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Chapter 1111 All Must Die

The scorching spear stabbed Su Ping with precision, but it was blocked by the shield and couldn't pierce it.

The furious power was dispersed. Qing Hongyue widened her eyes in disbelief.

Besides her, everybody around her was similarly dumbfounded.

Three!

The Star State kid had three ultimate treasures!

Su Ping slashed with his axe after Qing Hongyue's attack collapsed.

A boom resounded; Qing Hongyue was smashed to the ground by Su Ping. Her blue shield rippled, and the Ascendant State power it had was greatly weakened. It had already been damaged by her red feather when she acquired it.

Her shield was then further damaged because of the battle axe's destructive power.

Whoosh!

Su Ping charged forward and chased after his target.

But exactly at that moment—he suddenly started moving in the exact same spot, even backwards.

Su Ping turned around, then saw that Claudia was influencing him with the path of time.

Boom! Su Ping waved his battle axe; its edge completely destroyed the laws around it. Claudia's face was contorted and pale; it was truly difficult to resist the terrifying ultimate treasure with just laws. How could such an ultimate treasure fall into Su Ping's hands?

Or rather, how could the previous owner be slain by someone in the Star State?

She didn't know why, and she was too shocked to think at that moment.

Su Ping didn't even turn around as he broke free from the time law restriction. He continued his charge toward Qing Hongyue.

She rose from the ground; her clothes were ragged, but she wasn't badly injured. She raised her head upon hearing a wind rush, only to narrow her eyes. She flapped her phoenix wings, dashing quickly like a streak of

red light to avoid Su Ping's strike.

He aggressively unfolded his Golden Crow wings and activated his constitution, to then give chase at full speed using Void Walker.

"Don't run!" Su Ping roared.

Qing Hongyue felt utterly frustrated. You think I'll listen to you?

Not only am I going to run, I'm also going to run faster!

While running, Qing Hongyue shouted furiously, "Calivey, you're just going to watch him grow stronger? He has three ultimate treasures for offense and defense. Add in the golden flag, and he's already invincible.

You're cooperating with him in such conditions? Think again!"

She tried to talk sense into them, knowing that she and Claudia could hardly kill Su Ping, not to mention that Calivey and Brian were watching.

"You think he wouldn't finish you off the moment I give him my ultimate treasures!" Qing Hongyue demanded furiously.

Calivey and Brian looked at each other, with twitching lips.

Naturally, they knew Su Ping was virtually invincible at the moment.

Besides, the latter had yet to use his real strength...

His ultimate treasures had already made him invincible; they covered offense and defense, and were enough to crush all his opponents!

Likewise, Claudia made an effort to persuade them too, no longer in a hurry to attack. "Are you two really going to continue working with him?"

Qing Hongyue charged at Calivey and roared, "Do you not realize what a great combination of ultimate treasures he has? You think I'm pretending to be weak? Goddamn it..."

An urge to curse was about to overcome her.

She had truly been suppressed!

Her opinion of those two powerhouses was indeed low, thinking they were truly stupid to cooperate with a monster like Su Ping, and that they would get killed sooner or later.

Calivey and Brian were both lost for words upon seeing Qing Hongyue's suffused visage due to fury.

Su Ping's combination of ultimate treasures was certainly great, because those ultimate treasures used to be theirs...

Why didn't they resist?

They certainly wanted to...

"Stop talking; I suggest you give up right now. Cultivation isn't easy, just think about staying alive for now!" said Calivey.

Qing Hongyue almost vomited blood. What idiots! She couldn't have explained the situation any clearer. Those two are still determined to help Su Ping? Are they related to Su Ping by blood? Even if they were his

ancestors, they didn't have to be as caring.

All of a sudden, an idea occurred to Qing Hongyue.

Her face was instantly stiffened. She observed carefully, finding that Calivey and Brian's expressions were indeed unusual; they seemed rather helpless.

Her speculation was confirmed; she realized what had happened.

"Damn it, you pieces of trash!"

Qing Hongyue was still infuriated after realizing what had happened. Those two had lost their ultimate treasures to Su Ping, a mere Star State warrior? Who lost first? She couldn't have felt more furious.

Exactly at that moment—a terrifying force surged towards her.

Qing Hongyue turned around and narrowed her eyes as the battle axe rushed to strike her again.

After a boom, she was flung backwards again.

The water shield covering her rippled intensely, and lost more than half of its power.

Su Ping held the battle axe and charged again; he hacked with the axe before Qing Hongyue rose from the ground.

She was rather panicked; she lost a lot of her energy every time the water shield was damaged. It became evident that her ultimate treasure wouldn't hold much longer after Su Ping attacked a few times.

She felt goosebumps all over her body right when she thought of fleeing.

After a boom, the water shield suddenly gave out and exploded.

Qing Hongyue felt nigh stark naked in a snowy world after being deprived of her water shield. She was paralized by fear.

Su Ping was holding a crimson dagger in his other hand.

"What the..."

Qing Hongyue felt she was about to collapse once she noticed the crimson ultimate treasure.

"You think those were my only ultimate treasures?" Su Ping asked again.

Qing Hongyue felt like crying.

He had used the two destructive ultimate treasures at the same time and her water shield exploded. Su Ping didn't hold back anymore. He made a stabbing motion with his crimson dagger, cutting apart the law of

vitality Qing Hongyue was using to protect herself and continuing toward her neck.

Qing Hongyue quickly moved back; however, her law-based power was destroyed by Su Ping's ultimate treasure the moment it was released.

Having an ultimate treasure made a massive difference.

It was a weapon picked by a Celestial for their candidate!

Those who were part of other forces were destined not to have any ultimate treasures. They would be enslaved by the twelve ultimate treasure bearers, all within the Celestials' calculations.

Some of the factions had taken this into consideration, still hoping to grasp a chance no matter how slim it was.

Bang!

A ghastly cutting trait with Ascendant State power brushed past her.

Qing Hongyue felt that her body was as cold as a corpse.

She was desperate. Deafening noises reached her; Su Ping's attack had produced a ravine hundreds of meters wide next to him. He had actually created an abyss!

Su Ping's sharp blade stopped right next to Qing Hongyue's face as he declared coldly, "Calivey is right; it wasn't easy for you to cultivate. Your life will be spared if you surrender your ultimate treasure!" All of Qing Hongyue's underlings were overtaken by shock as they witnessed that scene.

The Star State kid used four ultimate treasures!

They would've suspected that Su Ping had smuggled ultimate treasures into the trial if they hadn't known it was impossible...

Somewhere close by—Claudia changed her expression; she flashed into another point in time.

She knew it was impossible for her to kill Su Ping by herself after seeing Qing Hongyue be defeated.

There would still be a chance for her if Su Ping only had offensive treasures, but he carried a defensive ultimate treasure her law-based attacks could hardly penetrate. Besides, Su Ping wasn't a defenseless kid; he

wouldn't simply stand there and allow her to attack. His counterattack was just as terrifying!

Fortunately, she was the Queen of Time; she was even confident of getting rid of Brian if the latter chased her.

Both had mastered the law of time, but their expertise was different.

It was just like how people who used the same weapon wouldn't be equally strong.

Su Ping noticed that Claudia had run off, abandoning her subordinates. He didn't chase her, but dropped a hint at Brian.

The latter understood and instantly disappeared.

Su Ping fixed his eyes upon Qing Hongyue. "Make your choice. I don't have much patience."

Hers was a sorry sight at the moment. She and Claudia weren't allies to begin with; it was understandable that she wouldn't step up to help her. However, all hope was lost now since Claudia had left.

"I'll hand them over," said Qing Hongyue with an awful looking expression. "Did you get your ultimate treasures from Calivey in the same way?"

"Smart one," Su Ping complimented her calmly.

She smiled bitterly as she quickly complied, releasing the bond she had made with the two ultimate treasures. Then, she said to Su Ping, "My master personally made the phoenix feather for me. You cannot use it, even

if I give it to you; how about you let me keep it? I'll give you a hand if we encounter anyone else."

"I don't need your help," Su Ping turned her down without thinking, "It doesn't matter whether or not I can use its power. The important bit is that you won't be able to use it."

Qing Hongyue felt like cursing.

Su Ping looked in the general direction where Brian disappeared to chase after the other woman. Ripples surfaced in the void exactly at that moment, and Brian quickly staggered out. His chest was bloodstained again.

He was badly wounded.

Su Ping frowned; Claudia had an ultimate treasure. He had simply wanted Brian to trace her, not expecting her to be as brutal.

Right when he was about to talk—another person suddenly flew out of the deep space and fell to the ground.

She had a tall and elegant body, but she was heavily wounded too. It was none other than Claudia who had escaped earlier.

Judging by her condition, she was even more badly wounded than Brian!

"Brother Su, enemies!" Brian ran to Su Ping as quickly as possible the moment he returned.

He knew he wouldn't be safe until he rejoined Su Ping.

Pah, pah, pah!

Someone clapped their hands.

The next moment, seven people slowly walked out of deeper spaces. Their leader was a handsome, sunny young man that made everybody who saw him feel at ease.

He was very likely one of the sunny dispositioned seniors in a school.

However, his eyes lengthened and became narrow when he smiled, making him look like a smiling viper.

"Marvelous." While applauding, the young man squinted and chuckled. "Unfortunately, all of you have to die!".

Chapter 1112: Saint's Heart

"Lin Xiu?"

"It's him?"

"Did he defeat Claudia?"

Many were surprised upon recognizing the handsome young man. He was an old Star Lord who had cultivated for 100,000 years, aweing countless people as he progressed; he left a deeper impression on many Star Lords than some Ascendants had.

Besides, Lin Xiu didn't just hide himself in the past 100,000 years.

There were a lot of Star Lords who were of similar age, but most were mediocre; they couldn't make it to the Divine Lord Rank despite their long lives.

However, Lin Xiu was the unquestionable genius.

He made it to the Divine Lord Rank 100,000 years before, but then vanished right after. He would show up once every couple of thousands of years, eventually reaching the top of the Divine Lord Rank.

Every time he was forgotten, people would eventually remember his glorious achievement of having dominated the Divine Lord Rank.

There were also rumors that he had escaped from Ascendants chasing him, shocking many top Star Lords.

Lin Xiu was an old Star Lord who was clearly capable of entering the Ascendant State, but he never took the final step. It was all to challenge his limits.

"He defeated Claudia that quickly? Lin Xiu is beyond unbelievable!"

"That might not be the case. Don't forget Claudia's title. They might have fought for one minute in our eyes, while actually having fought for a couple of months, or even longer!"

"That's true. But why did he say that? Is he just being a snob?"

"That Star State monster has four ultimate treasures, not counting the new pair he snatched from Qing Hongyue. Lin Xiu might not be a match for him, unless he has six ultimate treasures too!"

"Don't overthink. He might be here just to deliver the treasures." Everybody was discussing the matter. Qing Hongyue's and Claudia's subordinates weren't anxious. They were partners in name but slaves in practice, and not really loyal at that.

So, most of them preferred to stand by and watch the treasure bearers fight it out.

Calivey flew to the deep pit and helped Claudia back to her feet, only to find that her constitution had been shattered; she was so heavily wounded that dizziness almost overtook her.

It was rare for someone as strong as them to be crushed as brutally.

Calivey narrowed her eyes; Lin Xiu was one of the three opponents from the other star zones she was most wary of.

The ancient Star Lord was undoubtedly one of the strongest in the entire universe!

"You're only a Star State warrior, and yet you're in possession of that many ultimate treasures? How wonderful..." Lin Xiu clapped his hands and looked at Su Ping with a smile. "1 heard that you're Su Ping. It hasn't been many years since you rose to prominence; no more than a hundred years, right? Tsk. Can a hundred years even be considered a long time?"

The last part was asked to the person behind him.

The young man replied with a smile, "Maybe, considering small countries on primitive planets."

"Hiss...'

Lin Xiu heaved a sigh, then glanced at Calivey, Brian, Qing Hongyue and the others. He smiled and said, "Don't worry. Nobody will remember your disgrace after I kill you all. To have cultivated for years and years, all to be subdued by some kid; I feel embarrassed for you.

Qing Hongyue and Calivey have conflicted expressions, but neither could refute.

Brian was cold. While seizing the time to heal his wounds, he turned and said to Su Ping in a low voice, "He probably has plenty of ultimate treasures, maybe six!"

Su Ping nodded. The guy had dared to show up after seeing the number of ultimate treasures he had, so he was definitely confident.

Besides, he suspected that the latter had been lurking about when Qing Hongyue and Claudia were fighting.

Still, they didn't notice him when they arrived, which suggested that he was better at concealment.

Claudia had been blocked and quickly defeated when she tried to escape; her ultimate treasure had probably been taken.

"Many who have cultivated tens of thousands of years have already become Ascendants. Don't you have to call them seniors when you see them? I wouldn't despise you for your shortcomings, or would I?" said Su Ping.

Lin Xiu was stunned by the answer, but then smiled. "Kid, you have a sharp tongue."

"You on the other hand are stupid, still stuck in the Star Lord State even though you've cultivated for 100,000 years. Most people would have reached the Celestial State in 100,000 years, right?"

Su Ping continued his blunt tirade, "Are you obsessed with the Star

Lord Level, or are you just too scared to advance into the Ascendant State, fearing that the Heavenly Lords would beat you up? Or maybe you're just incapable of advancing?"

All eyes fell on Su Ping after he finished talking.

Even Qing Hongyue and the people who had just met him were surprised.

100,000 years were enough to reach the Celestial State?

How daring ofhim to speak like that!

Still, the statement was difficult to counter. After all, some Celestials had indeed reached their level in no more than 100,000 years. They were the true super geniuses of the universe!

They were extraordinary individuals, though. Future generations would remember them.

Brian and Calivey looked at each other. Su Ping was indeed qualified to make such a bold claim. It wasn't just meant to infuriate Lin Xiu.

After all, not even the Celestials had been as talented as Su Ping back when they had his level of cultivation.

Even so, it remained to be seen whether or not he would continue being a genius in the future.

Lin Xiu's smile disappeared and he raised his eyebrows after hearing what Su Ping had said. His eyes widened, like a sleeping serpent gradually sticking out its tongue.

"Are you purposefully	saying /	stupid things	to	provoke m	e?
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Unfortunately for you, I'm way past the age of being provoked by such stupidity," said Lin Xiu softly.

"But you're not smiling as delightedly as before, while I'm quite delighted right now," said Su Ping with a smile.

Lin Xiu's lips twitched. He took a deep breath and threw away the hypocritical smile on his face. He looked down with indifference at all the people present. "Consider them your last words. You're truly unlucky to have met me. Star State brat, you will be the first to die by my hand"

All those witnessing the exchange showed subtle changes of expression. It was clear that none would be spared.

Most importantly: what gave him the guts to make that claim, especially that early in the game?

Isn 't he afraid of us ganging up on him?

Or maybe, was he absolutely fearless, thinking he had enough advantages to take them on?

Su Ping nodded and remarked, "That's more like it. I hate it when people smile at me, even though they want to kill me."

Qing Hongyue's lips twitched, as she knew that Lin Xiu's fury was precisely caused by Su Ping's unnerving words!

Lin Xiu became calm again, and said with a smile, "You think you have a shot because you have six ultimate treasures?"

"So you're saying you have six of them too?"

Lin Xiu, however, shook his head. "I don't."

He took out an ultimate treasure that looked like a plate with six sword hilts. It seemed to be a remarkable artifact, like the legendary wheel ofjudgment.

"However, my ultimate treasure can deactivate all of your ultimate treasures," said Lin Xiu softly.

His revelation was like a mighty thunderclap in everyone's ears.

The next moment, a special field was released by the plate-like treasure, locking both time and space. Countless sword auras raged.

Su Ping also felt that his ultimate treasures were moaning, due to some sort of restraint!

The golden shield covering him became lackluster too. His energy was being exhausted at a faster rate, as if it were being pumped away.

His golden flag—which had been ensnaring the red feather—unfurled and fell to the ground, losing its light.

The red feather quickly floated down too. Even so, it still created a deep pit on the ground when it landed.

Su Ping then looked at the crimson blade in his hand, only to see how it had lost its luster. The weapon now seemed to be a primitive metal weapon, completely devoid of energy.

Qing Hongyue and the others were shocked by what they saw. They then looked at Lin Xiu's sword plate in disbelief.

What kind of ultimate treasure is that?

Dreadful!

The golden flag was only able to restrain one ultimate treasure at a time, while the sword plate could restrain all the ultimate treasures within a certain range.

The six ultimate treasures Su Ping had just acquired were rendered useless, tantamount to scrap iron in the blink of an eye.

That was Lin Xiu's greatest reliance!

Gasps were heard everywhere. No wonder the latter had dared to show up as pretentiously, despite knowing that Su Ping had six ultimate treasures. He was confident of having the last laugh.

Su Ping changed his expression ever so slightly. The six ultimate treasures could have ensured his victory, but all of them had been disabled.

Lin Xiu's smile returned upon seeing Su Ping's face. He took out a purple saber, which was apparently another ultimate treasure. "Your ultimate treasures are useless, but mine are still usable. Let's see if your tongue is as sharp as my blade!" said Lin Xiu softly.

His voice rumbled like thunder in everybody's ears.

Qing Hongyue realized something as she stared at the sword plate in Lin Xiu's hand for a while, then lost her cool. "This is impossible. The Celestial experts couldn't have forged such an ultimate treasure, and neither would they allow for it to be used in the trial. It's a violation!"

Calivey narrowed her eyes. "All the ultimate treasures were forged by the saints at the Celestial State experts' request. Are the saints from the Original Planet involved in this competition too?"

Lin Xiu smiled and said softly, "That is why all of you must die. Dead people tell no tales."

Their shock appeased him, and the fury provoked by Su Ping began to recede. He said softly, "It's the true god's legacy. The saints of the Original Planet prefer to control the new Celestial expert than to allow others to have them. Do you honestly think that the saints have no desires?"

"Damn it!"

Calivey's face reflected her sullen mood.

Who could've thought that the unworldly saints would forget their principles when dealing with the true god's legacy?

Brian couldn't have looked any worse. Although Su Ping was by no means weak, his opponent was blatantly cheating. Even the greatest power would be useless when confronting such an ultimate treasure..

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Qing Hongyue gritted her teeth and demanded, "Lin Xiu, have you cultivated 100,000 years just to become the saints' puppet?"

Although a girl, she didn't seem at all weak; her eyes were filled with fury at that moment.

"Indeed. You'll be a pathetic puppet, even if you get the Celestial legacy. It's better to be a top Heavenly Lord to traverse the universe than to be a puppet!" shouted one of them, a Heavenly Lord who had grasped a perfect path. Apart from the Star Lords who were still determined to fight, someone else was already moving at the edge.

"Run!"

A few Star Lords sprinted, trying to break free and quit the competition right then and there.

Claiming the key would only improve their odds of getting the legacy; obtaining wasn't certain. They would be better off taking the trial's second test than to take their chances there.

Lin Xiu ignored Qing Hongyue. He sneered as he looked at the fleeing Star Lords, then rolled the sword plate in his hand. Screams instantly burst out.

Countless sword auras were darting in space; they were perfect laws' auras, sharp and indestructible.

Each of the sword auras were like full-strength strikes with a perfect path.

Some of the Star Lords wanted to leap to another point in time; some wanted to escape to a deeper space, while others took different routes; still, all were forced to come out.

The sword auras could cut all laws apart, completely blocking the area.

"As I said, all of you must die!" Lin Xiu glanced at the injured people, then simply looked down at Su Ping again. "I'm going to get rid of them after I kill you. You go first."

The latter was solemn and grave as he stared at the purple saber the former was holding.

Both Qing Hongyue and Calivey approached Su Ping. Claudia, wounded at the moment, was carried and then place near to Su Ping too. She glanced at Qing Hongyue, as if too ashamed to talk to her.

Qing Hongyue noticed her embarrassment, then said, "I would've done the same if I were in your shoes. No need to feel guilty."

Claudia's lips twitched; she was naturally conscious of that. Qing Hongyue should have reacted angrily after being abandoned, but she was actually comforting her at the moment. After taking a deep breath, she said in a low voice, "He has my two ultimate treasures. Adding the purple saber, he has at least three ultimate treasures."

"What are the traits of your ultimate treasures?" asked Su Ping in a low voice.

Claudia spoke truthfully in a low voice, "One of them is an offensive ultimate treasure able to confine all laws and paths in a fixed range, all to temporarily lower your opponents' cultivation, until it regressed to that of an average Star Lord. "The other aspects are both ambush and attack. It can hide your aura and create a clone of you; it would be just as strong as you."

Su Ping's eyes glittered.

If Lin Xiu could use the purple saber, he could probably use Claudia's two ultimate treasures too.

In that case...

The Lin Xiu before him could be a clone made by the ultimate treasure!

Su Ping narrowed his eyes and looked around.

Claudia and Qing Hongyue realized the same thing, and felt even gloomier; they thought that their survival odds were even slimmer. Lin Xiu was like a lurking viper, and they were right in his nest; they would have to beat the former to escape.

"Is there anything we can do?" asked Qing Hongyue telepathically.

Brian also moved closer.

Those who had grasped perfect paths began to gather around Su Ping; they knew that their only chance to escape was to work together. "I need you to keep his allies busy and find his real self; he may be lurking right now," said Su Ping telepathically.

"That's easy. The others can take care of it; you won't have any advantages if you fight him alone. Let's all fight him together!" declared Qing Hongyue aggressively, unwilling to let Su Ping take the most dangerous responsibility alone.

It wasn't because she considered Su Ping a friend, but because she thought it was for the best.

The situation was so unfavorable she didn't want to lose more allies.

Both Calivey and Brian looked at each other, then nodded. "Indeed. Even if he has ultimate treasures, we still may have a chance of winning if we stick together." "Count me in," said Claudia and gnashed her teeth. She was badly wounded, on the verge of dying, but she had great healing medicines in her storage that were rare even in the scope of the entire universe. Her condition was already stable, and she was capable of fighting.

That showcased the abundance of a top Star Lord.

"Lin Xiu is yours then; the rest of us will deal with his allies and search for his real self. We'll also try our best to cover you!" said a middle-aged subordinate.

All the top Star Lords who had grasped perfect laws nodded decisively.

They were still fighting one another a while before, but they had to team up now if they wanted to survive.

After all, even the saints were involved in the plot. There was no way Lin Xiu would let any of them live. It was nonnegotiable!

"Are you done conspiring?"

Lin Xiu remained calm, not caring about their discussion the least bit.

Once he heard that, Su Ping raised his head and said, "Not yet, please wait a moment. Don't be hasty."

A veing pulsed on Lin Xiu's forehead.

Qing Hongyue and the others couldn't help but glance at Su Ping, who had dead set on getting a rise out of Lin Xiu, an expert that had cultivated for 100,000 years; he truly was a genius in that regard.

They knew that Su Ping was trying to enrage his opponent.

Once a person got angry, they would be prone to making mistakes.

Even though people as experienced wouldn't let anger get the better of them, but they could still be affected.

Lin Xiu had at least declared that he would kill Su Ping first, which wasn't the most rational decision.

Given the current circumstances, it would be more sensible to start by eliminating the unimportant people first and then turn to the stronger ones.

"Die now!"

Lin Xiu was quite gloomy. His suppressed fury surged once he saw that Su Ping was still talking without care in the world; he launched a deadly attack.

An unparalleled aura was instantly manifested by his body, and his purple blade was set ablaze. However, there was a ripple on the surface of the flames that was cutting the void apart with a strange property. He held his blade as he charged at Su Ping.

Su Ping, Qing Hongyue and the others were prepared for it; they quickly dispersed. Qing Hongyue roared as flames enshrouded her body. Her phoenix feather arose; a golden small world appeared behind her.

There seemed to be a magnificent tree inside the small world.

Qing Hongyue spouted fierce flames and activated her constitution again. A loud phoenix cry echoed throughout the sky; the flames seemed about to drown everything.

"Get lost!"

Lin Xiu snorted and waved his saber. The edge of his saber instantly sliced the void open, rendering the restraints of Claudia and Brian useless. All of Qing Hongyue's laws and paths collapsed like iron threads under axe attacks.

Qing Hongyue was heavily wounded after her laws and paths collapsed. Once the saber made contact, she noticed that her own saber was blocked and she felt like suffocating.

Intimidating!

He was more intimidating than she had expected!

"Dodge!"

Exactly at that moment—someone pulled her away and helped her dodge the saber.

Qing Hongyue saw that Su Ping was the one who went to help her. Still, Lin Xiu attacked again at a high speed, before she had the chance to thank her savior. The enemy was aiming for Su Ping's back.

Exactly at that moment-a furious scream burst out. "Turn!!"

Claudia took action. Wounds receded and started to disappear from her fair body, as she had overdrafted her constitution; she had just wiped off the blood when it surged once again from her nose, mouth and eyes. She had broken free from Lin Xiu exactly with the technique of time.

This time, she used it again to rescue Su Ping and Qing Hongyue.

Space and time seemed to have been reversed. Everything was paused when the saber's edge touched Su Ping. The next moment, both Su Ping and Qing Hongyue disappeared from the place the saber had reached; they were relocated dozens of meters away.

Claudia vomited blood and staggered, falling to her knees.

"His ultimate treasure is too powerful!"

Brian was trying to help too, but his perfect path of time had been cut apart by the aura radiated by the blade's edge, even before it reached Su Ping. On the other hand, Claudia's help had been effective.

"As expected of the Queen of Time. She's truly good." Lin Xiu glanced at Claudia who was exhausted and vomiting blood, knowing she couldn't possibly perform the secret technique again, unless she wanted to get herself killed.

He sneered and continued his charge to attack Su Ping with his saber.

"You have a sharp tongue, but can you possibly resist my saber attack, honed for 100,000 years?" Brutality was emitted from Lin Xiu's eyes. Su Ping had angered him immensely. "Just run!"

Qing Hongyue tried to push Su Ping away as he saw Lin Xiu move closer. She looked awful, but she was stubborn and unyielding.

She despised Lin Xiu's behavior; a top Star Lord willing to bend before others. The saints had offered him a formidable treasure that would ensure success in his search for the legacy; they must have made rigorous demands

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After all, nobody was better at scheming than the saints of the Federation.

Qing Hongyue pushed Su Ping away, while letting out a high-pitched shriek that belonged to an extinct ancient phoenix.

Furious flames covered her body. It wasn't a normal fire, as it was being fueled by the vitality and energy inside her. She suddenly flapped her wings and flew out like a ball of flames.

"Stupid!"

Lin Xiu snorted and turned his saber, where purple flames began to rise. The Ascendant State power and laws instantly sliced the void and the phoenix image! Just like a fallen tree, Qing Hongyue was flung back and she coughed out a lot of blood; the flames covering her quickly faded away. "Rot in hell!"

Lin Xiu charged at Su Ping again, ignoring Qing Hongyue who was already dying. Little Skeleton...

Su Ping rose. A tiny skeleton appeared next to his feet, then leaned against his leg. They quickly melded a moment after.

Su Ping was instantly covered in bones. The Little Skeleton never flinched, no matter what kind of danger it was facing.

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The scary bones covered Su Ping like an armor set.

Even his lips had bones incrusted, making him look intimidating.

Su Ping quickly extended his hand to draw one of the ribs from the chest like a saber!

It wasn't exactly an ultimate treasure, not did it contain any paths or laws. The only specialty was its extreme sharpness; it was even harder than Ascendant State weapons!

Not even perfect laws could destroy it.

Zing! A deafening sound echoed throughout the sky the moment they clashed. A lot of people watching the battle were stunned.

Lin Xiu narrowed his pupils too.

It was blocked?

That's right. The purple saber in his hand was blocked by the pale, dilapidated bone in Su Ping's hand. It was more of a cracked bone than a bone saber!

It was the remains of a tooth from a certain ancient creature. The broken tooth had endured for tens of thousands of years.

"Is it an ultimate treasure?"

Lin Xiu slightly changed his expression. The other ultimate treasures couldn't have resisted his strike when disabled; they would have been cut apart. However, the Ascendant State power and the laws infused on his saber weren't able to destroy Su Ping's weapon!

All the twelve ultimate treasures had been forged by saints.

That was why the sword plate-which was also made by the saints—could easily disable them!

Su Ping's bone didn't look like one of the treasures forged by the saints. Is it a secret treasure that his Celestial backer smuggled in secretively?

That's impossible!

Lin Xiu immediately discarded the thought. All twelve Celestials experts were supervising each other; none of them could have cheated.

He was only able to succeed because the twelve Celestials weren't vigilant when interacting with the saints. Even if they were, there was nothing they could do!

"Restraint!"

Lin Xiu flipped his hand again; a saber appeared, which seemed to be cutting the nearby laws apart.

Su Ping instantly felt he had lost connection to his laws; he was no longer able to harness his laws. Or rather, they were cut apart and overridden by a superior law the moment he performed them.

The saber was clearly the ultimate treasure with the ability to seal paths.

Qing Hongyue saw the saber and quickly said, "Watch out!"

She suffered a major setback because of her previous fight against Claudia.

Su Ping, however, didn't react. There was fury burning in his eyes, which were as dark as blades, filled with coldness and brutality. He was like a calm and rational lone wolf.

He was expecting to see that ultimate treasure.

Su Ping burst out again and slashed forth with brutal abandon when Lin Xiu whipped out that treasure.

"Little Skeleton, show me your saber technique!"

Su Ping called out to the Little Skeleton in his heart.

The next moment, he received a joyful response; his pet was delighted to finally have a chance to show what it had been working on.

Su Ping and the Little Skeleton were soon able to reach some sort of coordination, as if both were controlling the body at the same time; it required absolute trust and excellent teamwork!

Su Ping's aura changed in an instant.

He became as cold and dark as a demon from hell; there seemed to be crimson light in his eyes.

He raised his arm; the hand was nothing but bones as he held the bone saber.

The Little Skeleton had been fighting with this bone saber all the time. It was a creature proficient at sorcery, but it chose to fight violent melee battles.

It had wielded its saber billions of times in all the sites' explorations.

The skeleton was wielding the saber yet again.

The darkest saber aura surged. It seemed to be absorbing and swallowing everything, including rays of light, time and space.

There were no words to describe how terrifying the strike was!

It was destructive and horrifying, yet also stunningly beautiful.

Lin Xiu changed his expression, and quickly wielded his saber.

Boom!!

There was a sonic explosion in the air! All the laws were destroyed; even the dust had been compressed to the extreme by the auras.

Deafening explosions resounded. Lin Xiu was flung back while everybody was watching; he didn't regain balance until he soared high in the sky.

The sword aura was swept; the ground collapsed in front of Su Ping, who then saw a terrifying ravine form. The earth was shattered by the aura, and the ravine stretched to infinity! "That saber technique... contains a complete

path!"

"It was fully developed! He's so good at controlling his weapon!" "Wait, wasn't that ultimate treasure capable of sealing all paths? How was Lin Xiu flung back?"

Everybody was both shocked and suspicious due to the unexpected development. The whole scene was rather unbelievable.

The wounded Qing Hongyue also saw that. She was stuffing her mouth with medicine, hoping to recover sooner. But then she forgot about everything for a moment when she saw Su Ping's attack. She was shocked; then, she came to a realization.

"The ultimate saber treasure can seal all paths, but it couldn't seal a weapon's technique!"

"The path is already melded into the technique; even though it doesn't involve any power of laws, that strike was still mysterious and powerful..."

"But how could he be this powerful? He's only in the Star State, yet he was able to fling Lin Xiu back?" Su Ping then stomped and continued to charge at Lin Xiu.

"What an excellent strike!" Su Ping complimented the Little Skeleton.

That strike was truly amazing.

Although he knew that the Little Skeleton was very strong, it had actually exceeded his expectations.

The Little Skeleton gave a cheerful response after hearing Su Ping's compliment.

Su Ping smiled. The Little Skeleton had tried its best in that attack; it was indeed very powerful. Lin Xiu would have been hard pressed if he didn't have two ultimate treasures!

"Damn it!"

Up in the sky-Lin Xiu was exasperated. He thought he would easily subdue the guy, but the annoying fellow turned out to be tougher than he thought!

He roared and charged at Su Ping again, this time also using his full strength.

He turned his saber and blocked time, space and all the paths mastered by Su Ping. The latter was unable to make use of laws and paths. He could only use his own strength for

now.

He could crush Su Ping if he only used as her own strength.

Besides, he had the traits and laws of his ultimate treasures. He could totally crush his opponent!

Bang!

The purple saber slashed down; Su Ping raised his own weapon to resist it. He was instantly, he was smashed into the ground like a cannonball.

While Su Ping was failing, Qing Hongyue floated over from a distance, and then tried to help Su Ping with a secret technique; it alleviated the impact, even though it didn't completely neutralize it.

Bang.

Su Ping crawled out of the deep pit solemnly. He then chose not to hide his strength anymore, and charged again. "Go to hell!!"

Lin Xiu swooped down from the sky, ready to cut Su Ping into pieces.

"Inferno Dragon!" Su Ping shouted all of a sudden.

A dragon roar burst out right after, followed and the Inferno Dragon emerged. The deafening roar had left everyone in shock.

Following that, the Inferno Dragon shook and crawled into Su Ping's body, thus completing the fusing

His body cracked nonstop, while dragon scales and horns grew out.

Seeing the scene, some people were shocked. They immediately realized what happened. "Another fusing? I see. Was that skeleton just a parasite?"

Lin Xiu, however, sneered. "Rot in hell with your garbage pets!" Coldness emanated from Su Ping's eyes. It only took an instant for an abyssal, terrifying aura was spread out from his body. The aura was so dark and breathtaking that everybody who had been fighting against Lin Xiu's companions were distracted; they thought that someone had broken the limits of the Star Lord State!

The next moment, everybody saw something they would never forget.

A splendid and majestic small world surfaced behind Su Ping's back.

Above the dead and desolate small world, another illusory small world was blossoming.

The double small worlds bloomed like flowers.

Calivey and Brian, having seen them before, watched with amazement.

Qing Hongyue, Claudia and the others, however, were completely stunned; they could not believe their eyes.

Lin Xiu noticed this as he was swooping down; even the sneer on his face was frozen for a moment.

"Slay the sky!" Su Ping roared Furiously, like a dragon. His voice pierced the sky.

His bone saber was covered in brilliant golden divine power, which darted out as the ultimate sword aura.

He was like the swordsman who charged at the sky with his sword eons ago.

Su Ping was about to pierce through and tear the sky apart, Lin Xiu too!

Bang!!

A terrifying blast burst out. Lin Xiu's ultimate treasure had instantly unleashed great power. The purple saber was indestructible; and so we should cut it apart.

The terrifying sword aura was almost cut apart!

Blood and brutality emanated from Su Ping's eyes. He raised his head and roared, unfurling his wings. Another small world blossomed above the splendid pair of small worlds on his back.

The third small world!

The Path Source World!

Compared to the other two small worlds: The Path Source World was vast and vigorous. There were countless shooting stars in it; they were all the paths that Su Ping had grasped. It was also the destination of all his paths.

The paths and laws were flowing like visible streaks of light. They were so stunningly beautiful that even Calivey and Brian were dumbfounded!

The third small world!

"Break!!!"

Su Ping roared, enhancing himself with the power of his triple small worlds. There was a boom, and his magnificent power was fully revealed. Su Ping wasn't hiding anything anymore.

It was the first time he wasl fighting with full strength, ever since he cultivated the Path Source World.

Dazzling power burst out of his bone saber. The next moment, the entire sky melted like a candle. The laws and perfect paths were completely shattered as they faced such an overwhelming power!

They could even ignore laws!

The triple small worlds were revealed. At that moment, he detected the law of chaos and the path of fire again, which couldn't be blocked by the saber's ultimate treasure! The saber's ultimate treasure could only disable the perfect laws at best.

However, Su Ping's triple small worlds made his laws three times perfect, which exceeded the limits of the saber's blockade!

Chapter 1115 Hunting

Boom!!

The sword aura raged for tens of thousands of meters, as if ready to cut the sky apart!

Lin Xiu's body took the hit first. His blood gushed out; the arm holding the saber cracked. His flesh and blood was gone, leaving only the bones intact. The power of the sword aura was unbearable for him!

"No way..." Lin Xiu screamed in shock and fury.

However, Su Ping's sword aura slashed nonstop.

The laws of destruction, fire, illusion and origin were concentrated on the sword.

Su Ping's power was fully exerted. The Little Skeleton and the Inferno Dragon were constantly transmitting power into him; they shared their energy, and his body was filled with explosive power.

Their every action seemed to be rending the sky and the earth asunder. Bang! Bang! The previously unstoppable Lin Xiu now had to defend himself against Su Ping's furious strikes.

The power of triple small worlds prevented Su Ping's paths from being restrained by the saber. Adding the tripled perfect path of destruction, each of Su Ping's strikes was as powerful as the attack of an ultimate treasure!

Su Ping launched an attack with each step!

The sixth attack was launched, and Lin Xiu couldn't resist any longer; his remaining arm bones crumbled and his saber was knocked away.

Su Ping seized the opportunity to cut the hand holding the sword plate.

Lin Xiu realized what he was planning; his sword plate dashed forward and disappeared, while he relentlessly dashed towards Su Ping. His face showed brutality, with cheeks half burnt by the path of fire.

Qing Hongyue quickly roared, "Watch out!"

Su Ping had seen it coming; he knew it was just a clone made by an ultimate treasure.

He quickly performed the path of illusion after seeing the guy's dying strike; it wreathed Lin Xiu with an unusual, unpredictable power. Lin Xiu was greatly weakened in an instant; that was one of the illusion path's traits.

Bang!

Su Ping quickly stabbed forth with his sword; Lin Xiu seemed to be willingly going toward the edge of Su Ping's sword. He was instantly cut apart, transforming into blood and dispersing energy.

Su Ping's eyes glittered at the same time; there seemed to be flames in them, allowing him to see through space.

Someone in the crowd shouted to alert them, "Over there!"

Su Ping had also noticed something; it was in the exact direction the guy had pointed out.

Right when he was about to really go and chase it-Claudia said anxiously, "No, it's in another direction. That's just a phantom from another point in time he summoned. He's not really there!"

Su Ping instantly looked at the place where Claudia was pointing at telepathically, but there was nothing visible. He didn't hesitate, though; he had yet to grasp the perfect law of time like she did.

Bang!

Su Ping sliced the void with one strike; the law of destruction ravaged the whole vicinity. Following Claudia's direction, Su Ping went to another point in time. Everybody around him was gone; only those who had mastered the perfect path of time, such as Claudia and Brian, could continue directing him telepathically.

Su Ping saw a streak of light soon after.

That was the place where the sword plate disappeared.

He wielded his sword and tore the void open; he then saw a young man staring at him gloomily from the void.

Su Ping instantly jumped to the guy's time and space. While gazing at the sword plate in the other guy's hand, he said indifferently, "You're planning to make a run for it? The saints' scheme will be exposed if you do."

"No need to provoke me; it only shows that you're incapable of holding me back." Lin Xiu looked at him with a gloomy expression. If his clone hadn't been obliterated, he wouldn't have believed that he would be defeated by a Star State kid who had only cultivated for a hundred years at most, even though he had the sword plate and the ultimate treasures.

"Multiple small worlds..."

Lin Xiu stared at him coldly. "You must have been to many unknown places, right? I've read some records found in the remains of ancient gods. It was said that primordial experts were capable of cultivating as many as five small worlds!

"I always considered it a myth; I didn't know that it was true."

Su Ping said coldly, "There's so much that you don't know; you can cultivate as many as seven small worlds. I'm just a beginner."

"Seven small worlds..."

There were ripples in Lin Xiu's eyes. He had previously thought it was impossible; his attempt to cultivate double small worlds had failed. Back when he asked about it to Celestial experts, they thought it was barely possible too.

After all, none of the twelve Celestials of the universe cultivated a second small world when they were Star Lords.

When Lin Xiu saw Su Ping's double small worlds, he speculated that the Celestials might know something but didn't share the information. The Celestials had surely reached a tacit agreement; if such a super Star Lord appeared, they would eventually surpass all the Celestial experts someday.

He had to assume the worst of them. Not once had he believed that they played fair and square, as all the other people thought. He firmly believed that everybody was born evil!

Maybe the Celestials had saved countless people, but they might have plans of their own.

"Who taught you that?" asked Lin Xiu while staring at Su Ping. "Was it Shen Huang?"

"Dead men don't get to ask questions."

Coldness flashed in Su Ping's eyes as he launched an abrupt attack. Lin Xiu was just as cold. "Don't presume that you can defeat me so easily. No one can force me to stay if I want to run!"

The sword plate in his hand glowed again; countless sword auras instantly darted towards Su Ping. Not only could the ultimate treasure disable other ultimate treasures, it was also an extremely lethal weapon.

It had been created by the saints, who wanted to make sure that nothing would go wrong after deciding to get involved in the competition. Even a normal Star Lord could also kill anyone on sight if they had it!

Not to mention that Lin Xiu was holding it.

However, it was beyond the saints' expectation that a participant such as Su Ping would take part in the trial.

Bang!

Su Ping charged forward, ignoring all the sword auras.

His destructive law erased all the sword auras surrounding him. Each sword aura was as powerful as a perfect path, but all of them were destroyed by the triple path of destruction, and collapsed like felled trees.

One could see a slight change of expression in Lin Xiu's face. He flipped his hands, and took out an ultimate treasure that looked like a horn.

He suddenly blew the horn.

Woo!

Just like an echoing whisper, Su Ping instantly felt a rush in his soul, as if someone were summoning from the depths of the universe.

He felt disoriented, but then he heard a dragon roar in his head. That was the Inferno Dragon's summoning him.

Su Ping instantly woke upThere was a sword aura so close that he was almost dazzled by it.

But the next moment, his bone saber slashed forth and sliced the sword aura apart. The Little Skeleton had taken control of Su Ping's body given the emergency. Su Ping coldly stared at Lin Xiu's ultimate treasure.

The sword plate might have been a gift from Lin Xiu's Celestial backer, but he must have looted the saber and the horn from the other star zones.

It was an ultimate treasure able to disturb the mind. Fortunately, Su Ping had great willpower; he was only lost for a moment, and was able to break free in time with the Inferno Dragon's help.

If he were another Star Lord... He probably would have passed out, even forgottening who he was.

"Huh?"

Lin Xiu was shocked by Su Ping's fast recovery.

Even though the latter's triple small worlds were threatening, he had an ultimate treasure that could directly attack the mind. Any number of paths grasped would have been useless.

He's only in the Star State... How is it possible? Does he have the willpower of an Ascendant State expert? Lin Xiu was shocked. Even he would only be able to struggle and resist the horn, which meant that Su Ping's willpower was as great as his.

Still, he had already cultivated for 100,000 years!

"Damn it!"

A small world appeared behind Lin Xiu. He fully activated the sword plate.

Several sharp auras appeared amongst the sword auras; they were condensed by his paths. "I would have crushed all the Star Lords even without the ultimate treasures. I've mastered all the four supreme laws to perfection. I will reach the Celestial State even without the legacy!" declared Lin Xiu aggressively.

Su Ping minced hundreds of sword auras and declared outright, "You're so proud, yet you've allowed yourself to be treated as a chess piece. You're not confident in yourself at all!" A furious Lin Xiu replied, "What do you know? Aren't you here for the legacy too? Who are you to talk about confidence with me? It's the Celestial State, the supreme throne of the universe. Doesn't every cultivator dream reach that state?"

There was mockery in Su Ping's eyes. "The Celestial State is the supreme throne... What a great joke. Everybody was in the Celestial State in the primordial years!" "Stop wasting my time! "You said it, the primordial years! Do you think I don't know that there are higher levels above the Celestial State? I've explored ruins of ancient deities. Celestials were just treated as kings. There were emperors above them who suppressed all the other species!"

Lin Xiu's eyes were cold. "But that path of cultivation is already broken. The Celestial State is the ultimate level right now!" "If the path is broken, I'll fix it. If it can't be fixed, I will create a whole new path on my own!"

Su Ping's eyes were cold. He gazed at the world with eyes as dazzling as the sun. "You'll end up forever stuck if you reach the Celestial State with the legacy. You're quite talented, but your eyesight needs to be broadened!"

He recognized Lin Xiu's talent and felt sorry for him!

"Create a whole new path of your own..."

Lin Xiu's pupils contracted. What Su Ping said made him extremely uncomfortable.

He had once been a hopeful and ambitious man, just like that!

But a long time passed and he simply lost his ambition, never realizing his goals.

Perhaps the horror of a long life was that it would transform someone into a completely new person, without them even realizing.

"Despite all your talk, you're just here to fight for the legacy too. What a sharp tongue!" Lin Xiu narrowed his eyes for a moment. But he quickly refocused and stopped thinking along those lines.

"I'm fighting for the legacy for the sake of my pet and partner, not for myself." Su Ping sneered. "I'm not the least bit interested in the mere legacy of a Celestial State man. That's why I'm different from you!" "You..."

Lin Xiu was shocked. How dare he say that? Is he not afraid he'll be struck by lightning for lying? He's fighting for the legacy, just for an animal?

Chapter 1116 Prolonged Battle

"What is wrong with your head?" Lin Xiu found it impossible to understand; he simply thought that Su Ping was too confident in himself, so he didn't want to talk to him anymore.

He activated the sword plate again, as an attempt to block Su Ping's actions. Meanwhile, he ran off in another direction.

What Su Ping had said earlier misled him into thinking that the latter was only provoking him because he couldn't force him to stay.

However, the clash made him realize he had been tricked. The kid was so cunning that he purposefully left such an impression on him. It would be impossible to suppress Su Ping in a head-on clash!

The saints' ultimate treasure didn't work on Su Ping. Even though he was one of the strongest without such a treasure; however unwillingly, he had to admit that he was incapable of killing Su Ping!

"Where do you think you're going?"

Seeing that the other was running, Su Ping roared, "Halt!"

He charged forward with the bone saber. The law of chaos and the path of illusion prevented him from being affected by other laws.

Exactly at that moment—the fleeing Lin Xiu suddenly turned around. His body broke the domain that Su Ping had created and he marched back.

It was a thunderous strike!

The light of four supreme laws emerged. All of them were perfect!

That was Lin Xiu's real power!

He was one of the top Star Lords even without artifacts. His 100,000 years as a Star Lord rendered him already unparalleled with his aptitudes.

"The power of four extremes!" Lin Xiu burst out. His terrifying power was gathered to form a saber he used to slashed at Su Ping furiously.

His path of space was also perfect. When paired with time, it would yield the power of space and time. They resisted Su Ping's tripled power with the other three supreme laws. His outburst was indeed able to break Su Ping's domain of chaos, allowing him to break in!

Everything had happened too fast for him to react.

But Su Ping didn't panic, as if having foreseen it. Killing intent surged out of his eyes as he made a stabbing motion. At the same timethe illusions of all three small worlds were condensed in front of his sword like a lotus flower!

"You..."

Lin Xiu was shocked.

The next moment, the two horrifying forces collided and Lin Xiu was instantly flung back, vomiting blood. Su Ping was also flung back; he didn't look very happy. He had to admit that Lin Xiu was strong enough to cultivate all four supreme laws and make use of them with his own understanding. The man was definitely capable of rising to the Ascendant State!

He probably would have been defeated if he hadn't cultivated a third small world!

"You were prepared!"

Lin Xiu's face was pale but his cheeks were flushed. He wiped off his blood, with coldness and fury in his eyes. "Yes, because I knew that you were determined to kill me!" Su Ping sneered.

Indeed, he wanted to slay Lin Xiu, but the latter wanted to kill him even more!

He wanted to kill Lin Xiu only because he was angry, but Lin Xiu had to kill him to keep the saints' secret from being exposed! Therefore, Su Ping realized that the latter was only pretending to escape. His fully charged strike collided with Lin Xiu's half-baked attack, injuring the man heavily.

"Brat!!"

Lin Xiu was so furious he almost gritted his teeth into pieces. He would undoubtedly remember that obnoxious guy for the next 10,000 years if he didn't kill him.

He could accept that his strength had been eclipsed, but then he had the feeling that his wisdom was also being eclipsed.

"Rot in hell!"

After catching his breath, Su Ping recovered his energy and healed his wounds with the path of vitality to then charge at Lin Xiu again.

Lin Xiu also took a deep breath, returning to his peak status in the blink of an eye. His perfect law of vitality had allowed him to survive being chased by an Ascendant expert!

"Fortunately, you've only cultivated for a hundred years. It would have been a headache if the trial were to be postponed for a thousand years!"

Lin Xiu's eyes were cold. He stopped hiding, and his face was brimming with brutality.

He had already seen that Su Ping had only mastered the perfect paths of fire and chaos, while the others had yet to be perfected. He managed to detect Su Ping's expertise the moment he performed them; he was not afraid that Su Ping would pretend.

"I'm going to beat you, even if we have to fight a war of attrition today. Let's see who will

win!"

Lin Xiu roared and charged, while an enormous shadow appeared behind his back at the same time. It was a hideous beast that melded with him; his combat ability was further improved in an instant.

No words were said; Su Ping charged toward him again.

Boom! Boom!

They clashed in the void and bombarded each other time and again. The illusions made with triple small worlds behind Su Ping's back were splendid and eye-catching. The sword aura made with the law of chaos could rip apart Lin Xiu's multiplied laws. Lin Xiu had already fused the four supreme laws and combined their traits; he was the strongest Star Lord in the Federation, even without multiple small worlds!

Nevertheless, he was still suppressed by Su Ping with the tripled law of chaos.

Lin Xiu was flung away again and again during the clashes, but each time he rose with heavy wounds, to later fully recover with the path of vitality.

Su Ping felt quite gloomy. He realized the survival potential when he just grasped the path of vitality. He didn't know that the perfect path of vitality would be even more unbelievable; it could revive a person again and again, as long as they weren't entirely blown up. It could keep them in peak status forever with the help of the power of time.

"You can't kill me, but I can kill you!"

Lin Xiu noticed that Su Ping was helpless. Even though it was humiliating to be defeated time and again by Su Ping, he had the perfect path of vitality as support, and he was sure that Su Ping would not win a war of attrition.

After all, Su Ping would end up exhaused due to unleashing his full strength constantly!

Su Ping had also realized the flaw, but he didn't panic. His path of vitality had significantly improved his stamina; adding the power stored in the triple small worlds inside his body, he could endure even if he had to fight for ten days and ten nights. However, a war of attrition was pointless. He wanted to win!

Am I not able to kill him until I fully condense the eighth Astral Painting?

The Astral Painting's full power can't be unleashed until all nine Astral Paintings are condensed...

Fighting while training? Wouldn't that be a little bit disrespectful?

Su Ping's eyes glittered. He thought of a temporary retreat to later kill Lin Xiu after he cultivated the eighth Astral Painting. Still, he feared that the guy would escape after picking up the key.

Even though the continent was shrinking, it would be hard to locate Lin Xiu if he was determined to hide.

Besides, it was unlikely that the guy would just let him go instead of trying to kill him.

Su Ping's eyes glittered. He had an extremely costly plan, so he hesitated.

"What are you thinking? Go to hell!!" Lin Xiu roared and slashed. The terrifying power of four extremes had nearly cut apart Su Ping's body.

Su Ping quickly raised his sword and sliced through Lin Xiu's law.

There was a boom, and Lin Xiu was cut into halves, which were quickly corrupted by the power of chaos. However, part of his body darted to a place afar and reshaped itself into Lin Xiu's likeness, who regained his full strength again.

The remains of his old body, corrupted by the power of chaos, was soon reduced to smithereens.

If only my path of illusion were perfect too... Su Ping's eyes glittered. The path of illusion and the path of chaos seemed to be a perfect match, just like the law of time and the law of space. He stopped thinking and attacked with full strength.

Lin Xiu sneered, but also charged forward.

They fought again and again. There was no way to tell how long it had been, but Qing Hongyue and all the others arrived from the void.

The group was shocked to see that Su Ping and Lin Xiu were still fighting in the void.

They had already finished off Lin Xiu's six partners before they came. They thought that the battle should end right then. They didn't expect that the pair would still be fighting after such a long time!

"Lin Xiu has fully cultivated all four supreme laws!"

"Oh, my god!" "That must be the top limit possible for a Star Lord, right?" Both Brian and Calivey realized how terrifying Lin Xiu was; both changed their expressions. As expected of the Star Lord who has cultivated for 100,000 years.

The other top Star Lords' expressions were also changing. All of them had been dominators in the outside world, being the kind to reach the top of the Divine Lord Rank with ease; even the weakest among them could make it to the top three.

However, they were like normal Star State cultivators when compared with Lin Xiu.

The most terrifying of all, the monstrous genius Lin Xiu seemed to have been suppressed by Su Ping! "These two monsters..." Qing Hongyue didn't know what to say about that pair of monsters. She had realized that—even though Lin Xiu was the strongest Star Lord she could think of

- he had been absolutely subdued by the young man.

Nevertheless, Su Ping was unable to exterminate him.

As a result, Lin Xiu resurrected again and again, while on the other hand, Su Ping's path of vitality was imperfect. Even though it was incredible for him to have grasped it, he couldn't win a war of attrition against Lin Xiu; the outcome of the battle would be hard to predict if they fought on. No wonder they had been fighting for so long.

Chapter 1117 Fusion of Constitutions

"We'll help you!" said Qing Hongyue after observing the battle for a moment.

Claudia was also there, tending to her new wounds; her recovery was considerable thanks to the medicines she took. She said, "Let's work together to disrupt his performance!"

She hated Lin Xiu's guts.

Twice she was heavily wounded by him, and she was determined to pay back the favor.

Nobody else objected. Surely the most ideal choice would be to stand by and just watch, they would meet their end should Su Ping fail. After all, they also knew Lin Xiu's secret!

"Die!"

"Kill him!" Everybody shouted at the same time. The dozens of top Star Lords were gathered there. None of them acted recklessly; they only attacked with laws from a distance.

The power of perfect laws was instantly imposed on Lin Xiu; some of them were supreme, and some others were rare. They would have twisted and burned any other Star Lord into ashes, but Lin Xiu's sole reaction was a slight change of expression. He invoked the law of chaos and blocked the assorted perfect laws.

All laws were born in chaos. It was known as the top of all laws, one that contained many fundamental rules. The perfect law reduced the incoming disturbances to a minimum.

"You're just a swarm of ants, even if you join forces!"

Lin Xiu suddenly roared and charged at Su Ping again, but he was instantly cut apart.

However, his body was quickly put back together, and he went after Su Ping again.

Even though he was in a disadvantageous position, he was still unleashing a powerful aura, such that it made him seem as though about to suppress Su Ping

He was also enduring the attacks of many top Star Lords. Lin Xiu was at the moment like a boss that couldn't be killed; he was extremely tough.

"He technically is the strongest Star Lord in the Federation!"

"Damn it. To think he's just as terrifying even without the ultimate treasure!"

"He's so tricky to deal with. Is this the power of a top Star Lord? I think that even an Ascendant expert would have a hard time killing him!"

Everybody was attacking Lin Xiu at the same time, but he was still going strong. Many of the attacks were pulverized by Lin Xiu's sword plate; the artifact was useless against Su Ping, but it could easily deal with the rest. Only some of the attacks reached him, but he simply chose to take them in stride.

"All of you will die!"

Lin Xiu was on a rampage, looking around with aggressiveness. He couldn't have enjoyed himself more; it had been a long time since he had fought so passionately. All the top Star Lords of the universe were attacking him together, but that wasn't enough to kill him.

His feat would be remembered for at least 100,000 years!

While stepping on the void, he ignored all the others and simply charged at Su Ping.

He knew that once Su Ping fell, finishing off the rest of them would be a piece of cake.

Their attacks were no more than tickles for him. None of them was a threat to him.

It had been thirty thousand years since he cultivated the four perfect supreme laws; he had been studying how to optimize their use since then. Had it not been for that trial, he would have made his attempt to become a top Heavenly Lord and start his preparations for the Celestial State. Still, he couldn't let go of the shortcut presented before him. He was confident of becoming a top Heavenly Lord, but only one or two top Heavenly Lords could eventually reach the Celestial State.

However, he considered himself invincible as a Star Lord in that competition!

Bang!

Su Ping slashed and made him explode again.

"Die!"

Lin Xiu recovered and charged at him again.

Su Ping stared coldly at Lin Xiu's laughing face. He had slashed and blown up his body again and again, but it was still not enough to completely destroy him.

Even if his body was completely minced to smithereens, he was still able to resurrect from another time and space. It was quite an unfathomable method.

The only solution was to completely destroy his world! "Go to hell!!!"

Lin Xiu roared and attacked Su Ping with his full strength again and again. He used the sword plate to resist the others, as he didn't want it to be damaged by Su Ping. The ultimate treasure wasn't even as sturdy as himself!

The protracted battle continued in the void.

Qing Hongyue, Calivey and the other helpers were getting tired; not physically but mentally. He was truly hard to kill!

Lin Xiu like an unkillable cockroach!

Even though Su Ping had the strength to defeat him, he was still unable to finish him off. That was also the reason why many top Heavenly Lords could be defeated by Celestials but not killed.

Lin Xiu currently had enough vitality to endure being hunted by an Ascendant! The ones considered ultimate Star Lords had already bridged the gap between the Star Lord State and the Ascendant State, and could resist in battle!

"It's been seven days. He still hasn't died!"

"Is that the perfect law of vitality? So terrifying. No wonder our master asked us to grasp the law of vitality first..." "Damn it, it's impossible to block him. The Ascendant State restriction doesn't allow the use of secret treasures to imprison him. He's invincible!"

All the fighters were already numb. They even considered retreating.

They had tried sealing, imprisoning and exiling him over the course of seven days, all to no avail.

Having mastered the path of time and space, Lin Xiu would make a quick come back, even if he was exiled to a far off point in time.

With things having gone to such lengths, Lin Xiu would never let them go.

They would instantly face Lin Xiu's thunderous strikes without Su Ping's support. The only thing comforting them was that Su Ping remained as vigorous as seven days prior, completely unlike a Star State Warrior. Most other people sustained their power with elixirs, but Su Ping hadn't taken any. Lin Xiu noticed this, so his attacks lessened in frequency. He also seemed to have concluded that exhausting Su Ping before the end of the trial would be impossible.

What a shame. If we were elsewhere, I would kill you even if it takes a hundred or a thousand years! Lin Xiu was really angry and frustrated

He couldn't kill the others if he couldn't kill Su Ping.

After all, he couldn't resist Su Ping's strikes.

All was leading to the secret being exposed eventually; his conspiracy with the saints could be publicized, reaching the ears of the other Celestials.

He was afraid that the Celestials would join forces and deal with him, even if he won the legacy. That was why he wanted to kill all the others.

"The trial is over..." Su Ping mumbled to himself; he wasn't expecting to fight seven days straight, either. He had never fought such a long battle before; all his previous battles had ended quickly.

Unfortunately, the law of chaos I know is too gentle. I would've destroyed him if I had grasped the law of chaos with the power of triple small worlds!"

Su Ping's eyes glittered.

He would have destroyed the guy's law of destruction and all other laws to ultimately annihilate him!

Alas, there was no time to grasp the law at that moment, and it was pointless to keep fighting. He needed some time to look for the key, or the person who had picked it.

"It's time to stop," said Su Ping in a low voice.

Lin Xiu paused and sneered. "You're lucky to survive this time. You'll be the first to die when I get the legacy!"

He had already decided that he would kill Su Ping at the very first opportunity, even if Shen Huang were to intervene. It had been a long time since he felt such loathing for anyone.

After all, the truly strong would have plenty of friends and very few enemies. "You're overthinking."

Su Ping's eyes turned cold; his body was gradually set ablaze. Oddly enough, the flames were black, like the fires from hell itself.

"Huh?"

Lin Xiu narrowed his eyes. He had never seen Su Ping attack like that before, which made him wary; he suddenly felt that Su Ping was dangerous. I had never tried fusing constitutions and unleashing their full strength at the same time...

Su Ping took a deep breath; deity aura was constantly surging out of his astral oceans. The space around him was instantly covered in black flames, turning the void into a sea of fire.

"What's that?" someone exclaimed.

"The Sorcerer's Constitution!"

It was activated; the ancient constitution Su Ping had awakened during his visit to the Golden Crow clan. He had presented it back in the Universe Geniuses' Contest, which was then made known as the Sorcerer's Constitution. Its power was released along with the power of his Golden Crow constitution using a strange coordination. Such a move was achieved by fully using the Golden Crow Constitution for days.

"I'm launching this strike with all my strength. You can leave if you can survive it!" Su Ping said slowly.

Lin Xiu narrowed his eyes and gazed at Su Ping.

The next moment, black flames surged out and swept across the world, as if about to drown the void.

Su Ping concurrently focused all his power on his bone saber, where the black flames were burning the fiercest. He then released all the power! God's Arrival.

Ninety percent of his strength!

Bang!

A dark sword aura slashed forth, which seemed to be cutting the universe apart. Lin Xiu instantly changed his expression. Shocked and infuriated, he activated the power of four perfect laws; meanwhile, his small world appeared. Two rare pets with Ascendant State potential roared furiously in front of him!

Still, the two beasts screamed desperately as soon as they appeared; they were consumed in the blink of an eye.

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Even though he had top rare pets, with combat ability comparable to that of top Star Lords who had grasped perfect paths, they were still too vulnerable when facing Su Ping's full-strength outburst. The sword of black flames passed.

Time stopped flowing.

No noise was heard. The pets' screams came to an abrupt halt too, as if swallowed.

An explosive energy ball that looked like a flying disc appeared in the void, emitting a terrifying aura. Time seemed to be paused; then, the energy ball expanded rapidly, instantly destroying the surrounding space.

The nearby space had been destroyed by Su Ping!

The bodies of the two rare pets were consumed and obliterated, leaving nothing behind. Lin Xiu was also consumed. There was nothing but chaos left in the void when the expanding energy was spread like a dazzling solar flare. No substance remained.

Lin Xiu was nowhere to be seen.

Utter destruction prevailed.

Su Ping breathed heavily and felt exhausted, but his appearance showed no weaknesses. He narrowed his eyes and summoned his last strength reserves to enter the chaotic area and pick up a sword plate.

It was exactly the sword plate Lin Xiu had been using

The sword plate was broken, however; all the imbued laws had been destroyed.

Su Ping took a deep breath, then grabbed the sword plate and observed his surroundings.

Present, past and future had been briefly erased in the shattered void. Space was similarly ravaged, giving off a feeling akin to the eighth space; a scary vibe at that. I think he's dead...

Su Ping's eyes glittered, but he wasn't sure; after all, he didn't see Lin Xiu's body. Maybe the man had exploded, but maybe he was just cleverly hiding through another method.

However, considering he had abandoned the sword plate, he was probably on his last breath even if he survived.

In any case, I need to focus on finding the key. Even if he survived, I can just kill him again when I meet him. It would be great if he's dead already, Su Ping thought.

He flipped his hands, and took out some second-rate medicines from the loot he had gathered earlier. He quickly consumed the medicine, then felt that his astral ocean wasn't as empty as before.

He turned around and looked at Qing Hongyue, Calivey and the others; all of them were looking back at him with stunned expressions.

Moments earlier, they had felt that they were going to be destroyed too.

Was that Su Ping's real power?

Everybody was shocked.

They had seen how tricky Lin Xiu was to deal with. They didn't know that Su Ping had been hiding his ultimate trump card until the end of the trial.

After the momentary shock, Qing Hongyue, Brian and the others soon snapped out of their stupor and searched for Lin Xiu; no traces were found.

"There's no sign of him in the deeper spaces." Brian looked at Claudia.

Claudia gave a slight head shake. She had searched for him in other times, but found no traces, either. It seemed that Lin Xiu had truly been killed, leaving no remains.

She wore a conflicted expression. Lin Xiu had left a deep impression on all of them with his stubborn and tough qualities; however, he was still unable to beat Su Ping. Seems like overkill, for such an unparalleled genius to be fighting for the legacy, Claudia thought.

Everybody searched for a moment, but none found Lin Xiu. They were all silent when they saw the sword plate in Su Ping's hand.

Su Ping was silent as he noticed their wary and upset looks. They had been comrades during the past seven days, but their trust seemed to have disappeared after Lin Xiu died.

"Guys," said Su Ping slowly, "There's only one key. I have to get it; I hope you can understand."

Everybody was silent, but they were greatly relieved.

This helped them to finally give up on the key; their sole hope was to survive.

Having encountered geniuses such as Lin Xiu and Su Ping, it was clear that they wouldn't be able to keep the key. That is, unless luck favored them, and they hid it until the end of the trial.

However, the central continent wasn't big to begin with, and it was still shrinking. They had nowhere to hide!

"We have enough tokens to enter the second trial; I hope you can help me search for the key," said Su Ping.

Everybody looked at each other in bewilderment, but none spoke.

They had already foreseen the outcome, and felt lucky that Su Ping didn't choose to kill them.

Qing Hongyue heaved a sigh and said, "It was truly unlucky to have met you people; I shouldn't have participated in this trial." "You avenged me by finishing Lin Xiu off. I'll help you," said Claudia.

Brian said with a bitter smile, "I'm fine with it. I'm hopeless anyway."

He already felt desperate when he saw Su Ping's dual small worlds. Once the latter revealed his third small world in the last battle, he realized that Su Ping hadn't tried his best when they had fought.

Su Ping had only slayed Lin Xiu until it was almost the end of the trial.

Nobody knew if that was his true limit!

To think he was only in the Star State... Are people these days this terrifying? much more than tens of thousands of years ago? Seeing no objection, Su Ping wasted no time and moved out. "Let's look for the key."

He was hoping that Brian and Claudia would help him with the search, two experts of time and space.

"Let's go."

Su Ping instantly took off.

They didn't split up, as it was unnecessary.

They walked out of the space located in a past point in time and returned to the present day; they discovered that the mountains and rivers had been significantly reduced. Going by estimation, the central continent was probably as big as two hundred middle-rank planets. It matched the information the Celestial experts had offered.

Su Ping instantly initiated a group search.

Given that the continent was shrinking, anyone hiding in the past would be forced to move; the Celestials were not just reducing the continent.

As for the future, the timeline beyond the end of the trial had been cut off; it was impossible to travel further ahead.

Adding to that... It was impossible to travel too far into the future, even if one had grasped the law of time. It was some sort of taboo that, once violated, would change the causes and consequences of the entire universe. It was very dangerous.

Once the future changed, history would change accordingly. Even the Celestials would be hard pressed when enduring the resulting backlash.

Su Ping checked the time. "There are two days to go until the end of the trial."

Two more days would probably be enough.

Everybody searched on their way, soon finding a Star Lord who was hiding in the deep space of another point in time.

The guy was floating in the seventh space, while hiding in a secret treasure that looked like a gourd; all was good until Brian found him.

Everybody gathered around and opened the gourd. Someone instantly recognized the Star Lord, and called his name.

The Star Lord was dumbfounded when he found himself surrounded by Su Ping, Qing Hongyue and the others.

He had been hiding cautiously enough, yet he was still found. To make matters worse, he recognized the ancient Star Lords, such as Qing Hongyue and Calivey.

"Why did you hide here? Have you found the key?" asked Su Ping.

The Star Lord was surprised. Su Ping seemed to be a mere Star State Warrior. Is it his place to talk?

However, it seemed that Qing Hongyue and the others were looking up to him as the leader, which was astonishing in itself.

"No, I only met a few terrifying guys. I simply wanted to survive this trial; I wasn't trying to get the key," confessed the Star Lord dutifully.

"Sorry, I cannot just take your word for it. Please don't resist; it'll be over soon," said Su Ping, raising his hand as he was about to search the guy's memories.

The Star Lord had a contorted expression as he tried to resist, but he was suppressed by Qing Hongyue and the others.

Su Ping eventually read the man's lifelong memories.

He had planned to only read the guy's memories from recent years, especially those related to the trial. However, in case the guy had tampered with his own memories, Su Ping chose to read all of it; he didn't notice any changes, so he finally let him go.

It took Su Ping several minutes to read his memories, which actually spanned through tens of thousands of years. He couldn't help but mumble, "So, you like to let other people..."

The Star Lord was stunned by the remark, then became grim.

Chapter 1119 Let Your Senior Brother Do It

"...tickle you."

Su Ping couldn't help but shake his head; there were indeed all sorts of quirks that a man could have.

Since there was no key, Su Ping didn't give the Star Lord a hard time; he simply asked the guy to search for it along with them.

Half a day later

Su Ping found Diaz, and learned that all his senior brothers and sisters had died. They encountered a strong Star Lord; Diaz had only survived thanks to his special constitution.

Su Ping didn't ask why he had survived, even though he was the weakest; everyone had their secrets. He invited Diaz to join his team; it was already time to close the net, so there was no need to split up.

Diaz felt at a loss as he looked at the huge team Su Ping was leading. Both of them had participated in the same contest in the beginning, but their power gap had widened to an extreme.

Su Ping saw Shuai Qianhou shortly after; they had parted earlier, but the group found him in a deep space.

Shuai Qianhou was at the moment hiding inside a normal void beast in the seventh space. He would have escaped everyone's attention if Brian and two other men weren't as adept with the path of space.

"Senior Brother Su?"

Shuai Qianhou was rather stunned to see Su

Ping.

His befuddlement increased when he saw Su Ping's company.

Calivey, Qing Hongyue, Brian... Well, he had seen the last one.

But the two women had been major concerns for him. His master had shared intelligence on them too, asking him to pay attention to them.

He didn't realize that those two women would join hands with Su Ping.

Why are they at peace?

Shouldn't they be fighting one another?

Shuai Qianhou was puzzled.

"Junior Brother, it's too dangerous out there. The trial is about to end; you should come with us," offered Su Ping with a very gentle tone, doing the nice senior brother part.

Shuai Qianhou's lips twitched. You have two ultimate treasures, wouldn't you be the most dangerous person?

He said indifferently, "That's unnecessary; all ferocious animals walk alone. I..."

He was unable to continue.

It was because he saw Su Ping taking out more and more ultimate treasures, including Shen Huang's shield, Brian's golden flag, the purple fiery blade, the crimson dagger, the red feather...

"...I prefer to be a sheep; I'm docile and well tempered. Senior brother, we should go together!" said Shuai Qianhou solemnly.

Su Ping nodded and patted his ultimate treasures. "It's not a good thing to store this many treasures together; I have to expose them to sunlight now and then, otherwise they'll get moldy. Okay, it's done. Let's go."

He then stored the ultimate treasures, one after the other.

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Shuai Qianhou was lost for words.

He suddenly realized why Qing Hongyue, Calivey and the others would stay phediently with Su Ping obediently.

That "senior brother" of his was the real ferocious animal herding sheep!

Shuai Qianhou then joined their team too.

Su Ping asked, "Junior brother, have you found the key?" "No." Shuai Qianhou shook his head.

Su Ping nodded. "I believe you. But going by the rules, I need to examine you. You wouldn't mind, junior brother, would you?"

"Examine me?" Shuai Qianhou became vigilant.

Su Ping didn't give him any time to react. He was about to take action, when a dazzling golden streak of light passed by. The object illuminated the sky in a radius of hundreds of kilometers like a shooting star! "That's the key!" Qing Hongyue instantly exclaimed.

"Let me!" Claudia offered and made use of the law of time, trying to reverse the golden light and block it.

But the next moment her expression changed, "Laws can't affect the key!"

Su Ping narrowed his eyes. Without further ado, he simply said, "Let's go!"

He took action as he spoke, being the first to chase after the golden light. The artifact moved extremely fast, soon entering the seventh space; Su Ping was unable to catch up to it, even though he was using Sun Chaser. After all, the laws he performed couldn't influence the key.

The golden light fell onto a mountain like a meteor shortly after.

Everybody tracked it down at full speed.

Su Ping landed where the golden light crashed. It was a stone temple.

The place was quite shabby. Once the golden light faded, a strange square stone plate fell into a pedestal and merged with it.

Then, the stone temple seemed to have been activated, creating barriers around it. "That's the key alright..."

Someone was delighted to see the plate, but they soon felt regretful.

Everybody looked at Su Ping, who would undoubtedly claim the prize.

The Star Lord—whose mind was searched by Su Ping earlier-and Diaz were both frustrated. If only the key had appeared sooner, they wouldn't have been "harassed"!

"I didn't realize that the key would appear out of nowhere. Nobody found a single trae earlier."

"What if the Celestials planned all this?"

"There are indeed no lucky factors in this trial. The Celestials have played all sorts of tricks; they arranged for the key to appear right this moment, all to make us fight for it. How vicious!"

Everybody looked at the key inside the temple with conflicted expressions.

They would have fought for the key, even knowing it was part of the Celestial's plan. However, the competition for the key was already over before it showed up; claiming it was the only step needed.

"The key..."

Shuai Qianhou looked at the key with glittering eyes; there was no telling what he was thinking

Su Ping didn't do anything recklessly. He checked with the team and asked two of the top Star Lords who had grasped perfect paths to break the barriers and fetch the key for him.

The two Star Lords heaved sighs; they had clearly turned into errand boys.

They couldn't resist, so they had to obey.

They started soon after, pushing the barriers with their perfect baths, but the protection remained as stable as ever.

"I think an ultimate treasure is needed."

Qing Hongyue realized what was going on, and glanced at Su Ping.

Su Ping also realized it. It was impossible to break the barriers with perfect paths; the keys had indeed been prepared for the twelve people who held ultimate treasures.

The families who had sent their descendants to the trial while sparing no expense would probably be furious if they knew of this. Still, even if they were angry, none of them would dare to resist. After all, the twelve Celestials of the universe had planned this together. They were the gods in the Federation!

Whoosh!

The next moment, Shuai Qianhou dashed out before Su Ping could do anything. A streak of purple light burst out from inside his hand. It was a short dagger, which was an ultimate treasure!

Su Ping was astonished; his junior brother had actually acquired an ultimate treasure. Did it mean that he hunted the leader of a star zone?

Bang!

Su Ping also took action quickly after. The broken sword plate appeared in his hand; even though it was too badly damaged to restrain the treasures in a certain range like before, it could still disable one of them.

Shuai Qianhou stabbed at the barriers with the purple dagger. He thought that the barriers would explode, but they were completely unharmed; the purple dagger in his hand quickly lost its power, becoming a normal treasure.

"Huh?" Shuai Qianhou was greatly shocked.

"Junior brother, what are you doing?"

Su Ping walked towards him, purple saber in hand and the golden flag on his back.

Shuai Qianhou's face stiffened; he had planned to break the barriers, loot the key, and then make his escape. After all, the opportunity to become a Celestial was right before his eyes. He really had a shot at it.

However... the purple dagger didn't work at the critical moment.

"Well, Senior Brother Su, I'm trying to fetch the key for you." Shuai Qianhou turned around with a smile.

Shuai Qianhou didn't want to fight Su Ping anymore, as the latter was holding many ultimate treasures. He would fail even if he was stronger than Su Ping.

He glanced at Qing Hongyue and the others standing behind his senior brother, all of them staring at him quietly. None of them tried to seize the chance to attack Su Ping. The situation was completely different from what he had anticipated.

Aren't they tempted in the slightest?

Shuai Qianhou found the situation so awkward that he didn't know what to say.

"Don't worry. I'll do it," replied Su Ping calmly. Then, he added, "The ultimate treasure is too dangerous for you to use, junior brother. I'll be keeping it for you." After that, he extended his hand.

Shuai Qianhou's lips twitched; his eyes showed an inner struggle

But eventually, he handed over the dagger to Su Ping, however unwillingly.

After much deliberation, he wasn't confident of fighting Su Ping, especially not when his ultimate treasure was no longer working.

Also, he vaguely guessed that his ultimate treasure's malfunction was probably Su Ping's doing.

After all, he had used it many times, and the artifact worked every single time...

"Smart, junior brother." Su Ping nodded, seemingly much friendlier than before. He put away the dagger without binding it, just after his junior had released his bond.

He already had enough ultimate treasures to crush anyone, unless the opponent's ultimate treasure was like the sword plate that Lin Xiu had.

Furthermore, such ultimate treasures would be useless after the trial; there were very few areas in the universe where Ascendant State items were banned.

Even if there were, Su Ping didn't have to go there.

"Junior brother, move out of the way; I don't want you to get hurt."

"Okay."

Shuai Qianhou obediently moved aside.

Su Ping made a slashing motion and the barriers instantly exploded.

He paused for a moment before picking up the key. He gave a slight nod upon seeing that Shuai Qianhou was still standing obediently.

Nothing unusual happened; the barriers were the last obstacle.

That final hurdle was meant to stop anyone else from picking up the key by sheer luck. It could also serve to have the participants fight outside the barriers.

Su Ping examined the key and confirmed it was real; it was made of similar materials used for the ultimate treasures. Furthermore, there seemed to be an ancient array inscribed on it. He had seen some of its patterns back when Joanna taught him.

Everyone lost all hope after Su Ping stored the key.

Shuai Qianhou wore a troubled expression; he couldn't have felt more regretful. He could only heave a helpless sigh in his heart.

Qing Hongyue and the others were the same. However, everybody held back their disappointment and congratulated Su Ping when he turned around.

Everything looked as if Su Ping would have returned triumphantly while everyone cheered.

Shuai Qianhou's eyes twitched upon seeing such a harmonious scene. It was very likely that none of the Celestials had expected such a peaceful ending to the last competition...

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"All right; we've got the key. Let's wander around while we wait for the end of the trial," said Su Ping after the celebration.

The rest could only accompany him, seeing how cautious he was. Only a day and a half remained.

Everybody kept searching, following Su Ping's lead; they found a lot of Star Lords in hiding.

Finally, the last day arrived.

All the Star Lords were gathered around Su Ping. They belonged to various star zones; it was the first time they had met Su Ping, a Star State cultivator from the Golden Star Zone.

Maybe with the key he would rise to the Celestial State directly after the trial.

Su Ping searched the shrunken central continent for the remaining Star Lords, but he didn't meet anyone he knew. He didn't see the girl named Wanyan Shuang, either, who was probably dead. He wasn't really bothered, as she had chosen her own path.

There were 142 survivors in the end, and twenty more tokens.

Su Ping heaved a sigh. Even though he didn't kill many people, countless top geniuses had perished during the trial; every success was founded on countless bones.

The sky above the entire central continent opened up at the last second. Then, everybody saw twelve enormous faces that belonged to the twelve Celestial experts.

They seemed to be elsewhere, and were only there as projections.

The twelve experts were surprised; none of them expected the last moment to be that peaceful. They were supposed to be fighting hard until they entered.

Even if the battle had ended prematurely, it should have been a gory sight.

However, everybody had gathered there, and there was no signs of battle.

"Have you found the key?" asked a middle-aged Celestial expert who looked as majestic as an emperor. His voice echoed in everybody's ears, making many people change their expressions and fall on their knees.

Twelve Celestials were much more intimidating than meeting them separately.

However, every participant was a top Star Lord. They were in awe, but they still kept their grace.

"Replying to you, master. It's been found..." said a Star Lord in the crowd, clasping hands in salute. He glanced at Su Ping with a bitter voice.

The twelve Celestials noticed his expression. A warm and gentle Celestial State expert said slowly, "Who has the key? Please present it; we will trigger the key and send you to the third test immediately."

Everybody fixed their envious and jealous eyes upon Su Ping, while trying their best to hide their emotions.

"I do."

Su Ping didn't keep it a secret; it was impossible to, anyway. He simply took out the key; the stone plate glowed instantly, emanating the power of laws. "Su Ping?"

Shen Huang was thrilled, seeing the direction where everybody was looking and thinking it was Shuai Qianhou who had acquired the key. However, it was Su Ping who was holding it.

He was rather dazed; he didn't see it coming, either.

Not just Shen Huang. The other Celestials were also dumbfounded to see Su Ping.

All of them could clearly see Su Ping's level. Mu Shen and several others even recognized that he was the astonishing genius who had participated in the Universe Geniuses' Contest a while back.

The man had shocked the entire universe by condensing a small world with a Fate State cultivation.

Out of everyone's expectation, he was also the greatest winner of this trial!

All of them looked at Shen Huang with shock and suspicion.

Obviously, it was uncanny for Su Ping-a mere Star State cultivator—to excel in such a way and obtain the key.

The only explanation was that Shen Huang had played a trick.

Shen Huang recovered from the shock, but he was still lost for words upon noticing the other Celestial's expressions.

Stop overthinking. I didn't do anything!

He was puzzled by the whole situation; both Shuai Qianhou and Diaz were there, but the others were not. They were probably dead. Still, Su Ping shouldn't have gotten the key.

Shuai Qianhou had the ultimate treasure; it was impossible that someone like Su Ping would take it away.

So weird...

"What a shame. We disrupted the time and space on this continent to restrain each other. Even we cannot reverse the flow of time and see what happened there..." sighed a Celestial State expert with a frown.

He was truly curious, and wanted to know the reason. He also had another speculation...

The other Celestials looked at Shen Huang thoughtfully in silence.

"Humph. A Star State kid got the key? There must be something wrong. Boy, did you do something? It was supposed to be a fair competition; how did you manage to cheat?" said one of the Celestial State experts with a scolding tone.

The rest of them turned to gaze at Shen Huang.

Shen Huang was rendered speechless. He was as puzzled as everybody else, and yearned for an explanation too. However, while facing the suspicion and hostility of the other Celestials, he said coldly, "We made arrangements to prevent any of us from cheating. Do you think I was capable of challenging the restraints that all the twelve of us set up together?

"Humph, maybe you can't. But how did your disciple get the key? He's barely in the Star State. What a terrible actor!" demanded the Celestial expert.

Shen Huang snorted and replied, "You have to ask your disciples for the answer. Maybe my disciple isn't too strong; your disciples are just too weak!"

He was actually unsure when he said that.

If Shuai Qianhou had the key, he would've said something along the lines of 'my disciple is the strongest, so he gets the key'. He wouldn't have been plagued by doubts.

However, he wasn't confident of endorsing Su

Ping.

After all, he knew many of the Star Lords present. Shuai Qianhou, for example, was too strong for Su Ping to beat.

"They're weak? Should we have them battle it out?" said the Celestial expert angrily.

Shen Huang sneered and replied, "What a sore loser! If the winner of the duels gets the key, then what's the point of the trial? The winner is king. The result is clear: my disciple has the key, which means that he was destined to have

it!"

"Humph, you want to solve this with talks of destiny? We took that into consideration. There couldn't have been any fortuitous incidents! If you can't explain it, I'll do it for you: you cheated. You gave your disciple an Ascendant State pet, or maybe an unrestricted Ascendant State ultimate treasure!"

The Celestial State expert roared in the end, "That's how your disciple swept the competition, defeating all the Star Lords in the universe!"

"Where's your evidence? You'll be punished accordingly if you don't stop smearing us!" said Shen Huang with a gloomy expression.

"Come on and have a try!"

"Enough!"

The other Celestials intervened in time.

After all, it was unnecessary for the two Celestials to fight. The battle would be prolonged, never reaching a clear outcome. At worst, they would only end up with injuries.

They were too old and experienced to really fight a life-and-death battle, reacting according to the spur of the moment.

"This whole thing is too uncanny. Shen Huang, even if we believe you, you cannot offer a convincing explanation. You wouldn't mind if we examine your young disciple, would you?" asked another Celestial expert who wanted to examine Su Ping; maybe by searching his memories, or maybe in other ways.

But anyway, it would definitely hurt Su Ping tremendously.

Shen Huang changed his expression and roared, "This is the result. Are you going to violate our agreement? My disciple has the potential to rise to the Celestial State, even without the legacy. You'll destroy him if you examine him!"

"It's just the potential. There have been dozens of people who had the potential to rise to the Celestial State; who remembers them?" remarked another Celestial with a casual tone.

"In fact, that's unnecessary; all we need to do is ask the other participants," said some of the other Celestials.

"Indeed. Even if he cheated, the other people must be well aware of it," another Celestial expert supported Shen Huang. They were the latter's old friends. They didn't step up sooner because they had their own concerns.

Shen Huang said coldly, "That's right. investigate your own disciples if you want to investigate. Search their memories and see how they failed!"

"Humph!"

"Shen Huang, be prepared for the consequences if you cheated!" threatened one of the Celestial State experts.

Shen Huang remained cold and silent.

He put up a stubborn front, partly to defend Su Ping and partly to defend his own dignity. It would be a slap in his own face if his disciple was investigated that easily, then it would be a slap in the face.

Deep down, he knew he didn't cheat, but he couldn't yet figure out how Su Ping had managed to acquire the key either.

There was probably one explanation only. Did the untraceable being supporting Su Ping from the shadows lend Su Ping a hand? He put on a grim expression at the thought.

The Celestial experts had been communicating in another time and space; Su Ping and the others couldn't hear them. Once they reached a decision, one of the Celestials asked, "Hongyue, how did he get the key?"