Heavenly Lord, she hadn't been as shocked in many years.

Can you let me finish a sentence for once? Can you?

Huh?

"Senior Sister Ji?" Su Ping suddenly felt that the air was rather intense; he had even sensed the inkling of a flashing killing vibe. He couldn't help but look at his senior sister, only to discover that she didn't look right.

"It's okay."

Ji Xueqing took a deep breath, and then calmed down.

She said coldly, "In conclusion, you've already perfected your small world even though you're just a Star State warrior? You're strong enough to rise to the top of the Divine Lord Rank, right?"

"Yes." Su Ping nodded.

Ji Xueqing almost found it impossible to continue talking after seeing Su Ping nod so naturally.

You're merely in the Star State, yet you can beat almost all the Star Lords, and even reach the top of the Divine Lord Rank. Is it not surprising to you, at all?

"If that is the case..."

After a moment of silence, Ji Xueqing finally said, "I don't think there's anything I can teach you."

She almost wanted to leave.

Even though she was an unparalleled genius too, having eventually become a Heavenly Lord, she still felt frustrated as she talked to someone like Su Ping, the little monster.

If the young man received the true god's legacy, he would definitely rise to the sky. He would break the records, to become the youngest cultivator to reach the Ascendant State and the Celestial State!

The more she thought about it, the more conflicted she felt.

Didn't they say that opportunities were only for those who were prepared?

She was thoroughly prepared as a Heavenly Lord. Why didn't she have such an opportunity?

Hearing that Ji Xueqing wanted to leave, Su Ping quickly said, "Senior Sister Ji, you must be joking. Given that you're a Heavenly Lord, there are lots of things I can learn from you. I'd like to learn more laws, especially those which don't belong to our universe. Can you teach me?"

"The laws that don't belong to our universe?"

Ji Xueqing glanced at Su Ping in a daze, noticing that he was being sincere. Her anger immediately fizzled down. She then asked, "What do you mean by laws that don't belong to our universe? Are you planning on creating laws right now?"

She was truly stunned. The man is trying to do what Ascendants can when he's only in the Star State?

How could he be so unbelievable?

Well, fine. It seemed that he had done a fair share of unbelievable things.

Ji Xueqing's lips twitched.

"Well..."

Su Ping didn't realize that he could be misunderstood by Ji Xueqing, a Heavenly Lord.

Also, he was slightly surprised by what she said. It seemed that he was indeed doing things normally done by Ascendants.

However, there was still a difference.

Ascendants created their own paths!

What kind of path could be considered as their own?

It was obvious that those paths didn't belong to their universe, and had never appeared before. That was why they could be "created"!

He had grasped laws of other universes, such as the path of illusion, which was from the Sea of Illusions. That was why it could help him establish a second small world.

However, that was not his own creation; it counted more as stealing.

Su Ping felt he had to seek the laws of other universes in order to create another small world. The laws of lightning, fire and darkness were among the basics of every universe, and could only be used to construct the first world.

If he wanted to establish an additional world, he had to avoid those paths.

Making another world would be possible if Su Ping could create a path of his own; one that had never been known!

However, that was an obviously difficult task, and Su Ping didn't have a clue just yet. After all, that problem was usually tackled by Ascendants. Also, once he created his own path, his level might soar to the Ascendant State directly.

Then, he wouldn't have an opportunity to establish more small worlds.

Su Ping confessed his true intention, "I'd like to find the Path Source. Senior Sister Ji, have you seen the Path Source? What lies at the source of every path?"

If he could see the Path Source, he might find a way to establish a third small world.

"The Path Source?" Ji Xueqing felt dazed; she couldn't help but glance at Su Ping due to her surprise. That junior brother of hers was truly ambitious. He wants to learn the Path Source when he's barely a Star State warrior?

"Every path has a source. It's said that there's an origin from which all paths derive at the far end of the sources that make up all paths. That is the beginning of nature and the universe. However, that's just a legend from ancient classics.. Nobody has ever seen it, not even Celestial State experts..."

Chapter 1055: Three Months of Cultivation

"Not even Celestials?"

Su Ping was slightly surprised, but not too shocked.

The Celestial State was the highest level in the universe for Ji Xueqing and the others. However, Su Ping knew there were still a couple of major levels above the Celestial realm, including Deity Emperors and Ancestral Gods.

Deity Emperors and the Ancestral Gods were probably the only entities who could see the ultimate source where countless paths derived from.

"In order to see the source, you have to gain an even deeper understanding of a law that you've already mastered fully, until it's absolutely flawless!"

Ji Xueqing interpreted for Su Ping. "That way, you'll be able to extend your consciousness with that flawless law and enter the deepest parts of the source world.

"However, you'll only be capable of taking a quick look at the Path Source's shadow.

“Exploring with a flawless supreme law widens the coverage of the Path Source world. It’s also another reason why the four supreme laws are important. Once you reach the Ascendant State, the path you create will be connected to the Path Source world. Even if it’s not perfect, it will still be somehow connected...”

“The moment you can vaguely detect the Path Source world, you’ll have the chance to touch the origin of thousands of laws. Then, it’ll become fairly easy for you to grasp other laws and even master them fully!”

“That is also why Ascendants can master thousands of laws. Only the four supreme laws are seen as a minor challenge for them.”

Ji Xueqing glanced at Su Ping and continued, “If I were talking to someone less gifted, I would suggest focusing on establishing a personal path, all to facilitate the understanding of other laws and paths after reaching the Ascendant State. His strength will soar too, and his disadvantage would be no more.

“However, you haven’t cultivated for a long time yet, and you have plenty of time. It’s also fine if you’re determined to have a try. Very few people have made their laws flawless before they reached the Ascendant State in the past 100,000 years!”

“However, if you can really achieve that, your understanding of laws will be highly unusual. Your own path will then become extremely powerful once it’s established!”

“If that is the case, you would directly become a top Heavenly Lord when you step into the Ascendant State!”

She glanced at Su Ping when she talked about that subject.

Considering the four supreme laws that Su Ping had mastered, she believed that he had the potential to be considered outstanding in the entire universe, even without the true god’s legacy.

However, not even the strongest Heavenly Lord would compare to the inheritor of the true god’s legacy.

The Celestial State was the real peak!

Indeed.

Some of the top Heavenly Lords weren’t afraid of the Celestial experts; they could even keep themselves safe even if they were to confront each other.

However, protecting themselves was all they could ever do!

They could run for their lives; however, it was impossible for them to fight back and win.

They would have to flee whenever that kind of opponent showed up. That was precisely the power of the Celestial State!

“I see...”

Su Ping nodded upon hearing what Ji Xueqing said. He currently had a clearer understanding of the Ascendant State.

It wouldn't be as difficult for him to grasp thousands of laws and make them perfect when he reached the Ascendant State.

After all, he would be able to touch the Path Source world. If he studied laws there, his efficiency would be hundreds of times higher than in the outside world; fully mastering laws would be possible and quicker!

That was why Ascendants could almost master all laws to the fullest.

As for those who had lived long enough, they had probably cultivated a shocking number of flawless laws!

However, anyone with a realm under the Ascendant State would have it difficult to grasp a law in a flawless way, just as establishing a path of his own!

However, after hearing what Ji Xueqing said, Su Ping was even more determined to grasp a flawless path. He wanted to go to the Path Source world and see the origin of countless laws!

He would definitely be able to find laws that didn't belong to that universe if he entered that place, and then condense a third world!

"Although you're welcome to try, the trial will begin in only three months."

Ji Xueqing stared at Su Ping and then changed the topic. "You don't have much time left. You'd better not get ahead of yourself; you should try to increase your strength as quickly as possible, so that it'll be easier for you to pass the trial!

"You cannot possibly grasp a flawless path overnight.

"Even though you're an exceptional genius, it would still take at least a thousand years, if you're lucky enough!"

Ji Xueqing was only speaking the truth. She thought that the mission was too difficult, even though she had seen Su Ping's unbelievable performance. It would be a miraculous achievement if he could accomplish the task in ten thousand years, let alone in one thousand.

Only a genius such as Su Ping could afford wasting ten thousand years.

"The geniuses from all the reaches of the universe will take part in the trial, including some ancient Star Lords who have been training in seclusion," said Ji Xueqing as she gazed at Su Ping, "Some Star Lords don't concern themselves with the vanity of being on the Divine Lord Rank. They spend all their lives cultivating in seclusion and pursuing their own paths. They want to establish a top path, all with the intention of becoming top Heavenly Lords the moment they reach the Ascendant State!

"People like them aren't rare in the scope of the entire universe!

"As far as I know, there are more than ten of them!

"All of them became famous more than ten thousand years ago. They were the strongest Star Lords who left their names on the Divine Lord Rank!

“I also know of a certain Star Lord who is so gifted that he already came up with his own path and is able to establish it at any time. However, he gave up, because he thought that the path was too weak; he didn’t want it, even if it could send him to the Ascendant State!

“He isn’t the only genius out there. For them, reaching the highest peak is just the beginning. Many of them have mastered powerful, ancient secret techniques. Their combat abilities are unknown.

“The true god’s legacy has shocked the entire universe; even the twelve Celestials have shown up. All the big families in the universe are looking for exceptional Star Lords, hoping to send them to the trial!

“They’re hoping that one of those Star Lords succeeds in getting the legacy and then reach the Celestial State, so that they can benefit in the future as sponsors!

“Therefore, the competition in the trial will be very cruel!”

Ji Xueqing gazed at Su Ping and said solemnly, “You’re very strong. Of all the geniuses I’ve seen, your potential is among the top three—No, the top two! However, you haven’t cultivated much yet and you’re still inexperienced!

“These three months are critically important to you. I hope that you make the most of this time. If you miss the opportunity to enter the Celestial State, you’ll never find another one!”

Su Ping was slightly unsettled by the information; he furrowed his brow.

What Ji Xueqing had said did give him a lot of pressure.

Star Lords could live for a long time. The geniuses who were the champions of the universe ten thousand years earlier had been Star Lords for ten thousand years already. Who knew how strong they had become?

“I understand.” Su Ping nodded.

Ji Xueqing felt relieved to see how Su Ping had dropped his casual demeanor; she was worried that Su Ping would be too proud of his talent and overly confident.

“Master hasn’t recruited a lot of disciples. The older disciples such as me entered the Ascendant State a long time ago. Nobody was expecting that a true god’s legacy would appear like this. Now, we can only count on you, including our other junior brothers and sisters.

“Right now, you have already reached the peak. You’re the best prospect among our junior brothers and sisters to get the legacy. Master has high hopes for you too!”

Ji Xueqing continued, “There are only three months to go. You may cultivate in my small world, where time flows a hundred times faster than in the outside world!

“You can attempt reaching the Star Lord State during the coming three months, to deal with any possible gaps between you and the other guys. Although you’ll still be short of experience, this is the fastest way to improve your strength.

“On the other hand, I’ve prepared special materials and faith power to strengthen your small world and further improve your combat ability!”

Su Ping was dazed for a moment, not expecting his Senior Sister Ji to make so many preparations for him.

Remembering what she said, Su Ping said with glittering eyes, “Senior Sister Ji, are you investing in me?”

Ji Xueqing was dazed for a moment. Then, she gave him a frank confession, “Yes, it’s an investment. Besides myself, a lot of people have talked to me and hoped to offer you things. Many of the training resources you’ll have available come from them. Feel free to use them.”

She glanced at Su Ping and continued, “There’s no need to worry. I’ll return all the favors on your behalf; you only need to return my favor, if you can truly get the legacy three months later...”

“It won’t be a big deal if you don’t; every investment carries risks. I can’t blame anyone else. Besides, I don’t think this investment can possibly fail now that I’ve seen your talent.”

Her frank answer left Su Ping at a loss for words; he smiled bitterly in his heart. Without him realizing it, he was already standing in a vortex of power, and a web of connections.

“Got it. Thank you, senior sister.”

Su Ping nodded.

The universe was too big, full with countless geniuses; he was just one of them.

He didn’t know if the other geniuses had attained a second small world. However, he thought that even if they didn’t, they would surely have other special methods.

Although he wasn’t particularly interested in the true god’s legacy, he would be an idiot if he let go of such an opportunity.

After getting the legacy, he could give it to his pets instead of using it himself.

I have to try to increase my combat ability again. It’s not safe enough yet. If I can grasp one of the laws flawlessly... Su Ping’s eyes glittered; he hadn’t given up searching for the Path Source yet.

That was the only way he could think of to significantly strengthen himself.

As for condensing the eighth Astral Painting, it would take too much time.

Also, once the law became flawless—allowing him to enter the Path Source World—it would be easier for him to master other laws. That was like whetting the axe prior to chopping wood!

The most efficient way was to perfectly grasp a law as soon as possible. It would lay a foundation for the eighth Astral Painting, giving him a chance to find a method to create the third small world.

“Let’s begin now.” Ji Xueqing raised her hand, and a misty world appeared in front of her eyes, with mountains covered by clouds, just like a paradise.

“This is my small world. I’ve lowered the speed of time flow to the limits of your normal cultivation. You’ll be able to cultivate for almost thirty years while you’re, and only three months would pass in the outside world. Provided there’s enough cultivation resources, you should be able to reach a higher level!” said Ji Xueqing..

Chapter 1056: The Bloody Source Crystal

Su Ping was rather astonished by what he saw in the small world.

“Senior sister, have you already attained a flawless grasp on the law of time?”

“That is correct,” Ji Xueqing admitted quickly and casually. “However, the flawlessness of the law of time is nothing to me. Do you have any idea how many years I’ve cultivated?”

“How long have you cultivated?” asked Su Ping curiously.

Ji Xueqing instantly rolled her eyes at Su Ping and said angrily, “It’s none of your business. Anyway, I’ve grasped more paths than the people you’ve seen. All right; let’s talk in my small world. Talking here is a waste of time.”

“Okay.”

She and Su Ping stepped into the small world.

They emerged in the middle of a cloud cluster. However, Ji Xueqing relocated the two of them, landing on one of the cultivation mountains in the next moment.

“This is a cultivation place specially prepared for you.”

Ji Xueqing added, “You must have noticed that countless rare astral crystals have been buried in the mountain underneath your feet. All kinds of astral arrays set to facilitate your cultivation have also been established around the mountain. Those astral crystals and materials to build up the astral arrays were supplied by the forces investing in you.

“You don’t need to know who they are. If you get the legacy and reach the Celestial State, they will certainly benefit from it.

“All you need to do right now is to focus on your cultivation and drop all irrelevant thoughts. Improve as much as possible.”

Su Ping nodded.

He had already detected the astral power around him, which was as thick as seawater. It was ten times denser than that in the first seat found in the Loulan family’s cultivation holy land.

However, he also knew it was only for temporary use; the Loulans couldn’t possibly afford such an expenditure in the long run.

Su Ping thought for a moment and said, “Senior sister, there’s a couple of things I want to trouble you with.”

“What are they?”

“A while ago, I encountered the Dark Tower’s assassins. I’m safe now that I’ve returned to the Celestial Court. However, I’m concerned about my family...”

“Don’t worry about that.”

Ji Xueqing interrupted him before he finished. “Master already took that into consideration. He had your parents and your sister brought to the Celestial Court shortly after you were attacked. However, he doesn’t want you to get distracted because the trial is very important. That is why he didn’t mention it to you.”

Su Ping was dazed for a moment; his heart felt warm. He didn’t know that his master had already taken care of everything.

My naughty sister has been found too; Master is truly powerful. But that makes sense. No matter how naughty she is, she cannot possibly run away from the Golden Star Zone, so it should be very easy for Master to find her, Su Ping thought.

He could not help but smile upon remembering his parents and Su Lingyue.

“Anything else?” Ji Xueqing asked.

“If possible, I hope that the Planet of Origin where I grew up could be brought to the Celestial Court too, so that it becomes easier to take care of the emergencies there,” said Su Ping.

His parents and sister were safe, but he also had many old friends on the Blue Planet. He didn’t want anything untoward happening to them. The Blue Planet would definitely become more important if it was moved to the Celestial Court. Once the trial ended, he planned to purchase some rare materials and modify his home planet.

“A planet relocation? It shouldn’t be a problem,” Ji Xueqing thought for a moment and said. “That’s not too hard. I can do that for you.”

Being a Heavenly Lord, it was a breeze for her to move a planet to the Celestial Court.

“Speaking of which, your home planet is not the real Planet of Origin, but an ordinary planet that resembles it. Some people must have left the Planet of Origin and migrated to your planet in the past. They took the culture from the real Planet of Origin to your planet.”

“That is the reason why your planet was left unnoticed for many, many years,” said Ji Xueqing. “Human beings will never forget the planet they originated from.”

Su Ping was stunned; he then realized that the history of humans on the Blue Planet was indeed short, spanning ten thousand years or so. However, Senior Sister Ji had obviously lived more than ten thousand years. So, the Blue Planet couldn’t be the oldest planet.

However, he wasn’t too bothered by this. After all, the planet was his mother planet; his place of origin.

“Where is the real Planet of Origin then?” asked Su Ping curiously.

Ji Xueqing glanced at him. Obviously, she didn’t expect Su Ping to be in the mood for caring about that. However, given his human roots, he had the right to learn more about his ancestors. She said, “The real Planet of Origin is at the very center of the Federation. It’s been well preserved. Only the saints of the Federation live there.”

“Normal people can’t land there, not even Ascendants.”

Su Ping understood, choosing not to ask further. He simply said, “The last thing I need your help with is about cultivation. There’s another planet where my friends and some of my stuff remains. I hope it can also be moved to the Celestial Court, all to make it more convenient for me to go back and forth.”

Su Ping also wanted to move Rhea. Even though the astral power on that mountain was much denser than anywhere else, what he needed the most wasn’t astral power or cultivation, but an epiphany!

His astral power had already risen to the peak of the Star State, and he could become a Star Lord at any moment.

He had postponed the breakthrough because he had invested all of his astral power on condensing Astral Paintings. The improvement brought forth by a new Astral Painting was much more significant than a realm upgrade, so he had postponed it.

It wouldn’t take him three months if he currently wanted to become a Star Lord. He certainly didn’t need decades.

It would be easier for him to explore the system’s cultivation sites in order to trigger epiphanies. He preferred looking for opportunities in the cultivation sites over training in seclusion.

With any luck, he could make friends with some Celestial State experts, and get even more things from them.

“What is it that you need? Can’t you ask your friends to bring it?” Ji Xueqing was lost for words. *Does the man think I would handle his every request after accepting the first one?*

What kind of place does he think the Celestial Court is? Could any planet be brought here?

“It cannot be delivered. I must go there and fetch it,” said Su Ping, rather awkwardly.

Ji Xueqing stared at him for a moment and said, “Fine. I promise you that. However, it will be moved back later.”

“Thank you, senior sister!” Su Ping quickly thanked her.

“Anything else?” asked Ji Xueqing, fearing that Su Ping would make another weird request.

“I was wondering if I could see the path you’ve created and the flawless law of time. I hope you can show them to me,” Su Ping coughed and said.

Showing one’s own paths and laws to someone else was an extremely private matter.

After all, if the other person was malicious, it was possible for them to find weaknesses and flaws. It was like giving one’s back to them.

Ji Xueqing, however, wasn’t surprised; she seemed to know that Su Ping would ask for that.

“That’s not a big deal. However, even if you watch my law of time, it probably won’t help you very much. Everybody’s path is different; mine may not be suitable for you. It’s possible that you won’t glean anything from it; if anything, only your understanding of time will be deepened.”

“I understand,” said Su Ping with a smile, feeling relieved.

He certainly didn’t expect to flawlessly grasp the law of time as she did, just by watching her.

His master would have taught all of his disciples, turning them into unparalleled geniuses if it were that simple. At the very least, all of them would know the four supreme laws.

However, imparting knowledge wasn’t that easy.

Many experts had presented lectures again and again. However, they could only deepen the audience’s understanding of laws by a slight margin if they listened a million times.

In order for their understanding to become flawless, they had to find their own ways.

“Anything else?” asked Ji Xueqing.

Su Ping shook his head. “No. That is all.”

“Okay.”

Ji Xueqing seemed to feel relieved. She said, “Let’s talk about the training program that I’ve prepared for you then. Firstly, we’ll solidify your small world. There are Blood Source Crystals here, which are special items that can improve the hardness of your small world. Only core members can afford them, even in some of the major families.

“Once your small world is consolidated, you may consider reaching the Star Lord level, and then cultivate to its peak.

“You said you wanted to grasp more laws, but to be honest, I don’t think you can grasp too many right now. I have two amazing ancient techniques; one about movement and the other is related to killing. If you can learn them, your combat ability will be improved by at least ten percent!”

After looking at Su Ping’s nonchalant expression, Ji Xueqing frowned and said, “Don’t underestimate a 10% improvement; your level has been rising rapidly. That is why you feel that you’re constantly becoming stronger. However, it won’t last forever; the Ascendant State will be a major hurdle for you when you aim to become a Star Lord.

“It’s very hard to progress any further before you overcome the obstacle!

“Many geniuses ten thousand years ago were stuck before the obstacle and caught up, or were even surpassed by latecomers.

“You’ve reached your limits in every aspect. You’ve mastered the laws that you should. Now that you can hardly progress any more, a 10% improvement in your combat ability is very terrifying!

“If you meet a Star Lord who has reached the peak like you have, you’ll be able to crush them!”

Su Ping nodded; he knew she had made a valid point.

“I’ll learn both of them,” said Su Ping.

He wasn’t confident of attaining a flawless grasp of a path, so he would follow Senior Sister Ji’s arrangements and strengthen himself as much as possible.

“That’s good.” Ji Xueqing was relieved; she was worried that Su Ping would be too stubborn to listen to her advice.

She was a genius in her own right, and she was even more pigheaded than Su Ping when she was young. Therefore, she had feared that Su Ping would be proud just like she was, potentially turning a deaf ear to any of her suggestions until he hit the wall and bled.

“These are the Blood Source Crystals!”

Ji Xueqing waved her hand; dazzling red light appeared on the mountaintop. A bunch of glittering red gems were lying on the ground—all those gems were as big as fists, and ten thousand times brighter than agate. They were of a pure red color, and carried no impurities.

“They will automatically melt and seep in when they touch the power of the world,” Ji Xueqing said, “Some say they’re solidified blood fragments of an ancient species. They are extremely rare, usually hidden in the deepest part of the universe..”

Chapter 1057: Ranking

Su Ping found some information about the Blood Source Crystals from the Federation’s database too. However, it only listed two of the item’s usages: consolidation of small worlds and war creatures’ modification.

The Blood Source Crystal could strengthen a small world once infused into it.

However, the crystal could never touch the blood of any living creature. Even if it accidentally touched a wound, it would still be absorbed into the body, corrupting the creature which would turn into a bloodthirsty animal with only fighting and killing on its mind.

Such usage was the first one detected. So, the crystals were applied to large-scale universal wars.

But then, people found that they could strengthen small worlds through further research; they were no longer wasted on war creatures after that.

After all, soldiers could be trained to be relentless, but there was only a limited supply of Blood Source Crystals in the entire universe. Few treasures could strengthen small worlds, and the crystals were the most effective of all; they were extremely valuable.

Su Ping had a surge of mixed feelings after receiving all those resources. The top geniuses did have a lot of privileges.

He suddenly thought of something, and called the system in his heart. Soon after, he opened the Multiverse Human Rank in his head.

He had barely made it to the top five hundred on the rank earlier on.

He wanted to check his ranking after absorbing the crystals.

After searching for a long time, Su Ping found his ranking, and was rather surprised.

“The 182nd!”

“I’m ranked 182nd right now!”

Every level had its own rankings!

He was only in the Star State at the moment, but he had condensed two small worlds. Even Ji Xueqing, a Heavenly Lord, claimed it was impossible for him to make further progress!

Under such circumstances, he barely made it to the 182nd?

Did that mean that there were 181 guys who were stronger than him?

Su Ping had never questioned the system’s judgment or the ranking accuracy. After all, the system had always upheld high standards, and took all the species throughout history into account.

I think I’m almost reaching my limits, yet I only rank 182nd... It means that I’m not the only human who has condensed two small worlds in the Star State!

Su Ping was feeling quite frustrated.

To be honest, he had indeed been rather arrogant.

He had killed a godly prince who was beyond his level when he was only in the Star State. How awesome was that!

However, even after such an astounding feat, he merely ranked 182nd amongst all humans!

Su Ping found it hard to imagine what kind of monsters the 181 guys ahead of him were!

However, I ranked behind the 400th earlier, barely entering the top five hundred rankings. I surpassed more than three hundred people just by condensing a second small world!

Maybe I’ll be able to reach the top if I condense another world!

Su Ping was again thrilled at the prospect.

Even the Ancestral God in the Archean Divinity had only condensed seven small worlds. He probably had a high ranking among all species. Su Ping believed he would be able to rise in the rankings if he condensed seven small worlds.

However, even the goal of condensing a third world seemed far-fetched at the moment. Su Ping didn’t dare to dream too far. He could only try to reach the Ascendant State as quickly as possible if there was no way to condense seven worlds.

Let’s see how much higher my ranking will rise after I absorb the Blood Source Crystals, Su Ping thought.

Su Ping no longer dallied; he closed the rank and calmed down, then waved his hand, attracting the Source Blood Crystals towards him.

His small world was manifested. He was enshrouded in the dead and desolate small world, which began to show amazing changes the moment it touched the crystals.

The crystals turned from bloody gems into flowing liquid, and then into a bloody mist. They became illusory in the end; projections that could be seen but not touched. They gradually melded with his small world.

A reddish hue was instantly added to Su Ping's small world.

The bloody color was spread to every corner of the small world through laws.

A substance able to affect the small world. How wondrous. Su Ping looked at the scene, visibly amazed. It was quite the eye-opener for him; there were truly all sorts of treasures in that vast universe.

Something has indeed changed.

Su Ping could tell that his small world was becoming increasingly harder. Once the reddish substance seeped into his small world, it then spread out, injecting new blood and energy to his small world. The laws in his small world were then intertwined and tightened.

I somehow feel that my small world was given life...

Su Ping examined his small world and his shock deepened. Those treasures were truly unbelievable.

"Huh?"

Ji Xueqing was still nearby, watching Su Ping absorb the Blood Source Crystals with his eyes closed. The young man showed no signs of stopping even by the time she thought he would be full.

Su Ping's small world was like a monster with the stomach of a whale. It seemed that he would never be full!

"What is going on?"

Ji Xueqing was astonished. She narrowed her eyes and observed his small world carefully. She found that Su Ping wasn't just collecting the Blood Source Crystals; he was truly absorbing them with his small world.

However, there was no sign of his small world from being filled, even though it had eaten lots of crystals!

His small world should be saturated by now, even if it has reached the peak.

Ji Xueqing wasn't an idiot; she had seen many things given that she already was a Heavenly Lord. Su Ping's anomaly made her immediately realize that her junior brother had more secrets!

This guy!

Ji Xueqing breathed heavily. She was a top genius too, and as every other genius, she was confident in herself, never thinking that others were better than her.

However, Su Ping had slapped her in the face with his potential.

I really want to cut him apart and see how many secrets he's hiding! Ji Xueqing's eyes glittered. She felt embarrassed once again upon remembering how Su Ping had interrupted her several times earlier.

She wanted to give his junior brother an eye-opener experience, so that he would think twice before trying to show off in front of his senior sister!

Time flew by.

Ji Xueqing was no longer able to remain calm.

He's still absorbing!

Is he still not done?

How hungry is he? Why is he still not full?

She had an awful looking expression as she saw how the Blood Source Crystals were almost running out. She had presented quite a large mountain of crystals mainly because she wanted to impress him. She thought that Su Ping would only need half of them!

However, the man ended up gobbling them all!

Many of the Blood Source Crystals were her own; she had prepared them for the juniors of her family.

But what could she do?

Interrupt Su Ping?

That was not possible.

Su Ping had yet to reach his upper limit since he was still absorbing crystals; so, he had to keep absorbing, otherwise his secluded training would be pointless.

Ji Xueqing calmed down after pondering further. Never mind. If he does get the legacy, he will know the price that I've paid today!

She was investing in Su Ping because she wanted him to owe her a favor, not to merely return those resources.

She was betting on the possibility that he would get the legacy.

It would not be counted as a waste of time if Su Ping returned those resources after he reached the Celestial State.

Su Ping stopped soon after, when the Source Blood Crystals were about to be completely consumed; a heavy aura began to spread from his small world afterwards.

Su Ping slowly opened his eyes and turned his small world into a ball that floated on top of his hand. He gazed at it, and found that it was virtually flawless, much better than before.

If laws were veins and the supreme laws were pillars, the Blood Source Crystals seemed to be the small world's blood!

I didn't know there were treasures that could strengthen a world built up through cultivation. It's as though they exist in different dimensions. No wonder they are rare resources even in the scope of the entire universe, Su Ping thought.

Although he didn't do anything, Su Ping could tell that his combat ability was significantly improved.

He recalled the small world, never showing his other world of illusion, which had also been filled.

In fact, it would be hard for an outsider to detect it if he was determined to hide it.

After all, the small world was his own domain, created with his own laws. Only experts with a much higher cultivation—or anyone who tried to break into his small world by destructive means to investigate—could see all the secrets within.

Let me check my ranking.

Su Ping closed his eyes again, and opened the Multiverse Human Rank.

The 165th!

Su Ping's eyes glittered with delight.

His position had been improved by almost twenty ranks; that was a huge improvement!

Therefore, it was possible that he would rise to a very high position by the time he condensed a third world and absorbed the Blood Source Crystals again. He might even reach the top!

Ji Xueqing became calm again upon seeing the delight on Su Ping's face. "How about it? How do you feel?"

Su Ping opened his eyes and smiled. "Thank you for your Blood Source Crystals, senior sister. They were fantastic!"

"Good."

Ji Xueqing then asked, "You'll try to break into the Star Lord State?"

"I would like to see your laws first, senior sister," said Su Ping.

He could naturally become a Star Lord; there was no need for him to spend a lot of time cultivating.

Ji Xueqing frowned, seeing that Su Ping was still unwilling to let go, but she didn't try to persuade him again.

"Good. Let's proceed."

She believed that he would promptly give up after trying.

The time wasted would be a price that he would have to bear.

Ji Xueqing stored the remaining crystals and was about to give Su Ping a demonstration—

Su Ping quickly asked, "Senior sister, do you have more of those Blood Source Crystals?"

Ji Xueqing raised her eyebrows and asked, "What's the matter?"

"I want more."

Su Ping coughed after noticing the confusion in Ji Xueqing's eyes. He didn't want to expose his second world yet. He said, "I... have a friend. I want to gather some crystals for him."

Ji Xueqing was lost for words. *Does the guy not know how precious Blood Source Crystals are?*

"Just get the legacy if you really want to help your friend. People will readily offer you things like this when you reach the Celestial State," said Ji Xueqing casually.

Su Ping smiled bitterly, deciding not to insist. He could search for materials on his own after condensing a third small world..

Chapter 1058: Path of Oblivion

Ji Xueqing began to show Su Ping her laws.

At first, she showed the laws of space and time—

She had grasped both space and time flawlessly.

Later she gradually showed him the way she had grasped the laws, from lower to higher levels.

The two of them sat in front of each other. Illusions of laws appeared above their heads in an unpredictable fashion, just like mirages.

Su Ping concentrated his attention and fully devoted himself to watching and learning.

He was experiencing the processes which led Ji Xueqing to find enlightenment in relation to her attained laws.

Over and over.

She showed him the laws of space and time several times, until he couldn't glean anything more. Then, they turned to other laws.

Once all the laws were shown, Ji Xueqing demonstrated the path that she had established to Su Ping.

"The path I created is called the Path of Oblivion!"

Ji Xueqing raised her hand, causing turbulence in time and space. An area filled with a strong destructive aura gradually appeared above Su Ping's head. It was like a forbidden domain.

"I fused the features of both time and space, and also applied features of destructive laws, such as darkness and annihilation; it can restrain and destroy anything!"

"Anyone who steps into my domain will be doomed!"

Ji Xueqing spoke in a casual, yet intimidating manner. However, she was confident of making such a statement. Being a Heavenly Lord, she could kill other Ascendants like chickens!

'Heavenly Lord' was just a title, not a level.

In fact, they were essentially Ascendant State experts too. However, they were far stronger than the average Ascendant; that was why they were granted such a title!

The Path of Oblivion's aura was manifested on Ji Xueqing's fingertip. She said, "Summon your small world. You can experience it yourself."

Su Ping glanced at the silver, dark vibe, which felt extremely dangerous.

He did as recommended; he did want to experience it in person, so that he would remember it at a deeper level.

Ji Xueqing curled her lips as Su Ping's small world appeared; the silver-dark aura darted out from her fingertip, stabbing Su Ping's small world like a sharp needle.

"Try to defend yourself," said Ji Xueqing with a smile.

Su Ping nodded, and then immediately summoned his small world. He concentrated all the small world's faith power on the part being attacked.

"God's Arrival!"

He compressed the power of faith into a shell inside the small world through the secret technique, created where the needle was going to stab.

Su Ping detected a frightening aura.

It was a poignant power, destructive and corrosive, which was attempting to break into his small world.

The laws on the inner wall of his small world began to collapse rapidly in front of that power. Only the four supreme laws were struggling to resist, but they were failing too!

"Path of Illusion!"

Su Ping didn't make use of his second small world. He merely activated the law of illusion in the first small world, attempting to transmute the invading power into an illusion, to prevent it from causing any damage.

However, the path of illusion was unable to completely transform the invading power; it only slowed down the stabbing momentum.

I can't resist any longer...

Come again!

Su Ping summoned his power of faith again; this time gathering it to make a hammer. He smashed forward from inside his small world, also gathering the strength of the small world, hoping to knock the needle away!

Bang!

A rumbling noise burst out of Su Ping's small world.

The pointy needle made with the path of oblivion was indeed loosened by his attack. It only caused a hole in this small world, but it didn't go through.

"You..."

Ji Xueqing's mouth was slightly open. She watched as Su Ping tried his best to defend, and was suddenly lost for words.

Su Ping's small world left her in shock.

Her attack was supposed to easily penetrate Su Ping's small world. He shouldn't have been able to put up any resistance.

However, his small world was sturdier than she thought.

She expected the small world to be hard, as it had reached the peak to begin with, and was strengthened by the Blood Source Crystals. Much to her surprise, Su Ping gathered the power of faith and formed a strong shell that blocked her attack.

Then, the power of a strange law came forth and affected her laws. She almost suspected that her eyes were deceiving her.

She was sure that the weird law used by Su Ping didn't belong to any of the paths or laws she knew. It was like an unknown path; it could even be one he created on his own!

But...

Was it really possible for someone in the Star State to create a law?

Ji Xueqing's shock increased. She suddenly felt that she couldn't see through this junior brother of hers, who hadn't cultivated much yet, while she had lived countless years as a Heavenly Lord.

Bang!

The shell made with faith power in Su Ping's small world finally gave in and broke. He condensed it again; however, it soon shattered once more after blocking the attack for a moment.

Ji Xueqing's needle was finally able to penetrate smoothly through Su Ping's small world. Su Ping instantly detected all kinds of laws and traits in the broken small world. Said traits had been combined with the path of oblivion.

To be honest, it consisted of two features.

All the laws and paths in his small world were banned; everything—including matter and energy—was destroyed. All of it was sent into oblivion!

What a powerful and dominating path!

Is this how strong Heavenly Lords are?

Su Ping's face was slightly pale, but his eyes glittered brilliantly.

Everything led to the same result.

Ji Xueqing, however, didn't look very happy.

It was supposed to be an easy stab. How could you block it three times?

It was truly insulting for her, a Heavenly Lord!

Ji Xueqing was quite sullen; she even felt the urge to kill him. "Did you feel it?" She asked, once she expressionlessly dismissed the aura on her fingertip.

"Yes, I did!"

Su Ping took a deep breath and replied solemnly, "You are really strong, senior sister!"

Ji Xueqing wasn't at all happy about his compliment, even after looking him in the eye and knowing that he wasn't being sarcastic. She snorted and said, "That was nothing. I'm only Master's fifth strongest disciple; the people above me are the real monsters. Our first and second senior brothers in particular... They are so strong that even Celestials would have a hard time trying to kill them!"

"Are they really that strong?" Su Ping was rather surprised.

Two of the top Heavenly Lords that Celestials couldn't easily kill were his senior brothers!

"Our first senior brother is not very gifted, but he has learned after our master for the longest time," Ji Xueqing glanced at Su Ping and said, "He has grasped the four supreme laws and the other laws to a flawless degree. It's said that he once saw the river of laws in the Path Source world, and was able to pick up a great power there."

"Remarkable." Su Ping couldn't help but feel impressed.

The four supreme laws had been grasped flawlessly. How difficult must it have been?

It was worthy of note that some Ascendants hadn't grasped all the four supreme laws yet!

Of course, those were among the mediocre cultivators.

Some of the stronger Ascendants had learned the four supreme laws, but they couldn't grasp them flawlessly!

The usual outcome would be for them to only grasp the path they created, or some lesser paths to a flawless level.

To achieve a flawless comprehension of supreme laws was as difficult as to understand the law of time while having a Star State cultivation.

"There are a couple of other senior brothers who are also Heavenly Lords now. They're not as strong as our first senior brother, but they're extremely gifted. Master thinks highly of them too; given enough time, they'll grow and become top Heavenly Lords too."

Ji Xueqing glanced at Su Ping and said, "I sensed that you performed a special law that managed to affect my law. It was something I had never felt before. Did you create it by yourself?"

Su Ping quickly shook his head. "I certainly didn't. I would have reached the Ascendant State if I were able to do that."

“That’s true.” Ji Xueqing glanced at Su Ping, not thinking he had created that path, either. It would be too shocking to see anyone establish a path while in the Star State. She hadn’t heard of anyone who could do that.

However, it was obvious to her that Su Ping’s secret was involved.

The crazy absorption of the Blood Source Crystals earlier seemed to be also related to that special law.

Her intention was not to dig further. She said, “I’ll show my laws again. See how much you can learn. You should focus on the processes in which I grasped my laws; they may be helpful to you. Don’t think about anything else. Also, don’t get too obsessed with my laws, that would only prevent you from walking a path of your own.”

“Sure.”

Su Ping nodded.

Ji Xueqing immediately demonstrated for Su Ping again.

Time flew.

Su Ping discussed and debated with his senior sister inside her small world.

Although Su Ping’s laws and paths didn’t improve, he had a much deeper understanding about ways to grasp laws. The harvest was big.

After the demonstration was over, Su Ping rose and thanked Ji Xueqing solemnly, “Thank you very much, senior sister.”

Ji Xueqing replied casually, “That’s all right. Are you ready for your breakthrough to the Star Lord State now?”

“Not yet.”

Su Ping said, “Didn’t you say you would teach me two unusual techniques? Let’s practice them first. On the other hand, about my planets...”

“I’ve already sent my pets to run the required errands.” Ji Xueqing was being forced to speechlessness. “You’re still hoping to grasp more laws? Never mind. I’ll just teach you the techniques.. I just think you can’t get the hang of the two techniques in three months.”

Chapter 1059: Primordial Talent

“Okay.”

Su Ping accepted the arrangement.

Ji Xueqing didn’t waste any time. She gathered the laws that were currently dispersing around her and said solemnly, “Firstly, it’s a body movement technique that can help you escape from danger. It’s an ancient technique called Sun Chaser!

“This technique was acquired from ancient relics. It’s said that it was created by ancient giants who tried to chase after divine birds. Unfortunately, the technique is incomplete, as only the first part was found.

“Even so, it’s still a very sophisticated martial art. It wouldn’t be easy even for Celestials to catch up with you if they don’t use the power of their Divine Mark and their flawless paths!”

“The Sun Chaser?”

Su Ping was rather intrigued. *The Golden Crow was a way the sun was referred to, back in the primordial days. Is the technique related to the Golden Crows?*

I should visit the sealed Golden Crow stars and get to know them better.

“The original technique set is in Master’s treasury, but I’ve made another copy with my Divine Mark. I’ll impart it to you right now. Try your best to grasp it,” said Ji Xueqing solemnly.

Su Ping nodded.

A crack suddenly appeared on Ji Xueqing’s forehead, just like a third eye; pure divine power began to spread from the golden, vertical slit. A stream of power was suddenly transferred to Su Ping’s head.

He instantly felt the influx of a colossal amount of information. While in a trance, he vaguely saw a shadow that was running, jumping and flashing.

Nothing but its legs could be seen as the shadow ran faster and faster. The legs became all there was.

They contain that many laws?

Su Ping was astonished.

That pair of running, jumping legs contained countless laws, which merely propelled them, adjusting them and even changing the environment to accommodate their movement.

Su Ping gradually became fascinated.

He saw the running man again as the trance continued. The man was glowing brilliantly as he rushed across mountains, rivers and plains. He crossed the end of the world and stepped into space; he continuously ran in the void, which changed constantly as if voluntarily boosting his legs.

The wind, the air, space and time; everything was helping him run.

Su Ping was deeply astounded.

He didn’t know laws could be used in such a way!

When that man ran, the entire world seemed to be helping him!

That man looks rather familiar...

Su Ping had an odd sensation of familiarity as he saw that man, which puzzled him. The man had to be the technique’s creator, who had died millions of years before. It was impossible for Su Ping to know him.

Wait a moment, his fists...

Suddenly, he saw the man's upper half. The man was waving his arms too as he ran. Su Ping felt a greater sense of familiarity when he saw those gestures.

Su Ping suddenly woke up.

He realized why he thought it was familiar: he had seen the man when he practiced the Fist of Exorcist.

The Fist of Exorcist was a boxing technique given by the system; he had only cultivated it to the third level. Since his swordsmanship improved, he had preferred to kill his foes with his sword from then on. He had melded features of the boxing technique into his sword techniques, no longer spending much time on the Fist of Exorcist itself.

After all, he only needed one ultimate skill.

But, he had seen the illusions left by that man when he practiced his technique.

He punched fiends and chased after the sun... He must have been invincible when he was alive, right? Su Ping's eyes glittered. He felt sorry that such an extraordinary figure had also disappeared in the river of time, and his name had been forgotten.

But—

There was also the possibility that the man was still alive, but the world he lived in was in all likelihood far removed from the Federation.

While we're on this subject, how far is the universe governed by the Federation from the worlds listed in the system? The idea popped up in Su Ping's heart. He immediately asked the system in his heart.

"I'll tell you when you reach the Celestial State," replied the system lazily.

Su Ping rolled eyes in his heart. "Are you going to entice me with some legacy too? Being the system, you should be ashamed. If I were you, I would've given myself an Ancestral God's legacy. That way I could guarantee that my store would have branches throughout the universe, and you could do anything you wanted."

"What an excellent dream. Just go back to bed; maybe you can continue this dream," said the system with a snort. It did not mince words.

Su Ping spat, no longer wanting to argue with the system; after all, it was unlikely for him to win.

He dropped all distractions and focused on grasping the technique.

He was quick to learn something from the man's legs, possibly because he had already seen the man practicing the Fist of Exorcist and found him very familiar.

The Fist of Exorcist allows me to suppress everything, destroying all laws and paths with invincible power.

This Sun Chaser technique, however, uses laws and makes everything in the world serve me, aiding my body in reaching the perfect status to travel across the universe.

The first part of the technique already shows a fantastic usage of laws. I wonder what I'll be able to do if I completely grasp the technique.

Su Ping couldn't help but admire that ancient senior, as there had been countless geniuses throughout history.

It would be a lifelong pleasure if I could meet those talents in the cultivation sites, Su Ping thought.

Facing Su Ping—the Divine Mark on Ji Xueqing's forehead was already gone.

She thought that he had reached a bottleneck, seeing the constant change of facial expressions, ranging from confusion to anger. She smiled and said peacefully, "Take your time. I won't be a nuisance; just call me if you need anything. You still have twenty-five years left for your cultivation. I hope that you can master this body movement technique in ten years."

Su Ping opened his eyes. Then, he saw that Ji Xueqing had stood up and then disappeared with a smile.

"Ten years..."

Su Ping was rather lost for words; he had only cultivated for a dozen years in all his life.

The body movement technique was wondrous, but the core of it had to do with the usage of laws anyway. He had a complete grasp on his strength thanks to the life-and-death tests he had gone through, and thus he could make use of any law. Now that he had a teacher, he merely needed to imitate the teacher in order to grasp the Sun Chaser technique.

Su Ping didn't waste his time. He shook his head, then fully devoted himself to the Sun Chaser technique.

Many laws were manifested around his body; they were arranged in different order to carry out their distinctive features.

Time flew.

Ten days later, on the mountaintop.

The peak of the mountain had already been flattened by a man running back and forth. He was fast and unpredictable, while being surrounded by many laws; time and space changed accordingly, seemingly helping him move as he sprinted. Both gravity and wind seemed to have turned into his wings too, accelerating his step.

Su Ping shook and paused all of a sudden, nearly falling off when he stopped.

It's indeed harder than I thought. I'm not truly good at it yet.

Also, the key of this movement technique is sprinting...

Su Ping stood there and thought hard.

He resumed his practice a moment later.

His blurry shadows dashed quickly on the mountaintop; at moments there were hundreds of them. All of them were soon gone, and never reappeared.

“This guy...”

Ji Xueqing was watching from a corner of her small world; her plan was to mind her own business. However, out of all expectations, she saw that Su Ping was moving on the mountaintop only a few days after they parted. She didn't think that Su Ping could grasp the technique that fast, no matter how talented he was.

It would be inevitable for him to be clumsy while he learned the technique; she was planning to record it.

She was delighted at the thought of keeping Su Ping's awkward recordings for later, when he obtained the legacy and reached the Celestial State.

But then, she soon realized that something was wrong.

Although Su Ping wasn't good at the technique yet, he wasn't clumsy at all; his moves were actually agile.

Also, his moves improved with each time, evidently becoming faster!

Did he know it, or saw it performed before? Did Master show him the original copy of the technique?

Ji Xueqing was so shocked that she could not believe her eyes. However, that was her small world; she could see everything clearly, even with her eyes closed. There was nothing she could possibly miss.

She quickly found out what was going on: Su Ping had a crazy control over his strength!

He made use of all his laws one after the other. The features of those laws replaced each other at a quick speed. Still, Su Ping seemed to be quite at ease, not at all overwhelmed by the process.

“This guy...”

Ji Xueqing didn't know how to describe Su Ping.

How many years has he cultivated?

Still, he had extremely precise control over his strength. He had consolidated his abilities really well, even though his strength was still improving at a fast pace, as if he would have cultivated for a thousand years!

Time went by one day after the other; Ji Xueqing finally abandoned her activities to stare at Su Ping every day; she watched him getting the hang of the technique at a high speed.

Two months later—

Ji Xueqing had to show up..

Chapter 1060: Sky Slayer

Su Ping noticed his senior sister's arrival, so he hurriedly reported, “Senior sister, I now have a basic grasp on the Sun Chaser technique.”

Ji Xueqing, however, didn't say anything.

She didn't know what to say.

She claimed that it would take him ten years to learn the technique, if he was lucky. That was her original expectation.

However, as it turned out, he had grasped the technique in just two months. All of it felt like a slap in the face to her.

She had been observing in secret over the past two months, every day noticing his swift progress until he got the hang of the body movement technique.

Su Ping's elder sister had finally realized that she had badly misjudged his capabilities. Even though he was still in a rapid growth phase, he had consolidated his abilities quite favorably, all thanks to his precise control over laws; it was almost as if he had indeed cultivated for a thousand years.

Plus, he was shockingly smart when it came to learning new things. That was why he was able to grasp the complicated body movement technique in only two months.

After a long time of silence, Ji Xueqing finally said in a peaceful tone, "Well done."

"It's all thanks to your teaching, senior sister," Su Ping grinned and said to compliment her.

Ji Xueqing's lips twitched. Still at peace, she said, "You have a very precise control over laws. Looks like you've trained in that aspect; no wonder you picked up the technique so fast. I may have to change your training program. Given your talent, you should be able to master the other secret technique in two months.

"I need to consider how to make the best use of the remaining time, so that you can be better prepared."

Ji Xueqing glanced at Su Ping and put on a subtle smile as she spoke.

The other technique was even more complex; it would take him at least half a year to grasp it, even if he was extremely familiar with laws. Her original plan was for Su Ping to master the Sun Chaser in ten years, while he would depend on luck in regards to how much he could learn of the other technique.

However, Su Ping's performance was beyond her expectations, which was a good thing for her.

Still, although happy with his performance, she had to get back at him for being slapped in the face.

She had been shocked time and again by Su Ping's progress. This time, she had purposefully shortened the time because she wanted to win that one!

"I'll try my best." Su Ping nodded.

He wanted to grasp the technique as fast as possible too, and then focus on new laws.

"I heard from Master that the sword is your favorite. Therefore, the technique I've picked for you is a sword technique. Considering your talent, you must have mastered the law of sword, right?"

"That's right."

Ji Xueqing glanced at him when he admitted to it. It was still within her expectation, but she had conflicting feelings when she realized that Su Ping had mastered numerous laws, even though he was only in the Star State.

“That’s good. If that’s the case, you should be able to grasp the technique in two months.”

Ji Xueqing stressed the “two months” part, and then said, “This sword technique is called Sky Slayer. It’s very powerful, and it doesn’t consider defense at all. This sword technique makes you charge at your enemy without ever considering coming back!

“Although you may cut down your enemy with this technique, it may still be too dangerous if you don’t use the Sun Chaser movement technique.”

Su Ping listened quietly, knowing that his senior sister had surely spent a lot of time picking those techniques for him.

“Learn it well.”

The Divine Mark appeared on Ji Xueqing’s forehead again, transmitting the essence of the sword technique straight to Su Ping’s head.

He narrowed his eyes as he immediately felt an illusory, yet sharp sword aura in front of his eyes, which seemed to be cutting his pupils apart!

Although the sword aura was quite vague, he felt he was being cut apart just by watching. He had goosebumps all over his body.

Very soon, Su Ping noticed a sword aura rising between the sky and the earth.

It was like the first streak of light that broke the void!

The sword aura was unstoppable as it rose to the sky, seemingly about to penetrate the world!

It destroys everything in its way, never looking back; not even when it’s out of momentum... Su Ping looked at the sword aura, and could vaguely feel the swordsman’s determination.

He had the determination of attacking and killing his opponent relentlessly, at the cost of his own life!

A sword was the weapon wielded by a master—

It could also understand its master’s intention!

Using a sword with physical strength was the worst; using a sword with tricks was better, and using the sword with determination was the best!

The sword aura seemed to contain some sort of willpower and determination at the moment. It tore the sky apart, above the chaos. Countless laws and lightning smashed down. The sword aura leaped against the river current. It fought back while facing countless strikes, using even more violent and crazy moves!

It didn’t dodge or circumvent, unleashing an even more dazzling brilliance!

This sword technique...

Su Ping was deeply astounded.

It was crazy and insane!

Once could almost say that such a technique had been made for lunatics!

It was all about killing and destroying, without considering one's own safety!

The sword contained countless laws. What was even more horrifying: those laws didn't enhance the sword; they destroyed each other, causing a strange power of destruction to emerge, which was then imbued to the sword aura, which would drown and destroy everything it touched!

If you want to kill your enemy, kill yourself first. This is almost a sword technique for suicide!

If you destroy your own laws, how are you supposed to wave this sword? It's impossible to grasp this sword technique, is it?

Su Ping was so deeply shocked by the sword technique that he even wanted to back off.

He had felt the technique's edge; it was really sharp and terrifying, with a killing aura that would ruin everything!

It seemed that even the swordsman who was performing the sword technique would also be killed by it!

Such a technique cannot exist; there must be a way to master it. Otherwise, those who practice it will die before they actually use it.

What kind of power can control all laws and have them release their features in order during the destructive sequence?

Su Ping was deep in thought.

Ji Xueqing smiled but didn't say anything as she saw Su Ping ponder in shock over the technique. She gradually disappeared from view.

Time went by one day after the other.

Up on the mountaintop—Su Ping stood absolutely still, just like a statue.

He was still visualizing the sword aura in his head; the laws around the sword aura supported each other and unleashed a sharp power.

There seemed to be something working as a foundation and balance for all those destructive laws.

There's only one thing that can possibly balance all the laws...

It's the world!

Su Ping suddenly woke up, as if someone would have just poured a bucket of water over his head.

Then, he stared at the sword aura again. He immediately noticed more things since he had gained a deeper understanding; there really seemed to be a world hidden inside the sword aura!

I see...

The control over the world...

Su Ping finally understood what had happened. He raised his head, condensing a sword made of deity aura. He then raised his hand and waved the sword!

He controlled the sword in his hand as if he were controlling his small world.

He practiced again and again, releasing laws that ripped each other apart to the point of destruction as they surrounded the sword. They melded together, becoming a horrifying power.

Bang!

His sword was blown up by the laws in the first attempt.

Bang!

The second time was no different.

The third time, the fourth... Until the 832nd time!

The sword didn't explode. Then, a sword aura darted out and then exploded.

Su Ping tried again and again.

So, it all comes to balance...

Su Ping gradually experienced an epiphany as he practiced. He couldn't help but admire the creator of that sword technique.

Underneath the violent and crazy power of destruction was a balanced heart that controlled everything.

He could vaguely picture a man whose heart was calm, but his eyes were crazy. That was the creator of the sword technique.

His hand had to be brutal, and his heart must be stable!

Bang!!

The entire void shook after Su Ping slashed with the new sword aura. A deep black mark seemed to be surfacing!

"What happened?"

A person appeared near the crack all of a sudden; it was none other than Ji Xueqing. She had left with satisfaction after seeing Su Ping's sword explode again and again while he tried his best to practice the technique. She was about to resume her own activities when she detected that her small world was quaking!

That's right. Her small world was under attack!

Although the tremors were feeble, she was still shocked to find that her small world was affected. She was deep in the Celestial Court's territory... Was someone ambushing her?

However, hardly had she shown up when she noticed the gradually receding light in midair.

A sharp cutting force was vaguely spreading out in the void. The air seemed to have transformed into countless blades in the place where the sword aura disappeared.

She felt she was inhaling blades that churned her body every time she breathed!

Ji Xueqing suddenly looked at Su Ping. Then, she extended her consciousness to the utmost depths of her small world, replaying what Su Ping had done while she was away, until she saw how his sword had slashed forth a moment earlier—

“You...”

Ji Xueqing stared at Su Ping in shock, her eyes with a slight shiver.

How long has it been? Has Su Ping already mastered the technique?

This sword technique was much harder to master than the Sun Chaser; it required precise control over one’s small world!

Su Ping felt exhilarated by the sword aura’s effect. He put on a smile upon seeing Senior Sister Ji; he had been planning to call out to her.

“Senior sister, I’ve mastered the technique,” Su Ping reported.

“...”

Ji Xueqing gazed at Su Ping, silent for a long time.

She had kept count of the time... It had only been one month!

She suddenly felt the urge to turn around and leave.

She couldn’t stay there any longer. It was too frustrating!

Where is this junior brother of mine from? He’s a true monster!

Although Ji Xueqing knew that Su Ping’s smile wasn’t intended to mock her, she started to doubt whether or not she knew what mockery was.

That was definitely mockery!

Yes, absolutely!

She took a deep breath and calmed down. Then she said, “Now that you’ve mastered the sword technique, junior brother, what will your next step be? Breaking into the Star Lord State?”

Su Ping shook his head. “I’m planning on going out for a trip.”

“You want to grasp more laws?”

She would have felt sorry for him in the past, as she knew geniuses all too well. Their kind was confident, stubborn and never looked back until they hit a wall.

However, Su Ping had torn down her expectations again and again. She didn’t have subsequent plans for Su Ping’s training, so she didn’t know what she should say to dissuade him..

